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A GENEALOGY LINE

of the

TYRRELL, TERRELL and TERRILL Family

of Virginia and Texas, and its

English and Norman Progenitors



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The Ancient Heraldic Arms And Crest
Of The Terrells.



ARMS: Argent, within a bordure engrailed, gules, two
chevrons, azure.

CREST: A peacock's tail issuing from the mouth of a
boar's head, coupéd, erect.

SUPPORTERS: Two tigers, regardant.

MOTTO: Sans Crainte. (Without Fear)

"THE ANCIENT HOUSE OF THE TERRELLS CAME FROM NORMANDY, AND WAS AN ISSUE OF THE FIRST DUKES OF NORMANDY, AND VERY OLD AND DISTINGUISHED." From the book of M. Cuvillier-Morel-D'Acy, a distinguished Archivist and Genealogist of France.

In Burke's Baronetcies, the French book noted above, and other records found in the British Museum, the name is variously spelled; and sometimes the name of the son is spelled differently from the name of the father. It is spelled: TYRRELL, TYRREL, TYREL, TERRELL, TERRILL, TIRRELL, etc. In all these authorities, however, the statement is made that it is the same name, and in England, the name is universally pronounced, no matter how spelled, as though it were spelled TYRRELL. (Note—To avoid confuzion the writer has used the uniform spelling of the name as "TERRELL" throughout these notes.)

- (1) SIR WALTER TERRELL, I., the first member of the family of TERRELL de POIX, and the close kinsman of ROBERT, Duke of Normandy, a cousin. The first Sir Walter was a native of Normandy, and the trunk or stem of his House. Born 1030. His descendents in England are represented by the well known County family of Tyrrell. Tyrel, Terrell, Terrill, established in Essex County by his descendent, HUGH TERRELL, who went from Picardy to Essex County in the Year 1199 or 1200 and established himself upon the lands granted to Sir Walter Terrell. by William the Conqueror after the conquest of England. From this old Essex County family are descended the different branches of the family in England today, and the several branches of the American family of Tyrrell, Terrell, and Terrill.

Sir Walter Terrell I. is represented now in France in descent by two principal branches: First, the MOYENCOURT family, and second, the Mouchy de Poix family.

The line of Terrell de Poix figured prominently in the Crusades, held high positions of the Court of the Kings of France in early days, and filled many distinguished posts in the mili-

tary and civil history of the north of France.

Sir Walter Terrell I. accompanied William the Conqueror to the conquest of England. Being a close kinsman, or cousin, as the book calls it, of William, Duke of Normandy, he had the honor of leading the center column in the first assault on the English lines. With his well trained band of retainers, from Poix (Pohiers) he made the assault on the English center at the great battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066. His name is in the list of distinguished noblemen who fought in the battle of Hastings. Sir Walter Terrell I. married twice: First, Olga, and second, Alix, the only daughter of Lord Frementiers. He had two children by the last marriage: Sir Walter Tyrrell II. and Osmont. Sir Walter I. died in 1068, and was succeeded in his titles and possessions by Sir Walter II.

- (2) SIR WALTER TERRELL II., is the member of the family, who, it is said, accidentally killed King William Rufus of England, while hunting with him in New Forest.

Sir Walter Terrell II., married, by order of William the Conqueror, his cousin, King of England, Adelice Giffard, who was of the illustrious House of Giffard in Normandy and England and niece of the Earl of Buckingham.

Sir Walter Terrell II. died in 1110, and left as children of himself and Adelice, his Wife, three sons: Walter III., Baldwin, who accompanied his father to the Crusades, and Robert, Seignour d eBergicourt, who was killed in 1133 in the Holy Land, while on one of the Crusades.

- (3) SIR WALTER TERRELL III. bore all the titles of his father and grandfather: Lord of Poix, Vicomte de Equennes, Baron de Ribecourt, etc. He was a rich and powerful nobleman, owning vast possessions in Normandy, Picardy and Pontiers. Sir Walter Terrell III. was married three times, first, Isabelle de Heilly, who died in 1120; second, Adeline de Ribecourt, who died in 1128, and third, Fide de Selincourt.

There were born three children from the first two marriages: Hughes (Hugh), Terrell I., Foulques and Baudoin (Baldwin).

Baldwin had four sons, who, in 1190, accompanied their cousin, Hugh Terrell II., the great soldier, to the Crusades, where two of them perished at the siege of Acre. Sir Walter Terrell III. died in 1145.

- (4) SIR HUGH TERRELL I., Lord of Poix, son of Walter III., inherited the lands and titles of his father, and qualified as Prince de Poix in 1153. Sir Hugh achieved great fame as a soldier in one of the Crusades.

Hugh I. married Ade de Aumale, daughter of Count de Aumale. Their children were Walter IV., who died in 1171 without children, and Hugh Terrell II. Sir Hugh I. died in 1159.

- (5) SIR HUGH TERRELL II. was also a famous soldier, and distinguished himself in the Crusades. In the Hall of the Crusades at Versailles, in folio 24, number 125, is an article on Hugh Terrell II., Lord de Poix. His Coat of Arms is in the third Hall of the Crusades. Hugh Terrell II. died in 1199. He had married, first, in 1161 Isabelle de Wignacourt of the illustrious family in Picardy, and second, in 1173 Marie de Senarpoint, also of distinguished blood.

He left two children, Gauthier (Walter) V., and Hughes (Hugh) Terrell. The older son, Walter, inherited, as usual under the law of primogeniture, all the titles and possessions in France of his father. This line in France, after producing many distinguished men, finally died out in 1417, the titles and possessions passing to the female side, the family of Moyencourt, where the titles continue to this day.

At this point, we may mention that none of the Terrell line up to this time had settled in England. As stated before, Sir Walter Terrell I., who distinguished himself at the battle of Hastings in 1066, under William the Conqueror, received a large grant of land in Essex County, England. He and his descendents, up to the year 1199 or 1200, remained in Picardy, on the vast family estates, where they held titles as Prince de Poix, etc.

- (6) HUGH TERRELL, second son of Hugh Terrell II., and brother of Sir Walter V. (the one who car-

ried on the line in France), it was, who in the year 1199 or 1200 crossed over into England and established himself on the lands of the family in Essex County, and formed a branch of the Norman and Picardian family, from which there exist today in England and the United States of America, different groups of his descendents. From Hugh, was descended Sir James Terrell, English historian, born 1642, died 1718. One owes to him the thorough and scholarly researches into the history of the House of Tyrrell of Poix.

In a pamphlet published by Mr. Peter G. Laurie, called the Terrells of Heron, in the Parish of East Horndon, is an interesting account of the old County family of the Terrells, which was settled in Essex County for more than five hundred years.

These were the descendents of Hugh Terrell, the first ancestor in England. Their manor house, located near East Horndon, was occupied by the family during all this time.

The name of Heron attached to the family name of Terrell through the marriage, early in the 14th century, of Sir James Terrell to Margaret, daughter of Sir William Heron, Knight of Heron.

- (7) HUGH TERRELL, the first ancestor in England, had a son Hugh Terrell, and grandson, Sir Hugh Terrell, who was governor of Carisbroke Castle in the time of King Edward III. Sir Hugh Terrell (General) commanded the King's Van in the army, in the expedition against Ireland by Sir Richard de Clare.
- (8) Sir James Terrell, son of Sir Hugh Terrell, wife, Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir William Heron, Knight, of Essex.
- (9) Sir Walter Terrell, son of Sir James Terrell. Wife, Joane, daughter and heiress of Sir John Swynford, Knight, Essex.
- (10) Sir Thomas Terrell of Heron, son of Sir Walter Terrell. First wife, Alice, daughter of Daneleghe. Second wife, Alenor, daughter of Flambert of Essex. Died in 1422.

- (11) Sir John Terrell of Heron, son of Sir Thomas Terrell, Sheriff of Essex 1422, Treasurer of Household of King Henry VI. Fought at the battle of Agincourt. A Speaker in the House of Commons. Married Eleanor, daughter and heiress of Sir William Cogeshul. In the Terrell chapel at East Horndon, high upon the wall of the old church is fastened an ancient helmet, said to be part of the armour of Sir John Terrell who distinguished himself at the battle of Agincourt. The helmet has been placed in the church for many hundred years. Fastened to the top of the helmet, in bronze, is the Crest of the Terrell family.
- (12) Sir Thomas Terrell of Heron, son of Sir John Terrell, Sheriff of Essex and Heris, 1460. Chamberlain of Exchequer. Wife, Anne, daughter of Sir John Marney, Kt., of Essex.
- (13) Sir Thomas Terrell of South Okendon, son of Sir Thomas Terrell of Heron. Wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Brun of Bruyn in South Okendon. Sister of Lady Brandon.
- (14) William Terrell of South Oakden. Son of Sir Thomas Terrell of Okendon. Wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas Bradley.
- (15) Humphrey Terrell of Thornton and South Okendon. Son of William Terrell of Okendon Hall, Manor of Bruyn and five hundred acres, 1548. Wife, Jane, daughter and heiress of Robert Ingleton of Thornton Hall, 1519.
- (16) George Terrell of South Okendon, Thornton and Bruyn. Son of Humphrey Terrell of Thornton Hall, Lord of the Manor of Bruyn and Tobbings, Essex.
- (17) Sir Edward Terrell of Thornton, son of George Terrell. First wife, Mary, daughter of Benedict Lee. Second wife, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Ashton of Ashton, Cheshire.
- (18) Sir Timothy Terrell of Oakley in Bucks. Son of Sir Edward Terrell of Thornton and wife, Mary Lee. Born about year 1590. First wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Watson. Second wife, Eleanor, daughter of Sir William Kingsmill,

Knight, of Sidmanton in Hampshire.

Sir Timothy had the following issue: Robert, son of Sir Timothy and wife, Elizabeth Watson. Children of Sir Timothy and Eleanor Kingsmill: Sir Timothy Terrell II., his heir, (Robert was disinherited); William, who was killed in the civil wars at Chester in 1644. Henry and Charles who died unmarried in Ireland. The alumni registers of the University of Oxford, show that both Sir Timothy Terrell I. and Sir Timothy II. were graduates of that university.

- (19) Robert Terrell, eldest son of Sir Timothy Terrell and wife, Elizabeth Watson, was disinherited by Sir Timothy because Robert would not adhere to the strict religious orthodoxy prevailing in England at this time.

Robert located at Reading, was councilor of Reading Borough, Guardian 1616. St. Giles Ward, 1619. Married Jane, daughter of Robert Baldwin, June 29, 1617. Son, Timothy.

- (20) Timothy Terrell of Allhallows, Broad Street, London, son of Robert Terrell and wife, Jane Baldwin. Married Dorothy Coillard and had three sons: Avery, born 1647; William, born 1650, and died in 1651; and TIMOTHY, born 1656, christened Dec. 5th 1656, at Allhallows, London, after his father died a young man, Aug. 20th, 1656. Timothy was a London merchant.

August 23rd, 1658, Dorothy Terrell, the widow, married again, Edmond Sheppard, at Barnstone, Essex.

- (21) TIMOTHY TERRELL, son of Timothy Terrell, of Allhallows, London, deceased. Timothy, an orphan boy, took ship from England, and located in New Kent County, Virginia, of the American Colonies, leaving his brother, Avery Terrell in England. Timothy settled in the same county in Virginia, in which his near relatives, Robert of London and Virginia, and William and Richmond of Virginia, had taken up large land grants during the years 1656 and 1670 as shown on the records of the land office in Richmond.

Timothy married Elizabeth Foster. Sons, Robert and Joseph.

- (22) ROBERT TERRELL, son of Timothy Terrell, first American ancestor. First wife, Mary Foster. Second wife, Judith Towles, daughter of the illustrious Colonel Oliver Towles. Sons, Edmond and Robert.
- (23) EDMOND TERRELL, Albemarle County, Virginia. Son of Robert Terrell and Judith Towles. Born 1740. Wife, Margaret Willis, daughter of Colonel Henry Willis and Mildred Washington. Edmond served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary Army during the War of Independence. The children of Edmond Terrell and Margaret Willis: Elizabeth, Mary, John, Edmond, Sarah, Jane, Robert, James and Nancy.
- (24) JOHN TERRELL, son of Edmond Terrell and Margaret Willis. Wife, a Miss Cornelius. Children: Robert, Edmond, Oliver, Elizabeth. John Terrell served in the War of 1812. A planter of Orange County, Virginia. Members of this Orange County, Virginia, branch of the family were prominent in the professions of Law and Medicine, as planters, and others served in the War of 1812, the Mexican War and Civil War.
- (25) OLIVER TERRELL, son of John Terrell. Married Susan Mallory. Resided in Orange County, Virginia on plantation, "Chestnut Hill". The children of Oliver Terrell and Susan Mallory numbered eight sons and four daughters: Edmond, John, Oliver Jr., Robert, James, Towles, Uriel, Phillip, Sally, Mary Anne, Susan and Lucille.
- (26) OLIVER TERRELL II. (or Oliver C. Terrell), son of Oliver Terrell and Susan Mallory, was born in Richmond, Va., Feb. 22nd, 1819. Departed from Orange County, Va., for the new state of Texas about 1846. Sojourned in Arkansas for four or five years, and while there married a Miss Frances Terrell, Nov. 30th, 1848. Miss Frances Terrell was born Nov. 5th, 1830, at Washington, Ark., presumably of the family of Robert or James Terrell who left Caroline County, Va., in the early 1820's and settled in Arkansas.

The Masonic certificate, now in the posses-

sion of the writer shows that Oliver C. Terrell was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1850 in Princeton Lodge F. and A. M. of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Oliver and wife departed from Arkansas in 1851 and settled in Palestine, Texas. (It was during this period beginning with the Texas War of Independence from Mexico that many Virginia Terrells emigrated to Texas and greatly assisted in the forming and upbuilding of that state).

Oliver Terrell served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and died at Palestine, Texas. Oct. 27th, 1867.

The children of Oliver Terrell and wife: Irene, born Dec. 6th, 1851; Laura, born Aug. 31st, 1855; Mary, born Oct. 22nd, 1857; Robert Lee, born Sept. 16th, 1858; John W., born Jan. 15th, 1866; Ida M. born Jan. 11th, 1868. Except Irene, who was born in Arkansas, all were born at Palestine, Texas. The widow of Oliver C. Terrell died May 2nd, 1880.

None of the children of Oliver and wife are now living. Last death, 1896.

- (27) ROBERT LEE TERRELL, was born Sept. 16th, 1858, at Palestine, Texas, died at Mineola, Texas, Feb. 23rd, 1894. Married Feb. 25th, 1878. First wife, Victoria Crow, daughter of Judge David W. Crow, was born Feb. 25th, 1862, at Tyler, Texas. Died at Mineola, Texas, Jan. 26th, 1892. The following children were born to Robert Lee Terrell and Victoria Crow: Roy Lee Terrell 1st, born December 12th, 1878, at Quitman, Texas. Walter Lawrence Terrell, born Nov. 22nd, 1880 at Wills Point, Texas. Jennie Eskridge Terrell, born September 11th, 1882 at Wills Point, Texas. Clota Winona Terrell, born April 2nd, 1884 at Quitman, Texas. Ida Terrell, born April 17th, 1886 at Quitman, Texas. Dorothy Terrell, born September 11th, 1889 at Mineola, Texas.

All the above children of Robert Lee Terrell and Victoria Crow are living on this date, July 5th, 1934, except Jennie Eskridge.

The second wife of Robert Lee Terrell was Miss Willie Bolding of Hallsville, Texas, born October 29th, 1864 at Hallsville, Harrison County, Texas.

The children of this union were Maiday, who lived only a few months, and Robert Crow Terrell, born Nov. 17th, 1894, died March 27th, 1899.

- (28) ROY LEE TERRELL 1st, eldest son of Robert Lee Terrell and Victoria Crow; born Dec. 12th, 1878 at Quitman, Texas. United in marriage with Miss Sue Lundy Huff at Fort Worth, Texas, June 2nd, 1903.

Sue Lundy Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Huff of Fort Worth, Texas, was born Oct. 15th, 1880 at Terrell, Texas.

The children of Roy Lee Terrell and Sue Lundy Huff are: Roy Lee Terrell, 2nd, born May 20th, 1904 at Fort Worth, Texas, and Frances Victoria Terrell, born March 6th, 1907 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Frances Victoria Terrell married Harold E. Tomer, a druggist of Hanford, California.

Roy Lee Terrell with family moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to San Diego, California in 1910, but returning to Fort Worth in fall of 1917. In 1926 the family removed to California, locating in the town of Grass Valley.

Roy Lee Terrell served in the Spanish-American War, Company "A" Third Texas U. S. Volunteer Infantry.

This is written that the living members of a branch of the Terrell family of England, Virginia and Texas may have a record of their ancient and honorable lineage down to the present day.

The writer is indebted for much information to the pamphlet of the late Hon. Edwin H. Terrell of San Antonio, Texas, from data procured by him in London and Paris, on subject of the origin of the Terrell family in England and of its Norman Progenitors in France.

Also to the pamphlet of Alexandros Jack Quayle of Los Angeles, California, "A Genealogy Line of the Terrills", whose maternal branch of the family merges with that of the writer for several generations in Virginia.

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