

From the "Boulware Family Genealogy 1608"
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Boulware Walls Cemetery

This burying ground was established shortly after the Revolution by Muscoe Boulware (1758-1825) and his wife Nancy Pickett, and they rest within its walls. They came from King and Queen County, of Tidewater Virginia, bought land on the Flint Hill ridge, and built a home which they called "Eagle House."

When Muscoe Boulware died, in 1825, he made bequests in his will to ten children, leaving the home place to his unmarried son, Doctor William R. A. Boulware, but providing that his wife, Nancy Boulware should continue to live there.

When Dr. Boulware died in 1832, he devised the home place to his oldest brother, Thomas Boulware, but made legal provisions for the cemetery by stating, "I do hereby reserve one acre of land which I appropriate and set apart as a family burying ground, with a suitable way of access to same."

His mother continued to reside at the old home place until her death in 1836. Three of her daughters married Pickett Cousins, and both Picketts and Boulwares are buried within the old walls. The walls are quite massive, of rubble stone construction, about two feet thick, and extend nearly two hundred feet each way. The gateway pillars are of dressed stone with wrought iron gate.

There is a tradition that the first burial in the cemetery was that of William Boulware, father of Muscoe I, but there is no tombstone; neither is there a monument to Muscoe I, nor to his wife, Nancy Pickett. The earliest monument is that of Muscoe II, dated 1832. The latest is that of Sallie Raines Robertson dated 1889. There are a number of other monuments, among them one carrying only the inscription "My Mother." (Judge Neil's mother)

It is proposed now (in 1946) to raise sufficient funds to set up a respectable marker to the memory of Muscoe Boulware I, and Nancy Pickett, Who following the custom of the times, laid out this family burying ground.

(Later, in 1947)

The Boulware Walls were repaired and monument erected in 1946 under the sponsorship of

Richard H. McMaster, Alexandria, Va.
Charles A. Stevenson, Winnsboro, S. C.
James R. Boulware II, Lakeland, Florida

Thomas McCullough Boulware, Allendale, S. C.
Richard H. Boulware, Rock Hill, S. C.
Benjamin M. Hall, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia
Charles Neil, Winnsboro, S. C.
Muscoe Robertson, Winnsboro, S. C.
James Richmond Stokes, Rock Hill. S. C.

Buried Within the Boulware Walls

Muscoe Boulware (1758-1825)
Nancy Pickett Boulware (1762-1836)
Amelia B. L. Boulware (1819-1831)
Dr. William R. A. Boulware (-1832)
Muscoe Boulware II (1798-1832)
Benjamin Boulware (1793-1860)
Eliza Boulware "My Mother"
Sallie Raines Robertson and little daughter d. 1889

Unmarked graves reported by old Micajah Pickett shortly before his death. Micajah belonged to John Pickett, and was his coachman.

TRANSCRIPT of an article published in the Winnsboro News and Herald. Signed Antequarian in 1926.

“Ten miles east of Winnsboro on the Flint Hill ridge sloping toward the Wateree River, is situated one of the antiquities of Fairfield County, "Boulware Walls," the old cemetery of the Boulware family.

“This old cemetery is of unusual extent for a family burying ground, and its walls are of such massive construction that trees of considerable size are growing from the tops of the walls, which are still in good state of preservation.

“In addition to the Scotch-Irish and French element, which constituted so much of the original settlement of the County, there was a considerable inflow of settlers from the Tidewater region of Virginia. Muscoe Bowler (Boulware), the pioneer of his family in Fairfield, belonged to the last named contingent. At the close of the Revolution, he with his wife, Nancy Pickett, moved to S. C. from the vicinity of Bowlers Wharf on the lower Rappahannock River where the family had settled more than a century before. He established his home near the site of the old cemetery, and lived in what was known as the "Eagle House.

"Thirty years ago the brick piles of the old chimney were still standing, and there were a few of the old fruit trees remaining from the home orchard.

"Muscoe Bowler (Boulware) was a descendant of Thomas Bowler who was living in Yorktown, Va. as early as 1653, and who later moved to Rappahannock and represented that County on the Governor's Council in 1675, and died in 1679.

"Thomas Boulware's wife was a granddaughter of Colonel Matthew Edloe who came to Virginia on the Neptune in 1618, and who was a member of the house of Burgess in 1629. Muscoe Boulware acquired his rather unusual first name from his mother who was the daughter of Salvator Muscoe, a Lawyer, a justice, and a Burgess from 1736 to 1740, for Essex County, Va.

"Edington's historical notes of Fairfield County mentions Muscoe Boulware as a soldier of the Revolution. This is confirmed in the Va. state Library where his name appears in the "List of Revolutionary Soldiers of Va." The reference being in the Auditors account XXVII-118.

"His father who was a Revolutionary soldier in Col. Bland's first Va. Regiment is also reputed to be buried in this cemetery, but this cannot be verified, as there are no tomb. stones at the present time.

"There are numerous unmarked graves of which there can only be surmise; the most recent tombstone is that erected to the memory of the mother of the late John J. Neil, which bears only the inscription "my Mother."

"In all, four generations of the name Muscoe Boulware lived in Fairfield County. The descendants of Musco Boulware I, moved to Chester County, and the name Musco has come down through Musco, son of Thomas McCullough and grandson of Musco I, and his son Gray who has two sons, Gray and Musco. These two sons are now living in Memphis, Tenn. Also through Musco W., son of Benjamin Boulware.

"It is rather characteristic of the Boulware family that their migrations were along of longitude instead of latitude, and that they were all River family, living first along the York River and then the Rappahannock, the Wateree and the rivers and Lakes of Florida. At least one branch has returned to Virginia, in the persons of the family of the distinguished Engineer Thomas McCullough Boulware who was born and raised in South Carolina.

"There are still many members of the Boulware name still living in Fairfield County and through intermarriage; there are also numerous descendants among the families Buchanan, Woodward, Neil, Hall, Stokes, McMasters, Matthews, Picketts, Kennerly, Stevenson, McDonald and others.

"The excuse for this article is to bring this old grave. yard to the attention of these younger descendants in the hope that adequate steps be taken for its preservation.

The land upon which it lies is at the present time in the kindly possession of Mr. Robert C. Gooding.”

[According to another note in the genealogy, “Eagle House” was burned by Sherman’s Army.]