

Letter to John Hasmur Winn,
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Seattle, Wash.

from

Mrs. P. N. (Mary Winn Blackshear) Harley,
302 Gilmore Street, Waycross, Georgia.

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Dear Sir:

Sir Richard Winn, Baronet of Gryden of 1649 who had been kinged (knighted) married Grace Nets of Hugh Williams. Their son, Hugh Winn, represented Gloscter in the House of Burgers 1652, 1640, and with Provestroman 1652, with Chas. Tompletius in the Washington Bailleurs Capt. Peter Winn of the Kings Council 1608 came over with Capt. Newport, with Capt. Thomas West. The Memorial of the Winn family is Croydin erected in the year 1633 by Sir Richard Winn of Croydin. This chapter was erected in 1633 by Sir Richard Winn, treasurer to the Princess Heneritta, Queen of England Daughter of Henry IIII Sister to Henry the eight. John Winn died Lucuca. (?) Sir Richard Winn, Robert Winn, Henry Winn, Mary Winn Elizabeth. The above Richard Winn died June 16, 1671. The engraving was erected by William Vaughn, The connection link between the American Gyms and Winns of this Ancient family of Gyms, Princess of Wales of Present King of England. Capt. Thomas Winn from Wales appeared in Virginia in 1620. He had Thomas, John, Obed, & Richard. Richard had a son Richard who lived in Virginia and married. You and I indeed descend from John, the son of Captain Thomas who married a Minor. Captain Thomas had a son John Minor Winn who came from Wales to America in 1732 from Whale he settle in Virginia (in Farqu Co. Va.) and accumulated a large fortune and died in 1772. Minor Winns wife was Margaret O'connor. Minor Winn had five sons and three daughters. They are John, Minor Jr., William, James, Richard, our ancestor. Richard's wife was Priscilla McKinley. John marries Dorothy Wright. William married Rosa Hampton. John and Richard served gallantly in the Revolution. Winnsboro is named for Gen. Richard Winn. The original name was Gyms and Winn and Wynne. The "G" was dropped in America. Richard Winn entered the service of his state in the Revolutionary War. He acquired glory at Ford Moultrie, was sent to the Ga. frontier and commanded a company at fort St. Illa. He was selected for this mission on account of his merit and peculiar fitness for such an undertaking. Soon after assuming command he was attacked by a mass of Indians, Tories, beating them off after two days of fighting. On the third day he surrendered to Major Gen. Provost, who commanded a large force of regulars and allies. Them Gen. Winn returned to Fairfield, S. C., and organized a regiment of refugees militia. He distinguished himself at Hooks Defeat in York and hanging Rock, Lancaster. Richard Winn was distinguished for bravery. Gen. Davis said of him that Gen. Winn was bravest when on the field when fighting the enemy under terrible fire. He cools remarked "Is not that Glorious". He was wounded here but remained on duty until the enemy was in full retreat and ceased not to serve his country while a Red Coat could be found. A true Patriot he fought in as many hard battles as any other man living or dead. When Peace was assured he still served his country as Brigadier Major General. For many years he was U. S. Congressman. He was a brave and lovable man. In 1812 he moved to Tenn. and died a short time later. Mills Statistics, Wheelers History, CC Jones History of Gs., pp 260 & 263. See National No. 9000 Lineage Book Vol. 9. The Memoirs of Richard Winn could be found in the Congressional Library in Southern History Association. Wynne, Winn, Wynn are an ancient honorable family of Wales. One hundred and fifty years have passed since one of them settled in Fuaqu Co. Va. in America. Among the descendants are found the Johnsons, Singletons, O'Bannon, the Todds, Gibsons, Shacklefords, Neels, Pendleton, Fairchild and even Stone Wall Jackson. Three brothers made their way to S.C. and are allied to the Hamptons Even, Jameson. Two, John & Richard gave to the town of Winnsboro its name.

I am up after a two weeks illness. Am sorry I could not get this to you before. I also want to say that I have a great deal of data of earlier date but at this time I will have to have some one come in and copy it for me as I am unable to do it for myself.

(Mrs. P. M.) Mary B. Harley

(Note on the above letter: "This is often disjointed and not clear Mrs. Harley is paralyzed and her negro maid writes for her as she dictates.")

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I have not heard from Mrs. Harley for several years and feel she has passed on. Her name is in the D.A.R. records.

Vera Winn Hulbush