

fathers. One of the family mottoes was "Honesty, Truth, and Fortitude."

From this ancient family the Strothers of Virginia claim descent through **William Strother**,¹ who came from Northumberland County, England, to America, and settled on the Rappahannock River, in Virginia, prior to 1673. His will is dated 1700, his death occurred about 1702. His wife was **Dorothy**, surname unknown. To them were born six children.

Second Generation

To **William Strother**¹ and his wife, **Dorothy**, were born:

1. **William Strother**,² born —; died 1726. He married **Margaret Thornton**, daughter of **Francis Thornton**, of Snow Creek, and his wife, **Alice Savage**.

2. **Jeremiah Strother**, born —; died 1741; married **Eleanor**, surname unknown.

3. **Robert Strother**, born —; died 1735.

4. **Benjamin Strother**, born —; died 1752.

5. **Joseph Strother**, born —; died 1766.

6. **James Strother**, born —; died 1716.

Third Generation

To **William Strother**² and his wife, **Margaret Thornton**, were born several children, among them—

1. **Francis Strother**,³ called "Francis of St. Mark's," born 1700; died 1752. He married **Susannah Dabney**, daughter of **John Dabney** and his wife, **Sarah Jennings**. Sarah Jennings is said to have been a sister of William and Sir Humphrey Jennings. **John Dabney** and his brother **Cornelius** were Huguenots. After the revoca-