

HERBERT F. JACKSON



made major at the age of 22



WASHINGTON  
AT TRENTON, BY FAO 625

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Harsh and longfought campaigns had done much to impair his health, and he went to Williamsburg to consult a physician. On this trip he met Mrs. Martha Custis, widow of Daniel Parke Custis, one of the wealthiest planters in the colony. They were married in 1759. Her very little is known of her except that she was a pretty woman, exceedingly devoted to her husband. She was very firm of her convictions, and used all her energy to make his trials as easy as the conditions permitted. There are those who attribute Washington's first step upward to his marriage. This is certainly untrue, for he was on the road to success before he married her. Whenever Washington went to the front, she might be seen at the head-quarters where she might bear him his food. These wintering campaigns became a result

the Dr. Conway, "unless he has family success by George Washington." You see, many clever scholars and antiquaries in America who have tried their hands at genealogy, have failed to make a report. It has remained for a fellow of the Royal Historical Society of England, Rev. Frank W. Rags, to convey to us the latest and most interesting revelation regarding the ancestry of our first president.

Edward I was himself mighty warrior, and as first in many wars his prowess was early exercised on the Turks, during the last crusade ever embarked on by England's kings, and when the throne became his own he successfully carried out his project of uniting England and Wales. He brought the famous stone of Scone to England, and under him England became a mighty nation. He was a monarch wise and great, even though he had little leaning toward democratic government and did not display special fondness for Magna Charter. Edward Longshanks was not

That this direct line of descent has not until now been established may seem a bit surprising in view of the exhaustive research that has been devoted to the Washington ancestry. The reason is, however, not difficult to understand when we recall that the family has been so long concerned exclusively with the male line, while this royal blood is introduced into the family by Margaret Butler, who married Laurence Washington in 1588.

Mr. Worthington Chauncey Ford and others who have made a special study of the Washington family trace their descent to John Washington of Whitfield, five generations back of the aforesaid Laurence and his wife Margaret. These students state that this Margaret Butler was the daughter of William Butler of Tighe's, Sussex, but do not follow the Butler pedigree as far back as the present writer has followed up the quest, and after careful study of old records, tombstones, and entries in church registers has proved that William Butler, father of

"END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS."

"The end justifies the means." This motto from the coat-of-arms of Washington, will doubt flash into the minds of certain admir

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Reference to the above genealogical tree just completed by Mr. Rags, and verified since its arrival in America by various genealogical experts, who have pronounced it satisfactory, will

of the father of his country who glance at genealogical tree, which is England's last contribution to the oft-debated question Washington's ancestry.

in the sixteenth generation in direct descent from the monarch in question, and is, therefore, the great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Edward I. Plantagenet.

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