

THE DUPREE ESTATE

Whereas, Louis XIV, King of France, by his decree of October 22nd, 1685, announced the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and all other edicts and decrees made in favor of the Protestants;

And Whereas, at the period of this Revocation, and subsequently, thousands of the French Huguenots made their way to America, some of whom made a settlement on the James River about 20 miles above Richmond, Virginia on land now included Powhatan County;

And Whereas, the French refugee, Haley Dupree, was among those who in consequence of religious persecution left France, making his way to America, and to the French settlement on James river in Virginia;

The said Haley Dupree was born in France, in or about the year 1729, and emigrated to Virginia in or about the year 1756, and soon thereafter intermarried with Miss Garris, by whom he had issued five children, among whom were Haley Dupree, born in Virginia in the year 1759, and who, although two years younger than the Marquis de Lafayette, joined the Army, serving under this distinguished officer during the Revolutionary War, and with Washington, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered at York Town;

And Whereas, the said Haley Dupree aforesaid, intermarried with Bettie Clark, daughter of Peter Clark, of Virginia, and after the Revolutionary War removed from Virginia to Wake County, North Carolina, having settled on land now included in St. Mary's Township, known and designed as the "Bagwell Place", in or about the year 1784, and subsequently removed to Holly Springs, where he died in December 1829, leaving a Last Will and Testament, which is duly recorded in Book 21, Page 192, in the Clerk's Office of Wake County, North Carolina.

And Whereas, the said Haley Dupree, and Bettie Clark aforesaid had issued eleven children, Henry, Peter, Nancy, Sallie, Haley, James, Betsy, Starling, Lewis, William and John.

The majority of these married, and have lineal descendants in Wake County and throughout North Carolina;

And Whereas, Haley Dupree the son of said Haley Dupree, married Miss Kizzy Young, and had issued five children, James, Thomas, Betsy, David and Nat.

Peter married and had issued one son Daniel, and Peter died.

Nancy married a man by the name of Mr. Olif, and had issued several children among whom were Alvin and Anderson.

Haley married and had issued several children, among whom were Mary and Jack.

James married and had issued four children, Ely, James, Burton and Alvin.

Lewis married a Miss Young and had issued one child by the name of Sam.

William married and had issued two children, Sallie and John-Lewis.

And Whereas, James the son of said Haley Dupree, married Miss Grace Blallock and had issued eight children, Mary, Joe, William-Henry, Nancy, Margaret, Haley, Penny and Gracy-Jane.

Thomas, married Allie Olif and had issue eight children, Mary-Jane, William, James, Surmantha, Embly, Sarah and John-Benton, and Thomas Jefferson Dupree.

David, married Penny Harris and had issue eleven children, Cynthia, Rebecca, Lucy, Sally, Henry, Elizabeth, Rachel, George, Charity, Dicy and Abel.

Nat married Elizabeth Terlington and had issue five children, Kizzyann, Lewis-Henry, Sabra-Jane, Susanna, Benjamin.

And Whereas, Lewis-Henry Dupree, the son of said Nat Dupree, married Annie Fish and had issue ten children, Ira, Nellie, Hurley, Tabitha, Ida, Justice, Arlington, Eugenia, Manila and Spicy.

Benjamin, married Tell Love and had issue six children, Henrietta, Claud, Frankling, Fanny, Julia, and Hellen.

And Whereas, it has for some time been reported that the brothers of the French refugee, Haley Dupree, first mention herein, returned to France, and recovered their estates, and that the last owner and representative of the Dupree family, having died in France without issue the estate and title now reverts to the Dupree heirs in America.

The Dupree estates in France and putative leases in Virginia are reputed to be of great value, and as we are heirs of Haley Dupree we have resolved to investigate fully, and to determine with absolute certainty whether the property exists, what condition it is in and where, and by whom held, and what is the surest and quickest way to cover it.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph P. Gulley
L. J. Weathers
G. M. Spence
L. J. Gulley
Jos. Dupree
Heirs of Haley Dupree

Raleigh, N.C., May 1, 1893.

Willow Springs, N.C., Wake County, May 17, 1915: L. Justice Dupree a heir of said Haley Dupree, rewrote the record of the Dupree's estate of France.

The following was added by Louis Hurley Dupree on 28 December 1961:

And Whereas, Arthur Hurley Dupree, son of Lewis-Henry Dupree married Maranda Austin, daughter of W. Sam Austin and Civil Rambeau, on December 30, 1906 and had issued six children, namely Irving Henry, born Oct. 21, 1910, Erna Mae, born Sept. 6, 1912, Haywood Kenneth, born Jan. 20, 1915, Cornie Ann born March 15, 1917, Annie Lee, born March 14, 1919, Dolly Ruth, born May 29, 1921 and Louis Hurley, born August 20, 1927.

Maranda Austin died August 23, 1941 and Arthur Hurley Dupree remarried on January 9, 1942 to Mrs. Bessie Ella Pollard Bennett.

Irving Henry (now written as Erwin Henry) married Ethel Jones and had issue four children, Richard Otis, Douglas Arthur, Robert Earl and Lois Annette.

Richard Otis, married Nancy Jean Lee and had issue one son Richard Otis, Jr. He then remarried to Jeanette Long and had issue another son Chester Allen. Douglas Arthur married Cornelia Irene McCall and had issue one son Craig Allen. Robert Earl married Barilla Sue Roberts and had issue two children, Crystal Gay, and Sherry Lynn.

Erna Mae, married Truby R. Myatt and had issue eight children, Eva Mae, David Royster, Doris Rose, William, Maranda Sue, Jerry, Glenda and Brenda.

Eva Mae married Eardieth Jones. She then remarried Wade Allen. David Royster married Hilda Brown.

Haywood Kenneth married Novella Pollard and had issue three sons, Glenwood Ray, Bobby Sherrill and James Reid.

Glenwood Ray married Rita Gibson and had issue two sons, Kenneth Glen and Steven Ray. Bobby Sherrill married Peggy Joyce Hogan and had issue three children, Bobby Reid, who died at birth, Theresa Lynn and Michael Allen.

Cornie Ann married Orin Cadell, who died but had issue three children, Judy, Calvin Lawrence and Delois Elaine.

Judy married Harold Carr and had issue one child, Betty Jean. Calvin Lawrence married Mary Ann Brinkley and had issue two children.

Annie Lee married Robert Tunstall Dean and had issue two children, Joyce Faye and Linda Jane.

Dolly Ruth married William Lawrence Hargis and had issue four children, William Lawrence, Jr., Pansy, Donnie and Paul.

Louis Hurley married Bertha Leona Dorman and had issue two sons, Reginald Louis and Ronald Wayne. On October 9, 1972 remarried to Olga Cameron.

The following was added by Nell Young Partin, daughter to Dewey Thomas Young and Ava Stephenson on 28 July 1986:

And Whereas, Thomas Jefferson Dupree, Son of Thomas and Allie Olif Dupree married Elizabeth Neal Frye and had issued four children, namely Laura, Walter, Ida and Bettie.

Laura married William Eldridge Jones and born to them were Carl, Mallie and Howard.

Ida married James William (Jim) Young and had issued six children, Hubert, Herbert, Mattie, Beulah, Dewey Thomas and Carson, who died as a young boy.

Walter married Susanna Faircloth and had issued seven children, Rex, Clara, Shep, Flossie, Ruby, Annie and Roy.

Bettie married Robert Young and had issued two children Paul and Naomi.