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'First Families'

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There is no more honored cognomen today than that of Irving.

And while many imagine the Irvings' chief claim to fame and distinction is their connection with the celebrated Washington Irving, history records that the Irving family is one of great antiquity.

The arms of the Irving family were conferred in 1333 by King Robert Bruce on William de Irving.

They are the same arms born by King Robert Bruce when he was the Earl of Carrick.

William de Irving was Bruce's armor-bearer and accompanied the king throughout his campaign to recover the Scottish kingdom from Edward I of England.

William de Irving's son was also named William and his grandson, Alexander de Irving, became the third laird of Drum Castle.

The Orkney branch of the Irving family was founded by a cadet of the house of Drum.

This Orkney branch had its seat at Gairstay, in Shapinsay, and originally held much land, which was gradually divided under the old "udal" laws of Norway, of which the Orkneys were long a part.

James Irving, born in 1560, was the chief justice of the islands and from him William Irving, son of Mangus Irving and his wife, Catherine Williamson Irving, was descended.

As was recorded here last Sunday, this William Irving was the founder of the Irving family on these shores and was the great grandfather of Alexander Duer Irving, son of Pierre Paris Irving and grandson of Ebenezer Irving.

Alexander Duer Irving married, at "Nemours," near Wilmington, Del., on August 1, 1872, Ellen Eugenie du Pont. She died at "Sunnyside," the Irving estate at Irvington-on-Hudson, on January 27, 1907.

The children of Alexander Duer Irving and Ellen du Pont Irving were (1) Alexander Duer Irving, Jr.; (2) Henry du Pont Irving; (3) John Duer Irving; (4) Ellen du Pont Irving; (5) Louis du Pont Irving; (6) Evelyn du Pont Irving.

The eldest son, Alexander Duer Irving, Jr., first saw the light of day in New York on June 24, 1873. He was educated at St. Paul's School, up in New Hampshire, and at Harvard University.

On leaving college he became associated with the Phoenix Assurance Co. of London.

Alexander Duer Irving, Jr., married, at Stony Creek, Conn., on September 29, 1910, Catherine McDowell Cooper, daughter of William Cooper. The Alexander Duer Irvings, Jr., make their home at 439 E. 51st st.

Henry du Pont Irving, the second son of Alexander Duer and Ellen du Pont Irving, was born on March 26, 1875, and died, unmarried, September 21, 1895. The next son, John Duer Irving, was born on January 27, 1879, and died on April 6, 1907.

The eldest daughter of Alexander Duer and Ellen du Pont Irving, Ellen du Pont Irving, was born on June 6, 1881, and married John Jaffray Woodruff.

The Woodruffs now dwell at "Frascati," down in Somerset, Va., and their only child, a son, John Irving Woodruff, married, on May 6, 1933, Ellen R. Chapman, daughter of James J. Chapman.

Now we pass on to the fifth child of Alexander Duer and Ellen du Pont Irving. He was born on October 22, 1883, and was named Louis du Pont Irving.

A member of the '07 class at Harvard University, he married, on October 12, 1907, Antoinette Benedict Erhardt, daughter of Joel Benedict Erhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis du Pont

Irving make their home at 16 E. 65th st., and at the ancestral Irving place, "Sunnyside," overlooking the Hudson, and are the parents of Louis du Pont Irving, Jr., Pierre Washington Irving and Katharine A. Irving.

The youngest son of Alexander Duer Irving was named Evelyn du Pont Irving and was born on Staten Island on June 26, 1885. Like his brothers, he attended St. Paul's School and Harvard, being graduated from the latter university with the class of 1909.

On June 17, 1916, Evelyn du Pont Irving married, at Troy, N. Y., Carolyn Mann, daughter of the late Francis N. Mann. Mr. and Mrs. Irving reside at 136 E. 79th st., and spend their Summers at Marblehead, Mass.

They have a son, Alexander Duer Irving,

2nd, who is a student at St. Paul's.

The marriage of Alexander Duer Irving to Ellen Eugenie du Pont bolstered up the finances of the Irving family.

For Ellen was the daughter of General Henry du Pont and granddaughter of Eleuthere Irenee du Pont de Nemours, who was born in Paris and who founded, in Wilmington, the great du Pont powder industry—from which the du Pont fortune was, and still is, derived.

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