

THE PENDLETON FAMILY

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The arms of Pendleton are taken from English records and are described as follows:

Arms: Gules -- an inescutcheon argent, between four excallops (or shells)

Crest: On a chapeu gules, turned up ermine, a demi-dragon, wings expanded, or, holding

Motto: Maneo Qualis Manebam

Three miles from Manchester, in Lancashire County, England, is the town of Pendleton, known as a portion of Salfordborough. Over the door of one of the inns swings the arms of the Pendleton family, exactly like those brought to America by the emigrant, Phillip Pendleton. Some little distance off is the manor house, occupied still by a family of Pendleton, and around the old church are the tombs of the departed Pendletons. Here we pause, feeling ourselves aliens in our father's house. Under that roof there are the records that would carry us back along the line of English history until we found the ancestor whose bravery in the Crusades won him the right to place upon his shield the silver pilgrim's shell, which form a distinctive feature of the coat-of-arms. The family evidently belonged to the English gentry, a purer and prouder distinction oftentimes than many of the titles which have changed hands and family names many times as they come down the avenue of ages.

In 1613, Sir John Pettus and his brother Thomas Pettus both made wills, remembering their cousins, Henry and Susan Pendleton, of Norwich, leaving them property in that city. These gentlemen lived at Cristree, St. Edmund's, near Norwich. Thomas Pettus, the son of one of these men, was one of the early councilors of the Colony, and probably influenced his cousins to come to Virginia. The two sons of Henry and Elizabeth Pendleton came to Virginia in 1674, Phillip, a young teacher, and Nathaniel, a minister of the Church of England. Nathaniel died very soon, leaving no children.

FIRST GENERATION

1--PHILLIP PENDLETON 1, the emigrant, was born in 1650. He was therefore, twenty-four years of age, when he came to Virginia in 1674. In 1680 he returned to England, and tradition says he was married, and his wife died. There may be no foundation for this. In 1682 he returned to the colony and married Isabella Hart, or Hurt. He is said to have lived in New Kent County, but the parish records of that county, which are very early and very full, do not contain the names of any Pendleton. It is more probable that he lived in King and ~~Queen~~ ~~County~~ Queen County, Va. He signed a deed in Esses County in 1677, and his son Henry signed one there in 1719, and is designated as being from King and Queen ~~County~~ ~~County~~ County, Va. Phillip died in 1721, the same year his son Henry died, and the same year his illustrious grandson Edmund Pendleton, was born. He was probably a man of quiet tastes and not progressive enough to build up a large estate, as many of his contemporaries did; Issue:

- 1 - HENRY PENDLETON 2, B. 1685, d. 1721. Married (1701) Mary Taylor of Carlisle, England. She married second Edward Walkins, and died 1772, age 83 years.

- II -Elizabeth Pendleton 2, Married Samuel Clayton of Caroline Co. Va. Issue:  
Phillip of Catalpa.
- III - Rachel Pendleton. 2, Married John Vase.
- IV - Catherine Pendleton 2, Married John Taylor, brother of Mary Taylor.
- V - John Pendleton 2, B. 1691 D. 1775, Married \_\_\_\_\_ Tinsley of Madison Co. Va.
- VI - Isabella Pendleton 2, married Richard Thomas, The descendants of these  
are numerous, They both took out land in King and Queen Cty  
and Spotsylvania Counties in 1728. Richard Thomas died in  
1784, and his widow, Isabella, went to live in Drysdale  
Parish, Caroline Cty, Va. Their children are uncertain as to  
number and name. There is a Rowland Thomas and a Joseph Thomas  
mentioned with her deeds of land, but the relationship is not  
defined. It is certain, though, that her daughter Mary, married  
Colonel Thomas Barbour<sup>3</sup>, (James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Catherine Thomas married Ambrose Barbour (Barbour Family  
pp.136-7, St. Mark's Parish, by De. Slaughter) Her son  
Richard Thomas, married (1753) Mildred Taylor, Orange County, Va.  
Their children were Richard, George, James, Thomas(married 1781,  
~~Thomas~~ Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Pendleton) Sarah Mildred  
(married John Piper).

- VII- Phillip Pendleton 2, married Elizabeth Pollard.

#### SECOND GENERATION

II - HENRY PENDLETON 2(Phillip 1) the eldest son of Phillip Pendleton, the  
emigrant, and Isabella Hart. b. 1683. Married (1701) Mary Taylor, daughter of  
James Taylor, of Carlisle, England, and his second wife, Mary Gregory. Henry  
was eighteen ~~years~~ and Mary thirteen years of age. He died 1721, the same  
year his youngest son, Edmund was born. His wife married, second, Ed Watkins, d.1770.  
Of his five sons, the oldest, James and the third Nathaniel, were for many years  
clerks of the vestry and lay-readers at the small chapels of St. Mark's Parish:  
and Phillip, the son James, was clerk in 1782, when the vestry books were closed.  
His two daughters married brothers James and WILLIAM HENRY GAINES. His youngest  
son, Edmund, though without his father's care, made for himself a name which will  
be known and remembered as long as Virginia's sons read history. By his large  
circle of nephews and nieves, many of them his own age, he was loved and revered,  
and the tradition of his kindness and every ready help is handed down through  
nearly every branch of the family. Almost all of the Pendletons in Virginia trace  
their descent from Henry Pendleton and Mary Taylor. They had Issue:

- I - James Pendleton 3, b. 1702, d. 1761. Married Mrs. Mary Lyall of  
Lancaster Cty, Va.
- II - Phillip Pendleton 3, b. 1704, d.1779. Married Martha \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ III- Mary Pendleton 3, b.about 1703 Married James Gaines.
- ✓ IV - ISABELLA PENDLETON 3 b. before 1715, Married WILLIAM HENRY GAINES.
- V - Nathaniel Pendleton 3, b. 1715, d. 1794, Married his first cousin,  
Miss Clayton
- VI - John Pendleton 3, b. 1719, d. 1799 Married first, Miss James,  
second Miss Madison.
- VII. Edmund Pendleton 3, b/ Sept. 1721, d. Richmond, Oct. 26, 1805, Patriot  
and jurist. Married first (1741) Elizabeth Roy, d. same year.  
Married second (1743) Sarah Pollard, B. 1725. living in  
1792, but childless.

NOTE: The foregoing paper was found after the death of Edmund Pendleton,  
recorded in Family Bible. It was then one hundred and thir years since the common  
ancestor of the Virginia Pendletons came from Norwich to the Colony in Va. setting in  
what is now called King and Queen County, Va.