

II. THOMAS NELSON, of Yorktown, York County, Virginia, Secretary of the Colonial Council of Virginia, and hence known as SECRETARY NELSON, second son and third child of Thomas Nelson, known as Scotch Tom, of England and the same place, progenitor of the Nelson Family in Virginia, and Margaret Reid, his first wife, was born at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1716, and died there in 1782, aged 66. He was buried there. There is no tombstone over his grave, and no portrait of him exists.

He married, about 1745, Lucy Armistead, who was probably a younger relative of Judith Armistead, the first wife of Robert (King) Carter. The name of Armistead is said to have originated in Virginia, with William Armistead, or D'Armstadt, who emigrated from Hesse Darmstadt to Virginia in 1636, and settled in Elizabeth City County, in that State.

Secretary Nelson and Lucy Armistead, his wife, had no daughters, and only three surviving sons, all of whom were heroes in the Revolution, and became officers in the American Army, under Washington. They were all present at the siege of Yorktown, in October, 1781, and brought their father into the American lines under flag of truce. They were as follows, viz:

1. Col. William Nelson, of the American Army, eldest, was born at Yorktown, Virginia, 17th June, 1746, and removed to The Dorrill, Hanover County, Virginia; married, 24th November, 1770, Lucy Chiswell.
2. Major John Nelson, of the American Army, was born at Yorktown, Virginia, about 1748, and removed to Oakhill, Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He married, about 1772, Nancy Carter, of Williamsburg, Virginia.
3. Captain Thomas Nelson, of the American Army, was born about 1750, at Yorktown, York County, Virginia, and removed to "Bears Spring," Hanover County, same State. He married, about 1775, Sally, daughter of Col. Wilson Cary, of Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia. There was only one child so far as known, viz:
 - (1) Wilson Cary Nelson, born about 1776, at Bears Spring, Hanover County, Virginia; married, but the name of his wife is at present unknown. He had two daughters, viz: (a) Catherine,