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INTRODUCTION

THE late Mr. John Fiske, in a very excellent historical treatise entitled "Old Virginia and her Neighbours," says, that "the pedigrees of horses, dogs, and pigeons have a value that is quotable in terms of hard cash. Far more important, for the student of human affairs, are the pedigrees of men. By no possible ingenuity of constitution-making or of legislation can a society made up of ruffians and boors be raised to the intellectual and moral level of a society made up of merchants and yeomen, parsons and lawyers." From the latter material the prominent men of colonial times were derived, and on a descent from such men the most characteristic American pedigrees are based.

It must be remembered that exactly three centuries have elapsed since the first permanent English settlement was made in this country, and the varied conditions existing during this period of time have afforded a sufficient test of the vigor of such lines of blood as have survived; so that the history of families which originated with English merchants and mariners from two to three hundred years ago, and which have persisted through successive generations of men prominent in the affairs of their respective communities, must be considered worthy of record. I feel, therefore, that I need offer no apology for the pious task which I have undertaken in the preparation of these notes, and, as the interest in genealogy is greatly enhanced by reference to contemporaneous history, I have thought fit to add as an appendix a brief sketch of the early history of Maryland and its institutions under the rule of the Calverts.

I have set forth the genealogy of the GROOME family of Maryland in full, but in the case of female lines I have, as

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a rule, recorded only such portions as are essential to the pedigree of my father's children, the construction of which is primarily the object of this work. In some cases, however, I have given female lines more or less in detail for the purpose of making clear the relationship of contemporaneous members of such families to the members of my father's immediate family.

In the arrangement of matter the paternal line is placed first, and this is followed by its direct female lines in the order in which they merge with it. Of the maternal female lines, I am not able to give any information in regard to the family of ELIZABETH PIERCE, wife of HENRY¹ CONNELLY, but I have given in some detail the very interesting genealogy of the family of ELIZA ANDREWS, wife of HARRY² CONNELLY.

In the preparation of these notes I have necessarily laid myself under obligations for much valuable assistance and advice, and for these kindnesses I must again express my sincere thanks.

H. C. G.

AIRLIE,
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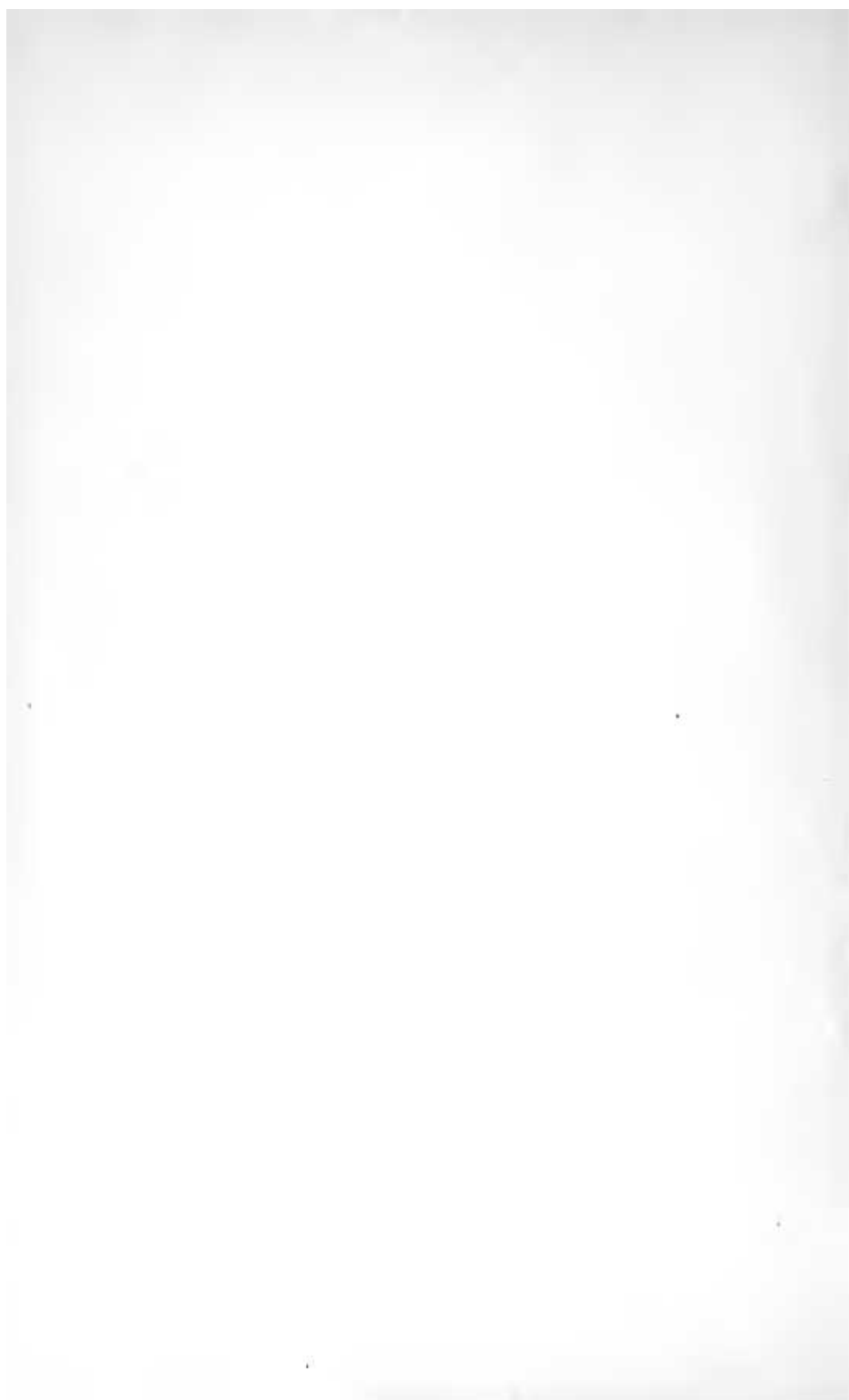
NOTE

To facilitate cross-reference, Roman numerals are given in parenthesis immediately after the names of persons to whom they apply, to designate the generation to which such persons belong in the chronology adopted for this purpose. The first ancestor in the longest line of descent—viz., Anthonyⁱ Andrews, A.D. 1550—is considered to belong to the first (i) generation, and the children of Samuel⁹ William Groome to the eleventh (xi) generation. The generation numbers of the first ancestors in the shorter lines of descent are reckoned backward from the eleventh. Persons, therefore, whose names are followed by the same Roman numeral are of the same generation. The generation number in connection with an individual to whom it refers is used only at the beginning of a section.

The names of persons through whom the direct line of descent is traced, where they first occur in a section, are printed in heavy-faced, upright type.

Superior numbers are used to distinguish persons whose first names and surnames are the same, as Samuel⁸ Groome and Samuel⁹ William Groome, no account being taken in this respect of second names.

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