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HUDGINS

HUDGINS FAMILY OF MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA. This is additional information on this Hudgins had been sent and wanted. Would like to know the parents of my great-grandfather, William Thomas Hudgins, born January 18, 1807, death unknown (although living with his son. Joel M. Hudgins, per the 1850 U.S. Census for Mathews County, Virginia). The said William Thomas Hudgins married Catherine F. Hudgins and he had three brothers and one sister, namely: Robert, John, Lewis and Joeann. As stated in a previous data, there was a family Bible with the children of William found, but no record of the names of the parents of William Thomas Hudgins.

The additional Hudgins obtained was that of Joel ("Joe") M. Hudgins, born Feb. 8, 1833 and died Aug, 4, 1903, who married Nancy Daisy Hudgins, she being born July 31, 1834 and died Oct. 12, 1921. To this marriage were born the following children:

- (1) Edward ("Cattee") B. Hudgins, born 1858 and died June 15, 1905 who married Ellenora ("Nanie") 1. Cottee. These were the grandparents of Edward A. Hudgins of Norfolk, Virginia, who has been the person most interested in gathering the Hudgins data.
- (2) Columbus ("Lurn") W. Hudgins, who married Willie White.
- (3) Resella Hudgins, who married Coley White.
- (4) Mary Susan Hudgins, who married George F. Armistead.

With the data received from Mr. Edward A. Hudgins, 148 Tidal Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23518, was a newspaper without date shown thereon, which apparently had been published at an earlier date covering a Hudgins house with picture and caption, "1828 House Demolished - Held Five Generations" and the statement under the picture read as follows: "This old house at New Point which was built in 1828, was occupied by five generations prior to being demolished last

month. It was built in 1828 for Elzay B. Hudgins and his bride Susan Burroughs Hudgins, where they raised ten children. In the 1810's Capt. James Hudgins, who married one of the former Hudgins children, built the bedroom on the left, where they resided until they built another house nearby. In 1905 the kitchen was built by George W. Forrest and Taylor Owens for Thomas J. Hudgins, third generation, and his wife Tamazine. Their children raised there, one of whom was Luther Hudgins who was of the fourth generation to occupy the house with his wife Grace M. Their daughter Gladys, fifth generation, resided at the house with her husband James Arms for 21 years. Their granddaughter, Miss Vonnie Arms of Hartsville, Pa., of the seventh generation, spent her first Christmas in the house. The original building which contained one room on the first floor and two on the second near, was raised in 1965 and the kitchen in March of this year."

The other attached data on the Hudgins given to this writer by the named Edward A. Hudgins reads as follows:

"William (1) Hudgins, born in Wales in 1702, married Mary Houlder, daughter of Thomas Houlder, Esq., Treasurer of the Royal African Company of London, by this marriage were born three sons, Houlder (2) Hudgins, Robert (2) Hudgins and Lewis (2) Hudgins. William Hudgins came to Gloucester County, Virginia in 1754 with his two brothers John (1) Hudgins, and Lewis (1) Hudgins. His wife died before this date and the three children were educated by their grandparents and did not come to Virginia and Gloucester County (Kingston Parish) until 1765.

"Arriving in the Virginia Colony a widower. William (1) Hudgins, married Miss Johannah Diggs, daughter of Cole Diggs, Esq., a grandson of Sir Dudley Diggs of York County, Va."

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"By this marriage of William (1) Hudgins and Johannah Diggs were born Anthony (2) Hudgins and Hugh (2) Hudgins. Both of these young men served in the Revolutionary War from Gloucester County, Va. (now Mathews Co., Va.). This William (1) Hudgins, married Johannah Diggs in Kingston Parish on November 30, 1756."

"Lewis (2) Hudgins, son of William (1) Hudgins and wife Mary (Houlder) Hudgins married Elizabeth Weskom (not Weston) on December 22, 1770."

"Houlder (2) Hudgins, son of William (1) Hudgins and Mary (Houlder) Hudgins married four times. First, to Mary Hunley on January 22, 1769. She was the daughter of James and Mary Hunley, born March 8, 1851. They had issue: William (3) Houlder Hudgins, and John (3) Lewis Hudgins. William (3) Houlder Hudgins married Frances Gwynn in 1795, and their son Walter (4) Gwynn Hudgins married Polly Hunley in 1825 and their son William (5) Houlder Hudgins, married Mary Braxton, granddaughter of the celebrated Carter Braxton in 1851 and their son Walter (6) Gwynn Hudgins married Miss Jane Rick of Texas and their son William (7) Hudgins, born in 1875 lived in Texas."

"After the death of his wife Mary (Hunley) Hudgins, Houlder (2) Hudgins, married Mary Gwynn and they had issue: Thomas (3) Hudgins, of the 61st. Virginia Regiment from 1812-1814 during the war of 1812, and Mary (3) Hudgins, who married General William Winder of Hampton, Virginia. After the death of his wife Mary (Gwynn), Houlder (2) Hudgins married Miss Harriett Anderson, daughter of Captain Anderson and Mary Dabney and by this marriage had issue: Houlder (3) Hudgins, Robert (3) Hudgins, and Ariadue (3) Hudgins."

"Robert (3) Hudgins, was born at 'Clifton', Mathews County, Va. in 1796; Houlder (3) Hudgins was born Oct. 2, 1799; and Ariadue (3) Hudgins was born 1801. Ariadue (3)

Hudgins married Mr. Jas. Vaughn of Hampton (descendants now live in Washington, D.C. (NOTE: There are other descendants to be sure who now reside in Hampton among whom it is believed to be Thornton F. Jones, Mrs. Ena Lee (Jones) Taylor, and Mary M. ("Monk") (Jones) Curry, wife of William Newton Curry of Columbus Avenue, Hampton, Va. Ed.); Robert (3) Hudgins, married Mary, daughter of Colonel William Jones of King William County, Virginia and also of Gloucester County, Va. and they removed to "Lamington Plantation" on Back River, Elizabeth City Co., Va. where they did reside. Mr. Worsham Hudgins and his brothers Franklin and Ashley were very wealthy and influential citizens of Elizabeth City Co., Va.; they were the grandchildren of Robert Hudgins."

"Houlder (3) Hudgins married Elizabeth Hudgins born in Kingston Parish Aug. 31, 1814. Houlder (3) Hudgins was born when his father was 59 years of age and his mother 27. The son of Houlder (3) Hudgins, Capt. Houlder (4) Hudgins was born when his father was 39 years of age. He married a Miss Porter of Delaware, her parents came from New England, and it is interesting to know that after the war in 1865, Mrs. Hudgins utilized one side of 'Clifton Mansion' as a young ladies academy and a school with quite a number of teachers for a period of 16 years and many present-day mothers in Mathews Co., VA. were educated at 'Clifton Academy'. Mr. R. W. (5) Hudgins, of New York, is a son of the above mentioned Capt. Houlder (4) Hudgins and he had a brother Houlder (5) Hudgins, who died some years ago and is buried in New York in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y."

"After the death of Harriet Anderson, Houlder (2) Hudgins married for his fourth wife Anna, daughter of Captain Gibson Cluverious, and they had issue: Charlotte Hudgins, who married a gentleman by the name Giles Buckner Cook. Judge T. J. Christian married a sister of Captain Houlder Hudgins,

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and one of his sons Julian Christian lived and died in Mathews County, Va. He had, a son Todd Christian, Jr., who married Hazel Haynes and had issue: Elizabeth who married Donald Anderton and Todd Christian Jr. After the death of Todd Christian, Sr., his wife married Horace Hudgins. Mr. Christian had a daughter Charlotte. She lived for a number of years at Hesse; she married a Mr. Ward. Mr. John Burke, who passed away quite a while ago, lived and died in Mathews County, Virginia and he was a descendant of Houlder Hudgins through his grandmother who was a Miss Hudgins. Mr. John Burke married and lived in Mathews County, Va. and he had three children: Mary Ellen Burk (Burke), Genevive and Southall Burk."

(NOTE: This writer does trust that the insertion regarding the Vaughn-Hudgins marriage was correct, but if not, stands to be corrected. Those having data on the Hudgins family, please contact Mr. Edward A. Hudgins of 148 Tidal Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23518 and/or send data to this feature Care of-the Daily Press newspaper, Newport News, Va. 23607.-Ed.)