

VIRDEN

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<u>Huron W. Virden</u> 1848-1920 Sarah J. Hart 1848-1916	<u>Matthew Lowber</u> <u>Virden</u> 1878-1946 Rosa Mary Lutz 1882-1963			

*The following information was compiled in the 1960's
 by several members of the Virden family.
 This is an excerpt of the booklet and pertains only to the direct lineage of Lynn X. Virden.
 Information has been added wherever possible.*

GENERATION 1 HUGH VIRDEN

Hugh Virden and **Tabitha White**. Not much is known about Hugh Virden at this time. He was born ca 1678 and died in Sussex County, DE ca 1723. He left a will that was dated June 13, 1723. Hugh married Tabitha White, daughter of William and Elizabeth White of Sussex County, DE.

The oldest known Virden family in America was in 1700 in Sussex County, Delaware. Tradition is to the effect that they came in with the Marvel family. There is also the thought that they might have been descended from the Holland Dutch Verdon family Jacob Verdon of New York. See Volume 64 of the New York Genealogical and Biographical magazine.

There are two known children of Hugh and Tabitha Virden:

1. **John Virden** - Born: ca 1700
2. **Tabitha Virden**

GENERATION 2 JOHN VIRDEN

John Virden and **Elinor ?**. John Virden, Sr. and Elinor ?. John Virden, Sr. was born ca 1700. John left a will dated February 5, 1769 which was probated March 27, 1769. John married Elinor ?, date unknown. Elinor died in 1786 in Kent County, DE. It is known that John Virden purchased land in 1732 in Kent County, Delaware.

John and Elinor had six children:

1. **John Virden, Jr.** - born ca 1730
2. **William Virden** - born June 1738 Kent County Delaware
3. **Absolum Virden** - wife was named Sarah ?. Born ca 1740. Will is dated 1778.
4. **William Virden**
5. **Cynthia Virden** - *married ? Lofland and had a son named John Lofland who was said to have been the greatest writer and poet that the state of Delaware has ever produced. He is said to have defeated Edgar Allen Poe in a poem contest in Baltimore.*
6. **Isaac Virden**
7. **Daniel Virden** - Died 1776. Wife was named Elizabeth ?.
8. **Naomi Virden**
9. **Sarah Virden**
10. **Elinor Virden** - married Joseph Jackson
11. **Alexander Virden**
12. **Alice Virden** - married John Kilpatrick before 1786.

GENERATION 3 WILLIAM VIRDEN, Sr.

William Virden, Sr. and **Eunity Lowber**. William Virden was born in June 1738 in Kent County, Delaware and died November 5, 1791 in Kent County, Delaware. Will Book "N" page 7. William was the child of John and Elinor Virden. He first married Eunity Lowber on November 26, 1756.

Eunity was born on December 2, 1738 and died in Kent County, DE on May 10, 1787 in Kent County Delaware. William's second wife was Prudence Purdin (widow of Andrew) who was born in 1755 and died sometime after 1800.

William and Eunity Virden had thirteen children:

1. **Elizabeth Virden** - born January 19, 1758. Married Joseph Purdin (Sarah Purdin's brother)
2. **Susanna Virden** - born October 16, 1760. Married John Dyer. Moved to Ohio and then Indiana.
3. **John Virden** - born November 17, 1763. Died December 3, 1796. Married Sarah Purdin (Joseph Purdin's sister)
 - a. Andrew Virden - born ca 1792. Died 1832. Unmarried. Was Lt. Co. 5th Regiment War of 1812.
 - b. Elizabeth Virden - born September 28, 1795. Died 1842. Married William Harrington on November 15, 1815.

- i. Mary Harrington - born June 15, 1832. Died February 16, 1904. Married Robert Hodgson October 7, 1863.
- 4. **Eunity Virden** - born September 15, 1764. Married Thomas Lockwood on December 22, 1785. John Irons, the poet and Joseph Burchland were among illustrious descendants.
- 5. **Peter Lowber Virden** - born September 1, 1766. Died June 1793. Married his first cousin, Elizabeth Lowber. Was murdered for his payroll when his son was one week old.
 - a. Samuel Virden - born June 21, 1793 in Kent County, DE. Died July 27, 1876. Married (1) Anna McKimney Smock; (2) Eliza Ann Warren.
- 6. **Jemima Virden** - born January 13, 1769; Died September 19, 1771.
- 7. **Jemima Virden** - born Late 1771. Married (1) Frederick Pratt ca 1789 (2) Thomas Berry 1797.
- 8. **William Virden, Jr.** - born December 30, 1773. Married Mary Berry.
- 9. **Matthew Lowber Virden** - born April 12, 1776. Died December 1, 1781. Married Elizabeth Berry November 10, 1803. He worked for a time as a house carpenter for the White House.
 - a. Mary Virden - born August 7, 1804. Died September 10, 1811.
 - b. William Virden - born March 6, 1807.
 - c. John Virden - born November 10, 1809. Died September 30, 1810.
 - d. Elizabeth Virden - born October 4, 1811. Married Andrew Baggs.
 - e. Alexander Virden - born December 28, 1814.
 - f. Sarahanna Virden - born November 23, 1817. Married a Ludwig. Lived in Philadelphia.
 - g. James Virden - Born May 21, 1821. Drowned in Susquehanna Rover between 1832-1835.
- 10. **Daniel Virden** - born August 25, 1778
- 11. **Mary Virden** - born October 3, 1780. Married William Morris. Moved to Zanesville, OH.
- 12. **Cathy Virden** - born February 22, 1784; Died before 1791.
- 13. **Catherine Virden** - born July 31, 1785; died before 1791.

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WILLIAM VIRDEN, Jr.

William Virden, Jr. and Mary Berry. William Virden, Jr. was born on December 30, 1773 in Kent County, Delaware. He was the eighth child of William and Eunity Lowber Virden. He died in 1820 in Kent County, Delaware; **Book "P" page 196 Kent County probates (Will). William married Mary Berry in ca 1799 who was born in ca 1774 in Kent County Delaware. Mary died on April 12, 1836.

William and Mary Virden had the following children:

1. **Thomas Jefferson Virden** - died 1800 in Kent County, Delaware . Died of yellow fever 1852 on a boat coming North to purchase supplies for his dry goods store in Jackson, MS. Married (1) Ann Jane Robinett (2) Anna White of Brooklyn
2. **Elizabeth Virden** - born April 4, 1802. Died May 27, 1841. Married Hugh Wilson, his second wife.
3. **William Virden III** - born; 1804; Died: 1883; Married 1st Rachel Bowman, 2nd Caroline Polk (*daughter of Gov Polk of NC*)
 - a. Thomas Virden - married Annie Hammond
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Virden (1) - married Beniah Truitt
4. **John Virden** - born 1808. *Said to be buried in Old Sweded Church in Wilmington, DE. Not sure if he married, but this family believes that he did as one John (Jack) Virden b ca 1840 was bound out to a Captain plying a boat between Philadelphia and Kent County, DE. He ran away and came to his Uncle Hugh and Elizabeth Wilson in Indiana and lived there form time to time. He had a sister named Mary and they were orphans. She married and lived in Philadelphia. Jack served as a Gunner in the Artillery during the Civil War and died sometime after 1876 when he took his cousin Melissa Wilson back to visit his sister Mary and also Uncle William Virden in Frederica. There was a letter form Melissa Louisa Wilson telling of this trip and of Jack.*
5. **Matthew Lowber Virden** - born February 2, 1811
6. **Mary Berry Virden** - born ca 1812. *Married Captain Thomas Sipple who was lost at sea.*
 - a. William Virden Sipple - owned a large marble work in Milford, DE.
7. **Susan Virden** - born ca 1814; married Charles Holden
 - a. Andrew Holden

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1. **Child Virden** - born ca 1843
2. **Matthew Lowber Virden, Jr.** - born ca 1845; Died April 24, 1901 in Louisville, KY. Married Julia Sneed. *After 1901, Julia took her two daughters and moved to New York state.*
3. **Child Virden** - born ca 1847
4. **Huron Wilkinson Virden** - born 1848 on Lake Huron; Died January 14, 1920 in Canton, MS

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1. **Harry Virden** - born 1855; Died ca 1883 in Louisville, KY
2. **William D. Virden** - born ca 1860 in Canton, MS; Died: October 28, 1920 in Louisville, KY
3. **Paul Virden** - born: ca 1862 in Canton, MS; Died February 28, 1936 in Louisville, KY
4. **Helen Sheldon Virden** - born May 28, 1865 in Canton, MS; Died: January 29, 1929 in Louisville, KY. Married (1) J.F. Babbitt, Jr. (2) William Edward Pilcher
 - a. John Francis Babbitt, III (1) - born March 19, 1892.
 - b. William Edward Pilcher (2) - born May 23, 1897. Married Camille Swan.
 - c. Gerald Wendover Pilcher - born February 7, 1899. Died January 4, 1941. Married Lenora Upton.
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 - e. Elizabeth Pilcher - born April 25, 1903. Married Robert Hamilton Nutt.
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HURON WILKINSON VIRDEN

Huron W. Virden and **Sarah J. Hart**. Huron Virden was born on Lake Huron in 1848 and was named for the Lake and for the Captain of the Steamship on which his parents, Matthew L. and Adeline D. Virden, were traveling. He lived in Louisville, KY then Canton, MS. Huron was a Civil War Scout for General Nathan B. Forrest at the age of 14. His listed occupation was that of a Traveling Salesman. Huron died in Canton, MS on January 14, 1920.

Huron married Sarah Jane Hart on October 13, 1873. Sarah Jane Hart was born September 27, 1848 and died on December 17, 1916. She was the daughter of John Drew Hart (born January 1802; Died May 12, 1873) and Sophia Emaline Smith (Born January 3, 1813; Died 1885; Married October 28, 1834).

Huron and Sarah Virden had the following children:

1. **Percy Hart Virden** - born 1875 in Canton, MS
2. **Matthew Lowber Virden** - born July 12, 1878

3. **Mary Emaline Virden** - born December 27, 1880
4. **Huron Wilkinson Virden, Jr.** - born June 21, 1889

GENERATION 8
MATTHEW LOWBER VIRDEN

Matthew Lowber Virden and **Rosa Mary Lutz**. Matthew Virden was born on July 12, 1878, in Canton, MS. He died on October 10, 1946 in Greenville, MS. Matthew was the second child of Huron Wilkinson Virden and Sarah Jane Hart. Matthew married Rosa Mary Lutz September 5, 1904 in Canton, MS. Rosa was born on October 11, 1882 in Canton, MS and died there on January 8, 1963.

Matthew and Rosa Virden moved to Greenville, MS shortly after their marriage in 1904 and had the following children:

1. **Matthew Lowber Virden, Jr.** - born October 20, 1905
2. **Joseph Lutz Virden** - born August 1, 1907
3. **Huron Wilkinson Virden** - born June 21, 1909
4. **Rosemary Virden** - born September 5, 1911. Died February 2003.
5. **Sarah Jane Hart Virden** - born December 12, 1913
6. **Lynn Xavier Virden** - born September 29, 1915. Died 1996. Married William Denton Swain.