

DAVID GWIN OR GWINN

This family is of Welsh origin the word being translated as white or candid. The legend on the family coat-of-arms is translated "It is permitted to oppose force with force".

One Robert Gwin whose wife was Jane Kinkead emigrated to America living for a time in North Carolina later coming to Virginia. With characteristic old-world thrift he permitted his son David to come at the expense of one John Peoples Sr. to whose services he thus became bound. David Gwin (1742-1822) lived to become an extensive land owner in the Virginia valley of the Jackson River and among his holdings was the entire acreage once held by his wealthy master.

David Gwin engaged in many battles with the Indians as did his father Robert. During the Revolutionary War he rose to the rank of Captain. As Virginia, unable to pay her soldiers in cash for their services issued land grants to them, he chose lands adjacent to each other and thus was able at his death to leave substantial holdings to each of his thirteen children. His brothers included James, Robert, Simon, Samuel and Joseph. The descendants of these brothers have emigrated to all parts of the United States and are to be found identified with business and educational interests in numerous localities.

David Gwin was twice married. His first wife was Jane Carlisle and their children were:

James	married	Rachel Stephenson
Robert	married	Mary Stephenson
Mary	married	Robert Lockridge
John	married	(1) Margaret Bradshaw (2) Lydia Gwin
Elizabeth	married	Samuel Gwin
Jane	married	John Cleek
Nancy	married	James Wiley
Sarah	married	Thomas Kinkaid

His second marriage was in 1790 to Violet daughter of William Crawford of Virginia. Their children were:

Isabella	married	Capt. Wm. Hogshead
Margaret	married	Robert Coyner
Rachel	married	William McClung
Susan	married	Capt. Silas Hinton

David S. married Frances Beckham

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Margaret Gwin and Robert Coyner had four children one of who was David Silas who married Matilda Heizer. They had eleven children, one of who Fred Ware married Clara Pommert. Two daughters were born to them, Pearle married Chas. T. Hiser and Mabel married F. H. Broyles.

Pearle had one son, Charles Frederick Hiser who married Violet Sansome and has two children, Marilyn and Charles David. Mabel had three children, Ned Lee married Marian Richardson, Joan married Paul Furgeson and June Rose.

(Signed) Pearle Coyner Hiser