

**BENJAMIN JAMES BOULWARE (1793 - 1860)
AND SARAH BARBER RICHMOND BOULWARE (1812 - 1858)**

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Benjamin James and Sarah Barber Richmond Boulware lived at Elbow Hill Plantation, Fairfield County, near Winnsboro, South Carolina. The property had been in the Barber family for many years and was purchased by Benjamin in 1830. The couple lived all their married life at Elbow Hill Plantation, during an era in which the plantation culture and system of slavery dominated.

Sarah Barber Richmond Boulware was born on May 28, 1812, the daughter of Eliza Barber and Robert [James] Richmond. She spent her childhood at the family plantation six miles from Winnsboro, near Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church. On March 20, 1828, Sarah married Benjamin James Boulware. At the time of her marriage, Sarah was fifteen and Benjamin was thirty-four. She died October 1, 1858, and was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church where her family had their membership.

Benjamin James Boulware was born January 27, 1793, the second son of Muscoe Boulware I (1758 - 1825) and Nancy Pickett (1762 - 1832), who came to Fairfield County from King and Queen County, Virginia, at the close of the Revolutionary War. Muscoe had served as a Revolutionary soldier in Virginia. A record of his service is in the archives of Virginia in the volume entitled "The List of the Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia."

Muscoe lived on Flint Hill Ridge at a place he called Eagle House. His family was large and in his will he disposed of 2000 acres of land and many slaves. Nearby the house, he built a family cemetery enclosed by massive walls. Benjamin, died on February 21, 1860, just before the Civil War began and was buried within the family cemetery, now called "Boulware Walls". Muscoe and Nancy Boulware also are buried within this family cemetery.

Elbow Hill, a plantation of nearly 500 acres, was not, accounts say, in itself a very productive farm, but it was healthy. It was the practice of the time to locate homes on the highest elevation available because experience had indicated the illnesses of that time flourished at the lower elevations. Elbow Hill was located six miles from

Winnsboro and a mile from the Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church. The house was described as two-storied, with glass enclosed porches and the conveniences of the times. A carriage and coachman were maintained with the usual retinue of servants. "Aunt" Ollie, the family nurse of two generations, was the best known and loved of these servants. In his lifetime, Eliza's father [James Barber] added land holdings of some 1500 acres to this plantation.