

COPY OF LETTER TO MRS. EMILY L. CADE in 1952 by her aunt by marriage, Mrs. L. Z. Hicks.

Hartsville, South Carolina

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Dear Emily:

I have had no letter from you in a long time--But, I have some wonderful information I want you to have. All of this information I am sending you was gotten together by Lynch Montague, Gov. Montague's younger brother, when he was a high school boy and living in Middlesex Co., Virginia. His childhood home was in the village and his father, a prominent lawyer there. Saluda, Va. is the name of the village. Lynch had full access to be able to look up records in the courthouse and also in the near by Episcopal Church, where many, many records were kept.

Lynch, as a high school student, was given the subject topic "Colonial Settlers of Middlesex County, Virginia.

My sister, Betsie (wife of Governor Montague) happened to have this paper, or essay, in her desk and I, in looking over it, found the Parrotts prominently mentioned as very early English settlers in Middlesex County, one of the special Colonial counties. **I went to the court house myself, and found numbers of the early records and held in my own hands a Parrott paper folded with the crest stamped on it.** Also I attended Christ Church when there in recent years, as my sister and family were members there.

I saw more records of Parrott marriages and births, and baptisms (in infancy) than I ever knew existed. Richard Parrott became a member of the House of Burgesses, the same body of men that later George Washington was a member of; and also Patrick Henry, but it was years later that the last two named were members.

"THE SEAL OF THE PARROTTS BEARS THREE PEARS FOR ARMS as appears on a deed on record in Middlesex County Court House of Richard Parrott"--so stated Lynch Montague in his essay titled "Parrotts--Colonial Settlers of Virginia".

"---Richard Parrott settled in Middlesex County before 1650, because his son, Richard, Parrott Jr. was born Feb. 24, 1650 and was the first male child of English descent born on the banks of the Rappahonock River."

"Middlesex County also enjoys the distinction of sending the first law student from America to England. He was Henry Parrott, who entered Grays Inn, London, as a student of law, November 14, 1674."

"The father, Richard Parrott, Sr. became a member of the House of Burgess for his county, Middlesex, and was long the clerk of the Vestry of Old Christ Church of Middlesex County. He was also sheriff of Middlesex county",

"The Parish register of Christ Church is famed as being one of the best, if not the best, church registries in the State of Virginia, and is the result in part of his excellent labors".

Richard Parrott, Sr. was an ardent devotee of his church (The Church of England) and the King, and was ready at all times to defend both. He was a man of education and excellent intelligence. "

In concluding his essay Montague had this to say--"If you exclude from the Colonial