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- I. ROBERT TITUS, the first of the name in America, was born 1600 AD, Saint Catherine's Parish, Stansted Abbey, Hertfordshire, England which is approximately 30 miles N.E. of London, England. He was a respected English Agriculturalist.

He embarked from London April 3rd, 1635 with his wife, Hannah, and their sons, John and Edmond, on the ship, "Hopewell" commanded by Capt. Baddock. They settled on a land grant in what is now Brookline, Massachusetts, near Muddy River.

They later moved to Weymouth, Mass., where the following children were born: (Ref. Weymouth, Mass. Vital Records to 1850, Page 308)

Samuel

CONTENT born 3-28-1643

Abiel

Sussannah

In the year of 1644 Robert, together with some 40 families, including Rev. Sam Newman, moved to Rehoboth, Mass. He was one of the founders of first Parish and was commissioner for the court of Plymouth from Rehoboth, 1648 to 1654, at Hartford.

On March 23, 1654, Robert sold his property to Robert Jones of Nantasket and migrated to Oyster Bay, Long Island, except his son John (the 1st.) became the ancestor of the New England Titus'. His sons, Samuel and Abiel settled in Huntington, Long Island - were free holders there in 1666. (Note: Rev. John Moore, by James Moore, page 34).

- II. CONTENT TITUS, settled in Newtown, Long Island (now Elmhurst), 1672 and Edmond in Westbury. Content Titus died 1730, age 87. The Will of Hannah Titus, widow of Robert, his father, made March 25, 1678 by Governor Andros - Will is on file in office of Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Albany, New York.

Captain Content Titus was active in church and State affairs. He was Captain in war against Indians. His children were:

Robert, who settled in New Castle, Delaware

Silas

JOHN Timothy

Hannah

Phoebe

Abigail

Content married Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Rev. John Moore, Long Island, whose wife was Margaret Howell, daughter of Edward Howell, one of the founders of South Hampton, Long Island.

Content was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church when he passed away and is buried in the ancient burial grounds of Newtown (Elmhurst) Long Island. (Note: a Freeway was put through the burial ground and some remains were placed in a vault on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Church).

III. JOHN TITUS (Robert¹ Content²)

Born Newark, New Jersey

Married Rebecca

Son of Content, moved to the township of Hopewell, New Jersey, prior to 1722, as his farm is on the tax list of that date. His brothers, Timothy and probably Silas, settled near him. Content's wife, Rebecca, died 1762, at Hopewell, New Jersey (will proved 11-1-1762)

Children:

Joseph

ANDREW

Samuel

Benjamin

John

Phillip

Thomas

Rebecca

Mary

Hannah

(Ref. Genealogies of early Settlers of Trenton and Ewing, N.J. by Eli Cooley, p. 272, 271; Five generations of Titus Family in America by The Rev. Anson Titus; Titus Family in America by Dorothy Titus and Percy Robert; Titus of Mass; Stillwell Hist. & Genealogical Miscellany (N.J.) 3:139.)

IV. ANDREW TITUS (John³ Content² Robert¹)

b. Hopewell, N.J. or near Titusville, N.J.

d. 1800 Hopewell (will 1800)

m. Hannah Burrows - born Hopewell, N.J., 5-26-1735

d. Hopewell, N.J.

dau of Stephen Burrows (Burroughs) Sr. m. Miss Moore
(decendant of Thomas Jr. Burrows
of Thomas Sr.
of Edward Burroughs of Long Island

- VI. THEODORE TITUS (John⁵)
b. Oct. 9, 1794, Trenton, N. J.
d. Jan. 1865, Wilkesbarre, Panna.

He had a farm of 300-400 acres in Trenton, N. J. also a Grist Mill and a Brewery. He owned 30-40 slaves to whom he offered their liberty, but few accepted. His home later rebuilt is now the State Asylum of New Jersey. He removed to Wilkesbarre, Panna. and is buried there.

- m. Catherine Flick Howell (of Ellett⁵, Hezekiah²; Daniel¹)
b. Nov. 12, 1798
d. July 8, 1843

Children:

1. Col. Henry Theodore
2. Julia Eliza m. Samuel Miner of Wilkesbarre, Pa.
3 children
3. Marian Ann b. 1824 lives with Mrs. Hodgeken (*Sister Helen*)
4. Sarah Marshon b. Oct. 15, 1829
m. 1845 to Col. Samuel Bowman, Wilkesbarre
b. Oct. 31, 1818
d. April 19, 1889
5. Ellett Howell unmarried
d. in Mexico or Texas
6. Helen Catherine m. James Black Hodgekin of Brooklyn, N. Y.
7. Carolina Eugenia m. (1) Col. Eugene Provost, Philadelphia
m. (2) Rev. Edward Heberton, Bridgton, N.J.
8. John d. age 2
9. Philip d. age 2

- VII. COL. HENRY THEODORE TITUS (Theodore)
b. Trenton, N. J. Feb. 13, 1822
d. Titusville, Fla. Aug. 7, 1881
buried in LaGrange Cemetery
m. March 7, 1852 in Darien, Ga. to Mary Evelina Dufour Hopkins
b. St. Mary's Ga., Dec. 23, 1832
d. Nov. 1911, Thomasville, Ga. at the home of son, Theodore
Dau. of Edward Stevens Hopkins
1809 - 1887
m. 1852 - Mary Evelina Defour 1814-1840
dau. of Louis Defour and
Mara M. Ponce

VIII. EDWARD HOPKINS TITUS

b. Savannah, Ga. Jan. 15, 1859

VIII. KATHERINE HOWELL TITUS

b. Jamaica, Long Island, Dec. 2,

m. May 20, 1882, Titusville, Fla. to James McComb, Jr.

d. Feb. 3, 1883 at the birth of twins, who also died.

VIII. MARY EVELINA TITUS

b. Jamaica, L. I. April 29, 1862

d. Miami, Fla. April 1, 1940

m. Titusville, Dec. 27, 1882 to George F. Ensey

b. Baltimore, Md. May 15, 1858

d. Tropic, Fla. 1, 15, 194

Their home, Two Rivers, was situated at the South End
of Merritt Island between the Indian and Banana Rivers.

Children:

1. George Falmestock Ensey, Jr.

b. Titusville, Fla. Oct. 13, 1884

2. Edward Rutledge Ensey

lives on Merritt Island, Fla.

3. Marion Titus Ensey

b. Jan. 21, 1891 at Titusville,

4. Fedora Ensey

m. Albert Gray

Oh: Howard B., an engineer, living in California
has Shirley " " "
Edward

5. Julian Minor Ensey, of Miami, Fla.

Oh: Harry, a Captain in Air Force

m.

Oh: Cynthia

Deborah

Jennyfred

VIII. HOWELL, TITUS

b. Madison, Fla. Jan. 14, 1863

d. Jacksonville, Fla. May 21, 1937

VIII. HENRY THEODORE TITUS (COL. HENRY T..)

b. Wilkesbarre, Penna. Aug. 2, 1865

d. Daytona Beach, Fla. Oct. 21, 1946

bur. Pinewood Cemetery

m (1) May 18, 1889 Inex Campbell

b. Palatka, 1870

d. Aug. 31, 1902

bur. Jacksonville, Fla.

Oh: Mary Ellett

b. Jan. 22, 1891

d. April 28, 1965 in Virginia

bur. Greenlawn Cemetery, Jacksonville, Fla.

m. (1) Charles Bridwell

Oh: Inez

Charles M.

m. (2) Thomas Edgar Olyburn, Oct. 15, 1920, Jax.

Oh: Miriam Elizabeth

b. Sept. 18, 1921

m. Louis J. Regan of California

Oh: Bennie (Dennis)

David

Michael

Carol Jean

m. (2) June 10, 1903, St. Augustine, to Blanche V. Osborn

b. April 24, 1880, Fremont, Ohio

d. Nov. 11, 1951, Daytona Beach,

dau. of James M. Osborn (1849-1918) and

Sylvanie Alford (1852-1940)

both died in Daytona Beach

They came to Daytona, Fla. 1883-4

He was Publisher of the DEMOCRATIC MESSENGER,
Fremont, Ohio

and later Publisher of the EAST COAST MESSENGER
of Daytona, Fla.

IX.

Children;

1. Vivian Blanche

b. Daytona, Aug. 8, 1905

m. (1) Charles Carroll Moore

Oh: Charles Carroll, Jr.

b. Jan. 21, 1934

m. (2) Dec. 5, 1953 to Raymond Beville, of Daytona Beach,
a dairyman.

2. James Marion

b. Daytona, January 8, 1908

3. Virginia Evelyn

b. Daytona, April 2, 1914

m. Carl Schleicher, of Detroit, Michigan

Oh: Nancy Evelyn

Catherine Blanche

VIII ELLET (ELLIOT) LIVINGSTON,

b. Titusville, Nov. 26, 1869

VIII THEODORE TITUS

b. Oct. 23, 1871

d. Thomasville, Ga. July 4, 1959

m. April 25, 1895 to Francis Geneva Hopkins

b. Oct. 30, 1893

d. Feb. 5, 1939

He was a lawyer of Thomasville, Ga. In 1953 he
completed 60 years at the Bar of Thomasville, Ga.

VIII. PIERE SOULE TITUS

a Railway Engineer

b. Titusville, Aug. 18, 1873

d. Los Angeles, Calif. Aug. 30, 1956

bur. Mount View Cemetery

m. May 13, 1892, Hopkinsville, Ky. to Margaret Frances Martin

b. May 16, 1875

d. Titusville, Fla. Nov. 15, 1903

Oh: Oora Barrett

Olifford Livingston

m. (1) Jessie Barnett

Son Harry Wayne, Lt. Com. U.S.N. retired Nat'l Guard

m. (2) Ruth Quinn

Son Olifford Livingston

Piere also had Margaret

m. Harold P. Thompson

Now living in Los Angeles, Calif. (1969)

IX. JAMES MARION TITUS

b. Daytona, Fla. Jan. 8, 1908

m. Rosalie Baxter, Dec. 24, 1960, Titusville

b. Aug. 16, 1914, Darien, Ga.

d. June 16, 1962, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Oh: Charlotte Lynne,

b. Feb. 2, 1944, Daytona Beach

James Theodore,

b. Nov. 8, 1946, Daytona Beach

m. Judith Campbell, June 28, 1969

at Ormond Beach Methodist Church

da. of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Campbell
of Ormond Beach

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FROM THE BIBLE PUBLISHED 1872
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HELD BY SHIRLEY GRAY, daughter of FEDORA GRAY, deceased of MIMMIE GRAY,
deceased, of MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA

BIRTHS:

Henry T. Titus, born, Trenton, N. J., Feb. 13, 1822
Edward Hopkins Titus, born, Savannah, Ga., Jan 15, 1858
Kate Howell Titus, born, Jamaica, N. Y. Dec. 2, 1860
Mary Evelina Titus, born, Jacksonville, Fla. Apr. 1862
Howell Titus, born, Madison, Fla. Jan. 14, 1863
Henry Theodore Titus, born, Wilkesbarre, Pa. Aug. 13, 1865
Ellett Livingston Titus, born, Titusville, Fla. Nov. 26, 1869
Theodore Titus, born, Titusville, Fla. Oct. 23, 1871
Pierre Soule Titus, born, Titusville, Fla. Aug. 16, 1873

MARRIAGE:

Henry T. Titus, and Mary Eveline Hopkins, in Darien, Ga. Mar. 22, 1852
James McComb, Jr. and Kate Howell Titus, in Titusville, Fla. May 20, 1882
George H. Ensey, Jr. and Mary Evelins Titus, in Titusville, Fla.
Dec. 27, 1882

DEATH:

Kate H. McComb, died, Titusville, Fla. Feb. 3, 1883

Colonel Henry T. Titus

Controversy completely surrounds our founder, Col. Titus, beginning with the date of his birth. Col. Henry T. Titus was born on February 13, 1823, in Trenton, New Jersey, according to the inscription on his tombstone in LaGrange Cemetery. However, the date 1822 is found on one of the beautiful stained-glass memorial windows in St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. Still another source gives the year of his birth as 1815.

Col. Titus has been called a soldier of fortune by some and a national character by others. Concerning his adventures before the founding of Titusville we find that he had opposed John Brown of abolition fame in the days of Bleeding Kansas (1854). The Colonel was reputed to be in favor of slavery. He served with Earl William Walker in Nicaragua (1854-1860) as Walker's Adjutant. He also served as an Adjutant General in Pennsylvania and acquired the title of Colonel which he used from then on.

Henry Titus married Mary Hopkins, daughter of Edward Hopkins, a wealthy and prominent planter of Darien, Georgia. Mr. Hopkins moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1853. There he had an active political career, serving as a member of the legislature, as Mayor and collector of customs for that city. He also had an unsuccessful try for Governorship. Our Hopkins Avenue was named in honor of Mary Hopkins Titus.

As the actual date of his birth varies, so also do the stories concerning Titus' arrival here. One story holds that "Titusville was settled by and named for Captain Henry Titus, who came with his family to that site in the 70's." "In 1870, Henry T. Titus," another story relates, "was forced to land here because he was shipwrecked." Still another asks, "Why did Col. Titus select here?" hinting at mystery.

Much has been written about Col. Titus and many of the tales are uncomplimentary. Despite this, the Colonel appears to have had a good side to his character. He donated generous areas of land for our churches and for civic use. To his credit, the land on which St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and the Courthouse were built were given by the Colonel.

It was principally due to Titus' efforts on behalf of his community that Titusville became the County Seat in 1880. (Another source states that 1879 is the correct date for this event.)

Col. and Mrs. Titus operated the Titus House. Legend claims that he would sit on the balcony of the Titus House with a gun across his lap. However, one person says, "I never knew of him taking a shot at anyone."

Dr. Holmes wrote: "In the winter of 1874 and 1875, I went to Titusville. Its name had just been changed from Sand Point. Much of the mail still was addressed to Sand Point. Col. Titus himself was postmaster and had the name changed to Titusville. While there were only a few people, some did not want it named after him. The principal part of the town was near the north of the City Wharf (Main Street). Col. Titus owned a hack that met boats at Salt Lake and Lake Harney."

He also wrote, "He had rheumatism and neuritis

which necessitated that the Colonel be confined to a wheel chair much of the time. He was a public spirited man, and always striving to improve the town named after him."

Col. Titus built the "Titus House" in tropical style. It consisted of a large main building with two long wings, all one-story, that formed three sides of a square. Within the walls was a garden. These long wings later became part of the Dixie Hotel. Rates in 1875 were \$3 a day.

Col. Titus and his wife kept an excellent hotel building in the two one-story sections. The southeast corner of one wing was always kept ready for Captain Mills O. Burnham, lighthouse keeper of Canaveral. He frequently visited Titusville in his famous sailboat, the "Osceola". It was quite an event when the Captain arrived with his jolly crew.

Col. Titus gave the land on which our county buildings stand, but stipulated they be used only for county or public purposes. In this way he sought to firmly anchor the county seat in Titusville.

It was considered his crowning achievement for the community to be made the county seat of Brevard County in 1880.

The Tituses had two pretty daughters, Kate and Minnie, and six sons. Minnie later married George Ensey and resided at "Tropic" on a beautiful place appropriately known as "Two Rivers" situated between the Indian and Banana Rivers.

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TITUS

November 5, 1866, we were shipwrecked at Ft. Pierce. I was brought ashore in a clothes basket, my bed for nearly all of the next year. Father wanted to settle at a navigation point and picked what is now Titusville. It was woods but he and a few others from the ship wreck settled there. The town was named Titusville after him. It is only 6 miles from the St. Johns. Father ran a passenger, freight and mail line to Enterprise where the big boats brought their cargoes. Father brought freight to Titusville in wagons and it went on by boat to Daytona or south. The back trip of the wagons, citrus and pineapples went north. A man on horseback carried the mail three times weekly. The big 2 mule hack carried 5 passengers, \$50. for each trip. Three brothers, Bobby, Buddy and Gardner Hardee came. Gardner drove the hack most of the time for \$20. and board, 6 months of the year. The rest of the time he worked at Rockledge on some land he had bought. He developed one of the show places; now is "Senator" Hardee.

After 1883, trade boats ran from Daytona to Titusville. Everyone on the river had a dock and the boats stopped at each one. The Haulover was cut about 1878 and finished in 1881. It was several miles from the present one.

Henry T. Titus in "Reminiscences of Old Daytona".