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THE WOODLEYS OF
Isle of Wight County, Va.
AND OTHER ANCESTORS

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Milner and Ann, his wife, then of Smithfield, on September 1st, 1800, made a deed to John Woodley. Besides these grandchildren he left the following children surviving him: Martha Woodley, Thomas Woodley and John Woodley, all of whom are mentioned in his will. I do not know what became of Martha Woodley. Thomas Woodley went to New Hanover county, N. C. I find that on the 9th of June, 1759, Thomas Woodley and Elizabeth, his wife, executed a deed to Peter Rea, (Deed Book 10, page 90), and that Thomas Woodley in New Hanover, N. C., on the 17th of September, 1762, conveyed to William Rand lot number 14 in Smithfield. The fact that his wife did not join in this deed indicates that she had died. He left a son, John, who died in Isle of Wight. John Woodley married **CATHERINE BOYKIN**, widow of ___ Boykin, who had by her first husband the said Boykin one child, Francis Boykin, who was a major in the Continental army, and who has descendants now living, of whom I will hereafter make mention. This **CATHERINE BOYKIN** was **CATHERINE BRYANT**, of Northampton county, North Carolina, who is said to have been beautiful and a belle. John Woodley and the said **CATHERINE** were married before April 30th, 1756, for on that day by their deed, they conveyed to William Rand lot number 7 in Smithfield, (Deed Book 9, page 441). The said John Woodley received under the will of his father Four Square at which i place he resided during his life. He died testate; his will is dated February 3rd, 1791, which was I admitted to record October 3rd, 1791. He mentions his wife **CATHERINE** which would indicate that she was living at the time his will was written. He mentions in his will the following children: Willis Woodley, John Woodley to whom he gives the Days Neck farm, Samuel Woodley, Andrew Woodley to whom he gives Four Square, Elizabeth Woodley, and Molly Blunt, wife of William Blunt of Blunts Castle. He had two other sons, Thomas and Henry. According to a statement which my uncle, Col. Willis Harrison Woodley, made to his son, Willis Harrison Woodley, the said Thomas and Henry Woodley enlisted as volunteers in the Revolution under their half brother, Francis Boykin, who was second lieutenant in the company of which William Davies was captain, Willis Wilson, my great grandfather, first lieutenant, Francis Boykin, second lieutenant, and Jonathan Godwin, ensign, of the First Virginia Regiment; one of them died as a prisoner of war, and the other was supposed to have been killed at the storming of Stony Point. The said Francis Boykin became a major in the Revolution and was a distinguished and gallant officer. While the said John Woodley left a very valuable estate yet his fortune was greatly impaired during the Revolution, his home being visited by a part of Cornwallis' army, who not only destroyed valuable property but carried off all the family silver which had been buried, the place of burial being betrayed by some of the slaves.

Samuel Woodley died unmarried.

Elizabeth Woodley died testate and unmarried

Willis Woodley settled in Gates county, N. C., was a member of the North Carolina legislature and left issue, but I have not traced them up;

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Andrew Woodley was born April 27th, 1769. married on November 9th, 1797, Elizabeth Hill Harrison, the daughter of John Harrison and Elizabeth Hill. This Elizabeth Hill was the daughter of Joseph Hill and Frances Woodley, daughter of John Woodley of Days Neck, a brother of the first Thomas Woodley, and son of the first Andrew Woodley, the immigrant. It thus appears that he married his cousin. They had the following children: Willis Harrison Woodley, Frances Hill Woodley, Andrew Boykin Woodley, Elizabeth Hill Harrison Woodley, Thomas Woodley, Mary Ann Woodley, and William Bryant Woodley. There were other children but they died before reaching maturity. The}r were: Merritt Woodley, born January 1st, 1803, died May 12th, I 1805; Joseph Woodley, born September 18th, 1816, died October 7th, 1816; Richard S. Woodley, born December 28th, 1820, died July 9th, 1822, and Harriett Woodley, died August 6th, 1810. Andrew Woodley died November 30th, 1829. He was a man of great force of character, active and successful in business, and took a leading part in the affairs of his county. He held the military rank of major and was for many years the presiding justice of his county court. He in 1807 built the present dwelling on Four Square. When he died the place looked like a busy village with its numerous outhouses, its servant cottages, its stores of merchandise and shops of varied mechanical industries.

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ANDREW WOODLEY, the said ELIZABETH HILL WOODLEY being their sole heir. Their aunt HARRIET HARRISON had previously died without issue.

JOHN WOODLEY.

JOHN WOODLEY, son of John Woodley and **CATHERINE BRYANT BOYKIN** and brother of Major Andrew Woodley, lived in Days Neck, Isle of Wight county, married Anne Doyne, whose mother was Anne Howard and who had a brother named Rev. Joseph Doyne, who were from Charles county, Md.

The said John Woodley and Anne Doyne his wife had the following children: James Howard Woodley, Robert Doyne Woodley, Thomas Woodley, Mary Woodley and Catherine Woodley. Thomas and Mary Woodley seemed to have died young without issue. Robert Doyne Woodley was a Catholic priest and lived at Port Tobacco, Md, and died there on the 25th of October, 1857.

Catherine Woodley married Dr. Lemuel C. Holland, of Suffolk, Va., and died on the 26th of March, 1872, in her 59th year, leaving two children, Granville S. P. Holland and Elfrida C. Holland.

James Howard Woodley married Mary Wilson, the daughter of William Wilson and Sarah Delk. The said James H. Woodley died in October, 1856, and his wife, Mary Woodley, died December 13th, 1864. They had the following children:
William