

THE ARNETTE FAMILY (Arnaut)

The name Arnaut (later variously spelled Arnot, Arnat, Arnet, Arnett) is found in several of the Huguenot Colonies which came to America after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

In 1683 Andre Arnaut is listed in Massachusetts. The Montclair, N.J. Chapter of the D. A. R. is named for Hannah Arnett, a Revolutionary heroine probably of the Walloons.

The Colony at Mannekin Virginia shows "Jean Arnaut sa femme et une fille" Later this Jean Arnaut's name is signed along with thirty-four others, to a lengthy petition addressed:

"To His Excellency Francis Nicholson, Esq. His Majesty's Governor of Virginia, asking for " Abetterment of the condition of the French Refugees at Mannekin."

Descendants of this Jean Arnaut (later Anglicised to John Arnett) are found on the Revolutionary rolls of Virginia. Alex, James Arnett and Henry Arnot. Also in North and South Carolina, as there was evidently the usual migration to these states.

The Census of 1790 shows Samuel Arnot in Fairfield County, and his will on file there names his wife Elizabeth. His children Hugh, Samuel, Erwin, John, Martha, Esther, Agnes, Mary. The Revolutionary Records for South Carolina also show that John, James and Samuel Arnett (the spelling here changed) are paid for provisions and horses furnished.

According to tradition John Quirns Arnett, the progenitor of the family now in Fairfield County, came from North Carolina to the old Buckshead neighborhood, where for a number of years he was a merchant. While there he married Eliza Coleman a granddaughter of the "Squire Coleman" of Mills' <sup>DAVID ROE</sup>

Statistics. About 1854 or 1855 he with his wife and four young children moved to Georgia where it is known his mother then lived. He died in August, 1856 when his youngest child Robert Coleman was five years of age. <sup>Aug. 10th (and buried near Goshen, Lincoln County, Ga.) HE WAS BORN IN 1804 WAS 52 YEARS OLD.</sup>

His widow and children returned at once to Fairfield and all connection with the father's family seems to have ceased.

NOTE: JOHN QUIRNS ARNETT MARRIED 1817, F. RICHES ELAM, DAUGHTER OF MARTIN AND MARY ELAM - SHE WAS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

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Nothing more is known of them, not even the names of John Quirns's father and mother, It is earnestly hoped that some connection of the family, seeing this sketch, may be able to furnish additional information

The children of John Quirns and Eliza Coleman Arnett were:

1. John Feaster, served in the Confederate Army, afterwards moved to Georgia. married - ? - but left no descendants. *JOHN FEASTER COLEMAN WAS KILLED IN THE WAR, ACCORDING TO COUSIN JEMMIE COLEMAN'S RECORDS AND SHE WAS OF THE ERA AND WAS CLOSELY RELATED TO, AND KNEW THEM PERSONALLY. SHE WAS CORA BERT.*
2. Berry Ann also served in the Confederate Army, afterwards moved to Georgia. Married - ? - but left no descendants. *L. Hall.*
3. Susan Coleman married Dr. Andrew S. Cammeron, a graduate of the medical College of N. Y. A son of Savilla ~~Savilla~~ and Robert Gregg Cameron of the White Oak neighborhood. He died in 1872 and is buried in Concord Chugchyard at Woodward. The children of this marriage were: *HER 2ND COUSIN, HER GREAT NUNT, FEASTER, daughter of JOHN FEASTER - Mabley*

Robert Gregg, Andrew S. and Samuel McLurkin CAMERON.

Only the last named lived to maturity. He graduated from the S. C. Medical College, *CHARLESTON, S. C.* practised his profession in Florida and in the West, never married. Died young. *LIVED WITH HIS GRAND FATHER ELIZA COLEMAN ARNETTE, AFTER HIS MOTHER'S DEATH.*

4. Robert Coleman Arnette, as he began to spell the name, ran away from home at sixteen and joined the Confederate forces, serving the last two years of the war. He told often of weeping, along with others, when at Appomatox he saw General Lee surrender.

After the war he was for two years a student at the Kings Mountain Military Academy under the beloved Col. Coward. Later attended the Medical College in Louisville, Ky., graduating in 1869. He returned to the old Buckshead neighborhood and practised his profession there and at Monticello until his death in 1907. *BURIED IN SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YARD IN FAMILY PLOT, WITH HIS WIFE, MARY CAROLINE EVANS, OF MONTICELLO, S. C.*

He was active in the Klu Klux Klan and when the Federal authorities were rounding up and arresting the

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time. Returning to Fairfield he donned a Red shirt and rode with Ham-  
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