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INTRODUCTION

In this story of the Cupit Family I am giving here an explanation of how you may use it with more ease as to records you may want to check.

I have arranged the genealogy by chapters, using a chapter for each child of the original immigrant to America. The letters and numbers herein used are for the following purpose:

The letters are for the generations, namely; A-1, first generation and first person in the generation. A-2, is second person discussed in first generation. B-1 would be the first person in the second generation, and so on.

The descendants are not in chronological order in every case.

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CUBIT-CUPIT ANCESTRY

Comparative study of the Armorial Bearings of the Cubit, Cubitt, and Cuthbert families in England indicates, it is thought beyond reasonable doubt, that the surnames spelled variantly, as Cubit, Cubitt, Cobit, Kybit, etc., and, in America, modernly, as Cupit were derived from the more ancient name of Cuthbert.

Sir John Bernard Burke, the eminent authority on British blazonry, in his "General Armoury of England, Scotland, and Ireland," edition of 1831, blazons Arms for the Cubitt family of Catfield Hall, County Norfolk, England, as follows:

Arms-Sable, a bow and arrow argenl

Crest-An arm in armour holding an arrow fesseways argent.

There are a number of Cuthbert Coats-of-Arms, several of which show an arrow for heraldic charge, also using, for Crest, an arm in armour. One of the blazons, for the Cuthbert family in general (since the Family-Seat is not mentioned with the blazon), is the following:

Arms-Or, a serpent veny in pale proper, debriused by a fesse gules.

Crest-An arm embowed in armour, grasping a broken spear, all proper.

Arms are blazoned for Cuthbert Castlehffl, Scotland:

Arms-Or, a fesse gules, in chief a serpent azure.

Crest-A gauntleted hand, holding an arrow proper.

Motto--NEC MINUS FORTMR.

With the surname given as Curthbertson ("son of Curthbert"), and the residence, Scotland in general, similar arms are described:

Arms-Or, a fesse gules between an eel naiant azure in chief and a lion's head erased gules in base.

Crest-A gauntleted hand throwing a dart (arrow).

Motto--NEC MINUS FORTITER.

This blazon Is nearly Identical with that for Cuthbert of Castlehill, Scotland, given above, for the "eel maiant" (swimming) is the same, practically, in apearance, with the "serpent azure" of the Castlehill family's Arms. The lion's head, appearing as charge in the base (lower part) of the shield for Cuthbertson is the charge in the following blazon, for "Cubit or Cubitt.'

Arms-Ermine, a lion's head erased azure.

Crest-A dexter and a sinister hand issuing from clouds, combating with scimitars proper.

Lions are used also in a coat for "Cutbert": Sable, two lions passant gobonated argent and gules.

In the Crest of a Coat-of-Arms for Cuthbert of Ireland, in general, is a demi-lion azure holding with both paws a battleaxe proper.

The shield of the Arms of Cupper, a family seated in Somersetshire, England, is argent, with a saltire sable, with three lions rampant gules in chief (the upper part of the shield).

The extreme simplicity of the first blazon given herein above, -for the family of Cubitt in County Norfolk (seated in modern times at Catfield in said Shire),-attests its origin in a very early period of heraldic usage. It is probable that some of the other Arms whose blazons have been given may have developed from the said Arms of Cubitt of Norfolk.

Certainly, the Cubitt family (with the surname in many spellings) lived in Norfolk from remote times.

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Records are found in the Thirteen Hundreds and the Fourteen Hundreds, while in the following century, begin definite pedigrees, as will be set forth presently herein.

The earliest Norfolk record of the name is mention of Roger Cobit, of Norwich, 1250 (2). In 1273, is found Geoffrey Cobet (3). Henry Cubyt was a juror, 1287, In the Parish of Saints Simon and Jude, Norwich (2). Roger Cobet lived in the County, 1273 (4), and may have been identical with Roger Cobit of Norwich, 1250, as noted above, or may have been a son of the latter. Roger Kybit of Worsted, Norfolk, 1331 (2), was, perhaps, a descendant of the said first Roger ("Cobit") of Norwich, 1250. One Cubitt, whose Baptismal name is not known, was a ringleader, in Norfolk, at the time of Wat Tyler's Rebellion, 1381 (5). Robert Cubitt was the Abbot of Saint Bennet's, at Hulme, Norfolk, in 1487 (6), as recorded by one authority, while another gives his name as Robert Cubft, with the date as 1499 (2).

Sir John Bernard Burke cites Blomefield's History of Norfolk (published, first, in the Seventeen-Hundreds), in his statements concerning the aforesaid Cubitt of Tyler's Rebellion: "a person of that name having been one of the Ringleaders who were selected by the Commons to go to the King, on the rebellion of Wat Tyler having extended to Norfolk, tomp. Richard 11, but they were beheaded on the way" (6).

"Nicolas Cubit" was born in or about 1459 as he was aged sixty-three in 1522, at which time he had been a resident of Norwich for ten years. On April 22 of that year he appeared as a witness, evidently in a legal suit for breach-of-promise, by Johan Anderson against Michael Sellyng, at Norwich (7). He, doubtless, was identical with "Nicholas Cubite de Norwico worstedwever Congregacio fraternitatis"-Nicholas Cubite of Norwich, worsted-weaver, of the Guild of Saint George, Norwich, whose name, thus, was recorded in 1519, in the month of December (8).

In an inventory of armament in a district of the County of Norfolk, that of North Erpingham Hundred, made in September, 1577, the "Private armour" of "James Cubite" (apparently a resident of South Reppes) was listed as "one Cote of plate one Long bow one Shoeff of arrowes one blacke byll one Stele Capp" (9).

The description of his equipment indicates that he was of the Knightly class, wearing his Coat-of-Mail formed of metal plates. Such defensive armour had superseded the older use of chain-mail by the end of the previous century almost entirely, and "When a score of this 15th century had run we find the knight closed in with plates, no edge of chain mail ring in sight." By the time of James Cubite's record, in the latter part of the Sixteenth Century, "Everywhere there was revolt against the burden of plates," for "the full suit of war harness" had become "an antique survival" (10). Thus, it may be that the "Cote of plate" belonging to James Cubite in 1577 had been an inheritance of armour borne by his father, or earlier forbear.

South Repps, under which place-name ("Southerepps") was listed James Cubite's military equipment, in the aforesaid inventory of 1577, was a family home of the Cubitt family whose chief Family-Seat became Catfield Hall in Norfolk, and whose heraldic Arms have been blazoned at the beginning of this study. Some account now will be set forth of the pedigree of this ancestral lineage.

1. ROBERT CUBITT is placed at the head of this lineage (6). His residence in Norfolk is not recorded, but, no doubt, was in the eastern part of the shire, for, writes Walter Rye, chronicler of many Norfolk pedigrees, "Before 1600 the family had spread all over the east of Norfolk" (2). Early record of the name has been shown above herein, in Norwich, which ancient city lies something like twenty miles to the west of Yarmouth, with which latter place became associated this branch of the family. Robert Cubitt, it seems very probable, was born in the latter part of the fourteen hundreds, for his son, Benedict Cubftt, was Mayor of Yarmouth (his official title, perhaps, more correctly, Bailiff or otherwise) (2), in 1566 (6), and, assumably, was then a man of some maturity,--perhaps aged forty, or considerably more.

2. BENEDICT CUBITT, aforesaid, ruling official of Yarmouth in 1556, son of the preceding Robert Cubitt, had the following son (6).

3. THOMAS CUBITT, son of Benedict, and grandson of Robert (6), resided at South Repps (in the Hundred of North Erpingham) (9), where, as stated above, James Cubite's personal armour was recorded in 1577), County Norfolk (11). It seems certain that this Thomas belonged to the same branch of the family as the said James, - - that

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is, the indication being that James descended from an ancestor of Thomas. When Thomas Cubitt made his will, which was probated on October 16, 1658, his residence was given as Little Palgrave (12), evidently another residence, for his son's home was South Repps.

Thomas- Cubitt married Diana, daughter of John Heusgoo, County Norfolk (11). This. Ho family's home was. at Lynn (6). Thomas and D@ (Housgoe) Cubitt had a son, as follows:

4. JOHN CUBITT. son of Thomas and Diana (Housgoe) Cubitt, was recorded, as "John Cubitt of South Reppe com. Norf. Gent., in the Visitation of Norfolk made In 1664 (12). The "Visitations" of the various Shires of England were undertaken by the College of Arms, which sent representatives to visit the heads of the landed families, and to obtain from them information as to their ancestry and present family.

In the same year as that of the said Visitation of Norfolk John Cubitt was the ruling official of Yarmouth, as had been his grandfather, Benedict Cubitt, in 1566 (6). Statement has been made, however, that his title was not that of Mayor(wherby he has been recorded) (6), which title is said not to have been used at Yarmouth before 1689) (2), but was, instead, Bailiff and Alderman (2).

John Cubitt married Elizabeth, daughter and "sole heire" of William Lynn, Lord of the manor of Bintree (6), or Bintry (12), County Norfolk (11@,

When the aforesaid Visitation of Norfolk families of landed estates was made, in 1664, the following were recorded as children of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt (12).

- I ROBERT CUBITT.
- II WILLIAM CUBITT, of Gunningham, who died in 1654.
- III THOMAS CUBITT.
- IV MARY CUBITT.
- V DIANA CUBITT.

Statement, however, has been made (6) that the children of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt were John, Benjamin, and Mary. A later authority, Walter Rye, in 1913, chronicling the old families of Norfolk, believes that Benjamin Cubitt (placed, according to the said earlier statement, as brother of John and Mary, and all three called children of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt), was, instead, son of Thomas Cubitt, of Gunningham (13); and that this Thomas of Gunningham was identical with Thomas Cubitt, recorded, as above said, in 1664, by the Heralds, in their Visitation of Norfolk, as third son of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt, appears to the present compiler as all but absolutely established. The elder brother of this third son, in the Visitation's record, was Robert, and, as below shown, it seems beyond doubt that the Thomas called of Gunningham had a kinsman, Robert. Also, in the Visitation's account, the third son, Thomas, had an elder brother, William Cubitt of Gunningham, who had died in 1654. Nothing is said of this dece@ William, and it seems probable that he left no issue, and that his estate of Gunningham passed, on his decease (or on the decease of his father, John Cubitt, perhaps, more likely), to the said brother,

Thomas, - - who, thence, would have been known as Thomas Cubitt of Gunningham. In line with this reasoning, the said Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt, is placed, as below, for next ancestor to the said John (husband of Elizabeth), in the present pedigree.

5. THOMAS CUBITT was the son of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Cubitt (12). As just mentioned, he, it seems clear, succeeded to the estate of Gunningham, after 1654, probably. However, he may have, lived at Gunningham in 1639, for his son Benjamin, born in 1639, is called son of Thomas Cubitt of Gunningham (1 3), though this appellation is not known to have been used at the time of Benjamin's said birth.

It seems extremely likely that Thomas Cubitt, the name of whose wife is not known, had, with other children, perhaps, two sons, Benjamin and Robert Cubitt. They may have younger sons, for they do not appear to have succeeded to Gunningham.

6. BENJAMIN CUBITT, son of Thomas Cubitt of Gunningham in Norfolk, was born in 1639 (13). In 1683, he, together with Robert Cubitt (certainly, a close relation, and indicated as his brother), purchased the Manor of Honing, County Norfolk.

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In 1713, he made his Will, died in 1720, and was buried at Honing (13).

The name of Benjamin Cubitt's wife has not been found. They had two sons (13):

I Robert Cubitt.

II Benjamin Cubitt, Junior,-his father, in record of the aforesaid purchase of Honing Manor, called "Benjamin Cubitt the elder of Honing, gent."

Robert Cubitt, elder of these sons of Benjamin Cubitt, resided at Brunstead, County Norfolk In 1703, he married Martha Randall, and they had a son, named Thomas (13).

This last-mentioned Thomas Cubitt, son of Robert and Martha (Randall) Cubitt, lived at Wells-by-the Sea (in Norfolk), and the Supervisor of Excise. In 1753, he sold land belonging to him at Honing (doubtless, once owned by his grandfather, Benjamin Cubitt, who, as above said, bought Honing Manor in 1683), to his first cousin, Thomas Cubitt. This first cousin of Thomas, the Excise Supervisor of Wells, was a son of Benjamin Cubitt, Junior, --listed above as son of "Benjamin Cubitt the elder of Honing, gent" (13). He, now, will be recorded herein.

7. BENJAMIN CUBITT, JUNIOR, was the younger son of Benjamin Cubitt, purchaser of Honing Manor. He was baptized at Brunstead, Norfolk, December 27, 1673 (13).

It seems possible that the family estate at Brunstead may have come to the Cubitt possession through marriage,--perhaps, the marriage of Benjamin Cubitt, the elder (purchaser of Honing Manor). As noted, his elder son, Robert resided there.

Benjamin Cubitt resided at Honing by 1695, the year of his marriage (14), and died there, 1746. He married, 1695 (14), a kinswoman, Elizabeth Cubitt, daughter of James Cubitt of Brunstead and his wife (13), Margaret (14) (or Elizabeth) (13), whose maiden surname is not known.

The exact relationship of the Cubitt branch to which belonged the said wife of Benjamin Cubitt to his own branch has not been determined. Her father, as said, was James Cubitt of Brunstead. In his Will, made in 1711, he mentioned his son-in-law Benjamin Cubitt. This James Cubitt was the son of Reverend Richard Cubitt. The latter entered Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, University, in 1637. His father was James Cubitt, of Smallburg, County Norfolk, who died in 1671. This James Cubitt (great-grandfather of Elizabeth Cubitt, wife of Benjamin Cubitt), married Jane, daughter and heiress of William and Elizabeth (-) Donghy (14). It appears possible to the compiler that James Cubitt of Brunstead (father of Elizabeth Cubitt who married Benjamin Cubitt), was not called, properly, "of Brunstead," until some period in his life after his daughter's marriage, 1695. He may have become, thereafter, a resident of Brunstead, which place, as shown, was an estate of (or Included estate of) that branch of the Cubitt family into which, his daughter married. At any rate, his own branch of the family, though not traced directly, earlier than to his grandfather, James Cubitt (husband of Jane Donghy, as above mentioned). --this earlier James called "James Cubitt of Smallburg, gent." (14),-resided at Smallburgh, as *early* as the Fifteen-Nineties (14).

Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cubitt) Cubitt are said to have had a very large family." This remark, also, is made concerning the household of their son, Benjamin, and that of a son of this last, George Cubitt (13).

Only two of their children, however, have been found on record, two sons, Benjamin and Thomas. Benjamin was ancestor of the family of Cubitt of Catfield Hall, and Thomas headed the line which continued to reside at Honing Manor, their Seat, in modern times, being known as Honing Hall. Brief account will be set forth, as below, of these two lineages, Benjamin being designated, in the numbering used in the present study, as 8-A and Thomas, as 8-B.

8-A. Benjamin Cubitt, elder son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cubitt) Cubitt, died in 1762 (13). Whether by marriage or inheritance or purchase is not stated in authorities consulted, but he acquired possession of property known as Catfield Hall, in County Norfolk, which has continued to be the Family Seat of his descendants (16). He married twice, and, perhaps, three times. His first wife was Susanna Gaze, but she is believed to have died without issue. No name is known for the second wife, and the number of his marriages may have been two, rather than three. Certainly, however, he married, after the death of Susanna, the first wife, Elizabeth, probably Elizabeth Rant though it is possible her surname was Dean (15). It was this marriage which resulted in the "very large family" (15), ascribed to him, as above said.

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The only recorded member of this large family, as found in the present study, was the son and successor at Catfield Hall of the aforesaid Benjamin Cubitt.

9-A George Cubitt was baptized at Catfield in 1759. He may have married twice, is known to have had "a very large family," by his first marriage, to Mary Finley (15).

8-B Thomas Cubitt, the younger son of the aforesaid Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cubit) Cubitt, was born in 1717 (13). As has been mentioned above, under account of a Hue descending from Benjamin Cubitt (Number 6 herein), a grandson of this last-mentioned Benjamin, Thomas Cubitt, of Wells-by-the-Sea, sold land in Honing Manor this cousin, another Thomas Cubitt. This last was the Thomas now described. This transaction took place in 1753 (13).

The wife of Thomas Cubitt was Anne, daughter of the Reverend James Smyth of Blickling, County Norfolk (13). He was ancestor of the ensuing branch of the Cubitts of Honing but their record has not been found traced in sources examined for the present study of Cubit ancestry.

Before the time when Benjamin and Robert Cubitt purchased the Manor of Honing (as described herein, above, under account of the former, -Number 6), which purchase was in 1683, members of this family lived at Honing, for their names are found in the Parish Registers there (13) : Matthew Cubitt, 1643; Andrew Cubitt, 1666; Thomas Cubitt, who bought land at Honing in 1675. This last, probably, was Thomas Cubitt of Gunningham (Number 5, above), whose son, Benjamin bought the Manor of Honing.

It seems probable that the aforesaid Matthew Cubitt, recorded, as said, at Honing,,1643, was the Matthew Cubitt, recorded as a son in the will of an ealier Matthew. This Will was made in 1609, and mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, and the following sons: John, Alexander, Clement, Matthew.

The maker of this Will, Matthew Cubitt of Honing, may have been a son of Alice Cubitt of Woodbastwick, apparently a widow, who made her Will in 1593, or about that year, in which she had died, mentioning in it, without statement of relationship, evidently, Matthew Cubitt (13).

Some other unconnected records have been found of the Cubitt family in England, but the only other connected pedigree of any length is that now to be presented herein. The surname of this branch is given in this record as Kyberd. Mention has been made above herein of a Henry Cubyt, and a Roger Kybit (of Worsted, Norfolk, 1331), perhaps descended from Roger Cobit of Norwich, 1250. There seems every reason to think that the surname, Kyberd, is but another of the many forms of which Cubitt appears to be the most usual in England, but, which, as discussed herein, seems indicated as originating in Cuthbert.

In compiling a history of a family there are so many things you want to tell that it is rather difficult to decide what to say and what not to say. The most important part to this story will the names, dates of birth, dates of death, when and where married, place of residence, and a limited amount of biography.

As you read this you will find that it is arranged by families or family groups. The first generation will begin the family name and then each generation follows. A partial Index will be given and the family group which you will find in that list enabling you to follow your group without reading all that is herein written.

As you follow through you will see that I give credit to those who have assisted in gathering the data. When I began this I was as green as they get on preparing a genealogy and for that reason many records can not be given for reference. I just did not think to jot them down and it is now too late to go back and secure them. However, I will say I gathered the data from state land records, tax records, census records, land plats, wills, intestate estate settlements, cemeteries, Bibles, and any verbal or written records I could locate.

There may be, and most likely are, errors in some of the records. But they are as authentic as it is humanly possible to make them. Many would not answer letters written to them and not being able financially to visit every locality and gather data I of necessity had to leave quite a bit out. You will be able to take what I have prepared and complete your records if you are interested.

I would like to correspond with any one who receives a copy of this and get any information you want to give me.

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Do you ever wonder who you are? Where did my people come from? I cannot answer all of your questions, but I can answer some of them. If you are interested you may continue the h.

Some of the statements in this genealogy are traditional, but most of it is facts obtained here and there as I searched for information. It is not an easy task to gather this Information. I have spent twenty-five years and more gathering the information I have on the various families I have prepared. All the families I have are not included in this copy. I plan to publish two or three books in book size. When and if they are you can have them all put into one volume and put good binding on them thereby having something that will be appreciated by future generations.

Some of those who have aided me in gathering this data are: My mother Sarah Vianna Hart Cupit, my sister Verna Cupit, James C. Cupit, Mrs. William A. Coleman, James Carlton Cupit, John J. Cupit and his mother, Mrs. Rosa Cupit, Mrs. Ella Hatchell, Mr. John Byrd, James, Edgar, and Robert Sullivan. Mrs.M. H. Godbold, Mrs. Genet Cupit Herring, James L. Cupit, Mrs. Mollie Tittle, Eugene Wesley Cupit, Mrs. Catherine Strait Giffin, Mrs. Ruby Geupel and many others.

If all to whom I have written had answered I would have been able to give a fairly complete history. A lack of finance, the fact that many were uneducated in early days, lack of interest and knowledge of family history, loss by fire and wars, and the many other causes prevented my finding all I wanted to Incorporate In this story.

I want to state that it was one of the greatest pleasures of my life to have had the privilege of compiling this data.

The first record of the name Cupit found In America was in Virginia in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County. A Thomas Gill, Jr. owned land on Cupit's Creek. The next record was of a Joseph Cupit who was a soldier in English service and was buried In South Carolina. Then appears the name of John Cupit who signed up for three years service in the army of the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in Maryland in 1778. But the next year he was missing and no record of him is found afterward.

The War Department gave me this statement, "The records of this office show that one John Cupit (rank not stated) served In the Revolutionary War as a member of Captain Jonathon Sellman's Company 4th Maryland Regiment, commanded by Colonel Carvel Hall. Neither the date of his entry into or the separation from the service is shown. His name appears only on a roll dated 8 September 1778 which shows that he enlisted for three years and no further record of him has been found."

J. A. Ulia Major General
The Adjutant General
Washington, D. C.

I am inclined to believe this to have been my ancestor. I think he left the service and returned to Ireland until the war was over and then with the Irish immigrants who came to South Carolina came and settled in what is now Fairfield County, S. C.

The first record in South Carolina that seems to have been him was John Carpit in Camden District, S. C. in census of 1790. The name is misspelled but the number in the family corresponds to his family. The youngest son James Cupit was born in South Carolina in 1790. A deed made by John Cubitt was dated 1795 and made to his son-in-law Samuel Clarke. It was made or on record in Chester Co., S. C. In 1800 census the name of John Cupit does not appear, but his son is shown as head of the family of Cupid. So you see there are various ways of spelling found in the American data. Later records of the name are found in Chester and Fairfield Counties.

The will of John Cupit was made in 1802 and was probated in Chester County August 10, 1802. In the will he named his wife Janet, his children: Mrs. Martha Clark's son Daniel Cupit Clarke, Ann Rosborough's daughter Janet, Agnes and Elizabeth Cupit, sons, David Cupit, William Cupit, Daniel Cupit, John Cupit, and James Cupit.

A deed by David Cupit was made to James Ford for \$1,500.00 in Fairfield Co. in 1818. William Cupit made a deed to James McCain in 1807 in Chester County. These dates and records show the approximate date and location of the first ancestors of the Cupit famgy that I am tracing. John Cupit, Sr., apparently sold every thing he had to Samuel Clake In 1795 but when he died he had a sizeable estate. It seems that he was single in 1795 and probably married again before 1802 when he made his will. In a grave yard known as the Irish grave yard or the Moore grave yard in

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Chester County below Lockhart's ford or bridge and near Loves crossing are the graves of John Cupit and Janet Cupit Both have markers. John Cupit has, "Here lies the body of John Cupit, who departed his life, February 2, 1802, in the 67th year of his age,
The loving husband
The faithful friend
The tender father."

Next to him is a grave unmarked, we wonder if it was his first wife? Then is Janet Cupit. who died at age 27 years, when living beloved, In death lamented. In same line are other graves with identical markers which make us wonder if they were not of the same family. A Tomb grave and an Anderson Grave. The Anderson name is the same as the name of one of the Tomb girls. Janet Tomb was one of the girls also. These girls were named in Tomb's will in 1796. We have been made to believe the Tomb's and Cupits are related and may be the Andersons. Before coming to America I am unable to say who they were or where they came from. We do know that the Cubitts went from England to Ireland and to other sections of the world. The name Cupit or Cupitt is found in most of the records after 1700.

Al. As you will see, the first Cupits of our group came to South Carolina about 1787. In the census records of 1850 John Cupit, J., said he was born in Ireland. His great Granddaughter, Joe Pratlir Stroud, said she was told he was born on the Atlantic after leaving Ireland.

The name Cubitt-Cupit-Cupid will show up all along in England, Australia, and America. They were among the landed Gentry in England. So far as we were able to find they are just "folks". None of them ever were statesmen, nor do we find that any of them were ever notoriously wicked. According to the old adage "It is an exceptional forest that has no dead wood in it." So may we better not search too closely or we might find the rotten wood. They have filled their places as citizens of a great nation to the best of their ability. A few have been soldiers, others have filled minor places in political life, teachers, preachers, merchants, clerks, and what have you. The majority have been tillers of the soil the greatest and most important business In America.

As stated above John Cupit died in 1802 at age 67 which made his birth date 1737. And as we found no daughters named Janet we concluded that Janet who died August 9, 1804, at age 27, was a second wife. If there was any issue, we never heard of them. There was a John Cupit in Union County S. C. from 1820 to 1850 in the census records. We do not know if he was one of ours. He could have been a son of John Cupit, Sr. or a son of John Cupit, Jr. We do not know that John Cupit, Jr. was married twice, but do know lie was thirty-two years old when he married in Mississippi.

In this introduction I have given the general information gathered on the Ctipits. I have a copy of the deeds and wills made by John Cupit, Sr., and his children in South Cdxohna. I have cemetery record which will be mentioned In each family group and aiso, abstract of wills of some of theui. 'riie boys all came to Mississippi between 1810 wid 18'.10. One girl came with them, Elizabeth Cupit.

From here on I will discuss each child and their descendants to the present in so far as I am able to secure them. Each of them will be named and then their children and each genemtion as they come until completed. The sons of John Cupit, Sr. will be given first. They are given as nearly according to age as I am able to determine. After the sons' genealogies come the meager genealogies of the daughters. The girls were the hardest to trace as I had trouble finding whom they married. And after finding the name of the husband I could not find any of the descendants. Eventually, I did find a few of them and these aided me in getting what I have.

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COPIAH COURT RECORDS

Estate of David Cupit (Box C) Administered by, James Cupit, June 22, 1835. Appraisers: James Cupit, Wm. W. pe, and Henry Mrwin.

Bills paid to: James McDonald, Michael McManus, Squire McLaurin, John Anding, Agnes Anderson, John Knight, Gilbert Buie, Matthew Smith, Randal Wright, C. D. Spring, and Sanders. \$647.27

Appraisers again: were James Arnold, Dougal McMillan, RandaU Wright, George RyaUs, Reported July 30, 1835.

Hugh McLaurin, J. P.

Bill of personal estate filed Aug. 24, 1835...

Sales to

Henry Erwin, Daniel Buie, Erwin Godbold, James Cupk, David Cockran, Gabriel O'Steen, Orin Shurtliff, John D. Ford, James Arnold, John Cupit, Randil Wright, William Coleman, Richard Coleman, John Hurt, Adam CaiTaway, Robert Ford, Dugal Mc-MiDan, Gilbert Buie, Elijah Right, Dennis Sullivan, John Wilson, Duncan Patterson, and John Smith.

Total sale \$1105.121/2

James McDonald, L P.

Nathan Smith had a claim, signed by Thomas McCall, J. P.

John Anding had a e@ signed by same J. P.

James Cupit made oath before R. Johnson, J. P.