AMERICAN DESCENDANTS OF JOHN "JEAN" GASTON, born 1600

JOHN "JEAN" GASTON, b. about 1600, France, a Huguenot and a refuge that settled in Scotland, where he married and died. His wife's name is not known. Three of their sons moved to Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland in the 1660's.

I. William Gaston, b. 1642, Scotland, the name of his wife is not known, died Ireland.
   A. (male) Gaston, m.  
      1. Joseph Gaston, b. 1740, Ireland, d. 21 April 1823, m. Martha Gaston, b. 11 June 1741, Penn, d. 4 March 1826, both buried Fishing Creek, Chester Co., S.C., daughter of Justice John Gaston and Esther Waugh.  
      2. Robert Gaston.  

II. John Gaston, b. 1645, Scotland, d. Ireland, m.  
    A. William Gaston, b. 1685, Ireland, d. 1770, Ireland, m. Mary Olivet Lemon. 
       1. Justice John Gaston, b. 4 April 1703, Ballymore, County Antrim, Ireland, d. 1782, Fishing Creek, Chester Co., S.C., m. 1730, Ireland, Esther Waugh, b. 1715, County Antrim, Ireland, d. 1789, both buried Fishing Creek, Chester Co., S.C.  
       2. Elizabeth Gaston, b. 1727, Ireland, m. John Knox, b. 1707, Ireland.  
       3. Rev. Hugh Gaston, b. Ireland, came to America in 1766, d. 20 October 1766, at the home of Justice John Gaston, buried Lower Fishing Creek, Chester Co., S.C., m. Mary Thomson, d. Ireland, daughter of Rev. James Thomson.  
       4. Mary Gaston, Revolutionary War, b. 1712, d. 1802, buried Lower Fishing Creek, Chester Co., S.C., m. Ireland, Justice James McClure, Revolutionary War, b. Ireland, d. 1770, son of John McClure.  
       5. Robert Gaston, of Lynches Creek, Lancaster Co., S.C., b. 1722, Ireland, d. 9 May 1787, Lynches Creek, Lancaster Co., S.C., m. 24 August 1756, Margaret Logan.  
       6. Janet Gaston, b. 1720, Ireland, d. 23 April 1801, buried Gladney Cemetery Fairfield Co., S.C., m. Charles Strong, b. Ireland, d. 1785, son of James Strong and Elizabeth.  
       7. William Gaston, Revolutionary War, b. 1735, Ireland, d. 1790, Chester Co., S.C., m. 1775, Jane Harbison.  
       9. Dr. Alexander Gaston, M.D., b. Ireland, d. 20 August 1781, murdered by Tories, Newbern, N.C., m. 1775, Newberry Co., S.C., Margaret Sharp, b. 1755, England, d. 1812, Newbern, N.C., both buried Newbern, N.C.
E. Hugh Gaston, b. 1687, Ireland, d. 22 December 1772, Somerset Co., N. J., m. 1718, Ireland, Jennett _____, b. 1698, Ireland, d. 1 August 1777, both buried Lamington Cemetery, Somerset Co., N. J. 261
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The Gaston ancestors of the descendants in America are descended from the Calvinistic Reformation family of Gaston de Foix of sixteenth century France. The family of Foix was of old French lineage and took its title of Count from the district of Foix, later the Department of Ariege in the south of France. Gaston de Foix was the grandson of Gaston IX and the last of his line of Counts. He was born in 1489, the son of Jean de Foix and Marie de Orleans, sister of Louis XII.

John “Jean” Gaston, the Huguenot was banished from France by the Catholics and fled to Calvinist Scotland about the middle of the seventeenth century. His Property was confiscated but his brothers and relatives who remained Catholics in France sent means to Scotland for his living. One anecdote concerning this founder of the Protestant branch of the family was brought by his descendants to America was, Jean Gaston was a devout man and his Calvinistic progeny remembered it for over a hundred years. He married in Scotland and had, among other sons, three: John, William and Alexander. These three sons emigrated to County Antrim, Ireland about 1660 to 1680.

Of these probably John, whose name appears on Hearth-Money rate list for Ireland in 1669 as of Magheragall, County Antrim, had issue, among others, several sons, some of whom remained in Ireland and some emigrated to America, as did also the sons of other brothers. William, son of Jean, married Olivet Lemon, remained in Ireland, but all of his sons and daughters came to America and settled in South Carolina. Their names were: John, Elizabeth, Hugh, Mary, Robert, Janet, William, Alexander and Martha.

One of this Scotch-Irish Gaston family, living in Gastontown, County Antrim, had a daughter who married Gavin MacArthur, whose son William, born in 1796, came to America after 1818, settling in Vermont, married Malvina Stone, and was the father of Chester Alan Arthur, who became the twenty-first President of the United States.


One of John Gaston of Connecticut, descendants was Hon. William Gaston who became Governor of Massachusetts in 1874.

Then there is the untold story of the life of John Gaston, "A Defender of the Alamo", who was killed on March 6, 1836 in the Battle of the Alamo by the Mexican army in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in 1819 in the Green River country of Kentucky, where only a few months later his father was killed. His mother, Rebecca Flomerfelt returned to her family in Cincinnati, Ohio with John, Susan and Sydney Gaston. She married George W. Davis and went to Texas in 1831 with only John and Sydney, susan married Theodore Green and lived in Louisville, Kentucky.
John and Sydney Gaston started pioneering in this unsettled country as the family landed in Gonzales, Texas. Sydney married a wealthy merchant older than she was which ended in divorce. Along came a new 19 year old emigrant Johnnie Kellogg in 1835 which she married.

About this time the people of Texas declared independance from Mexico because of taxation. The first defense started near Gonzales at about the time a call came for help in the battle of the Alamo. Gonzales sent thirty-two men to the Alamo which included Sydney Gastons ex-husband, Johnnie Kellogg and brother John Gaston. All were killed on March 6, 1836.

The Mexican army started for Gonzales and sydneys family burned their homes and moved to safer area. On March 19, 1836 she gave birth to Johnnie Kellogg, Jr., then later in September 1836 she died after Texas became an independant Republic. John and Sydney Gaston had a short, unhappy life that has happened to many of the brave pioneers of Texas. Today there are many Gaston descendants living in Texas through the son of Sydney Gaston.

We are now concerned with the many known descendants of John "Jean" Gaston of Scotland that emigrated to America.