

and between the attires, a raven with outstretched wings.

When the fame of the New World was spread abroad in Europe, many sons of wealth and nobility came to enhance their fortunes; so came Richard Pate, the son of a former Lord Pate (and brother of Sir John Pate, baron of Leicestershire), and entered one thousand one hundred and forty-one acres on the north side of York River, in Gloucester County, Virginia, December 12th, 1650, and in 1657 represented Gloucester County in the House of Burgesses, and died in 1657, and having no family in America, his brother, Sir John Pate's son, John Pate, administered on his estate. (Neills Va. Carolorum 368.)

John Pate was a man of much prominence and a large land-owner, and in addition to what he accumulated and inherited he was granted ten thousand five hundred acres. He was appointed Justice of the Peace (a County Court Judge) for Gloucester County, in 1660; and was a member of the Council of Virginia when he died, in 1672. (Hening II. 15.)

His wife, not residing in this country, his father's younger son, Col. Thomas Pate, was appointed administrator. (General Court Record; The Virginia Historical Magazine, etc.)

It was at Major Thomas Pate's house, in Petsworth Parish, that Nathaniel Bacon, the denounced but patriotic rebel leader, died, October, 1676.

It was but natural that Major Pate should take sides with the common people against the tyranny of Berkeley, as his father, Sir John Pate, Baron of Leicestershire, Eng., did against the infamous rule of Charles the First.

Bishop Beilby Porteus had a painting of this home, of which he was very proud. (Wm. and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. V., No. 4, page 279.)

Major Thomas Pate was an English emigrant, the son of Sir John Pate, who was created a baron of Leicestershire, England, in 1643, at the death of his father (according to a letter to me from Everard Green, Herald's College.)

From Maj. Thomas Pate, all the Virginia Pates and their descendants sprang (so says Lyon G. Tyler, LL.D., President of William and Mary College, in a letter to me).