

## JOSEPH AND MARTHA GASTON

Joseph, son of Alexander Gaston, (born 1702) was born in 1739. He married his cousin Martha around 1770. Martha, daughter of "Justice" John Gaston and Esther Waugh Gaston, was born in Pennsylvania, June 11, 1741, and traveled south to Chester County with the family.

Martha and son John accompanied Martha's younger sister, Esther (later Mrs. Alexander Walker) to attend to the wounded Whigs of the Waxhaws at the Waxhaw Meeting House, after the battles of Hanging Rock and Buford's Massacre. The dying and badly wounded men were lifted gently and placed in wagons and carried to the church. There they were placed on the strawcovered floor. John, only eight, witnessed this carnage. Martha and Esther worked alongside Mrs. Andrew Jackson and her two sons, Andrew (later the President) and Robert. Many of the wounded who died were buried in the cemetery near the church, (From Lancaster County Tours, Viola C. Floyd, Page 77).

Joseph and Martha lived most of their lives in what is now Chester County, created from Craven County in 1785.

Joseph made his will in 1812. He died April 21, 1823, aged 84. Martha died March 4, 1826. Both are buried at Upper Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church. Their graves are marked by old sandstone markers as well as stones placed by W.W. Gaston II, John Porter Gaston, and Dr. John Newton Gaston, descendents.

### Children/

Alexander Gaston, married Mary "Polly" Blair. Daniel Green Stinson recorded they had a son who weighed 300 pounds.

Martha Gaston,

Margaret Gaston, married Hugh McQuiston, according to Andrea, and moved to Ohio in 1804 or 1806.

Esther Gaston, married Ebenezer Elliott. She was born March 29, 1770 and died July 31, 1814. Ebenezer, born March 26, 1771, died August 26, 1849. They were married September 25, 1794. Ebenezer is buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Preble County, Ohio.

Jane Gaston, married George Dunlap.

John Gaston, married Anne Porter. (see next pages)

from THE GASTON FAMILY, Leonardo Andrea

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Martha married a kinsman, Joseph Gaston, and a great grandson of the first Irish William.

Joseph Gaston's father was Alexander Gaston, born 1702 (from Bible of John Gaston, Joseph's son, now in possession of Rosa Baskin Guess.). They bore a large family. A son of theirs (Joseph and Martha's) married Polly Blair of a family distinguished for their courage, ability, and physical size. Alexander and Polly had a son (brother??) named John who has descendents living in Chester Co., S. C. John married Ann Porter. They bore a large family. William, the eldest, married Sarah Ferguson (Steadman written in pencil over Ferguson), had one son who died in the War Between the States. Robert left four children, living now in Texas. Joseph was married first to Elizabeth Wylie. . . Joseph's second wife was Martha Gill who had three children all dying in youth.

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Nannie Dunlap, granddaughter of Jane Gaston Dunlap, married John Porter Gaston, grandson of John Gaston and Ann Porter Gaston. She recollects hearing her father, John Dunlap, speak of a trip that he took out to Ohio in or about 1828 to see his aunts, Margaret and Esther (Margaret Gaston McQuiston and Ester Gaston Elliott).

WILL OF JOSEPH GASTON (1739-1823), husband of Martha  
Gaston (1741-1826)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

I Joseph Gaston of the District of Chester and State of South Carolina, taking into serious consideration the mortality of Man and viewing the time of my on dissolution as not being according to the course of nature very far distant conceive it necessary and therefore do make this my last Will and Testament Viz. In the first place I resign my Spirit to God who gave it, and my Body to the dust to be Buried in a decent and Christian maner.

And secondly as God in his Providence has blessed me with a Small portion of temporal things, it is my will that it be disposed of after my decease, in the manner following Viz. It is my Will that my wel beloved Wife Martha, be decently and comfortably supported by my son Alexander, and to reside in my dwelling house—to enjoy the free use of my house hold furniture and a good horse together with my Negro Woman Poll during her lifetime; and then the whole shall revert to my son Alexander, excepting her Bed, bedding, wearing apparel and Saddle, which shall be at her own disposal.

To my son John I give and Bequeth the northern part of my Lands—The deviding Line of the plantation I live on, to begin at a Red Oak about 46 poles Eastwardly of a pine to Corner on John Porters old Line—running thence on the ridge to a Black Oak near the fence—thence to a Red Oak at the South East Corner of the old field thence in a Strait Line until it Strikes my East Line at Robert Millens Southern Corner Then the other tract (called the Black Jack tract) from the Corner of Millings Land on the Branch down the Branch to Wherrys Corner on the same. Also one Negro girl named Dinah and one other negro girl named Patience, and the one half of my Waggon—Item To my son Alexander I give and Bequeath, the remainder of my Lands, the one half of my Waggon—My Negro Boy Tom and Boy Jacob, the negro Girl Rose and child Malinda; to-

gether with the issue of my Negro Woman Poll (if any) and all my other property not otherwise disposed of—  
Item. To my daughter Martha I give and Bequeth One Negro Girl named Mary.

And to my other daughters Margaret, Esther and Jane, I give and Bequeth the sum of five dollars each.—

To Execute this my Last Will and Testament I do appoint my Sons John and Alexander my sole executors—  
In Witness of all the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and Seal as my last Will and Testament, this twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twelve and of American Independence the thirty sixth—

In the presence of  
Jinney Porter  
Juliet G Porter  
Jno McCreary

Note, the words "and Boy Jacob" underlined before signing

Joseph Gaston

State of So Carolina } By E Lyles Esquire and ordinary of  
Chester District } said District—

Personally appeared before me John McCreary Esquire, Juliet Jones formerly Porter Who being duly sworn as the law directs doth make oath and say that they saw Joseph Gaston signe seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing sheets paper 1 and 2 to be and contain his last Will and Testament and the said Jos. Gaston was then of sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding to the best of the deponents Knowledge and belief and that they the said John McCreary Esqr Juliet Jones formerly Porter did sign their names as witnesses thereto at the request of the Testator and in his presence at the same time Qualified John Gaston and Alexander Gaston Executors.

## JOHN AND ANN PORTER GASTON

John was born April 2, 1772, according to Andrea. He married Ann Porter, daughter of David Porter and Florah Brownfield. Ann was born July 7, 1782. John and Ann married in 1808.

Ann died before 1844. John made his will on August 21, 1844. It was proven on July 12, 1847. John died July 6, 1847. Both are said to be buried at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, although markers have not been found.

### Children/

Martha Narcissa Gaston, married David Boyd, according to John McCammon and Andrea.

Juliet Gaston,

John H. Gaston, was born 12/20/1813 and died 2/25/1876 at the age of 62 years, 2 months, six days. According to Andrea, he never married. John is buried at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church. A copy of his autograph survives.

David P. Gaston, was, according to the 1850 census, 33 years of age and a farmer worth \$2,000. He was born May 3, 1817, and died May 12, 1886. The census lists a female, J. G., age 40, and a male, age 14, initials J. H. Legend has it that J. G. was a black mistress, and that David fathered several children by her, Mag Gaston being a daughter. Veteran of C.S.A.

Samuel Stanhope Gaston, was commonly called "Uncle Wheat" because of his joke of raising wheat so thick he had to rent land just to put the shocks up on. He served with Co. A. 17S. C. Inf. C.S.A. He married a Goebble. Andrea says he married twice, and fathered six children. He had a cabin a short distance above Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. His children were:  
David N. Gaston, 9/17/1865 to 4/17/1940, buried Pleasant Grove Methodist;  
Dunlap Gaston, who married Barbara Carpenter.  
Julia Gaston, buried at Pleasant Grove Methodist, no marker.  
Augusta Gaston,  
Frank Gaston,  
John Gaston, buried Pleasant Grove Methodist.

William H. Gaston, married Sarah Ferguson (Steadman). One son died in War Between the States, John H. Gaston, Jr., according to Andrea. Disinherited.

Robert B. Gaston, according to Andrea, had four children who left for Texas.

Joseph Alexander Gaston, married Elizabeth Wylie, (see next pages).

Page 2 of Gaston records to prove line of descent. (M. Str. 10)

JOHN GASTON Sen<sup>r</sup>.

Book A I (1840 to 1865) Page 64 to 67. Original in Apt. 93. Pkt. 149b.  
Made Aug. 21, 1844; Probated July 12, 1847.

State of South Carolina) In the name of GOD Amen.  
County District ) I John Gaston Sen<sup>r</sup>.

being of sound mind and disposing memory etc. (usual form).

1st Body to be decently interred at the discretion of executors etc.

2d All debts to be paid out of corn and other crops-----

3d. "I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter Martha N. Boyd,"  
one negro girl, named etc.----

4th. "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Juliet G. Gaston," four negroes  
named etc.-----

5th. "I give and bequeath unto my son JOSEPH A. GASTON one tract of land  
containing one hundred acres more or less, which the aforesaid Jo-  
seph Gaston has in his possession adjoining lands of Troy Lumpkin  
Ralph McFadden, George Gill and Wm. Hemphill, for his own special use  
and purpose. I also give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Joseph A.  
Gaston two negroes one boy named Leroy about sixteen years of age  
which the aforesaid Joseph A. Gaston has in his possession, and one  
girl named Eliza about eight years of age for his own special use  
and purpose forever."

(above Item copied in full)

6th. "I give and bequeath to my son John H. Gaston the west end of the  
tract of land purchased from Joshua Best." Surveyed the 18 day of  
Dec. 1834 by J. R. Johnson. Land boundaries outlined, and two negroes  
given etc.-----

7th. "I give and bequeath unto my son David P. Gaston," land where "I now  
reside" Surveyed by J. H. Blair Jan. 27, 1824. Also two negroes.

8th. "I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Gaston," other (East) part of  
tract "I now reside on". Also two negroes.-----

9th. "I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel S. Gaston," part of a tract  
of land purchased from Joshua Best. Also two negroes etc.

10th. "I give and bequeath unto my grandson John H. Gaston Junr. son of Wm. L.  
Gaston", two negroes, these negroes were to be kept by David P. Gaston  
without paying hire but John sent to school and clothed by David,  
until he (John) was twenty-one years of age.

11th. Should John H. Gaston Junr. die before he was twenty-one the negroes  
were to be divided (price of them I guess) between "my son Joseph  
A. Gaston, dau. Juliet Gaston, and sons John, David, Robert & Samuel Gas-  
ton.

12th. Should David P. Gaston die before John was twenty-one John H. Gaston  
Senr. was to have the negroes upon the same terms as per David ---.

13th. "I wish it understood that the reason I have not left my son Wm. H.  
Gaston any property is that he has been an undutiful son to me and  
has spent all I have given him", etc. Gave his part to the son of Wm.  
John H. Gaston Junr.-----

14th. All my household and kitchen furniture to "my daughter Juliet  
Gaston and my sons John, David, Robert & Samuel Gaston"-----.

15th. Lastly "I appoint etc. Joseph A. Gaston, Robert B. Gaston, John H. Gaston  
Executors of this my last will and testament" etc.-----

Witnessed by Wm. A. Burns, Troy Lumpkin and J. D. Burns.

HUSBAND'S NAME DAVID PORTER

When Born \_\_\_\_\_ Where COUNTY ANTRIM, IRELAND

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Died circa 1820 circa 1798 Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where FISHING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN (NO STONE?)

When Married \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Mother's Maiden Name SHAW

DAVID PORTER  
(Husband's Full Name)

FLORAH BROWNFIELD  
(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from  
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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME FLORAH BROWNFIELD

When Born circa 1757 Where CHESTER CO., PENNSYLVANIA

Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Died FEBRUARY 8, 1844 Where \_\_\_\_\_

When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where CARROLL CO. TENNESSEE - FERGUSON CEMETARY

Other Husb. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Number (1) (2) etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father ROBERT BROWNFIELD, JR. B-1705 IRE. Her Mother's Maiden Name JANE (JENNY) STUART

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Compiler \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place County State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
	1 <u>WILLIAM</u>	3 12 1785		BURIED FISHING CR. 25 6 1853	Date 1) <u>NANCY H. <del>ROBERTSON</del></u> 2) <u>MARTHA E. ROYD 5-30-1849</u>
	2 <u>SAMUEL SHAW DOCTOR</u>	3 2 1793	CHESTER S.C.	1-25 1873	Date 1) <u>JANE W. MOORE 2-23-1826</u> 2) <u>CATHERINE TODD</u>
	3 <u>DAVID</u>	1796		ca. 1862	Date To <u>MARY LOUISA <del>AL</del> GIMSEY</u>
	4 <u>ANNE J.</u>	7 7 1782		before 1844	Date 1808 To <u>JOHN GASTON</u>
	5 <u>JANE <del>ROBERTSON</del> STUART</u>	7 26 1786		ca. 1877	Date 6-2-1814 To <u>ALEXANDER ROSEBOROUGH</u>
	6 <u>FLORAH H.</u>	1795 1800		8 5 3 8 1834	Date To <u>JOHN BURNS</u>
	7 <u>JULIET GRANVILLE</u>	1788			Date To <u>WILLIAM JONES</u>
	8 <u>ROBERT BROWNFIELD</u>	1791? 3 12 1792	CHESTER S.C.	BURIED TENN. 7 5 1866	Date To <u>MARY JONES</u>
	9				Date To
	10				Date To
	11				Date To
	12				Date To
	13				Date To
	14				Date To

# LINEAGE CHART

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COMPILED BY:

WM. + FAYE LEIGON

THE PORTERS OF FISHING CREEK

1987

DATE:

(Paternal grandfather)

(Great-grandparents)

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(Your father)

2 DAVID PORTER

Born

Where CO. ANTRIM, IRELAND

When married

Where "

Died Circa 1798 - 1820

Where

ENTERED COLONIES AT NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE. SOLDIER UNDER WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE (CAPT. JAMES MEKEE'S CO. OF MILITIA - 5TH BATTALION CUMBERLAND CO. PA.

BOUGHT 100 ACRES - ROCKY CREEK, CHESTER CO. PA. 2-10-1775 FROM MATHEW GASTON OF ROWAN CO. NC. LATER BOUGHT LANDS ON FISHING CREEK, SUPPLIED 17 BARRELS FLOUR 9-15-1782 FOR CONTINENTAL USE.

1 ANNE PORTER

Born 7-7-1782

Where

When married JOHN GASTON 1804

Where "

Died BEFORE 1844

Where

(Paternal grandmother)

Born

Where

Died

Where

(Maternal grandfather)

6 ROBERT BROWNFIELD JR

Born

1705

Where IRELAND

When married

Where "

BURIED - STEEL CREEK PRESBYTERIAN

Died

Where

BROTHER CHARLES BORN C-1720

IRELAND

M - ELIZABETH BURD

SISTER

ANN BORN IRELAND

M - CHARLES CLARK

BROTHER

JOHN BORN - IRE.

M - MARY (LEWIS) WORELL

(Maternal grandmother)

JANE (JENNY) STUART

Born Circa 1716

Where IRELAND

Died

1811

Where

BURIED - FISHING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN

Born

Where

Mar.

Died

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Mar.

Died

Where

NORTH IRELAND

Where

9-15-1739

Where LONDONDEARY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER CO. PA.

JEAN

Born

Where

Died

Where

Born

Where

Mar.

Died

Where

Where

Born

Where

Died

Where

(Your mother)

3 FLORAH BROWNFIELD

Born Circa 1757

Where CHESTER CO., PA.

Died 2-8-1844

Where CARROLL CO., TENN.

BURIED - PEARSON CEMETERY

BROTHER - WILLIAM M. MARGARET (PEGGY) GILES - SETTLED GREENE CO., GA.

BROTHER - ROBERT II M. SUSAN 7

HERIOT - PHYSICIAN -

D - 2-16-1827

BROTHER - JOHN M. SALLIE MOORE

KILLED BY INDIANS

SISTER - ANN M. SAMUEL CRAIG

(D - BATTLE OF HANGING

ROCK)

SISTER - ISABELLA M. JOHN SILLIMAN

SISTER - MARY M. ABRAHAM BARNETT

SISTER - PEGGY M. ROBERT MEKNIGHT



Faye A. Leigon  
821 Foch Street  
T or C NM 87901  
January 26, 1983

James M. Gaston, Jr.  
1119 B Adams Street  
Macon, Ga. 31201

Dear James;

I have just received your most welcome letter and will respond before I get busy with something else.

For quite some time I have been aware that my great great grandfather Robert B. Porter, his children, and his mother Flora B. migrated to Carroll Co, TN from South Carolina as my mother visited her cousins in Carroll Co in 1960. Then I discovered in the 1810 Census that they came from Chester Co. S.C.

About 16 months ago, a cousin sent me some PORTER lineage that had been sent to the Granbury, TX Library by Blake Williams  
44 Wildwood Lane  
Jackson, TN 38301

Corresponding with him has been most beneficial as he had been to Chester, S.C. in search of PORTER lineage. He sent me copies of deeds and parts of the Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church records. Blake and his wife, Mary, were genealogy hunting in North Carolina and Chester last week. So I anxiously looked at the weather report each day and hoped and prayed that they were not out in the ice and snow.

Since Nov. 1982, I have been corresponding with Max Perry  
2000 Howard St.  
Midland, TX 79701

who traces his lineage back to your Joseph Alexander Gaston. Max Perry was of the opinion that his Ann Porter was the daughter of John and Mary Porter until I sent him a copy of a deed that Blake Williams had sent to me. He is now of the opinion that his Ann Porter-(John Gaston's wife) is the daughter of David Porter and Flora B. Max Perry was the first to indicate to me that Flora B. was a Brownfield from Mecklenburg Co N.C. So I have been working on this lead lately and have also asked Blake Williams to do some checking on Flora B as he was going that way. I would be interested in knowing what you know about the Brownfields.

Since Nov. 1982, I have also been corresponding with Mrs. Lucille K. Pregram  
307 W. Bernie St.  
Gaffney, S.C. 29340  
whose lineage goes back to William Gaston 1743-1814 who married (1.) Janet Love and (2) Ann Porter who died 7 June 1816. Lucille's lineage goes to Ann Porter. But this Ann Porter appears to be a different Ann Porter than your Ann Porter. She could be a sister of David Porter.

January 26, 1963  
P.O. Box 1000  
1000 Howard St.  
Madison, Wis. 53701

James H. Jackson, Jr.  
1119 E. Adams Street  
Madison, Wis. 53701

Dear James:

I have just received your most welcome letter and will respond to you as soon as I get busy with something else.

For quite some time I have been aware that my great-grandfather Robert B. Porter, his children, and his mother Flora B. Porter had been in the United States for some time. I discovered in the 1910 census that they came from Chester Co. N.C.

About 18 months ago, a cousin sent me some ROBERT B. PORTER papers that had been sent to the University of Illinois by Blake Williams, 44 Wilwood Lane, Jackson, Wis. 53701.

Corresponding with him has been most beneficial as he had been to Chester, N.C. in search of ROBERT B. PORTER. He sent me copies of deeds and parts of the Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church records. Biko and his wife, Mary, were especially helpful in North Carolina and Chester last week. So I am finally back at the weather report each day and hope and pray that they were not out in the ice and snow.

Since Nov. 1962, I have been corresponding with Max Perry, 2000 Howard St., Madison, Wis. 53701.

His traces his lineage back to your Joseph Alexander Jackson. Max Perry was of the opinion that his Ann Porter was the daughter of John and Mary Porter until I sent him a copy of a deed that Blake Williams had sent to me. He then changed his opinion that his Ann Porter (Porter's wife) is the daughter of David Porter and Flora B. Porter. He was the first to indicate to me that Flora B. was a Brownfield from Rockingham Co. N.H. so I have been working on this lead lately and have also asked Blake Williams to do some checking on Flora B. as he was going that way. I would be interested in knowing what you know about the Brownfields.

Since Nov. 1962, I have also been corresponding with

Max, 2000 Howard St., Madison, Wis. 53701.

Whose lineage goes back to William Jackson 1743-1814 who married (1.) Janet Jones and (2.) Ann Porter who died 1814. Max's lineage goes to Ann Porter, but this Ann Porter appears to be a different Ann Porter than your Ann Porter. She could be a sister of David Porter.

You mentioned that you had received some information from a Mrs. Idas Brown of Alma, Arkansas. When Bill, my husband, and I were in the Chester Co. Library last June, we noticed that the register had been signed on Friday, May 28, by Herman R. Porter

Route 1, Box 600 A

Alma, Ark. 72921

So we just missed him. We have not corresponded with Herman but wonder if Mrs. Idas Brown is his daughter? Apparently we have over looked a lead here.

Since Bill retired in 1976, we have been interested in genealogy. We first traced my father's lineage back to OConnee County, S.C. and the Revolutionary War. I became a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution in 1978 on the ABBOTTS. I am now trying to get the Porter lineage approved by DAR.

We had a most enjoyable trip last year to Tennessee where we met and visited with Blake and Mary Williams and some other cousins and into South Carolina to visit with the Abbott cousins and to do some research in Chester County.

Yes, we would love to know more about David and Flora<sup>BB</sup>, their parents, and when they came to America. So keep in touch as we love to share our genealogy with those who are interested.

Sincerely,

*Jaye A. Leigon*

You mentioned that you had received some information from a Mrs. Lisa Brown of Alma, Arkansas. When Bill, my husband, and I were in the Chester Co. Library last June, we noticed that the register had been signed on Friday, Nov. 28, by Herman A. Porter, Route 1, Box 800 A, Alma, Ark. 72021. So we just missed him. We have not corresponded with Herman but would like to. Lisa Brown is his daughter. Apparently we have never looked a last here.

Since Bill retired in 1976, we have been interested in genealogy. We first traced my father's lineage back to Boone County, E.C. and the Revolutionary War. I became a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution in 1978 on the ARDOTT. I am now trying to get the Porter lineage approved by DAR.

We had a most enjoyable trip last year to Tennessee where we met and visited with Alice and Mary Williams and some other cousins and into South Carolina to visit with the Abbott cousins and to do some research in Chester County.

Yes, we would love to know more about David and Flora B., their parents, and when they came to America. So keep in touch as we love to share our genealogy with those who are interested.

Sincerely,



Record 376 Dec 1831

Sealed signed and delivered  
in the presence of  
John A. Bradley  
William M. Robinson  
South Carolina Chester District

Daniel G. Carbone Esq.  
S. C. D.

John A. Bradley appeared and made oath that he saw  
Daniel G. Carbone sign seal and deliver the within Deed for the  
use and purposes therein mentioned, and that he with William  
M. Robinson in the presence of each other witnessed the execution  
hereof sworn to & signed Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1831  
Before me Rosborough J. J. John A. Bradley

State of South Carolina Chester District

Know all men by these presents that Margaret Perry  
late wife of John M. D. Perry deceased do hereby voluntarily and of  
my own free will bargain sell and release unto Joseph Hatch  
ford all my right of Dower to in a certain tract of land of which  
my husband was possessed in his lifetime and which is described in  
the within Deed and in consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid  
by the said Joseph Hatchford I do, relinquish unto him his heirs and  
assigns forever to have and to hold the same  
Witness my hand and seal this

No 376

State of So Carolina

Know all men by these presents that Mr. Florah Porter widow William  
Porter Samuel Porter & David Porter and John Gaston in right of Anne his  
wife Alexander Rosborough in right of Anne his wife & John Birns in right  
of Florah his wife residents in the State aforesaid and heirs at law of the  
Estate of David Porter decd in common with Robert B. Porter & William  
Monas in right of Mallet granville his wife for and in consideration of  
the sum of seven hundred dollars to us in hand paid by Robert B.  
Porter of Chester District and state aforesaid have granted bargained  
sold & released by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto  
the said Robert B. Porter our respective right & claim to all that tract  
of land lying & situated on the waters of Fishing Creek bounded on the  
East by lands surveyed for Samuel M. Culloch on the South by Bishops  
land on the West & north by Tallas & Gastons land and embraced in  
three several surveys viz One hundred acres granted to William  
Bishop 1784 by whom it was conveyed to David Porter, one other tract  
adjoining the South & East of the aforesaid tract containing  
granted to David Porter aforesaid in the year 1789 to another tract of seven hundred acres  
forty one & one quarter acres being a part of a tract of two hundred  
acres granted unto Joseph Gaston & by him conveyed to the aforesaid  
David Porter the former & courses of which may be seen by a  
reference to the several grants & surveys made, making in the whole  
five hundred & fifty eight & one quarter acres more or less Together  
with all and singular the rights members hereditaments and appurten

Recorded November 14th 1831





and to the said premises belonging or in any ways incident or appertaining. To have  
to hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said Robert  
B Porter his heirs & assigns forever. And we do hereby bind our selves our heirs  
& executors or administrators to warrant & forever defend our several proportions  
of the said premises unto the said Robert B Porter his heirs & assigns against  
ourselves & our heirs and against every other person or persons than those spe-  
cified above whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part  
thereof. Witness our hands & seals this tenth day of February in the year  
of our Lord 1831 & of the American Independence the 44th

In presence of  
John Gaston  
John B. Davis

Flora B. Porter

John Gaston

Anne Gaston

William Porter

John Burns

Flora Burns

Saml S. Porter

David Porter

Rosborough

Amey Rosborough

William Jones

Juliet Jones

Martin Key  
John Cherry

So Carolina Chester District

John B. Davis appeared and made oath that he saw Flora B. Porter John  
Gaston Anne Gaston William Porter John Burns Flora Burns Saml  
S. Porter David Porter sign seal and acknowledge the within Bond of convey-  
ance for the uses & purposes mentioned and that he with Alexander Gaston  
in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof

Sworn to and signed this 7th day of Nov 1831

John B. Davis

Geo. Gill J.D.

So Carolina Chester District

Apperead Martin Key before me and made oath that he was present  
and did see Amey S. D. Rosborough <sup>Rosborough</sup> William Jones Juliet Jones (his wife)  
the within named William Jones sign & acknowledge this deed to the within  
conveyance for the use and purpose therein mentioned & he the said Amey  
in the presence of John Cherry witnessed the due execution thereof

Sworn to before me this 18th of October 1831

Martin Key

John Cherry J.D.

The State of South Carolina

I John Rosborough a Justice of the Peace in and for  
the District of Chester do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern  
that Amey S. Rosborough the wife of the within named Alexander  
Rosborough did this day appear before me and upon being privately  
and separately examined by me did declare that the within Bond of  
conveyance was positively and bona fide executed at least seven days  
before this her examination by me and that she did then at the time of  
executing the same and still does freely voluntarily and without any





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compulsion dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever renounce release  
and forever relinquish unto the within named Robert B Porter his heirs and assigns  
forever all her Interest and Estate and Inheritance and also all her right and  
claim of Power of use to all and singular the premises within mentioned and released  
Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of January Anno Domini 1826  
J. Mosborough J. D. Quincy Mosborough

State of South Carolina

I John Cherry a Justice of the Quorum in and for the dis-  
trict of Chester do hereby certify <sup>in testimony of my own</sup> that Anne Gaston the wife of the within  
named John Gaston Flora Burns wife of the within named John Burns  
decd and Juliet of Jones wife of William Jones did this day appear  
before me and upon being privately and separately examined by me did  
declare that the within deed of conveyance was positively and bona fide  
executed at least seven days before their examination by me and  
that they did then at the time of the executing the same and since does  
freely voluntarily and without any compulsion dread or fear of any person  
or persons whomsoever renounce release and forever relinquish unto the  
within named Robert B Porter his heirs and assigns forever all their  
Interest and Estate and Inheritance, also their right and claim of Power  
of use to all and singular the within premises mentioned and released.

Given under my hand and seal this second day of November 1831  
John Cherry J. D. D.

Anne Gaston  
Flora Burns  
Juliet of Jones

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Alfred Carter

To

Robert B. Carter

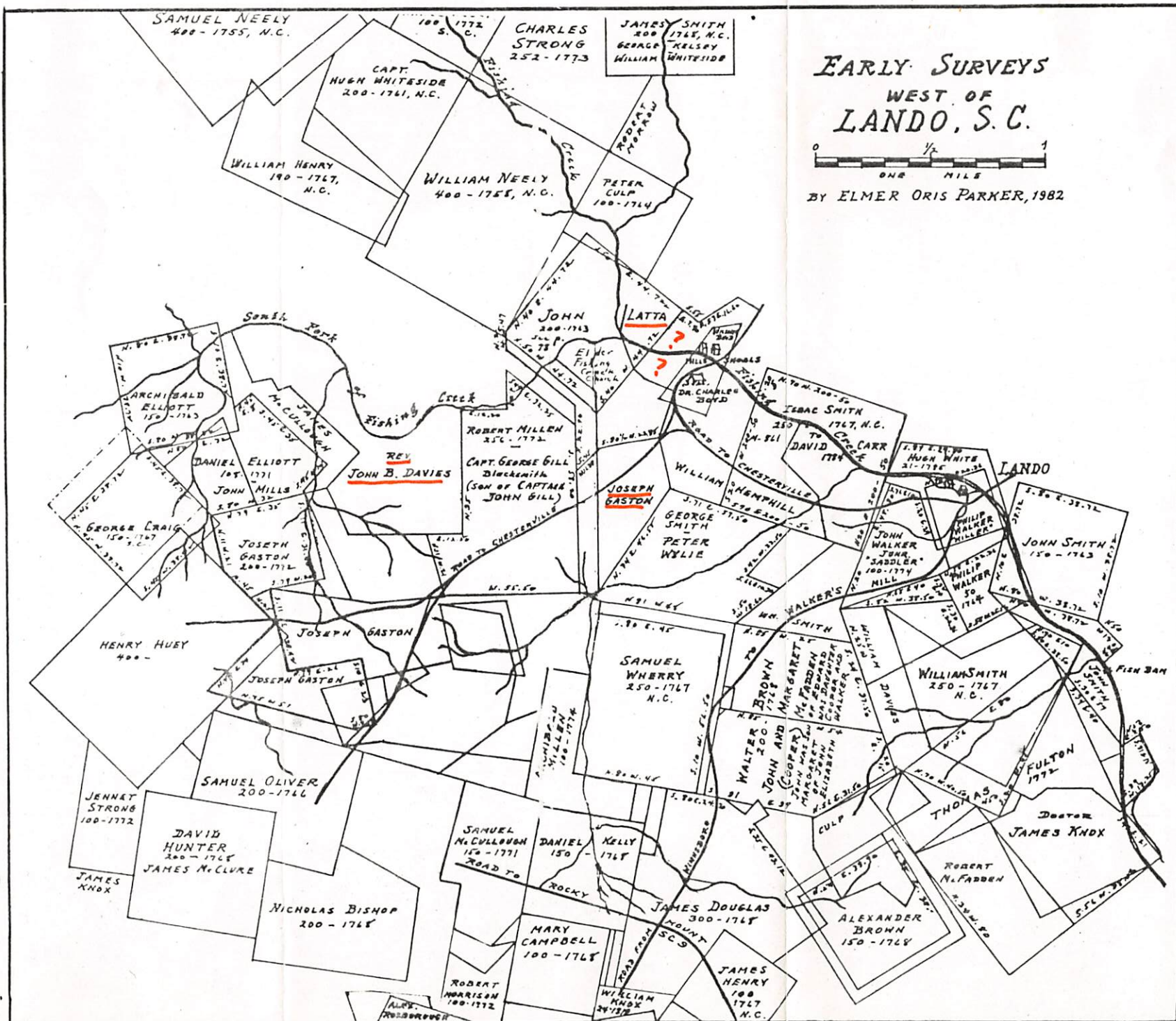
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Estate of David Carter,  
decd.

# EARLY SURVEYS WEST OF LANDO, S. C.



BY ELMER ORIS PARKER, 1982



Could the David Porter have decided in the  
exposed that he located the ? marked area.  
Rev John B. Davies was pastor of Fishery  
Creek Presbyterian Church.

(Thomas' Company)

George Nive	"	"
Solomon Roe	"	"
Nathan Evans	"	"
James Chappel	"	"
Solathiel Coffee	"	"
John Davis	"	"
Austin Moutray (Moultrie)	"	"
Christopher Winser	"	"
Andrew Cameron	"	"
William Hitchcock	"	"
Jacob Dove	"	"

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Very few muster rolls of troops serving in South Carolina militia organizations during the American Revolution are known to exist. Either they were not regularly prepared, or they have not survived. These rolls were found by Elmer Oris Parker among the Papers of General Andrew Williamson (c.1730-1786) in the South Caroliniana Library, Columbia. Permission to print these transcripts of them has been kindly granted to the Society by the Library for which we are grateful.

Mr. Parker is known to our readers for the numerous maps of early land surveys in Chester County that he has prepared for the Bulletin during the last four years.

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ELMER ORIS PARKER

DR. S. S. PORTER LETTER

The following is the autobiography of Dr. Samuel Shaw Porter written at Williamsport, Tenn., 7 Oct. 1859, for the benefit of his daughter by his first marriage, Flora, Mrs. A. H. Nicks, who soon after moved to Missouri.

Dear Daughter,

Being about to part with strong probabilities that we shall never see each other again, I think that associated with my daguerreotype likeness, it may be interesting to you and to your children, to have a short summary sketch of what little I know of my ancestry and yours, together with a brief sketch of my own life.

My father, David Porter, was brought up in Ireland, in the county of Antrim, near Belfast, of Scotch descent who fled from Scotland in consequence of religious persecutions. They there increased and became pretty numerous and from thence many of them came to America. My father first set foot on American soil at New Castle, in the State of Delaware, below Philadelphia and from thence emigrated to North Carolina.

The Porters were and are still generally a large people, rather high-minded and proud and tolerably enterprising.



My father died when I was quite a small boy, but I very well remember him. He was large, high tempered, but accounted an intelligent man, not very enterprising.

His mother's maiden name was Shaw which accounts for my intermediate name--Shaw.

My mother, Flora Brownfield, was also of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her mother Jenny Stuart when about six years old emigrated to America, into Pennsylvania, where grandfather Robert Brownfield also came from Ireland after he was grown, and there they were married and lived until my mother was about 6 years old, when they emigrated to North Carolina to Mecklinburg County, on Stubb Creek about six miles from Charlotte, where they were during the American Revolution.

There my father and mother were married not long after the close of the Revolution and emigrated to Chester County, S. C., where we (my brothers and sisters) were born and brought up.

The Brownfield stock as far as I know were and are a sober, quiet, truth-telling, truth-loving and pretty fair talented prudent and judicious people of excellent moral character.

My mother was left a widow with eight, the eldest not near grown. She managed (and I hardly know how she did it) to raise and moderately educate us all until we became able to do for ourselves. She had a heavy task and I think that few besides her could have performed it as well in her limited circumstances.

In addition to her own family she had her poor old mother, aged, helpless, and blind, brought from North Carolina and kept her the balance of her days. She died in 1811, I think it was, at the age of ninety-five as she computed. My mother died in the Western District, Carroll county in about her eighty-seventh year. She was of a family of great longevity. I was born the 3rd day of February, 1793. I remember hearing of the death of Gen. Washington, which I think took place in 1799.

I got a slight reading, writing, and arithmetic education by my mother sending me to school. After I became nearly grown, I, with forty dollars which I had earned by hard labor, commenced my classical studies. I boarded at Abram Gill's, six miles from home, during the school days of the week, returning home Friday evenings, at 50 cents per week, went to school to his son Robert Walker Gill studying the Latin language. This was in the years 1813-14.

I boarded at home and went to school to Parson John B. Davis. In the fall of that year, I volunteered to go on a campaign of six months to Charleston, underwent a soldier's life about that city until the next spring, returned home and immediately resumed my studies under Mr. Davis.

The next year, 1816, I went to school to Rev. John M. Wilson in Cabarra County, N. C., and in 1817 I went down to Sumpter District, S. C., and there got a school on the high hills of Santee, which took the name of Woodville, taught about a year then took a school five miles below for the next year (1818), and at the end of that year went again to school in Iredale County, N. C. under the tuition of Rev. John Mushat.

The next year (1820) I went back to Sumpter District and entered into merchandising in partnership with James H. Britten, spent the year in that business, sold out to my partner and then taught the next two years at Pine Grove Academy, where I had last taught, then in 1823 I studied medicine under Dr. James Haynesworth in Sumpterville; at the Commencement of my studies of medicine I had accumulated \$1200.00 and a horse and Saddle and clear of debt.

In the fall of 1823 I went to Lexington, Ky., and there I stayed until I graduated in March, 1825; visited relatives and friends in S. C. that Spring; then in May I bade farewell (as I thought forever) to my poor old mother and to my friends and relatives and again came west into Tennessee and by accident stopped at Williamsport which I have made my home since.

In the fall of 1825 I went back to Lexington, stayed through the winter and on the 23rd of February, 1826, I married your mother Jane W. Moore, daughter of Rev. James Moore. He was the first man to establish an Episcopal Church west of the Alleghaneys.

Your mother and I came to this place in April or May 1826. You were born April 8, 1827; we visited your grandmother in the fall. There were drenching rains upon us almost every day and streams exceedingly high. We got home before Christmas and about a week after your mother was taken with congestive fever and died after severe and protracted suffering Feb. 5, 1828.

From a paper in my possession I discover that she was born Aug. 29, 1799. She was buried at Zion Brick Church near a large white oak tree on her right hand and on the right of the two wives of Matthew D. Cooper.

I intended for years to have her remains removed to Lexington, Ky., but her brothers Drs. John and Joseph and sisters Nancy and Betsy died in rapid succession, soon followed by their mother, so gave up the idea of removing them, but have exactly described to you where she lies.

Her parents were highly respectable. Parson Moore was accounted quite talented. Her mother's maiden name was Todd and her parents and connections were respectable and wealthy. Many of them emigrated into Kentucky and many of their offspring still remain there.

(Signed) Samuel Shaw Porter

(Note: Dr. Porter's second wife, Katherine Todd, born 17 July 1817, died 28 July 1895, was cousin of his first wife. This letter furnished to Society by Marise P. Lightfoot.)

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The following items were copied from papers in the possession of Mrs. Lizzie Reid, and at one time owned by her husband, the late James R. Reid, Richburg, S<sup>C</sup>.

Mr. I. N. Whitesides was the first man to step out and volunteer to join the Lewisville Rifles, in front of Wylie and Roddey's Store, known to us as Whitesides' Store.

That Co. came to be known as Chester Guards.

In the 7 days fight below Richmond, Col. Steadman told his men to cease firing until he could find out whether the men who were shooting at them were our own men or our enemies. James Reid replied: "Give them a touch of the bayonet, Col., and we'll find out."

On one occasion in Va. the Confederates were being forced back so rapidly that none of the men except the mess that Mr. Robt. Blanks was cooking for had any supper. He followed with the food, saying: "If they could march and fight he could carry them something to eat."

(On information of Mr. Lathan, May 10, 1934)

At Howlett's Farm below Richmond, Lieut.-Col. Culp was ordered to take 25 men and stop the firing of a gun that was doing lots of damage. Col. Culp called for volunteers, raised the number and they started across to stop the firing. They had to cross a small open space and when they reached the desired spot only 4 were there; Col. Culp, privates Newman Hudson, William Martin, and John McGill.

Col. Culp turned to them saying: "Gentlemen, I hardly know whether to commend you for your bravery or condemn you for your rashness in following me."

Mr. Josiah Locke was blown to pieces at the Battle of the Crater.

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Congratulations to our President, Mr. Coy F. Stroud, and his wife, Leila, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th, 1983. We hope that you have many more happy anniversaries!

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