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MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN  
DESCENDANTS OF  
REV. JOHN VANS A. H.  
OF  
SCOTLAND AND IRELAND  
THROUGH  
JAMES DAVID VANCE  
WHO CAME TO VIRGINIA --1735

THIS "VANCE LINEAGE" IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED

"One Generation Passeth Away and Another  
Generation Cometh, But the Earth  
Abideth Forever."

(Ecclesiastes 1:4)

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ARMS OF VANS OF BARRIBROGH

"Quarterly 1st and 4th - Argent on a bend gules - three pellets or in the sinister chief point a cinque foil of a second and third vert. A fess chequy or an argent between two buckles of the third."

CREST

A lion rampant or gorged with a collar gu - holding in his dexter paw, a pair of ballances and supported by two savages with clubs in their hands, and wreathed about the middle with laurel.

MOTTO

"BE FAITHFUL"

FOREWORD

THOSE FOR whom this lineage has been compiled are the direct descendants of Rev. John Vans A.M., the first of name to settle in Ireland.

The account of the Vance family "Across the Seas" has been taken mainly from William Balbirnie's account of Vances. Special permission to use his data granted the compiler by his widow in a letter dated May 24, 1909 - Philadelphia. Mr. Balbirnie of Glasgow, at the request of an older brother living in Melbourne, Australia, who has been given the right to assume the name of Robert Balbirnie Vans, undertook the task of traveling through every section of Ireland, where the Vances lived, to trace their history, to obtain all court records and documents pertaining to the Vances, to seek data from residents for history of the Irish branch, so errors in the account of family by his Uncle George Washington Vance in 1825 could be corrected. Robert Balbirnie Vans financed the search and no expences was spared. Many years were spent in gathering data and Balbirnie's account of family can be relied upon, but he does not continue his history after Vances left Ireland, nor does he give many dates. Balbirnie was ably assisted in his work by the Hon. James Dalrymple, a noted Antiquarian. No genealogical record can be perfect, errors creep in no matter how carefully compiled. Browning in his "Americans of Royal Decent" uses George Washington Vans account, which contains many errors. Josephus, the great historian of his own family, writes, "I have traced my pedigree as I have found it upon the tables."

In the history of Vances in the New World, we have collected data from National and State Libraries, Court Records, Parish Register, Historical and and genealogical publications, Family Trees and Bibles. Hundreds of letters from decendants in the States and "Over the Seas" to writer are used in this sketch. We give the Vance pedigrees as we have found it upon the tablets.

Individual data in some lines is more detailed than in others, as more information of these was given the writer - refraining from bulging anyone, we have simply stated facts.

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### THE VANKIE FAMILY

This family is one of great antiquity and historical distinction to Norman historians. It reaches back to the year 500 in Central Europe. The name has its origin in the old French one of *Baux - de Baux* (Latin *de Vallibus*) the letter used in important Charters in Scotland at present time. "On an elevated rock near the city of Arles in Southern part of France may yet be seen the ruins of Castle of Baux" around which clusters the associations of many centuries. It is reasonable, as the principal residence of earliest ancestors of the Vans Family, who even then held a distinguished rank. "Baron of Baux and Provence".

In 929 Bertmund de Baux of Provence went to Normandy and became the progenitor of the De Vaux family - which long held a high rank among the nobles of Normandy. The name Baux and Vaux are synonymous. Bertmund de Baux was made "Lord de Vaux."

In 1066 three brothers, Hubert, Randolph and Robert de Vaux, the sons of Lord Harold de Vaux, Lord de Vaux in Normandy, accompanied William the Conqueror to England, and there became Lord de Vaux of Brewer of Harford, Cumberland and Harroston, in Northamptonshire. Hubert was the first Lord of Parliament in England after the conquest. The name Vaux became extinct by the death of Henry Vaux, Lord of Harroston 1662, but the name was carried on by a younger son. In Scotland the name continued to flourish since its first introduction, only it was changed to Vans in early part of twelfth century, when the family became ennobled and given the title of "Lords of Hirelton." Their Castle in East Lothian. The first of name we find on record in Scotland was Johannes (John) de Vallibus or (John Vans), the grandson of Hubert de Vaux (Vallibus). He possessed the "Barony of Hirelton" and was one of the counsellors appointed by Alexander of Scotland to govern the Kingdom. He was with Bruce at siege of Northampton 1264.

In Scottish Annals, we read that among the associates of Robert Bruce in his attempt to restore the liberties of Scotland was Lord Vaux (i.e. Vans) Earl of Wigtonshire. Sir John Vans left a son, Alexander, who left a son, "William of Hirelton", fifth in line from Randolph. He was a Scottish prisoner in battle of Bannockburn. After his release he returned to Scotland and his name appears in transactions of that period. Especially as a party to the marriage of King David, and to the truce concluded in 1357. He died in 1364.

The only remaining heirs (male) of the ancient family of the "Vans of Hirelton" are the "Vans of Banderloch" in the county of Wigtonshire. It Ancestors of the Vans and Vances in Ireland and America.

It has been a family of great distinction, giving to the state Knights, Bishops, Judges, Secretaries of State, Ambassadors, Members of Parliament, Surgeons, Divines, Soldiers and Authors. Flayfair, the learned Antiquarian, in his "Stonetable of Scotland," says:

"This family combines within itself the blood of some of the most ancient names in European History and is numbered among the "Magnates Scotia," as early as 1204."

In "Scottish Heraldry," it is recorded that few of the names of Scotland can trace their origin to so distinguished a foreign source as that of the "Vans of Barnbarroch," Scotland. According to Flayfair, the original Ancestor of this house was a younger son of the "Vans of Birelton", who procured the lands of Barnbarroch from the Baris of Douglas, while they held the Lordship of Galloway in Wigtonshire.

The first Sir John Vans of Barnbarroch married Elisabeth Kennedy of the Cassiles family. He was one of the Ambassadors from James the 2nd of Scotland to Henry 6th of England, to conclude a truce with that country in 1436. Elisabeth (above) was heiress of Barnbarroch. They had sons, Robert and Thomas, Ambassador to England in 1457. Dean of Glasgow, and Secretary to King George, Bishop of Galloway, and Sir Patrick of Whitehorn. Sir John Vans 1st was succeeded by his son (eldest) Robert. Robert 1st was succeeded by his son Blaise Vans, who married Elisabeth, daughter of Sir John Shaw, an Ambassador to Denmark from Scotland. Blaise was succeeded by his son, Sir Patrick Vans 1st, who married Mary Kennedy, daughter of (John) Lord Kennedy, one of the Regents of Scotland, and grandson of Princess Mary, daughter of King Robert 3rd, and wife, Elisabeth, daughter of Lord Montgomerie.

Sir John Vans 2nd, was next in line, according to the records found in the charter chest of this family. Sir John Vans 2nd (son of Sir Patrick Vans 1st) was killed in battle in 1547 and was succeeded by his son, Alexander, who married Lady Janet Kennedy, having no son to succeed him, Sir Patrick Vans 2nd, of Barnbarroch, was next in line, 1568.

Sir Patrick Vans 2nd married, first, Elisabeth Kennedy, daughter of Second Earl of Athol, and secondly, Lady Catherine, daughter of Gilbert Kennedy, third Earl of Cassiles, and Lord High Treasurer of Scotland. "Sir Patrick 2nd was of the "Privy Council," and one of the Commissioners appointed to govern the Kingdom during the Royal Absence; was High Sheriff and Treasurer of Scotland and represented Scotland at Nuptials of Queen Mary with the Dauphin of France."

Sir Patrick Vans 2nd was succeeded by his son, Sir John Vans 3rd, son of his second marriage. King James 6th granted him estates in county of Donegal, Ireland, and his title was "Sir John Vans of Long Castle, Knight" - succeeded by his eldest son, Sir Patrick Vans 3rd. The younger son, Rev. John Vans A.M., went to Ireland and was first of name on record - died 1662.

"The Modern Mansion of Barnbarroch is reputed the handsomest in the Parish of Kirkcubbin and is a few miles from County Wigtonshire. The Charter Chest of the Barnbarroch House is, we understand, rich in the evidence of the descent of the family."

The Vans Arms with the initials - J.V. and E.K. - date beneath, are cut in the Stone over the Entrance to the Castle of Barnbarroch.

We have given the history of the Vance family in France, England and Scotland, and will try to follow their trail through the Emerald Isle.

In the early part of the Seventeenth Century, contention and persecution of Covenanters was rampant in Scotland. Two of the Vans family were Bishops, doubtless of Rome, for at that time there was no other church in the land. The Vans family may have clung to the faith of their forefathers up to the time of the last Sir Vans of Barnbarroch, who died in 1662. His son, the Rev. John Vans A.M., may have incurred the displeasure of his family by adopting the faith of the Covenanters, whatever the cause, he effaced himself. Historians tell us that many Covenanters fleeing from persecution, left their heather clad hills and grazing flocks, crossed the narrow Firth and settled in Antrim and Down, the most beautiful and fertile counties of "Ancient Ulster" in Ireland and, which lie so close to Scotland that the Lowlands may be seen white in winter and blue in summer. Most of these settlers were younger sons of Noble and wealthy families in Scotland. The haughty Scots did not mingle with the natives and said: "We are no Irish, we are Scots of Ireland." This feeling culminated in the memorable "Siege of Derry in 1688," in the Classes, Castles and Vances participated, and not a few of them perished. In the East of Hurringes in Ulster, we find that the Irish lassies were wooed and won by the sturdy Scotch lads. By these matrimonial alliances, the Scotch-Irish race was founded.

The Rev. John Vans, the second son of the last Sir John Vans of Barnbarroch was the first of his name on record in Ireland. His father was in high favor with King James VI, of Scotland. James 1st of England, who granted him a valuable estate in Donegal, his title "Sir John Vans of Longcastle, Knight - but the estate by some error was escheated to the Crown.

Rev. John Vans A.M. was appointed "To the Cure of Souls" and was of Kilmacrossna, Donegal and "Diocese of Raphoe", in 1617. He labored peacefully on in his chosen Sacred work for 45 years, and died in 1661 or 1662. All the Vances in Ireland and America are descended from this Scottish Minister, and through him, from one of the most ancient and distinguished families recorded in European and British genealogy. The will of Rev. John Vans A.M., bearing date of 2nd October 1661, was probated July 26, 1662. In the "Records of the Rolls in Dublin Castle" his will is signed, Rev. John Vans A.M.-and sealed with the "Vans of Barnbarroch Arms" in red wax - "Argent in a bend - gules - 3 mullets." He appointed his son, William, his Executor. We noticed only one son, William, is mentioned in his will, but he had two others, George W. Vance attributes to him an elder son, Dr. Lancelot Vans, a Surgeon and Major of the Colomine Regiment, who died of fatigue in "Siege of Londonderry in 1688" - and left a family, Patrick Vans 1st, or second son, and William 2nd (Sons of Rev. John Vans) were officers in Cromwell's Army, and in 1688 were rewarded with grants of land in the city and "Liberties of Idemrick" Cork and Dublin. Patrick Vans 1st, had sons:

1. Patrick 2nd
2. "George of Randall"
3. James
4. David (James and David of Dungannon)
5. "Alexander of Derry"
6. "William of Blenflower"
7. "Thomas of the Point"

We will follow the line of "George of Randall" (Patrick - Rev. John Vane). Children named in his will: John, Thomas, William, George, Alexander, Hugh and daughter Jean "George of Randall" 1st. (Rev. John Vane 1st.) was a man well to do as appears in his Inventory of his chattels. He was succeeded by his son, Thomas, whose son, Hugh of Cortward had two sons, Patrick and Hugh Vane 3rd. Patrick Vane 3rd emigrated, unmarried, to America. "Hugh of Cortward 2nd" had five sons. His eldest son John, settled in Baltimore. James Vane succeeded his father in Cortward. Hugh Vane settled in Pittsburg, U.S., died there and left three sons.

"William of Donagil" the third son of George of Randall was located in Aghavea, Tyrone, whose will is dated 19th of April 1713. He left sons:

1. John
2. William
3. & Adam
4. James

His second son, William Vane, succeeded his father, who in turn was succeeded by his son "John Vane of Aghavea". This last had two brothers David, who went to America, and whose son carried the colors of a battle under Washington, and William, who married Elizabeth Vane and lived near Dungannon. The eldest son, John Vane, of Aghavea (William) had a son, James (David) Vane, who emigrated to America. His wife bore him a son, born after his father's death, named James David 1st. (See will of Elizabeth Vane of Frederick Co. Virginia). John 2nd sons, William and Adam, both came to America and had families. James David Vane 1st. will dated 1751, speaks of his brother William.

"John Vane of Coagh", the grandson of Rev. John Vane A.M. 1st, in Ireland, obtained a tract of land in Coagh, upon part of which he built a distillery, brewery and malt house, with cuntry dwellings and founded the village of Coagh. A little rivulet flows past the village, which divides the Counties of Tyrone and Derry. The Parish Church and burying grounds are in Derry, and many of the Vances sleep there. John of Coagh, married Miss Williamson. Children:

1. John Vane
  2. William Vane
  3. James Vane 1st.
  4. Andrew Vane 1st
  5. Margaret Vane
  6. Elizabeth
- No record of third daughter

Margaret married Rev. Captain John Steele, a Presbyterian Minister, who fought in Revolutionary War. They came to Pennsylvania, settled in Carlisle in 1779. Buried there. Their son, Captain Andrew Vane Steele married Jean Lindsay.

Elizabeth married Andrew Jackson 1st. of Marshfield, and were the ancestors of General Andrew Jackson, later President of the United States. (Many versions of his parentage) Andrew, 6th son of John of Cough 1st, emigrated to America about 1735. A correspondent writes as follows:

"I had an opportunity to look over some old, rare, Vance papers, and read a letter from Rev. John Vans, A.M. of Ireland, who lived to an advanced age. He spoke of a Vance - Jackson marriage too." The examination of papers was too hurried to remember clearly this Vance ancestress, whether she was called mother or grandmother of General Andrew Jackson, but, as his name was mentioned in connection with her, Rev. John Vans must have introduced his name. (See notes on Andrew Jackson in Addenda).

A little incident told the writer by the late Mrs. Morgan Vance of Kentucky, may be of interest and throw light on the disputed question as to the mother of President Andrew Jackson. General Andrew Jackson was walking down a street in Nashville, when his attention was attracted by the unusual beauty of a little girl playing with her companions in a yard, and called to her: "What is your name, little one?" She replied: "Elizabeth Vance." That is a very dear name to me," said Andrew Jackson. The little girl was the daughter of Samuel Vance, and became the wife of Robertson Topp, one of the pioneers of Memphis, Tennessee. Descendants living in Memphis-1930.

In the year 1735, John of Cough divided his property between his sons. His eldest son, John, died and left his estate to James, his brother, the ancestor of William Balbirnie, Author of "History of Vans Family." William Vance son of John 1st, procured property in Antrim, and we call this family the Antrim branch. He had two sons, Stoldal and William Vance, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania.

Members of Scotch-Irish families began coming to America as early as 1700. "The Belfast - Witness 1877 March 19th - furnished names of Scotch-Irish families (prominent) that left Ireland between 1718 and 1727. A clipping says: "A number of families emigrated from Banbridge, Down in Ireland in 1735. Among these were Glassen, McDowalls, Cashles and Vances (all related - A.P.J.) who settled on the banks of the Opequon in the Shenandoah (then written Shenandore) Valley of Virginia rich in beauty and historical romance, taking its name from an Indian Legend "Shenandore - Daughter of the Stars. More than one novelist and poet has found her rich traditions of the past, and for generations the pioneers have been known in Song and Story. In 1855, Washington Irving visited "Greenway Court" home of Lord Fairfax, near Winchester, Virginia, and wrote about it in charming style. The Valley had miles of beauty, with water falls and sylvan glens. Opequon, Tuscarro and Potomac are Indian names, that linger in the Valley. A summer spent here is a salve to the jangled nerves, and a tonic to the Soul. The history of the early Vances in America is a tangled skein of family lore and most perplexing and difficult to untangle. To find the connecting links of the different groups, with those whom Balbirnie mentions as coming to America is a very complicated matter. He gives few dates, no middle ~~initials~~ names (so important, as family history is built around them). Another difficulty arises, the love of Vances to perpetuate their Christian names.

It would be an endless task to go into all the different ramifications of Vance family in America - hence, the compiler will give some of the groups of Vances found in Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama, Ohio, all data authentic sources. There are various opinions as to the relationship of the Vances who came to Virginia 1735. Cartmell in "Pioneers of the Shenandoah Valley" begin in an official position for years, had the custody of early lands and Court records, but is confused in regard to them. He claims that James Vance and Eliza (i.e. Elisabeth) so called in James' will were the head of the North Carolina Vances. Hayden, in his "Virginia Genealogies" makes the same statement. A valued Correspondent, General Joseph W. Vance of Los Angeles, California, a brilliant lawyer, soldier and historian, now 85 years of age, differs with above historical opinion, writes as follows: "This Andrew Vance 1st, is the only Andrew of Frederick County, Virginia, that was ever mentioned in any history or in any will or records, that could have been the father of Samuel Vance 1st, eminent of Virginia - as per tombstones! A statement written in a note book of Margaret Laughlin Vance of Virginia says "My grandfather, Samuel Vance 1st, was living in Frederick County, Virginia as early as 1743, and from him are the Vances of North Carolina descended. He was the son of Andrew Vance, the 4th son of John Vance of Conagh, Ireland, Samuel Vance 1st moved to Washington County, Virginia, about 1776 - died 1778. Nine children (some not mentioned by name)."

Letters from David Vance 2nd - 1823 - to a son (son of David 1st), Samuel 1st (son of Andrew 1st) descendant, speaks of the death of Uncle John and Joseph unless they were brothers of his father, David Vance (Samuel 1st) Two letters from Sebalon B. Vance of North Carolina, to a cousin in Abingdon, Virginia, claiming Andrew Vance as his ancestor. We accept the proof that Andrew Vance 1st is head of North Carolina family. The name is found in every generation of this branch to the present time (Andrew).

Andrew Vance 1st and wife, Jane, were born and married in Ireland - came with William Hogg (i.e. Hogg) to Pennsylvania, later to Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. James Vance (John of Conagh) and brother of Andrew 1st, married Miss Hogg in Ireland. George Washington, grandson of James (above) author of "Vance Family 1825", died in Dublin 1832 - unmarried.

"One of Andrew Vance's (1st) sons was an officer in American Revolution-killed fighting under Washington." Baltimore).

Andrew Vance 1st will printed 1796 in Virginia names sons and one daughter

1. Samuel Vance
2. William Vance
3. Alexander Vance 1st.
4. Mary (Mrs. Andrew Gear)
5. Andrew Vance 2nd.
6. John Vance (See will of Andrew Vance 1st) (Cut off with 5 shillings)

Andrew Vance 2nd. Born 1735 - died 1808 - married Ann Hansley in 1768 - died 1813. Children:

1. John Vance - born 1769
2. Alexander Vance 2nd - born 1771
3. Samuel Vance - born 1773 (1773)
4. Rachel Vance - born 1775
5. Andrew Vance 3rd - born 1778
6. Elizabeth Vance - born 1781
7. Jane Vance - born 1785
8. Mary Vance - born 1791
9. Ann Vance - born 1794

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John Vance - born 1769 - married Sarah Routh. Sons:

1. Andrew Vance 3rd
2. William Vance

Andrew Vance II moved to Lincoln District, Todd County, Kentucky, in 1785 - made a deed for all his land left him by his father, Andrew Vance 1st of Virginia.

Samuel Vance 1st (Andrew 1st). Born in Ireland, came to Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, with his father. Returned to Derry, Ireland and married Sarah Colville (daughter of Joseph Colville, and sister of Captain Andrew Colville), who came with Samu'el Vance and wife to Frederick County, Virginia about 1743.

Dr. Quinn, in his sketches of Presbyterians in this region, tells amusing incidents of Joseph Colville, whose guest he was. He says: "Joseph Colville had some books and such poetry (poetry?) He led in the singing, pitched tunes with the old Presbyterian whine - he gave his the Sunday collection in cut money - thirty-four pieces (by cut money meant silver cut in halves and quarters to make change). After dinner he took him to see old Lady Sarah Vance, and General Hans of "Vance" Iron Works," who entertained him with mirth, music and melody."

Samuel Vance 1st was in this county 1743 - in 1775 he moved with his family to Aldington, Washington County, Virginia, where he lived until his death in 1778 (See will). Nine children were born to Samuel Vance and his wife Sarah Colville, to-wit:

1. Lieut. (Lt.) David Vance 1st - Born 1745, moved from Virginia to North Carolina and died 1813. He married Priscilla Bank.

2. Elizabeth (Mrs. William Blackburn)

3. Margaret - married first Mr. Riper - second Mr. Lusk.

4. Samuel Vance - born 1749 - served at Kings Mountain. He married Margaret Laughlin in 1778. Margaret Laughlin was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1756, moved to Helstein County, Virginia in 1774 - married Samuel Vance in 1778 and died 1814. Their children were:

1. Margaret
2. John
3. James
4. Samuel - born 1764
5. Andrew
6. David
7. Jane
8. Elizabeth
9. Sallie
10. Harriet
11. Robert

Andrew and David came to Clarksville, Tennessee, with their brother Samuel on horseback. This Samuel - born 1764, in Abingdon, Virginia moved to Clarksville, Tennessee in 1806 and married Elizabeth Little Brown. Their children were:

1. Margaret Vance
2. Morgan Vance
3. William L. Vance
4. Elizabeth Vance - married Robertson Tapp Bephis, Tennessee

Morgan Vances son, Dr. App Morgan Vance of Louisville, Kentucky - married Miss Huntoon. He was an eminent surgeon - left a large family. His brother, Barton Vance, was in Louisville, Kentucky, 1827.

Lt. David Vance (son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance) was born near Winchester, Virginia, in 1743 - died 1813. He moved to North Carolina about 1776. In 1796 he was one of the Commissioners appointed to settle the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee. This David Vance was an ensign in the Continental Army and afterwards Captain at Kings Mountain. He was in the battle of Runnyvine, Germantown, and was with Washington at Valley Forge in 1778 and 1779. Captain David Vance moved his family from the Catawba River to Ross's Creek, and was appointed clerk of Rutherford County, which place he filled with fidelity until his death. He was elected Colonel of Militia, and represented Rutherford County in the Legislature of 1785 and 1791. His will was remarkable for the beauty of the handwriting and clearness of diction. Three sons:

1. Samuel
  2. David
  3. Robert
- Five daughters:
4. Jean - married Mitchell Davidson, after his death married Samuel Davidson.
  5. Sarah - Mrs. George McLean
  6. Priscilla
- Names of other two daughters not given

Samuel and his sisters, Jean, Sarah and Priscilla, with their husbands moved to Tennessee and settled upon lands on Duck River, which their father had given them. The late Judge Hugh Lawson Davidson and brother Robert Brand Davidson, esteemed members of the bar at Shelbyville, Tennessee, were the sons of Jean Vance.

Samuel Vance was Sheriff of Rutherford County, North Carolina, born 1791, moved to Tennessee and from there to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and died there.

David Vance 2nd, father of Governor Zebulon Baird Vance, the second son of David 1st and Priscilla Brant lived and died in Sumner County 1844. He was born 1792 - married Hym Baird (Zebulon Baird) January 2, 1825. It is thought that Governor Zebulon Vance owed much of his native wit to the Baird family.

Family of David Vance and wife, Hym Baird, consisted of Laura Henrietta, Robert Brant, Zebulon Vance - born 1830, James Noel, 1833, Ann Sigworth, David Leaside, 1849, and Hannah Moore, born 1842 and married Captain Herndon (living in Washington, D.C. - 1921)

Captain David Vance 2nd (father of Gov. Zebulon Vance) was an active business man, noted for his kindness and generosity to the poor. He died in the communion of Presbyterian Church, and was buried at the old Vance farm on Reems Creek. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He and Zebulon Baird (Gov. Vance's maternal grandfather) were wealthy planters, owning many slaves and thousand of acres of land.

Governor Zebulon Baird Vance, born in North Carolina, May 13, 1830, was Colonel of 25th North Carolina Regiment. Elected Governor of North Carolina - one of the most beloved men of the State. He married in 1853 Harriet Howell Spay, daughter of Thomas Spay. They had two sons and three daughters. His son Thomas married 2nd, Mrs. Florence Steele Martin of Oldham County, Kentucky (No issue). His son Thomas, Honorable George N. Vance, a prominent lawyer and politician of Olympia Washington. George Vance's brother, General Robert Vance of C.S.A. Member of Congress, married Harriet McIlroy. Four sons and three daughters.

Captain David Vance (Samuel 1st) born 1745, died about 1813. Buried upon a knoll selected by him as a place from which to rise on Resurrection Day. The D.A.R.'s have erected a monument to his memory in Public Square of Asheville, N.C.

#### A DAVID VANCE OF FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

A David Vance of Frederick County, Virginia (probably a grandson of Major William Vance) in his will 1768 names children:

1. David N. Vance
2. Sarah Quinby Vance
3. John Vance
4. Joseph Colville Vance
5. Mary Vance (married Joseph Vance, a cousin)
6. Martha Vance (Mrs Colonel Vail)
7. Janet Vance (Mrs Miles Wilson)

Joseph (above) moved to Ohio and had sons:

1. John N. Vance of Illinois
2. William Vance
3. Moses Vance
4. Joseph Colville Vance (Governor of Ohio in 1836)
5. Alex P. Vance (J.G.V.) Urbans, Ohio.

The late General Calvin Vance C.S.A., Batesville, Mississippi, son of Eliza Quinby Vance and wife, Supressa Brookes (Nashville, Tenn.)

"Patrick and brother John, who had large estates along the Falling Spring near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The Mansion houses of these brothers still stand. They were direct descendants of Rev. John Vans. Patrick left no issue. John had a son, John, from whom George V. Johnson descends.

"A Samuel Vance, whose father, born on the High Seas and lived in Baltimore County, Maryland, married Agnes (?) of English Quaker Stock. Samuel had four brothers, 1st. David, whose children were, Robert - Samuel - and daughters who married a Clymer - Thompson - and Hittenhouse. 2nd. Joseph, who lived in Pennsylvania, brothers, according to family tradition, settled in the Carolinas." Samuel G. - Baltimore County, Maryland, in 1762, and married October 14, 1798 at Bel Air, married Ann Waters, born March 29, 1779, was 14 years old when the Revolution started and served for some a short time when about 17. His five brothers also served and his father erected an arsenal and gave powder to the state of Maryland. The mother, however, remained loyal to Great Britain. Samuel was educated at the University of Baltimore, and also learned the wheelwrights trade. He traveled through York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania, buying horse hair from which selves were then made. After marriage, however, he followed teaching exclusively. He died March 1, 1843 at Commerceville, Indiana.

John Vance, son of Andrew 1st, went to Augusta County, Virginia. He married Rachel Brinsone. His will 1785, mentions sons: John P. and Colonel Samuel Vance, born 1737 (?) and daughter Mary (Mrs. Jacob Warwick). No record of other children.

Colonel Samuel Vance, born 1733, Married Sarah Bird. Children:

1. Margaret (Mrs. Charles Hamilton)
2. Rachel (Mrs. James Hamilton)
3. Jean (married Rev. Robert Marshall of Kentucky.)
4. Sarah Nancy Vance
5. James - born 1774
6. Benjamin Vance, born 1760, died 1811, married Margaret Linkey. Both buried in Vancowood, Missouri. Descendants of Colonel Samuel Vance living in Missouri.

Jean Vance (above) sons were: Rev. Samuel and James Marshall, Presbyterian Ministers in Kentucky. Descendants in Ohio and Kentucky.

Colonel Samuel Vance (John Andrew) lived in Augusta County, Virginia - in Revolutionary War - wounded at Point Pleasant, October 1781. Was in camp with his militia - was in battle at Yorktown. After Cornwallis' surrender he helped guard the prisoners to Winchester, Virginia - was in Indian War 1756. His will was probated at Warm Springs, Virginia, November 1807. Descendants in Virginia and Missouri.

## SAMUEL VANCE IN VIRGINIA 1743

Samuel Vance 1. (Andrew 1) had nine children, according to his will-1778 - but mentioned only David, Samuel, Margaret and Elizabeth Vance Blackburn. Descendants have proof of others sons - Andrew, John, Joseph, Robert and Patrick.

Samuel 11 (Samuel 1) Vance married Margaret Laughlin. Issues: Margaret Laughlin 11 (2), John married King, James married Billy Salfour, Samuel married Elizabeth Little Brown, Andrew married Mary Sherman, David married Kate Davis, Jane married Kellar, Elizabeth married Bradley, Harriet married Sharp, Robert married Steele.

Family of Margaret Laughlin 11, and Adam Witherson - married in 1815:  
1. James, 2. Mary, 3. Samuel, 4. Francis, 5. Harriet, 6. Isaac,  
7. Catherine - married Floyd B. Hart. Descendants in Abingdon, Virginia.

Extract from letter of Mrs. Robert Burns Vance of Abingdon, Virginia:

"We live in the old Vance home, two miles from Abingdon, known as "Vance Hill." It was originally a log house. The logs are perfect as when house was built. Planks and other improvements have been added to house. The kitchen built out from the house (as in older times) is still the same, and fireplace burns 16 ft. wood. The old Vance mill is still standing - once owned by Samuel Vance."

## THE COLVILLE FAMILY

In Shropshire, Scotland, before 1200, of Norman origin. "Barons of Kinnaird" - Lordship of Colville, in "Scotland Barons" we find "Sir James Colville, Lord of Colviltree," a member of Scottish Parliament - 1531 to 1536 - and "Sir John Colville" in 1590 - See Ayrshire Families of Scotland.

JOSEPH COLVILLE AND SARAH COLVILLE  
IN SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VIRGINIA

Samuel's will in 1807, left James and John Colville, who were in Virginia House of Delegates 1819 - 1821.

Captain Andrew Colville - born 1739, in Frederick County, Virginia - later of Wythe County - in battle of Kings Mountain 1781. Samuel Colville died of wounds received there. Joseph Colville - daughter, Sarah, married Samuel Vance (Andrew) in Ireland. Joseph came with them to Virginia. (See letter of General Joseph H. Vance of Los Angeles, California).

Letter from Charles Patrick Vance of Taylor, Texas - 1927:

"My papers were all burned. My paternal grandfather, Patrick Vance, moved from North Carolina to Southern Kentucky about 1785 or 1790, and was among first settlers there. He married Miss Harrington, and had:  
1. My 2. Thomas 3. Jordan 4. John 5. Charles 11 6. Mary  
(my father) 7. Lydia 8. Mary

My Vance married Miss Cox of Kentucky - died in Arkansas - 1752.  
 Thomas Vance married Miss Mount of Illinois and moved to Texas in 1853 (?) - a  
 one of his sons was a Colonel in Confederate Army. John Vance (Patrick  
 Vance) married Mary Vance, daughter of Andrew Vance (?) about 1812, and  
 had: 1. Harrison 2. Andrew 3. Thomas 4. John 5. Charles 6. Sarah."

The above families live in Kentucky, Illinois and Tennessee. Mary  
 Vance (Patrick) married Sarah Ann (John Vance) and had: 1. William - born  
 1820 2. Mary - 1823 - 3. Elizabeth - 1834 - 4. Charles Patrick Vance - 1828 -  
 5. Ann - 1831 6. Sarah - 1834 - 7. John - 1838.

Lydia (Patrick), married Ezra Owen, moved to Kentucky with Patrick  
 Vance. John Vance, now of Congressional Library, Washington, D.C.  
 is of this line.

Alexander Vane, son of -----(?) Born 1812 in Virginia, was  
 taken from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, to Ohio in 1815. He married  
 Elizabeth Shephard (Colonel Luther Shephard). Their son, Colonel John  
 Luther Vance, born 1839, lawyer and Commander of an Ohio Regiment in  
 Civil War. Democratic member of Congress from Ohio 1875-1877.

LETTER FROM BRISTOL, TENNESSEE  
 CHARLES P VANCE

"My great grandfather was Samuel Vance, who bought land in Sullivan  
 County Tennessee September 14, 1802. He lived in Shenandoah Valley.  
 We have power of Attorney which he gave to Phillip Snapp in 1796. "Will -  
 Jan. 11, 1802."

"Samuel Vance made his will Jan. 11, 1808, devised to his three daugh-  
 ters, Elizabeth (Mrs Henry Mackay), Sarah (Mrs Anos Messay), Peggy (Mrs  
 Samuel Evans). Executors - John Vance and George Ruthledge. He was  
 born prior to 1740."

FROM A LETTER OF ARTHUR VANCE (1924) TO WRITER -N.Y.C.

"My line goes back to Orange County, New York - 1790. My great  
 grandfather Samuel Vance - born (?) moved to Pennsylvania in 1807. On  
 the old home place is still a barn, with his initials bored through the  
 gable. My connection with the Southern Branch is evident. The bust of  
 Governor Zebulon B. Vance of North Carolina in "House of Representatives" is a  
 "dead ringer" for my great Uncle Benjamin Vance, on Federal side during  
 Civil War." (I am anxious to find connecting link - A.P.J.)

Above, Arthur Vance, owner and Editor of Pictorial Magazine.

HIS FAMILY LINE

It I am the son of Jules Comfort Vance, born in Susquehanna County,  
 Pennsylvania, 1822-1832. My mother's name Marietta South-  
 worth. Grandson of Robert Vance, born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylv-  
 ania, 1807. He married Ann Wilcox.

Grandson of James Vance, born in Orange County New York. He married  
 Charity Comfort.

Great great great grandson of Samuel Vance - the first of the American Vance in my line. He was born in Ireland in 1683.

Great great great grandson of John Vance born in 1620.

Extracts from a letter to Mrs. Robertson Topp, nee Elizabeth Vance, daughter of Samuel Vance of Clarksville, Tennessee, Mrs. William Farrington, from her daughter, Florence Topp, Memphis, Tennessee.

"While on a visit to Virginia in 1859, James Vance (Samuel Vance 1st) family, was then a man of 75 years, a man of wealth and prominence. Uncle James lives near Abingdon, on his farm, is hale and hearty, quite tall with iron white hair. His home a double two story house, lower story of hem logs, all house skirted by broad vine covered piazzas. House in state of fine preservation. The interior resembles Dutch house in neatness, floors dyed and waxed until they shone like mirrors, and rug made of rags on floor. The bed linens were of snow whiteness, with valances of linen embroidered around the huge four post bedsteads, all plain but elegant. The ladies entertained us by showing specimens of their handiwork. All the Vance families gathered to welcome us. We visited the orchard and vineyard, where fruit was drying in the sun for winter use, then we drank from the spring in a romantic spot, from which our kin had drunk for generations. We peeped in the old springhouse, where we saw great stone jars of milk and butter placed between stones with water from the ice house cooling them. Then we had dinner, such a dinner! A pea-fowl in a platter of parsley, ornamented with fancy cut paper, table loaded with delicious food. After dinner we went to see Aunt Peggy Fulkerson (Margaret) who lives in our great grandfather's home. We saw the old Mill. A Billy Martin was once the miller and quite lassy. Samuel Vance declared the mill said: "B I L L Y --- H A R T I N" Samuel repaired the mill and then it said: "SAM VANCE - SAM VANCE - SAM VANCE", etc.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER OF WILLIAM BALSERHIE  
TO WILLIAM LITTLE VANCE, MEMPHIS, TENN.  
JUNE 10, 1895

Dear Sir:

I have perused your letter of the 12 inst., with much interest, and am pleased to know that your grandfather's Bible record reveals his parentage. He is my great grand uncle Andrew Vance, brother of Elizabeth, who married a Jackson - ancestor of "Old Hickory" - General Jackson.

Have you any knowledge of Dr. Nicholas Vance of Bristol, Tennessee? About five years ago he wrote to my printer in Cork, Ireland, asking him to procure a copy of my book. I wrote him that only a few copies had been printed, solely for the use of the Vance Family - and a copy supplied would require (the no)(?) to be well paid for 5 pounds Sterling. I sent a copy handsomely bound.

This correspondence eventuated in Dr. Vance taking a trip to Ireland, to take a beautiful Irish lassie for his second wife, Miss Helen Mc---. (A Vance of Derry, my father's sister-in-law. These sisters are my second cousins, so that my children and Dr. Vance's little daughter have a double

portion of Bruce and Royal decent blood in their veins, from both father and mother. I am curious to know your descent from Patrick Stewart and from Walter, the Lord High Stewart of Scotland (husband of Bruce daughter, Princess Marjory).

I have mine without missing link - Andrew Jackson would hardly have failed to be proud of it had he known it.

Since my book was printed much data has been sent me which I have embodied in foot notes in the few copies left. I feel desirous to prepare a second edition and furnish data of all American families. (He died soon after the letter). I am mailing you a copy for \$30.00. I wrote to Judge Alex Vance of New York, but no reply. I also wrote to James Barton, author of "Life of Jackson," a firm, but respectful letter impugning his statement that the General was of peasant birth. Proving that his Vance ancestors descended from John Vance of Coagh. While I was collecting my data a gentleman in Coagh told me that John Vance 1st of Coagh was the most gentlemanly man he had ever known.

My wife is a fine specimen of a Vance. When I married her eleven years ago she was called the handsomest woman in Cork.

Your Dr. Patrick Vance was related to General Jackson. Your ancestor Andrew Vance 1st. was Jackson's cousin (Germain). My grandfather, John Vance 2nd of Coagh, with his brothers, Joseph and James (High Sheriff of Dublin). Later Hon. Lord Mayor of Dublin, other brothers were the General's cousins (Germain).

I had just finished your letter when a friend, W.H. Garrett, told me that he knew (or knew of) a William Little Vance of Memphis, and added that William Little Vance had paid a visit to Europe with a daughter, Betty, who was as handsome a woman as could be found in Europe or America. It seems that the Vance women are rather noted for their beauty.

My mother and her sisters were beautiful and stately women, endowed with fine qualities. Her younger sister, Alice Vance, wife of the eminent Barrister and Genealogist, Henry August Bell, Esq. I tender you my thanks for your cordial invitation to visit you. I hope to see you here and introduce to you your distant cousins."

Yours truly,  
William Balhainie

(signed)

William Little Vance (above) (son of Samuel) married Letitia Hart Thompson of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Their children - George Vance of Memphis, Tennessee, William Oley (dead), Letitia (Mrs. Charles Dupont, New Albany, Indiana) Susan Shelby, married Dr. Vance of South Carolina (New Albany, Indiana) - Billy Vance - (see Balhainie's letter to W.H. Vance) married John W. Rutherford (Letitia Vance daughter of George) - married Margaret Charles Brooks, Memphis, Tennessee. Seven children.

## LAND SURVIES IN VIRGINIA

In early survey of land in Virginia Valley before Augusta County was founded, we find a survey for William Hutchinson on same day, May 9, 1730, survey for William Vance on Garters Creek, Va. Among deeds recorded in Orange County, Virginia, prior to holding Court in Frederick County, June 5, 1742 - 250 acres on both sides of Opequon Creek to James Vance who came to Virginia in 1735.

Joseph Colville Vance (son of David and Sarah Colville Vance) 450 acres Hampshire County devised to him by his father. His sons David and John inherited the home farm.

Among those that settled on land that site set off for them from original grant, was David Vance, 1742. 100 acres on both sides of Opequon Creek, raised a large family, who inter-married with the Hoge, White and Glass families. This David Vance was Justice of the Peace in first Court in 1735 or 1745 Frederick County, Virginia (brother of James Vance 1st.).

As we search over land grants in Kentucky, we chance upon the following Vance names:

## KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS

- David Vance - 214 Acres - 1768 - Rayette County.
- Alexander Vance - 79 Acres - 1768 - Nelson County.
- John Thomas and Alexander Vance on Little Turren River, South of  
of Green River.
- James M. Vance - 100 Acres - 1804 - Floyd County.
- James Vance - 270 Acres - 1806 - Logan County.
- Jacob Vance - 1000 Acres - 1806 - Green County.
- Andrew Vance - 750 Acres
- Joseph Vance - 930 Acres - Lincoln County.
- Robert Vance - Military Grant - 100 Acres

JAMES VANCE 1st DESCENDANTS IN KENTUCKY,  
TENNESSEE AND VIRGINIA

## FAMILY OF JAMES VANCE 1st IN VIRGINIA 1735

James Vance 1st (Cross County Down, Ireland, Province Ulster) married Eliza Glass (Samuel Glass and Mary Gable) the daughter of Robert Gable of Augusta County, Virginia, born in Ireland. Member of the Glass, Gable and Vance families came to America, landed on Delaware River, later came with Joist White to the Shenandoah Valley, settled on lands on Opequon Creek, near Winchester, Virginia. There are many conjectures as to Virginia about 1735. The consensus of opinion is that there were 2 Andrew (son of Samuel) James and son, Samuel, David, John and William. James Vance in his will - 1730 - speaks of "my brothers, William and David Vance."

In regard to paternity of James Vance 1st - 1735 - in Virginia, we quote Halburde, as follows:

William Vance of Aughavo, Tyrone County, Ireland. (Will April 19, 1711) sons, John, William, Adam, James. John (above) had a son David, who went to Virginia and his wife bore him a son from his death, called

Repeat of last two lines Page 17:

(Will April 19, 1713) sons, John, William, Adams, James, John (above) had a son David, who went to Virginia and his wife bore him a son after his death, called "David."

It is to be remembered that Elizabeth gave only one Christian name - Supposition that above refers to James David Vance 1st, and son, James David W Vance 2nd. James Vance 1st's will written February 2, 1750 probated November 11, 1751. His son, James David Vance, died December 21, 1816, in his 64th. year (per tombstone). Inference is that he was born after his father's will was written, so, shortly after his death, Eliza Glass, his mother, in her will speaks of "my son, James David Vance", and William (son of James 1st) leaves bequests to "my brother, James David Vance."

"The Vance home, the old stone mansion, was in good condition prior to the Civil War, when it was destroyed by Federal Soldiers in 1865. A Score of Confederates used the home as an impregnable fort, and wrought havoc on the Federal Cavalry. The old home was regarded as an historical landmark, it being held as one of the numerous places where the youthful George Washington frequently visited his friend, James David Vance, and later held a commission."

A descendant living in Indiana has several letters from George Washington to his friend, James David Vance.

In James Vance's will, February 2, 1751, he names oldest son, Samuel, youngest son, William - daughter, Mary (Mrs. Wilson) - Sarah (Mrs. Gilkerson). His son, James David Vance not mentioned. See will of his wife Eliza (Elizabeth Glass)Vance, and that of his son, William Vance.

(Hayden) gives James Vance 1st a son, John, who moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania with Tom Innes, born 1759 (not proven). Both James Vance 1st and his wife, Eliza Glass are buried in the old Opossum Church yard, near Winchester, Virginia. (See inscriptions on tombstones in Virginia).

#### FAMILY OF JAMES DAVID VANCE (JANUARI) 1751-1735 IN VIRGINIA.

Taken from family Bible in possession of a descendant living in Oldham County, Kentucky.

"James David Vance, born 1751, died 1816 (per tombstone in Virginia) married his cousin Mary Castle Glass (Robert Glass) of Virginia in 1774. Children:

1. Robert - born 1776 - died 1834.
2. James - died 1814
3. Sarah
4. Elizabeth
5. Samuel - born 1783
6. Ruth Glass Vance - born Dec 25, 1793 - died - 1837 - buried in family graveyard near Cosheo, Oldham County, Kentucky, married Captain Thomas Bowen of Winchester, Virginia - November 19, 1812.
7. John Henry Glass Vance - born 1796
8. Gilkerson B., born 1797 - died 1815.

## FAMILY OF BETH GLASS VANCE AND CAPTAIN THOMAS BOWEN OF VIRGINIA

They moved with their slaves 1812, and members of Vance and Bowen families to Shelby County, Kentucky. Captain Bowen was with General Jackson at New Orleans - Captain of a Kentucky Company of Cavalry. Records from family Bible as follows:

## Children

1. Elizabeth Vance Bowen - born 1817 - married Silberne Magruder. Sons: Silberne 2nd - Frank - Richard.
2. Martha - born 1812 - married Samuel Husey Snowdon - Ky. Left a large family in Gordon Kentucky - 1930.
3. Mary Vance Bowen - born April 19, 1819 - died 1835 - married William Fox Johnston of Rochester, New York. Sons: William Rochester 1st - Robert Livingston - John Quincy. William Rochester Johnston 1st, Lt.

married Anne Eleanor (daughter of Rev William T. Flumer, D.D. - L.L.D., and wife Margaret Cary Bell, Adams, Tennessee). Children Margaret Vance (Mrs William Jarvis) of Louisville, Kentucky.

Children William - John, married Nancy Stevens of Lexington, Kentucky. In 1930 living in Los Angeles, California. Margaret (unmarried 1930). Anne Flumer married Dalley Sanders Weaver of Memphis, Tennessee. Children Dalley Sanders 2nd married Ann Hanson, daughter, Beverly Anne. Elizabeth Anne (Mrs. Robert Mitchell) Dallas, Texas - son Robert H. Jr. - John Cappelle and Virginia Jane - unmarried 20 1930 (Memphis). William Rochester Johnston 2nd (W.R.J. 1st) married Harriet Clarine Woolfolk of Cooper, Madison County, Kentucky. One daughter, Frances Raylor (Memphis) Virginia Highbee (W.R.J. 1st) married Cecil R. Norfleet - Jan. 15, 1908. Fell asleep May 27, 1908. Martha Sallye married Thomas T. Huley (Memphis)

William Fox Johnston and sons, Lt. William Rochester Johnston, and Robert Livingston Johnston - in Civil War - Their military record in "War of Rebellion."

The family graveyard of the descendants of James David Vance and wife, Mary Cagle Glass of Virginia, is at the old home "Land of Cooper" Oldham County, Kentucky, 12 miles from Louisville, Kentucky. "An iron fence covered with ivy encloses the hallowed spot." Within the space many of the Vance, Glass, Snowdon, Magruder and Bowen families are buried. There they rest in the quiet of their last earthly home. Tender memories cluster around the names on the moss covered slabs and monuments. In the stone which marks the resting place of Beth Glass Vance Bowen (daughter of James David Vance and Virginia) is carved this inscription:

"Beth Glass Vance Bowen - born 1793 in Virginia - died 1837 in the 64th year of her age." "Father we thank Thee that to us the blessed hope is given. The great of love, through broken hearts, shall be reunited in Heaven."

Around her tomb, lie her children and grandchildren. In this sacred spot they rest, who in life were lovers, and who in death are not divided. There they sleep, knowing but dimly when the rain is falling or the sun is shining or that the violets have woven a border of purple and green over their resting place. It is sure that the stillness is broken by voice or footstep, only the birds keep the quiet sleepers company, and carol through all the summer days a ceaseless melody.

## MAJOR WILLIAM VANCE OF VIRGINIA

Major William Vance of Virginia (brother of James Vance 1st - 1735, of Virginia) born 1718, in Ireland - died 1788 in Pennsylvania. In 1756 in French and Indian War. He removed to Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1778 with his son, Joseph Colville Vance and nephew, John (John Vance). He founded Vances Fort at Cross Creek, Pennsylvania, where many Vances were born. An account of his descendants in the History of Washington County, Pennsylvania. His sons Joseph Colville Vance - David and John. Joseph Colville Vance had six children. His son Colonel John Vance was in War of 1812, whose son was Colonel Joseph Vance in the U.S. Army in an Ohio Regiment 1861 to 1865.

William Vance (James 1st - 1735 in Virginia) and wife Elizabeth Glass - born about 1742 or 1745. Will 1792 - married first Nancy Gilkerson - second Sarah Colville - third, Sarah Anne Glass. No issue except by second wife. Children: James, William, John. John 1789, married four times. First-Susan Rogers, second Eliza Hoge, third Catherine Williams, fourth Polly McNeil, by whom he had among others, Angeline Vance, who married Louis H. Van Vandiver. Their son, William Duncan Vandiver, living in Columbia, Missouri.

William Vance entered land on Jackson River, Virginia, in 1738 - as Captain in second March on Fort Desquenne.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTER OF GENERAL JOSEPH V. VANCE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
(A descendant of Andrew Vance 1st of Virginia)

"I was born at Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, the son of William Blackburn Vance (son of Samuel Vance - born 1769) and his wife, Mary Blackburn (daughter of Lt. William Blackburn, killed at Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780), and his wife, Elizabeth Vance, who died at Paris, Illinois, December 27, 1827. My Vance grandparents moved from Abingdon, Virginia, to Maysville, Kentucky, where my father was born - August 3, 1796. They returned to Abingdon and later went to Mount County, Tennessee. My father, at the age of eighteen was in Army of Creek Indian War and Black Hawk War - received land warrants for his services. Some of the family lived later in London County, Tennessee. A Rev. Andrew Vance, who went to Kentucky - Captain James Vance's grandfather's oldest brother, was in battle of Kings Mountain-1781 (1780?) His daughter married Rev. James Logan of Kentucky.

My great grandfather, John Vance (born 1706 - died 1823) and wife, Jane Black, - Joseph C. Vance 1st. and David Vance 1st. all went to Burke County, North Carolina. Joseph C. Vance settled later in Washington County, Pennsylvania, later went to Urbana, Ohio. His son, Joseph Colville Vance was in the Legislature, a Member of Congress and Governor of Ohio - 1838. Joseph Colville Vance 1st (above) was son of David 1st and Sarah Colville Vance A.P.J.)

"Governor Nathan B. Vance and brother, General-in-Chief Robert Rank Vance, were Generals in Confederate Army. I met General Nathan B. Vance. I first met him as a Member of Congress in Washington - 1858. Served several times as U.S. Senator. (Roosevelt was the only public man that ever squelched him.)

General Robert B. Vance, his brother, a Major and Brigadier General in Confederate Army. My brother Andrew and I met him in 1859, when he was a young lawyer, visiting in Abingdon, Virginia. He later visited me at West Point, and told me much of our family.

I was a Cadet at West Point Academy 1850-1860. In 1861, enlisted in U.S. Army as a volunteer, as First Lieutenant in the Illinois Infantry, under Colonel Ulysses Grant, later General in Federal Army."

"After the Civil War I lived in Paris, Illinois, then then went to Springfield as Brigadier and Adjutant General of Illinois."

General Joseph W. Vance, Los Angeles, California, 86 years old, in his letter to writer regarding the Vances who first came to Virginia, says:

"The Emigrants to Frederick County, Virginia, in 1734 or 1735, were:

1. Andrew 1st - will 1750 - probated April 2, 1754.
2. Samuel 1st (Andrew 1st) of Frederick and Washington County, Virginia, married Sarah Colville (in Ireland). His will - March 31, 1778 - probated August 18, 1778 - Washington County, Virginia
3. James Vance 1st, who married Eliza Glass in Ireland. Will probated 1751, Frederick County, Virginia.
4. David 1st, of same County, one of Justices of first Court in 1743 - will 1767 - probated March 1, 1768.
5. Samuel Vance (David 1st)
6. William 1st, who Cartmell says, was a pioneer of upper Valley, Virginia. This William (brother of James Vance and mentioned in his will 1751), is mentioned by all who wrote history of early Shenandoah Valley, and in "Hammings Statutes of Virginia," where allowances of pay is made to him for military service of fighting Indians, sometimes as Lieutenant, then Captain. Many stories are told of him. He and his brother, James Vance 1st, were given grants in "Doverly Manor", which embraced portions of Frederick and Augusta Counties. (See Major William Vances line, A.P.J.) They came to Virginia with William Hoge or John White and settled in Shenandoah Valley, now Frederick County.

#### BENJAMIN VANCE OF VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY

Benjamin Vance (Samuel) born 1812 - died in Bowling Green Kentucky in 1837. He lived on "Lost River." Married Susan Young - born 1790 - died - 1819. Children: Richard McKay - Mary Harwick - Judge John William Wood Vance - born 1812 married, first, Elizabeth Brewitt, moved to Mississippi. Their children: Mary Josephine and Reinali Hobson Vance of Memphis, Tennessee. He married Mary Carroll (Granddaughter of Governor Carroll of Tennessee), and had: Eliza Breathitt Vance, who married J.P. Norfleet, son: Elmer Vance Norfleet, who married Ruth Dillard (Ruf) of Memphis (no children). Carroll Vance (Elmer Vance) died in early manhood.

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF TOMBSTONES OF VANCES IN VIRGINIA

About three miles from Winchester, Virginia, in the "Old Opequon Meeting House" the oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Blue Ridge. Between it and Winchester is the Opequon Graveyard, where lie many settlers of the Valley." A granite monument was erected to the memory of Samuel Glass and his wife, Mary Castle, parents of Elizabeth Glass, who married James Vance 1st, in Ireland and who came to the Shenandoah Valley in 1735 or 1736. Many Vance names are found on the marble slabs. In the graveyard are headstones which tell that they who slumbered beneath, came from Ireland.

Here the ancestors of the Giltersons, Allens, Vances, Glasses, Hoges and Hites.

Robert P. Glass of Winchester, Virginia, contributed the following:

"The inscriptions showed that some reached middle age. A few lived out their full four score years. While a small number obtained a greater age."

"Here lies interred the body of James David Vance, who departed this life - December 21, 1816, in the 64th year of his age."

"Here" is entombed the body of Elisabeth Vance, who died July 20, 1811, in the prime of life."

"Thomas W. Vance 1792."

"Sally (Sarah) died November 28, 1815 - 30 years old."

"Gilterson D. Vance - died 1816."

"James Vance - died 1814 - 36 years old."

"Robert Vance - died 1834 - 39 years old."

The names mentioned, Sarah, James, Elisabeth, Gilterson D., and Robert Vance, are the children of James Vance and Mary Gable Wynn Glass.

Inscriptions on graves of James Vance 1st and Miss Glass (his wife) too blurred to read.

A Vance correspondent writes as follows:

"About two years ago I was in Berkeley County, Virginia, where I was shown the old Tuscarora Church, the first Presbyterian Church either in Virginia or in this country. In the Churchyard was the grave of the first minister in charge, Rev. Hugh Vance, and this was his Epitaph, which I copied."

"Under this marble rest the body of the  
Reverend Hugh Vance, a faithful Minister of the Gospel of Christ  
826 years - born in the year 1732. Live the life if ye would die  
the death of righteous."

"This stone is erected to preserve and perpetuate the memory of this worthy man, by his affectionate friends of Berkeley County, Virginia."

The Rev. Hugh Vance's Ancestry can be traced through the records of Berkeley County, Martinsburg, Virginia.

SAMUEL VANCE (JAMES AND ELISA (ELIZABETH) GLASS VANCE IN VIRGINIA 1735

Samuel married Mary Bannells. To them was born:

1. Rev. James Vance
  2. Rev William Bannells Vance
  3. Robert Vance
  4. Samuel Vance
  5. Elisabeth Vance
  6. Sarah Vance
  7. Mary Vance
- (No record of daughters could be obtained).

Robert (Samuel) - married Agnes Adams of Kentucky - December 12, 1814. Children: William of Pendleton County, Kentucky, and Susan Vance, whose daughter, Agnes Adams II, married Dr. Alonso Morrison of Goshen, Oldham County, Kentucky, and had: Henry (dead) - Mildred (Mrs. Frank Magruder of Goshen, Kentucky) - three daughters - and Dr. Bowen Morrison, an eminent Physician of Louisville, Kentucky, who married Lucinda Trabue (William) - no children (1930) - and Agnes (Mrs. Peter Doehoffer of Louisville) - several children.

Samuel Vance (Samuel and Mary Bannells) went to Union City, Tennessee, and left a family (no record of this branch could be found or obtained).

Among the earliest settlers in Kentucky, before the close of the last century, was Rev. James Vance, who located on Bear Grass Creek, a few miles from Louisville, and opened a classical school at Middletown, Kentucky. A number of Presbyterian families from Pennsylvania having formed a settlement in this neighborhood as early as 1739, and built a church near the "Run", which they named after their native State, and invited Rev. Vance to become their Pastor. He accepted the Call and was installed November 6, 1779. (See Davidson's History of Presbyterian Church in Kentucky, page 122). To this Pastor and teacher was committed the oversight of the scattered flock in this village, as appears from his appointment by the "Presbytery of Pennsylvania," October 7, 1800, to preach to the congregation at Louisville, Kentucky." (Above from "The Presbyterian Church in Louisville" by Rev. Bhard L. Warren, D.D.)

James Vance was licensed by Winchester Presbytery and was received into Transylvania Presbytery October 2, 1799. A Call was made by Middletown and Pennsylvania Run Churches, and Mr. Vance having signified his acceptance of the same, and Intermediate Presbytery meeting was appointed at which to ordain him. The text for his sermon of trial was 11 Cor. 2:1,5,6,7.

Record is as follows: "The Presbytery was opened with a sermon by Mr. James Vance - prolationer - from 11 Cor. 2:1,5,6,7, which subject was assigned him as a specimen for trial with a view to his ordination, which was also upon consideration sustained meeting at Pennsylvania Run Meeting House, November 6, 1779."

At the evening meeting Mr. Vance's examination was sustained and he "was ordained to this office of the Gospel Ministry by prayer and the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery" on November 7, 1779."

(Signed) MODERATOR, David Rice.

## FAMILY OF REV. JAMES VANCE - SON OF SAMUEL JAMES VANCE 1ST OF VIRGINIA

"Among the oldest churches in Louisville, Kentucky, that blazed the way for a higher Christianity a century ago, is the Presbyterian Church, and its ministers in early days were fearless and strong. History honors the names of Rev. James Vance, Rev. Gideon Blackburn and others." (From Louisville Times).

"Rev. James Vance came from Virginia, settled on Bear Creek in 1798, preached at Middletown "Gans Run" and "Pennsylvania Run" for many years. Was educated at what is now called Washington and Lee University and taught for many years in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He educated some of the most prominent men of the County, such as Outhbert Bullitt, James D. Brockenridge, Judge William Fields, the Bookers and many others in Kentucky. He supplied Presbyterian pulpits at times, besides his own churches."

## PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS IN KENTUCKY OF THE VANCE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

- Rev. Samuel E. Vance - 1870-1881
- Rev. Andrew Vance - 1828-1873
- Rev. Hugh Vance - 1770-1793
- Rev. Jesse Vance - 1834
- Rev. Joseph Vance - 1836
- Rev. Samuel Rannells
- Rev. William Rannells Vance

Rev. James Vance married Ruth Glass (Robert and Elisabeth Fulton Glass) in Frederick County, Virginia - 1793.

The following taken from letter of Professor William R. Vance of Yale University to writer:

"I visited the old Opequon graveyard near Winchester, Virginia - saw the house built by Robert Glass 1st, in 1737, and the stone house built by his son Robert Glass II - in which house my great grandfather, Rev. James Vance, was married to his daughter, Ruth Glass, 1793. They went to Kentucky, lived at Middletown and are buried in its graveyard. Not all of the stones are standing, some are broken and lying down. The readings on some are hidden by moss and vines. Members of this Vance family are buried in Middletown graveyard."

To Rev. James Vance and wife, Ruth Glass, was born:

1. Dr. Robert Glass Vance
2. Samuel David Vance
3. Major William Rannells Vance

Samuel David (Rev. James Vance) married his cousin, Mary (William Vance) of Vance-Thompson family of Kentucky. Vances live in Osnafordville, Indiana - 1931. W.R. Vance lives in Chicago 1927.

Major William Rannells Vance (Rev. James Vance) married Eleanor Fields (sister of Major Abner). Children that lived: Hester (Mrs. Ben Gray), Nellie Gray (Mrs. Cook), Anna Gray (Mrs. Robert Brown).

Major William Fannells Vance was Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky 1847-1849. Member of Kentucky Legislature. His wife died in Columbus, Kentucky. Two of their children live at Asholt, Tennessee.

Contributed by Miss Hobbs Vance - great granddaughter of Rev. James Vance and Ruth Glass.

"We have a family Bible as far back as my great great grandfather, Rev. James Vance which names his children:

Dr. Robert Glass Vance of Middletown, Kentucky- died 1859. Buried in Middletown, Kentucky - married first, Mary White (William) March 17, 1824. Child, Ruth, married Dr. Robert Sprouis (her father's cousin. By Dr. Vance's second marriage to Levidia Harriet Hobbs (Samuel E. and Mary Hobbs) there were children:

Dr. Robert Glass Vance II - Benjamin Lawrence (went to Texas and died unmarried) - Harriet Louise or (Levidia).

Robert Glass Vance II - born 1836 - died 1916. Lawyer and farmer of Shelbyville, Kentucky. He married Fannie Stowe of Boston, Mass. Children:

1. William Stowe Vance
2. Mary Hobbs Vance
3. Robert Glass Vance III
4. William Reynolds Vance (Professor at Law at Yale University)
5. Truman Vance
6. Dr. James Brown Vance
7. Harriet Vance
8. Ruth Vance

Robert Glass Vance III, married Flora Alexander. Three sons: Albert Rice - Robert Glass Vance IV - Louis Alexander Vance.

Professor William R. Vance married Anne Huse of North Carolina. Children:

1. Francis Stowe Vance
2. Thomas Huse Vance
3. Anne Gregory Vance

Truman Stowe Vance married Roberta Davis. Children:

1. Eugenia
2. Robert Huse
3. Truman Stowe

Dr. James Brown Vance (Robert Glass Vance II) married Fanny Clark-no child.  
~~Harriet Vance~~

Harriet Vance (Robert Vance II) married Alvan L. Harrison. Children:

1. Mary Vance Harrison
2. Fioebe Huse Harrison

Shelbyville, Kentucky family.

The Hobbs Family sent writer from a Hobbs descendant at Anchorage, Kentucky:

"Nicholas Hobbs married Elizabeth Cummings. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Anchorage, Ky. Their daughter, Mary E. Hobbs married Samuel Hobbs Vance, whose daughter Harriet Levidia Hobbs, was a second wife of Dr. Robert Glass Vance I. Both buried in Middletown.

## CLEANINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

## SOUTH CAROLINA VANCES

Re In Census of South Carolina in 1785-1790 - we find as heads of families, David, Isaiah, Nathan, and Nicholas Vance, in Laurens County. Jacob in Pendleton County - James in York County - John and Matthias in Newberry County. Father and Samuel Vance in Greenville County. Thomas in Union County.

The South Carolina Vances were wealthy planters and slave owners before the Civil War.

A John Vance of South Carolina married a Martha Pleasants, and had:

1. John Vance
2. Martha Vance
3. William D. Vance
4. Samuel Vance (born 1803 - went to Kentucky as agent for Salt Works)
5. James Vance
6. Andrew Pleasant Vance

(Mrs. Martha Pleasant Vance died in Todd County, Kentucky)

A Pleasant Vance in Todd County, Kentucky in 1801.

Nathaniel Vance of South Carolina was born in 1753 in South Carolina, and died 1812. Buried in Laurens County, South Carolina, he married Mary Dufur Scatter, and had children:

1. Samuel Vance - born 1789 - died 1869.
2. Frances Vance
3. William B. Vance - 1792
4. David Vance - 1794
5. Sarah Vance
6. Nathaniel II - 1797
7. Elizabeth Vance
8. Allen Vance - born 1803 - died 1865.
9. John Vance - born 1804
10. Larkin Vance - born 1806
11. James Vance - born 1809
12. Joseph Vance - born 1813

Allen Vance married Mary Chappell. Nathaniel was a private under General Gates in Revolutionary War. John Chappell Vance, son of Allen Vance, South Carolina, went to Red River Plantation after Civil War and later moved to New Orleans.

NOTE: Will of a Samuel Vance of Surry County, North Carolina - names sons: David, Nathaniel, Samuel, John, Joseph and daughter, Elizabeth - 1781.

The South Carolina Vances were descended from the Vances and Allens of Augusta County, Virginia.

In 1796, John and Jacob Vance on banks of Saluda River, South Carolina.

In the Revolution, South Carolina paid William Vance for sixty days in militia duty.

The records of Orangeburg County, South Carolina, show a George Vance (William and Sarah Vance) born November 8, 17--? William Vance died in Laurens County, South Carolina. He had four brothers - Nathaniel, Washington, Harrison, Calvin or Colvin.

William Vance married Elizabeth Hbrington of Laurens County, South Carolina.

Hoses Vance - appointed Lieutenant in Orange County, South Carolina, July 1, 1775.

#### NATHAN VANCE OF THE CAROLINAS

Rev. John Vans, A.M., the Scottish Minister, first of the name to settle in Ireland, was an ancestor of all Vances in America. His descendant Father Vance 1, "an obdurate person" as his great grand-daughter, Miss Juh Vance declares.

The name Nathan Vance is found, first, as a farmer at Rugin County, Ireland. Taken from Balbirnie's "History of Vans Family." In Galley N.S.S. of Augusta County, Virginia, we find a Nathan Vance as early as 1774.

Nathan Vance - Vol. 111 - Augusta County, Virginia - no Testator in will of John Brown - February 21, 1758 - Testator in John Wornley's will July 11, 1782 - Vol. 1 - Galley.

Land Entry Book No. 11 - Nathan Vance, July 4, 1749 - 1750 - 300 Acres of land on North River near John Puckers land - Augusta County, Virginia.

Again in Census of South Carolina 1785 - 1790, we find Nathan Vance with two sales of 16 years and upwards; one white sale under 16; three white females.

Several Vances went from Frederick County to Augusta County, Virginia, then to South Carolina. John (Andrew 1) Vance was cut off in father's will with five shillings - left his home - went to Augusta County, Virginia. Notes: Father Vance 1 - first son was named John, following usual custom in Virginia, oldest son named after paternal grandfather. John (Andrew Vance 1) descendants are found in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

The following data of Nathan Vance in South Carolina has been contributed by his great grand-daughter Miss Juh Vance of Johnson City, Tennessee, who has been appointed Chairman of Committee of Vance Reunion to be held in the near future in North Carolina.

## FAMILY OF HATHEN VANCE OF THE CAROLINAS

Hathen Vance (John Vance) married Barbara McVeigh (or McVey, McVay).  
 Moved from Greenville, South Carolina and settled at Hunter's Chapel, near  
 Spruce Pine, North Carolina. Children:

1. John Vance
2. Thomas Vance
3. Fleming Vance
4. Lewis Vance
5. Hathen Vance
6. Roche Vance
7. Barbara Vance
8. Lou Ramsey Vance
9. Abner Vance
10. Alexander Vance
11. William Vance

Lewis Vance, son of Hathen Vance - born 1802 - died 1873 at age of  
 71 years. Married Isabel Davis. Children:

1. William Vance
2. Arthur Vance
3. G.T. Vance (General Taylor Alexander)
4. Thomas DeHalt
5. Elizabeth Vance
6. Eliza Vance
7. Susan Vance (Mary S.)
8. Jane Vance (Walter J.)
9. Sheffield Vance (Loris S.)

Thomas DeHalt Vance - born January 29, 1834 - died May 10, 1922 - age 88  
 years. Married Sarah Eliza Bellinger - born July 9, 1841 - died April 8, 1907  
 great grand-daughter of John Franklin, brother of Benjamin Franklin, signer of  
 Declaration of Independence, and grand-daughter of General Franklin (John Frank-  
 lin) and daughter of Nicholas Bellinger and Sally Franklin. Children:

1. Byron D. Vance
2. Thomas DeAugustine Vance
3. Charlotte Eliza Vance
4. Mary Eliza Vance
5. Sara Swanson Vance
6. Julius Elbridge Vance
7. David Todd Vance
8. Robert Hunter Vance
9. Clayton McDonald Vance ) Sons
10. Sara Hagblow Vance
11. John Nelson Vance
12. Rufus D. Vance
13. Edward Nelson Vance

A reunion of the Franklin Family was held at Altamont, North Carolina-1930  
 Reunions of families are to be recommended. They keep alive ties of kin and  
 friendship and bring together kindred who but for this "meeting of the clan"  
 would never have dreamed of one another's existence. In this way interest-  
 ing and valuable friendships have been formed which will endure for life.  
 Reunions of families put in enduring form, the meritorious lives and deeds  
 which otherwise would have remained in oblivion. "Hidden under a bushel and it  
 will not be an historical deed forever buried."

The compiler of "Vance Lineage" (John Vance) having quite a bit of Sherlock Holmes in her make-up will not rest content until the tangled skein of Matthew Vance's parentage is unravelled and Matthew Vance I is placed on his proper limb on the Vance Family Tree.

INTERESTING WILLS

COPY OF WILL OF ANDREW VANCE 1ST - RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA - IN WILL BOOK NO. 2 - PAGE 114 (114)

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I, Andrew Vance, of Frederick County, and in the Colony of Virginia, being weak of body but of good sense and memory, blessed be God for it, do this nineteenth day of December, and in the Year of our Lord, One thousand-seven hundred-and-fiftieth, do publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following:

That is to say, first, I give to my three sons, Samuel, Andrew, and Alexander Vance. I say, I do give and bequeath to this my three sons all and singular, my lands, tenements situated whereon I now live, stock and block, first paying my debts, and excepts my wife, Jane, her part TO HAVE AND TO HOLD for them or their heirs or assigns.

Perfectly, I likewise do leave to my loving wife, Jane Vance, one riding horse and two cows and her bed and household goods, and I do leave to my son, John Vance, five shillings sterling and no more, and I do leave to my wife Jane, the mansion house whereon I now live, and five acres of land during her natural life, and after her decease the same to remain to the use of my three sons, Samuel, Andrew, and Alexander Vance. I do leave my loving wife and my son, Samuel Vance to be sole executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, before these presents, I, the said Andrew Vance have hereunto set my hand to this my last Will and Testament, dated the day and year above written.

(Signed) ANDREW VANCE

WITNESSES:

Thomas Butler  
John Cook  
William Huston

At a Court held for Frederick County, on Tuesday, the second day of April, 1754, this will and Testament of Andrew Vance, deceased, was proven in open Court by the oaths of Thomas Butler, John Cook and William Huston, the witnesses thereto, and Jane Vance and Samuel Vance, the Executors therein named, having made oath to the same according to law, it was admitted to record. Test:

J. WOOD, C.C.

A copy Test. C.G. Brannon, Clerk of Circuit Court, Frederick County.

## SAMUEL VANCE 1st (AFTER 1st)

## IN THE NAME OF GOD - AMEN

I, SAMUEL VANCE of Washington County in the Commonwealth of Virginia, being in perfect health, both of mind and memory, blessed be God for His mercies; but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and that I was born to die; do make and contain this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I do recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the last day I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching my worldly affairs wherewith it has pleased God to bless me within this life. I shall dispose of the same in the following manner and forms

ITEM - I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife, Sarah Vance, Two hundred pounds cash, and all the movables in the house - Money excepted. I also give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Margaret Lusk, the sum of fifty pounds in cash. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved son, David Vance, the sum of fifty pounds cash. I also give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Blackburn the sum of fifteen pounds cash. And the remainder of my estate, after my debts have been paid, to be equally divided between mine children. And also the land I now live on, I leave and bequeath unto my well beloved son, Samuel Vance, and all conveniences belonging thereto. I also appoint my sons, Samuel Vance and George Blackburn, the whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and discard all and every other Testament, Wills, Legacies, Requests and Executors, by me confining this and no other to by my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight.

SAMUEL VANCE (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Samuel Vance his last Will and Testament in presence of us when his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

ARTHUR BLACKBURN

JOHN BLACKBURN

JOHN CASLOK - J. (His Seal)

At a Court held for Washington County, the 18th day of August, 1778. This last Will and Testament of Samuel Vance, deceased was exhibited in Court, approved by the oaths of John Blackburn, John Caslok ordered to be recorded.

TEST.- JOHN GAMBELL, C.W.C.

## WILL OF SAMUEL VANCE 2ND OF VIRGINIA

Calling to mind that I must die, I make this last Will, viz:

All my lawful debts be paid, all my lands and negroes and stock of all kinds, with stile and farming tools of all kinds, to be sold at Public Sale and proceeds to be divided as follows, viz:

To my Sons, Andrew and David - Fifteen Hundred Dollars each - to Robert seven hundred, to James one thousand, to Margaret Falkerson one hundred, to Harriet one hundred, to my son John's son, Samuel, one hundred dollars, to James son, Samuel, one hundred dollars, to Vance Keller one hundred dollars. I will Harriet all the bed clothes and ~~linens~~ bed that she makes while she remains single, the bed that I laid on to Jean Keller, the curtains to Margaret Falkerson, the proceeds, if any is left, to be equally divided amongst my children. I leave my books to the following: My Bellingbrookes works to Samuel, and Robert, Ropes works to John, and James Hoar on Navigation to Samuel. All the furniture in the house to be sold as above and the proceeds as above.

SAM VANCE

My last will  
November 19, 1820.

H. B.

I leave my sons, Samuel, John, and James, Executors of this my last will.

If any of the men chose to bid at the above sale,  
I wish them to do it.

## WILL OF JAMES VANCE 1ST - - 1751 OF VIRGINIA

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: the twenty-sixth day of February, in the Year of our Lord God, one thousand seven hundred and fifty, I, JAMES VANCE, Opequon, in the County of Frederick and Colony of Virginia, having one of my members to be cut off in short time, but now being of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and bequeath my soul to the Lord that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection to receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, bequeath of and dispose the same in following manner and form:

Imprimis, after all my just debts and funeral charges and my lands cleared out of the office is paid out of my estate.

Item: I allow and appoint my children to be schooled as my Executors shall think proper and sufficient out of my estate. Item: I allow my well beloved wife and children to live together and have their maintenance out of my estate until my children come of age or their mother marry. Item: I leave my beloved wife, after the above, the one-half of my moveable estate. Item: and my oldest daughter, Mary Vance, and young daughter, Sarah, to have the other half, of my moveable estate, divided into two equal parts, to each one a part. Item: I appoint my land where I live with the survey on the other side of the creek that Mr. Byrns run out to be one plantation, and the land I bought of Mr. Nite that to be run out, to be another plantation, of which two plantations, I allow my older son, Samuel Vance to have his choice when come of age, and the other plantation to be my young son, William's. Item: I allow my two sons after come of age, to give their mother, my beloved wife, Elizabeth, a sufficient maintenance whilst she liveth continuing a widow. Item: If one of my sons die before of age, the other to enjoy all my lands, but if one of my daughters die before of age, their part to be equally divided among the living.

I constitute, make and ordain my beloved wife and my brother, William Vance, and brother Robert Glass, Executors, and David Vance and William Stevenson, Guardians of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

JAMES VANCE(Seal)

The within Will, signed, sealed, published and declared by James Vance, the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, the subscribers, viz:

John Willson  
John Beckett  
Isaac Glass

At a Court held for Frederick County on Tuesday, the 12th day of November 1751. This last Will and Testament of James Vance, deceased, was proved in open Court by the oaths of John Willson, John Beckett and Robert Glass, the witnesses thereto, and Elizabeth Vance, Robert Glass and William Vance, the Executors therein named, having made oath to the same according to law. It was

admitted to record.

TEST. J. WOOD, C. C.

(Extracts from Wills)

ELIZA (i.e. ELIZABETH), WIDOW OF JAMES VANCE 1ST.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, The twelfth day of November Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, I Elizabeth Vance, of the County of Frederick and State of Virginia, I do revoke, rescind, frustrate and make void all wills by me formerly made and, declare and appoint this my last Will and Testament. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son, William Vance, that plantation or tract of land whereupon he, the said William Vance, now lives. Item: I give and bequeath to my son, James David Vance, my negro named Tom. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Gilkerson, my negro wench, named Bess, together with said negroes bed and bed clothes, spinning wheel and one chest. I likewise give and bequeath my wearing apparel to be equally divided betwixt my two daughters, viz: Mary Willson and Sarah Gilkerson. Item: I give and bequeath the remaining part of my personal estate to be equally divided in three shares the one I give and bequeath to my son, Samuel to be equally divided between my grand children. Viz: James Willson and Elizabeth Willson.

Samuel Vance, John Gilkerson and William Vance should be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have herunto set my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid above written.

ELIZABETH VANCE - X -  
(Her Mark L.S.)

Prolated October 6, 1775 (1775(1785))  
JAS. KEITH CO. COURT OF  
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

WILLIAM VANCE (JAMES 1ST) OF VIRGINIA - AUGUST 25, 1792

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. The 25th day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, I WILLIAM VANCE of the County of Frederick and State of Virginia.

Item: I allow my beloved wife my plantation where I now live as far as the road that is through the place with that part I bought from David Brown, during her widowhood, or until my son, John, comes to mature age. It is my will and desire that all my books that may be thought particularly necessary for the use and benefit of my wife and children may be kept carefully for ~~her~~ them until they may be thought fit to have the care of them.

Item: I allow that each shall get an equal share of them, but in particular, I allow my large Bible for my son James. Item: It is my will and desire that my silver things, such as for my own wear, be kept and equally divided amongst my three sons, viz: James, William and John. It is likewise my desire that my sword with its furniture be kept until it will sell near its former value or otherwise kept until my three sons be grown up and equally divided amongst them - sold or not. I give and bequeath to my brother, James David Vance, my suit of black clothes with my best hat, my best pair of boots and my chap and spurs. I give and bequeath all the other two-thirds of my movable estate with whatever may be the rest of the lands unto my three daughters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary, to be divided amongst them, but if any of my children should die before nature of age it is my will and desire that their estate so bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst the living of my children. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife and brother, James David Vance, and John Gilkerson - Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and Year at first written.

WILLIAM VANCE (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

SAMUEL VANCE

ALEX. FUSLY

WILLIAM R. VANCE

JAMES DAVID VANCE

Will Probatd - October 2, 1792

JAS. KEITH - C. CLERK,

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

DAVID VANCE - FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA - 1768  
September 18, 1767 - Prolated March 1, 1768

Bequest to sons, David and John Joseph Colville Vance - Daughters, Mary, Anne, Martha, and Janet. Wife's name not mentioned. He married a Colville).

Samuel Vance, Jr. and George Vance, Executors.

WILL OF JOHN VANCE - 1754 - Prolated 1769

names wife Elisabeth, Father, John, Alexander and Hannah (married the Indian fighter, Major Inlian Crawford). John devised large tracts of land to family.

ANGIER WACHER,  
COUNTY COURT CLERK,  
FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WILL OF JAMES VANCE 1762

Sons - Samuel and John - Daughters - Esther and Margaret. Children of age. - 1762

Line of Mrs Rose Burton Tyler of Mississippi.

WILL OF BENJAMIN VANCE - LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 6, 1845

Bequest of sons - William, Samuel, Theodore, P. Vance, James.  
Daughters - Eleanor P. Oakley, Sarah Hamilton, - Robert L. Vance, Benjamin Hilton, Andrew Warwick, Charles Cameron, William Lindsey.

Executors - William and Theodore Vance.

C.M. Woolfolk and George Zimmerman, Witnesses.  
Will prolated January 18, 1848

WILL OF PATRICK VANCE - KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
August 26, 1801

Be it known to all men such as it in anyway concerns, that PATRICK VANCE, of the State of Tennessee and County of Knox, being impressed by the decay of nature and the frailties of Old Age, and sensible of the uncertainty of Death, do make, Constitute this to be my last Will and Testament, unless set aside by another.

Item: I leave to my two sons, John and James, two hundred acres of land on which they are settled in Jefferson County, to be laid off agreeable to a bond they have of me, one hundred and fifty acres including the old improvement on the upper end of the place I allow to be leased or rented year by year for the use of my wife and minor children, under her direction the rest of that tract of land, I allow to be sold or divided between David, Patrick, William, Robert, my sons, they paying my daughter, Sarah Campbell, forty dollars, and to Elizabeth Devico, forty dollars, or the value thereof in property and land in Knox County. I leave with what other property I have thereof for my wife and minor children during her life, the negro child, Silva, at my wife's death to my daughter, Jean and her heirs, the land in Knox County to be my sons, Joseph, my land in Jefferson County, above reserved, then to be for my son Samuel and his heirs and assigns, he paying to his sister, Mary, the sum of One hundred and forty dollars, or property to the value thereof, at the end of one year after it falls to him.

My wife Elizabeth, I appoint Executrix, with the assistance of my son, John Vance, and my son-in-law, John Campbell, to execute this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this twenty-sixth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and one.

Patrick Vance (Seal)

## WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK VANCE

Son of Patrick -6 Patrick -7 Hugh -6 Hugh -5 Thomas -4 George of  
Ranell -3 Patrick -2 Rev. John Vane -1 - was born March 2, 1780 - died  
1852 at Lexington, Virginia - married Kestiah (Grand daughter of Charles  
Robinson (Robertson) of Tennessee) His children:

Charles Robinson 3rd - James Harvey - Marie - David - William - Nicholas -  
Catherine - Patrick - Caroline (Mrs Craighead) - Harriet (Mrs. Thornton) -  
Susan (Mrs Patton). Kestiah married Dr. Herndon of Kentucky. James H  
Harvey, son of William Kirkpatrick Vance - born 1811 - married Jane Sevier  
(Valentine Sevier and Nancy Mansfield) and died 1893. Children: 1. Charles  
Robinson - born 183- at Jonesboro, Tennessee - married 1850, Margaret  
Howland. They had: Rev. James Isaac Vance, born (?) at Arcadia, Tenn. -  
married December 16, 1886 at Yadville, S.C. Marie Stile Curroll. Child-  
ren: Margaret, William, Agnes, Ruth, James I., Jr. Charles R. (b) Rev.  
Joseph Anderson Vance, born 1861. (c) Charles R. (d) Margaret (e) Rebecca.  
2. Maria G., married Rev. John King. 3. Anna, died young. 4. Kestiah, died  
unmarried. 5. James Harvey married Miss Patrick. 6. William K., married  
Fanny Miller. 7. Marie died single. 8. Joseph married Fettle Jane, had  
James P. and Charles R. 9. Jennie Patrick, son of William Kirkpatrick,  
married Elisabeth, and had John, James, Joseph and Samuel. ~~MISSISS~~

William Nicholas Vance (William Kirkpatrick) married Sarah Anne Nether-  
land - he was born November 12, 1814 at Greenville, Tennessee, and died  
November 12, 1875. Children: Kestiah R., Mary R., Samuel R., Charles S.,  
Alice, William K., Ida, Jennie and Robert. William Kirkpatrick (son of  
William N. Vance, N.D.) born May 27, 1832 at Bristol, Tennessee, married  
Susan N. Dixie. Children: Frederick, William K., David and Douglas R.

Inscription on the tomb of Margaret Laughlin Vance, Sinking Spring  
Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia. (Taken from an old paper and the tomb).

"Margaret Laughlin Vance was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania,  
in March 1775, moved to Holstein, Virginia with her father in the Fall  
of 1778, married Samuel Vance, the 6th January, 1798, by whom she had  
12 children - died the 6th of November, 1810."

"Here Mrs. Vance reposes, who sustained so well each part in life  
by Heaven ordained, that she by word or act ne'er made a foe, and only  
by death occasioned one. As wife and mother, relative and friend, words  
are too weak her conduct to commend."

"Stop stranger, as you go by,  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, you will be -  
Stranger look on eternity."

Inscription on the Tomb of Samuel Vance in Sinking Springs Cemetery,  
Abingdon, Virginia.

In the memory of Samuel 1st, with Sarah Colville Vance, his wife,  
both from Ireland, early in life.

"We have travelled far and wide  
To come into this ground  
But in this place will abide  
Until the trump's last sound."

In memory of Samuel Vance, Sailor, who died December 8, 1778.

#### ANDREW VANCE III - WILL

Andrew Vance III will (W - 275) probated October 20, 1818, divides  
his property between Andrew Vance, son of James Vance, Andrew Milton Vance,  
son of Samuel Vance, and Andrew Vance, son of John Vance. His negro,  
David Clark, to be hired for seven years and proceeds to be applied to  
support of my aged parents, as they may need it - appoints his brother,  
James Vance, one Executor.

#### WILL OF JAMES VANCE

Will of James Vance (W - 104) probated May 23, 1835, bequest to son,  
Andrew, fifty dollars in cash, extra, because he did not at his marriage  
receive as much assistance as his other children.

Leave \$40.00 to American Bible Society.  
Leave \$40.00 to Presbyterian Board - Foreign Missions.  
Daughter Elizabeth Logan is to remain in his house.  
Daughter Sarah Apperson, share of estate and also  
Nattie Johnson is to be allowed the same.

EXECUTORS:  
JOHN VANCE  
ANDREW VANCE

## ANDREW JACKSON

Andrew Jackson, General and President of the United States. The most distinguished descendant of Rev. John Vane, A. M., the Scottish Minister, in Ireland - 1617.

Andrew Jackson was born in South Carolina (according to his will) in 1769, and died at his home "The Hermitage" near Nashville, Tennessee - June 8, 1845, and is buried by the side of his beloved wife, Rachel Donelson. The place of his birth, his nativity, has been a matter of contention ever since his death. The early historians made no effort to trace his family in Ireland. In our sketch of Vane's, we will not enter into discussion of the question, but in view of the many unjust statements in regard to his parentage, the following extracts from various sources may prove interesting. Balbirnie in his "Vane Family" has this to say:

"No objection, we presume can be made to the portrait of General Andrew Jackson as the frontpiece in our history of the Vane Family. We hope some of the "Vanes of Coagh" will be able to trace a resemblance which we distinctly do."

Again he says:

"Our Mother, meaning Mrs. George Balbirnie (nee Margaret Vane) highly esteemed her cousin, Margaret Vane (Mrs William Vane) and used to tell her children of her cousins, the Jacksons of Mahamfelt, to whom she was cousin (Germain) and of which family Andrew Jackson, Sr., was a member."

Also from Balbirnie:

"Elizabeth, daughter of John Vane of Coagh 1st, married Andrew Jackson and emigrated to America, and there gave birth to Andrew Jackson - General and President of the United States - of whom it is said that he was the bravest soldier, the wisest statesman that ever Ancient or Modern History recorded."

Later historians of Vane's claim that General Andrew Jackson was the son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth Hutchinson, and grand son of Hugh Jackson (or Andrew), and Elizabeth Vane (A.P.J.) Whether Elizabeth Vane or Elizabeth Hutchinson was his mother, does not matter so long as the fine relationship was there. The great Presbyterian Preacher, Rev. John Craig of Virginia Valley, whose wife, Sarah Jackson, was first cousin to General Jackson. Rev. Francis Hutchinson, the eloquent orator and leader of men - the high spirited, principled Jackson - and the Vane's, an ancient and distinguished family. In regard to his being of peasant birth, a late genealogical record of his Scotch pedigree shows him to have descended on both sides, from the old Scottish Kings. We give below excerpts from letters of Eleanor Seayle - 1820 - a Genealogist and Antiquarian of Mt. Larn, Ireland, a close student of Scotch-Irish families of Antrim and Down in Ulster Province, both and after their coming to America. She writes:

"I noticed Col. Colyear's "Jackson and His Times" - this erroneous statement that Jackson's mother was a peasant woman. She was a remarkable woman, and belonged to one of the most honorable families of Antrim in Ulster, settled by Scotsmen of birth and influence - else they could not have met the requirements of King James."

James Jackson, the ancestor of General Andrew Jackson, was born and spent his early part of his life in Donegal, Ireland, on a fine farm on Woodburn River, where the Jacksons had lived for nearly 200 years. The home was not far from Londonderry Co., near Coleraine. James Jackson (according to the descendant, Samuel Jackson, whom I know to be an upright, honorable man) was forced to leave his home because he would not vote as his landlord, the Marquis of Donegal, wished him to do. James removed to Antrim Co. and here his son, John, was born, whose son, Dr. James Jackson, was born in 1690. Tradition is that Elizabeth Vance, was either his first or second wife - was one of the two, and their son "Andrew Jackson" - Hugh and David by his second marriage. Lady Mary Carr was his third wife, and their daughter, Margaret, married William McCaughey, and emigrated to America. A Jackson correspondent says:

"While Andrew Jackson was President of the United States, Jane (daughter of Margaret Jackson McCaughey, above) met him at Worcester, Ohio, and Jackson recognized her as his own cousin and when he returned to Washington, he sent her a fine brass knocker for the front door of her new home."

Margaret McCaughey was a remarkable woman. Her descendants tell of her remarkable memory - dates events as accurate as a card index. She brought many of her father's Medical books with her to America.

Eleanor Seiple says:

"Andrew Jackson, Sr., was a member of a Society "The United Men" who opposed the rule of George III of England. His property was confiscated, which counts for impoverished conditions in America - and he had to flee from Ireland. He and his wife and sons, Hugh and Robert, sailed from the Port of Carrickfergus, May 1765, to join their relatives in South Carolina. Andrew and their youngest son, was born a few weeks after his father's death, in 1769. Note this - General Andrew Jackson's brothers were Hugh and Robert."

Readers of American history recall the tragedies which happened to General Jackson's mother and his brothers - no wonder he hated the British, for he carried through his life the scar of a sword cut of a dastardly officer, because, Andrew, a prisoner of war, refused to black an officer's boots.

Again we quote from Eleanor Seiple:

"The two great Jackson Generals - Andrew and Thomas H. (Stonewall) were of the same family. General Stonewall Jackson's ancestors had a farm near Lisburne, and from there came to America."

Mrs. Jackson, in the story of General Thomas J. Jackson (her husband) writes - "The great Uncle Jackson of my husband's and General Andrew Jackson, met in the Halls of Congress and found that their Jackson Ancestors came from the same parish, near Londonderry."

Doesn't the same blood run through the veins of these two great leaders of men - General Andrew and Stonewall Jackson? To this question we have no definite reply. The late John Trotwood Moore, State Archivist of Tennessee, and ardent admirer and defender of Andrew Jackson at all times, in his "Jackson and Beloved Rachel" written for the Saturday Evening Post July 25, 1925 says:

"Let us in Justice show the falsity of statements of early historians of Jackson. Take Barton, an Englishman, who quotes freely from Vincent Nolte's "Fifty Years in Both Hemispheres." It is he who wrote this ridiculous story of the reception to Jackson at New Orleans, and the uncomplimentary description of Rachel Jackson. The motive for this scurrilous attack upon Jackson was that General Jackson caught Vincent Nolte and his brother in over-reaching the Government in regard to the price of cotton sales, used in defense of New Orleans. He jailed one and came near jailing the other. Author of above book."

Later historians repeated this story told by Nolte - such to their discredit. Daniel Webster told of an interview with Thomas Jefferson, in which Jefferson said: "Jackson has the finest manners of any of the Senators, not even John Quincy Adams." Theodore Roosevelt, the man who perhaps more nearly inherited the strenuous many sided genius of Andrew Jackson - while standing at Jackson's tomb, among other things said: "I would not say "Old Hickory" was faultless, not one is perfect, but Andrew Jackson was as upright a patriot, an honest and fearless a gentleman as ever any one was in public life. His memory will ever be a precious national heritage and his public career should be studied and emulated by every public man who is in good faith a servant of the people of the United States.

We could give countless testimonials as to the greatness of this man in his public and private life. The tribute this great man paid to his wife is one of the most beautiful of all times. After her death he wrote to his adopted sons

"We lived together, happy husband, loving wife, for nearly forty years. When I entered our room it seemed hallowed by a divine presence. ~~xix~~ I never heard her say a word that could sully an angel's lips, or know her to commit any act her Maker could have condemned. What I have accomplished I owe to her. Had I always taken her advice, deeds I now regret would never have been done. She made earth a Paradise for me, without her there would be no Heaven." Mr. Moore says, "Was this a common, ignorant woman as Nolte claims - this "Queen of our wilderness Caesar" through whose beauty of form and soul held through life and death the idolatrous love of her great husband." It does not require a critical research that for some cause the books, Lives of General Jackson, written by Barton, and one by Sumner, after Jackson's death were so unjust as to be offensive to American History - so spiteful, so vicious that a feeling of resentment is felt by all just men. As a soldier - one of framers of our Tennessee Constitution - then, as a Member of Congress, twice as U.S. Senator - Governor of Florida - and finally President of the United States, He was an upright, honorable, fearless gentleman, and has proven to be the most distinguished descendant in America of Sir Patrick Vane and wife, Lady Margaret Kennedy - the grand daughter of King Bruce of Scotland.

## VANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND OTHER STATES

In tax lists of Adams County, Pennsylvania - 1767 - Charles and John Vance.

Isidial Vance, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania - 1785 - contributed to Berry Church.

Rev. Joseph Vance, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Maj. William Vance of Virginia, died 1708 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. His son, William Vance, born 1774, died 1856 in Lancaster Co.

Joseph D. Vance's letter - 1815 - to Captain David Vance a nephew, speaks of a monument to Captain Samuel Vance (Samuel Colville), son of David Vance who married a Colville (See David's Will in Virginia).

Samuel Colville Vance's pedigree in Provincial Councillors (Keith).

As early as 1685, William Penn made grants of land in Delaware to John and William Vance (brother), who came to Virginia.

## FROM SCOTCH - IRISH (Hans)

General Joseph Vance of Washington County Pennsylvania. In him the distinctive Scotch - Irish traits, mental and physical were indelible traced. Was in War of 1812. Member of Congress for eight years and Governor twice.

## VANCE SOLDIERS

The Vance family has its war records and many Vance names are found in all the lists of Soldiers in Wars of United States. Among the many names we have gleaned the following names: Samuel, Andrew and John Vance, Frederick County Virginia, paid for military service in Revolutionary War from Augusta County Virginia.

Robert Vance (Samuel 1st) married Jean White in 1775, died 1814. Buried in Pennsylvania - was first white settler in Ohio Valley. Built "Vance Fort" in 1793. Served under Washington with Redbank in 1793.

In War of 1812 - Isaac, James, John and Jacob. Andrew Vance in Captain James Anderson's Company, Second Regiment of Reserves, Kentucky. General Joseph Vance and Colonel John Vance of Pennsylvania were descendants of Major William Vance, who served in Revolutionary War, and gave his name to a fort in Pennsylvania - "Vance's Frontier Fort."

## SAMUEL VANCE'S - RECORD FOR D.A.R.

1. He was born 1749. See Tombstone and Obituary.
2. Moved from Frederick County, Virginia, to Washington County, Virginia in 1775. See Brock's "Virginia and Virginians" - Vol. 11 - page 715.
3. Fought Indians in many skirmishes. See "Virginia and Virginians" Vol. 11 page 716 and Obituary.
4. At battle of Point Pleasant - 1774 - under Bran Shalby. Samuel Vance was Lieutenant, wounded - Sumner's History, Southwest Virginia pages 155-156.
5. Married to Margaret Laughlin - 1776. See Tombstone, Sinking Springs St Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia.
6. In 1780 at King's Mountain, under Col. William Campbell. See "V & V" page 716 and Obituary. Sumner's, page 864. McAllister's "Virginia Militia in Revolution". Pension Bureau Records. War Department Records. Account

(Samuel Vance 2nd. Record for D.A.R. - cont.)

dated February 1777 on file in this office. The U.S. in account with Peter Muhlenberg. To cash paid Samuel Vance for two blankets for recruits, etc.

7. Died December 8, 1838. See Tombetone - U.S. Secretary.

CAPTAIN DAVID VANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA at Kings Mountain and other battles - from Surcoube County, North Carolina - died 1813.

JAMES DAVID VANCE 2ND - Served under Washington - a descendant in Oldham Kentucky - has letters from George Washington to his youthful friend, James David Vance, to whom he later gave a commission.

GENERAL JOSEPH W. VANCE, Los Angeles, California, on Staff of General Grant in Civil War. Federal Soldier.

William Penn Johnson and sons, Lieutenant William Rochester (husband of writer) and Robert Livingston were with General Albert Sidney Johnson, in Civil War. Robert killed at battle of Rappahannock, Tennessee - age 16.

The Vances stood in battle line at Lexington, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, Saratoga, Valley Forge, Antietam and Gettysburg. They were in all wars in defense of their Country.

Dr. Patrick Vance was appointed Third Surgeon in Colonel Christian's Regiment at Camp Mifflin "Lady Antler" - In Draper's M.S.S. we find "Dr. Patrick Vance's treatment for scalp wounds, discovered while a Surgeon in Army among men quartered at Long Island on Holstein River. He bored a hole in skull to create new flesh - operation called Trepanning.

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#### GENEALOGY OF VANCE (A.E. VANCE)

DE VANCE - VANCE - FAMILY OF DEVAUX - ENGLAND - SCOTLAND.

Harold De Vaux - Lord of Humby. Hubert, Randolph and Robert, his sons accompanied "William the Conqueror" to England.

Randolph De Vaux, son or grand son of Hubert, was the first in Scotland 1185.

Malby De Vallibus was his son. Johannes Vaux (or De Vallibus) son was Lord Dirliton. Alexander De Vallibus was his son and successor. Thomas Vaux, his eldest son and successor, died without issue. ----- Vaux, his next brother, succeeded.

Johannes Vaux, a younger son of Thomas, Lord of Dirliton, established himself in Galloway, and in the year 1394, married Elisabeth Cassillis, heiress of Bannockroch, Wigtonshire, Scotland. From that date to present time a male heir has ruled the Baron of Bannockroch. They had: Sir Blaise Vaux, who married Elisabeth, daughter of Sir John Stobs, and had: Sir Patrick Vaux of Bannockroch 1st, Privy Councillor and Ambassador to Denmark, who married Lady Mary, daughter of John, Lord Kennedy, a Regent of Scotland. Lady Mary Kennedy was great grand daughter of Princess Mary Stuart, the daughter of Robert 3rd, King of Scotland. They had Alexander Vaux, who died without issue, and was succeeded by his brother, Sir Patrick Vaux 2nd, who had, Sir John Vaux, who died in battle 1397. His son, Sir Patrick 3rd of Bannockroch, married first, Lady Elisabeth (Sir Hugh Kennedy) first Earl of Cassilis - He married second, Lady Catherine, his cousin, daughter of

Gilbert W. Kennedy, Third Earl of Cassillo, and "Lord High Treasurer of Scotland." By second marriage, he had: Sir John Vans of Bannawish, who died in 1542, his title, Sir John Vans of Long Castle, Donegal, Ireland. An estate granted him by King James. This Sir John Vans married Margaret McDowell of Gwentland. They had: Sir Patrick Vans 4th, and a younger son, Rev. John Vans, A.M., first of name in Ireland. Sir Patrick Vans 2nd, eldest son of Sir John Vans of Long Castle, Knight, married Lady Geisell. Their descendant, Sir John 3rd, married his cousin, Margaret Agnew (late Baron Agnew). From that time to present time the heir of this branch has been "Vans" - "Agnew". Other members of family have the name Vans. A member of Vance family of America has letters from him, giving Vans arms, etc.

SCOTTISH LINE OF LADY MARY KENNEDY, WHO MARRIED  
SIR PATRICK VANS 1ST OF SCOTLAND

1. Robert Bruce 1st, King of Scotland, married Lady Isabella, daughter of Earl of Mar, and had:
  2. The Princess Margerie, who married Walter, Lord High sheriff of Scotland, and had:
    3. King Robert II, who had:
      4. King Robert III, who married Lady Isabella (Sir John Russell of Stob Hall), and had:
        5. Princess Mary Stewart, who married - first, Sir James Kennedy of Dunmore, and had:
          6. Sir Gilbert, Kennedy, created Lord Kennedy, one of the six Governors of Scotland during minority of James III. He married Lady Catherine Maxwell, and had:
            7. John, second Lord Kennedy, Regent of Scotland - died 1503. He married Elisabeth, daughter of Alexander (Lord Montgomerie). Their daughter:
              8. Lady Mary Kennedy, married Sir Patrick Vans 1st (eldest son of Blaise (Blaise) Vans of Bannawish and Wigtonshire, a Privy Councillor and Ambassador of Scotland to Denmark.

For continuation of line, see Genealogy of Bann(i.e. Vans) Vans family of France, England and Scotland.