



Hamilton Yancey

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HAMILTON YANCEY of Rome, who for forty-five years has enjoyed a conspicuous place in the professional, business and civic life of his home city and state, represents one of the oldest and most distinguished names of the South, and many of his ancestors were lawyers and orators and statesmen, including his honored father, the late Benjamin C. Yancey. Before taking up his individual career it will be well to examine the records of his antecedents.

It was in 1642 that four Yancey brothers, Charles, William, Joel and Robert, emigrated from Wales to Virginia. Lewis Davis Yancey, a son of one of these pioneers, settled a landed estate in Culpeper County, Virginia, about 1710.