

WILLIAM PRICE

B. L. Price, in his book, "John Price Emigrant", prefaces it with this statement:

"The Price family is designated by historians as being among the most honored and influential in all Cambria or Wales. To know that one's ancestors figured so conspicuously in history, is bound to arouse the keenest sense of family pride. There is no doubt that the family came from the royal line of Wales, and they are connected with the English royal families. The names Rees, Rhys or Ap. Rhys is the most prominent in Welsh history for three centuries prior to 1282."

The first Price we have knowledge of in our line in this country, was John Price, The Emigrant, who came to Jamestown, Virginia a little before the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. From Wills, histories, deeds, etc. this line has been procured. John the Emigrant and Ann his wife, had sons, Matthew and William. Tradition says Ann Price as massacred at Jamestown.

Among the sons of Matthew Price was one named John who held land at the Falls of James River and other Henrico lands. He was born about 1650, died in 1711. He married Jane Pugh. In his Will he names children: Mary Cannon John, Daniel, Pugh and Eliza.

Pugh Price born 1690, was still in Henrico Co. in 1743 for we find him Processioner in old St. John's church about that time. He married (1) Sarah Williamson (2) Jerusha Pennick. By first wife there were seven children, and by the second, nine. The second child, William, married Mary Morton, daughter of Joseph Morton and his first wife, Mary Goode. Samuel, son of Wm. & Mary married Elizabeth-----. Their son William married Polly Richardson. Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. & Polly married William Thomas. Their son, William, Jr. married Mary Parrett. George Beecher, son of Wm. & Mary Thomas, married Mary Mackerley. Their daughter, Jessie Price, married Charles Mains.

Abraham Price, son of William & Polly Price and brother of Elizabeth, who married William Thomas, was the father of C. W. Price of Greenfield. His wife was Eleanor Clark of near Frankfort.

John, another brother of Elizabeth, married Elizabeth Rowe of Madison County.

On November 6th, 1766, we find William Price, gentleman, one of the Worshipful Justices. Also on June 16th, 1768, we find him a Charlotte Co. Justice. Thus, he had to take oath to His Majesty George III. Besides this civil office as one of the Worshipful Justices, he was Captain of the Militia and is said to have marched to Williamsburg at the call of Patrick Henry and to have taken part in the first battle of the Revolution in Virginia.

In 1777, he resigns his commission as Captain of Militia and resumes his civil office. Up to the time of his death we find him on the bench. These records were found at Charlotte C. H., Virginia.