

Amelia County Marriages, 1735-1815 [K. B. Williams transcription, page 31]: 26 September 1765—John Cross and Elizabeth Cocke, who writes her own consent. Witness to consent: Abraham Cocke and Stephen Cocke. Security, Stephen Cocke.

Comment. Elizabeth Cocke, wife of John Cross, was a daughter of Abraham Cocke and his wife Mary Batte. Through this family you have a second line of descent from Captain Henry¹ Batte. John Cross, your ancestor, was a descendant of Captain Thomas¹ Batte, brother of Henry. After the death of John Cross, his widow Elizabeth married, secondly, in Lunenburg County 27 January 1795 to William Sydnor, by the Rev. John Jones, Minister. [*Marriages*, page 119].

Nottoway County Will Book 3, page 301: Last will of (Mrs.) Elizabeth Sydnor, dated 21 July 1814; proved 2 November 1815. . . . To my daughter Jane Lamkin, . . . To my granddaughter Elizabeth Niblet, . . . To my granddaughter Catherine Maria Batte, one feather bed, . . . To my granddaughter Petronilla Farley, All the balance of my estate to be divided into six equal parts to be bequeathed as follows: . . . To my granddaughter Catherine Maria Batte, one equal sixth part, but if she died before lawful age then her share shall go to Ashley Davis, Mary Stainback, Elizabeth Niblet, and John Cross Batte. . . . To my daughter Jane Lamkin, one equal sixth part. . . . To the children of my deceased son William Cross, to wit: John and Maria Jones, one equal sixth part. . . . I give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Hamlin, to wit: William, John, and Jane Hamlin, one of the said equal sixth parts. . . . To my daughter Rebecca Epes, one equal sixth part. . . . To my daughter Martha Rogers, to be vested in the hands of John Chappel, Robert Chappel, and Edmund Farley, as trustees, one equal sixth part. . . . Executors: My friends Peter Epes and Edmund F. Farlor [Farley].

Lunenburg County Will Book 3, page 390: Last will of John Cross, dated 13 November 1790; proved 13 January 1791. . . . [Mentioned] wife Elizabeth. Legacies to: son William Cross; daughter Mary Davis, wife of Ashley Davis, deceased, and to her children Ashley, Polly, and her unborn child; daughter Jeane Lamkin, wife of Peter Lamkin; daughter Martha Chappell, wife of John Chappell; daughter Rebecca Cross; daughter Elizabeth Cross. Executors: son William Cross and sons-in-law Peter Lamkin and John Chappell, and Stephen Cocke.

Comment. Comparing the names of the children of John and Elizabeth Cross in their respective wills, we see that Rebecca married an Epes, Elizabeth had married a Hamlin, and Martha had remarried to a Rogers. Jeane (Jane) was still a Lamkin. This leaves only the daughter Mary, who married Ashley Davis, to have been the mother of John Cross Batte and Catherine Maria Batte. The daughter Rebecca Cross married 15 February 1798 to Peter Epes (as his second wife). The daughter Elizabeth Cross married Thomas Hamlin.

William Sydnor was born 27 April 1752, son of Anthony and Elizabeth Sydnor. He married, first, 5 March 1778, Sarah Garland (born 3 October 1752 and died 7 January 1789), and, second, 27 January 1795, Elizabeth (Cocke) Cross, widow of John Cross. She was born 1741 and died 1 October 1815. Source: *Sydnor Family Bible* (Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine 3:284).