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The Lillard Family.

Almost the first knowledge of the Lillard family is of Jasper Lillard , who was a vine grower , and in addition to tending the vineyards, he owned and operated a line of boats up and down the Loire river in France , from Angers to Nantes , and from Angers to ~~20~~ Tours . Unfortunately no one preserved the name of Jaspers father and mother , But it is known that he prospered and married a Miss Isaacs , her first name is not known . They had at least five sons. (1) Jean (John) Lillard ; (2) Benjamin Lillard ; (3) Moise (Mos es) Lillard ; (4) Joseph Lillard ; (5) David Lillard.

The Lillards in America are descended from the son Moise Lillard , They were Huguenots , and in the uncertainty of the times he sold out his vineyards near Angers France and moved his family to Nantes . In addition to owning a vine yard and being an agriculturist , he operated a line of boats up and down the Lgire . He had married Lilli B assa and they had three sons (1) Moise (Moses ; (2) Jean (John) Lillard; (3) Benjamin Lillard .

One can almost imagine Moise Lillard and his wife Lilli discussing the Edict of Nantes with their three sons . It was decided that Moise their eldest son would stay with them , the y had decided to stay in France and face the issue . They sent their two other sons to America , Jean (John) Lillard , and his brother Benjamin Lillard when they came to America settled in Virginia , John (Jean) Lillard , the progenitor of the family in America , was born near Nantes France circe 1668 , settled in Virginia , and in 1700 married Mildred Jones , who died in 1720 . He married secondly in ~~1724~~ Mrs Martha LittleJohn , who died in 1734 in Prince William County Va.

Their son Benjamin Lillard born in Virginia circe 1701 . He served in the French and Indian Wars at Fort Duquesne with Virginia

troops under George Washington , also fought in Lord Dunmore's War under Colonel William Flemming , and was later at Fort Pitt under Cresap.

In 1724 Benjamin Lillard married Elizabeth Lightfoot , daughter of William Lightfoot . She was the younger sister of Philip Lightfoot who married Mary Warner Lewis , only daughter of Colonel Charles Lewis and his wife Lucy Taliaferro . Elizabeth Lightfoot Lillard was the first cousin of "Light Horse" Harry Lee of Revolutionary fame who was the father of Robert E. Lee . She was also related to Richard Lee who was the Mover of the Declaration of Independence . Through his mother Mildred Jones Benjamin Lillard was related to the Monroe family which later was to produce the fifth President of the United States James Monroe , the originator of the Monroe Doctrine .

Genealogical Records compiled by Benjamin Lillard of New York , it is stated that his father said that he was related to the Lees through the Lightfoots . The Life of Light Horse Harry Lee , mention is made of Elizabeth Lightfoot his cousin who later married Benjamin Lillard.

It is from this Colonial Virginia couple that all American Lillards are descended . Benjamin Lillard and Elizabeth Lightfoot resides in Culpeper County Virginia and it is here all their children were born .

Thomas Lillard , son of Benjamin Lillard and Elizabeth Lightfoot was born in Virginia about 1726 , the date of his marriage to his wife Anne is unknown as is her surname.

John Lillard , the son of Thomas Lillard and his wife Anne married July 5th, 1786 Rachel Garrett.

Captain Benjamin Lillard , son of John Lillard and Rachel Garrett , married on Dec. 17th, 1819 , Elizabeth Browning , daughter of Nicholas Browning Culpeper County, Virginia . He died 1867.

Silas Browning Lillard , son of Captain Benjamin Lillard and Elizabeth Browning , born in Culpeper County Virginia , married Feb. 27th, 1853 to Mildred Roberts Duncan , daughter of Eldridge Duncan

of Culpeper County Virginia.

The French family of Lillards who live in Tangagipaho Louisana , came from Bayonne France and in an interview I had with one of them, he stated that there were quite a number of ~~th~~ his name residing now in Mars eilles and Lyons , and that there is some of the family still living ther today (1893) on the banks of the Loire .

As I read in a French newspaper , while I was with Marchant and the account of tye graduating exercises at St Cyr where one Lieutenant Hypolite Lillard of France was first in his class.

On the banks of the Loire River is situated the town of Saumur where Sir Thomas ,illard lived .

While I was in France during World War 1 when on leave I visited the old Feudal Chateaus of Luynes , and saw car ved in stone on one of its pepper box towers the name of Al fonse Francois lillard . I as ked the old keeper about it , but he could tell ~~me~~ me nothing . He said it had been there ever since he could remember . From this tower one can see the River Loire winding its silver stream through the fertile valley toward the sea .

Also the name is cut deeply in the stone of the lantern tower of the lovely old Cathedral of St. Gatien in Tours .