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### PARHAMS

**MARTHA ELIZABETH PARHAM** m. **GOODWIN** 5 **MYRICK**, 9 Nov. 1809.

There are many accounts written of the **PARHAM** family but none found so far are authenticated. Much more research is needed to establish a clear line but the following material is based on court records and thus indisputable.

Early records of Virginia show land patents to **THOMAS PARRUM** and **THOMAS RIVES** in Prince George County, in 1711 and 1717 (Virginia Colonial Records, Vol. 6, p. 186, and to **WILLIAM PARRUM**, Sr., in Brunswick County, *ibid.*, Vol. 7, p. 137). There are many available records of various **THOMAS PARHAMS** and **WILLIAM PARHAMS** (as well as others), but the first record found of **STITH PARHAM** is in 1758, when **WILLIAM 1 PARHAM** of Sussex County, Virginia (probably son of **THOMAS PARRUM** mentioned before), in his will names (3) :

Wife: **ANN**

Sons: **THOMAS PARHAM**, **STITH PARHAM**

It is said, but without proof, that **WILLIAM PARHAM** married **ANN STITH** (4) – a good subject for research. In 1771 **STITH PARHAM** had a land grant of 344 acres in Sussex County, Virginia (5), and in 1773, in same county, Captain **STITH PARHAM** was the administrator of the estate of **THOMAS PARHAM**, deceased, and it is assumed that they were the two brothers who were sons of **WILLIAM** and **ANN PARHAM** (6).

In 1790, in York County, South Carolina, **STITH PARHAM** of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, bought 375 acres on Crowder Creek from **JOHN** and **JANE HOWE** (7). Again that year in York County, **STITH PARHAM** of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, bought 220 acres on Catawba Creek (8).

The will of **STITH PARHAM** of York County, South Carolina, and Sussex County, Virginia (microfilm Virginia State Library, Richmond) 5 June 1793, reads in part:

“to my son, **STITH PARHAM**, all negroes and all other property in South Carolina ...

“to my son, **MATTHEW ANDERSON PARHAM** ...

“to my granddaughter, **ELIZABETH PARHAM**, daughter of my son, **STITH PARHAM**.”

Executor: **MATTHEW ANDERSON PARHAM**

Witnesses: **WILLIAM MASSENBERG**, **WILLIAM WYNNE**, **THOMAS ELDRIDGE**.

In 1798, **STITH PARHAM** of Hancock County, Georgia, sold the 220 acres on Catawba Creek, and the 375 acres on Crowder Creek, both parcels in York County, South Carolina, and purchased by his father in 1790 (10).

The **PARHAM** line then runs as follows:

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**WILLIAM 1 PARHAM**

m. **ANN (STITH?)** both of Sussex County, Virginia

Their children:

**THOMAS 2 PARHAM:**

m. **ELIZABETH RAINES** d- 1773

Their children (will):

**THOMAS 3 PARHAM**

**JOHN 3 PARHAM**

**NICHOLAS 3 PARHAM**

**ANN 3 PARHAM**

**ELIZABETH 3 PARHAM**

**JANE 3 PARHAM**

**SUSANNA 3 PARHAM**

**STITH 2 PARHAM**

m. —

Their children:

**MATTHEW ANDERSON 3 PARHAM**

**STITH 3 PARHAM** d. 1806, Georgia. He was born in Virginia

m. 1<sup>st</sup> **ELIZABETH THREETE**

**ELIZABETH THREETE 4 PARHAM**

m. **PRESSLEY INGRAM**, and from this marriage are descended the **HUMBER** family of Georgia, and the family of Dr. **JOSEPH HILL WHITE**, Brigadier General, U. S. Public Health Service, of Washington, D. C., and Milledgeville, Georgia

m. 2<sup>nd</sup> **ELIZABETH INGRAM**, b. 1763, sister of **PRESSLEY INGRAM** who married **STITH 3's** daughter **ELIZABETH THREETE PARHAM**. **PRESSLEY** and **ELIZABETH INGRAM** were children of **BENJAMIN** and **ELIZABETH (NELMS) INGRAM (II)**. The lines of the **INGRAMS** and **NELMS**, from 1652 to the present, have been traced by Mrs. T. E. Hooker, 66 Poplar St., Memphis 3, Tenn., and are not included in this history.

**THOMAS STITH 4 PARHAM**

m. **AMEY MYRICK** (see **MYRICK** line)

**BENJAMIN 4 PARHAM**

m. **CATHERINE MCGHEE**

**ANDERSON 4 PARHAM**

Robert **NELMS 4 PARHAM**

m. **SARA C. COLLIER**

**MARY ANN 4 PARHAM**

m. 1st **BENJAMIN HARVEY**

m. 2nd **SAMUEL TURRENTINE**

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**MARTHA ELIZABETH 4 PARHAM** (twin) b. 1790  
m. **GOODWIN 5 MYRICK** (line of **DOVEDALE MYRICKS**)

**SARA 4 PARHAM** (twin) b. 1790  
m. **JOHN HILL**

From the Union Recorder, Milledgeville, Georgia, issue of 3 April 1883. is quoted:  
"Mrs. **MARY ANN TURRENTINE**, a sister of Senator **HILL**'s mother, is still living – about 85. Her home is in Waverly Hall, Harris County. She gave the future senator the name of her first husband, **BENJAMIN HARVEY**. Mrs. **TURRENTINE** was a younger sister of Mrs. **HILL** (**SARA 4 PARHAM**). General **S. P. MYRICK**'s mother (**MARTHA ELIZABETH 4 PARHAM**) was a twin sister of Mrs. **HILL**. They were daughters of **STITH PARHAM** of Baldwin County who came from Virginia originally. The twins would have been 93 years old last December.