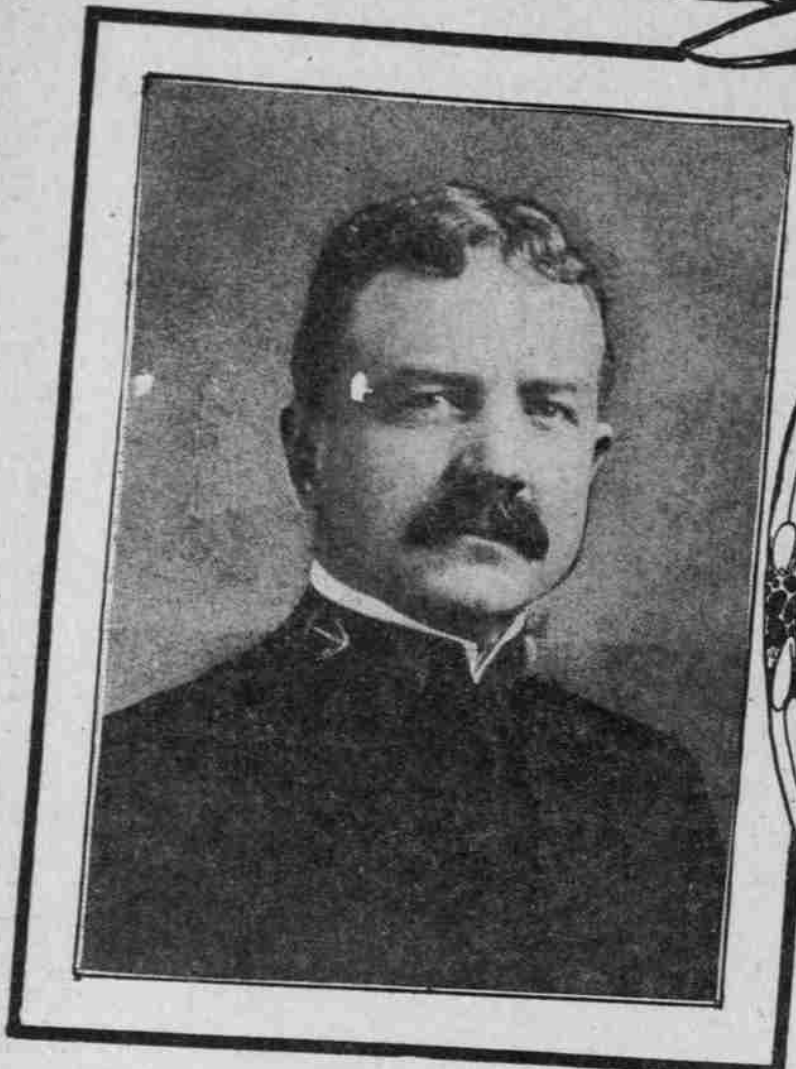


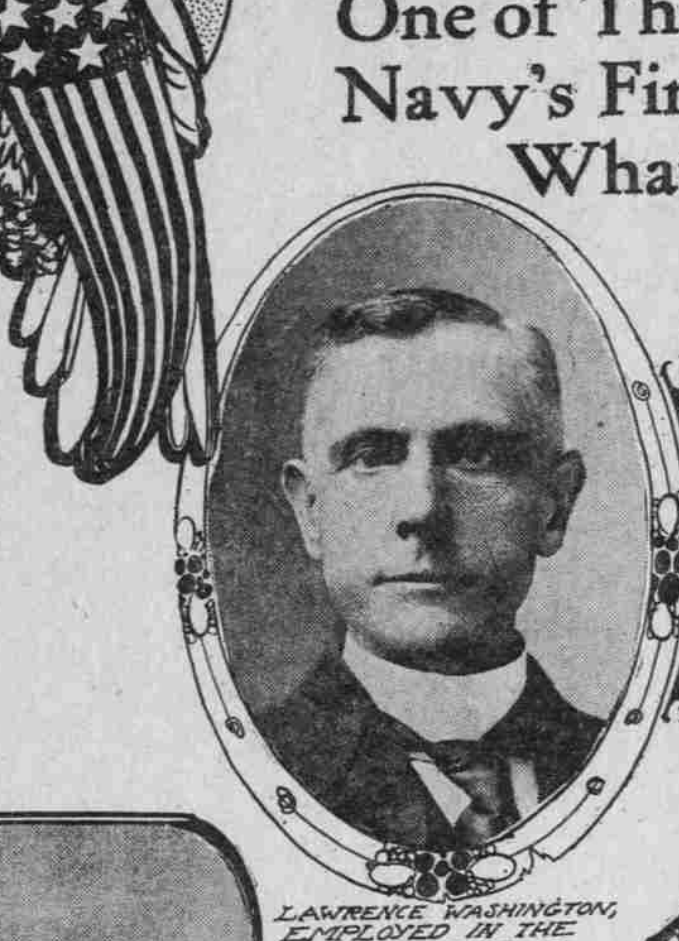
WASHINGTON'S COLLATERAL DESCENDANTS TODAY



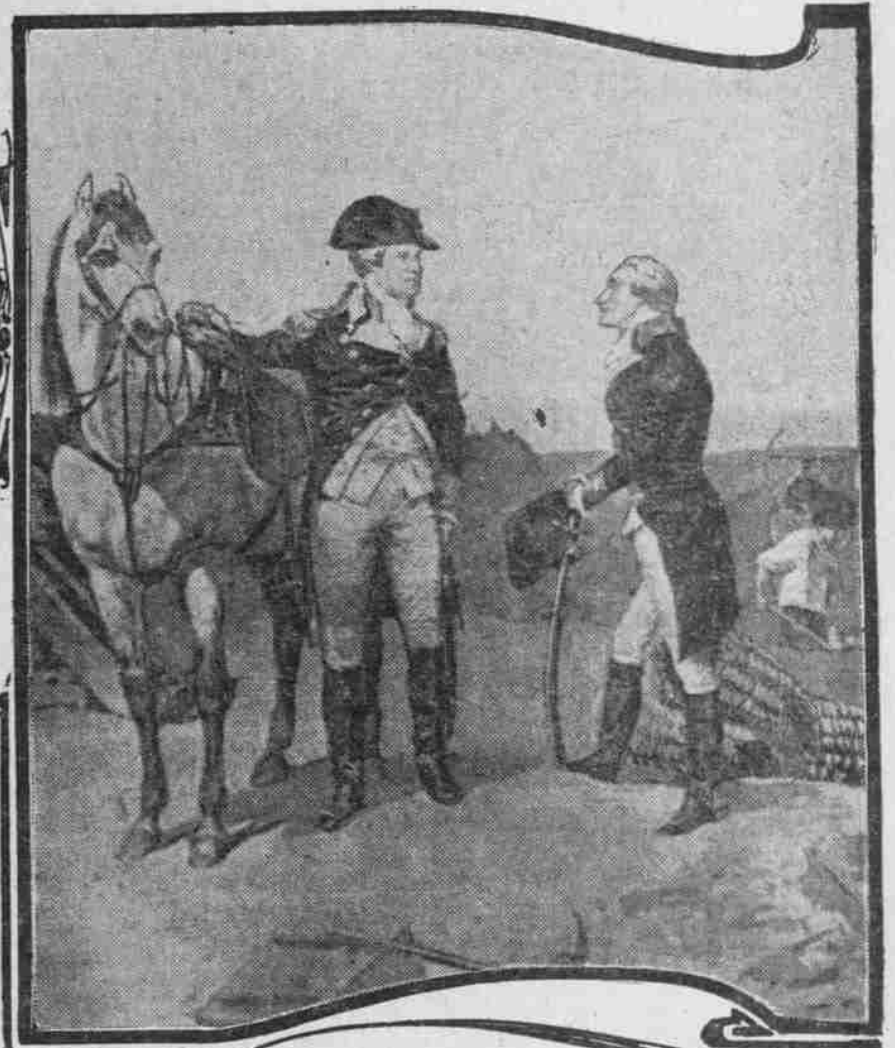
LT. COMMANDER THOMAS WASHINGTON



WILLIAM D. H. WASHINGTON OF NEW YORK CITY AND FORMERLY A U.S. CONSUL GENERAL



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GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FIRST MEETING WITH ALEXANDER HAMILTON, AS DEPICTED IN AN OLD ENGRAVING



REV. HENDERSON GEORGE TUCKER, A DESCENDANT OF JOHN AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON

BY JOHN S. HARWOOD.
ONE hundred and twenty years ago, when the United States was engaged in paying off the debts of the Revolution with land grants conferring title to tracts in the then Northwest Territory, three surveys, among others, were assigned to General George Washington. They were not occupied immediately, and the Land Office, some few years later, issued duplicate titles for the tracts to the heirs of General Neville and to one Henry Massie. When the duplication of title was discovered, Bushrod Washington presented a claim asking for the restoration of the property to the Washington estate, or a reasonable financial reimbursement.

The dispute has extended into many courts, and during the last century has been dragged out until it threatens to resemble that of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce. Recently encountering a statute of limitation in the courts, the Washington heirs have petitioned Congress to correct the matter by original legislation. A bill has been prepared and now is in a favorable state before both houses of Congress. Robert E. Lee, Jr., represents the family in the matter, and an interesting feature of the case has been the unearthing of collateral descendants of George Washington all over the country, many of whom have come into communication with the Virginia branch of the family for the first time. They appear in many curious walks of life which probably would surprise the distinguished Father of His Country should he become acquainted with them. While none, so far as is known, has achieved any great eminence (indeed, there is not a Washington in "Who's Who"), the average of distinction and respectability of the list is very high.

The present Lawrence Washington, who has devoted a great deal of time and effort toward helping Mr. Lee obtain data concerning the family to aid him in prosecuting the claims before Congress, estimates that there probably are about 1200 living descendants of Washington's six brothers and sister, the greater part of them being descended from Betty Lewis, the sister. The present headquarters of the family is at Harwood, near Charlottesville, in West Virginia, which was the home of Colonel Sam Washington, George Washington's brother. There are half a hundred descendants of Sam and John Augustine in the neighborhood. Since the holdings of the family at Mount Vernon have been absorbed by the Nation, nearly all of the members of the family who are located in Virginia have drifted into the neighborhood of Harwood and Charlottesville.

The members of the family who have wandered from the Old Dominion are pursuing various occupations in all parts of the Union. Almost every large city and state and nearly every possible kind of employment are represented. Several are in the Government service, many are lawyers, a majority farmers, there is a miner or two, some lumbermen, but after agriculture, the present generation seems to run mostly to the commercial pursuits of real estate and stockbroking. If there is a Washington descendant in your town he is probably marked by the use of one of the family Christian names, yet Lawrence, John Augustines and Bushrods abound in the list. There has been a refreshing modesty on the part of the family toward naming their offspring after their most illustrious member. So far as is known in the family there is only one living George among the descendants. He is George S. Washington, a merchandise broker of Philadelphia.

The oldest living member of the family is "Uncle" Richard Washington, of Charlottesville, W. Va. He is nearly 90 and unbroken in health. It is a tradition in the family that he is the only one of the Washingtons who ever has reached an advanced age, most of them not having filled out the quota of years. 67, which was that of the Nation's first President. There is every prospect, however, of Uncle Richard living at the head of the class for many years to come. He is a perfect chronicle of the history of the family. Although slightly bowed with the weight of his years, he preserves the stature, and, in a measure, the personal appearance of the Father of His Country, whose great nephew he is. Incidentally,

most of the living members of the family are not of great height. The one other descendant who is said to resemble the General is William D. H. Washington, a well-known hydraulic engineer, who lives at the Calumet Club in New York City. Those of the family who have not come by it naturally make no effort to imitate the appearance or the mannerisms, either—of the General. That is, since the death of an old gentleman of the Ball family, descended from Betty Lewis, who was a doorkeeper at the Pension Office in Washington, he somewhat resembled the General, was inordinately proud of that fact and on gala occasions was wont to perform the onerous duties of his office in Colonial costume and wig.

The Lewis family, through their collateral, furnish to many direct descendants names far removed from that of Washington. Conrad Lewis, the brilliant young commonwealth attorney of Charles County, Va., and James Lewis, a broker in New York City and connected with the Stevens family, of Castle Point, Hoboken, N. J., are closely related to the Father of His Country, as is Uncle Richard himself.

There are not as many descendants of the Washington tribe as there would have been had there been no Civil War in the '60s. Some two dozen of the descendants were in the war, and so far as is known, with one exception, were in the service of the Confederacy. All of them fought bravely, and although none achieved high rank, the name appears frequently on the records in the list of killed and wounded and of distinguished gallantry. Uncle Richard was wounded at the first battle of Bull Run, and the father of the present Lawrence Washington, who is in the Library of Congress, was a Lieutenant-Colonel on Robert E. Lee's staff, and killed near Phillip in the Fall of 1861.

Two Bushrods Civil War Heroes.
Bushrod C. Washington, now the secretary of a building and loan association in Spokane, Washington State, served through the war and worked his way up to an officer's position in the Confederacy. The family point to his record with great pride. He was wounded many times, and in one fight had his hat riddled with bullets.

The only member of the family of whom there is a record in the Northern service during the war is another Bushrod Washington, now living in Goodman, Mo.

The story is told by his Southern relatives with some rancor that he stole into the Confederate lines about Vicksburg and made trappings of Emerton's earth-works which were of great value to General Grant—an act which he quite resented, even in the Virginian's eyes, by carrying them back into the Union lines amid a storm of shot and shell.

The commercial activities of the living Washingtons, as already noted, are varied. The present John Augustine is in real estate and insurance in Charlottesville, W. Va.; another, Richard B. Washington, is a manager for a lighting concern; another, William D. H. Washington (there are three living of this name), is engaged in the promotion and development of some copper mines at Johnson, Ariz. William Lanier Washington is a well-known stockbroker in New York City; Lloyd W. Washington is in business in Chicago; Henry Washington is in the employ of the Southern Railroad at Roanoke, Va.; John C. Washington is in the lumber business in Washington State; three members of the Alexander family, who are direct descendants of Sam Washington, form the leading real estate firm of Charlottesville, W. Va.; Roger Chew, of the same line, is employed by the Standard Oil Company at its refinery at Bayonne, N. J.; E. W. Willis is a civil engineer in St. Louis, Mo., and an Augustine Lewis is the manager of a coal mine at Winfield, in West Virginia.

Washington is a member of the bar in Washington State. In Charlottesville, W. Va., S. W. Washington and Forrest W. Browne represent the attorneys in the family. Forrest Browne is the leading attorney of that section of the state, has been Commonwealth Attorney and frequently is spoken of as the candidate of his party for Congress. So far as can be learned none of the living descendants has received any political preferment.

In the Government service, however, there have been from time to time several members of the clan. The William D. H. Washington, of New York, who has been mentioned, was President Cleveland's Consul-General to London, Ontario, Can. R. E. Washington is the present Consul to Plauen, in Germany. Lawrence Washington, who has been mentioned as being in the Congressional Library, is the assistant in charge of the document room. There is a Thomas Washington who is employed as a clerk at the Washington Navy-Yard.

Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Washington, now in command of the Dolphin in the West Indies, and Captain Mervyn Buckley of the Army, stationed at Fort Casey on Puget Sound, represent the family in the military and naval establishments. The records of both have been brilliant.

Distinguished Naval Officer.
Lieutenant-Commander Washington's service has been varied and distinguished. His record in efficiency in the Navy Department is marked above par. He is a young man, was graduated well in his class, and probably will reach the highest grades in the service. While there is not likely soon to be another General Washington in the family, it perhaps will not be more than a decade or two until there is an Admiral Washington, for the first time.

held high staff assignments in the Bureau of Navigation and with the Asiatic squadron.

While proficient in the technical and staff branches of his profession, he has not been by any means a desk soldier. During the Spanish War he served aboard the battleship Indiana, and was in command of the third division of her gun batteries at the battle of Santiago, which resulted in the sinking of Cervera's fleet. His bravery and the accuracy of his shooting was commended officially by Captain Taylor, in command of the battleship, which, it will be recalled, played a prominent part in the fight. There were many shots directed by this collateral descendant of George Washington in the shattered hulls of the Spanish fleet.

Commander Washington, in command of the dispatch boat Dolphin, is doing a tour of sea service in the West Indies and is one of the youngest officers of the Navy to have so important an assignment. He will be promoted shortly to the full rank of commander, having passed through every grade from naval cadet to that rank.

Like practically all of the living descendants of the great George, Commander Washington is unassuming to the point of effacement. According to one who served with him for several years in the geological survey, he seldom can be brought to talk about his family, and at no time has he let the fact that he can trace back collaterally to the first President of these United States obtrude itself.

At one time in his naval career Commander Washington, then a midshipman, saw service in Europe, and about the only time he ever mentions his great descendant to his friends even, is when he laughingly tells how his name affected some of the people whom he met while abroad. Some persons insisted upon regarding him as rather of a curiosity and would ask singular questions about his great relative and himself. In England many folk whom he met insisted upon addressing him as "Lord" Washington, much to his mingled amusement and disgust, as befits a genuine American born and bred.

President, who might have played a far different part in history had he accepted the commission in the British navy which was offered him when a young man.

Another Washington in the Navy at the present time is a brother of Commander

March 7 Is Fixed for Pledge to Jesus

Cleveland Movement to Be Taken Up in Churches All Over the World

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—For two weeks 11,000 young men and women of Cleveland lived "as Christ would." The results of the probationary period were so remarkable that an international movement has been organized with headquarters in this city and its spread will be urged all over the world.

"As Christ would do," is a motto that is expected to create a new religious speech. Every city and village in this country, and many as far away as Australia, will take it up and young people in countless numbers will attempt to make their lives conform to it.

Under the leadership of a Cleveland student, March 7 has been set aside as the day when young and old, of every church and every denomination in the United States and abroad can unite to dedicate for two weeks, or forever, their lives "as Christ would live."

The success of the plan was not unmarked by failures. Stenographers who enlisted in the cause grew discouraged and withdrew their pledges. Girls from stores said they could no longer be firm in their efforts to live the perfect life and retain their positions. Complaints were numerous that the requirements of the business world would not permit an observance of all the Biblical laws, but in general the added experience of two weeks said the leaders, proved conclusively that even in the day of commercialism it is possible to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

"I tried it and failed," said Miss Agnes Burrows, private secretary to a well-known business man. "We pledged ourselves to an observance of the ten commandments. There is one that says 'Thou shalt not lie.' The rest might be comparatively easy, but I do not believe I could be a part of the business world and refrain from telling a lie. I tried, and tried hard, but it was a case of lie or lose my position."

"Would Christ have done that? I don't believe he would, but I am compelled to, or seek another position. And I must resign my pledge to live like him."

The manager advertises goods on sale for \$1 that he says are marked down from \$2.50. I know their original price was \$1.50. If a customer asks me if the goods are really reduced from \$2.50 to \$1, can I tell her 'no'? If I do, I not only lose a sale to her, but she tells her friends that the store's advertisements cannot be depended on, and we lose the business they had all been bringing us. If I were frank with her and did not lie about the original price of the goods, I would lose my position instantly. I pledged myself to live as Jesus would, but I had to break my pledge the very next day."

Notwithstanding the detection of several hundred men and women placed in positions similar to those of Miss Burrows and Miss Markwith, the 11,000 young people declare that the two weeks they lived "as Christ would" prove that Christianity is just as powerful a force now as it was 2000 years ago.

As a message to other cities, to Boston, where 30,000 have been recruited, to New York, where Dr. Charles A. Eaton has been gathering more thousands to take the pledge, to the entire country, young Price is sending this: "It pays to be good. It makes life pleasant, brings happiness, spreads happiness; it brings comfort and peace. It is a practical life and one full of content and joy. Some people have said we have been presuming to put Christianity on trial as a mode of daily life. We have not. We are putting ourselves on trial. We have been testing ourselves to see if we can be real and not merely professing Christians. And the trial has been a success. 'We have succeeded, and it is possible to follow Jesus; to take him for our exemplar of daily life. It is a gospel we can follow all through life.'"

They Might Be Worse.
If all the flies had stingers and if all the dogs were cross.
If all our joys were heartaches and our every
If every day were rainy or if every day was
Then would there be some light excuse for
one to sit and cry.
If all the trees were winter-killed and all the
eggs were stale,
If all the prizes were wormy and if all our
if all plans should fail,
If all the roads were muddy and if all the
hills were steep,
You would not be so readily blamed when
you sit down and weep.
But houseflies are not hornets and most dogs
do not bite.
Two-thirds of what we undertake turns out
readily right.
The weather's mostly wholesome, half the
days we lay are sunny.
Things might be quite a whole lot worse
than this fully half way decent.