

# The Hollyday and Related Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland

INCLUDING THE TRUMAN, VAUGHAN,  
COVINGTON, LLOYD, ROBINS,  
CHAMBERLAINE, HAYWARD, CARMICHAEL,  
MURRAY, BENNETT, EARLE, CHEW,  
HEMSLEY, TILGHMAN, GOLDSBOROUGH, AND  
OTHER FAMILIES

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when the time came Henry, II, was among the merry dancers. James, III, and George Gale were boon companions and frequently went off on trips to "Rehobeth" and Cape Charles where they spent as much as two weeks. His father's letters show James as both a sport and a student, each apparently taking its proper place. One of his especial amusements was writing wills, no less than six of which are still in existence with his signature cut out. It seems strange that when he died he left no signed will, and his property had to be divided and awarded *his children by three trustees, his brother Henry, his brothers-in-law Richard Tilghman Earle and Frisby Tilghman.* Will writing was also a habit of his uncle James, ten of whose testaments have been preserved.

James Hollyday, III, married in 1790 Susanna Tilghman, the daughter of Judge James and Susanna Steuart Tilghman. The father of this lady was the son of Richard and Susanna Frisby Tilghman of the "Hermitage." Judge Tilghman was a member of the Convention of 1775, a member of the Council of Safety of 1776, and the first Attorney General of the State of Maryland. In 1788 he was elected a member of the Legislature and in 1791 appointed Chief Justice of the Judicial District comprising Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, and from 1804 to 1809, he was on the Court of Appeals. His home was "Melfield" on the Corsica River.<sup>188</sup>

#### THE STEUARTS OF MARYLAND

The Judge's wife, Susanna Steuart Tilghman, was the daughter of Dr. George Steuart and Ann Digges Steuart of "Dodon" near Annapolis. The proper spelling is Steuart and was changed by Dr. Steuart as a compliment to Mary Queen of Scots, who had previously changed hers from Stewart to Steuart. Dr. George Steuart graduated from the University of Edinburgh and "was a man of broad education." Coming to Maryland in 1721, in a short time he became the real leader of the Court Party and one of the strong exponents of the rights of Lord Baltimore. He was at times vigorously opposed by the leaders of the Country Party, but his great influence made him a strong antagonist. As an intimation of Lord Baltimore's respect for Dr. Steuart, in 1745, he sent his son, Benedict, with a tutor to the Doctor's home to stay until he was prepared

to serve in office, which was sometime in 1748. The Doctor was amply rewarded for his kindness, being appointed Judge of the Land Office, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and member of the Council. During the session of the Assembly of 1762-1763, after a hard fight, he was elected to represent the City of Annapolis in the Lower House. Governor Horatio Sharpe appointed him Lieutenant Colonel of the "Horse Militia." In both houses of the Assembly he was an extremely busy man, taking part in the discussion of all important questions and serving on committees of various kinds.

Mr. Hanson's *Old Kent* notes: "Few in this country can claim as ancient, as royal and as authentic a lineage as Dr. Steuart" who "descended from Kenneth II of Scotland." Dr. Steuart inherited extensive property in Scotland which he turned over to his son George, after he completed his education at Edinburgh University in 1758. This son made this property his home and changed his name from Steuart to Hume.

Dr. Steuart's home in Annapolis was on the ground now occupied by the Executive Mansion; his country home "Dodon" (purchased from Nicholas Carroll in 1725) was a short distance out of Annapolis.<sup>189</sup>

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#### THE BENNETTS OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

The following is a concise review of the ancestors of Ann Digges who married Dr. George Steuart of Annapolis, whose granddaughter Susanna, was the wife of James Hollyday, III: Governor Richard Bennett of Virginia was a grandson of Sir Richard Bennett, an eminent man during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and James I, serving as Judge of the prerogative Court of Canterbury and Chancellor to the Archbishop of York. He died in 1626. His eldest son, Sir John, married Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Crafts of Saxham and had six sons: The eldest, Sir John Bennett, was raised to the peerage by Charles II as Lord Ossulston, his son was created the Earl of Tankerville by George I; the second son was Henry Bennett, Earl of Arlington; after the Restoration he was made principal Secretary of State and a Peer of the Realm, first created Baron of Arlington in 1664 and in 1672 Earl of Arlington. He was made a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter and constituted Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household. He

- <sup>186</sup> George W. Brown, *Baltimore and the 19th of April, 1861* (1887), pp. 93-94.  
<sup>187</sup> Hollyday Letters, 7 Aug. 1777, Henry Hollyday, I, to James Hollyday, II; *ibid.*, 8 Sept. 1777; *ibid.*, 8 Dec. 1777.  
<sup>188</sup> Hanson, pp. 239, 262 (Steuart family).  
<sup>189</sup> *Ibid.*, 262-266 (Steuart family).  
<sup>190</sup> Henry F. Powell, comp., *Tercentenary History of Maryland*, IV, 899 (Bennett family); Richardson, II, 13-16; Mary N. Browne, "Governor Richard Bennett," *Md. Hist. Mag.*, IX (Dec. 1914), 307-315.  
<sup>191</sup> Richardson, II, 184-187; Hanson, pp. 29, 30 (Neale family).  
<sup>192</sup> Hanson, p. 266; Richardson, pp. 84, 86.  
<sup>193</sup> John C. Fitzpatrick, *Diaries of George Washington* (1925), II, 34, 78; III, 403 (Digges).

## CHAPTER X

- <sup>194</sup> Hanson, p. 239.  
<sup>195</sup> Hollyday Letters, 23 Oct. 1816, James Hollyday, III, to Susan Hollyday (James III divides his acreage among his sons); 26 April 1819, James Hollyday, IV, to mother, his Black Majesty [personal slave] to visit Maryland); 8 Jan. 1820, James Hollyday, IV (buys plantation in Louisiana); 2 Aug. 1821, R. T. Earle to James Hollyday, IV ("clear up your debts and return to Maryland").  
<sup>196</sup> Hollyday Letters, 22 Nov. 1822, James Hollyday, IV (turns over his inheritance to his mother); 14 May 1823, R. T. Earle to James Hollyday, IV (James, IV, sells "Readbourne" to his mother); 24 Jan. 1824, R. T. Earle to James Hollyday, IV (advises insolvency); 13 July 1824, James Hollyday, IV (gives a deed to his mother); 1 Oct. 1829, James, IV (mortgages "Readbourne") to his mother; Washington County, Md., Cemetery Records, V, 138, Md. Hist. Soc.  
<sup>197</sup> Hollyday Letters, George Steuart Hollyday, 15 Feb. 1821, 4 Jan. 1822, 4 Mar. 1822, 1 June, 1822, 16 Nov. 1822, 19 Oct. 1851; Hanson, p. 249; Hollyday Letters, James Hollyday, IV, to George S. Hollyday and vice versa, 1821-1829, Md. Hist. Soc.  
<sup>198</sup> Hanson, p. 249.  
<sup>199</sup> Hollyday Letters, James Hollyday, IV, to Frisby Hollyday, 12 Nov. 1820.  
<sup>200</sup> *Ibid.*, 29 Sept. 1820, Frisby Hollyday to James Hollyday, IV.  
<sup>201</sup> *Ibid.*, 2 Aug. 1821, R. T. Hollyday to James Hollyday, IV; 14 Aug. 1823, 23 Oct. 1823, 24 Jan. 1824; Hanson, p. 250.  
<sup>202</sup> Wills, Talbot Co., Lib. W. K. 1, fols. 572-573 (James Earle); Hollyday Letters, 17 Sept. 1807; Arthur T. Jones, Jr., to James Hollyday, IV, 3 Oct. 1821; Hanson, p. 248.  
<sup>203</sup> *Ibid.*, 248; Hollyday Letters, 26 Feb. 1822, George S. Hollyday to his mother (Henry Hollyday, III's, estate); Deeds, Queen Anne's Co., Lib. T. M-2, fols. 504-505 (1818).  
<sup>204</sup> Hollyday Letters, 26 May 1825, C. D. Ward to George S. Hollyday (gardens at "Readbourne").  
<sup>205</sup> Mackenzie, II, 341-342.  
<sup>206</sup> *Md. Hist. Mag.*, XLI (1936), 1-10 (Henry Hollyday, IV's Diary, 1862-1865), in possession of W. Hollyday Hammond, Baltimore, Md.  
<sup>207</sup> Mackenzie, II, 341-342.

## CHAPTER XI

- <sup>208</sup> Bible in possession of James Earle Hollyday, Brookline, Mass.  
<sup>209</sup> Isaac N. Earle, "Earle Family of Eastern Shore" (MS extract), pp. 4-5, Md. Hist. Soc.; Vestry Book, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's Co., Md., see index (Joseph Earle).  
<sup>210</sup> Emory, pp. 168 ff, 241-257.