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The Pipes Of A Distant Clansman begins with an overview of the Celtic history and traditions. Historical accounts gradually melt into story telling just as the Irish poets and bards have done for centuries. The adventures and exploits of the characters are historically correct in every way, but are told in the words of those experiencing the events as they happened. In the third chapter we meet the American Long Hunters. We join them in their fights against Indians, British Tories and sometimes each other as they stretch out toward the western sunset. These hardy pioneers tell their accounts as part of elite Revolutionary War units such as Morgan's Riflemen. We join them in celebration of the British surrender at Saratoga and King's Mountain. From tender youth to the rocking chairs of old age we march with them through life as the first Americans. Through the continuing chapters the pioneers and their children move over the mountains into the Dark and Bloody Land, Kentucky. We experience with the pioneers bear hunts, making salt and cattle raids. Their lives are then torn by a bitter civil war. Their children join Union and Confederate armies to fight bloody battles against former family and friend. After the war lives are changed forever, some for the good, others not. Spies become lawyers, others head west, some return to their farms to forget what they have seen. Some go in search of treasure, others go off to school, and the rest choose sides once more in the ranks of the feudists. Life in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains moves on slow and separate, as it always has, until two world wars force the mountaineers from their homes. Differences are forgotten as the mountain people once more give their sons to the fight for freedom. America becomes a mass of industry to support the war

effort. As veterans survive or die on distant battlefields, their wives learn how to work as independent leaders of the household. Here we see the power and resilience of the mountain women, their undying love of family and of their welcome knowledge of their own worth. The last chapters reflect on all that has been passed to the children of America through these forefathers: our strength, our love and our long forgotten Celtic ideas. The characters gave birth to a nation, freed it from its European ties, and reached out to touch the Pacific Ocean. It is the story of the individual, of the single soldier and of the unheard of farmer, the story of the common man and where we came from. It is the story of the long hunter, the spy and the treasure hunter in all of us.

William Claiborne was born in 1600 in Crayford, Kent, England. His parents were Thomas Clayborne and Sarah Smythe James. He immigrated to America in 1621 and settled in Virginia. He married Elizabeth Butler in about 1635. They had six children. He died in 1679. Descendants and relatives lived in Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama and elsewhere.

Composed almost entirely of abstracts of wills, deeds, marriage records, powers of attorney, court orders, church records, cemetery records, tax records, guardianship accounts, etc., this unique work provides substantive evidence of the migration of individuals and families to Virginia or from Virginia to other states, countries, or territories. Although primarily concerned with Virginians, the data are of wide-ranging interest. England, France, Germany, Scotland, Barbados, Jamaica, and twenty-three American states are represented, all entries splendidly tied to court sources and authorities. Each record provides prima facie evidence of places of origin and removal, irrefutably linking individuals to both their old and their new homes, and incidentally naming parents and kins-

men, all 10,000 of whom are listed in alphabetical order in the indexes. It is a safe observation that half of the records, having been exhumed from the most improbable sources (some augmented by the compiler's personal files), are the only ones in existence which can prove the ancestor's identity and origin.

This book covers the history of multiple families whose only overarching connection is that they were all the ancestors of Robert Hilton Squires II, my brother-in-law. But these various genealogical strands intersected with many pivotal eras in English colonial and later American history. Thus in some strange way the history of this one contemporary person is a microcosm of the story of America.

Genealogical data for Prewitt (Pruitt) families collected from county archives in Virginia, arranged by counties (in alphabetical order), with data in chronological order.

Gresham Lee (b. ca. 1745) was born in what is now know as Buckingham, Virginia. He was probably married twice and had approximately six children. Most descendants stayed in Virginia, while others settled in Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri. Gresham's earliest American ancestor was probably Richard Lee who emigrated from England around 1695.

Roy Wheeler Bell, son of William Edward Bell and Mary Ann Wheeler, was born in 1897 in Arkansas or Texas. He married Lydia Reola Estes (1900-1950), daughter of Ambrose Wickersham Estes and Mary Bell Noe, in 1922. They had two children. He died in 1958 in Harris County, Texas.

William Henry Harrison (1818-1864) and three of his brothers (Manan, Booker, Timothy) moved to Trigg County, Kentucky in 1827, and only William Henry Harrison remained there. He married

twice, and had large families by each wife. Some descendants and relatives also lived in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and elsewhere.

John Dyer sailed for New England in 1634, Anamieh and John Dyer sailed for Virginia in 1635, John Dyes and John Dyers came in 1642 and 1653 respectively, Robert and John Dye came in 1650 and 1655 respectively. Descendants and relatives lived in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee,

New England and elsewhere.  
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The book rings with the names of early inhabitants and prominent citizens. For the genealogist there is the important and wholly for-

titous list of tithables of Pittsylvania County for the year 1767, which enumerates the names of nearly 1,000 landowners and property holders, amounting in sum to a rough census of the county in its infancy. Additional lists include the names, some with inclusive dates of service, of sheriffs, justices of the peace, members of the House of Delegates, 1776-1928, members of the Senate of Virginia, 1776-1928, clerks of the court, and judges.