

(c) *Descendants of Nathaniel West*

Until recently it was only known that Nathaniel West married a lady whose first name was Martha. The publication of a note from the King William Co. records in the Virginia Magazine shows that her family name was Woodward. The note shows that Gideon Macon, of New Kent, and Capt. Thomas Spencer, in right of their wives, Martha and Anne, daughters and heirs of William Woodward, deceased, were seized of certain property. Gideon Macon was dead, and the widow was married to Capt. Nathaniel West. Division of Estate. Survey by James Minge. (Va Magazine XXXI, p. 343.) Nathaniel West and his wife Martha Woodward had one daughter Unity, who married William Dandridge and made her will about 1753. (Hening, *Stats. at Large*, VI, p. 428). They had issue (1) Capt. Nathaniel West Dandridge, of the Royal Navy, who married Dorothea, daughter of Governor Alexander Spotswood (2) William, who married his cousin Agnes West, daughter of Col. Francis West, (3) Elizabeth married Philip Whitehead Claiborne (4) Anne married Mr. Dancy (5) Martha married Philip Aylett and (6) Mary married John Spotswood, son of Governor Spotswood (William and Mary Quarterly, V., p. 140.)

Besides Capt. John West, two other brothers of Lord Delaware came to Virginia, Nathaniel West and Francis West. Nathaniel died at West and Shirley Hundred about 1624, leaving a widow Frances, daughter of Sir Thomas Hinton, who married Abraham Piersey a rich merchant, and an infant son Nathaniel. After Piersey's death Frances Hinton married 3dly. Capt Samuel Matthews.

Capt. Francis West, the other brother, came to Virginia in 1608, and in his will, dated 1629 and probated 1634, he mentions his now wife, Jane, daughter of Sir Henry Davye, and his son Francis (Tyler's Quarterly, II., 125). In 1627 he had married Temperance Flowerdew, widow of Sir George Yardley. Capt. Francis West was commissioned "Admiral of New England" in

1622, and it is recorded that he made several trips there, and it is likely that his son Francis, who was by an earlier marriage, may have accompanied him, and finally settled in New England.

About six years ago Mr. Douglas H. Thomas, of Baltimore, kindly sent the editor the copy of an inscription found on a tombstone at New Bedford, Mass., which was published in the William and Mary Coll. Quart. XXVI., p. 140. But owing to a mistake in the name of Sackville West, which he rendered "Sackfield West," he later sent a fuller copy of the inscription on the front and back of the tombstone. This after a long delay is now published

(Front)

Samuel West, D. D.,
Son of Dr. Sackville West,
by his wife, Ruth Jenkins,

Was born at Yarmouth, C. C.
Mar. 3rd 1729-30.O.S.
ordained in this place
June 3rd 1761.

Relinquished his pastoral
charge in June 1803.
Died in Tiverton, R. I.
Sept. 24, 1807.

(Back)

Sackville West,
was son of Thomas West,
physician,
The son of

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the son of

Capt. Francis West,
brother of the third
Lord De la Ware,
Governor of Virginia,
Capt. West came from
England to Virginia in
1608.

It appears that the name missing in the epitaph must be Francis, and the latter had a son Thomas. The genealogy in the epitaph may be, therefore, correct.

Alexander Brown states that a "nephew" of Lord Delaware, Capt. William West, was slain by the Indians in 1611, but Lord Delaware had no brother old enough to have a son a captain in 1611. George Percy refers to him in his narrative "A Trewe Relacyon" as a "kinsman"

