

NOTES ON SOURCES-

John D. Couper, born 1822, first visited Scotland in 1896. Arrived at Longforgan, he located Wilhelmina Mackenzie Couper and set out with her to Helen Prain, his first cousin, who was living in Dundee. Helen produced letters written to her by him when he was a boy. Wilhelmina H. Couper presented him with the letters which his father, William Couper, had sent home from America, and with numerous other papers - such as: leases, and receipts, insurance policy covering luggage brought to America in 1801, etc. Between 1896 and her death, in 1921, Wilhelmina changed the spelling of her last name to Couper. The letters, papers, etc. are now (1924) in the possession of Charles C. Couper, who accompanied his father on his second trip to Scotland in 1901, or 100 years after William Couper sailed for America.

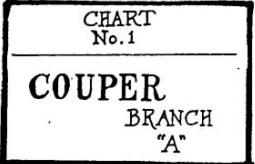
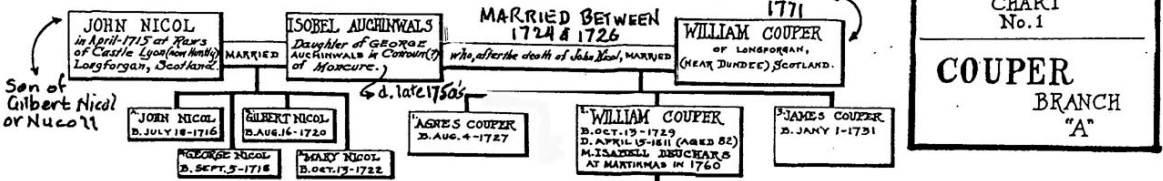
Information concerning family and descendants of James Couper taken from notes made by Wilhelmina Couper - originals in possession of Charles C. Couper (in 1924). A printed leaflet headed "Pedigree", shows all the data from Helen Prain back to John Nicol. It was sent to America by Alexander R. Doig, M.D., Seafield, Perth Road, Dundee, Scotland, about 1902.

The memorandum book of William Couper, made in 1758, referred to under Notes on Spelling, gives much genealogical information. Original in possession of Charles C. Couper in 1924. (To Monroe Couper "Leather-bound Book") Complete copies of all letters, papers, etc., referred to above, are in the possession of William Couper (b. 1844), Lexington, Va.

A Family Record in the handwriting of John D. Couper (Sr.) and dated by John D. Couper (Jr.), Charles C. Couper, and William Couper (b. 1844), now in possession of the last named, gives much information in the usual form.

That John Hamilton lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is not proven by a known public record or other information shown here on.

The first bound Marriage Book in the City of Norfolk, Va., and subsequent books check the marriage data handed down in personal records.



NOTES ON SPELLING -

When William Couper came to America from Scotland, in 1801, he spelled his surname COUPER. His letters, addressed to his father, used the spelling COUPER up to and including his letter of April 27-1804, after which COOPER is used. The change in spelling is not referred to in his letters. His signatures:

William Couper

His father, born 1729, made a leather-bound memorandum book in 1758 and after noting therein that fact, on the fly-leaf, he signed as follows:

William Couper

Numerous leases made by him with the Laird of Castle Hutton, between 1762 and 1790, are all signed COOPER although the body of the instruments sometimes read COUPER and COOPER - some leases add the word "Junior" after his name. The lease of 1790 is signed as follows, his wife using her maiden name:

William Couper

Old tombstones in Longforgan show COOPER. Printed records, marked "Pedigree", used by the Prain Family and descendants of James Couper, use the spelling COUPER. They also use the spelling ISOBEL throughout.

In Longforgan is a chapel belonging to the Abbey of Couper-Angus. In the 12th century there were four royal manors in Couper - namely: Stone Couper, Strathfield and Longforgan. These things may have had some influence in the spelling of the family name.

The name of William Couper's second wife shows as ANNELLIA on her tomb and in the records of his son. In his letters William Couper spelled her name - ANNELLIA.

* Col. Couper did not get into tracing the descendants of Eliza Couper and Richard Rowan. I met some of them in Portsmouth Va. in the 1920's.

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MARY LOUISE DOIG. B. OCT. 2-1890.

OWEN MARGARET DOIG. B. APR. 18-1902.

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JOHN DIEDRICH COUPER. BORN-MARCH 2-1822. IN YORK VA. DIED MARCH 29-1909. IN YORK VA. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va.

MARRIED EUPHANIA ANN MONROE COVING. B. FEB. 17-1844. D. OCT. 15-1895. MARRIED 1862. D. OCT. 15-1895.

JOHN D. COUPER. B. OCT. 14-1917. D. OCT. 14-1917. No middle name.

EUPHANIA MARY COUPER. B. JULY 25-1856. D. MAY 10-1856. Aged 10 months. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va.

AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER. MARTHA ANNE SYKE'S WHOSE NAME WAS CHANGED TO ANNIE WOOD COUPER. A FULL AND BELOVED MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IN EVERY RESPECT. D. NOV. -1874. MARRIED DR. ROBERT FRANK FELLOWS in Norfolk, Va., Oct. 9-1895. They lived in Portsmouth, where he died Dec. 27-1900 (aged 53). He was the son of John Felloes and Sarah Burnham. His wife, Ann, was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. MARRIED FRANK VICTOR MAGNE of Atlantic City, Va., JAN. 3-1923.

UNNAMED INFANT DAUGHTER. BORN NOV. 18-1857. DIED NOV. 15-1857. Aged 3 days. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va.

EUPHANIA MARY COUPER. B. MARCH 15-1859. D. MAY 9-1935 (aged 76) in Tidewater, Va.; buried in Norfolk, Va. MARRIED NATHAN BURKHAM WEBSTER. BORN 1818-1857. DIED NOV. 15-1857. Aged 39 years. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. He was the son of John Webster and Sarah Burnham. His wife, Euphania, was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

CHARLES COWLING COUPER. MARRIED MARGARET BURNHAM. B. NOV. 29-1860. D. APRIL 13-1942 (aged 81). Buried in Norfolk, Va. on the 15th of April, 1942. His wife, Margaret, was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

THOMAS BALL COUPER. MUSICIAN (CYCLOPIST). B. Wednesday, JAN. 19-1881, in Florence, Italy. Buried under Captain Serick (1878-1934), in Prague, Bohemia. MARRIED SARA MARTHA PALLANEO on JUNE 28-1918. She was the daughter of Sargola Pallaneco and Antonio Serick. She was born Sept. 4-1896, in Portland, N.J. They are a musician, N.J.

RICHARD HAMILTON COUPER. B. Monday, JULY 5-1886, at 5th St. in Norfolk, Va. Student at St. Albans' League, New York City; who in Paris and Rome. D. MARCH 18-1918, in New York City. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED MILDRED COUPER. BORN 1879. DIED 1918. She was the daughter of John Hamilton and Sarah Couper. She was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

WILLIAM ALAN COUPER. LEATHER MFR., LATER, AUTOMOBILE DEALER. RETIRED CO. FARM AT DOZMAN, MD. B. Sunday, APRIL 26-1891, at 190 1/2 St. in Norfolk, Va. Grandson of John D. Couper. D. MARCH 19-1918, in New York City. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED CONSTANCE RUSBY. BORN 1918. DIED 1918. She was the daughter of John Hamilton and Sarah Couper. She was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

WILLIAM COUPER. CIVIL ENGINEER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND HISTORICIAN. B. Sunday, NOV. 16-1847, at 430 Ann St. in Norfolk, Va. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED ELOISE HIRST. BORN 1918. DIED 1918. She was the daughter of John Hamilton and Sarah Couper. She was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

FRANCES BERNARD COUPER. B. Friday, SEPT. 1-1886, at 1011 Ann St. in Norfolk, Va. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED RUFUS GUY BALDWIN. BORN 1918. DIED 1918. She was the daughter of John Hamilton and Sarah Couper. She was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

MARJORIE COUPER. B. Thursday, JULY 11-1889, at 713 1/2 St. in Norfolk, Va. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED CHESTER HARVEY PRINCE. BORN 1918. DIED 1918. She was the daughter of John Hamilton and Sarah Couper. She was born in Scotland. They had 11 children. He was buried in a former marriage. He was buried in Portsmouth, Va. ANNIE MARGARETTA WORTHINGTON.

KATHRYN ARKINGTON. B. FEBRUARY 5, 1890, at 230 York St. in Norfolk, Va. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk, Va. MARRIED SECONDLY. BORN AUG. 2-1883 in Petersburg, Va.

THEY HAD NO CHILDREN