

PAGE FAMILY.*

I. JOHN PAGE, the first of the family in Virginia, is mentioned on his tombstone at WILLIAMSBURG, James City County, Virginia, as "Colonel JOHN PAGE, of Bruton Parish, Esquire."

According to the Record in the Royal College of Heraldry, London, it appears that he was the son of Thomas Page, of Sudbury, in the Parish of Harrow, County Middlesex, England, and was baptized at Harrow, 26 Dec., 1628.

He was probably a relative of Sir Gregory Page, Baronet, of Greenwich, County Kent, England, as their arms closely resemble each other and their crests are identical.

As already stated in the Preface, Thomas Page, of Sudbury, was descended from Henry Page, of Wembley, County Middlesex, England, whose arms were as follows:

Or, a fesse dancette between three martlets azure, a bordure of the last.

The coat-of-arms found on the tombstone of Col. John Page, at Williamsburg, Virginia, is as follows, the arms being identical in outline with those of Page of Wembley, except the bordure:

ARMS.—A fesse dancette between three martlets, a middle chief crescent.

CREST.—A demi-horse forcene (rearing).

There are no marks on the tombstone to indicate tinctures, and no motto. (See diagram in the Preface). The crescent found on the tombstone merely signifies "second son."

Col. John Page married about 1656, Alice Luckin, of the County of Essex, England. She was descended from the baronet of the same name, whose coat-of-arms is as follows:

ARMS.—Sable, a fesse indented between two leopards' faces or.

CREST.—A demi-griffin or, issuing out of a tower paly of six of the last and sable.

This exactly corresponds in outline with that found on the tombstone of Alice, the wife of Col. John Page, except that in the latter case the arms have a bordure. (See diagram in the Preface).

* *Note.*—A careful perusal of the Preface is recommended to the reader.