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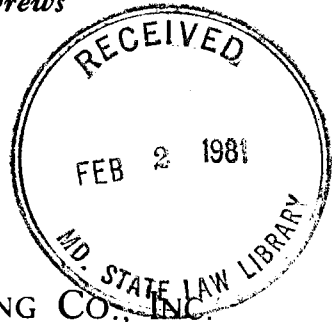
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1749, December 22nd. Joseph Morton. Deed. Richmond Co.
From Joseph Morton, of King George Co., conveying land formerly
owned by his father John Morton.

1750, November 5th. Frances Morton. Richmond Co. O. B. 12-281.
Alvin Mountjoy appointed guardian to Francis Morton, an infant under
the age of 21 years. Comment: What child could this have been?

MORTON DATA.

JOHN MORTON.

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1756, February 5th. Joseph Morton. Deed. King George Co.

From Joseph Morton, of James City county, to Thomas Turner, con-
veying 300 acres in King George.

Sir Marmaduke Beckwith. Family. Born at Aldborough, York-

shire, England, 1687. See The Beckwiths. Emigrated to Virginia in 1780. (?)

Children : Beckwith, Sir Jonathan, m. Rebecca Barnes.

Tarpley, b. October 2, 1718, d. November 7, 1748.

Elizabeth, b. October 15, 1723. A "Betty Beckwith" d. April 7, 1728.

Margaret, b. July 27, 1725, m. Joseph Morton, or was it Elizabeth?

Mary, b. June 12, 1727.

Rebecca, m. Major John Bellfield.

Marmaduke, m. Syble, dau. Major Elsie, of Revolutionary Army.

1756, December 18th. Joseph Morton. Bond. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Joseph Morton, Wm. Jordan, and Presley Thornton, gentlemen, bound unto Sir Marmaduke Beckwith, Baronet, 1,000 pounds sterling on condition that Morton, Jordan and Thornton pay Beckwith 500 pounds sterling on or before December 18, 1760. Autograph signatures. Witnesses : John Champe, John Stretch, Richard Talifero, Thos. Hodge. Recorded June 3, 1757.

1756, December 18th. Joseph Morton. Release. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Morton certifies to acceptance of loan of 500 pounds from Sir Marmaduke Beckwith in full satisfaction for fortune he was to have had with said Beckwith's daughter, and gives to said Beckwith absolute discharge from same. Autograph signature. Recorded January 3, 1757.

1756, December 20th. Joseph Morton. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Sir Marmaduke Beckwith, at the special instance and request of his son-in-law, Joseph Morton, of the county of James City, Gent., hath lent said Morton 500 pounds sterling. Beckwith draws bills of exchange payable to Wm. Jordan, one of Morton's securities in bond of date December, 18, 1756, and Jordan, under penalty of 100 pounds sterling, binds himself to indemnify said Beckwith from all charges and damages accruing from protest of said bills. Autograph signature. Witnesses : Thos. Hodge, Wm. Muir. Recorded January 3, 1757. Comment : Where is will of Sir Marmaduke Beckwith recorded?

1757-8. Joseph Morton.

Joseph Morton, member Virginia House of Burgesses for New Kent county. Comment : Is this the Joseph Morton heretofore mentioned in these records, or is it another man?

1758, April 14th. Joseph Morton. Deed. King George Co.

Joseph Morton, Gent., of James City county, to William Bruce and Elizabeth, his wife, and George Bruce, their son, of King George county, conveying 279 acres, part of 1,240 acres, in King George, held by said Joseph Morton by right of his marriage with his first wife, Frances Colson [Colston.]

1758, May 18th. Joseph Morton. Will. Recorded in King George Co. O. B., 1751-65, p. 202.

Joseph Morton, of the county of James City, Gent. Mentions Frances Morton, daughter; Mrs. Bellfield, my first wife's mother; son, William Jordan Morton. Daughters, Molly Beckwith Morton, Betty McCarty Morton, Lucy Butler Morton, Margaret Sydenham Morton; son, not yet christened. Land bought Dr. John Dixon in James City county, about 1,000 acres; and conveyance to Mr. Benj. Waller, of lands and slaves settled on wife, tract of land in Orange county. Executors: Col. Presley Thornton, William Brockenbrough, Jonathan Beckwith, Lawrence Butler, Samuel Apperson. Autograph signatures. (Why was this will recorded in King George county?)

1759. Joseph Morton family.

Joseph Morton, b. —; d. 1759, in James City county, Va., son of John Morton and Mary Mountjoy, m. (1) Frances Colston, daughter William Colston and Mary Meriwether; m. (2) Margaret (?) Beckwith, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Beckwith and wife, name not known. This second marriage said to have taken place in Chesterfield county.

Children. Morton. First marriage:

(1) Frances, m. James Hubard, of Williamsburg, Va. See Hubard Genealogy in *William and Mary Quarterly*

Children Morton, second marriage:

(2) Molly Beckwith. No facts.

(3) Lucy Butler. No facts.

(4) Betty McCarty, b. February 9, 1746; d. September 13, 1807, m. Col. George Payne, b. January 9, 1743, d. May 3, 1831.

(5) William Jordan, b. in Westmoreland county, November 15, 1754; d. at "Snowden," Logan county, Ky., January 3, 1825, m. March 16, 1779, Martha Pryor, b. April 6, 1761, d. March 15, 1800, dau. William and Sarah (Wood) Pryor.

(6) Margaret Sydenham, b. April 30, 1756, in Richmond county; d. May 23, 1840, m. Robert Payne (brother Col. George Payne).

(7) ———, a son, not christened when Joseph Morton wrote his will in 1758. Tradition states that he died young.

1759, December 31st. John Morton Jordan. Indenture. Richmond Co. B. 12, 141.

Between John Morton Jordan of Lunenburg Parish in county of Richmond of one part and Alvin Mountjoy of said parish and county, Gent, of other part. For 5 pounds sterling Jordan sells to Mountjoy his interest in water grist mill and 2 acres land in said parish owned jointly by Jordan and Mountjoy. Recorded February 4, 1760. Autograph signature.

1765, July, 8th. George Morton. Will. King George Co.

Will of George Morton. Mentions sons George, Robert Baylor (to whom he gives land in Orange county), John and Joseph, daughters Frances Hedgeman. Wife Lucy, son not of age. Proved August 7, 1766.

1771, June 6th. John Morton Jordan. Will. King George Co., Va.

Recorded October 3, 1771. This is the last will and testament of the subscriber, John Morton Jordan, of Annapolis in Maryland, of London, Merchant." Had estates in Maryland, Virginia, England and Island of Antigua, also property in ships. Mentions young son John Nesbett Jordan, wife Dorothy, half-brothers Joseph Morton and George Morton, half-sisters Mrs. Mary Sydenham, widow of Jonathan Sydenham, and Frances Meriwether. Following from Chancery papers in Williamsburg: John Morton Jordan was partner of Robert Maxwell, Merchant of London, 1766-1769. He visited Maryland in 1769 and was agent for Lord Baltimore. He died July 23, 1771, in Bermuda. He married Dorothy dau. Nesbit Darby (and Elizabeth his wife age 65 in 1799).

No date. Joseph Morton. Richmond Co. O. B. 10, 375.

Alvin Mountjoy guardian Joseph Morton. Comment. If this had the date it would be valuable.

1780, May 15th. William Jordan Morton. Montgomery Co., Ky.

Enters $961\frac{2}{3}$ acres of land joining George Paynes $333\frac{2}{3}$ acres ($1,333\frac{2}{3}$) on the waters of Hinksons Run, a branch of the South Fork of Licking beginning at the north corner of Paynes. (This item furnished by James M. Bourne.) Comment. How did he get this land and what became of it? Was it for military service? Look up the land grants at Frankfort, Ky.

No date. William J. Morton. Richmond Co. O. B. 20, 34.

Case Robert Mitchell vs. Wm. J. Morton. Comment. This is the only item I have ever found in Virginia records of Wm. Jordan Morton, who was evidently given the name of Joseph Morton's step-father.

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THE MORTON PATRIARCHS OF VIRGINIA.

By DANIEL MORTON, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.

There were several men of the name Morton, living in Virginia prior to the year 1800, from whom have come distinct lines of descent. What relationship the heads of these families sustained to each other is unknown to me. In some instances their descendants have intermarried without any knowledge of kinship existing and really supposing that there was none. Anyone whose Morton ancestors lived in Virginia prior to 1800 is probably descended from one of these men. The information is believed to be accurate, though not all of it is documentary. If the reader can throw additional light upon the origin or relationship of these men he is requested to communicate with Daniel Morton, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.

1. John Morton. In 1694, one, John Morton is found living in Northumberland county, Virginia, and in that year bought 157 acres of land in Richmond county from James Orchard. Presumably he then moved to Richmond county, and twenty-seven years later there is found in Richmond county, Sittenbourne Parish, one John Morton, presumably the same John, making his will and mentioning sons: 11, John; 12, William; 13, Thomas; 14, James; 15, Richard; wife Deborah, Mary and

Winifred Morton, relationship not stated. One year later he died, his will being proved May 2, 1722.

John and William were cut off with four shillings each, otherwise there might have been subsequent court records confirming their sonship to John Morton. On the contrary it is possible that an advancement of their share of the estate had been made during the life time of the father and that the court records will show it. It is desirable to establish more firmly the fatherhood of this man John Morton, to Captain John Morton, Jr., and to William Morton, and to this end more record searching should be done in both Northumberland and Richmond counties. There is a persistent tradition in the family to the effect that, in early colonial times and long before the creation of the District of Columbia in 1790, the Mortons owned large tracts of land upon portions of which the city of Washington now stands. The District of Columbia was cut off in 1790 from two Maryland counties, Prince George and Montgomery, and a search of these two Maryland counties should be made. This tradition seems founded in fact when it is known that King Charles II granted a large tract of land in the Northern Neck of Virginia to some of his followers among them Sir William Morton, Knight. May it not be possible that Sir William sent to America a son who represented his father's interests and became the founder of one line of the Morton family in America? See Calender State Papers, Charles II, Colonial Series. Lenox Library, New York City.

11. Captain John Morton, Jr., lived in Richmond county, Virginia, in 1713. He is variously spoken of as "John Morton, Jr.," "Lieutenant," "Captain," "Merchant," "Sub Sheriff," and father of Joseph Morton. After 1721, Capt. John Morton, Jr., seems to drop the suffix "Jr.," from his signature. This is easily accounted for when it is remembered that the man John Morton, 1, who is believed to be his father died at this time. Capt. John Morton, Jr., was a man of affairs as the records show and was constantly buying land. He must have been a man of energy. He died without a will as proved by his wife in court, October 2, 1728. He died a short time previously which fixes 1728 as the year of his death. He married Mary Mountjoy, daughter of Alvin Mountjoy and Mary Lane Mountjoy. The Mountjoy family seems to have had large holdings of land and to have been wealthy. Mrs. John Morton, Jr., after the death of her husband in 1728, married William Jordan. This man must have had a strong personality and been highly esteemed by his kinsman, as his name had been handed down the line ever since as a given name for the Mortons. There have been many William Jordan Mortons since that time. By her Jordan husband, Mary Mountjoy had a son, John Morton Jordan, whom she doubtless named for her first husband. John Morton Jordan died July 23, 1771, and mentions in his will his wife Dorothy and a minor son John Nesbit Jordan.