

## FORMAT KEY

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### SERIES USE

Because this is such a lengthy collection, it would be impossible to publish all this material in one book, even if the author had the time and inclination to endure the drudgery. Besides it is quite unlikely that very many people would be interested in paying the cost such a printing would require. Therefore this series is set up so that the family researcher can excerpt his own line only with the cost confined to the charge per page by the library for making copies of those pages. The loose-leaf approach to the collection also makes the addition of newly acquired information much easier.

I would think that each researcher would want, as a minimum, a copy of the material on the founder of the American Dabneys - Cornelius Dabney - and his European history. These are found in Index Volume I as "Our Founder" and "Brittany to Britain".

Possibly you know the name of at least one predecessor that was a Dabney descendent. If that is the case, you can go to the master name index and from that index determine if that person is listed. The master name index hopefully includes all of the names of Dabney descendents that we have been able to identify and who in turn had known descendents. The master name index will identify the sir name of a spouse or spouses, the generation, the collection binder containing the information and if there was enough information found to make it possible to write an essay. In the identified binder the index in the front will indicate the location within the binder of the information you are seeking. As a minimum you will find a family chart indicating, if known, the full name of the spouse, the parents, the children and an essay if one has been written. We realize that our master name index is probably not 100% up to date. As our work has grown with more information located, binders have become too large and have accordingly been divided. If you do not find your family member in the indicated binder index, don't give up. Search the folder after or before to see if the name is there. If you are interested in other generations (parents or children) they may be in the binder you are in. However, they may not be in the same binder as all other persons in the particular generation may be filling the binder you are in. In that case you may need to seek the preceding or following binder. A quicker way to find a parent or child may be to consult the master name index again. To trace your lineage back to our American founder, Cornelius Dabney, may require a researcher to consult a number of successive binders.

If you already know which of Cornelius' children you are descended from, you can go directly to the family series and find everything we have uncovered about this part of the Dabney family. There are nine family series indexes. They are identified on the charts on the following two pages indicating which index volume, I, II or III, you will find them in. Some cover the descendents of one Cornelius child other more than one and or perhaps those of grandchildren. The selection has been determined based on the volume of information available.

If you are not successful in finding a predecessor of yours that does not necessarily mean that you are not a descendent. Since the Dabney name was altered several times from the original d'Aubigne in France, it's very likely

that all American Caucasian Dabneys with that spelling are descendants of Cornelius as well as some blacks. Even if you are not able to find a connection, you may want to do two things - (1) give your own name with salient facts about your family going as far back as you are aware of to the library person on duty (Tim Pulley or his successor, who is aware of the layout) and (2) make copies of the two essays noted earlier - "Our Founder" and "Brittany to Britain" - both to be found in Index Volume I.

The Dabney family "lines" each exhibit the information we have been able to locate on one of the known children<sup>1</sup> of our founder, Cornelius Dabney, and his or her descendents. In Index Volume I, for example, we have two lines - Elisabeth's Line including PD, PS, and PH. The number following the PD, PS or PH is the number of binders. Elizabeth married a Pettus and the line is quite extensive so her line is subdivided representing her three children, Dabney Pettus (PD), Stephen Pettus (PS) and Elizabeth Dabney Hopkins (PH). The second line in Index Volume I is for Cornelius Dabney, Jr. - COR. One of his children, Mary Dabney Carr, also has designated lines for her children in Volume II.

CORNELIUS DABNEY



<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth is a probable daughter and is listed as though she is one of the Cornelius Dabney "lines", however, she may be an independent peripheral line emanating from an adjoining county in England. Two of her children married into the Cornelius Dabney family so it is clear that there is a very close family connection. There may be other children we have not been able to discover. The order of birth is speculative.

INDEX VOLUME I

<u>Child:</u>	<u>Cornelius' Grandchild</u>	<u>Cornelius' Great Grandchild</u>	<u>Line Code</u>	<u>No.of Binders</u>
Mary Dabney (John Brame)	Almost no information has been located			
Dorothy Dabney (William Anderson)	Very little information has been located			
Elizabeth <sup>1</sup> Dabney Pettus (Capt. Thomas Pettus)	Dabney Pettus		PD	2
	Stephen Pettus		PS	5
	Elizabeth Pettus Hopkins		PH	19
Cornelius Dabney, Jr. (Susanna Swann)	Mary Dabney Carr		COR	42

## INDEX VOLUME II

Cornelius Dabney, Jr. (Susana Swann)	Mary Dabney Carr		
		Col. John Carr	CARR 9
		Agnes Carr Waller	CW 11
		Sarah Carr Minor	CM 27
John Dabney (Sarah Jennens)			JO 30
James Dabney (Ann Sherwood)			JA 16

## INDEX VOLUME III

Sarah Dabney (William Winston)	Capt. Isaac Winston	William Winston	SW-W 15
		Sarah Winston Syme	SW-S 15
		Isaac Winston, Jr.	SW-I 5
		Lucy Winston Dabney	SW-L 4
		Mary Ann Winston Cole	SW-M 11
		JG Anthony Winston	SW-A 4
Capt. George Dabney (Elizaneth Anderson)	George Dabney, Jr. William Dabney		GG 14 GW 13
			<u>242</u>

Once you have located information you are interested in ask the person on duty for or retrieve the binder which contains that individuals information. On his/her chart, look at the spot designated "Parents", then go back and look that name up in the master name or master line index and ask for the binder that includes information on that individual. It will tell you who his/her parents are. By working in this way in both directions, you can make copies of your entire line which will generally be under one hundred pages. Please do not make copies yourself! If you must handle the material, please use extreme caution and please DO NOT bend or soil the pages and to put them back in the same binder in exactly the same order in the binder in which you found them. DO NOT TAKE THE ORIGINAL OR THE WHOLE SERIES WILL BE RUINED. If there is any confusion, look on the back for the page number. We feel certain all Dabney descendants are well mannered and thoughtful enough to heed these requests of the authors and the needs of other researchers.

### MASTER LINE INDEX:

Master index pages are divided into the following column:

FIRST COLUMN - The name of designated individual.

SECOND COLUMN - The sir name of spouse or spouses.

THIRD COLUMN - The Roman number designates generation from Cornelius Dabney. The Arabic number signifies place in the individual family of that individual.

FOURTH COLUMN - The binder location, i.e. CARR 1. (Look up the name and retrieve or ask the person on duty for the particular binder that you need).

FIFTH COLUMN - "ES" Indicating of the existence of an essay.

### INDIVIDUAL BINDER:

In front of each individual binder there is a non-alphabetized index indicating the general organization of the folder of the particular family units.

Do not expect the contents of this collection to be scholarly and well documented with footnotes. Much of the work was done before I agreed to submit it to the Society and library and since it was written as a story for my own pleasure (with the focus being on "telling stories", not buttressing facts), no attempt was made to back up points that were made. When statements are made that I believe to be merely speculative or intuitive arising out of long time intimacy with the material, this point is made. However, a lot of sources are identified so you may check the accuracy or completeness of the information yourself if you like.

I know the format is different and perhaps hard to access easily at first glance, but it was done this way so it could be expanded as additional information was located without starting over.

### FURTHER COMMENTS

Each genealogical chart lays out the statistical data on a particular family unit. Following it, if more personal anecdotal information is available, there will be an essay about that family unit.

Unless an individual or a couple with "No issue" (ni) beside their entry, is particularly interesting, there will be no separate essay or chart for them.

If you can provide information on any family units or correct what is here, please leave it with the library along with your name, address, phone number, "e" mail address and, if possible, the source, and I, if I'm still functioning, or the library staff, will make a chart for it, write an essay if material is provided and provide separate pages for any additional family units. Please follow the same procedure if you can provide additional statistical or anecdotal material on a previously written essay or chart and I or the library staff will amend, correct or amplify that chart or essay. PLEASE do not make corrections on the existing essays or charts themselves. Instead leave the material or corrections with the librarian who will forward them to me or provide the corrections for the collection. At intervals, typically once each year if possible, I will bring each folder up to date.

### LAYOUT OF INDIVIDUAL CHARTS

Upper left hand corner - Roman numeral designates generation from founder, Cornelius Dabney I; the Arabic number represents the position of the member within the family unit. In some families this is only our best guess.

On some of our older charts the upper right corner may still list computer code and disc number for the author's convenience. With our current expanded computer storage capabilities and the introduction of flash drives this is no longer applicable.

If there has been more than one spouse, the top line is reserved for identifying the spouse in question (i.e. the first husband). The name of any other spouse will be penciled in at the bottom of the page. If there has been only one spouse, the space may be used to point out an alternate generally known name (nickname.)

Each individual family, starting with a specific husband and wife, is carried through to the culmination of the author's current knowledge of it. The material is organized in this way. Immediately following the husband and wife will be the chart of the first born (assuming the child is married with a family). Next will be the first born of that couple and so on. Following the charts and information on the first child and all of his/her known

descendents will be the chart and information on the second child and all of his/her descendents and so on. Consequently, if you are looking for the chart and essay on perhaps the fourth, fifth, sixth or even on occasion the twelfth child, that child's chart and essay may well be in a later binder, if there are a lot of children with loads of information for the particular couple.

A star beside a name generally means that that person contributed the information on his/her particular line.

Indeed, since so many women today have their own careers and the charts show no line for that listing; if that is the case her career choice is listed on the line that says: Special Interest.

An "over" at the bottom of the chart indicates that there are additional children listed on the back of the chart.

Hopefully other items on the charts are self-explanatory. If they are not, please make your questions known to the librarian. I'm anxious, health permitting, to make additions or corrections to this Format Key to make it easier to understand. There is a lot of information available and it needs to be as easy to use as I can make it.

To save valuable space on charts and indexes abbreviations have been used throughout. While most are self explanatory the ones we have commonly used are as follows:

Jg. - Judge	Capt. - Captain	Br. Gen. - Brigadier General
Hon. - Honorable`	Lt. - Lieutenant	Lt. Gen. - Lieutenant General
DD. - Doctor of Divinity	Cdr. - Commander	Maj. Gen. - Major General
Prof. - Professor	Col. - Colonel	Lt. Col. - Lieutenant Colonel
Maj. - Major	Gen. - General	CSA - Confederate States Army
Gov. - Governor	(t) - Twin	(ni) - No issue
(nli) - No living issue	(div) - Divorced	(Name) - Previous married name
(c) - Cousin	(adp) - Adopted	(See CM-5) - Cousin's binder*

\*This designates the volume (CM-5 is just an example) in which that relative is listed and that a chart and essay for the spouse are also available in the binder dealing with his/her family. The lengthier essay of the two is always in the binder featuring the husband's line. By providing an essay and chart in both places a descendant of someone who married a cousin (not a rarity in earlier generations) can more easily trace his lineage through both sides of the family.

### EXPLANATORY

These essays are written from the perspective of history, not from that of Victorian obituary notices and are meant not as eulogies but to show the individuals as real people. I hope that when you send me material on your loved ones, you will not hold back on the "quirky." I suppose my favorite relative - not in the Dabney line incidentally - is a great grandfather who prospered exceedingly well but was such an individual that people still talk about him on the streets - out of my earshot of course. All this is to say that there may be things written in these papers that you might consider to be not particularly flattering about your forebear - but relax and enjoy him or her. Read the "Our Founder" and "Brittany to Britain" essays and be glad you are a Dabney with all its glorious diversity.

There have been too many individuals through the years who have contributed information for me to mention in print. Therefore I will mention only two without whom this collection could not have been presented. The first is my half aunt - Patricia Haynes (Dabney) Kosack. Since I am technologically illiterate, "Patsy" for a number of years accompanied me on research and update trips and did the typing and all of the computer work. She died in

2009 and was buried on her 80th birthday. The second is my beloved second husband, John B. Jeans, Jr., who besides doing all of the things Patsy did has also done most of the organizational and detailed work in preparing this collection so that at last a master name index is available to make research a good bit easier. He also provides loving support in my efforts to tie up loose ends and finish up this project. Material on both Patsy and me may be found in COR-4. Incidentally, John has two first cousins, Perry McMaster Fisher and Carolyn Fisher Bastian, who are Dabney descendants, their mother was a Birney. (See GG-11)

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