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KIMBRELL FAMILY HISTORY

A FAMILY TREE AND DIRECTORY OF THE KIMBRELL FAMILY ORIGINATING FROM YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STARTING AROUND 1790. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR HANDOUT AT THE KIMBRELL REUNION HELD AT BILL KIMBRELL'S HOME IN FORT MILL, SC ON JUNE 3, 2001.



Kimbrell

FAMILY TREE AND DIRECTORY

TRANSLATION OF KIMBRELL COAT OF ARMS

The "COAT of ARMS" shown on the cover of this Directory (in black & white only) was a Christmas gift from my Grandmother Kimbrell (Myra Fravor Kimbrell) in 1953. The original painting was signed "Cammie Smith -1953". Following is the exact translation that was furnished with the gift:

"The **Crest** a ramping lion denotes a brave and courageous soldier. The **helmet** of metal denotes a knighted soldier. The **shield** black, signifies mourning because of failure to take Jerusalem. The band of ermine emblazoned with leopard heads -the ermine, wealth, the leopard heads signify an officer of high rank and deathless courage. The black signifies mourning or sorrow - the silver means purity and elevation of mind, the small inset of gold means wealth and liberality. The gold scroll with red lining has no motto. A few coats of arms have scroll decorations but no motto. Heraldry gives no reason for this. It may be because the soldier who was knighted and received high honors was not victorious in the war in which he won distinction or it may be the family could not agree on a motto. This coat of arms is registered in many books of heraldry."

NOTE #1: I have seen several versions of "Kimbrell" heraldry---and never two alike. I think perhaps some of this is in the creativity of the particular artist or entrepreneur involved.

NOTE #2: "Heraldry,---or to be more exact in this sense, Armory---probably originated in the pretty fancy of the feudal warrior to decorate his shield.... A word of 'debunking' to students of heraldry is offered at the outset. ----- One is well to remember that more snobbery, more nonsense, and more bare-faced lying has attached itself to heraldry than to any other human activity." This is a quote by Sir Christopher Lynch-Robinson, in a book on Heraldry found by Harrison W. Kimbrell Sr.

KIMBRELL DIRECTORY AND FAMILY TREE

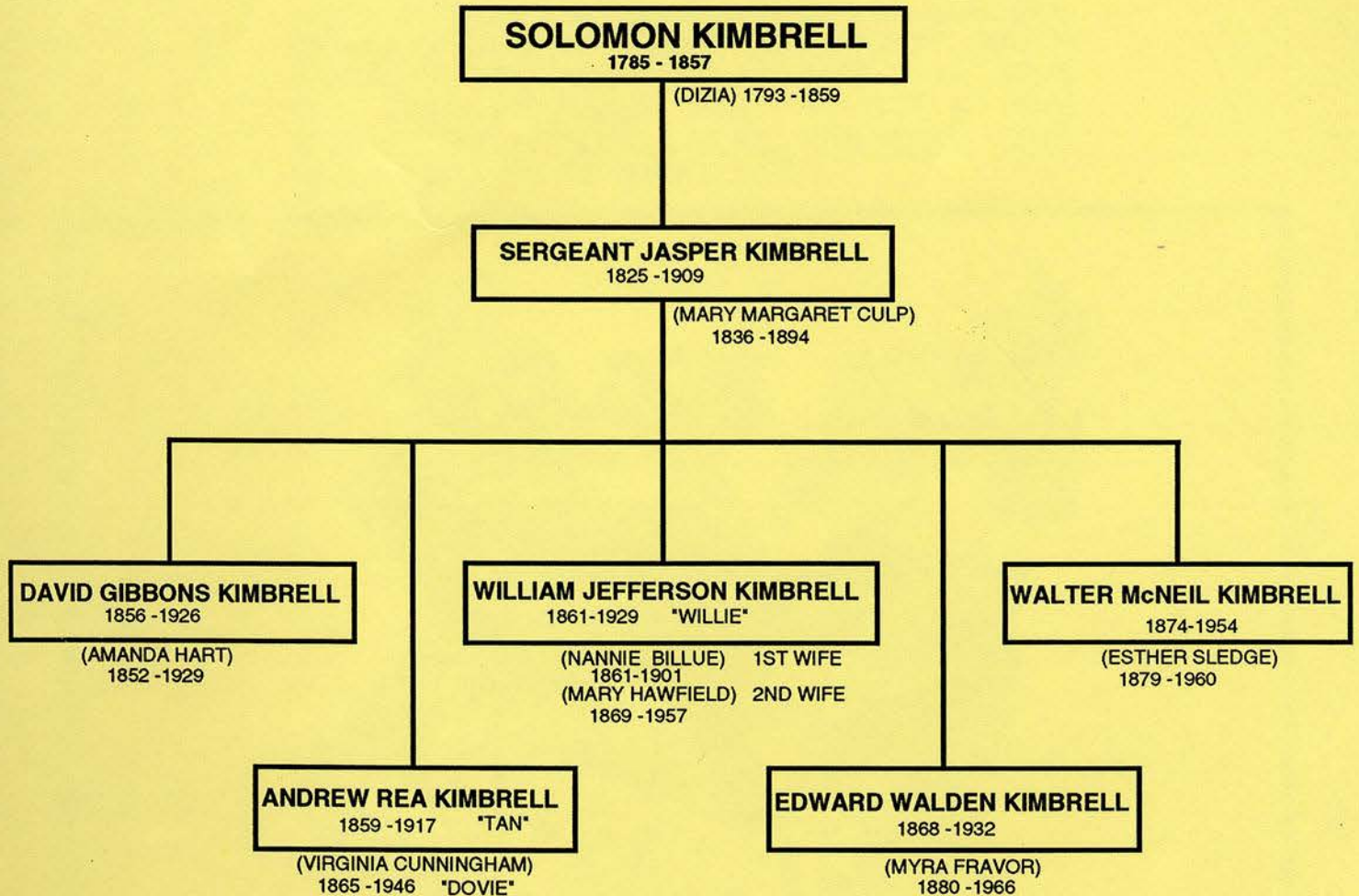
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FAMILY HISTORY UPDATE INFORMATION!!**

THE KIMBRELL FAMILY

ORIGINATING FROM YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA



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