

**FAMILY PATRIOTS:  
CHARLES ALEXANDER WARFIELD  
MAJOR THOMAS SNOWDEN  
(RIDGELY, SNOWDEN, DORSEY & WARFIELD RELATIONSHIPS)**

**Colonel Henry Ridgely**

(1728-1775)

Ann Dorsey

( - )

**(Original Montpelier)**

1. Elizabeth Dorsey Ridgely  
(1752-1808)

**Dr Charles Alex. Warfield**  
(1751-1813)

**Dr Gustavus Warfield**  
(1784-1866)

Mary Thomas Warfield  
(1793-1884)

**Dr. Evan William. Warfield**  
(1825-1904)

Sallie Ann Warfield  
(1828-1881)

Anne Warfield  
(1772-1820)

Samuel Thomas  
( - )

**Dr. Evan William Warfield**  
(1825-1904)

Sallie Ann Warfield  
(1828-1881)

Gustavus Warfield  
(1849-1907)

Ella G. Hoffman  
(1858-1929)

Hon. Henry R Warfield  
(1774-1839)

Louisa Victoria Warfield  
(1853-1899)

Dr. Peregrine Warfield  
(1779-1856)

Charles Addison Hook  
(1849-1918)

Eliza Warfield  
(1781-1817)  
Richard Snowden  
( - )

Mary Thomas Warfield  
(1855-1943)  
Thomas Beal Cockey, Sr.  
(1856-1925)

**Dr. Gustavus Warfield**  
(1784-1866)  
Mary Thomas Warfield  
(1793-1884)

Evan Wm. Warfield JR.  
(1859-1937)  
Lillian Hines  
Mabel Ross

Charles Alexander Warfield, Jr.  
(1787-1868)  
Eliza Harris  
( - )

Charles Dorsey Warfield  
(1860-1907)  
Mary Thomas Snowden  
(1861-1932)

Louisa Victoria Warfield  
(1790-1820))  
Richard Snowden  
( - )

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| <p>2. Ann Dorsey Ridgely<br/>(1754-1824)<br/><b>Maj. Thomas Snowden</b><br/>(1751-1803)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Richard Snowden</p><br><p>Thomas Snowden</p> <p>Mary Snowden</p><br><p><b>Nicholas Snowden</b><br/>(1786-1831)<br/>Elizabeth Warfield Thomas<br/>(1790-1866)</p><br><p>Caroline Eliza Snowden</p> | <p><b>Nicholas Snowden</b><br/>(1786-1831)<br/>Elizabeth W Thomas<br/>(1790-1866)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>13 children</p><br><p><b>Lt Nicholas Snowden</b><br/>(1828-1862)<br/>Henrietta Stabler<br/>(1829-1907)</p> | <p><b>Lt Nicholas Snowden</b><br/>(1828-1862)<br/>Henrietta Stabler<br/>(1829-1907)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Emily Snowden</p><br><p>Marian Snowden</p> <p>Lucy Snowden</p><br><p>Helen Snowden</p><br><p>Francis (Frank) Snowden</p><br><p>Mary Thomas Snowden<br/>(1861-1932)<br/>Charles Dorsey Warfield*<br/>(1860-1907)</p> |
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3. Henry Ridgely

Notes:

- As noted in the family lineages shown here, Colonel Henry Ridgely and Ann Dorsey had three children. One daughter, Elizabeth Dorsey Ridgely, married Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield. The second daughter, Ann Dorsey Ridgely, married Major Thomas Snowden. Links between the generations are shown in "green". Notable patriots, who fought in wars, including Lieutenant Nicholas Snowden, are colored "red". Charles Dorsey Warfield and Mary Thomas Snowden had five children: Amy, Clara, Edward, Irene, and Charles D. Jr. Amy was my maternal grandmother.
- Both Elizabeth Dorsey Ridgely and Ann Dorsey Ridgely were daughters of Col Henry Ridgely and Ann Dorsey and both daughters grew up in Montpelier. Note that the lines from both Ridgely sisters leads to the marriage between Charles D Warfield and Mary Thomas Snowden (double asterisk). One line represents the Snowdens; the other line represents the Warfields. The house, completed by Major Thomas Snowden, was given the name 'Montpelier' by his wife, Ann Dorsey, who took the name from her birthplace. The new Montpelier was passed down the Snowden line.
- Charles Alexander Warfield, son of Azel Warfield and Sarah Griffith, was one of the initial patriots in Maryland who determined the course that this country would lead in opposition to the King of England at the time of the Revolutionary War. Immediately after his death on Jan 29, 1813, his deeds were chronicled in the "Baltimore Patriot". Dr. Charles, who had received professional honors from the University of Pennsylvania and was a distinguished member of the "Whig Club", had been appointed Major of Battalion. While parading his battalion in Anne Arundel County he printed labels inscribed "Liberty and independence, or death in pursuit of it" and placed one on the hat of each man in his company. Many of the

older neighbors were astonished and one approached the father of Dr. Charles and exclaimed: "My God, Mr. Warfield, what does your son Charles mean? Does he know that he has committed treason against his King and may be prosecuted for a rebel?" The father replied with much animation: "We acknowledge no King, the King is a traitor to us, and a period has arrived when we must either tamely submit to be slaves, or struggle gloriously for 'Liberty and Independence'. The King has become our enemy and we must become his. My son Charles knows what he is about. 'Liberty and Independence or death in pursuit of it' is his motto, it is mine, and soon must be the sentiment of every man in this Country".

A short time later the brig "Peggy Stewart", loaded with tea, docked at the Annapolis harbor. Dr. Charles, who was age 23 at the time, was determined to march to Annapolis and burn the vessel and cargo. On the way they were confronted by the ship's owner, a Scotch merchant named Anthony Stewart, who threatened them with the vengeance of the King and the government. However, the threats only increased the determination of the small group of men led by Dr. Charles. "They erected a gallows immediately in front of Mr. Stewart's house and, by way of intimidation, gave him his choice to either swing by the halter or go with them on board to put fire to his own vessel". He chose the later and on October 19, 1774 the ship and it's cargo was consumed in flames. In a conversation with Dr. Charles before their death, Judge Chase remarked, "If we had not succeeded, Doctor, in the Revolutionary contest both of us would have been hung; you for burning the ship of tea and I for declaring I owed no allegiance to the King and signing the Declaration of Independence". In these ways, Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield and a few determined and patriotic persons moved alternately between hope and fear, until they accomplished the great hope of their lives, to give themselves and others in this country their freedom.

It is through their determined and courageous acts and those after them that we remain free today.

3. Mary Thomas (1793-1884), who married Dr. Gustavus Warfield, issued from Evan William Thomas (1769-1840) and Martha Gray (1771-1868). Mary's parents lived in Whitby Hall. According to the Gray Book, the Gray family came from Whitby, England, in the Yorkshire district.
4. Three generations of doctors: Dr. Charles Alexander, Dr. Gustavus, and Dr. Evan William Warfield. Dr. George Scheele has one of Dr. Charles' medical books, entitled "A complete collection of medical and philosophical works of John Fothergill, published in 1785. On the front flyleaf, Dr. Charles had penned his signature 7 times, each in a different script.
5. As ardent Quakers, the Snowdens had very little vice. However, they did enjoy eating and several members of the family achieved notable size. Henry Ridgely, brother of Elizabeth and Ann reached 500 lb. Major Thomas was 263 lb. For other members who reached such relative distinction, see the Montpelier book, p241.
6. Sallie Ann Warfield (1828-1881).derived from Charles Dorsey Warfield (1779-1852) and Ruth Griffith (1790-1854). Jean Marie Warfield Keenan, daughter of Charles D Warfield and Mary Thomas Snowden has the portraits of both Charles Dorsey Warfield and Ruth Griffith.
7. Richard Snowden married his first cousin sisters, both Eliza and Louisa, but not at the same time!

8. Charles D. Warfield (1779-1852) and Dr Charles A. Warfield (1751-1813) were reported to be cousins (once removed).

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