George Dent married Miss Anne Hutcheson (sic), both parties being of Charles County, Maryland.

Two children were likewise born to this union.

1. Hutchison Dent married his cousin Anna Longstreet. q.v.

On April 8, 1809, he and his wife of Columbia County, Georgia, assigned to Theophilus Hargraves for a consideration of $4000.00 their one-third interest in "Indian Town Land" in Charles County, Maryland, lying on the east side of Nanjemoy Creek which had descended from George Hutchison to his three daughters, namely, Maryanna who had married William D. Harrison, Jane Fowke who had married Theophilus Hargraves and Ann who had married the grantor, George Washington Dent. It was acknowledged before John Briscoe, Justice of the Peace, for Columbia County.

On August 11, 1811, he disposed of additional realty which had come to him and his wife, when he sold to Theophilus Hargraves "William and James" on Nanjemoy Creek originally granted to James Stoddert and William Hutchison. On September 11, same year, he sold to William E. Clagett, of Prince Georges, a lot in Piscataway Town which had descended to the heirs of John Bayne Jr., that is, Mary F. Stewart, J. H. Bayne and Matilda Dent, heretofore purchased by George Washington Dent from Philip Stewart and Mary F. Stewart and James F. Bayne except the portions already sold to Basil Bowling and John Tippett.

On December 13, 1817, he mortgaged realty of 240 acres lying in Columbia County, Georgia, to Lewis W. Dent, Henry Stonestreet and Lewis Stonestreet, and also eight negro slaves. On January 29, 1818, still a resident of Columbia County, he assigned to Henry Thompson, of Prince Georges, all his rights by curtesy upon his marriage to Matilda Bayne in two tracts of land in Prince Georges known as "White's Park" and "Nicked Him in the Deer Range and Meadow", containing 100 acres.

He died before 1827, when his unnamed orphans, of Columbia County, Georgia, shared in the land lottery of that year and drew former Indian land in Muscogee County.

His spinster daughter, Eleanor Matilda Dent, spent her latter years in Prince William County, Virginia, where she died testate. Her last will and testament, dated January 22, 1831, was probated on April 4, following. She bequeathed legacies of $300.00 each to her sister, Mary Collier, and her brother, Hutchison Dent. Other heirs were her cousins Mary Frances Adeline Thornton the wife of Stuart G. Thornton the parents of
Caroline M. Thornton and Ellean Thornton, Charles Edwin Thornton and William Henry Thornton. Other cousins were Mary E. Thornton, Martha Stewart Thornton and Frances Haws Thornton.

**Lewis William Dent**

1776-1819

Lewis William Dent, son of Captain Thomas Dent and Elizabeth Edelen his wife, was born in or about the year 1776 in Piscataway Hundred, Prince Georges County. He was aged two at the census of 1776 taken by his father.

Before 1800 he married Ann Brooke ————, but the license was not secured in Prince Georges County, but probably in Charles whose marriage licenses have been destroyed by fire.

*Children of Lewis William and Ann Brooke Dent*

2. Lucinda Brooke Dent.
4. Patrick Dent, predeceased his father without issue.
5. Elizabeth Margaret Dent.
6. Thomas Richard Dent.
7. Matilda E. Dent.

During the War of 1812 when the British were advancing on the National Capital and burning the Maryland plantation homes on their march, Lewis William Dent served as a sergeant in the company of his kinsman, Captain William Dent, of the 43d Regiment recruited in Charles County.

On November 22, 1800, of Prince Georges County, he made an exchange with his brother, George Washington Dent, by which he received a one-third portion of the plantation on Mattawoman Swamp in accordance with the deed from Peter Dent their father's brother to their father, Thomas Dent, in 1770, and which had been devised by Peter Dent father of their father, Thomas, containing 339 acres, for a tract of land once in Frederick County, Virginia, but then in Berkeley County, per patent to their father, Thomas, on May 11, 1764 for 428 acres, and another adjoining tract in the same county as patented by their father for 125 acres in 1765. It is also noted that the plantation of their father on Mattawoman had been bought by George Washington Dent at the trustee sale of their father's estate for $6120 in 1803.

He drew up his last will and testament on November 30, 1817, it being
probated in Prince Georges County on April 13, 1819, by George Boswell, Horatio Boswell, Kenelm Boswell and George Edelen.

To his wife Ann B. Dent he devised all property not otherwise bequeathed to his children.
To son George F. Dent at 21 all land in Frederick Co., Va., which the testator inherited at the death of his father.
To daughter Lucinda B. Dent at 16 the testator's part of the negro wench Catherine left by "my mother to my two sons William W. Dent and Patrick Dent, the half of which I inherited by death of son Patrick, also one-half dozen silver spoons marked L.B.D.
Residuary estate to sons and daughters namely, Elizabeth M. Dent, Thomas R. Dent, Margaret Dent, Matilda E. Dent and William W. Dent.
Executrix—wife Ann B. Dent.

His widow lived until 1832, although her will was made on May 6, 1828, in the presence of Thomas Dorsey Clagett, Robert Brawner and Thomas Willett.

To son George Fairfax Dent a legacy of $20.00.
To her daughter Elizabeth Margaret Dent a legacy of $5.00.
To son Thomas Richard Dent the cancellation of his note.
To daughters Mary Ann Dent and Lucinda Brooke Dent the dwelling-plantation in fee, and personal property part of which had been inherited by the will of Elizabeth Dent.
To son William Washington Dent at age of 21 that which was due from the estate of Elizabeth Dent and the negro left to the testatrix's two sons, Patrick and William Washington.
Executor—son George Fairfax Dent.

On August 20, 1832, George Fairfax Dent renounced his rights as executor in favour of his brother, Thomas R. Dent, and on July 18, 1833, Lucinda B. Dent and Thomas R. Dent renounced the administration in favour of their sister, Mary Ann Clements.

His son, Thomas R. Dent, styling himself of Prince Georges County, on August 8, 1833, conveyed to George S. Harris, of Charles County, and Samuel Sheriff, of Prince Georges County "Market Overton" of 31½ acres, as conveyed to him the said Thomas R. Dent by Thomas D. Clagett. At the same time he conveyed to both of them another portion of "Market Overton" of 113 acres, as deeded to him by Alexander Matthews.

Patrick Dent, M.D. 5
17—1813

Patrick Dent, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Edelen) Dent, was born near Piscataway, Prince Georges County. On July 22, 1809, he secured license in Prince Georges County to marry Susannah Gerard Wood. The
inventory of his personal estate was taken in Charles County on April 14, 1813, with John T. Wood as the administrator. In his library were 29 bound medical books, 6 medical books in boards and 2 medical pamphlets, 5 old books, 1 almanack, 1 medicine trunk, 1 set of Surgical instruments, 2 marble mortars and pestles. There were also two slaves.

Richard Dent

1778-1841

Richard Dent, son of Walter Dent and his wife Elizabeth, was born about 1778 at Whitehaven, Charles County, Maryland. He removed first to Columbia County, Georgia, where according to license he married Ann Thomas on May 15, 1799, the daughter of James Thomas.

On August 26, 1806, James Thomas Sr., of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deeded to Stephen Thomas and James Thomas Jr. in trust for the use of Nancy and Richard Dent six slaves and 100 acres of land that "Richard Dent now lives on and which had once been in the possession of William Cowan". By his last will and testament dated January 1, 1816, he bequeathed his daughter, Nancy Dent, $1700.00 in trust for the use of her unnamed children. By a codicil dated June 3, 1826, he willed his daughter, Nancy Dent, two plantations of 100 acres each on Cloud Creek.

Richard Dent settled on the land given him and his wife by the latter's father in Oglethorpe County, and at the 1820 census he was domiciled in that county with five males and six females and also 14 negro slaves.

The following children with their dates of birth were taken from family records.

1. Elizabeth Dent, born about 1800, married ——— Kimbrough.
2. George Fairfax Dent, born Nov. 21, 1803, married Frances E. Thomas. q.v.
4. Mary Frances Dent, born about 1807.
5. William Smallwood Dent, born Dec. 21, 1809, married Martha Stringfellow and Mary Cooper Witherspoon. q.v.
7. James Mason Dent, born about 1817, married the widow of his brother Theodore.
8. Theodore Dent, born about 1820, married Virginia Cannon.

Richard Dent enlisted as a private on February 3, 1814, under Captain Henry Cox for service in the War of 1812 and is said to have been wounded at the battle of Chalibre Swamp. He later served as Captain of an artillery battery during the Seminole War of 1817-1818. He ultimately settled in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, where he died on July 4, 1841.
CAPTAIN WILLIAM DENT OF FRIENDSHIP
1786-1836

William Dent, son and heir of Captain George Dent and his first wife, was born at "Friendship", Durham Hundred, about 1786. Before the year 1802 he married Janet Knox, now known to be the daughter of John Knox, late of Fauquier County, who was actually the daughter of his father's second wife or his father's step-daughter. The estate of John Knox was distributed in Fauquier County in May 1802, when "Mrs. Jannett Dent's share of the personal estate was £182/10/- and "Jannett Dent Wife of William Dent" received lot no. 1 of the realty of 279 acres.

After his marriage he apparently resided on "Friendship", the ancestral estate in Charles County, while his father settled on his wife's estate in Fauquier County.

On October 24, 1803, he and Janet his wife conveyed to George Kemper, of Fauquier County, a tract on the Rappahannock binding on the widow's dower or lot no. 1 which fell to them in the division of the estate of John Knox.

During the War of 1812 he served as Captain of the 43d Maryland Regiment of Militia which was raised in Charles County.

In 1813 he sued Robert D. Knox and William Morris. He stated that he was the administrator on the estate of his father, George Dent, who was guardian to Robert D. Knox, then of Charles County. He furthermore stated that William Morris importuned Robert D. Knox to bring suit against him. Robert D. Knox in his suit stated that he had not received the balance of his inheritance due him in the hands of William Dent. Judgement was obtained against William Dent in March 1808. At the same time he filed a counter suit against Robert D. Knox and received judgement against Knox for £44/12/6. In the suit it was brought out that Robert D. Knox had married a step-daughter of William Morris.

On March 28, 1814, William Dent mortgaged "Friendship", of 900 acres, on the west side of Nanjemoy Creek to John Matthews in order to make payment to William Vincent and John Farguson. On June 14, 1815, William Dent again placed a small mortgage on his plantation with Philip Stuart. It was stated that the plantation lay on the west side of Nanjemoy Creek as laid out for Nicholas Gwyther in 1657 for 900 acres called "Friendship" and on which the said William Dent and George Robertson then resided. It was furthermore declared in the mortgage deed that the plantation had been possessed by William Dent, the grandfather of the present owner and after his death by Warren Dent, uncle to the
said William Dent, and after his death by George Dent, the father of the mortgagor. The lien was to cover a debt assigned by Thomas Clagett and his wife, Rebecca, to Horatio Clagett for the use of Samuel Chapman.

On February 2, 1816, William Dent and his wife Janet, of Charles County, conveyed to Joseph Gray Sr. and John F. Gray, of the same county, "Friendship" in Durham Parish consisting of 1052 acres as originally granted to Nicholas Gwyther.

On March 2, 1824, he and his wife, Janet S. Dent, of Charles County, made a deed to their sons George Dent, Robert Dent and William Dent as tenants in common on land lying on the Rappahannock River in Fauquier County known as "Summer Duck".* The name of the plantation was later given to a village in the southern portion of the county but now spelled Sumerduck.

*On Nov. 19, 1828, William Dent and George Dent made a deed of trust to Stanton Slaughter for the use of Elizabeth Chandler, all parties being of Virginia, the land which had been previously conveyed to them as joint tenants with Robert Dent, by William Dent Sr. and his wife, Janet S. Dent.

On February 21, 1829, a commission was issued by the court to William Thompson, William Dent Jr. and James S. Cropp, of Fauquier County, to take acknowledgement of Hosea Hickerson and his wife Janet and William Dent to a deed already executed or to be executed which conveyed to Uzziel Nalley, of Charles County, all the right of the said Josea Hickerson and Janet his wife and William Dent in a tract of land of 20 acres called "Brawner's Chance" in Durham Parish, Charles County. The deed of conveyance was signed by Josea Hickerson, Janet Hickerson and William Dent.

On August 20, 1834, of Fauquier County, he made a deed of gift to his daughter, Jane Dent, of one negro wench and her two children.

Styed Colonel William Dent, his estate was appraised in Fauquier County, Virginia, on November 15, 1836. A sale of the personalty brought a nominal amount, the principal purchasers were George Dent and Jane Dent.

The following children of William Dent and his wife are proved:

1. George Dent.
   Died testate Fauquier Co. 1843, bequeathing entire estate to nephew William Massey Simms.
2. Robert Dent.
3. William Dent, removed to Rapides Parish, La.
5. John Knox Dent, Millright. Died testate Baltimore, Md., 1858; requested to be buried in Greenmount Cemetery by rites of the Episcopal Church and devised "Summer Duck" in Fauquier Co., Va., to his sister, Jane Townsend Ransdale, for life then to her children.

Captain William Dent was the senior branch of the House of Dent in Maryland, and when he alienated "Friendship", being the sixth generation to possess the plantation, the senior or head of the family thus left Maryland and settled on parental or inherited land in the State of Virginia. It left only younger branches in Maryland or those propagated by the eminent Colonel William Dent, of Whitehaven.

In May 1856, William Dent, of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, made his nephew, William Massey Simms, of Culpepper County, Virginia, his attorney to receive from the administrator of his father's estate his inheritance and at the same time to sell a tract acquired by him from his mother, Jeannette Dent. Accordingly, in December 1856, William Massey Simms as attorney for William Dent disposed of one-third interest in the estate of his father and mother, William and Janet S. Dent, namely the Summer Duck tract on the Rappahannock River.

**George Dent**

1808-1885

George Dent, son of Captain George and Elizabeth (Yates) Dent, was born February 29, 1808, at Prospect Hill, Charles County, Maryland. He married Sophia Anne, born about 1817, daughter of Henry Ashton by his wife, Cecilia Key, of St. Mary's County. The license was obtained in the District of Columbia on October 21, 1833.

*Children of George and Sophia (Ashton) Dent*

1. Sophia Anne Dent, aged 16 in 1860, died unmarried.
2. Cecilia Elizabeth Dent, aged 14 in 1850, died unmarried.
3. Sarah Ashton Dent, aged 10 in 1850, died unmarried.
5. Eleanor Hawkins Dent, aged 6 in 1850, died unmarried.
6. Mary Dent, aged 4 in 1850.

According to the 1850 census, George Dent was living in the Allen's Fresh District of Charles County. His dwelling-plantation, now known as Keechland, is one of the show places of Maryland, owing to the restoration and care given by Mrs. Carlyle Turner, born May Posey, a native
daughter of Charles County whose late husband was a descendant of the Dent family. The pretentious dwelling was by all circumstances constructed by George Dent Sr., after the destruction by the British during the Revolution.

His wife died in 1860, after which he married his sister-in-law, Mary Dent Ashton, but then the widow of Joseph Noble Stuart and Johannis Greenfield Dent Storke. She died testate. Her last will and testament was made at Gaithersburg, Maryland, on February 8, 1880, and probated on March 2, following. She willed her daughter, Mary Jane Miles, all her estate in Charles County one-third in fee and two-thirds in trust for her son, Joseph Storke. George Dent died intestate on June 30, 1885.

CAPTAIN JOHN HERBERT DENT, U.S.N.⁶
1782-1823

John Herbert Dent, son of Captain George Dent and Anne Magruder Truman his wife, was born February 22, 1782, in Durham Parish, Charles County, Maryland. He removed to Columbia County, Georgia, with his father, and there he married on February 7, 1809, Elizabeth Anne Horry. She was born in 1789, the daughter of Jonah and Sarah (Burnett) Horry.

Children of Captain Dent and His Wife

1. Emma Horry Dent, born Apr. 7, 1810, died unmarried 1875.
2. Sarah Burnett Dent, born Nov. 28, 1812, Charleston, S. C., died Oct. 21, 1874, Mobile, Ala., married Apr. 12, 1832, Dr. Thomas Lining, born Feb. 10, 1799, died July 22, 1868, and had issue.
4. Jonah Horry Dent, later changed his name to John, born at Newport, R. I., June 11, 1814, married twice. q.v.
8. George Columbus Dent, born May 1, 1822, married Ophelia Troup. q.v.

On March 16, 1798, he entered the United State Navy as a midshipman under Truxton on the frigate "Constellation" and was on board when she
captured the French frigate "Insurgente" on February 1, 1799. He was
appointed lieutenant on July 11, 1799, and was on the same ship when she
took the French frigate "La Vengeance" on February 1, 1800. During
the Tripolitan War he was in command of the schooners "Nautilus" and
"Scourge" in Preble's squadron, and participated in the attack on the city
of Tripoli in 1804. He was commissioned a master commander on Sep-
tember 5, 1804, and a captain December 29, 1811.

It was not until after his brilliant seamanship in the French and Tri-
politain Wars that he seemed to have retired to his plantation in St. Bar-
tholomew's Parish in South Carolina and resumed the life of a Southern
planter. He died on his plantation on July 29, 1823. His widow sur-
vived until February 18, 1856.

**General James Truman Dent⁶**
1790-1869

James Truman Dent, son of Captain George Dent and Ann Magruder
Truman his wife, was born about 1790 in Durnham Parish, Charles
County. He followed his parents to Columbia County, Georgia, where he
undoubtedly lived for a time. The family historian who styled him Gen-
eral supplied the following data, but failed to give his place of residence.
He married Catherine Ann Cooper and he died on August 25, 1869, aged
79 years. Their children were: Eliza Virginia Dent, born September 26,
1818 and was called Eliza Curtis and died February 21, 1897, having
married about 1837 Christopher C. Donoho and having issue by him; Mary
Cooper Dent; Savannah Virginia Dent, born December 22, 1822 and died
1898 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, unmarried; and Eugene Truman Dent,
M.D., born March 8, 1826.

**General Dennis Dent⁶**
1796-1863

Dennis Dent, son of Captain George Dent and Ann Magruder Truman
his wife, was born May 22, 1796, in Durham Parish, Charles County.
He resided for a time in Columbia County, Georgia, with his parents, but
later settled in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was styled General by his de-
scendants.

While residing in Georgia he married Martha Tennyson Beall, a scion
of the mighty Maryland Beall family of Scotch descent which had already
intermarried with the house of Dent several times. Her branch had settled
in Georgia during the great boom of the early Federal period along with a number of other gentry families of Southern Maryland.

*Children of John and Martha (Beall) Dent*

2. Robert Kennon Dent, born Sept. 9, 1824, married Virginia Anne Mason. q.v.
4. Benjamin Fontaine Dent, born Apr. 28, 1834.
5. Mary Dent, born June 18, 1839, married ———- McGaughey and Charles Jackson.
6. George Truman Dent, born Aug. 1, 1842, died unmarried June 2, 1864, at the battle of Cold Harbor, while fighting for the Confederacy, as a member of the Third Regiment of Alabama Infantry.

General Dent married secondly Fannie Shaw, but according to the family historian, no issue resulted. He died on August 17, 1863, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was buried two days later in Green County, same State.

**John Dent, M.D.**

*1792-1839*

John Marshall Dent, son of Captain Thomas Marshall Dent and Ann Magruder his wife, was born in Charles County about 1792 and traveled as a youngster to Georgia with his parents.

On July 4, 1816, as John Dent, of Augusta, Georgia, he deeded to Sarah Marshall Briscoe, as the administratrix of the estate of Dr. Edward Briscoe, late of Charles County, Maryland, deceased, in consequence of $4000.00 all rights possessed by him in a tract of land on the Mattawoman granted on March 1, 1684, for 500 acres under the name of "Clarke's Purchase" and which afterwards was conveyed through sundry hands to the late John Dent, of Charles County, and by him left to the said John Dent. He also assigned a portion of "Clarke's Inheritance" adjoining on the west side of the main road leaving from Pomonkey Warehouse to Port Tobacco and "Moore's Chance", of 140 acres, conveyed by the executors of Henry Moore in 1789 to Thomas M. Dent, then of Charles County, and by him transferred to the said grantor, John Dent. At the foot of the deed it was written that John Dent, the grantor, was not responsible for the land held by Mr. Richard Tubman, of Augusta, Georgia, on the claim "of long continued and unopposed occupancy".

He married Sarah McIntosh, of Georgia.
Children of John and Sarah (McIntosh) Dent

1. Mary Ann Wallace Dent, born 1827.
2. Caroline Elizabeth Dent, born 1830, married James M. Savage.
3. Janet Blair Dent, born and died 1832.
   q.v.

He died either August or September 1839, at Augusta, Georgia. It is possible that he was the Dr. John Dent who served as a surgeon with the First Regiment of District of Columbia Militia during the War of 1812.

Frederick Fayette Dent
1787-1873

Frederick Fayette Dent, son of George and Susannah (Dawson) Dent, was born October 8, 1787, at Cumberland, Maryland, or October 6, 1786, as it is sometimes stated. After leaving the parental dwelling, he lived for a time at Pittsburgh, from which place after 1816 he sailed down the Ohio River with a young family and ultimately settled in St. Louis County, Missouri. To his estate he gave the name of “Whitehaven” after the ancestral plantation of his paternal grandfather in Southern Maryland. On December 22, 1814, presumably in Pennsylvania, he married Ellen Bray Wrenshall.

Children of Frederick and Ellen (Wrenshall) Dent

1. John Cromwell Dent, born May 22, 1816, Pittsburgh, died Carthage, Mo., 1889, married Ellen Dean and Anna Amanda Shurlds, and left issue.
7. Mary Dent, died young.