

A BRIEF SKETCH  
OF THE  
STRAIT FAMILY  
OF  
CHESTER AND YORK COUNTIES  
SOUTH CAROLINA

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DEDICATED  
TO  
THE MEMORY OF  
WILLIAM FRANCIS STRAIT, M.D.  
AND OF HIS WIFE  
ROSA PERRY GASTON STRAIT

TWO OF THE WORTHIEST DESCENDANTS  
OF CHRISTOPHER STRAIT

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The progenitor of the Strait family of Chester and York Counties, South Carolina, was Christopher Strait, who came to Chester County about 1770. He was a blacksmith and a planter. One record shows that he purchased 500 acres of land on Fishing Creek on September 2, 1774 (Chester Deed Book A, page 124). The family name was spelled successively Strevdt, Stright, Streight, Straight, and Strait. The Wherrys, a Scotch-Irish family from Pennsylvania who settled in Chester County about 1764, and the Straits were situated as near neighbors in that part of the county several miles southwest of Upper Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, near the South Fork of Fishing Creek and in close proximity to the old Saluda Road, which originally ran from the Catawba Indian Nation to Saluda Old Town, on the opposite side of South Carolina from York and Chester Counties.

Christopher Strait was born in 1739. His place of birth is not known at this writing (1974). He died in South Carolina on January 14, 1816, and was buried in the cemetery of Upper Fishing Creek Church. His first wife (the mother of his children) was (Mrs.) Mary (\_\_\_?) Kemmer, who was the mother-in-law of the Reverend John Simpson, founding pastor of Upper Fishing Creek Church (founded about 1770-1771). She was born in 1736 and died in South Carolina on August 29, 1784. Christopher Strait and (Mrs.) Mary Kemmer were married about 1761. Issue:

- I. Margaret Strait. Born February 25, 1763. Married George Gill (?). Perhaps this is the George Gill who was born in

New Jersey in 1761 and who later removed to Chester County, South Carolina. Issue:

A. Christopher Strait Gill. Baptized at Fishing Creek Church on September 5, 1802. In all probability there were other children in this family, but their names are not known by this writer.

II. George Strait. Born on Sunday, November 11, 1764. Died December 9, 1843. Buried in the cemetery of Upper Fishing Creek Church. Married Elizabeth Muldoon, who was born in 1771 and died on February 2, 1835. (John Muldoon, in his last will and testament, written in 1825, mentions his sister Sarah Johnson and his nephew, George Strait, Jr.) Issue:

A. Richard R. Strait. Born 1793. Married Mary M. Poag, daughter of James Poag and Lady Mary Hogg. Mary M. Poag was born in 1796 and died on July 27, 1854. Both she and her husband are buried in the cemetery of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, York County, South Carolina. Issue:

1. James Lawrence Strait. Born July 8, 1822. Died January 1, 1864. Buried at Bethesda Church. Married first Rachel C. \_\_\_\_, who was born in 1832 and died on May 23, 1852. No issue. Married second Elizabeth D. \_\_\_\_, who survived her husband and later married Robert Hinson. Issue:

a. Robert L. Strait. Born December 3, 1856. Died January 18, 1903. Married Harriet J. Lowry, who

was born May 20, 1862, and died December 14, 1896.

b. Fanny Strait.

c. Margaret Strait.

d. Ross Strait.

2. Emeline E. Strait. Married before 1834 to John Sadler Black, son of John and Helen (Sadler) Black.

John Sadler Black was born in 1806 and died on September 2, 1839. Buried at Bethesda Church.

After his death his widow remarried, her husband being Francis Marion Steele. She died in Mississippi after 1851. Issue:

a. John A. Black. Born 1826-1834. Married first to Amanda Kirby. Issue:

(1) William Edward Black. Born about 1854. Living in Pacolet, S.C., in 1924.

(2) J. Charles Black. Born about 1856. Died before 1924 in Spartanburg, S.C.

(3) David M. Black. Born about 1859. Living in 1924.

(4) Laura Black. Born on August 3, 1863. Died without issue on March 3, 1923. Married William Joseph Miller, son of Joseph and Mary (Cathcart) Miller. He was born on August 12, 1845, and died on February 17, 1918. Buried in the cemetery of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, York County, S.C.

(5) Sarah Amanda Black. Born January 22, 1866.

Died March 20, 1951. Married on January 28, 1881, Eugene Hutchison Garyfison, son of Peter and Cynthia Louisa (Hall) Garyfison. He was born on January 9, 1860, and died on July 23, 1929. Buried at Ebenezer Church, York Co., S.C.

John A. Black married second on March 4, 1884, (Mrs.) Elizabeth Campbell (Black) Turner, daughter of Alexander Templeton and Jane W. (Campbell) Black. No issue.

b. Eleanor Cornelia Black. Born February 14, 1835. Died June 6, 1915. Married J. F. Adams. Born December 25, 1832. Died October 29, 1915. Buried in the cemetery of the Bethany A.R.P. Church, York County, S.C.

c. Mary Pauline Black. Born about 1836. Married on March 16, 1850, James Monroe Steele, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Edwards) Steele. He was born on June 9, 1830, and died in Mississippi on November 25, 1860.

B. James Strait. Born 1795. Died August 23, 1835. Buried at Fishing Creek Church.

C. John Thompson Strait. Born September 19, 1800. Died July 10, 1863. Buried at Fishing Creek Church. He was a wagonmaker in York District, S.C.

D. Mary C. Strait. Born December 16, 1802. Died April 16, 1873. Buried at Fishing Creek Church. Married Thomas P.

Dixon, who died before 1850. Issue:

1. Elizabeth J. Dixon. Born about 1838. Married

Amos L. Nunnery. Issue:

a. Albert P. Nunnery. Born October 30, 1866. Died  
January 10, 1870.

2. Mary A. Dixon. Born about 1839. Married John B. Fudge.

E. Jane Johnson Strait. Born about 1804. Married James  
Poag, son of James Poag and Lady Mary Hogg. Issue:

1. Leonard Strait Poag.

2. James Commodore Chauncey Poag. Married Eliz. A. Isom.

3. Rebecca J. Poag.

4. Mary H. Poag. Born October 8, 1837. Died  
August 28, 1855.

5. Rosinda Poag. Married William Kenmore.

F. Christopher Strait. Born about 1806. Died about 1855.  
Married Mary (Drennan?). Born about 1807. Died in 1855.

Issue:

1. Elizabeth Strait. Born about 1826. Died in 1855.

Married John James Ryan Workman. Born July 1, 1821.

Died February 2, 1896. Issue:

a. Robert Nelson Workman. Born December 19, 1852.

Died March 10, 1917. Married Minerva Lee, daughter  
of Henry Lee, of the Harmony Church section of  
Chester County. She was born June 2, 1850, and  
died March 31, 1915. Issue:

(1) Hall Brown Workman. Born in Chester County

on July 12, 1887. Died in 1956. Married  
Frances Turner. Issue:

(a) William N. Workman. Resident of Rock Hill,  
S.C.

b. Elizabeth Workman. Born in 1853. Married  
Preston Nesbit. Died in Arkansas. She lived  
to be nearly one hundred years old. Issue  
untraced.

2. Hugh D. Strait. Married Jane D. (Crook?), sister of  
Joseph Crook.

G. Leonard Strait. Born 1808. Died July 25, 1824.

H. William R. Strait. Born October 12, 1809. Died  
October 14, 1873. Married Elizabeth R. Abernathy, the  
sister of William, James H., and Milton Abernathy.

I. George Strait, Jr. Born about 1810. Died 1847. Married  
Nancy Gill, daughter of George Gill, Esq. Nancy (Gill)  
Strait was born about 1809-1810. Her father died  
in the same year as her husband, 1847. Issue:

1. Jane Elizabeth Strait. Born about 1829. Married  
James McElhany. Moved to Arkansas. Issue untraced.

2. William Leonard Strait. Born in 1830. Died at  
Petersburg, Virginia, in 1865 as a member of Co. A,  
17th S.C.V., C.S.A. Married Mary Pagan Dunlap, the  
daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Dunlap. She  
was born April 1, 1829, and died November 20, 1909.  
Issue:

a. Martha (Mattie) A. Strait. Married John H. Duncan.

b. Agnes (Nancy) E. Strait. Born May 16, 1858. Died October 13, 1913. Married on January 4, 1883, by the Reverend J. Lowrie Wilson, to Rufus L. Isom. He was born August 1, 1862, and died April 17, 1897.

Issue:

(1) William Leonard Isom. Born June 15, 1884. Died May 18, 1959. Married Lees O. Gramling, of Orangeburg County, S.C. Issue:

(a) Leonard Gramling Isom.

c. Mary Louisa Strait. Born April 21, 1859. Died July 15, 1927. Unmarried.

3. Mary Louisa Strait. Born about 1833. Died before 1879. Married Amzi Boyd, of Co. A, 17th S.C.V.

4. Sarah A. Strait. Born about 1834. Died before 1879.

5. John Robinson Strait. Born 1836. Died June 11, 1887. Married Margaret Ann Abernathy, daughter of James H. Abernathy. She was born about 1841 and died in 1915.

Issue:

a. James W. Strait. Married Julia Fennell, Moved to Eugene, Oregon.

b. John Beauregard Strait. Born August 30, 1861. Died April 19, 1902.

c. Allen W. Strait. Married Mabel Pearson.

d. George Gill Strait. Born October 4, 1866. Died June 22, 1872.



- e. Thomas Eugene Strait. Married Sally Crook.
- f. Louis Jordan Strait. Married Lida Smith.
- g. Margaret Strait. Married John Allen.
- h. Frank S. Strait. Married Victoria Hollis.
- 6. Isaac Newton Strait. Born March 13, 1837. Died February 3, 1907. Unmarried.
- 7. Susan R. Strait. Born August 24, 1839. Died May 6, 1910. Married James Nelson.
- 8. M. Eliza A. Strait. Born about 1840. Died before 1879.
- 9. George W. Strait. Born about 1843. Died in March, 1865, at the Battle of Meade's Station, Virginia (also called Fort Steadman and Hare's Hill). S.C.V., C.S.A.
- 10. Thomas J. Strait. Born March 30, 1846. Died November 17, 1916. Married Mary C. Turner, who was born September 3, 1852, and died November 13, 1939. From 1863 to 1865 Thomas J. Strait was a member of Co. A, 17th S.C.V., C.S.A. Issue:
  - a. William Robert Strait. Married Anna Kidd. Moved to the West.
  - b. Samuel Gill Strait. Born May 20, 1879. Died May 24, 1928. Married Cora Conrad. Issue:
    - (1) Mildred Strait. Married Thomas C. Workman.
    - (2) Ruth Strait.
    - (3) Gerald Strait.
    - (4) Rupert Strait. Married Katherine Vaughn.
  - c. Isaac Louis Strait. Born 1888. Died 1945. Married

Pet Ashley, of Abbeville County, S.C.

d. Claude Edwards Strait. Born 1884. Died 1941.

? Married Bessie Hollis.

e. Emma Jane Strait. Married Isaac Kidd.

f. Mary (Minnie) Harriet Strait. Married William S. Percival.

g. Katherine (Kate) Irene Strait. Married Wister Carter, of Florence County, S.C.

III. John Strait. Born on Tuesday, November 5, 1766. Died 1816. Married Margaret Brown, who was living in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in the year 1829. Issue:

A. Rosannah Strait.

B. Robert Strait. Living in Mississippi in 1829.

C. Sarah Strait. Married John S. Hartness.

D. Mary Strait. Married Benjamin Nunnery.

E. William Strait. Living in Mississippi in 1829.

F. Elizabeth Strait.

G. Margaret Strait (called "Margaret Strait, Jr.").

IV. Mary Strait. Born on Sunday, January 8, 1769. Married

? Thompson. Issue:

A. Christopher Strait Thompson. Baptized at Fishing Creek Church on April 8, 1810.

V. James Strait. Born on Tuesday, March 5, 1771. Married Margaret Wherry, daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Coulter) Wherry. She was born June 3, 1770, and died December 2, 1839.

She was buried in the cemetery at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Alabama. Issue:

A. Dorcas Strait. Born about 1799. Married Robert Brown.

B. Mary Cooper Strait. Born about 1800. Married Alexander Campbell, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Campbell, of the Neely's Creek section of York County, S.C. Issue: (all of whom lived at one time in Kemper County, Mississippi)

1. Margaret Campbell. Married ? Grubb.

2. Elizabeth Campbell.

3. Mary Campbell.

4. James Campbell.

5. William Campbell.

6. Samuel Campbell.

7. Alonzo Campbell.

C. Samuel Wherry Strait. Born about 1801. Moved to Greene County, Alabama.

D. Christopher Strait. Born August 30, 1804. Died September 26, 1840, in Alabama.

E. John Strait. Born December 8, 1806. Died in Alabama on February 9, 1857. His wife was probably Mary S. Strait, who was born on December 2, 1808, and died on November 5, 1861, in Alabama.

F. James Strait, Jr. Born about 1810. (One source indicates that he may have been a twin of his brother John.)

G. Margaret Matilda Strait. Born about 1815.

VI. Leonard Strait. Born on October 28, 1773. Died on November 3, 1825. Married Sarah (Sally) Fox, who was born on June 30, 1780, and died in 1833. Married about 1800. Issue:

- A. Harvey Hugh Strait. Born September 16, 1802. Married Nancy Selena (Gill?). *Moved to Miss. ? See Bulletin JUNE 1985 p. 71 settled in Pontotoc County - then he/descendants moved to Texas? see Sara Millan letter 7-20-85.*
- B. George G. Strait. Born January 17, 1804. Living in Meadville, Franklin County, Alabama, in 1869. His wife died in 1851, leaving three boys and four girls.
- C. Elizabeth (Betsy) W. Strait. Born February 20, 1806. Died in either 1837 or 1839. Married James Dixon, who died in 1837. Issue: *Moved to Miss. ? See Bulletin JUNE 1985 p. 71*
1. William L. Dixon. Married Mary Jane ?.
  2. Sarah A. Dixon. Born March 19, 1832. Died October 14, 1844.
  3. Mary Caroline Dixon.
  4. Martha E. Dixon. Born April 22, 1830. Died December 27, 1835.
  5. Leonard W. Dixon. Born September 5, 1828.

D. Jacob Fox Strait. Born June 9, 1808. Died July 10, 1865. Married on November 8, 1832, to Isabella Wylie, who was born on November 17, 1811. Issue:

1. Sallie Strait. Born August 16, 1833. Married Jason Hicklin. Issue:  
*Buried - Edgemore*

- a. William Wylie Hicklin. Married Rosa Walker.
  - b. Isabella Hicklin. Never married. *(Buried Edgemar)*
  - c. Sarah Hicklin. Never married. *("Aunt Sarah") Buried Edgemar*  
*Favorite Hymn - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
  - (d.) Susan Hicklin. Married William Wylie Gaston.  
*(Both Buried Pleasant Grove)*
2. Gilbert M. Lafayette Strait. Born September 30, 1834.  
Died during the Confederate War. He was never married  
but he was engaged to Elizabeth Wells Baskin.
3. Anna Strait. Born May 5, 1836.
4. Peter Wylie Strait. Born July 19, 1838. Died very  
young.
5. Richard Evans Strait. Born September 30, 1840. Died  
young.
6. Leonard J. Strait. Born October 19, 1842. Died young.
7. Henrietta Antoinette Strait. Born May 30, 1844.  
Married David Lyle, M.D. Issue:
- a. Lafayette Strait Lyle. Married Kate Robinson.
  - b. <sup>Strait</sup>Jennie Strait Lyle. Never married.
  - c. William Francis Lyle. Died young.
  - d. Mary Rose Lyle. Married William Wallace Fennell,  
M.D.
  - e. David Lyle, M.D. Married Martha Nash.
  - f. John Wylie Lyle. Married Grace Terrell.
  - g. Henrietta Lyle. Married George Gill.  
M.D.
8. Thomas Jefferson Strait, / Born December 25, 1846.  
United States Congressman from South Carolina.  
Married first Kate Latham. No issue. They adopted  
one daughter, the distinguished South Carolina painter

Clara Barrett-Strait. Congressman Strait married  
second Ella Ruff. Issue:

- a. Thomas J. Strait, Jr. Married, but no issue.  
b. Jacob Fox Strait. Married, with three children.

9. Arsonia Anne Strait. Born June 9, 1849. Married

Robert Kee. Issue:

- a. Gilbert Lafayette Kee. Married, with three children.  
 b. Martha Isabel Kee. Married a Gladden. Three children.

- c. Chesley Kee. Never married.
- d. Leonard Kee. Never married.
- e. William Francis Kee. Never married.
- f. Jacob Strait Kee. Never married.
- g. Thomas Jefferson Kee. Never married.

10. Susan Isabella Kelso Strait. Born March 9, 1852.  
Died young.

11. William Francis Strait, M.D. Born March 6, 1854. Died in 1898. Married in April, 1891, to Rosa Perry Gaston, who was born on February 2, 1870, and died in 1969.

Issue:

- a. Rosa Baskin Strait. Born March 12, 1892. Married on November 27, 1912, to Algernon Prothro Guess, of Denmark, S.C. He was born January 15, 1889, and died February 20, 1920. Issue:

- (1) Algernon Prothro Guess, Jr. Born December 16, 1913. Married Eva Fair. Issue:

(a) Algernon Prothro Guess III.



(b) Sallie Josephine Guess.

(2) William Francis Guess. Born August 25, 1915.  
Unmarried.

(3) Rosanne Guess. Born October 10, 1920. Married  
Edwin S. James on June 27, 1947. Issue:

(a) Rosanah Baskin James.

(b) Elizabeth Lane James.

b. William Francis Strait, Jr., M.D. Born April 20,  
1894. Married Rena Lillian Blanton. Issue:

(1) Rosa Lillian Strait. Unmarried.

(2) William Francis Strait III, M.D. Married  
Sarah Burgerson. Issue:

(a) Mary Strait.

(b) Alice Strait.

(c) Helen Strait.

(3) Isabella Strait. Married George R. Huffman.  
Issue:

(a) Rosa Lillian Huffman.

(b) Elizabeth Huffman.

(c) George R. Huffman, Jr.

c. Isabel Wylie Strait. Married Philip W. Fairey.  
Issue:

(1) Philip W. Fairey, M.D. Married Harriett Gage.  
Issue:

(a) Philip W. Fairey III.

(b) George Gage Fairey.

(c) Gaston Fairey.

(d) John Fairey.

(e) Isabel Fairey.

(2) Frank Strait Fairey, M.D. Married Martha Buice. Issue:

(a) Frank Strait Fairey, Jr., M.D. Married Charlotte Shepard Davis.

(b) Wade Buice Fairey. Married Mary Catherine Kimbrell.

(c) Risher Rainey Fairey.

(d) Jane Moyer Fairey.

(3) Joseph Koger Fairey. Married Betty J. Woodside. Issue:

(a) Joseph K. Fairey.

(b) Anne K. Fairey.

(c) Elizabeth Fairey.

(d) Isabella Fairey.

(4) John Gaston Fairey.

E. Martha (Patsy) H. Strait. Born April 2, 1810. Married John Cooper. Moved to Huntingdon Post Office, Carroll County, Tennessee, and then to Winston County, Mississippi.

F. Christopher Columbus Strait. Born February 22, 1812.

Married Jane \_\_\_\_\_. Moved to Winston County, Mississippi.

Issue:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Strait. Born August 28, 1846.

G. Mary (Polly) C. Strait. Born February 19, 1814.



H. Samuel Leonard Strait, M.D. Born September 22, 1816.  
Died September 26, 1885. Married on May 3, 1855, by  
the Reverend D. P. Robinson, to Rachel Archianna  
Crockett. Born 1815. Died June 1, 1894. No issue.

I. Sarah Caroline Strait. Born September 23, 1819.

J. Margaret (Peggy) Susannah Strait. Born July 28, 1823.

*Moved to Miss. Married Doc Greenlee Shelton, Pontotoc County.  
See Bulletin June 1985 p. 71. Six children - see Sara Miller letter - 7-20-85.*

VII. Sarah Lynn Strait. Born October 28, 1773. Died on  
November 15, 1844. Married Samuel McCullough, who was born  
June 14, 1772, and died April 24, 1830. Issue:

A. Rosanna McCullough. Born December 29, 1811. Died

June 5, 1889. Married William Baskin, who was business  
manager of the old South Carolina College, in Columbia.  
He died in that city and was buried <sup>in the Baskin family cemetery.</sup> there. Issue:

1. Samuel McCullough. Died young.

2. Joseph Baskin. Killed at Antietam.

3. Elizabeth Wells Baskin. Married in 1865 to William  
Benjamin Dunlap. Issue:

a. Mary Perry Dunlap. Married William Joseph Roddey.

Issue:

(1) Catharine Roddey. Married Harry T. Jones.

(2) W. Joseph Roddey, Jr. Married Mary Kolb.

(3) B. Dunlap Roddey. Married Maud Barron.

(4) Elizabeth Wells Roddey. Married Frank Dowd.

(5) W. L. Roddey. Married Elizabeth Clarey.

(6) John Roddey. Married Jean Richards.

b. Ira Baskin Dunlap. Married Josie Black. Issue:

(1) W. Ben Dunlap. Married Martha Workman.

(2) Betty Dunlap. Married John Edwin Reid, Jr.

c. Herbert McCullough Dunlap. Married Mary Jo Witherspoon. Issue:

(1) Herbert M. Dunlap, Jr.

(2) J. Witherspoon Dunlap. A minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

(3) Isabel Dunlap.

(4) Bernie C. Dunlap.

(5) George W. Dunlap.

d. Walter Massey Dunlap. Married Lillian Massey. Issue:

(1) Walter M. Dunlap, Jr.

(2) Mary Elizabeth Dunlap. Married Mr. Seawell.

(3) Dora Jones Dunlap. Married Frank Patton Gaston, M.D.

(4) Lillian Massey Dunlap. Married Jack R. Hutcheson.

④. Mary McCullough Baskin. Married on February 14, 1866, to William Newton Gaston. Issue:

①. William Wylie Gaston. Married Susan Hicklin. Issue:

①. W. W. Gaston, Jr. Married Marian McCarter..

(2) John Porter Gaston. Married Mary Saye.

(3) Sallie Gaston. Unmarried.

b. Joseph Baskin Gaston. Married Jane Owings. Issue:

(1) Caroline Gaston.

(2) Newton Gaston.

- c. John Newton Gaston, M.D. Married first Marv Patton./  
 Married second (Mrs.) Rose (Patton) Hoke.  
 Issue: (by the first wife)
- (1) Elizabeth Gaston. Married Markley Lee Jones.
  - (2) John Newton Gaston, Jr., M.D. *M/MARTHA MOORE WILSON*
  - (3) Frank Patton Gaston, M.D. (See above.) *M/DORA JONES DUNLAP*
  - (4) Jo Baskin Gaston. Married Mr. Stack (*AMOS*)
- d. Elizabeth Wells Gaston. Married William Pinckney Neely. Issue:
- (1) William Pinckney Neely, Jr.
  - (2) John Neely.
  - (3) Newton Gaston Neely.
  - (4) Mary Neely.
- e. Rosa Perry Gaston (third child in this family).  
 Married William Francis Strait, M.D. (See above.)
- f. Anna Gaston. Never married.
- g. Lotta Blair Gaston. Married Joseph Connor Steele.  
 Issue:
- (1) Joseph C. Steele, Jr.
- h. Ethel Victoria Gaston. Married A. Theodore Quantz.  
 Issue:
- (1) A. T. Quantz, Jr.
  - (2) Newton Gaston Quantz, M.D. Married Frances Bland.
  - (3) Mary McCullough Quantz.
  - (4) Herman Celestian Quantz, M.D.
  - (5) William Porter Quantz.

B. Thomas McCullough. Born September 17, 1796. Died  
 September 6, 1827. Buried at Fishing Creek Church.

C. Rachel McCullough. Married Dr. Richard Wylie. Issue:

1. Thomas Wylie. Died in the Confederate War.

2. John Dunovant Wylie. Married Eliza Witherspoon. Issue:

a. Richard Evans Wylie.

D. Cliver Perry McCullough. Born December 5, 1813. Died March 20, 1870. Buried at Fishing Creek Church.

E. Olivia McCullough. Died young.

F. Mary McCullough. Married Dr. A. P. Wylie, as his first wife. (?)

G. John Randolph McCullough. Attended South Carolina College. Died young. *Wylie*

H. Samuel McCullough. Attended South Carolina College. Died young.

I. Strait McCullough. Married ? Boyd. Removed to Florida. A daughter stayed in South Carolina and married an Atkinson.

VIII. Elizabeth Strait. Born on Thursday, June ?, 1777.

*d Oct. 7, 1845*  
Married Andrew Wherry, son of Samuel and Dorcas (Coulter)

Wherry. Born in Chester County about 1774. Moved to Tennessee about 1829-1830. Died in Shelby County in April, 1834. Issue:

A. Leonard Wherry. Born about 1799. Died August 14, 1813.

B. Mary Strait Wherry. Born March 17, 1802. Died October 27, 1855. Married John Simpson Neely, son of James and Jane (Simpson) Neely. He was born on September 28, 1800, and died on March 15, 1838. He was a grandson of the Reverend John Simpson. Issue:

1. Elizabeth Neely. Born about 1826. Living unmarried in 1850.
2. Dorcas J. Neely. Born December 28, 1829. Died October 25, 1833.
3. Willis Wherry Neely. Born March 24, 1832. Died June 20, 1869. Married in 1857 to Martha Caroline White, daughter of Peter and Martha Randall (Rives) White. Born February 29, 1840. Died August 12, 1866.  
Issue:

a. Mary Randall Neely. Born October 31, 1859. Died October 9, 1946. Married James Crawford McFadden, son of James McCalla and Amelia Eleanor (Crawford) McFadden. He was born May 3, 1858, and died on April 8, 1942. Issue:

- (1) Lindsay Crawford McFadden. He was commander of the Rock Hill men who served in Europe in World War I. Also, he was for many years postmaster of Rock Hill, S.C. Married first Maude Grantham. Married second (Mrs.) Margaret (Ruff) Shurley. No issue.
- (2) Mary Augusta McFadden. Married W. A. Blaine.
- (3) Maude White McFadden. Married Daniel Saye Hollis.
- (4) Martha McFadden. Unmarried.
- (5) Amelia McFadden. Unmarried.
- (6) Willis Neely McFadden. Married Marv Bailey, of Edisto Island, S.C.
- (7) Edna James McFadden. Died young.



b. John Simpson Neely. Born January 30, 1862. Died May 14, 1949. Married on February 23, 1887, to Martha (Mattie) Simpson, daughter of William Blackstock Simpson. She was born December 16, 1868, and died April 25, 1922. Issue:

(1) Willis Neely.

(2) Mary Neely. Married Otis Plaxico Thompson.

(3) Margaret Neely. Unmarried.

(4) John Millen Neely.

c. Mattie E. Neely. Born June 6, 1866. Died on September 18, 1872.

Willis Wherry Neely, a lieutenant of the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865, married second on September 5, 1867, Mary Cornelia Workman, daughter of Capt. John Franklin Workman and Mary (McFadden) Workman. She was born on September 9, 1844, and died on March 7, 1928. Issue:

d. Annie Gill Neely. Born September 13, 1868. Died June 7, 1942. Married James Alexander Williford.

Born March 6, 1866, and died January 5, 1946. Issue:

(1) Elizabeth (Bess) Williford. Married Robert Alexander Fewell.

4. Susan E. Neely. Born September 15, 1827. Died December 4, 1875. Married George C. Gill. These may be the parents of "Cousin Molly Gill," spoken of with affection by all the Strait-Neely-McFadden connection.

5. John T. Neely. Born February 26, 1837. Died April 21, 1845.

C. Willis Wherry. Born in South Carolina about 1803. Died in Shelby County, Tennessee, on September 12, 1830. Buried in the old Wherry family burial ground in Shelby County.

D. Silas Wherry. Born about 1806 in South Carolina. Living in 1880 in White River Township, Independence County, Arkansas. Married Sarah J. ?, who was born in Virginia about 1827. Issue (among others):

1. Willis A. Wherry. Born in Tennessee in 1854.

2. Silas L. Wherry. Born in Tennessee in 1858.

3. Walter A. Wherry. Born in Tennessee in 1869.

E. Margaret (Peggy) Wherry. Born in South Carolina about 1809.

F. William Wherry. Born in South Carolina about 1812.

G. John Wherry. Born in South Carolina about 1814.

H. Thomas Jordan Wherry. Born in South Carolina about 1817.

I. Dorcas Wherry. Died after 1834.

IX. Christopher Strait, Jr. Born July 4, 1779. Nothing further is known of him at this writing (1974).

Christopher Strait, the progenitor of the South Carolina family, married second Margaret Patton, who was born in 1753 and died on July 8, 1788. No issue. Christopher Strait married third, in 1794, (Mrs.) Rosannah Gray (Wylie) Stinson, who was born in 1766 and died on October 2, 1812. No issue.

# ADDENDA AND HINTS FOR FUTURE INVESTIGATION

1. From Lost Links, a book from the Rock Hill Public Library:

Julia Elizabeth Posey, daughter of Pleasant Milton and Caroline (Porter) Posey, of Tennessee, married on August 16, 1860, Dr. James L. Strait, surgeon of the Confederate States Army. Their children were (1) John Milton Strait, who died at age 19; (2) Emma Caroline Strait, who married Dr. W. K. Gray; and (3) Mary Adeline Strait, who married W. C. King.

It is perfectly possible that Dr. James L. Strait is a descendant of Christopher Strait through one of the Strait grandchildren who removed from South Carolina to Mississippi and Alabama before the Confederate War.

2. Marriage dates taken from old newspapers:

Mrs. E. D. Strait married J.(R?)F. Hinson  
on February 13, 1868

Rebecca Jane Strait married John B. Wvlie  
on June 4, 1859

Richard R. Strait married Mrs. Mary McLean  
on January 11, 1859

3. Jacob Fox Strait received a letter from his "Aunt Margaret," who lived near Pleasant Ridge Church and near "Columbus's house."

4. Francis Marion Steele was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Edwards) Steele. He married Mrs. E. E. Black (nee Strait). Issue: (1) Mary Virginia, no children; (2) James Alexander, no children; (3) Wm. Lawrence, 5 children; (4) Augustus C., 5 children; (5) Laura Georgia, 3 children in Texas; (6) Sarah Antoinette, married a Meekins, 2 children; (7) Steele Steele, married Irene Hardy, 2 children in Navasota, Texas.



5. In either January or February, 1974, there was an obituary in The State newspaper of a retired fireman of the Camden (S.C.) Fire Department, Andrew R. Mayer, Sr., aged 78 years. He was a son of the late Leonard Strait and Susan (Ingram) Mayer. The survivors were Andrew R., Jr., and Jimmie Mayer, of Camden, sons; Mrs. Margaret Whitley, of Charlotte, N.C., a daughter; Frank Mayer, of Camden, a brother; and Miss Emily Mayer, of Columbia, S.C., a sister.

It would be interesting to learn whether the name Leonard Strait Mayer indicated a blood relationship with the family of Leonard Strait, of Chester County, S.C., deceased.

6. There is an article on the four Strait brothers who fought in the Confederate War in The Rock Hill Herald, May 31, 1899. John Strait, William Strait, George W. Strait, and Thomas Strait fought as members of Co. A, 17th S.C.V., W. H. Edwards, captain, and Willis Wherry Neely, lieutenant. William and George W. Strait died in service.
7. Capt. W. H. Edwards wrote an excellent and lengthy article about the Strait family in military service, probably in The Chester Reporter, about November 24, 1916. The article bears that date.
8. Volume I, page 799, Compendium of American Genealogy, found in the Rock Hill Public Library. There is a reference to an immigrant settler to one of the Northern states -- his name, Christian Streydt. The Anglicized spelling would be, of course, Christopher Strait. Investigation into this line might yield the European country of origin of the Strait family of South Carolina. The name sounds either Dutch or German.
9. Minutes of Fishing Creek Church, baptized April 8, 1810, Christopher Strait Thompson, son of John Thompson. This entry indicates that the Christian name of Mary Strait's husband (see page 9, above) was John.
10. Minutes of Fishing Creek Church, Christopher and Rose Strait were dismissed in 1802 to join another church in the area. It would probably be correct to say that they became members of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, York County, S.C. Bethesda Church is not far from the Chester County line.

11. Family of George Gill Strait, son of Leonard Strait (see p. 11 above).

George Gill Strait. Born January 17, 1804, in Chester County, S. C. Died on January 4, 1874 (1878?), in Franklin County, Mississippi. Buried in cemetery on the old Strait homeplace, E. Franklin County, north of Quentin, Mississippi. Married first on January 1, 1835, to Selicia Beck, who lived only a year. Married second on January 11, 1837, to Anne Williams, widow of Ervin Lee. She was born on December 21, 1811, at Second Creek, Adams County, Mississippi. Died June 25, 1851, at Franklin Co., Miss. She was the daughter of John Williams. Issue:

1. Eveline Strait. Never married. Franklin Co., Miss. (Twin)
2. Angeline Strait. Died young. Franklin Co., Miss. (Twin)
3. Mary Matilda Strait. Born January, 1841. Died on March 26, 1881. Franklin Co., Miss. Married on December 4, 1878, Wesley Pascal Walker. (Twin)
4. Christopher Columbus Strait. Born January, 1841. Moved to Texas, married, and had three daughters. (Twin)
5. Leonard Sylvester Strait. Born January 6, 1845. Died in Lincoln Co., Miss., on October 27, 1936. Married first on December 24, 1868, to Margaret Missouri Rawls. Married second on February 14, 1900, Jefferson Davis Sample
6. Adeline Strait. Born January 24, 1847. Died April 5, 1914. Married on Dec. 8, 1869, to John Wells.
7. George Washington Strait. Born January 5, 1851. Died February 17, 1917. Married on June 5, 1887, to Sallie Barfoot. (Twin) Franklin County, Mississippi.
8. Martha (Matt) Strait. Born January 5, 1851. Married on January 8, 1880, to Alfred Ferrell. (Twin)