

passed through all the gradations of war, served brilliantly in the Peninsula, commanding a brigade at the battle of Vittoria; at the siege of St. Sebastian, and at the passage of the Nile; in the war of 1812 he was Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian forces, and in 1815 was appointed Governor of Upper Canada, at the same time receiving the honor of Knighthood; and afterwards was decorated with the Order of the Grand Cross. He visited Beverley House in his mature manhood, and is said to have been affected to tears as he regarded with profound admiration the beauties of nature which encompassed his birthplace. Another son, Sir William Henry Robinson, was Knighted by the King for valuable services rendered to the English Government; his wife was the daughter of Mr. Cortlandt Skynner, of New Jersey. Lady Robinson, who lived to a good old age in England, says in a volume of "Recollections," "At the commencement of the American Rebellion Colonel Beverley Robinson joined the British Army. He raised two battalions principally from his own tenantry, and held an important Staff appointment the greater part of that disastrous war, by which he lost his immense estates." Then, in speaking of Colonel Beverley Robinson's father's house in Virginia, and of young Beverley leaving it and making his home in New York City, she says, "Beverley, the youngest of seven sons, when twenty-two or three, went to New York, I believe, merely on a visit, and then meeting Miss Susanna Phillipse, married her, and had a large family; Beverley did not return to Virginia, but concentrated all his property, which was considerable, in that part of the States."

Lady Robinson speaks of her husband as Sir William Henry Robinson, K.C.B., a Commissary-General, and the tenth child of Colonel Beverley Robinson. Her ladyship fails to give the date of his birth, but tells us they were married in 1794, and that Sir William died in 1836. Colonel Beverley, after a varied and honored life, died at Bath, England, in 1792, having been born in Virginia in 1723.

A portrait of Mrs. Robinson (Susannah Phillipse) is taken from a painting in the possession of the New York Historical Society. The dress is interesting as showing the costume of that day, and there is every reason to suppose the portrait to be a correct one of the lady, and is so accounted by her descendants now living in New York who take pride in tracing their descent through her.

With regard to this lady's family, in the "Life of Washington" by Sparks the following reminiscence is taken:—"While in New York Washington was frequently entertained by Mr. Beverley Robinson, 1756, between whom and himself a great intimacy and friendship prevailed, and which continued without change until severed by the fortune of war 20 years after. It happened that Miss Mary Phillipse, a sister of Mrs. Robinson, and a young lady

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