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August 6, 2016 Overton County Historical Society will have their Genealogy Festival at the First Methodist Church. It will be from 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. Speaking from 10 to 12 is Edie Williams on DNS and researching .

**We inherit from our ancestors gifts so
often taken for granted**

**Each of us contains within the
inheritance of soul**

**We are links between the ages containing
past and present
expectations, sacred memories, future
promises.**

Michael Birdwell and W. Calvin Dickinson, eds., *People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions*. University of Tennessee Press, 2015.

By Jeanette Keith

If you like history and are interested in the Upper Cumberland, you will enjoy this book and learn from it. *People of the Upper Cumberland* is a collection of essays about many different topics, loosely grouped under the heading of general regional history, politics and politicians, lawyers and lawbreakers, medicine and physicians, and the history of African Americans and race relations in the region. Each section contains outstanding—and entertaining—works of history. Some examples follow.

I particularly liked Mary A. Evins's sketch of her father Joe L. Evins's political career. Evins was the Tennessee Upper Cumberland's representative to Congress from 1947 to 1977, crucial years in the modernization of the region. He was a moderate Southern Democrat, deeply committed to the idea that government could be used to better the lives of people, but always willing to work with members of the opposite party on common causes. Seniority brought him seats on important committees, including the most important, Appropriations. During those post-war years, the federal government was spending money on all kinds of projects, and Evins made sure that the Upper Cumberland got its share (maybe more than its share) of the funding. As the Cookeville *Citizen* stated in 1966, the federal assistance that Evins helped obtain went to "libraries, airports, sewage and water facilities, watershed projects, streets, health centers, hospitals, and National Guard armories..."(131) This article is a reminder of what politics used to be about.

Troy Smith's "A Legacy of Blood" reminds us that there is a big difference between the stories about past and history as produced by historians. Smith is in a particularly good spot to make that point, since he is a novelist and a historian. He wrote a novel about the Confederate guerilla Champ Ferguson in which he repeated a dramatic story that he was pretty sure was not true (because he was writing fiction, after all) only to be called on it, publically, by an irate reader in Crossville. "I was abashed," Smith writes. This article sifts historical facts from long-repeated fiction without lessening the drama of Ferguson's bloody career, and traces the drama's influence on national culture.

There are many more essays here well worth reviewing, if space permitted, including essays on some of the region's most beloved physicians, life on the Cumberland River, the history of women in the region, and moonshine. I would especially recommend Michael Birdwell's discussion of John's Place. Since 2011 on the National Register of Historic Places, this is one seriously significant beer joint. Birdwell's article explains why, and in doing so deftly describes the bar's role in regional race relations. In a book of interesting essays, this may be the most entertaining and moving of all.

Reading *People of the Upper Cumberland* brought home to me that the region now has many historians, and that the work they are producing is very good indeed.

~~Meet the authors of *People of the Upper Cumberland* on Saturday, April 9, at 1 pm at the Cookeville First Presbyterian Church~~

From: Calvin Dickinson



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Family History

1 message

Leslie Babb <leswilb@bellsouth.net>

Wed, Dec 23, 2015 at 3:06 PM

Reply-To: Leslie Babb <leswilb@bellsouth.net>

To: "theresa.ucga@gmail.com" <theresa.ucga@gmail.com>

Dear Theresa,

My mother's family was from Fentress, Jackson, Scott and surrounding counties. I have figured out a good bit of my family history, but there are a couple of gaps.

Do you know anyone from that area that would help me? I could share my ancestry tree and tell them the folks that I am certain of and the ones that were mere guesses.

The family names are Huckleby, Sharp, Smith, and Smithers. It is interesting that both my grandparents families were from east Tennessee, but did not know each other. My grandparents met in Memphis, Tennessee. My great grandfather's work with the rail road brought him to Memphis, my great grandmother's dream was to get back to Helenwood, Tennessee. She lost a very young son during the Spanish flu epidemic and took his body back home to be buried.

I know that my g g grandfather's father name was Starling Huckleby and that he was married to Anne Sharpe, but I cannot pinpoint Anne's family. I know that their son, my great grandfather, went to live with his grandfather Sharpe as a bound boy/servant when he was a pre-teen after his parent's died and that he was not treated well by his grandfather's wife so he left home and soon got work with the railroad. He stayed with the railroad until he retired. My great grandmother, was also orphaned very young. Her name was Nancy Jane Smith. Her mother was Lizzie Smithers Smith. Again, I cannot pinpoint Lizzie's family.



If you know of anyone that takes on this kind of work, please do let me know.

Leslie Babb

**The
Carter
Family
of
Tennessee**

CARTER FAMILY

SLIDE PRESENTATION

HISTORIC GRANVILLE, TENNESSEE'S

2016 GENEALOGY FESTIVAL

INTRODUCTION TO THE GRANVILLE CARTER FAMILY

By Robert "Bob" Brown

My grandmother, Leona Brown, struggled to provide for her seven children after her husband died in 1925: however, she was always proud of her heritage ("**a fine family: I think from Virginia?** ").

Conversations with relatives and trips to libraries in TN & VA proved her correct: and recent DNA test from the "Granville Carters" and "Virginia Carters" have verified a genetic connection to the Carters who emigrated from England to Lancaster Co., VA ca. 1650-55.

Numerous publications in the past have promoted a genetic link between, Robert "King" Carter (one of Colonial America's richest men), President Jimmy Carter and Captain Thomas Carter (ancestor of the Granville Carters). **HOWEVER**, multiple DNA test from all three of these families have shown that they are not genetically related.

Another point of interest is the ancestry of Captain Thomas Carter, the Granville Carter's patriot, who was born in England and died in Lancaster Co., VA in 1700. At least three possible candidates have been identified and the "Carter Society" is currently pursuing plans to use DNA from current Carter residents of England, with a proven ancestry, to match the Captain Carter DNA.

Other interesting item that has been discussed on the internet is "was Diana Skipwith Dale the biological mother of Catherine Dale or her step mother"? Some of the facts are:

1. There is no record of Edward Dale's marriage to any one.
2. Catherine Dale was born in 1652 per one "none official" document.
3. In 1655 Diana Skipwith Dale witnessed two deeds & signed her name as Diana Skipwith. This has been known for centuries: however, it was introduced on the net about 10 years ago.

In today's world, a logical conclusion is that she was not married in 1655: however, a study and analysis of life in Lancaster County, VA in 1655 suggests a total different reason.

1. Every person was struggling to survive (no roads & Indians in the forest).
2. Everyone was required by law to attend Church at least once per month and the Churches were built on the banks of streams so people could travel by water.

3. Housing was poor and food and clothing was scarce.
4. Socially there were two classes of people.
 - The gentry, who had supported King Charles I during the English Civil War and then fled to America after Oliver Cromwell beheaded King Charles in 1649 and took control of the English Government.
 - The lower class, which was composed of indentured servants and other uneducated second class English citizens.
5. In March of 1655 Edward Diggs, Diana Skipwith's first cousin became governor of Virginia.
6. By December of 1655, Edward Dale had been appointed to the two most important positions in Lancaster County (High Sheriff of Lancaster County and Clerk of Lancaster County) by Dianna's first cousin, Governor Diggs.

In view of the 1655 social system in Virginia, plus the harsh living conditions and since Edward Dale was the county clerk it would seem logical, that he asked his wife to use her Skipwith heritage to promote their status in the New World.

If I had been married to the daughter of an English Aristocrat and living in Virginia in 1655, I would have wanted to promote here kinship to the Governor in every way possible.

Diana was 34 years old in 1655 (bn. 1621) and that is a rather late age for the daughter of an English Aristocrat to marry for the first time. Also all the other surviving documents indicate but do not prove that Diana was Catherine Dale's biological mother.

The Granville Carter Family Ancestors

The Real Robert Brown



Flynn's Creek 1945

- Born five miles from Granville on Dry Fork.
 - Attended School at Antioch on Flynn's Creek.
 - Favorite attire: Overalls
 - Childhood hero: Tom Sawyer
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Who was Charles Carter II who lived in Granville?

- He was a first cousin and neighbor to Norris Carter (the ancestor of the "Country Music Carters: June Carter Cash etc.).
 - He was a first cousin to President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt's 3rd great-grandfather.
 - He was first cousin to Eleanor Roosevelt's 5th great grandmother.
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Who was Charles Carter II who lived in Granville? Cont.

- His Mother, Lucy Carter Blakemore, was a member of John Donaldson's 890 mile river voyage to Nashville in 1779-80.
 - Two of his 2nd great grandmother's first Cousins were Governors of VA
 - His great grandfather, Edward Dale, was a prominent resident of Lancaster County, VA 1652-1696 (County clerk, High Sheriff, Justice of Court, Member of Virginia House Of Burgesses).
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Charles II & Mary Staunton Carter's Children

1. Nancy Carter (Nov. 1779- 8 Oct. 1840 TN) married Henry Sadler
 2. James Carter (25 Oct. 1781- Oct. 1849 TN) married Mary Thaxton, & Jane Pate)
 3. Staunton Carter (22 Feb. 1785- 2 Nov. 1885 MO) married Sally MNU (maiden name unknown).
 4. Betsy Carter (1787- bef. 1829) married John Martin).
 5. Lucy Carter (1790- aft. 1829) married James Saddler.
 6. Polly Carter (1794- bef. 1829) married John McDonald.
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Charles II and Matilda "Milly"

Staunton Carter's Children

1. Dale Carter (1797- aft. 1860) married Mary Jane "Polly" Middleton.
 2. Richard Carter (1802- aft. 1850) married Alcey "Ester" MNU.
 3. Charles Carter III (1805-1846, TX)
 4. Henry Carter (1814- aft. 1880).
 5. Three unknown children (bn. 1810-20).
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Charles II and Rebecca Fryer

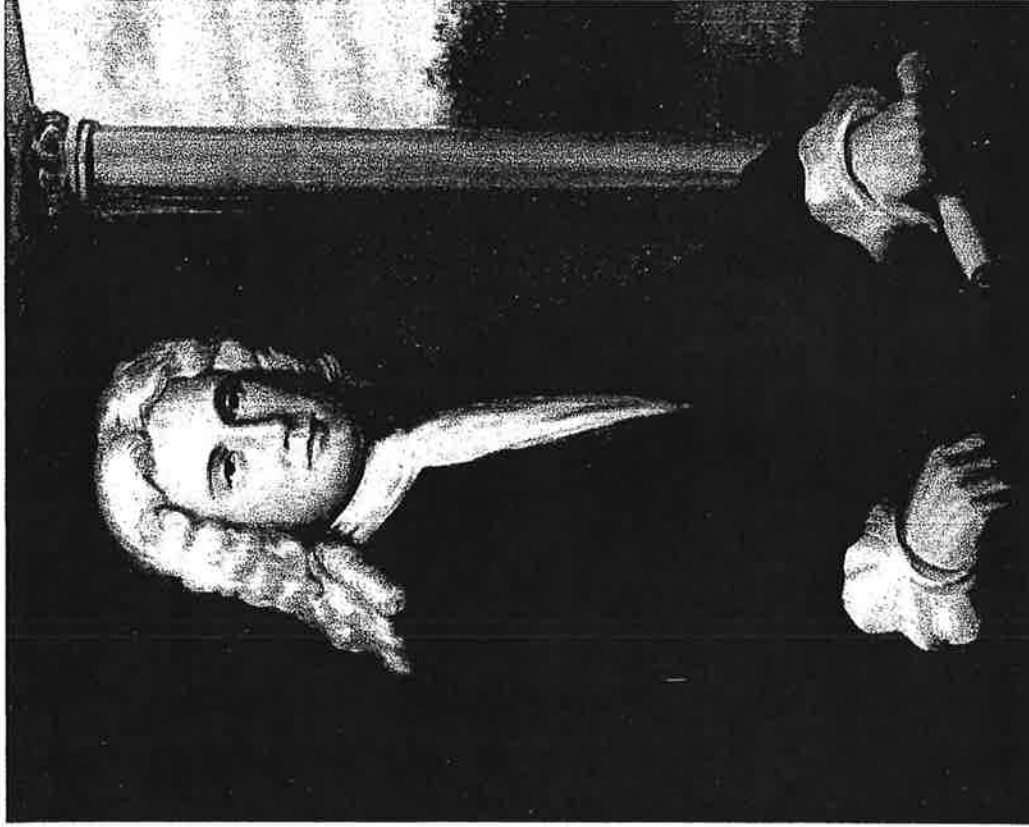
Carter's Children

1. George Washington Carter (aft. 1820- bef. 1830.
 2. William F. C. Carter (1822- aft. 1860 AR).
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Charles Carter I and Lucy's MNU

Carter's Family

1. Dale Carter (1744-unk.).
 2. Judith carter (1747-1750).
 3. Lucy Carter (1750-1751).
 4. Catherine Carter (1753-bef. 1766).
 5. Susannah Carter (1755-ca. 1781).
 6. Elizabeth Carter (1758-1787) She and her 6 children were murdered by Indians.
 7. Charles Carter II (1760-1830) He moved to Granville, TN ca. 1801.
 8. John Carter (aft. 1861-unk.)
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Thomas Carter II (1672-1733)

(copy of picture available at museum)

Thomas Carter II and Arabella Williamson Carter's Family

1. Thomas Carter III (unk.- 1735).
 2. Joseph Carter (ca. 1696- 1751).
 3. Daniel Carter (1700- 1759). The ancestor of
"Teddy" Roosevelt and his cousin Eleanor
Roosevelt.
 4. Edward Carter (unk.- 1759).
 5. James Carter (unk. - 1747).
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Thomas Carter II and Arabella Williamson Carter's Family Cont.

6. Peter Carter (1706- 1789). The ancestor of the "Country Music Carters".
 7. Dale Carter (ca.1708- 1776).
 8. Charles Carter I (ca. 1710- Nov. 2, 1766)
The ancestor of the Granville, TN Carters.
His son, Charles Carter II, moved to
Granville around 1801.
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Captain Thomas and Catherine

Dale Carter's Family

1. Edward Carter (Apr. 6, 1671-1743) married Elizabeth Thornton.
 2. Thomas Carter II (Jun. 4, 1672- 1733) married Arbella Williamson (ancestors of the Granville Carters).
 3. John Carter (May 8, 1674- unk.) married Frances Ball.
 4. Henry Skipwith Carter (Jun. 7, 1676- 1743) married Anne Harris.
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Captain Thomas and Catherine Dale Carter's Family Cont.

5. Elizabeth Carter (Feb. 4, 1680 - aft. 1698) married William George.
 6. Daniel Carter (Oct 22, 1682 - Oct. 30, 1682).
 7. James Carter (Dec.25, 1684 - Oct.24, 1783) married Hannah Neal and Mary Brent.
 8. Katherine Carter (Apr. 4, 1686 - aft. 1703) married John Lawson.
 9. Peter Carter (May 23, 1688 - 1721) married Katherine Rogers.
 10. Joseph Carter (Feb. 28, 1690 - 1765) married Ann Pines.
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Edward Dale (1625-1696)

(copy of picture available at museum)

Edward and Diana Skipwith Dale's Family

1. Katherine Dale (1652-1703) married
Captain Thomas Carter.
 2. Mary Dale (ca. 1653 - Apr. 1683) married
Daniel Harrison & Humphrey Jones Jr.
 3. Elizabeth Dale (ca. 1655 - aft. 1694)
married William Rogers.
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Who was Edward Dale?

- Ancestors Unknown
 - Well educated: His Estate Inventory included 31 books on religion, medicine, law, poetry, and science by the best authors, Shakespeare, Bacon, Josephus, Cicero etc.
 - Member of the House of Burgesses, High Sheriff of Lancaster County, Commissioner of Lancaster County and Clerk of Lancaster County for 15 years.
 - Very egotistic, self centered, and a social Climber (much like Donald Trump???).
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Who was Edward Dale? Cont.

- 1. When Mr. Dale went to Church one Sunday, a man was sitting in his pew: a fight erupted; Mr. Dale sued the man in the Lancaster County, VA Court. The offender was ordered to be humiliated by being shackled to the Pillory at the jail.. This event is recorded in both the Court records and in St. Mary's White Chapel's Vestry Book.
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Who was Edward Dale? Cont.

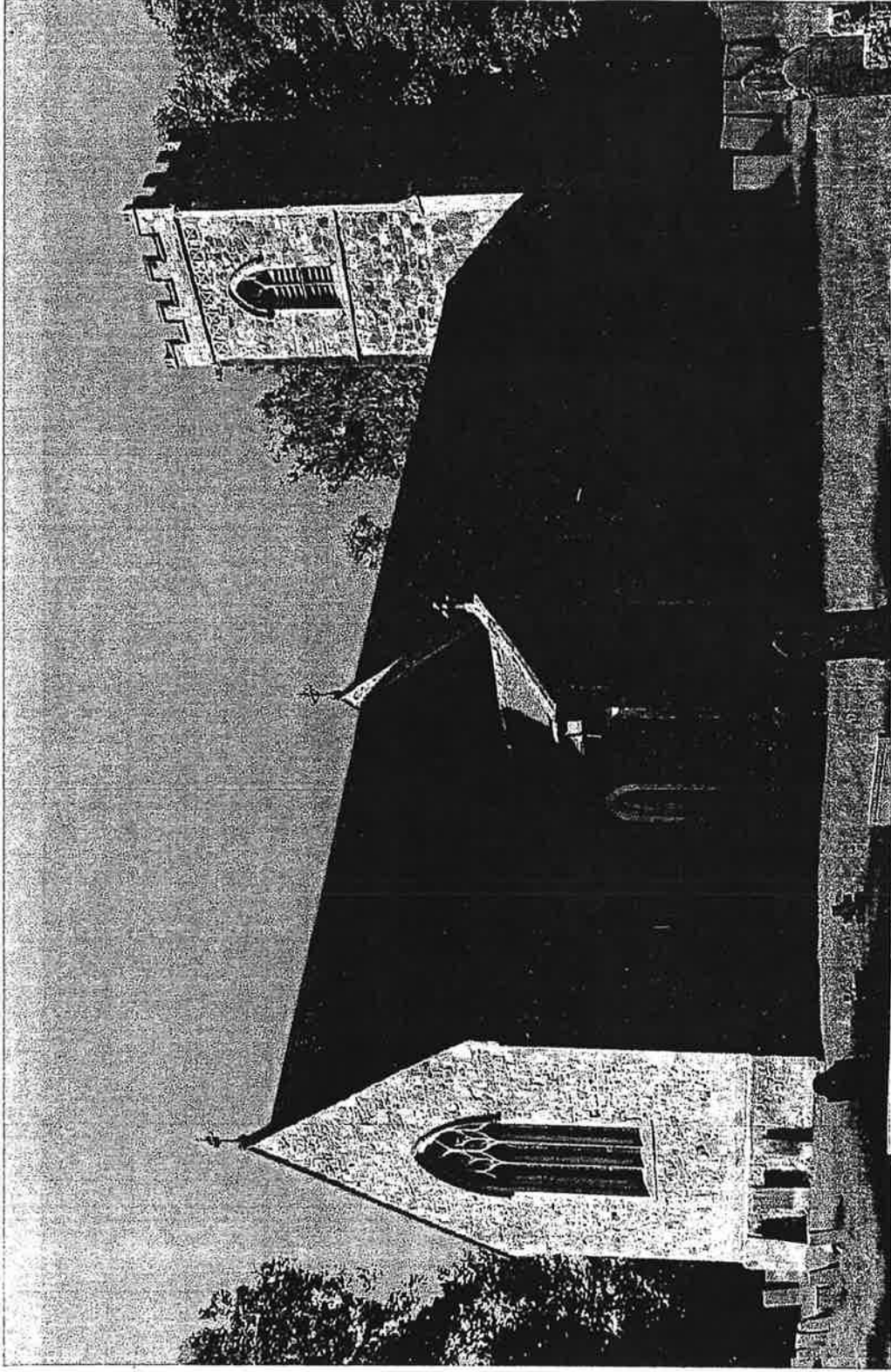
- 2. The Lancaster County Court Records also record that when Mr. Dale was Clerk of the County, and at a meeting of the County Justices, he insisted that he would sit with his head covered as that was the policy in England when the King attended an official meeting. The Court Records imply that everyone departed without having a meeting.
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Who was Edward Dale? Cont.

- 3. Another event, not recorded in Court Records, but in family documents portrays a similar personality. A visitor, at Mr. Dales home, was asked to say a prayer at the dinner table. The visitor mentioned the name of Oliver Cromwell, the Chancellor of England (1652-58), and Mr. Dale was so angry that he asked a servant to immediately get his horse and escort the visitor out of the area (no dinner that night).
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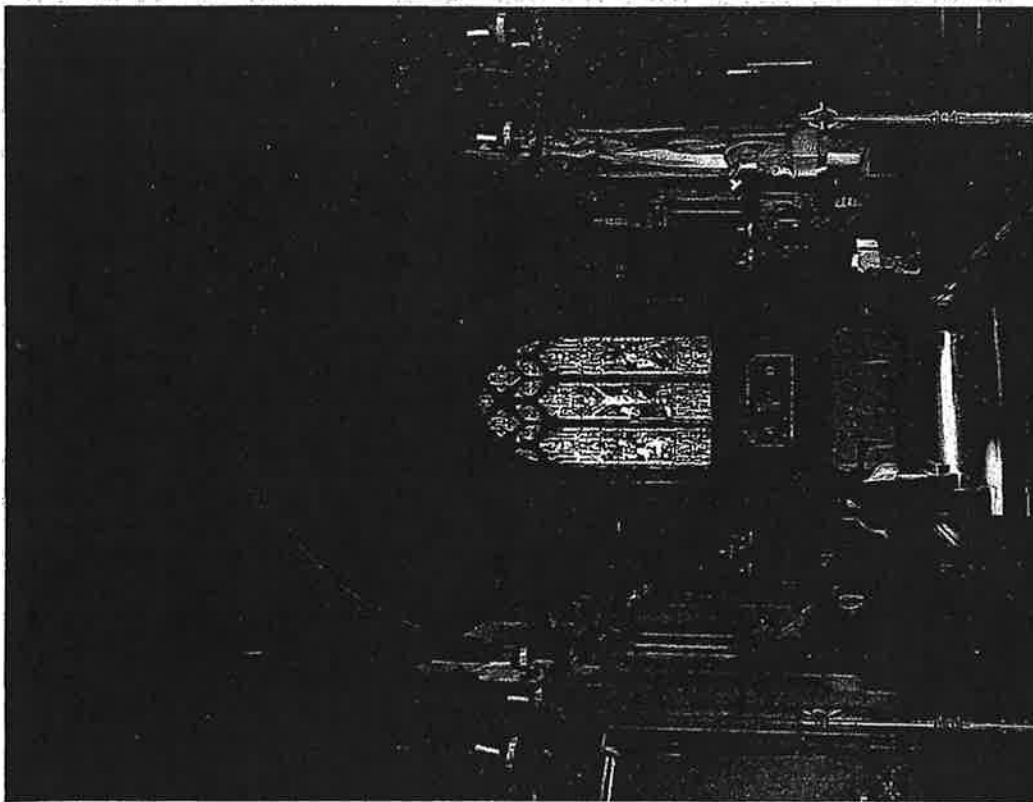
Edward Dale's wife, Diana Skipwith

- The daughter of Sir Henry and Amy Kemp Skipwith.
 - Diana was the highest social ranking female in Virginia in the mid sixteen fifties.
 - Two of her first cousins were Governors of Virginia, Edward Diggs, and Sir Henry Chickerley.
 - Her grandmother's will is recorded in the English documents (Dorothy Kemp, 26 Nov. 1626).
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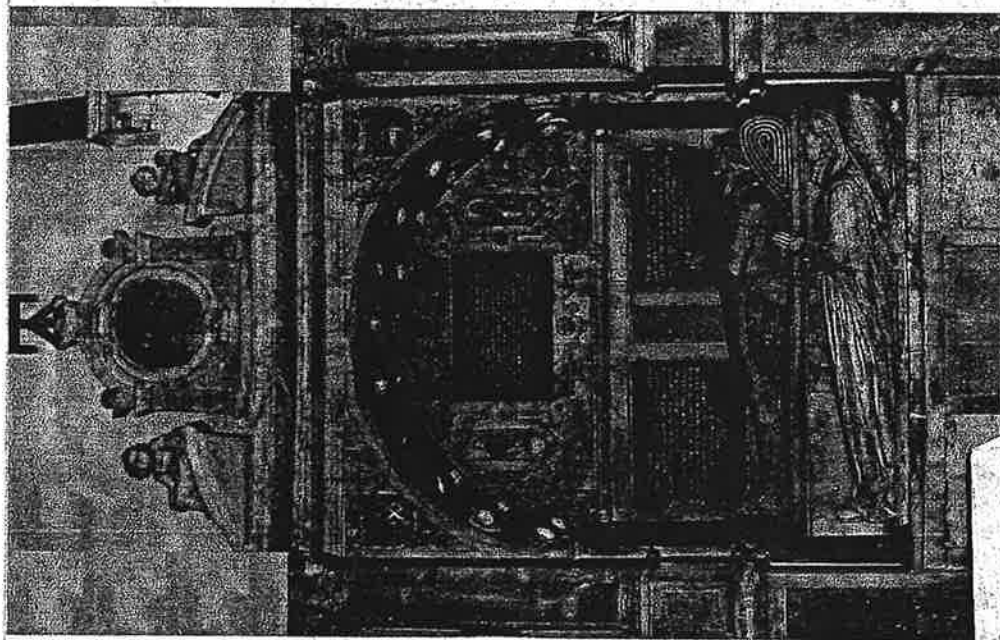
Prestwold Church Leicester, England

Tomb of Diana Dale's Grandfather (Sir William Skipwith)



Interior of Prestwold Church

(Sir William Skipwith's tomb on left side)



Tomb of Sir William Skipwith

(Inside Prestwold Church)

WORDS of WISDOM

- A Person Who Has Nothing to Boast About Except His Ancestors Is Like A POTATO VINE “The Best Part Of Him Is Already Underground” .
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