

BIRTHPLACE AREA OF FAMOUS MEN

Few Places Can Challenge Virginia's Claim to Heroes and Great Minds.

Washington.—That Benjamin Franklin's grandfather, who was a blacksmith, may have plied his trade on a house owned by the ancestors of George Washington and of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, before any members of these famous families were dreamed of trying their fortunes in America, is an interesting possibility developed by the discovery and recent purchase and dedication of the Adams ancestral home at Floors, Northamptonshire, less than ten miles from the Washington home at Sulgrave and the Franklin home at Eton.

"Not content with being the source of the Washington, Adams and Franklin families, Northamptonshire, a small inland county only a trifle larger than Cook county, Illinois, over which Chicago spreads, also claims that within a ten-mile radius of Sulgrave minor lived the ancestors of Henry W. Longfellow, the late Warren G. Harding, and William Penn," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Notable Virginia Region.
From Northamptonshire and the counties to the north, Lincoln, York and Nottingham, came the main stream of pioneer English stock to settle and make America, but few places can challenge Northamptonshire's claim as an outstanding garden of heroes and great minds.

One counterpart to Northamptonshire in the United States is to be found in Virginia. On a clear day one can stand on the watershed of the Blue Ridge mountains in the intersection of Rockingham, Greene and Madison counties and see over a countryside containing the life-long home of Madison in Orange county; the birthplace of John Marshall at Midland, the birthplace of Thomas Jefferson at Shadwell, the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson at Staunton, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln's father at Broadway, the birthplace of John Sevier, first governor of Tennessee near Lacey Springs, and the birthplace of Zachary Taylor near Orange.

Within a radius of 75 miles from a point 48 miles northwest of Richmond, Va., were born 23 men whose names loom large in American history: George Washington, James Monroe, Thomas Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee and Robert E. Lee in Westmoreland county; Zachary Taylor and James Madison in Orange county; the colon's father and John Sevier in Rockingham county; Thomas Jefferson in Albemarle county; Henry Clay and Patrick Henry in Hanover county; John Randolph in Chesterfield county; Woodrow Wilson in Augusta county; George Mason in Stafford county; John Tyler and Benjamin Harrison in Charles City county; Gen. Winfield Scott in Dinwiddie county; John Marshall in Fairfax county; Sam Houston in Rockbridge county and three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Carter Braxton, King and Queen, in Stafford county; John Penn, Caroline county, and George Walton, Frederick county.

Seven Presidents From Ohio.
Ohio has produced seven presidents, but she generously distributed the honors to all parts of the state.

Genealogists delving into strata of society like geologists exploring generations of rocks, are discovering in Northamptonshire, and other districts of England, Scotland and Wales, what manner of men were these whose sons dared to cross 3,000 miles of ocean in tiny vessels to build a new nation. They have found that not only was Benjamin Franklin's grandfather a blacksmith, but that the noted philosopher, writer, postmaster general, scientist, statesman came from a long line of blacksmiths.

The Washingtons were wool merchants. William and Thomas Randolph, also of Northamptonshire, came to America to repair their fortunes which had been ruined by the Cromwell revolution. William Penn's mother was a daughter of a Dutch merchant of Rotterdam and his father was an English admiral. Roger Williams is said by certain authorities to have been the son of a London tailor, while John Harvard, for whom Harvard university is named, was the son of a London butcher. The father of William Brewster, immortal leader of the Puritan band that landed at Plymouth in 1620, was postmaster and bailiff of the little village of Scrooby in Northamptonshire, 70 miles north of Northampton. William Bradford, who succeeded John Carver of Nottinghamshire as governor of the Plymouth colonists, came from Ansterfield, Yorkshire, four miles from Scrooby. Indications are that he was also of English yeoman stock.

Geography and Genealogy.
This part of northwest England, from which came the families of so many staunch American leaders, is that part of the island in which the waves of early invasions melted one into the other. The Saxons and the Angles united along the west coast, the Danes conquered and then inter-married with the native Britons. In 801, King Canute overran these rolling grass plains, and the cycle began.
In 1066, came the Normans of Brittany, who transplanted to France, and best, to impress the English and French language on the conquered people. Instead, out of the intermingling of Anglo-Saxon and Norman blood, a new race was born.

new language, the English language and a new people, the English people, drawing from the component races, but bearing a definite flavor and individuality unrelated to continental civilization.

Robin Hood and Puritans.
"This new racial fusion asserted itself in the very country from which America drew heavily to found the republic. In Nottinghamshire's Sherwood forest, Robin Hood became the popular hero representing the native classes successfully challenging the Norman lords. He was a legendary ideal yeoman, one of the class destined to steal kingly prerogative bit by bit to make the institutions of democratic government."

"In Northampton in 1215 the barons gathered to oppose King John and forced the signing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede. It has also been the meeting place of many parliaments. Throughout this region were strongholds of the Puritan revolution led by Cromwell. The heritage of independence was brought to America by families from this region."

Some Famous Vermonters.
"President Coolidge was born at Plymouth, Vt. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, was born in the neighboring village of Hartland, 18 miles from the Coolidge homestead."

"President Arthur and Senator George F. Edmunds were born in the north part of the state not far from Mrs. Coolidge's birthplace, Burlington. Ethan Allen, famous Revolutionary hero, though born in Connecticut, lived at Bennington. His courage led to the drawing up of a constitution at Windsor, 15 miles from the Coolidge home, under which Vermont was a free and independent state for 14 years. George Harvey, former ambassador to England, was born at Peacham, Brigham Young at Wittingham, Admiral Dewey at Montpelier and Admiral Clark of the famous Oregon cruise, at Bradford, some 40 miles north of Plymouth. Rudyard Kipling married Caroline Balguy at Brattleboro, living four years in this city, which is a three-hour drive from the Coolidge farm. Not far from Brattleboro lives Dorothy Canfield Fisher, the novelist, who is a Vermont'er by adoption."

Captain Stays at Wheel

When Vessel Goes Down

Buffalo.—The steel tug Craig was rammed and sunk in the Niagara river opposite the Grand Island ferry landing by the steamship Zillah, of Bay City, Mich.

Captain Frank Roneker, Jr., of Tonawanda, stuck to the helm and went down with his ship when the tug heeled over from the impact. Howard Slover, fireman, and Leo Krupp, engineer, were rescued by the ferryboat Zora. Captain Roneker's body was not recovered.

The Zillah, loaded with lumber and towing the barge Ringo, was about to pass a line to the Craig when the tug ran unexpectedly under her bow. The Craig was rammed on the port side and went down immediately.

Divers are attempting to recover Captain Roneker's body from the pilot house. The doors and windows were closed, and it is believed he was trapped.

Civilians to Be Used in Britain's Air Force

London.—Civilians will form a large part of the personnel of the British royal air force, which is being increased to more than twice its present strength. Two-thirds of the men in the reserve squadrons are to be civilians, and the auxiliary squadrons are to be organized on a basis similar to that of the territorial army, comparable to state militia in America.

According to Sir Samuel Hoare, secretary of state for air, the introduction of this extensive nonregular aviation force will reduce expenditure by large sums and have the advantage of getting citizens directly interested in air development.

Highly trained regular squadrons will, of course, form the backbone of Britain's air armada. These men will fly the fighting planes.

Diet of Hardware Proves Fatal to British Fighter

London.—A private in the Scots Guards who varied his army fare by swallowing a knife seven inches long, a toothbrush, twoarning needles and 12 trouser buttons has just died in the hospital here. The soldier—James Hatch—had been placed under detention for striking a comrade. The first his officers knew of the unusual diet was when the quartermaster sergeant reported various articles missing.
When questioned Hatch calmly remarked: "You needn't look any more; I've swallowed them." Although he was rushed to the hospital, doctors said he had developed peritonitis and they were unable to save his life.

Custom of Turning Back Clock Periled

Washington.—The time-honored custom of turning back the senate clock when the legal time for adjournment has arrived and the senate desires to remain in session may go by the board in the Sixty-eighth congress.
The senate's new clock, by means of an electric device, will give only the correct Eastern standard time. It will be regulated by a master clock in the naval observatory.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE EAST SIDE SAVINGS BANK

OF ROCHESTER

January 1, 1924

Resources

Mortgages	\$16,665,550.00
United States Bonds	(Market Value) 4,741,804.50
District of Columbia Bonds	(Market Value) 100,000.00
(Guaranteed by United States Government)	
Massachusetts State Bonds	(Market Value) 139,500.00
Wyoming State Bonds	(Market Value) 5,250.00
Alabama State Bonds	(Market Value) 92,000.00
Maryland State Bonds	(Market Value) 49,500.00
City of Boston, Mass., Bonds	(Market Value) 96,840.00
City of New York Bonds	(Market Value) 635,500.00
City of Rochester, N. Y., Bonds	(Market Value) 806,000.00
City of Albany, N. Y., Bonds	(Market Value) 58,455.00
City of Buffalo, N. Y., Bonds	(Market Value) 443,250.00
City of Syracuse, N. Y., Bonds	(Market Value) 49,800.00
City of Troy, N. Y., Bonds	(Market Value) 80,391.70
Railroad First Mortgage Bonds	(Market Value) 326,000.00
Banking House	231,763.79
Cash on Hand and in Banks	602,149.67
Collectible Interest Due and Accrued	236,336.59
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	\$25,360,091.25

Liabilities

Due Depositors	\$23,511,824.35
Interest Accrued to Depositors	75,144.04
Reserved for Taxes	21,507.32
Surplus	1,751,615.54
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Surplus (Bonds at Market Value)	\$ 1,751,615.54
Surplus (Bonds at Par Value)	1,912,984.34
Surplus (Bonds at Amortized Value)	1,855,536.56

Number of Open Accounts January 1, 1924, 53,223.

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