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## THE TURPIN NOTEBOOK

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A small original Notebook in the collection of the Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley, cited as #2-2126, contains information on the relationships of the Turpin, Branch, Jefferson and allied families. The Notebook is about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches, perhaps 125 pages or less (a few pages have been cut out). It is encased in tin and covered with cloth, with a small clasp. There are many pages filled with what appear to be lessons in grammar, accounts, prose, and various notations. Many valuable genealogical items are contained, interspersed with such notations as "The Locusts appeared about the 5th of May in the year 1792" (page 46), and, "Peach trees this year, 1784 were not in Full Bloom till April 20th, The Winter has been very long & severe ..." (page 114). Entries date from 3 July 1721. The card index of the Bancroft Library indicates it is the original John Cocke Account Book 1721-1759.

Only one genealogical entry was made before Dr. Philip Turpin began entering family data: "My Bro<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Cocke Died Sunday Night July 15th 1759 Suddenly ..." (page 47).

Dr. Philip Turpin was the eighth child of Col. Thomas and Mary (Jefferson) Turpin. He married first to Caroline M. Rose who died 20 Nov. 1793. He married second, 10 Dec. 1796, Martha (Osborne) McCallum, widow of Daniel McCallum and daughter of John and Ann (Friend) Osborne. Dr. Turpin, a physician of Powhatan and Chesterfield counties, died in the latter place 8 May 1828. He seems to have made the entries at least from 8 Dec. 1769 when his younger brother Peter Turpin set sail for England.

Since Dr. Turpin had a tendency to omit punctuation at the end of a line, noticeable in hyphens, but most importantly in commas, an exact line by line transcription of the entries has been made for clarity and accuracy.

[p. 48] Dec<sup>r</sup> 8 1769 This Day my Brother Peter took leave of his Friends & set out for England P.T.

[p. 58?] Oct<sup>r</sup> 1770 Friday 12th landed at Liverpool Saturday ... [continues with description of various stops]

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1 Daughter of Col Hugh Rose, son of the Rev. Robert Rose. See Christine Rose, *Ancestors and Descendants of The Brothers Rev. Robert Rose and Rev. Charles Rose* ... (San Jose, Calif., 1985), pp. 92-94.

[p. 63] Left Edinb<sup>r</sup> May 31st  
& arrived in Lond June 11th  
1775 Was in France from Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1775 to  
Febr 24th 1776

Returned to Norfolk in  
Virginia July 12<sup>th</sup> 1781

[p. 64] My Son Philip was born  
in Edb<sup>r</sup> on Tuesday Septem  
ber 19th 1775 at 4 o'clock in the  
evening

[p. 66] D<sup>r</sup> Philip Turpin  
was married to Miss  
Caroline Rose (Daugh  
ter of Col<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rose of  
Amherst) Oct<sup>r</sup> 8th  
1787

M<sup>rs</sup> Caroline Turpin  
Wife of the above, de-  
parted this life Nov<sup>r</sup>  
20th 1793, between  
2 & 3 o'clock in the morn  
ing

[p. 67] Col<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rose of  
Amherst departed this  
Life 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 1794  
in the 52<sup>d</sup> year of his Age.  
In the different Relations  
of Husband, Father,  
Friend & Master he  
was equalled by few.  
To crown his character,  
he was a pious and  
sincere Christian.

As those we love decay, in part, we die  
String after String is severed from the heart.

[p. 68] D<sup>r</sup> Philip Turpin was  
married to M<sup>rs</sup> Marth  
M<sup>c</sup>Callum (Relict of  
Danl M<sup>c</sup>Callum of Osborne)  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 10th 1796. She was  
the Daughter of John  
Osborne (a Cousin of  
my Father's) & of  
Ann Friend Daughter  
of Thomas Friend of  
Chesterfield

[p. 69] My Brother-in-Law  
Col<sup>o</sup> Richard James  
died Jany 26<sup>th</sup> 1802, in  
the 66<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

My dear Sister Mary James  
was married to the above  
April - 1761 and died  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 11 - 1806.

[p. 79] [These footnotes are to the text appearing on  
p. 80]

\*Philip had Issue two  
Sons, Ephraim & Philip  
2 Mathew went to sea  
& died Captain of a Ship  
in the West Indies

[p. 80] My Great Grand Father

M<sup>r</sup> Philip Turpin was  
an English gent. from  
Yorkshire. He married  
Eliz Skirm [?] by whom  
he had 3 sons & 2 Daugh  
ters: The Sons were Tho-  
mas Philip & Mathew: 2  
The Daughters Elizabeth  
& Martha. Eliz married  
M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> James who  
removed to N. Caroli[n]a  
Martha married Geo. Carter.  
The eldest Son, Thomas  
married [several words scratched out here] -- [?]  
Obedience [Cocke scratched out] Trent the  
Widow of Jn<sup>o</sup> Cocke; She  
was the daughter of M<sup>r</sup>

[p. 81] Jn<sup>o</sup> Branch. By M<sup>r</sup>  
Cocke she had two Child-  
ren John & Martha  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Married the Widow  
Baxter by whom he had  
no Issue: he died in the  
year 1759; July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Martha born 1697/8 married Mr  
Arthur Moseley by  
whom she had Issue  
Arthur, John, Richard  
Edward, William, Tho-  
mas & Two Daughters  
Sarah & Martha; Mar-  
tha died young. Sarah  
married -- [?] [smudge here] Floyd  
[several words scratched out] M<sup>rs</sup> Obed. Cocke after  
the Death of her Hus-

[p. 82] band, married M<sup>r</sup>  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Trent who dying  
soon after left only one  
Son, Alex<sup>r</sup> who married

Miss Frances Archer Daugh-  
 ter of M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Archer: by  
 her he had Issue Alex<sup>r</sup>  
 Peter-Field and Elizabeth.  
 Thomas Turpin  
 as mentioned above  
 married the widow  
 of M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Trent by  
 whom he had Issue  
 Thomas, Obedience William  
 & Mary. The eldest son Thomas  
 married Mary Jefferson,  
 (whose Ancestors are  
 mentioned in another part of this Book.) by  
 her he had 7 sons & 3 Daughters  
 [p. 83] whose names are as  
 follows, Tho<sup>s</sup> who was  
 born the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1733  
 and died a few months  
 after: Obedience, Tho-  
 mas, Mary, William  
 Philip (who died young)  
 Lucy (who also died young)  
 Philip (The Writer of this  
 Account) Peter Field &  
 Horatio  
 Obedience who was  
 born the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1734  
 was married to [smudge]  
 John Harris by whom  
 she had Issue Lucy,  
 John, Thomas (who died  
 young) Judith, Jordan,  
 Caroline Matilda, Francis  
 Mary Elizabeth Josepha  
 and Francis [Francis listed twice]  
 [p. 84] Judith Farrar departed  
 this Life Nov<sup>r</sup> 1786 about  
 the 88<sup>th</sup> year of her age [at first appeared to be 9 but  
 written over and appears to be 88<sup>th</sup>]  
 [p. 88] My Brother Tho<sup>s</sup>: Turpin  
 (son of Thos. & Mary Turpin)  
 died March 9<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
 He was seized with the Gout  
 in the head about 4 o'clock  
 in the Morning, & died be-  
 tween 9 & 10 the same Day.  
 He was buried at the old  
 Family seat[?] in Powhatan  
 (which now belongs to my

Brother Hotatio) His  
 funeral sermon was preached  
 by the Revd M<sup>r</sup> Hopkins on  
 New [?] Test "Be ye also ready["]  
 He possessed an excellent  
 understanding, was a very  
 good magistrate & had re-  
 presented the County as a  
 Delegate-  
 [p. 89] My worthy Friend the  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Cameron died  
 at Salisbury (whither he  
 had come for the benefit  
 of his health) March 17  
 1797. He was the same  
 Day attended to the grave  
 by the rev<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Cameron  
 the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan &  
 other Friends. He was bu-  
 ried near the Remains  
 of my dear Caroline  
 whose Funeral Sermon  
 he had preach'd a few  
 years before  
 [p. 102] Obedience Branch  
 (Daughter of Jn<sup>o</sup> Branch)  
 my Fathers Mother, was  
 accounted so handsome  
 in her youth, as to be  
 call'd the Beauty of Henrico.  
 She was curted when young  
 by four gentlemen, three  
 of whom she married,  
 (Cocke, Trent & Turpin)  
 and was engaged to the fourth,  
 M<sup>r</sup> War, when he died.  
 She had 4 sisters, one of whom  
 married Wilkinson, another  
 Embro, a third, Edwards &  
 a fourth, Scott. Her mother  
 after the Death of John  
 Branch, married - Osborne,  
 see Left hand, page 101  
 [p. 101] Whether the Sisters Just  
 mentioned were by the  
 first or second marriage  
 I cannot learn. Jn<sup>o</sup> Osborne  
 was the Grandfather of  
 my second wife  
 [p. 103] On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of

June 1790 died my dear  
Father Co! Tho<sup>s</sup> Turpin  
in the 83<sup>d</sup> year of his  
age. Through the  
whole Course of a  
long life, he uniform-  
ly supported the Charter  
of a worthy honest

Man. He was  
born the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1708  
His Funeral Sermon  
was preach'd by the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hopkins  
[p. 104] On Sunday the 8th of  
February 1784 after a  
Week's Illness, died my  
ever dear and honour'd  
Mother Mary Turpin. She was  
born August [blank] 1718 and  
was married to Co! Tho<sup>s</sup> Turpin  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 1732 -

Her Conduct  
in all the Relative Duties  
of Life,  
as a Wife, Mother, Friend  
and Christian,  
was pious and exemplary  
Philip Turpin  
Turn over --

[p. 105] My Mothers age is rather  
conjectural: She remem-  
ber'd hearing from her  
Family that she was  
20 years younger than  
her eldest sister Judith  
Farrar, who was born  
August 30<sup>th</sup> 1698 & died  
I think in the fall of the  
year 1787 or 1786 -

[p. 106] My Father was very ath-  
letic in her Person, & was  
blessed with a remarkably  
good Constitution. In the  
extreme old age at which  
he died his Complexion was  
ruddy, his Face plump & full;  
his hair was white, but he  
had no appearance of Bald-  
ness. I do not recollect hav-  
ing ever seen so comely a

Man of his Age. He was  
grave in his manners, quick  
& inoffensive in his Conduct,  
had a Taste for [word scratched out] Books  
and read very well-  
[p. 111] Thos. Jefferson before mentioned  
who married Mary Field  
was Son of Thomas Jefferson  
an Englishman, at what time  
of life he came over to Virginia is uncer-  
tain, he livd, died, and was buried  
at the Glebe of which he was  
posses'd. He married Mary Branch  
by whom he had three children  
The above mention'd Thomas, and  
two Daughters Mary & \*Martha. Mary Marr-  
ied M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Harris by whom  
she had Edith, Sarah Mar-  
tha, Phebe, Ann, Thomas, Ben-  
jamin, William, John Fran-  
cis & James. The Eldest Daughter  
Mary was 2 Married first to M<sup>r</sup>  
John Goode, by whom she had 3 chil-  
John, Bennett and Mary (who  
married William Migginson [?]  
2dly to Francis James by whom  
she had 3 Sons and 3 Daughters  
Richard Martha and Phebe.  
The other Children died young  
[p. 112] \*The a[for]mentioned [smudged] Marth Jefferson  
married M<sup>r</sup> Robt Winn by  
whom she had a Son and 2 Daught.

Edith Harris Married Henry Trent  
Sarah died an Old Maid.  
Martha married M<sup>r</sup> Pastura [?]  
Phebe died young. [Word scratched out] Marrid  
Samuel Yorgan. Thomas Harris.  
Francis  
died young. Benj. Married Frances  
Platt[?] by whom he had 2 Daughters  
after her death he Mar Prisulea  
Wager. James Married Sarah  
Bailey. William twice Marr  
first to Martha Osborne by  
whom he had two Children  
Second to the Widow Gaines.  
Thomas Harris married Ursule [?]  
Jordan by whom he had two  
Children John\* & Elizabeth  
\*John married Obedience Turpin, &  
Elizabeth, Sam<sup>l</sup> Flourney.

[p. 136] Mothers Family  
Welshman

Peter Field Came over into Virginia from Wales: in what year uncertain; and settled on some part of Appomattox, we know very little of him, but that he was a Gent of Learning & Education and was very servia [?] to the French refugees in the [Mana?] kin Town, who used to resort to him to transact their Business; as they were entire strangers to Manners Customs & Language of the Country. he Married Judith

Randolph, the Relict of Henry Randolph her maiden name was Doanes [?; Soane]. by Her he had two Daughters, Mary, and Martha. The Elder, Mary, married Mr [word scratched out] \*Tho<sup>s</sup>

Jefferson, by whom she had 6 Children, Judith, Thomas, Field, Alice, Peter, and Mary. Thomas was bound to the Seas [?] and died about the time that he was [o]f [smudge] age. Judith married George Farrar. (by whom she had 9 Children, Mary, Field Thomas, George, Peter, John, Abel William & Priscilla) Field Married F---ces [smudge, may be Frances] Robertso[n] daughter of the Rev<sup>d</sup> George Robertson by whom he had 9 Children.

[p. 137] April ye 10-1732 Robert Hill Son of Frances Hill & Elizabeth Hill was born ye 10 of April in the morning Juen ye 25-1756

[here is an account, and a poem, and then] Alice died young. Peter Married Jane Randolph Daughter of Col. Isham Randolph, he had by her 9 Child. 3 Sons & 6 D[s?]. Martha the 2 Daughter of P. Field was Married to Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Archer by whom she had 8 Children John, Frances, Judith, Mary Martha, Elizabeth, William and Field. \*This 2d wife was Alice Ward by whom he had 1 Daughter called Alice who was Married to C[apt?] B.[?] G[---ode?]

## THE JACKSONS OF LOWER VIRGINIA

By Evelyn Duke Brandenberger  
Assisted by Clara Jackson Martin

(Continued from V. 30, p. 295)

ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> JACKSON  
DAUGHTER OF RALPH<sup>1</sup> OF HENRICO COUNTY

As previously noted, Ralph<sup>1</sup> Jackson gave land to his daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law John Perkinson. Elizabeth was named in his will as well.

John Perkinson died in 1736 and left a will dated 12 Dec. 1736 and proved at February Court 1736/7. He devised to son John all that tract at Cattail Swamp where son John now lives; to son William the tract where William lives; to son Daniel one-half the tract I own at White Oak Branch, half of what he now lives on; to son Ralph the other half of above land; rest to wife Elizabeth and she to be executrix. Witnesses were George Wilson, Benjamin Dison and Thomas Wheeler.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAMS<sup>2</sup> JACKSON  
SON OF RALPH<sup>1</sup> OF HENRICO COUNTY

Proof that Williams<sup>2</sup> Jackson was a son of Ralph<sup>1</sup> lies in the following patent:

28 Sept. 1732. William(s) Jackson of Henrico County, 451 acres in Prince George County on north side of Flatt Creek below Neal's Branch on line of "his brother Ralph Jackson" to north side of Mayes Branch.<sup>2</sup>

Other grants relating to Williams Jackson were: 9 July 1724. Williams Jackson of Prince George County 149 acres in Prince George on both sides of Cattail Swamp.<sup>3</sup>

17 Sept. 1731. Francis Rice, 276 acres (new land) in Henrico County on south side of Swift Creek adjoining Moses Ferguson (Ferguson) and William Jackson.<sup>4</sup> Williams Jackson married Sarah Burton (Barton) of

- 1 Henrico Co., Va., Wills & Deeds 1725-37, p. 596.
- 2 Patent Book 14, p. 492.
- 3 Patent Book 12, p. 66.
- 4 Patent Book 14, p. 337.