

**FORSYTH OF FREDERICKSBURG,
SPOTTSYLVANIA CO., VIRGINIA.**

MATTHEW FORSYTH, b. in Ireland (son of Matthew and Esther Graham Forsyth), was a physician in the Royal Navy; m. — Orr, came to Fredericksburg, before 1774. Issue:

I. **WILLIAM FORSYTH**, b. 1753; among his descendants is Cornelius D. Forsyth, of Rome, Georgia; Solicitor-General of Georgia, etc.; formerly Colonel of the 22d Ga. Inf., C. S. A.; and Gen. George A. Forsyth, U. S. A.

II. **ROBERT FORSYTH**,* b. 1754; Captain in Lee's Lgt. Horse, 1776; Major, 1777; Deputy Quartermaster-General of the Southern Army, 1778; and A. D. C. to Gen. Washington; Knight of the Virginia Order of the Cincinnati, 1783; appointed U. S. Marshal of Georgia, 1786; killed in performance of duty, 1794; buried with funeral honors by the Order of the Cincinnati; a monument was erected to his memory at Augusta, Ga.; Congress voted a sum of money for the education of his children; he m. Mrs. Fanny (Johnston) Houston, a widow, sister to Judge Peter Johnston, of Fredericksburg, and aunt of Lieut.-Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, C. S. A. Issue:

1. **ROBERT**, died *aet.* 19.

2. **JOHN**,† b. in Fredericksburg, Oct. 10, 1780; member of Society of the Cincinnati; 1st Attorney-General of Georgia, 1808; Rep. of U. S. Congress, 1813-1818; Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain, 1819-22; Rep. of U. S. Congress 1823-1827; Governor of Georgia, 1828-1830; U. S.

* *Stevens' Hist. of Georgia*—Vol. II., p. 302. *Old Encyclopedia Americana*.

† *Virginia Hist. Coll.*; *Whyte's Hist. of Ga.*; *Van Holst's Hist. of U. S.*; *Bench and Bar of Ga.*—Vol. II., etc.