

FAMILY HISTORY.

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The Yanceys were of Welsh origin, and the first of the name came to America in 1642, being four brothers who arrived with Sir William Berkeley, Governor of Virginia, the founder of the Southern branch was Benjamin Yancey, and his son was Lewis Davis Yancey, named for Sir John Dabney Davis. Lewis Davis Yancey settled in the 17th century on a large plantation near Culpepper, Va. His son, Major James Yancey of the Virginia line married Miss Cudworth of Charleston, S. C., and they had a son, Benjamin Cudworth Yancey, born 1783, educated at the Academy of Sciences at Lawrens, served in the US. navy and removed to Abbeville, S. C.; and entered the office of John C. Calhoun. Later he entered partnership with Daniel Huger in Charleston. He married Miss Caroline Bird, daughter of Col. William Bird of the "Aviary" Warren Co., GA. He had two sons, William Lowndes and Benjamin Cudworth, Jr. He died in 1817 of malaria when his son, William Lowndes Yancey was but 3 years old, Benjamin Yancey, Jr. became Minister to Argentina.

William Lowndes Yancey was born 10 Aug. 1814 at the "Aviary", the home of his grandfather. His mother married again some years after, the Principal of the Mount Zion Academy, Hancock CO. Ga. Rev. Nathen Beman, a New Yorker and they removed to New York and settled in Troy, where William continued his education at academies in Troy, Bennington and Lenox, finally attending Williams College, Mass. He could not forget his southern blood and just before his graduation, he returned to So. Carolina and entered the law office of B. F. Perry of Greenville, S. C. At this early age he was an ardent believer in the State's rights and later became known as a leader of the most effective type. He removed from South Carolina to Alabama in 1833. He married Miss Sara Earle, daughter of Georg Washington Earle, and great-grand-daughter of John Earle of Earle's Fort, brother of Boylis Earle of the Pacolet, S.D., He was elected to the Alabama legislature in 1841 and later went to Congress from Alabama becoming a national figure by his brilliant oratory in defense of the South and her views. In 1848 Mr. Yancey wrote the Alabama platform adopted by the Alabama Democratic Convention six years later which declared that the Territory of the United States belonged to all the people and they had a right to take their property whether stocks or bonds or negroes into it when they chose to do so. The Democratic Convention at Charleston refused to endorse this Platform Mr. Yancey led the Alabama delegation out of the convention, thus splitting the party into factions leading to the election of Abraham Lincoln, and thus caused the Southern States to secede. Jefferson Davis was Mr. Yancey's choice for President of the Confederacy and at the formation of the Confederate government Davis offered Yancey any office he might choose to fill in the new government. Mr. Yancey decided to accept appointment as commissioner from the Confederate States of America to ENGLAND and France for persuading these countries to recognize the New government. He failed however, in this mission and returned home in 1862, broken in spirits and health, feeling how hopeless was the attitude of the outside world toward the Southern government. He served the Confederacy faithfully until his death in Montgomery, July 27, 1863, and was buried in Montgomery, mourned by all the devoted defenders of the Beloved South. William Lowndes Yancey's only living son is Capt. William Earle Yancey, born in Wetumpka, Ala. 4 Nov. 1843. He was in training at Annapolis, on

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 the old school ship, Old Ironsides, when Alabama seceded. He
 resigned from the Academy and came home because a drill master in the
 Confederate army served on the Mobile coast, later in Georgia and was
 at the siege of Vicksburg, but was sent to a hospital on sick leave
 at Montgomery just before his father's death. Arriving in time to be
 with him when he died. Capt. Yancey served throughout the war and
 surrendered with Joseph E. Johnston at Greensboro, N. C.; Capt.
 Yancey married Mary Lanier, daughter of Major Lanier of New Orleans,
 and among his children are: Mrs. A. F. Besson, New York City;
 William Lanier Yancey who died recently; Mary Yancey, who married Mr.
 Lewis first, then L.P. Kees, and resides in Atlanta; Mrs. Ernest
 and Mrs. W.W. Welsh, both of whom reside in Birmingham, Ala. Capt.
 Yancey is well and hale at the age of 86 years and resides in
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America--Political leader, son of Benj.Cudworth Yancey, lawyer of So. Car. was born in Warren County, Ga. on Aug.10,1814. He attended Williams College for 1 year, studied law at Greenville, S.C. and was admitted to the bar. He was elected on the 1841 La. State house of Rep. became State Senator 1843 and in 1844 was elected to national house to fill vacancy, being re-elected in 1845. In 1846 he resigned his seat, and devoted himself to the resistance of anti-slavery aggression. In 1848 he secured the adoption of State Democratic Convention of the so-called "Alabama Platform", declaring it was the duty of Congress not only to allow slavery in all territories but to also protect it, that a territorial legislature could not exclude it, and that the Democratic party should not support for pres. or Vice-Pres. not openly opposed to the exclusion of slavery from the territories. When Democratic convention in Baltimore refused to incorporate his ideas into the platform, Yancey and colleagues left the convention. He opposed compromise of 1850 and advocated secession. In 1858 he advocated the appointment of committee of safety, the formation of league of United Southerners and repeal of laws making the African slave-trade jerauy? He attended the Charleston Democratic Convention in April 1860 and demanded adoption of his ideas. Defeated he again left the hall followed by the delegates of Alabama, Miss. La., So. Carolina, Florida, Texas and two or three from Delaware. On the next day, Geo. and Ark. delegation withdrew.

In the Baltimore convention of the secedors he advocated nomination of John C. Breckenridge, and made a tour of the country on his behalf. When the South seceded, he delivered the address of welcome to Jefferson Davis on his arrival at Montgomery, but declined a place on Davis' cabinet. On Mar.31, 1861, he sailed for Europe as the head of a commission, sent to secure recognition of the Confederate Government, but returned in 62 to take a seat in Confederate senate. On account of failing health, he left Richmond early in 1863 and on July 21 died at his home at Montgomery.

"The Life and Times of William Lowndes Yancey"
by John Witherspoon Dubose

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Four Bros. Charles, William, Joel, and Robert Yancey (Welchmen) came with their families to Virginia in 1642 with Gov. Sir William Berkeley.

Charles of Buckingham was one of the Yanceys of note in the early times.

Lewis Davis Yancey --son of one of the above four settled in Culpepper county.

Capt. Joel Yancey fought in the in the Revolutionary war. Must have been a decendent of the original Joel.

Major Gen. Robert Emmet Rodes son of Martha Yancey of Virginia fought for the Confederates. A decendent of Capt. Joel.

Major James Yancey decendent of Lewis Davis Yancey of Virginia Continental Army. At end of war settled in west S. C. Laurens Dist.--in practice of Law.

Major James Yancey married Miss Cudworth of Charleston. ch. Benjamin Cudworth Yancey born in 1783. He went to Academy of Classics in Laurens, taught by Dr. Pyles. He also was Midshipman ~~of~~ of Captain Truxtun's flag ship. He practiced law with John C. Calhoun and Geo. Bouri at Abbeville S. C.. Yancey joined Judge Daniel E. Huger (U. S.) senator, in co-partnership in law-- in Charleston S.C..

Dec. 8, 1808 Benjamin c. Yancey married Miss Caroline-- dag. of Col. William Bird of ~~the~~ "The Aviary" Warren Co. Georgia.

3 Daughters of Col. Bird married signers of the ~~the~~ "Declaration of Independence-- James Wilson, & and George Ross of Penn., and George Read of Delaware.

Col. Bird first emigrated to Alexandria Va.. There married noted "belle"--- Daughter of Col. Dalton mistress of "The Aviary" and mother of all his children. He came to Georgia in 1796.

Younger ~~sister~~ sister of Mrs. Caroline Bird Yancey, Miss Louisa Bird married Capt. Robert Cunningham of "Rosemount" Laurens Dist. S.C., and officer in The War of 1812.

Invidid but brilliant daughter of Robert Cunningham Miss Anne Pamela wrote for newspapers a series of letters signed "southern Matron", helping to found the "Mount Vernon Association" and was first Regent.

Benjamin Cudworth Yancey and Miss Caroline Bird had William Lowndes born Aug. 10, 1814 at "The Aviary" near Falls of Ogeechee, Warren County, Georgia; and Benjamin Cudworth born in late 1815, or 1817

Father Benjamin Cudworth died of Malaria at the residence of Col. Breithaupt 8 miles from Edgefield, S.C. a at the age of 34 of in the year 1817.

Mrs. Yancey later married Rev. Nathan S.S. Beman vacinity of Mount Zion Academy, Hancock County.

Rev. came from interior of New York, lf Presbyterian f faith.

The Rev. and Mrs Yancey afterwards moved to Troy New York.

W. L. Yancey attended Williams College in Mass.

W.L. Yancey married Miss Sarah Caroline--5th daughter of Geo. Washington Earle-Esq. noted planter of Greenville Dist. in Aug. 13, 1835.

Father of Geo. W. Earle is Geo. Washington Earle and wife ~~ix~~ Elizabeth Robinson--G.W. E. of vicinity of Alexandria, Va. the latter from Fredericksburg, Va, General Waddy Thompson uncle of Mrs. Yancey.

Dr. Robinson M. Earle bro. of Geo. W. Earle and ~~fx~~ the former father of Elias Earle.

William E. Bird is a bro. of Miss Caroline Bird wife of B. C. Yancey.

W. L. Yancey and bro. B. C. published papers in Cahawba, Alabama. (papers Democrates, & Southern Democate) later obtained(Commercial Advertizer and The Argus of Wetumpka)

Charles Yancey possibly blood of the above operated a paper (Times) in West Wetumpka.

W.L.Yancey died July 27, 1863

some of his family is William Earle, Dalton Huger, Goodloe Harper---- and a daughter wife of John L. Harrell of confederate army service.

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Book

We have no Yancey family history and do not find one listed in the catalogue of other libraries or of dealers in such works. Erwin's "History of Williamson County, Illinois" in which county the town of Marion is located, does not include ancestors or any record of Hyrum Yancey.

We are unable to trace back the family of your grandfather, but if he is of the Virginia branch of Yanceys you may be interested in the following Yancey lineage, as found in Virkus: Compendium of American Genealogy", 1928, (vol. 3)

John Yancey, one of four brothers, emigrated from Wales 1642 to Virginia and settled on the Rappahannock River. His son, Ensign Charles Yancey, 1714- , was an officier in the French and Indian War, 1754, and a member of the Committee of Safety, of Louisa Co., Va., 1775. He married Miss Dumas, of Louisa Co.

Their son, Jeremiah Yancey, 1745-1784, of Albemarle Co., Va. married Margaret Molyreaux.

Their son, Col. Charles Yancey, 1766- , was a magistrate and colonel of the 47th Virginia Regiment, 1806, also a Burgess 1806--1806. He married second Jane Alexander, 1774-1851, daughter of Hugh Alexander and Jane Kincaird.

Their son, Jechonias, 1805-1894, married 1833 Julia Lee Winn. Their son, Joseph Albert Yancey, 1837-1905, of Albemarle Co., Va. and of New Orleans, La. married first Mary Hartman Link -1862, and married second 1868 Katherine Sophia Snead, 1848-1924. By his first marriage he had a daughter, Mary Winn Yancey, who married William D. Fonville, and by his second marriage he had:

Arthur Yancey, born in Richmond, Va. 1868,
Ellen Condie Yancey, 1870- , who married Aleander Pope Vason,
Margaret Will Yancey, who married Henry W. Todd.

The Virginia Magazine, 1915 (vol. 23) gives a list of the Yanceys who served in the Revolutionary War, as follows:

Leighton
Robert
Absolom
John
Lewis
Ludwell

John Y

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The First National Bank of Harrisonburg, of which John G. Yancey is Vice President and cashier, is one of the oldest national banks in Virginia, having been organized in 1865. Its original capitalization was \$110,000.00. Its first president was A. B. Irick and the first cashier was C. C. Strayer. The second president was J. L. Sibert and the second cashier was L. C. Meyers. L. C. Meyers has had a notable service with the institution as cashier, continuing the duties of that office until 1906 when he was made president, and is still connected with the bank as its executive officer. The third president was Philo Bradley, paternal grandfather of John G. Yancey, the present cashier. Mr. Bradley resigned on account of failing eyesight and was succeeded by Mr. Meyers. The third cashier was C. H. Chandler, who took office after Mr. Meyers was promoted to president, and at the death of Mr. Chandler, John G. Yancey was advanced from teller to cashier.

The First National Bank of Harrisonburg has stood the storm of many years and financial panics. At one time its capital was reduced to \$66,000.00. Since February 1918, its capital has been \$300,000.00 and it now has a surplus of \$150,000.00 and undivided profits at \$47,000.00. The bank is one of the strongest in Shenandoah Valley, with total resources of nearly two and one half million dollars. The principal officers at the time are: L. C. Meyers, executive officer; George E. Sipe, chairman of the board; W. L. Dechert, president, and John G. Yancey, vice president and cashier. The Board of Directors include a number of men prominent in the business and professional affairs of Rockingham Co.

John Gibbons Yancey, the vice president was born at Harrisonburg, February 11, 1854. His father John Gibbons Yancey, Sr., was born in 1852 in Stonewall District of Rockingham Co. He finished his education in Emery and Henry College, and on leaving school, found employment in a store at Harrisonburg. For a time he was in business as a partner with Charles Fellows, and leaving there he became a manufacturer of plaster and finally was in the grain business with the firm of Yancey and Kent of Harrisonburg. The interests of this firm were subsequently extended to include wood, coal, and wholesale groceries. On the retirement of Mr. Kent he was succeeded by J. M. Snell, and the business was continued under the name Yancey, Snell & Company. The senior partner finally retired and acquired a third interest in the Harrisonburg Milling Co. The last years of his life were given to that business, and he was still active at the time of his death on April 30, 1913.

John Gibbons Yancey, Sr., gave his time and energies to business and was never in politics. However, he was widely known all over Western Va. for his prominence in Masonry, and was a noted authority of this ancient craft. He took all the degrees conferable in the U. S. He also laid much stress upon religious work, and for forty years was an official in the Methodist Church at Harrisonburg.

His wife was Miss Fannie Bennett Bradley, a daughter of Philo Bradley, the banker. She was born in Harrisonburg and was reared and educated there and is still living. Her children are Sue, wife of E. R. Lineweaver, of Harrisonburg; John Gibbons, Jr., Philo B., connected with Canadian Explosives, Limited of Montreal, Canada; and Edward B., who is with the Duport Power Company and a resident of Woodbury, New Jersey.

John G. Yancey, Jr., while a boy at Harrisonburg attended private schools, later public schools, and at the age of sixteen transferred his further preparation for a chosen business career to a practical apprenticeship as a clerk in the insurance office of J. R. Lupton. Though he remained there only six months, it was a valuable time and experience there, and gave him much equipment for the duties that followed. Mr. Yancey began his work for the First National Bank of Harrisonburg as a runner, and for a time he swept out the banking quarters, fired the furnace, carried the mail, and gradually familiarized himself with the more technical responsibilities until there was scarcely any department of banking which he has not gained an intimate acquaintance. In April 1917 he was promoted to cashier as the successor of C. H. Chandler, and since January 13, 1920, has also been Vice President.

While he regards banking as his chief business and profession, Mr. Yancey has not neglected the interests of the community. For eight years he was a member of the Harrisonburg City Council. During his membership in the council a large concrete \$5,000,000 gallon reservoir was installed as additional equipment for the water works, and the old electric plant on the river was dismantled and replaced with a modern turbine system of generators. However, perhaps his chief contribution to the efficiency of the city government was his active participation and financial experience in securing the establishment and maintenance of a proper sinking fund against the banded indebtedness of the city. Mr. Yancey is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He teaches the oldest Bible class at Harrisonburg, having succeeded his father as teacher. His grandfather Bradley also taught the class at one time.

In November 1918, at Harrisonburg, Mr. Yancey married Miss Lucile Rosenberger, daughter of A. R. and Eva K. (Long) Rosenberger, of Charleston, West Va. Mrs. Yancey was born at New Market Va., where her father was a banker at the time. She is the only child of her parents and was educated in Randolph-Macan College. Mr. and Mrs. Yancey have a daughter, Dorathy.

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GEORGE WORTH YANCEY? by MRS. S.K. YANCEY?, taken from the "Churches of Christ" by John T. Brown, John P. Merton and Co, Louisville, Kentucky. 1904. page 437.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest child of Thomas and Z Zelcha Yancey and was born in New Liberty, Owen Co, Ky. March 3, 1847. His father was a Virginian, being a cousin of Wm.L. Yancey of Confederate fame. His mother was first cousin of the Merton brothers who were pioneers preachers of the Restoration. From both father he inherited a fine physique and a strong mind. When two years of age his father died, leaving the mother and five children. She journeyed to Missouri and here on the prairies of this new country Worth Yancey spent his boyhood days. He left his home at the early age of thirteen to make his own way. At sixteen he entered the office of the Palmyra Spectator and learned the art of printing. About this time he united with the church and soon afterwards decided to become a preacher of the Gospel. To this end he bent every energy, reading and studying every spare moment. He became a proficient typesetter, earning good wages which he laid by for his college course. At the age of 19 he entered Kentucky University. He graduated from both the college of the Bible and the University with honors, beloved by faculty and student body. During nearly all of his college course he preached regularly every Sunday. His vacations were spent in protracted meetings in Ky and Mo. After graduating he was called to Carlisle then to Floyd and Chestnut Street Church Louisville, (now Broadway.) laboring with this church for 6 years then the Campbell Church four years Cynthian Church 5 years where his health failed. His last sermon was preached Sept. 30 1894. On the 7 Sept 1896 at Williamstown Ky. his buoyant spirit with "glimpses of the farther shore was released from its tenant of clay, on 9 June 1871 he was united in marriage with Sarah Kendall Hogan of Williamstown Ky. who with two sons Worth and Hogan and a little daughter Lela survive him, Graham the eldest son preceded his father to the homeland..