

North of the Broad River

The Strother Family on Little Cedar Creek and Elsewhere in South Carolina

William Strother sold George Shed (Shedd) 190 acres of land on Dry Branch, Little Cedar Creek, for \$200 on February 12, 1803. This land had been granted to James Owens and John Woodward and was bound on the north by the land of George Shedd and Captain John Woodward, northeast on land of Thomas Richardson and Caleb Powell, and southwest on land of William Strother. Sarah Strother signed her release. James and Samuel Alston witnessed the sale. Sarah 32

By February 20, 1811, William Strother's home place contained 1500 acres. On that date, William Strother gave Robert Means and David Read Evans, executors of the estate of John Means, a mortgage on his home place for the total sum of \$1902. William Strother's home place was on Little Cedar Creek and was bordered by the lands of John Woodward, Elisha Haygood, Hardy Miles and George Shedd. 33

William Kirkland died in 1806. In his will he had named his son Joseph Kirkland and his friends William Strother, James Alston and Samuel Alston his executors. On February 23, 1821, William Strother, James Alston, and Samuel Alston, as the surviving executors of the estate of William Kirkland, and after all of William Kirkland's children had reached the age of 21 years, or married, caused a division of the property of William Kirkland. The youngest daughter Mary Honor Kirkland had married Burrell B. Cook. On

W. F. D. B., Bk. W, P-394.

Ibid, Bk. V, P73.

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this same day, they gave Martha Marie Kirkland her distributive share of land amounting to 467 acres; to her brother John DeBell Kirkland they gave the privilege of flooding as much of his sister's land as needed to rebuild a dam and sawmill that had recently been destroyed by fire. ³⁴

William Strother, as one of the executors of the estate of William Kirkland, purchased for the heirs of William Kirkland 460 acres of land on Big Cedar Creek from Peter and Rebecca McQuire, who had obtained the land as heirs of John Compty. The land was part of 3800 acres that had been granted John and Minor Winn. ³⁵

Samuel Alston, D.S., surveyed 37 acres of land for William Strother on Dry Branch of Little Cedar Creek, October 22, 1819. This was a state survey and was surrounded by the lands of David R. Evans, now held by Rowland (Rolling?) Williamson, and by land granted to Leonard Miles, now held by the descendants of Thomas Richardson. ³⁶

Thomas Richardson sold William Strother a tract of land on Dry Branch Little Cedar Creek, for \$200 on February 20, 1820. This land was the distributive share that Thomas Richardson had inherited from his father Thomas Richardson Sr.. The land was bound by the lands of Osmund Woodward, George Shedd, Maden M. Leggo, Rolling Williamson and by a tract of land

4- F.D.B., Bk.DD, P-105; Bk.CC, P-261.

5- Ibid, Bk.W, Pp-140, 142.

6-S.P.; Series 2, Vol.46, P-226