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THE CHAPLIN FAMILY

The coat of arms shown today, taken from the silver which has descended in the Chaplin family, was granted to their English ancestors in the year 1593. His name is one of the oldest in England, and various branches of the family were seated in Lincoln, Northampton, Hants and Essex.

The ancient manor of Finchingfield in Essex was purchased by John Chaplin, in the year 1576. From his descended Sir Francis Chaplin, Alderman and Lord Mayor of London in 1677.

An interesting account of the origin of the name of Chaplin connects it with the famous cloak of St. Martin. It will be remembered that while a youth of fifteen St. Martin entered the army, and while stationed at Amiens, divided his cloak with a freezing beggar at the gate of that city. The night following, we are told, he had a vision of Christ making known to His angels the act of charity to Himself. The half of the cloak which St. Martin retained to cover himself became the standard of the nation for six hundred years. The little oratory in which this famous blue mantle or chape was preserved, was from it called a chapelle and the person who was in attendance the chaplain. This we are told on good authority, was at the beginning of the name so familiar to us now.

In the year of 1610 Isaac Chaplin, ensign in the Royal Navy, came to America in the Starr, as King's Council under Lord De La Warr. He was granted large tracts of land on the James River in the Parish of Jordan. His principal estate he called "Chaplin's Choice" to which, a few years later, he brought his wife, Mary (said by tradition to have been a Calvert and kinswoman of Lord Baltimore). He also brought his son of fifteen and several man-servants and maid-servants. His son's name was John. 15/500

John Chaplin's eldest son of Ensign Isaac Chaplin of the Royal Navy, settled in Talbot County where he married and left descendants. His brother William moved to Calvert County, Maryland, where, in 1689, his name appears among those who signed the petition to His Majesty, King William, in behalf of the Protestants of that country. His wife was a Miss Travers, by whom he had a large family, which spread through Prince George's and Frederick Counties, and through the Southern and Western states.

Col. Joseph Chaplin, who was born in Prince George's County in 1707, was in 1748, appointed one of the first justices of the peace for Frederick County after it was erected out of Prince George's, the Chaplin estates evidently lying in the newer county. Col. Joseph Chaplin owned extensive acres, patented under thirteen different tracts. Whether there was any significance in the fact that he was elected a member of the Assembly as many times as he had tracts of land, it is certain that he sat thirteen times in that august body of lawmakers, being one of the first four ever elected to the general assembly from Frederick County.

In the year of 1763 this public spirited citizen was appointed one of the trustees of the free schools in this community. Two years later we find him appointed a committee of one from Sharpsburg to act with the general committee on "the detessable Stamp Act". In the year 1768 was recorded a deed of gift from Joseph Chaplin, of Frederick County, Md, to the vestrymen and churchwardens of the Southern Church at Sharpsburg as follows: Witnesseth that said Joseph Chaplin, for and in consideration of the religious regard which he hath and beareth to the said church as also for the better support and maintenance of same, grants to said vestrymen etc., a lot on which to build a church within seven years their heirs and assigns paying on the ninth of July, yearly, one peppercorn.

- ① Isaac Chaplin came to America 1610
- ② John son of Isaac & Mary came to Amer 1615
John 1st " " " " " " " " married abow 1635
- ③ John (2nd) son of John 1st born Jan 1st 1657

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He owned over two thousand acres about Sharpsburg, which town he laid out and named for Gov. Hortio Sharp. Some years ago the original muster roll of Lieut Col Joseph Chaplin for the French and Indian Wars were found behind the weatherboarding of his old home at Sharpsburg, after it had been partly burned down. The muster roll was dated 1757, the name of Captain Moses Chaplin and many others were on the nearly faded paper. Moses was a brother of Joseph and likely his commander served in the French and Indian wars. He married Janet Coton of Anne Arundel County, while Col. Joseph Chaplin, won for his bride a Miss. Williams, of the distinguished Williams family of Prince George's County, Joseph Chaplin, the son of Lieut. Col. Joseph Chaplin, commanded the Eighth Maryland Militia.

In the year 1774 he was elected to represent Frederick County in the Continental Congress held on the fifth of September of the year 1774. He was appointed a member of the Committee of Correspondence, November 1774. A few years later he appears as one of the Justices of Washington County.

Captain Joseph Chaplin, married Mary Ann Ferguson. Their home Mt Pleasant, is said to be in a fine state of preservation. It is planned on a scale of magnificence and is of such elegant detail in its interior decorations and finish that one can readily picture the manner of life which was enjoyed within its stately walls. Washington and his coterie were entertained at Mt Pleasant on many occasions, the Chaplin home being the center of much social life in the old regime. The mansion stands on a picturesque elevation which commands a fine view of the Potomac River.

Captain Moses Chaplin, who married Janet Caton, has a large family, there descendants are living in many parts of the United States, the most distinguished of his sons being Col. Mose Chaplin of the revolutionary army, in the records we find Maryland convention ordering that Mr. Moses Chaplin be recommended to the Continental Congress as a fit person to take command of a company as a captain in the service of his country. Having fulfilled his trust faithfully, he won not only the public thanks of Washington for his bravery on the field, but was promoted to the rank of colonel before the close of the war.

Besides the military services Col. Chaplin had filled for many years the office of Clerk of the Court for Frederick County. Col. Moses Chaplin was sent to Ohio to guard the western frontier against the Indians after Brodocks' defeat. Those who accompanied him were Col. Daniel Cresap, Col. Lawrence Washington, Col. Ebenezer Zane and Col. John Caldwell. Several of these heroes settled in Weeling, West Virginia, where Col. Chaplin was one of the first citizens, and his memory is still perpetuated there in the name of one of the principal residence streets. His wife was Mary Caldwell, by whom he had eight children. His second son, named for his grandfather, married Callie Lee of the distinguished Lee family of Virginia, through whose second daughter, Mary, the good family of Wheeling descend from the early Chaplins.

Mary Lovey Chaplin, daughter of Col. Moses Chaplin, of the Revolutionary Army, married Capt. Noah Zane, the nephew of the founder of Wheeling, and his historic wife, Elizabeth Zane.

Upon the visit of the Marquis Lafayette to Wheeling, Gen. Moses W. Chaplin, and his brother-in-law, Capt. Noah Zane, were on the Committee of Reception. Gen. Chaplin presided at the banquet. This Gen. Chaplin, was an aid-de-camp to Gen. Cass in the war of 1812 and an officer of great distinction.

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The Chaplins intermarried with many representative families of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia including the Shriver, Dorsey, Williams, Caton, Spriggs, Eoff, Ewing, Forman, Fox, Fry, Good, Greathouse, Hamilton, Hammond, Hunter, Knox, Latimer, Lee, Lord, Lowe, Marshall, Pitts, Penn, Phillips, Rotts, Schley, Stanton, Sewarengin, Talbot, Turner, Warfiels, Wayatt, Zane, Ridgley, Agers, Briscoe, Bulletts, Calver, Coldwell, Carroll, Carter, Chuechhill, Creasap, Dare, Devenport, Dewey, Thompson, Wayatt, and Calvert families, in the South and West: Lees, Churchills, Goods, Abells, Mooreheads.

Among the many descendants of this distinguished family are: Chas. T. Chaplin, Josaph A. Chaplin, and Grace D. Chaplin, of Washington, D.C., Albert Chaplin, of Norfolk, Va., Marrier E. Chaplin, Thomas A. Chaplin, and Rosa Schley Osburn, of Frederick, Md., Mrs. Virvinia Williams, Otto Williams, Nannie Clagget Williams, and Richard Keene Bragonier, Shepards Town, Va., Thomas A. McKeevite, Michigan, Mrs. Geo M. Craig, Lois Craig, and Marshall Craig, of Allison, Iowa, Mrs William R. Backus, and Mrs. John D. Robbins, Colorado, Mrs. W.M. Lyons, Thom L. Chaplin, and Chas V. Chaplin, Kentucky, Mrs Anna Chaplin Phillips, Norfolk, Va., Ralph Davenport, Mershon, and Hopp Lord Mershon, of New York, N.Y., Rose Devenport, Van Vetcher, Colorado, George Devenport Jones, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Mrs. Fannie Russel Prush, Charles H. Cochran, Ohio, Lenox Surgit Stanton, Mrs. Maud Lindsay Stanton, Jane Ralf Stanton, Hulda Aubry Stanton, and Elizabeth Branton Stanton, Natchez, Miss., Mrs Josephine Pheby, Fred Stanton Pheby, Thomas B. Pheby, and Joseph Pheby, Oakland, Cal., Miss Elsie Chaplin Cross, of San Frisco, Cal., Henry and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Tilden, New York, N.Y., Mrs Mary Chaplin Norton, Wheeling W.V., Mrs Suydan, of New York, N.Y., Mrs Johathan Lawrence, of Mass., Mrs Josiah Comero, of Boston, Mass., Mrs Chas Thorn, Mrs Grafton Dulaney, Rogers, Mrs John W. Carroll, of Baltimore Md., Susan Howell Correll, Md., Wm Chaplin, Eoff, Alexander Rose Chaplin, W.V., Capt R.F. Colum, U.S.M.C., Mrs Richard H. Alvey, Hagers Town, Md., Mrs Lillian Conklyn, Pa., William Raymond Chaplin, Hellen Chaplin, Ever Sidney Chaplin, Lanra Schley Chaplin, Grace Chaplin, of Shepards Town, Va., and the late Mrs. Maria J. Liggett Dare,

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As shown by records Jeremiah Chaplin, Thomas Chaplin and John Chaplin, were brothers, leaving England on account of religion, first going to Holland, from Holland to Barbados, from Barbados, Thomas and Jeremiah came to the United States on the Ship "Joseph and Anne, under command of Captain Samuel Evans, landing on St Helena Isl S.C., John Chaplin came to St Helena with Jacob Waite, and under the partrouage of Lord Shaftebury in 1675, and settled on St Helena Isl, S.C. 12,000 acres of land having been set apart for the chaplins.