

CLIMBING THE FAMILY TREE

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HUDGINS

HUDGINS FAMILY OF MATHEWS-
GLOUCESTER -ELIZABETH CITY COUNTIES,
VA. We continue with the Hudgins
family data. Those who have
information on this family are
requested to send the data to Mr.
Edward A. Hudgins, 9417 Orleans
Street, Norfolk, Va. 23503 or to
this feature care of the Daily Press
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Walter Gwyn Hudgins married Mary
(Polly) Yelverton Hunley on May 6,
1824 and had the eight listed
children:

William Houlder Hudgins, born 1826 -
No other data here (see later)
Robert Edward Hudgins, born 1828- No
other data here.
Martha Hudgins, born in 1829- No
other data here.
Sarah ("Sally") Hunley, born 1829 -
No other data here.
Virginia Anne Hudgins, born 1831 -
No other data here.
Mary Elizabeth Hudgins, born 1832- ,
No other data here.
Walter Gwyn Hudgins, Jr. , born
1835- No other data here.
Thomas Muse Hudgins, born 1838 - No
other data here.

William Houlder Hudgins (born
1826- death date not given here;
married in 1851 Mary Ann Braxton,
daughter of Carter Braxton. Robert
Edward Hudgins, born 1828. married
in 1862 to Louise Edwards, daughter
of Thomas Edwards of Richmond, Va.
Martha Hudgins, born 1829, married
Robert E. Edwards, son of Thomas
Edwards. The before mentioned Nancy
Yeatman Hudgins (1773-1838) married
twice and had children by both
marriages: Nancy Yeatman Hudgins m.
1st, John Berry of Middlesex Co.,
Va. and had the six listed children:
Mary Ellen Berry; married Rev. John
Boss (Baptist).
John Berry, Jr. (no data here).
James Berry (no data here).
William Berry (no data here).
Thomas Berry, married Mary Hill of
Fredericksburg, Va.
Houlder Berry (no data here).

Nancy Yeatmen Hudgins, married
2ndly, John Burke of Mathews Co.,
Va. by whom she had two children:

Mary Ellett Burke (no data given
here) John Burke, Jr., married
Sallie Atkinson of Gloucester and
had: Sallie Burke; and John Burke,
III.

John Burke, III, was continued in
office as Treasurer of Mathews
County, Va. for many years He also
was United States Department of
Agriculture Commissioner of Fishing
for the six Tidewater Counties from
1905 to 1920. He was a fine
gentleman and greatly respected by
all Mathews County people.

The named Nancy Yeatman (Hudgins)
(Barry) Burke married extremely both
times she inherited a great deal of
land and slaves from John Berry in
Middlesex and her father gave her
life-tenancy of "all my estate, both
real and personal in Middlesex
County (Va.)-to be divided amongst
her children as she shall see fit.

Now we go back to the descendants
of Houlder Hudgins, I and Mary Gwyn.

Mary Gwyn (1744-1793), second wife
of Houlder I, was born 1744 on Gwyn
Island directly off-shore from
Clifton Manor. She was the daughter
of an old friend of the original
William Hudgins, Hugh Gwyn, and
Frances Peyton. The name, Gwyn,
appears frequently in the Kingston
Parish Register and also on the
Muster Roll of the Virginia Militia.

Houlder Hudgins, I and Mary Gwyn
were married May 8, 1774 and they
had three children, as listed:
John Lewis Hudgins, born 1779- died
1871.
Thomas Hudgins, born 1788- died
1862.
Mary Gwyn Hudgins, born 1792.

The named John Lewis Hudgins born
(1775-1871) mentioned above married
twice: m - 1st in 1804 to Susan
Anderson (1772-1818); m - 2ndly,
Mary Anderson (1775-1848). These two
wives were sisters.

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Susan and Mary Anderson were sisters. as well as daughters of Capt. Mathew Anderson and wife Mary Dabney of Exchange Plantation in Gloomier Co., Va., A third sister, Elizabeth Anderson (1774-1804) became the third wife of Houlder Hudgins, I.

John Lewis Hudgins and Susan Anderson had two children: Albert Gwyn Hudgins (1805-1853) (see later); and Elliott Washington Hudgins (1847-1867) (see later).

Albert Gwyn Hudgins (1805-1853) graduated from the Medical School at the University of Maryland and became known throughout Tidewater Virginia as "Dr. A.G." and was a popular family doctor to the entire Hudgins family. In 1836 he married Rebecca Valentine Hudgins (1816-1860), his first cousin by Col. Thomas Hudgins and his 2nd wife, Ann Valentine, and they had seven children:

Albert Gallatin Hudgins, born 1840
Virginia Byrd Hudgins, born 1842, married Major Boonton Hill
Mattie Lee Hudgins (1845-1868)
Thomas Scott Hudgins, born 1849, died 1864 being killed during the Civil War
Ann Valentine Hudgins, born 1850-
James Campbell Hudgins, date of birth not given- died 1855

The above Elliott Washington Hudgins (1907-1867) was married in 1858 to Lelia Augusta Worsham (1833-1869) at Mathews. The only known issue of this marriage was a son, Elliot Worsham Hudgins who was born in Hampton, Va. in 1867 (who wrote me in 1943, at which time he was living in Blackstone, Va.) He had a son Elliott Worsham Hudgins, Jr., born 1901, who lives in Kent, Maryland and has a son Elliott Worsham Hudgins, III.

John Lewis Hudgins and wife Mary (Anderson) had only one child that survived to maturity. Three other children died before reaching maturity. One of these was named Byrd Hudgins who was engaged to marry Maxwell Summerville, a fine

young man of Middlesex County, Va. She died in his arms at their wedding. He was so well liked by her brother, Thomas Anderson, that they became life-long friends. This story is told here because Thomas Jefferson named his son Maxwell after him and the name has survived in the family over since. The son who survived was:

Thomas Jefferson Hudgins (1821-1915), who married Nancy Wright (1824-1911) of Caroline County, Va., inherited Bellefield, the manor of his father, John Lewis Hudgins. adjoining Clifton Manor and this couple had eight children:

Maxwell, born 1857-
Burton Hudgins, horn 1859-
Alice Hudgins, born 1861 -died 1940 (known a.% "The White Violet")
Boutwell Hudgins, (birth data not given here nor death date)
Clarence Hudgins, (?-?)
Isabel Hudgins, (?-?)
Annie Todd Hudgins, born 1863 died 1957
Franklin Hudgins, born 1875, died 1941.

Next to my own branch of the family, this is the line with which I am best acquainted. I was raised with the sons of Maxwell Hudgins and spent most of my school vacations at Bellefield Manor where I knew "Cousin Tom and Cousin Nancy" very well. They were both deaf as were their daughters which made them tolerant of the great noise created by the many children around the house.

Annie and her sister Alice Hudgins never married. They were dear people, deeply religious, and heavily involved in church affairs. Annie was the closest friend my mother had in her early married life and had much to do with raising me.

On the death of their father, Thomas Jefferson Hudgins, the two girls sold Bellefield and moved away; Alice to Moultrie, Georgia to live with one of the sons of Maxwell where she died in 1910. Annie Hudgins moved to Richmond, Va. where

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she became the manager or the Civil War Veteran's Widows Home, a position she held for 21 years until her retirement at the age of 80 when she entered the Baptist Home for Christian Women in Nashville, Tenn. Annie died in the Fall of 1957 at the age of 94.

Maxwell Hudgins (born 1857-?) was a civil engineer of considerable note [He graduated from Washington & Lee University and took his engineering degree at Columbia University. He married Annie Webb Taylor of Norfolk, (Va.) by whom he had a daughter Mary Maxwell Hudgins. At the time of his death, Maxwell Hudgins was Headmaster of Norfolk Academy. He was named after Maxwell Summerville, referred to above, as the best friend of Thomas Jefferson Hudgins. His brother, Burton, named one of his sons after him a also.

(NOTE- The above data was compiled by Houlder Hudgins, IV in 1958 and was passed on to Mr. Edward A. Hudgins, who wishes to continue with data and wishes to receive any data and or corrections given herein. Write to Mr. Edward A. Hudgins, 9417 Orleans Street, Norfolk, Va. 23503 or call Mr. Hudgins on the telephone at the number 587-9023. There is more Hudgins and related families to appear in this feature at a future date. -Ed)