Goal

The ultimate goal of the Spotswood Family Descendants is to establish an applicant’s lineal descent through one of many lines reaching back to the Reverend John Spottiswoode, Sr., [1510 to 1585] Superintendent of the Scottish Church. The Lord Lyon of Scotland during the 17th century recognized the Rev. John Spottiswoode, Sr., as the legitimate heir of the Spottiswoode name and the Barony of Spottiswoode, located twenty miles south of Edinburgh. John lived in Midlothian, Scotland, and produced two sons: Archbishop, John Spottiswoode of Scotland [1565 to 1639] and Bishop James Spottiswoode [1567 to 1644] of Ireland. At their death, these two sons were buried by order of King Charles I, in St. Benedict’s Chapel (near Poet’s Corner) of Westminster Abbey.

Membership Eligibility

Annual and Life Membership

Annual and Life Membership in the SFD is open to persons 21 years of age or older who can prove their lawful lineal descent, by blood, from the following:

1) Qualifying Spotswood Ancestors listed by the SFD who lived in Spottiswoode, Midlothian, Scotland between 1300 and the present;
2) Descendants by blood of the name Spotswood or its variant Scottish spellings;
3) Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virginia;
4) Captain John Spotswood of Australia/Ireland;
5) Bishop James Spotswood of Scotland/Ireland;
6) Archbishop John Spotswood of Scotland.

Associate Membership

Associate and Life Associate members in the SFD shall be the husband or wife of an Annual or Life member in good standing. An Associate or Life Associate member shall not vote or hold an elected office.

Junior Membership

Persons under twenty-one years of age and meeting all requirements of membership can become Junior members in the SFD. On attaining age twenty-one, Junior members shall automatically become eligible for Annual or Life membership with the rights, privileges, and obligations of that class.

Honorary Membership

Honorary members in the SFD shall be elected, subject to their acceptance, at the annual meeting from persons who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and outstanding interest in the Spotswood genealogy, or persons who have provided outstanding contributions to the SFD. Honorary members shall not vote or hold elected office.

Charter Membership
All persons whose applications were approved on or before September 2011 shall be considered Charter Members of the SFD.

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Five Pre-Qualified Spotswood Lines to Sixteenth Century Scotland

SFD #1  The Rev. John Spottiswoode [1565-1585] was designated as head of family by the Scottish Lord Lyon. Church of Scotland Superintendent of Midlothian. He married Beatrix Crichton and produced children.
        (See page 3 below)

SFD #2  Archbishop John Spottiswoode [1565-1639] was the son of SFD #1. He married Rachel Lindsay, daughter of Bishop David Lindsay of Ross, a son of the wealthy Lindsay family of Edzell Castle.
        (See page 4)

SFD #3  James Spottiswoode, Bishop of Clogher [1567-1644] was the son of SFD #1. James’ Anglican diocese included Fermanagh, Monaghan and parts of Cavan, Leitrim and Donegal, all in Ireland.
        (See page 5)

SFD #4  Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood [1676-1740] was the son of Dr. Robert Spotswood and grandson of SFD #1. Alexander’s wife was Lady Butler Brayne of England and Virginia.
        (See page 7)

SFD #5  General Alexander Spotswood of the American Revolution was the grandson of SFD #4, and the son of John Spotswood and Mary Dandridge. He married Elizabeth Washington, niece of George Washington.
        (See page 11)

SFD #1. The Rev. John Spottiswoode [1565-1585], Church of Scotland Superintendent of Midlothian, and Beatrix Crichton were the parents of two sons.

   1. John Spottiswoode (SFD #2) [1565-1639], Archbishop of St. Andrews, Scotland, and his wife, Rachel Lindsay, the parents of
       Sir Robert Spotswood [1596-1646] who married Bethia Morrison. They were the parents of

   2. James Spottiswoode, (SFD #3) Bishop of the Diocese of Clogher, Ireland (expanded genealogy given below). He was the son of SFD #1.
SFD #2. Archbishop John Spottiswoode [1565-1639], married Rachel Lindsay, daughter of Bishop David Lindsay of Ross, a son of the wealthy Lindsay family of Edzell Castle, and they became parents of two sons and one daughter.

1. Sir John Spottiswoode of Darsie was his father, the Archbishop’s heir. After the beheading of Sir John’s brother, Sir Robert, and the beheading of John’s own eldest son and heir, named John, Sir John fled from Darsie and moved his family to Northumberland, England. Sir John with his remaining sons became farmers in Northumberland, and this Scottish line was lost in obscurity. The line of the Archbishop then devolved to Sir Robert Spottiswoode’s children. The Archbishop’s original heir, John, had produced three sons:

   1) John Spottiswoode, Esquire, beheaded 1650 by Presbyterians at Edinburgh during the English Civil War

   2) a Spottiswoode son became a farmer in Northumberland, England, and nothing else known

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2. Sir Robert Spottiswoode [1596-1688], married [1629] Bethia, daughter of Sir Alexander Morrison of Preston Grange, was declared heir of his father, the Archbishop, in 1650. Sir Robert and Bethia produced three sons before he was beheaded by the unlawful parliament of Presbyterians at Edinburgh during the Civil War. Sir Robert had produced children:

   1) John Spottiswoode [b. 1630: d. before 1660 and restoration of Charles II]. Unmarried

   2) Sir Alexander Spottiswoode, Sir Robert’s heir, carried on a family line in Scotland, marrying twice.....

      1st marriage to a daughter of Sir John Home. Produced one son, Alexander who died unmarried

      2nd marriage to Helene, daughter of John Trotter. Sir Alexander and Lady Helene produced four children:

         (1) John Spottiswoode, I [b.1667: d. 1724-30],married [1710] Helen, daughter of Viscount Arbuthnott (widow of John MacFarlane and mother of Walter MacFarlane, Chief of Clan MacFarlane) This 1st John Spottiswoode bought back the family Spottiswoode lands and title from the Bell family in 1700, who had bought it from Archbishop John Spotswood, his grandfather. He then became the first John Spottiswoode to own, again, Spottiswoode, Midlothian, Scotland and of the new Scottish line.

         a) John Spottiswoode, II [b. 1711, d. 1793], married [1740] Mary, daughter of John Thompson. Produced a son..... John Spottiswoode, III [born 1741: died 1805], solicitor of Sackville St, London, married [10 June 1779] Margaret Penelope, daughter of William Strahan. John and Margaret Spottiswoode produced 10 children [six males]. His heir, John Spottiswoode, IV, built a great house in the 1830s, probably on the site of the original, ancient castle tower of Spottiswoode Barons. This line
sold Spottiswood in 1936.

b) Helen Spottiswoode married John Garthshorne

c) Anne Spottiswoode married Dr. James Dundass

(2) Janet Spottiswoode married George Brown

(3) Catherine Spottiswoode

(4) Robert Spottiswoode, died young

3) Dr. Robert Spottiswoode [1639-1688], son of Sir Robert Spottiswood, became physician to governor and garrison of Tangier who married [circa 1675] Catharine Elliott. Dr. Robert Spottiswoode produced one child by her, a son Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood [1676-1740] of Virginia who married Lady Butler Brayne in London [see below an expanded American genealogy of this branch of the Spotswood family]

(1) John Spotswood [died 1796], married [1745] to Mary Dandridge, daughter of Commodore William Dandridge of the British Navy and produced well documented issue

(2) Robert Spotswood, Subaltern, for Washington, killed by Indians in 1756

(3) Anne Catherine Spotswood [born 1726], married [1745] Bernard Moore and from her is descended well documented issue, including Confederate General Robert Edward Lee

(4) Dorothea Spotswood, married [1757] Captain Nathaniel West Dandridge of the British Army and produced well documented issue

3. Anne Spottiswoode, third child, and daughter of Anglican Archbishop John Spottiswoode, who married Sir William Sinclair of Roslin, and produced well documented issue.

SFD #3. James Spottiswoode, Bishop of Clogher [1567-1644], son of the Rev. Superintendent, John Spottiswoode, Sr. of Midlothian, Scotland [see SFD#1 above]. James' Anglican diocese included Fermanagh, Monaghan, and parts of Cavan, Leitrim and Donegal. Bishop James Spottiswoode married twice:

1st marriage of James Spottiswoode was to Agnes Norfolk, daughter of the House of Norfolk. They produced one son, Sir Henry Spottiswoode, and a daughter, Beatrice Spottiswoode

1. Sir Henry Spottiswoode [knighted 1623 by Lord Falkland, High Sheriff of Dublin], married Jean Bukeley at Anglesey, the daughter of Tristram Bukeley, Esquire, of Castle Farm-Hill, Anglesey. Sir Henry and Jean Bukeley produced three children: two sons, Richard and Henry, and one daughter, Jean:

1) Lady Jean Spottiswoode, born in 1648 in Rosslyn Castle, Scotland. Jean Spottiswoode, married...

1st marriage to George Hay, Esquire [a younger son of John Hay of Barra] who became Lord Register of Scotland. This couple produced issue: John Hay, Jean Hay, Richard Augustine Hay [Father Hay, born 1661], George Hay, and Marie
Hay

**2nd marriage to** James Sinclair of Roslin [her second cousin]. Jean and James Sinclair produced issue:


2. James Sinclair [b. circa 1671: d. Battle of Boyne 1690]. He was Page of Honour to Queen Marie.


4. Ann died young

5. Thomas Sinclair, born 1675


3) **Richard Spottiswoode** of Drumcote, whose daughter married **1st marriage to** Archibald Erskine, son of Sir James Erskine. **2nd marriage to** Elizabeth Staunton, he produced children:

   1. James Spottiswoode, younger son, born circa 1645, married in 1668, Elizabeth Hyde, daughter of William Hyde and Catherine Tynte, at Castle Hyde, Cork, Ireland. Elizabeth Hyde was the younger sister of Katherine Hyde, who married James's nephew, Sir Henry Spottiswood.

   2. Mary Spottiswoode [third daughter], married first, to Thomas Perkins before 1655. Next she married during 1655 to Abraham Crichton [sometimes spelled Creighton] who was the son of Abraham Creighton and Nichola?.

   Children of this second marriage:
   
   - Maj.-Gen. David Crichton, who died 1 June 1728;
   - James Crichton, who died 1702;
   - Abraham Crichton, who died 1684;
   - Jane Crichton, married John Hamilton
   - Marianna Crichton


**2nd marriage of Anglican Bishop, James Spottiswoode, was to Elizabeth Staunton [widow Perkins] and by her James produced three more children**

3. **James Spottiswoode**

4. **Elizabeth Spottiswoode**, married twice
   - **1st marriage to** James Heirone
   - **2nd marriage to** Thomas Goldborne. They lived at Spring Town, County Tyrone,
Ireland [today in Northern Ireland]. Elizabeth and Thomas produced a daughter, Mary Goldborne

5. **Mary Spottiswoode** who married Colonel Abraham Crichton

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**SFD #4.** Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood [1676-1740], son of Dr. Robert Spotswood, and Alexander's wife, Lady Butler Brayne, of England and Virginia, who produced...

1. **CHILD ONE Colonel John Spotswood** [1728-1756], married [1745] Mary Dandridge, daughter of William Dandridge, Esquire of the British navy, commander of the *Ludlow Castle* man of war. Parents of two sons: Alexander Spotswood and John Spotswood. At John's death Mary Dandridge Spotswood married John Campbell, a gentleman, who went through her money and left her destitute and dependent on her son, Alexander Spotswood for her living:

   1) **General Alexander Spotswood** married [1745] Elizabeth "Betty" Washington, daughter of the English General, William Augustine Washington [half brother of George Washington] and Anne Aylett, the niece of George Washington. Residence of General Spotswood was, alternately, at New Post and Nottingham, his seats on the Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg. Alexander was a Brigadier General in the Virginia Line. He produced eight children:

      1) **George Washington Spotswood** married Lucy Spotswood

      2) **William Lawrence McCarthy Spotswood** [b. 1791, d. March 1871], married Catherine A. Jones [b.1794, d.1836] and produced a daughter:

         a) Martha Peake Spotswood [b. 6 May 1836, Spotsylvania County, VA: d. 12 June 1905], married 21 July 1857, Orange Co., VA to Duncan McLaughlin Quarles. Moved to Clarksville, West TN, in 1861 and opened a boarding school

      3) **Elizabeth Spotswood** [Mrs. Page]


            a) Margaret Brooke married Thomas P. Eskridge

            b) Virginia Brooke married Dr. Briscoe Baldwin Donoghe

            c) Elizabeth Smith Brooke married John Lewis Cochran

         b) Francis Taliaferro Brooke, b. 1802

         c) Mary Randolph Spotswood Brooke married Dr. Edmund Berkeley of Staunton, VA

         d) John Brooke, surgeon in Navy. Died at sea

         e) Elizabeth Brooke, d. age 15

      5) **Ann Spotswood** married Mr. Taliaferro

b) Jane Mildred Washington [1809-1839]
c) Spotswood Augustine Washington [1811-1865] married Evaline Fletcher [1815-1877]

(7) Martha Spotswood died unmarried


a) Alexander Washington Spotswood [b. 1793] married Dorothy Berryman
b) Adaline Butler Spotswood [b. 1794] married Peter Copeland Goodall
c) Ann Spotswood [b. 1810] married John H. Anderson
d) Mary Randolph Brooks Spotswood [b. 1816] married William Henry Iredale

2) Captain John A. Spotswood of Orange Grove [born 1748] was wounded in the American Revolution at the Battle of Brandywine. He married [19 Sep 1771] Sarah [Sallie] Rowzie and produced children:

(1) Mary Spotswood [b. 26 Aug 1772: d. 9 Feb 1800], married 30 Apr 1794 Nicholas Voss [b. circa 1774: d. 16 Mar 1816 at Petersburg, VA] and produced children:

a) E. N. born 19 Mar 1795
b) J. S. born 8 Apr 1797
c) Jane C. Voss, born 8 Aug 1798
d) Mary Spotswood Voss [3 Feb 1800] married William Nisbet

(2) John Spotswood [b. 1 Feb 1774] married Mary Bland Goode

(3) Susan Caroline Spotswood [b. 17 Jan 1776] married [19 Sept 1771] Dr. John Boswell Bott of VA

(4) Sara “Sally” Spotswood [b. 1 Feb 1780] married as second wife to Roger Atkinson and then George Whitlock. No issue


(6) Lucy Spotswood [b. 1 July 1783] married George Augustine Washington Spotswood of VA
(7) Elliot Spotswood [b. 21 Apr 1785] married Sallie Littlepage

(8) Dandridge Spotswood [b. 28 Jan 1787] married [29 Oct 1818] at Summerville, Buckingham County, VA to Catherine Brooke, daughter of Peter and Catherine Francisco, [daughter of Robert Brooke]. Dandridge and Catherine produced 10 children:
   a) Firstborn, a boy, b. 29 Oct 1819. Died soon after birth
   b) Alexander Elliot Spotswood, b. 2 June 1821. Killed in a fall from a horse, 23 Nov 1834
   c) Dandridge Rowzie Spotswood, b. 12 Oct 1823. Drowned in the Appomattox River, 1 Sept 1830
   d) Daughter, b. 8 Aug 1825. Died a few hours after birth
   e) William Francisco Spotswood, b. 16 Feb 1827
   f) Joseph Edwin Spotswood, b. 13 July 1829
   g) Catherine Dandridge Spotswood, b. 31 Aug 1831. Died of scarlet fever on 7 Sept 1832
   h) Benjamin Henry Spotswood, b. 18 June 1833; d. 28 Apr 1840
   i) Rosaline Brooke Spotswood, b. 17 Jan 1836
   j) Alexander Dandridge Spotswood, b. 14 July 1838; d. 11 July 1840

The Dandridge Family Bible recorded the following marriages.
   i) Rose Brooke Spotswood married [1860] Frederick Nash Stundwick, Petersburg, VA. Living issue in 1903: one daughter
   ii) William Francisco Spotswood of Petersburg, Virginia, married [26 April 1871] at Mount View, Petersburg, VA to Isabella Matoaca Dunlop [living issue in 1903 [3 sons, 2 daughters]
      (a) Joseph Edwin Spotswood married [April 1872] in Petersburg, VA to Lucy Starke Cooper. Living issue in 1903 were 3 sons
      One son, Alexander Spotswood, married [2 May 1903] Edna Mabel Mallogh [Mallae?] in Oakland CA at residence of bride's mother

(9) Norborne Berkeley Spotswood [b. 20 July 1788, VA], a physician, married Sarah "Sally" Markham [b.1810, VA] and produced children in Virginia, but living in District 8 of Boone County, Missouri in 1850 and died before 1860 census. Children: Edwin Spotswood, 1830, VA; Alfred Spotswood, 1836, VA; Robert, 1838, VA

(10) Ann Spotswood [b. 1 Sept 1792] married William Robertson of Virginia

2. CHILD TWO Anne Catherine Spotswood [daughter of Governor Spotswood], married Colonel Bernard Moore, Sr. of Chelsea. King William County, Virginia. Ann and Bernard produced 8 children:
1) **Augustine Moore, Jr.**, married Sarah Rind, and left one daughter, Sarah, who married Carter Braxton and produced 7 children: Carter Moore; Thomas Corbin Moore; Augustine Moore; Judith Moore; Robert Carter Moore; George Moore; and Elizabeth Moore

2) **Thomas Moore**, died unmarried.

3) **Bernard Moore, Jr.** married Lucy Ann Heabard Leiper [niece of Thomas Lieper, manufacturer of snuff, Market Street, Philadelphia, who married a Miss Thomas of Maryland]. They produced four children: Andrew Lieper; Thomas Lieper; Elizabeth Lieper and Lucy Lieper

4) **Elizabeth Moore** married John Walker of Belvoir, Albemarle County, Virginia. Their only child, Mildred Walker, married Francis Kinloch, M. C. of Kensington, S. C., and their only child, Eliza, married the Hon. Hugh Nelson of Belvoir


6) **John Moore**

7) **Lucy Moore** married in 1774 to the Rev. Henry Skyren, an Anglican priest

8) **Alexander Spotswood Moore**

3. **CHILD THREE Dorothea Spotswood [1732-1773]**, daughter of Governor Spotswood, married Colonel Nathaniel West Dandridge of the British navy [son of Captain William Dandridge of Elsing Green] and produced 10 children:

1) **Martha Dandridge** married Archer "Archy" Payne*

2) **William Dandridge**, born 6 Apr 1750 [who was lame], married Ann Bolling

3) **Alexander Spotswood Dandridge**, born 1 Aug 1753, married Anne Stephen

4) **John Dandridge**, born 15 Apr 1756, married Elizabeth Booth

5) **Dorothea Dandridge**, born 25 Sept 1757, was second wife of Patrick Henry, Jr. of "Red Hill," Virginia. Patrick Henry was then Governor of Virginia, and was also of royal descent

6) **Robert Dandridge**, born 21 June 1760, married Mildred Aylett Allen

7) **Nathaniel West Dandridge**, born 26 Oct 1762, married Sarah Bigger Watson

8) **Elizabeth Dandridge**, born 12 Dec 1764, married Philip Payne*
9) **Anna Katherine Dandridge**, born 27 July 1767, married her cousin, John Spotswood Moore

10) **Mary Claiborne Dandridge**, born 14 Jan 1772, married George Woodson Payne* 

   *All three Payne men who married Dandridge girls were sons of John Payne of Goochland. These marriages of brothers to sisters created "double cousins".

4. **CHILD FOUR Robert Spotswood** [1734-1755], son of Lt. Governor, Alexander Spotswood of Virginia, married Ann, daughter of Colonel J. Prentiss. It is thought that he had produced a daughter. Robert, a subaltern officer under Washington in the French and Indian War, was sent out from Fort Cumberland in 1756 with a scouting party, where he was supposed to have been killed by the Indians. His remains were found near Fort Duquesne.

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**SFD #5 General Alexander Spotswood** of the American Revolution, son of John and Mary, married Elizabeth Washington.

General Alexander Spotswood and Elizabeth Washington produced children:

1. **Colonel Alexander Elliott Spotswood** [1769-1843] [Virginia & Kentucky] married in 1789 to, Elizabeth Washington Lewis, [1772-1820-23] the parents of

   1) **Alexander Washington Spotswood** [born in 1793-1840+] married in 1814 to Dorothy Peyton Berryman [1795-1890]

   2) **Ann Spotswood**, married to John H. Anderson in Barren County, KY on 28 Oct 1810

2. **Hannah Spotswood** [1772-1854], married the Rev. John Iredell [1770-1846]

3. **John Alexander Spotswood** [1774]

4. **Henrietta Brayne Spotswood** [about 1776-], married in August of 1806 to her cousin, Bushrod Washington [d. 1830], son of William Augustine Washington [nephew of George Washington] and Anne Aylett, and they produced three children: 

5. **William Lawrence McCarthy Spotswood**, married and had children

6. **Lucy Spotswood** [born about 1780], married her first cousin Lt. George Augustine Washington.

7. **Patsy Spotswood** [born about 1782], died unmarried.

8. **Ann Spotswood** [born about 1784], Baldwin Taliaferro of Wood Park

   9 & 10. **Martha A. Spotswood and George W. Spotswood**, [born about 1786] and listed in the Revolutionary War Pension Application of General Alexander Spotswood

11. **Mary Randolph Spotswood** [born June 1775], married Judge Francis Taliaferro Brooke, October 1791