

# THE BRICE FAMILY

WHO SETTLED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
SOUTH CAROLINA ABOUT 1785



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## F O R E W O R D

In 1937 I began looking up information on the Brice families and visiting the cemeteries where they were buried as well as visiting around New Hope and Woodward homes and home sites of years gone by.

During some of the next few summers I continued to gather information and it was then that I contacted the late A. Homer Brice of Woodward. He let me copy the records that Robert T. Herron of Armagh, Ireland had sent to the family of his brother, George. It seems that Mr. George Brice of Charlotte had started the family history but his untimely death in an accident had stopped this. Members of his family continued to get information.

When the late Fitz Hugh McMaster was getting information for his book, History of Fairfield, he requested me to get up a History of the Brice Family to be included in his book along with some of the other older county families. In the time available I got together most of the information to be found in the following pages. However, Mr. McMaster decided against using any histories of families in his excellent book which was published in 1946.

I had intended to complete these records but World War II changed these plans. I have not had the opportunity to work on these records. Some three or four others have started the Brice history but I have never seen a completed copy so several weeks ago I decided that it would be better to get this much information out than to wait until I could finish it and take a chance on this never being done.

So, mostly so my two sons can have something about the early Brices, we have this incomplete record. I am sorry for any errors that appear; they were not intentional. It was our intention to include every Brice that we could get information on. I trust this beginning will serve as a means of getting others of our honored name to share family information and material that is not available to all. For instance so far as I know at this writing my two young sons are the only male line of a new generation with the name Brice descended from the original John Brice - oldest of the three brothers who came from County Antrim, Ireland.

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## ORIGIN OF THE NAME - BRICE

The name of Brice or Bnyce is sometimes said to have been derived from the Welsh ap or ab-Rice, meaning "son of Rice or Rees" and it is also believed to have been derived from an ancient baptismal name and adopted as a surname by the sons of one whose christian name was Brice. In all probability there are Brices whose name was derived in such manner but the majority of Brices are of Scotch descent and their name had its origin in Scotland. South Carolina Brices, who first settled in Fairfield County, agree that their name was Bryce in Scotland while Brice is the Irish and American form. There is a legend in the Brice family which seems to be more than reasonable and which, if true, establishes the name as one of great significance from the early beginning of Scotland's colorful history.

It has been told in the Brice family that the name comes from De Bruys, the same family which gave Robert Bruce, King of Scotland. Robert De Bruys, a noble Norman knight, who accompanied William the Conqueror in 1066, because of ability was sent into Scotland to take over the country. It was he who established the royal house of Bruce. H. A. L. Fisher in his book "James Bryce" states Bryce is possibly a corruption of Bruce. The Coats of Arms of the Brice, Bryce and Bruce families are almost identical. The one now used by the Brice family is: a gold shield (OR) with a saltire cross of red (gules), also a chief of red with a red bordure around the shield. The crest is a cubic arm erect proper grasping a scimeter argent. The motto is "Do Well Doubt Nought". This Coat of Arms was copied from the tomb of the Rev. Edward Brice and as described has not been located in any books on Heraldry, however several are practically the same. These along with the Bruce families are given here to show more clearly the similarity of the names.

Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry gives Brice; alias Bruce (Kilroot, Ireland; confirmed at the Lyon office, Edinburgh, 10 June 1593) OR, a saltire gules, within a bordure wavy of the last; on a chief of the second a mullet in the dexter chief point of the first. Crest: a cubic arm erect proper grasping a scimeter argent hilt & pommel argent (no motto). In Burke's General Armory we find: Bruce: of Airth & Stenhouse County Stirling, bart. 1629. OR a saltire and chief gules in the dexter chief point a shield argent and chief sable. Crest: cap of maintenance, a dexter arm armed from the shoulder resting on the elbow and holding in the hand a scepter all proper. Motto: Fuimus and Do Well Doubt Nought. Of this grant Burke's Encyclopedia says: This branch is descended from Bruce of Stenhouse, a younger son of Robert Bruce of Airth, and now represented by Sir Michael Bruce, bart. This edition says the scepter of the crest is ensigned on the point with an open crown as that worn by Robert First of Scotland. The supporters are: on the right a knight in armor with a sword by his side, a plume of feathers in his helmet, visor open etc., holding in his hand a scepter; on the sinister the supporter is a lion rampant proper armed and langued gules crowned with Robert First's crown and gorged with David Second's chain and with an antique chain OR. Mottoes: Fuimus and Do Well Doubt Not. Fairbairne in his book "Family Crests" gives:

Bryce (Scotland) a dexter arm holding in the hand a cutlass proper. Motto: Do Well, Doubt Nought; also Bruce (Samuel, Esquire of Norton Hall, Camden, Glouc.) a horse's head coupé argent. Motto: Do Well and Doubt Nought; Brice (Ireland) a cubic arm erect proper grasping a scimeter argent, hilt & pommel OR (no motto). Brice (Ireland) an arm holding a cutlass, all proper. Motto: Do Well and Doubt Nought. Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry gives Bruce (Kennet, founded by Thomas De Bruys, of Kennet, a brother of David Bruce of Clackmannon, who succeeded in 1405, now represented by Robert Bruce of Kennet, Esq.) OR a saltire and chief gules, the last charged with a mullet argent. Crest: a hand holding a scepter proper- Motto: Fuimus

From the above descriptions it appears that the names Brice, Bryce and Bruce had their beginning in Scotland from the name De Bruys. At any rate a family evidently strong in moral and physical strength, fortitude, and courage has made its way from Scotland via Ireland to South Carolina. Three brothers John, James, and William Brice, sons of William and Jane McClure Brice of County Antrim, Ireland, landed in Charleston and made their way to what is now Fairfield County. These brothers were direct descendants of the famous Rev. Edward Brice of Scotland who emigrated to County Antrim, Ireland.

#### Rev. Edward Brice (1569-1636)

The life of Edward Brice is probably best described by Rev. Samuel D. Alexander in his book "History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland" which was condensed from the standard work of Reid and Killen. In writing of the large number of newcomers to northern Ireland, the Author says, "Among these better emigrants were several ministers from England and Scotland, who may be regarded as the founders of the Presbyterian church in Ireland. The first of these, in point of time, was Edward Brice, for many years minister of Drymen, in Stirlingshire; but having steadily opposed the proposition to make Archbishop Spotswood permanent moderator of the Synod of Clydesdale, he was soon obliged to leave his church and country, and settled near his old friend and neighbor William Edmonstone in the district of Broadisland, in the county of Antrim. He was admitted by Bishop Echlin, of Down, himself a Scotchman, and afterwards raised to the nominal rank of a prebendary, but without relinquishing his prior settlement or his former mode of preaching, which is described by Livingston as dwelling chiefly on 'the life of Christ in the heart and the light of His Word and Spirit on the mind'.\*\*\*\*\*

"Upon the visitation of Bishop Leslie at Lisburn in July 1636, according to the command of the convocation, he called upon his clergy to subscribe to the canons. Five of the ministers refused, viz: Brice of Broadisland, Ridge of Antrim, Cunningham of Holywood, Colvert of Oldstone, and Hamilton of Ballywalter. The Bishop, not wishing to lose these faithful men, held a private conference with them, hoping to induce them to conform to the canons, but failing in this, at the suggestion of Bishop Bramhall, he summoned his clergy at Belfast on the 10th of August, and opened the visitation by preaching from the ominous text - 'But if he neglect to hear the church, let

him be unto thee as an heathen and a publican'. Matt.XV~~III~~ -17. \*\*\*\*

"Leslie having concluded his discourse, the five non-conforming ministers were called forward; and the Bishop, complaining that he had been misrepresented in a former private conference with them, proposed to debate the matter publicly on the next day, which was at once accepted, and Hamilton was appointed to conduct it in their name. It was accordingly begun before a large assembly of nobility and gentry and clergy of the diocese. It was conducted in the form of syllogistic reasoning, in which Hamilton displayed great readiness and acuteness, and the Bishop more moderation than could have been expected from his sermon; but, as it too often happens in public debates, the controversy merged into the discussion of some of the less important points of difference. The discussion was interrupted by Bramhall on account of the liberty allowed the minister, and Leslie adjourned it until the next day; but at the suggestion of the Bishop of Derry, it was not resumed, but at the time appointed, the brethren refusing to subscribe to the canons, received their sentences of deposition.

" These severe proceedings hastened the intended voyage to New England, and in the midst of their preparations Brice of Broadisland, one of the deposed ministers, departed this life. The number proposing to sail was one hundred and forty. \*\*\*\*\*

"These seven Englishmen and Scotchmen were the pioneers of evangelical religion in the north of Ireland, and began those labors which resulted in a general awakening and conversion and the ultimate foundation of the Presbyterian church in Ulster".

#### Printed Information on the Brice Family in Ireland

Additional information on the Brice family in Ireland is found in the History of Carrickfergus, new edition by Mrs. McCrum, Belfast, 1909. This author states " Rev. Edward Brice, Presbyterian minister of Drimen, was obliged to fly from Scotland for opposing John Spotswood, Bishop of Glasgow, who had been appointed moderator of the Synod of Clydesdale. About 1611 he settled in the parish of Templecoran, alias Broadisland, preaching there and in the church of Ballyhiel, Island Magee, alternately. \*\*\*\*\* August 12th, 1636, he was deposed in Belfast by Henry Lesly, Bishop of Down, for refusing to conform to the canonical forms of Episcopacy. He died in the same year, aged 67, leaving two sons and two daughters.

" His eldest son Robert, resided at Castle Chichester. In November 1676, he died in Dublin, aged 63. By his wife Elizabeth, who died January, 1704, he had three sons and three daughters, one of whom was married to Thomas Knox, the first of the Northland family, who came to Ireland. Hugh, son of Robert, died 1687, aged 24. In 1675, his brother Rondall was High Sheriff of County Antrim and in 1692 was one of the representatives for the borough of Lisburn. In September 1697, he died in Dublin, leaving two sons and two daughters. An Edward Brice, who is alleged to have been also son of Robert, was a Colonel in the army and settled in Belfast, where he died at an

advanced age, June 28, 1726.

"About 1720, a Capt. Charles Brice resided at Castle Chichester. He is said to have married a Miss Curry by whom he had three sons viz: Edward, Robert, and Arthur, and two daughters, one of whom married Ennis of Dromantine, County Down. Charles is reported to have died about 1746. Edward married Catherine, daughter of George Spaight, Carrickfergus, in September 1779. Their daughter, Prudence, was married to George Bateson of London. In 1761, Edward was Surveyor of the port of Belfast and agent for the French prisoners kept in that town. He died in Castle Chichester July 1796. Robert entered into the Royal Navy, was promoted to the rank of Admiral and was also created a Baronet. He married in England, Miss Kingsmill, by whom he obtained a large fortune on assuming her name, which name his brother Edward took soon after. Sir Robert died at Sidmonston, Hampshire, November 22, 1805, in his 75th year. He left no issue. Arthur was an officer in the guards and retained the name of Brice. Edward, who, it is presumed was the son of Rondall, married Jane, daughter of Richard Dobbs, by whom he had two sons, Edward and Alexander, and several daughters. He was High Sheriff of County Antrim. He died in 1742, aged 83. His son, Edward, in 1748, married first, Rose, daughter of A. Stewart, Ballingtoy, by whom he had the late Edward Brice and several other children. He married secondly, Dec. 1758, Jane Smith, alias Adair, daughter of William Adair, army agent in London, by whom he had several children, one of whom was married to Sir John Anstruther. He died in Old Bond Street, London, in 1804. Edward, who succeeded to the family estate, married Theodora, daughter of Thomas Mullins, afterwards created Lord Ventry. She died in Dublin in 1807, he died 1815, leaving four sons and four daughters.

"Henry Maxwell, of Fennybroque, eldest son of Henry by Jane, a daughter of Robert Eekin, Bishop of Down and Connor, married for his second wife, Dorothy, daughter of Robert Brice of Kilroot, Esq., by whom he had Robert, his heir; Edward, Colonel of the 67th regiment of foot; and one daughter, Margaret, married to James Adair of London; by whom she had James, one of his Majesty's Sergeants at Law, and the Recorder for the City of London. In 1831 Edward Brice of the above family, changed his name to that of Bruce. In 1823 died in London, aged 51, Sir Robert Kingsmill of Belfast, Esq., by Catherine, daughter of George Spaight, Esq. He succeeded his uncle, Sir Robert Kingsmill, the first Baronet, who died in 1805. The Earl of Donegall had been first elected, but was not approved of by the privy council. Willoughby Chaplin and Edward Brice then set up for mayor and both were returned but neither approved of. A third election was then held by George Spaight, Deputy Recorder, at which Mr. Brice was returned by the court. Willoughby Chaplin petitioned the privy council against said return, which came to a trial on 23rd of November, but the council ruled Willoughby Chaplin continued."

Dr. Robert T. Herron of Armagh Compiles Brice Connections

This account does not give anything concerning Alexander Brice, brother of Edward who married Rose Stewart, and a grandson of Rondall Brice. However, Dr. Robert T. Herron of 6 Victoria St., Armagh, Ireland, who is a grandson of Dr. F. A. Brice (died 1813) of Cavan has a complete

record of this branch of the family down to 1924 when he wrote to R. G. Brice of Charlottè, N. C. Through the perusal of wills, land deeds, and other public documents in Dublin, Dr. Herron found that Alexander Brice was the father of one Nicholas Brice. Nicholas had two sons, Edward and William. Edward married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. F. A. Arbuthnot, by whom he had a son, Dr. F. A. Brice. William married Jane McClure of County Antrim and they had four sons, John, James, William and Walter. The first three named came to Charleston, South Carolina sometime between 1781 and 1786 and immediately set out up-country to establish homes among their Scotch Irish friends. Land was selected near each other six to eight miles north of Winnsboro in Fairfield County in a Presbyterian section which later became a center for education, religion and culture. Here along with several other illustrious families the Brices flourished and grew and contributed greatly to the upbuilding of Fairfield County and South Carolina. Many descendants have distinguished themselves and their name in recent years in the practice of their professions while some are carrying on the traditions of the family from their Fairfield farms.

The following record, compiled by Dr. Robert T. Herron of Armagh, gives the Brice family from Rev. Edward Brice until the time John, James and William emigrated to South Carolina from County Antrim:

Rev. Edward Brice, M.A. Ballycarry, born 1569 in Scotland, died 1636 aged 67- buried at Ballycarry, County Antrim. Left two sons and two daughters.

Robert Brice (son of Rev. Edward) - Castle Chichester - b. 1613, d. 1676 aged 63 years. Left three sons and three daughters.

1. Hugh (d. 1687 aged 24) 2. Rondall (b. 1646, d. 1697) 3. Edward (d. 1726)

M.P. Lisburn, left two sons and two daughters  
Edward (son of Rondall) b. 1669, d. 1742 - married Jane Dobbs, daughter of Richard Dobbs. Left two sons and several daughters.

1. Edward m. 1st Rose Stewart, dau. of A. Stewart, Ballingtoy  
m. 2nd Jane Smith nee Adair  
dau. of W. Adair, Army Agent London  
2. Alexander - ?  
Nicholas - ? (left two sons)

Edward (b. 1749, d. 1815) married  
Theodora dau. of Thomas Mullins  
afterwards created Lord Ventry.  
Left four sons and four daughters.

1. Edward 2. William

1. Edward Brice (b. 1752 at Kilala) m. Elizabeth Arbuthnot, dau. of Rev. F.A. Arbuthnot, Rector of Killybegs.
2. William m. Jane McClure  
Three sons who emigrated to U.S.A. circa 1780 - William, John, James.

Fredrick Augustus Brice, M.D. - m. Elizabeth Moore, dau. of James Moore, Esq., Dromore, County Down. F.A. Brice, Cavan, d. 1813 aged 39. Elizabeth d. in Armagh 29 Jan. 1835.

1. Catherine Brice (b. 1796-d. 1880) m. John Finlay, Bagnalstown, County Carlow. No Issue. Buried at St. Marks, Armagh.
2. Mary Brice (b. 1798) m. Richard Malcolmson, L.A.H., Carlow
3. William Moore Brice L.A.H. Surgeon (b. 1800, d. 1878) m. Mary Kelly, dau. of Thomas Kelly, Esq., Portarlinton Queens County.
4. Alexander Brice L.A.H. Surgeon (b. 1802, d. 1881) m. James Dalrymple, dau. of General Dalrymple, Edinburgh. No Issue. Buried St. Marks.
5. Bessie Brice (b. 1804, d. 1855) Buried St. Marks, Armagh m. 1st. Robert Crosthwaite, Esq., Bagnalstown, Carlow. m. 2nd. William Ridgeway, Esq. Belfast.
2. Mary Brice and Richard Malcolmson had six sons and one daughter
- a. Robert, Solicitor M.A.T.C.D. m. Lizzie Porter, dau. of Dr. Porter, Carlow, and had issue as follows:
- (1) Robert - died unmarried
  - (2) Colin
  - (3) Mary - F.D.E. Montmoney M.D.
  - (4) Laura - Canon Empson
  - (5) Lilla - J. Milling, Esq. R.M.
  - (6) Isobel - Sir Charles Walsh late D.I.G.R.I.C.
- b. Fredrick, farmer, Kilcuney m. Sarah Deacon and had issue:
- (a) Richard M.D. Colac Australia
  - (b) Arthur - Chemist
  - (c) Robert
  - (d) Fred
  - (e) John Finley M.D.
  - (f) Henry
  - (g) Sarah
  - (h) Flora m. Rev. Ogle
  - (i) Alice m. J. Whitney, U.S.A.
- c. William F.R.C.S.I. Curran - m. Elizabeth Brice, dau. of W. M. Brice F.R.C.S.I. Cavan and had issue:
- (a) William Henry B. L.
  - (b) Frederick died at 20 years
  - (c) Ed Arbitrator M.D. died unmarried
  - (d) George - dead
  - (e) Helena m. Benjamin Coyle Esq., Dublin - no issue
- d. John - cont'd next page



- d. John, Solicitor Law Agent Bank of Ireland, Dublin. d. 1903
- m. Elizabeth Boake, daughter of R. Boake, Carlow
  - (a) Ralph, Advocate Supreme Court Altatabar Irwin
  - (b) Claud (dead) m. Blanche, daughter of Serg. Armstrong, Q.C. who is Her Majestys First Serg. at Law, Dublin- had one son, Dermot.
  - (c) Eva (dead) m. Arthur Armstrong, son of Serg. Armstrong Q. C. Dublin and brother of Blanche - issue two children
- e. Henry, Architect, m. ?
  - (a) Archibald - married ? and had issue: Arthur, Frank and Florrie
- f. Elizabeth m. Major James Kerr 4th BA. R.I. Fus. Cavan and had no issue.
- g. Alexander, Colonel 95th Reg. forming in 12th Lancers, married Margaret Edwards, daughter of Major Edwards
  - (a) Elyees - married -- Maturin M.D. Col. R.A.M.C., son of Bishop Maturin - no issue.
- 3. William Moore Brice and Margaret Kelly had one daughter & two sons
  - a. Elizabeth Brice (d.1917 aged 86) - m. William Malcolmson, Esq. F.R.C.S.I. - her cousin- son of Richard Malcolmson and Mary Brice- had issue.
    - (a) William Henry Malcolmson, Barrister at Law, Major 4th B. & R.I. Fusiliers-died 1908 aged 45- married Minnie Patterson, dau. of J. Patterson, Esq. Dungannon. She was a sister of the celebrated Dr. Annie Patterson at present in the chair of Irish Music, Queens University, Cork - had issue.
      - (1) William Malcolmson
      - (2) Cyril Malcolmson m. dau. of J. Whitney, U.S.A. whose wife is Alice, dau. of Fredrick Malcolmson Esq. of Kilcunney, Co. Carlow, a son of Mary Malcolmson nee Brice - had issue one daughter
  - b. William Alexander Brice, Surgeon Army Medical Service- died in India about 50 years ago (Ed. note - would be between 1872 and 1874 according to the time this was compiled by Dr. Herron)
  - c. Fredrick Augustus Brice, M.D. Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals and Fleets- m. Elizabeth Goddard, dau. of W. H. Goddard Esq. Lieutenant R. N., Godson of his late Majesty King William V - had issue:
    - (a) F.A. Brice, Fleet Surgeon, R.N. (dead)
    - (b) Elsie (dead)
    - (c) Mabel
    - (d) Malela
    - (e) Evelyn Maud Brice m. Robert T. Herron M.D. M.R.C.P.E. D.P.H. of Armagh, son of Bessie Herron nee Crosthwaite dau. of Bessie Brice consequently a second cousin. Major late R.A.M.C.T. Medical Officer in charge of troops in Armagh - had issue
      - (1) Patricia Elizabeth Goddard Herron-Patsey - b. on 17 March 1908
      - (2) Robert Alexander Crosthwaite Herron - "Alick" b. on 21 March 1909
  - (f) Nora
  - (g) William Henry - Admiralty

5. Bessie Brice and Robert Crosthwaite had one daughter, Bessie m. the 2nd time William Ridgeway and they had three children.
- a. Bessie Crosthwaite (d. 1904 aged 77 years) m. Robert Herron, Esq. of Belfast who died when children were young. His widow and children were looked after by Alexander Brice L.A.H. of Armagh who was a son of F.A. Brice M.D. Cavan. Alexander married a daughter of Gen. Dalrymple.
    - (a) Robert Thomas Herron m. Evelyn Maud Brice
    - (b) Eleanor Clements Herron m. William Lyndon of Clonegonnell Cavan & emigrated to Brisbane in 1889. d. August 1923.
      - (1) William Lyndon
      - (2) Robert Alexander Lyndon
      - (3) Georgina Lyndon
      - (4) Maud Lyndon m. W. Southwick. Issue- four children.
      - (5) Nellie
  - b. William Ridgeway - went to Australia and never heard from
  - c. Adelaide Ridgeway
  - d. Mary Ridgeway m. James Hall, Belfast, had four children
    - (a) William Hall
    - (b) Helena Hall M.D. Waltham London
    - (c) Ruth Hall - Nurse
    - (d) Kathleen Hall m. William Beattie, K.C., Belfast - issue:
      - (1) Elsie
      - (2) William
      - (3) Kathleen
      - (4) Eva
      - (5) Dorothy

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The Rt. Hon. Henry Maxwell of Finnicrogue married Dorothea, daughter of Edward Brice of Kilroot.

The Rt. Hon. Thomas Knox of Dungannon P. C. married Mary, daughter of Robert Brice Esq. County Antrim.

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Since the Brice record in Ireland as listed by Dr. Herron is not complete and since Rev. Samuel D. Alexander in "History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland" states that one hundred forty people intended to sail for New England when Rev. Edward Brice of Broadisland died (1636), we can assume that members of this Brice family came to America before the three brothers arrived in Fairfield County, South Carolina. No doubt this accounts for Brices and Bryces found in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and other states during the early development of the United States. In all probability some members of these other families have records of their Brice ancestry but at present, time is not available to contact them.

Letter About the Origin of the Brices

Belfast, Ireland  
3 July 1884

Dear Dr. Boyce:

You mentioned to me that a large number of people belonging to your former congregation are of my name though they spell it with an I and we with a Y. You tell me also that their progenitors came from the north of Ireland.

I am anxious to know whether they have any traditions about the history of the family, for tho' my family for three or four generations have lived in Scotland, the tradition is that they sprang from an ancestor who went from Ireland. The whole tradition as we have it is briefly this.

The remotest ancestor we know of went from Ayrshire to Ireland. At the end of some considerable time - two or three generations- one of the family went back to Scotland & settled in Clydesdale at a place called C.....(Impossible to read). My great great grandfather was, I believe, Robert Bryce; my great grandfather was Archibald, my grandfather was John & my father James. My father was born in Airdrie, then a village, now a good sized town some ten miles from C..... He settled in Ireland as minister in 1805. I was born in Scotland where he had been a minister for eight or ten years.

Now, I am anxious to get some further information about the north of Ireland Brice's from whom the members of your former flock are descended. Who & What were they. I have heard two accounts of their origin, & I want to know what the tradition among your friend is.

The Brices of this part are all extinct in the male line; but there is a family of Killen's who had a maternal ancestor whose maiden name was Brice & there is one lady of the name of Hill whose grandmother was a Brice. These two families have contradictory traditions; & I am very desirous to know whether the account of your friend be the same or different. All the three accounts known to me agree in this, that the family which settled in the north of Ireland came from Scotland; but

1. Our tradition says nothing of Who or What the first of them that settled in Ireland was( or were).
2. The Killen's say that the person from whom their maternal ancestor descended was a Presbyterian minister.
3. The Hill's say that their Brice progenitor fled to Ireland in consequence of having killed a man in a duel, & that he belonged to a family of the minor gentry in Ayrshire.

These two traditions contradict one another. Our tradition partly agrees with that of the Hill, & is not inconsistent with that of the Killen's. I am very desirous of ascertaining how far the traditions of your Brice's agree with or differ from the three I have given above.

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Wishing you a safe & pleasant voyage, & hoping that we shall cherish kindly remembrances of each other till we meet above,

I am,  
Very truly yours  
N. J. Bryco

(Ed. note: This letter was evidently addressed to Dr. James Boyce, who was pastor of the New Hope A.R.P. church in Fairfield County, S. C. from 1832 to 1870 when he became President of Erskine Theological Seminary.)

Letter From Dr. Robert T. Herron to Brice Family in Charlotte

6 Victoria St.  
Armagh, Ireland  
October 10, 1924

Dear Mr. Brice:

At last I am sending you as much information as I can at present on the subject of our family. I hope you will forgive me for not being able to send it before this but the information came from scattered sources, however I believe the enclosed is accurate.

I regret very much that I did not put all this down in order long ago, before the death of Elizabeth Malcolmson which took place in 1916 aged 86 years. She was a cousin of my mother & daughter of William Brice of Cavan. She married her cousin William Malcolmson F.R.C.S.I. Lt. Col. 4th Bat. Royal Irish Fusiliers and medical officer of the Cavan Dispensary for many years. She was a highly cultured woman & in her day extremely handsome. She was a fearless horse woman and a most excellent painter. She was fond of looking up families and many years ago established the connection through Nicholas by means of the perusal of old wills & other deeds & documents in Dublin, all of which are now destroyed. I had several talks with her on the subject of the Brice family and she often told me of a William Brice who married Jennie McClure and when I asked her about their family she always told me they emigrated to America and I see now that this accounts in great measure for the disappearance of Brices from this country with the exception of my wifes' family, and I am glad to know that you have taken an interest in this matter. Some years ago I was trying to find out something about the McClures which is a great County Antrim name, some of them rose to great distinction. There was a Sir William McClure in the vicinity of Ballymena, but I will find out more about this later on. There was a George McClure who was headmaster of the Academy Ballymena, in 1760 & no doubt this was a close relation of Jennie. I have not been able to trace how these people came to be about Killala which is in the west of Ireland. Edward Brice my great great grandfather had ships at sea & traded with Scotland, just the same as Robert & Rondall of which there is a record. I have several notes on the subject which I have not been able up to the present to find. I had copies of my great grandfathers lectures which he attended under the great Monro in Edinburgh, he was Fred. Augustus Brice M.D. of Cavan. I once saw a record of how he was present at the battle of Granard in the Irish Rebellion & distinguished himself there, he

having marched out with the Cavan yeomanry. William Brice was his uncle & your great great grandfather. I take it you are my own generation. I am just 60 years of age and have lived all my life since 5 years old in Armagh. I was brought up and educated by my grand uncle the late Alexander Brice who came to this city from Cavan in 1830 he died in 1881 aged 79- His mother Elizabeth Brice died in Armagh 29 Jan. 1835 but I think she is buried in Cavan with her husband who died in 1813 aged 39. I have her will in parchment.

I was educated at the Royal School Armagh and studied medicine in Dublin & became qualified L.R.C.T.I. in 1883 just before I was 20 years of age. I afterwards took a good many of the higher degrees & diplomas. I have been medical officer of the Armagh District Hospital & Fevn Hospital since 1891. I served in the South African war as civil Surgeon 1901-2 - medal & 4 clasps. I joined the R.A.M.C. and was 4 years in the great war & was promoted to the rank of Major & held a war office appointment as Senior medical officer Command Depots. I took an active part in the anti-tuberculosis campaign started by Her Excellency The Marchioness of Aberdeen the wife of Lord Lieu .?.. of Ireland and as principal lecturer saw & lectured in most of the towns in Ireland in 1907 to 1910.

My wife also served in the army as a Sister in Queen Alexander's Imperial Nursing Service Reserve. We came back at Xmas 1918 & resumed our work. I was appointed O.C. Military Hospital & medical officer in charge of troops here in 1921 and that is all I'm going to tell you about myself.

During my investigations for you I wrote to Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane of London who is a very big surgeon. He is a descendant of the Rev. Arbuthnot through his mother and I have some very interesting letters from a sister of his on the subject.

I am sending you a copy of the old tomb at Ballycarry it appeared in the Telegraph on 15 May 1913 and a long article by I.W.Kernoghan who I am sorry to say is since dead but I wish to get in touch with a Francis Bigger who is learned in these matters and he may be able to give me some further information. I have an old notebook which belonged to my great grandfather but which is temporarily lost. It contains entries concerning my grand uncle & his brother William my wifes grandfather who were at school here 1810, 1811, 1812 at a school which was kept by their cousin Kitty Arbuthnot - my grand uncle whose enlarged photo I have- if living would now be 122. He is now dead 43 years and it just seems like yesterday. I am at present wearing an old gold chain which belonged to his father which he gave me with gold watch in 1877 when I passed my first examination in Dublin at 14 years of age. I have also in my possession a few silver spoons with a monogram F.E.B. which means Frederick and Elizabeth Brice probably bought at their wedding.

My grand uncle & my wifes grandfather were healthy strong knit men but short of stature, especially Alexander, he was much below the average height. Some of the Malcolmson men were fairly tall(sons of Mary Brice) John of Dublin was one of my dearest friends He was about

six feet. He was law agent in the Bank of Ireland and was one of the most cultured and charming men I ever knew, you will see by the enclosed all about his family. Claud & his sister Mrs. Armstrong are dead but Ralph is still alive an advocate in the Supreme Court living in Allahabad.

I must really stop writing now. I haven't written so much for a very long time, of course I could go on for weeks. Our cousins the Beatties in Belfast are a nice family, he is a very prominent R. C. He has recently bought a new house, a mansion, he stayed with us during the last Assize when on circuit.

Perhaps you will visit this country soon, if so we will be very pleased to see you but it is in a peculiar state at present.

I cannot understand how any honest person can take such fantastic reading out of article 12 - surely a body of men such as the Bill Circuit is composed of if they had intended to reduce the area of the six counties would have said so and not talk of determining the boundary between the six northern counties and the rest of Ireland.

If they took away two counties surely the boundary would be between four and the rest of Ireland the thing is absurd and a perfect mess.

I am glad Patsey wrote to you she is a smart lass & doing well at school. Aleck is a fine lad & smart with a good sense of humor.

Now I hope I have cleared up most of the doubt in your mind.

The Brices were evidently a nice lot of people and I know my grand uncle was a saint on earth - his sister Catherine was a very intelligent well cultured old dame. She lived and died here. I remember old Mary perfectly. She was a wonderful old lady & her son Robert was a very clever man he also was greatly interested in pedigrees and could trace almost any family of note in this country. It was he who traced out the pedigree of Eliz. Moore daughter of James Moore who married a Miss Hall daughter of I. Hall 3rd son of John Hall of Narrow Water and from this back which is of course public record to Edward who married Eleanor of Castile in 1311. The Halls still live at Narrow Water. There are two books in this country which contain a lot of information Burkes Peerage & Burkes Landed Gentry, the marriages of the Brices are mentioned with the Maxwells, Knoxs, Etc.

Next door to us lives Mrs. Milling widow of the late J. Milling, Resident Magistrate who was murdered by the rebels at Westport in 1919. Her eldest son has gone to the States, Seattle, to ..?.. his fortune, he was in the Indian(?) army but left on \_\_\_\_\_ with many more. You will see his mothers name Lilla she is a granddaughter of Mary Brice. She is very nice but now sad. She has just been in here.

I shall expect to hear from you in due course.

Believe  
Yours sincerely  
Robert T. Herron



NEARE THIS LYETH THE BODY OF  
THAT FAITHFULL & EMINENT SER=  
VANT OF GOD M<sup>r</sup> EDWARD BRICE WHO  
BEGVN PREACHING OF THE GOSPELE  
IN THIS PARISH 1613 CONTINVEING  
WITH QUIET SVCCES WHILE 1636  
IN WH HE DYED AGED 67 & LEFT  
TWO SONS & TWO DAUGHTERS &  
HIS SON ROBERT BRICE ESQ<sup>r</sup> AF=  
TER ACQVIREING A FORTVNE DYED  
IN DVBLIN 22 OF NOV<sup>ER</sup> 1670 &  
AGED 63 & LEFT 3 SONS & 3 DAU=  
GHTERS. HIS ELDEST SON RONDALL  
BRICE ESQ<sup>r</sup> DYED IN DVBLIN A MEM=  
BER OF PARLEAMENT FOR LISBYRNE  
18 OF SEPER 1697 AGED 51 & LEFT  
TWO SONS & TWO DAUGHTERS

Tomb at Ballycarry, County Antrim, Ireland

## Castle Chichester, Whitehead

by

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(From - Belfast News-Letter, Saturday, October 21, 1922 )

The only "relic of old decency" remaining at present in the popular and favourite waterplace of Whitehead is Castle Chichester. It is not old as the pyramids of Egypt or the Irish Round Towers go, but it is over 300 years since its hoary stones were first set up with mortar where Islandmagee joins the mainland. One, Moses Hill, a lieutenant in Sir Arthur Chichester's troop of horse, is credited with its construction, doubtless to maintain and confirm Chichester's new acquisition of the fertile slopes of Islandmagee, for the MacDonnell power was not entirely broken in the Glens nor their claims abated. Moses had suffered rout and defeat at their hands, and Chichester's brother had lost his head in the woods of Altfracken to a MacDonnell sword stroke, no matter how his alabaster effigy in Carrick's old church might look to the contrary. Sir Moses, as he became, thus exercised a careful discretion, little knowing that by so doing, he was helping to establish his race so firmly in Ulster that in future years the best of "the ransomed hills of Down" from Lagan water to Newry river were to be the heritage of the Marquis of Downshire, for a few generations at any rate, until they would fall back again into the hands of those who tilled them.

Sir Moses called his strong hold, Castle Chichester, after his chief, just as Chichester called his big mansion at Carrickfergus, Joymount, in honor of his commander Lord Mountjoy, as the great fort on the banks of Lough Neagh was also named. Charlemont was named after Sir Charles Blount, afterwards Lord Mountjoy, and we have other more recent similar appellations, such as Jennymount and Dollymount. This Islandmagee Castle was sometimes called the Marshalls Castle, Sir Moses Hill being Provost Marshall of Ulster. A manor was created and known as the Manor of Castle Chichester, including the lands of Portmuck, Islandmagee, Drumalis and Olderfleet. Some trade grew up around the Castle in the seventeenth century principally with Scotland, and mails were frequently despatched to Portpatrick, on the coast of Galloway, and cattle shipped there for such commodities were more plentiful in Ulster than across the channel, then as now. The less legitimate trade was carried to the caves and ports of Islandmagee and was as profitable, or more so, than the open ventures under the walls of Castle Chichester. The caves of Islandmagee were well known to Sir Moses, for he had stampeded there to hide in safety for sometime, after the successful MacDonnell onslaught at Altfracken. Hill's cave is still known, and there are Hill's in Islandmagee at the present day, but the Magees were wiped out at the Gobbin Cliffs in 1641.

Sir William Brereton mentions having passed over from "the Portpatrick" to Islandmagee in 1635, just as many thousands of Scotch settlers did for years and years of that century, to inhabit the fertile lands of Antrim and Down, and trade in the fast rising town of Belfast. Robert Brice occupied the Castle for sometime, being a prosperous trader with the land of his origin, issuing trade tokens in 1671 with the inscription, "Robert Brice, Castle Chichester". He died in 1676, after adding to his wealth by a prosperous sojourn in



Dublin, being succeeded by his son Hugh. Robert's father was the Rev. Edward Brice, the first Presbyterian minister of Ballycarry. He showed an easy aptitude, ably assisted by the education and upbringing of a comfortable manse, of meeting a situation of much promise, and adapting himself thoroughly to prosperous business activities. In 1720 Charles Brice was in the Castle, and the last Brice who resided, and died there in 1796, was Edward Brice, Surveyor of the Port of Belfast. Subsequently it was occupied as a coast guard station before it became what it now is, simply a feature of the landscape.

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In 1581 a John Malone was Shrieve of Dublin. He afterwards became Alderman. He had three daughters, one Rose married John Brice, eldest son of John Brice, Alderman Mayor of Dublin.

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From a book "James Bryce" we find " Middle of the seventeenth century in Cambuslang, Lanarkshire, one Robert Bryce (the name is possibly a corruption of Bruce) whose son Archibald settled at Dechmont Hill, Lanarkshire, as a small laird owning his own land; there died in 1738 leaving among other children, a youngest son, John. He lived at Airdrie not far from Glasgow, was an Elder of the established church -married Robina, daughter of James Allen of Airdrie a wool miller of a family once affluent but impoverished in religious wars of 17th century. The issue was Rev. James Bryce - the grandfather of this subject. Rev. James Bryce married Catherine Annan of Auchtermuchty. Of their sons Reuben John became head of the Belfast Academy then one of the foremost boys' schools in northern Ireland as well as Minister of a Presbyterian church in the city; Robert grew up to be a well known physician in Belfast, James became a distinguished geologist and mathematical master in Glasgow. William became a homeopathic physician of repute in Edinburgh, while Archibald Hamilton youngest of the seven sons, lived to rule over the Edinburgh Collegiate School. The most eminent were Reuben John and James."

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The Personal Experiences of Mrs. Campbell Bryce During the Burning of Columbia, South Carolina by General W. T. Sherman's Army Feb. 17, 1865 was published in Philadelphia in 1899. There is a record of some of this family going to South America about the time of The War Between the States. Time has not permitted an investigation of this Bryce family.

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## John, William and James Brice - Three Brothers

John Brice settled on Dumper's Creek, a branch of Little River; William Brice was also in this section while James Brice settled nearer in the New Hope community. All three brothers are listed in the first census of the U.S. (1790) which further establishes the fact that they arrived here shortly after the Revolutionary War. Since the Brices have used the names John, James, William, Robert, Thomas etc. so often, it is easily understood that many acquired "nicknames" to distinguish one from the other. The family of each brother will be carried as far as our records go - including a nephew, John J. Brice son of Walter, who emigrated to Fairfield from County Antrim in 1840.

### Family of John Brice

John Brice (1756-1816) son of William Brice and Jane McClure of County Antrim married Mary Gardner or Garner (1758-1836) as the spelling shows in the names of children. They had five children:

1. Margaret Brice (1791-1855) never married
2. Jannet Brice (1792-1867) never married
3. James Garner Brice (1795-1864) married Margaret Bolick. They had two children:
  - a. Garner Brice (b. D. ) married Margaret Clowney and they had one son, Robert Brice. This family moved to Dallas, Texas many years ago.
  - b. Alice Jane Brice (1861-1926) married in Dec. 1877 John Spratt Clowney (1852-1929) They had nine children:
    - (1) James Brice Clowney (1878-1936) never married
    - (2) Margaret Jennette Clowney b. Nov. 2, 1883 married Joe Clowney Bolick in Jan. 1903
    - (3) Susie Clowney b. Feb. 8, 1885 married Joe Warren Milling (1881) on Dec. 24, 1905.
    - (4) Eunice Marie Clowney b. April 8, 1887 married John Bolick in 1917.
    - (5) Julia Adelia Clowney b. Oct. 1889 married Samuel Marion Shirer
    - (6) Alice Irene Clowney b. Dec. 21, 1895 married Marshall Garth
    - (7) John Spratt Clowney (1897-1936) married Marie Crowder
    - (8) Samuel Boyd Clowney (1899) married Molly Reardon
    - (9) William Meador Clowney b. April 18, 1902 married on May 16, 1936 Annette Baker b. Nov. 15, 1915
4. William Brice (1800-1805)
5. John G. Brice (1801-1878) known as John Brice, Jr. and Dumpers' Creek John as well as John Garner Brice - married his cousin, Jannette Brice (1811-1897) a daughter of James Brice (1768-1845) and his second wife Mary Cathcart (1778-1828). Eleven children were born to this union but three died as infants:
  - a. John C. Brice (1832-1902) never married. He served with Co. A Hampton's Legion which became Co. I, 2nd Cavalry.

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- b. James Henry Brice(1834-1906) married Mary <sup>Emeline</sup>  Douglass (1839-1920) daughter of Alexander and Jeanette Simonton Douglass. He served with Co. F, 12th S.C.V. They had five children:
- (1) Eugene Douglas Brice(1868-1931) married on April 6, 1904 Laura Lee Jamison(1883-1955) daughter of Issac Newton Jamison(1843-1908) and his wife Sarah Pauline Cherry(1845-1910) of Chester County.
  - (2) Robert Henry Brice(1870-1946) married Annie Refo of the New Hope community on Nov. 15, 1900. Annie Refo Brice died when only 32 years of age.
  - (3) Jennette Brice(1873-1902) a nurse, died of typhoid fever on Oct. 12, 1902
  - (4) Mattie Belle Brice( 1875            ) married J. N. Hardin of Chester.
  - (5) Lois Brice(1880            ) married John Land of Chester.
- c. William S. Brice(1836-1899) never married. He served with Co. B, 4th Cavalry in the War Between the States.
- d. Nancy Emeline Brice(1840-1918) never married.
- e. Mary Garner Brice(1840-1872) married Thomas E. Roddey of Rock Hill on Feb. 6, 1861. One daughter, Nettie, was born on Jan. 14, 1862. Mary Brice Roddey married the second time J. N. Steele on April 6, 1871 and they had one daughter, Leila Steele born March 11, 1872.
- f. W. Watt Brice(1842-1918) married on Dec. 22, 1870 Carrie Caldwell(1850-1908) of Chester County. He served with Co. F, 12th S.C.V. and was wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness.
- g. Margaret Jane Brice(1843-1911) married James M. Blaine and they had eight children.
- h. Robert G. Brice (1846-1848)
- i. Martha E. Brice died 1848 aged 9 months.
- J. Sarah R. Brice (1849-1880) never married
- k. David Y. Brice (1852-1854)

Going back to 3 b, we list the grandchildren of Alice Jane Brice and John S. Clowney:

- 3 b (2) Margaret Clowney Bolick and Joe C. Bolick
- (a) Joe C. Bolick, Jr. - now married
  - (b) Thomas Estes Bolick married Agnes Hoffman
  - (c) Mamie Bolick married Charles Burley
  - (d) Frances Bolick married George E. Yongue
    - (1) George E. Yongue, Jr. married Mary Ella Brice
    - (2) Catherine Yongue - now married
    - (3) Louise Yongue
    - (4) Charles Yongue
    - (5) David Yongue
    - (6) J.W. Yongue
    - (7) Hesta Jane Yongue
  - (e) John Spratt Bolick married Doris Ringer
    - (1) Barbara Sue Bolick
  - (f) Margie Bolick married Charles Locklier
    - (1) Charles Bolick Locklier
- 3 b (3) Susie Clowney and Joe W. Milling, Sr.
- (a) Helen Milling b. July 12, 1914 married Carlisle Smoak on June 12, 1937 - one child-Susanna Smoak born 1946

- (b) Joe W. Milling, Jr. b. May 22, 1920 married on Sept. 13, 1941  
 Elenora Scease b. Dec. 15, 1920
  - (1) Joe III b. July 17, 1945
  - (2) Jimmy b. March 23, 1947
  - (3) Boyd b. July 17, 1949
  - (4) Robert b. June 6, 1950
- 3 b (4) Eunice M. Clowney and John Bolick
  - (a) Mabel Bolick married Fred McAlister
  - (b) Mary Alice Bolick married Ernest Bullard
  - (c) Robert Yongue Bolick
  - (d) Martha Ellen Bolick married John Earnhart
- 3 b (5) Julia A. Clowney and Samuel Shirer
  - (a) John Marion Shirer - married
  - (b) Samuel Shirer
  - (c) Clarence Shirer
  - (d) William Shirer - married
- 3 b (6) Alice I. Clowney and Marshall Garth
  - (a) Alice Garth
- 3 b (7) John Spratt Clowney and Marie Crowder
  - (a) Mildred Clowney married J.T. Boulware
  - (b) Roland Clowney - married
  - (c) Ida Clowney - married
  - (d) Alice Brice Clowney married Paul Weathers
  - (e) Lois Clowney married Harry Sorrington
  - (f) John Spratt Clowney III - not married
  - (g) Mary Julian Clowney married \*\*\*\*\* Killian
  - (h) William E. Clowney - not married
- 3 b (8) Samuel Boyd Clowney and Molly Reardon
  - (a) William Brice Clowney - married, has children
  - (b) Julean Clowney married Samuel Daily
  - (c) Thomas Clowney married
- 3 b (9) William M. Clowney and Annette Baker
  - (a) Jane Louise Clowney b. April 5, 1938
  - (b) Benjamin Brice Clowney b. Dec. 18, 1940
  - (c) William M. Clowney, Jr. b. March 23, 1943
  - (d) Mary Sue Clowney b. May 18, 1945
  - (e) Samuel Stanley Clowney b. Jan. 17, 1947
  - (f) James Edward Clowney b. May 30, 1948
  - (g) Lenora Baker Clowney b. March 5, 1950

Going back to 5, we continue the John G. Brice family

- 5 b (1) Eugene Douglas Brice and Laura Lee Jamison
  - (a) Mary Pauline Brice b. May 11, 1905 - teaching school in Chester
  - (b) Maurice Brice b. July 23, 1906 - teaching in Winnsboro
  - (c) Walter Marion Brice b. Oct. 26, 1907 - unmarried and living in Winnsboro
  - (d) Eugene Douglas Brice, Jr. b. Feb. 7, 1910 married Ola Mae Wood - no children - living at North Charleston, S.C.
  - (e) Anna Zelma Brice b. Jan. 3, 1912 - Has worked for a number of years in Clerk of Court's office, Winnsboro
  - (f) James Cherry Brice b. June 12, 1914 - unmarried - Served more than three and one half years in Pacific during World War II - including Australia, New Guinea, Blak and the Philippine Islands.

- (g) Laurie Simonton Brice b. April 18, 1916 married on Sept. 7, 1943 Margaret Mae Hemminger (b. July 28, 1919) at Willington, S. C. by Rev. Virgil A. Dean.
  - (1) Laurie Simonton Brice, Jr. b. April 25, 1948 at Hemingway, S. C.
  - (2) James Douglas Brice b. June 21, 1949 at Hemingway.
- (h) William Boyce Brice b. August 14, 1919 - Killed in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany on Dec. 16, 1944.
- (i) Thomas Alexander Brice b. April 26, 1928 married on Dec. 20, 1952 to Muriel Florence Barnard of Barton, England.
  - (1) Mary Florence Brice b. May 20, 1955
- 5 b (2) Robert Henry Brice and his wife, Annie Refo
  - (a) Infant deceased
  - (b) Robert Henry Brice married and lives in Philadelphia - no children
  - (c) Georgia Brice married F. E. Harless of Bartow, Fla. and they have one daughter
- 5 b (4) Mattie Belle Brice and her husband, J. N. Hardin
  - (a) Joe Neeley Hardin married and has three children - Live in New York.
  - (b) Harvey M. Hardin - minister and chaplain in Army - served overseas in World War II and the Korean Conflict - married and has children - One son recently entered West Point
  - (c) Janet - living in Lakeland, Fla. with her Mother and is a secretary.
  - (d) Mattie Belle Hardin married and has children
  - (e) Nora Hardin - living in Lakeland, Fla.
- 5 e Mary Garner Brice and Thomas E. Roddey
  - (a) Nettie Roddey (b. 1862 d. ) married David A. Miller on March 1, 1883.
    - (1) David Alvin Miller b. Feb. 12, 1894 - minister
    - (2) Thomas Roddey Miller b. Dec. 31, 1896 - is in the insurance business in Florence, S.C. Has served in State Legislature
    - (3) Robert Samuel Miller b. Sept. 2, 1903
  - (b) Leila Steele b. March 11, 1872 - daughter of Mary Brice Roddey Steele and J. N. Steele.
- 5 f W. Watt Brice (1842-1918) and his wife Carrie Caldwell (1850-1908)
  - (a) Mary Kathleen Brice b. Nov. 17, 1874 d. Nov. 8, 1876
  - (b) Helen Brice b. June 23, 1879 married on May 8, 1906 to Dr. Philip Henry Eve of Beech Island, S. C.
    - (1) Katherine Brice Eve b. June 22, 1907 d. May 7, 1908
    - (2) Helen Caldwell Eve b. Nov. 12, 1908 married in 1936 to Chevis A. Garrett of Spartanburg
    - (3) Philip Henry Eve Jr. b. Sept. 6, 1911
    - (4) Edward Armstrong Eve b. Dec. 12, 1912
    - (5) Watt Brice Eve b. Oct. 7, 1915
  - (c) Robert Baxter Brice b. Sept. 18, 1883 died 1884
  - (d) Katherine Brice b. Dec. 22, 1884 married Dec. 10, 1913 to Alexander Brown Douglas of Blackstock but their home was in Rocky Mount, N. C.
    - (1) Dorothy Douglas b. Sept. 9, 1914
    - (2) Alexander Brown Douglas, Jr. b. March 31, 1916
  - (e) Frederick Neville Brice b. Sept. 12, 1888 d. July 5, 1889

- 5 g Margaret Jane Brice(1843-1911) married James M. Blaine. They had eight children:
- (a) Ella Blaine married S.B. Clowney and had children.
  - (b) Carrie Blaine, former teacher at Mt. Zion, never married.
  - (c) Lula Blaine married W.L.Hicklin and had children.
  - (d) Margaret Blaine married F. M. Bell and had children.
  - (e) Janie Blaine married Rev. W.S.Hamiter of Chester " no issue.
  - (f) Nannie Blaine married S. J. Faris
  - (g) John Melville Blaine married Lalatha Norris of Newton, Ga. on Nov. 12, 1912. He was graduated from Clemson College and served in Spanish American War. Two children were: John M. Blaine, Jr. and Margaret Blaine.
  - (h) Walter Blaine married Mary Augusta McFadden on Dec. 26, 19---. He had a brick yard at Blackstock for a number of years.

In a letter of Oct.4, 1938, Mrs. A. B. Douglas(Katherine Brice) of Rocky Mount, N.C. told me about the service in the Confederate Army of her father & uncles-which includes my grandfather, James Henry Brice. Her statements agreed with the muster rolls in the S.C.Historical Commission except in the case of John C. Brice. She stated he served with the Quartermaster Corps whereas the record in Columbia stated the Cavalry. She says " Father was a junior at Erskine College when Fort Sumter was fired on in April 1861. He left school and enlisted in the State troops in May and in June entered the Confederate Army. He was in the Battles of 1st and 2nd Manassas(Bull Run, the Yankees called it) the battle of Chancellorsville, and was within sight of the house where Stonewall Jackson died; he was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness and was captured at the Battle of the Crater, Petersburg March 25,1865. \*\*\*\*\* I have his discharge signed by the Yankee general and his furlough when he was sent home after he was wounded as well as a number of other relics-including the sword used by Uncle William Brice." In a P.S. she states " I have Father's Literary Society pin that he had when he was at Erskine. It is a gold star with P.L.S. and motto Tentare est valere and also a Greek letter in each of the five points, and in the center the date 1842."(Ed. note- Philomathean Literary Society at Erskine was founded in 1842. The other Society was the Euphemean and since many Brices went to Erskine in the early days it would be interesting to know the ones who joined each as there was intense rivalry between the two. I have read minutes of some of the meetings of the early days and the debates and programs were of a very high standard.) Mrs. Douglas also said that John Simonton, Cousin Watt Simonton's nephew had something of the history of the Brice family from records in Ireland when he was there

The oldest family Bible of the John Brice Family was destroyed after my great aunt, Nancy Brice, left the old home place and lived with the Blaines. The original home of John Brice was made of logs and his son John G., my great grandfather built a large home just below it in 1854. It is still standing with 1854 on the guttering but it is in ruins. This article about it appeared in The News and Herald, Winnsboro about 1937. The author is not known to me but the late W.W.Dixon was writing some county history at the time and no doubt he got it from some source as articles of other houses appeared by him.This is the

full article but no mention was made of the writer.

### The John Brice Home

Steeped in the atmosphere of the ante-bellum South is the John Brice home on the Dumper's Creek road about 10 miles southwest of Woodward, one of the few remaining structures of this period that have defied the ravages of time in this region.

Built in 1854, the two story house of typical Southern architecture stands sentinel over the romantic past so dear to the hearts of the older generation, and so intriguing to the imagination of youth, which knows of the period only in song and story.

In imagination one may still see gaily plumed peacocks strutting about the sweeping yards of lilac and hollyhocks. Located on a gentle swell, the southern gentry that lounged on the rambling porches to sip juleps and eat watermelons could see across waving fields of corn and flecked cotton acres. Identical porches, supported by towering columns, are at the front and rear of the stately old home. Granite steps have tumbled down, but still cling to the yard to speak eloquently of happier days. Two dormer windows at both the front and back lend a touch of distinction that gives personality. The trough-like gutters, fast falling into decay, guide the flow of rainwater from the steep roof into cemented storage cisterns.

The great stone fireplaces, some eight feet across, where the family group of four sons and three daughters gathered around blazing logs on dreary winter days, are still in use by the Negro family that occupies the place at present, and the original floors, showing the wear of light and heavy feet and numerous scrubblings, are still in good repair. A peg-legged meat cutting block reminds of days of plenty.

Most striking, however, is the wainscoting of walnut, built in panels, which underscores walls of bright patterns of paper, torn and hanging loose in places. The deep blue border overhead, still fresh and bright, amazes even the most casual visitor.

#### Excerpts from Records in Clerk of Court's Office - Winnsboro

- 1794 - Pursuant to a warrant from John Winn Esq. Com. of Land in the District of Camden dated the 7th day of November 1794 I have measured and laid out unto Matthew Miller and John Brice a tract of land containing 490 acres Etc \*\*\*\* Nov. 26, 1794 -Robert Kennedy, D.S.
- 1811 - John Brice bought from William Purvis 70 acres of land for \$60
- 1813- John Brice bought 128 acres from Joseph Robinson for \$450.  
Located on Little River.
- 1828 - John Brice bought 157 acres from Samuel Cockrel for \$1884.  
Located on Dumper's Creek.
- 1830 - John Brice bought 2 acres for \$25 on Dumper's Creek.
- 1833 - John Brice, Jr. bought 83 acres in tracts from Hugh Murdock for \$1550 on Little River.

- 1835 - John Brice( son of John) paid \$1000 to James Brice Sr. for 105 acres in one plot and another of 100 acres on Dumper's Creek.
- 1835 - John Cockrell sold to John Brice 325 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres for \$2604 on Dumper's Creek and Shirleys branch( a part of Little River).
- 1836 - Wiley W. Coleman sold to John Brice, Jr. for \$1500 - 97 acres.
- 1839 - John Brice paid \$975 for 65 acres on Little River to Henry F.F. Coleman.
- 1819 - Stephen Noland sold to James G. Brice 120 acres for \$1200. Witnesses James Brice and D.R.Coleman-Recorded Jan. 11, 1819.
- 1824 - Stephen Noland Sr. sold to James G. Brice 120 acres for \$500
- 1837 - John Adger sold to James G. Brice 591  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres for \$ 11,835 on Dumper's Creek of Little River

Some land records show that Gardners were in the vicinity of John Brice but none shows who was the father of Mary Brice. John Brice who died in 1816 is buried next to Hubert Gardner(1726-1804) so it is possible he was Mary Brice's father. Robert Gardner and John Brice sold land together - James Gardner and Daniel Gardner bought land in 1805. Then in 1818 & 1820. James Gardner was selling land to William Adger and Nathaniel Majors. Since I did not find other records, the Gardners may have gone westward. However, the search was not completed and my notes show that Mary Gardner, wife of John Brice, came to this country when she was about 12 years of age. This would have been 1770. If this is true, earlier land records would not be found in Winnsboro.

Tomb stone inscriptions of John Brice family found in the Jackson Creek Presbyterian cemetery, sometimes called the Stone Church, follows:

In memory of John Brice who died May 1st, 1816 in the 60th year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of Mary Brice consort of John Brice who departed this life 26th October 1836 in the 79th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of William son of John and Mary Brice who departed this life A.D. 1805 in the 5th year of his age.

In memory of Margt. Brice daughter of John and Mary Brice who departed this life August 15th 1855 aged 64 years 9 months and 4 days.

In memory of James G. Brice son of John and Mary Brice. Died Oct. 22nd 1864 in the 69th year of his age.

In memory of Jannet Brice daughter of John and Mary Brice. Died Dec. 30th 1867 in the 75th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of John G. Brice son of John and Mary Brice who was born June 17, 1801 and died Jany 4th 1878 aged 77 years 6 months and 18 days.

In memory of Jannette wife of John G. Brice Born April 12, 1811 Died Sept. 28, 1897.

Sacred to the memory of Robert G. son John and Jannet Brice who died May 28th, 1848 aged 2 years and 4 months.

Sacred to the memory of Martha E. daughter of John and Janet Brice who died December 31st, 1848 aged 9 months and 5 days.



Sacred to the memory of David Y. son of John and Jennet Brice who died April the 20th 1854 aged two years.

In memory of Sarah R. daughter of John G. and Jennotte Brice Born Oct. 28, 1849 Died Feb. 27, 1880.

In memory of William S. son of John G. and Janette Brice Born Nov. 26, 1836 Died June 5, 1899.

In memory of John C. Brice son of Jno. G. and Jannette Brice Born July 31, 1832 Died Jan. 27, 1902

WILL OF JOHN BRICE

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, JOHN BRICE being very week in Body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. That is to say principally and First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that give it and my Body I recommend to the earth from whence it came to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but by the mighty power of God at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

And First of all I allow all my just debts to be paid off the whole of my Estate, Next I give and bequeath to my two only sons, James and John, two tracts of land which I now live upon to be equally divided at the discretion of my Executors, In the next place I allow my wife Mary Brice to have a reasonable support off my two sons during life, Again I give to my two sons James & John all my plantation tools and loof plank, Again I give to my son James my gray mare and saddle, Next I give my daughter Margaret my Bay mare, and saddle, also I give to my daughter Jennet my sorrel horse and saddle and Thirty Dollars to be taken out of my stock of hogs and cattle, also I give to my son John one bay horse and bay colt, and saddle to be bought out of the balance of my stock, again I allow my daughter Jennet a spinning wheel to be bought out of the stock and the remainder of my whole stock & geese to be equally divided between my sons and daughters, also I leave my daughter Margaret a Loom and all the harness, also I leave my son James a shot gun, also I leave my wife Mary Brice a bedstead and furniture, also to each of my daughters, Margaret and Jennet - a bedstead and furniture, also to each of my sons James and John a bed and furniture, and the remainder of the household furniture and pots to be equally divided, and my incoming debts to settle off my Just debts as far as it will allow, also I allow all the corn and fodder for the use of the family and stock also I allow my son James to have the Bay mares colt, I likewise constitute, make and ordain my son James Brice and Nephew Robert Brice, the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Garner  
Wm. Brice  
John Brice Junr.

His  
John Brice (L.S.)  
Mark

April 20th, 1816  
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WILL OF JOHN G. BRICE

State of South Carolina,  
County of Fairfield ....

I, John G. Brice, of the County of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me heretofore made that is to say:

Item 1st. After my death I desire that my body be decently interred in a christian like manner and that my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my Executors here after named.

Item 2nd. I will, devise and bequeath to the heirs of the body of my son James H. Brice a certain tract or parcel of land situate in said County and State containing one hundred and sixty five acres, more or less, lying on Little River and bounded by lands of the said James H. Brice, John Simonton, Robt. M. Stevenson and lands hereafter bequeathed to J. C. Brice.

Item 3rd. I will, devise and bequeath to my son W. Watt Brice ten dollars in addition to what I have hereto fore given him out of my Estate.

Item 4th. I will, devise and bequeath to my son John C. Brice and William S. Brice the following tracts or parcels of land to wit - that known as the Dodd land that known as the Turner land and that known as the Harden land containing in all- four hundred acres, more or less, situate in said County and State and lying on Bushy Fork and Dumpers Creek waters of Little River and bounded by lands of James H. Brice, James Stevenson, James Turner and others -- And should either of my said sons, John C. Brice and William S. Brice die without issue then and in that event the surviving one shall have and hold the lands of the deceased one and pay over to my son James H. Brice One Hundred Dollars to my son W. Watt Brice one hundred dollars to my wife Jennie Brice one hundred dollars, to my daughter Nancy E. Brice one hundred dollars to my daughter Margaret J. Blain one hundred dollars to my grand-daughter Mary Jannette Roddy fifty dollars and to my grand-daughter Lila Brice Steel fifty dollars.

Item 5th. I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Jennie Brice all my household and kitchen furniture of every description including books to hold during her life and at her death to be equally divided between my sons John C. Brice and William S. Brice and my daughters Nancy E. Brice and Sarah R. Brice.

Item 6th. I will, devise and bequeath to my said wife and to my daughters Nancy E. Brice and Sarah R. Brice the following tract or parcels of land to wit - the tract upon which I now reside called the home place: the Swan place the McMullen tract and part of the Turner tract, containing in all about six hundred acres, more or less, to hold jointly during the life time of my said wife Jennie Brice and at her death to become the absolute property of my said daughters Nancy E. Brice and Sarah R. Brice- and it is further my will that if either or both of my said daughters Nancy E. and Sarah R. marry or anything occur to make a division of the land necessary then and in that event the same shall be appraised and valued by three or more disinterested persons chosen for that purpose who shall make a fair and impartial

appraisement and division of the same, allowing to the elder the right of choice.

Item 7th. It is my will that if my daughter Sarah R. Brice die without issue then her portion of property bequeathed her herein shall be equally divided between my sons John C. Brice and William S. Brice and my daughter Nancy E. Brice.

Item 8th. It is my will that should my daughter Nancy E. Brice die without issue then and in that event I desire that the Estate bequeathed her herein be equally divided among all my lawful heirs, the child or children of a deceased parent to receive the portion that would have fallen to the parent if living.

Item 9th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret J. Blain, the wife of James Blain five hundred dollars in addition to what I have already given her to be paid by my Executor hereinafter to be named as soon as it may be convenient for them to do so.

Item 10th. I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Jennette Roddy five hundred dollars to be held in trust by my executors until the said Mary Jennette Roddy shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years or marry and become the mother of one child or children.

Item 11th. I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Lila Brice Steel five hundred to be held in trust by my Executors in the same manner and upon the same conditions as specified in Item 10th for my grand daughter Mary Jennette Roddy. It is further my will and desire that should either of my said grand daughters die without issue then the amount bequeathed the one so dying be equally divided among my lawful heirs in the manner as set forth in Item 8th.

Item 12th. It is my will that the legacies bequeathed to my grand daughters as set forth in Items 10th and 11th be paid out of the rents of the McCullen tract of land.

Item 13th. I will and bequeath to my sons John C. Brice and William S. Brice all the stock, horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep etc. and also all the farming implements, wagons and blacksmith tools of which I may die possessed.

Item 14th. I will and bequeath to my son James H. Brice the sum of ten dollars in addition to what I have already given him.

Item 15th. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons W. Watt Brice and William S. Brice and Alexander S. Douglas the Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 30th day of April, A.D. 1875.

John G. Brice (Seal)

The above and foregoing written instrument was subscribed by the said John G. Brice in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testators request and in his presence and the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses hereto.

T. J. Cameron

Daniel H. Cork

David H. Cork

WILLIAM BOYCE BRICE

No. 13366 Class of January 1943

Killed in Action, December 16, 1944, in Germany, aged 25 years

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The story is soon told! William Boyce Brice, son of Eugene Douglas Brice and his wife, Laura J. Brice; born in Winnsboro, South Carolina, August 14, 1919; graduated from Mt. Zion Institute, June 1936; spent two years at Erskine College; entered United States Military Academy and graduated in January, 1943; killed in action, Germany, December 16, 1944.

In high school he was most popular among both teachers and pupils, receiving the medal for Best All Round Boy in school; at West Point was a member of Fishing Club, Boxing, and Pistol Marksman, attained the high rank of Cadet Captain, was on the Board of Governors, First Class Club and also held the honor of "Mule Rider". His friends among the Cadets - and they were legion - called him "Willie B.", and men give nicknames only to those they love. After graduation, he entered the Service of the United States as a Second Lieutenant, choosing the Infantry; training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and stationed at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, whence he was sent overseas in October, 1944; on December 16, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge, he met a soldier's death in action.

Such is the all too brief story! It tells so little - is so cold and formal. Behind the facts, to those of us who knew and loved him, is the true reality - the fresh young life, the courage that knew no shadow of turning, the honor that never failed, the ability that gave promise of so much "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend". I who write these lines knew him "from his youth up". I was his Superintendent of Schools for eleven years, from his first grade through High School, in a small town. I know what I do speak. I never saw him do an ungenerous act or fail in that courtesy and courage that marks a gentleman, a gentleman born and a gentleman bred. William Boyce Brice came of good South Carolina ancestry. He fought, therefore, as a matter of course. He was "true to the instincts of his birth, and faithful to the teachings of his father". In "the short, sharp, agony of the Field", in a foreign land, he sealed his loyalty with his life.

G. F. Patton

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A tomb is erected in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian cemetery, Winnsboro, in memory of William Boyce Brice, however his body was first buried by the Germans in Germany but it was moved by the U. S. Army to the American Military Cemetery, Neuville En Condroz Belgium.

Family of William Brice

William Brice(1760-1849) son of William Brice and Jane McClure of County Antrim, Ireland married Elizabeth Phillips(1765-1838). They had seven children to live to maturity.

1. Jennett Brice
2. Elizabeth Brice(b. d.1851) married in 1838 to Robert Murdock Stevenson( b. 1799 d. )
3. John Phillips Brice( b.1802 d.1863)on August 10, 1853 married Agnes C. Strong(b. d.1902). John's tomb stone list him as John Brice, Jr. son of William and Elizabeth Brice. When he died Letters of Administration to his Estate refer to him as John Brice, Jr. It is not clear since he was the son of Wm.

John and Agnes Brice had two children:

- A. Christopher Strong Brice(1860-1910) who married on Sept. 10, 1884 Mattie J. Bell(b.1862d. 1913) They had children:
  - (1) Mark Livingston Brice b. July 13, 1885
  - (2) Agnes Caroline Brice b. August 5, 1887 married Arch Alexander Douglas on April 24, 1917
    - a. Martha Brice Douglas b. August 20, 1919
    - b. Archabald Alexander Douglas b. Feb. 5, 1921
  - (3) Charles Bell Brice (b. 1889 ) married Elizabeth Williams on June 10, 1920
  - (4) Isabelle Witherspoon Brice - July 1891-Oct.1891
  - (5) Mary Chalmers Brice (b. 1894 )
  - (6) Marian C. Brice (b. 1896 )
  - (7) John Christopher Brice (b. 1901 )
- B. Johnnie Caroline Brice (1863-1893) married Rev. John T. Chalmers on Oct. 26, 1882. Their children:
  - (1) Eva Chalmers b. Nov. 8, 1883
  - (2) Mary Agnes Chalmers b. Feb. 4, 1885
  - (3) Palmer Chalmers b. Nov. 26, 1886
  - (4) Charlie Brice Chalmers -Aug.14,1888- March 10,1889
  - (5) John T. Chalmers, Jr. July 20, 1890 -Jan.11,1890
  - (6) James C. Chalmers b. Feb. 2, 1892

After the death of John Phillips Brice in 1863 his widow, Agnes Strong Brice married Thomas P. Mitchell on Feb. 8, 1866 and they had the following children:

- A. Willie Forest Mitchell b. June 3, 1867 and married on Dec. 30, 1897 to Burtie Brice, daughter of Thomas S. Brice
  - B. Martha E. Mitchell b. Nov. 18, 1868 and the family Bible shows Eunice M. Mitchell married Robert George Brice on May 8, 1889. It is presumed the initials of Miss Mitchell were somehow reversed. They had children:
    - (1) George Wallace Brice b. Oct.3,1891
    - (2) Olive Brice b. Dec. 16, 1893
  - C. Marion Rebecca Mitchell b. August 27, 1870 and married to Rev. J. T. Chalmers on August 18, 1897.
    - (1) Bessie Mitchell Chalmers b. August 28, 1898
    - (2) Dwight Moody Chalmers b. Dec. 27, 1899
4. William Brice(b. d. ) married Martha Eleanor Strong and they moved to Mississippi. The family prospered and during the War Between the States a battle was fought at Brice's

Crossroads on June 10, 1864. In 1929 one acre was marked and designated as a battlefield site. Some of the family attended Erskine College and married in South Carolina.

5. Robert Brice (1809-1866) never married but he inherited most of the home place and must have been a large planter.
6. Grace Jane Brice (1793-1857) married John Douglas on Feb. 11, 1819. From this union

- (a) William Douglas b. March 6, 1820 d. Feb. 29, 1896
- (b) Alexander Douglas b. Dec. 3, 1821 d. --- 1897
- (c) John Douglas b. Sept. 16, 1823 d. Dec. 9, 1887
- (d) Grace Jane Douglas b. July 18, 1825 d. Oct. 14, 1854  
married to \_\_\_\_\_ Sloan
- (e) James Douglas b. March 10, 1827 d. August 21, 1904
- (f) Charles Douglas b. Feb. 10, 1829 d. \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Elizabeth Douglas b. Dec. 19, 1830 - married T.W. Irwin
- (h) Robert Leroy Douglas b. May 31, 1835 d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1866

7. James Brice married and moved into the Hickory Ridge section of Fairfield County. A number of this family spelled their name Bryce for sometime while most of them have used Brice in more recent years. Some of this family are buried in Jackson Creek Presbyterian Cemetery but Bryce is on their tomb. James must be buried in the Hickory Ridge section. There was a Thomas, John and Charles Brice in this family.

From Jackson Creek Presbyterian Cemetery (also called Stone church)

Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Brice Senr./ who departed this life/ April 29th, A.D. 1849/ in the 89th year of/ his age./ He was a native of County Antrim, Ireland/ But for many years a Citizen of/ South Carolina./ He was many years a member of the/ Associate Reformed Church/ and adorned the doctrines he professed by a/ walk and conversation in conformity/ with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He/ was a kind master, a good neighbour/ a devoted husband and indulgent Father. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright/ for the end of that man is peace. Psalm 37 Ver: 37th./ Preserve O venerable pile,/ Inviolate thy Sacr'd trust/ To thy cold arms the christian church/ Weeping commits his precious dust./ The pains of death are past/ Labour and sorrow cease/ And life's long war fare closed at last/ His soul is found in peace.

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Brice consort of William Brice who departed this life June 27th, 1838 in the 73rd year of her age. How still and peaceful is the grave, Where, life's vain tumults past, Th' appointed house, by Heav'n's decree Receives us all at last.

Sacred to the memory of Grace Brice daughter of William and Elizabeth Brice who departed this life September 14th, 1815 in the 11th year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of an infant child of William and Elizabeth Brice who departed this 1807.

(This last appears on two small stones so evidently twins were born in 1807 but did not live.)

WILL OF WILLIAM BRICE, SENIOR

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
FAIRFIELD DISTRICT .....

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, William Brice, Senr. of State and District aforesaid, being of sound, and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, (that is to say)

First, I recommend my soul to God, and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian manner,

Item 1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and my funeral expenses,

2nd. It is my will to give and bequeath to my daughter Jennet Brice the following named negroes, viz-- Norman Henry, Winy and Sarah, also to furnish her with a horse, worth seventy five dollars, also two cows, and two feather beds and furniture, also one Boureau, & the loom.

3rd. It is my will to give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stevenson One Dollar.

4th. It is my will to give and bequeath to my son John Brice the following named negroes viz--Clarissa, Lige and Catharine.

5th. It is my will to give and bequeath to my son Robert Brice the following parcels or tracts of land viz-- Five Hundred and Eighty Two acres of land purchased from Jonathan Coleman, Two Hundred and Twenty Eight acres purchased of Robert Brice, Jr. & Thirty acres purchased from David Boyd. I also allow him the following negroes viz-- Ben, Rachel, little Sam, old Fanny, Bob Iby and her five children, Martin and Rose and their four children, also I allow him all the stock, mules, horses, cows, hogs, and sheep, also all the plantation tools, wagons and riding carriages, also two feather beds & furniture also the Book Case and Secretary.

7th. It is my will to give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Douglas one Dollar.

8th. It is my will to give and bequeath to my son James Brice One Dollar.

9th. It is my will to give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Douglass the following negro viz-- Darkey.

10th. It is my will that my son Robert Brice give to the old negro woman Fanny five dollars yearly during her life time.

11th. It is my will that all other furniture not mentioned viz-- household and kitchen furniture to remain for the use of the place. Also the library to be divided betwixt my sons John, William & Robert and my daughter Jennet. And lastly I constitute and appoint my son William Brice and Walter Brice my Executors.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

his  
William Brice (L.S.)  
mark

Signed, and sealed in the Presence  
of and witnessed by us in the  
presence of the Testator.-----

Walter Brice  
Robert Brice  
William Stevenson

(Recorded Book 19, Pages 259-260)  
Apt. 92 File 312

## The Family of James Brice

James Brice(1768-1845) son of William Brice and Jane McClure of County Antrim, Ireland married Jane Wilson(1764-1804), a daughter of Robert and Agnes Wilson. The Wilson family was quite prominent and a number of them settled in Williamsburg County before the Revolutionary War. James Brice was married the second time to Mary Cathcart(1778-1828). He had six children by his first wife and five by his second wife.

1. Robert Brice(1791-1871) married Margaret Simonton(1801-1843) on Dec. 25, 1817. They had twelve children.
2. James Brice (b.      d.1844) never married
3. William Brice(1793-1872) married Mary Simonton(1809-1890) on Oct. 6, 1829. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Hemphill. William and Mary Brice had thirteen children.
4. John Brice(1795-1869) never married
5. Nancy Brice(1802-1864) married John Simonton(1802-1864). W.B. Simonton was a son of this marriage. He was in Co. H, 12th S.C.V. and lost a leg at the Battle of Sharpsburg, Sept. 17, 1862. The other children of this marriage are not available at this writing but no doubt many worthwhile people would be found if it were traced out.
6. Walter Brice(1804-1871) married Emeline Moore(1811-1898) on April 28, 1831. He became an outstanding medical doctor.

Children of James Brice and Mary Cathcart:

7. Samuel Brice moved to Alabama, however, there is a grave in New Hope Cemetery " To the memory of Samuel Cathcart Brice son of Samuel and Doreas Brice July 11, 1847- March 6, 1856." We presume that he married in Fairfield county before going to Alabama.
8. Joannette Brice(1811-1897) married her cousin, John G. Brice, also known as Dumpers Creek John. Their children are listed under the John Brice Family. See pages 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.
9. David Brice(1816-1858) married Mary Yongue(1822-1884) on Mar.11, 1842. Seven children were born to this union.
10. Mary Brice(b.      d.      ) married George Miller
11. Jane Brice(1814-1844) married \_\_\_\_\_ Grissam and they had at least one son, Leroy Grissam.

1. Children of Robert Brice(1791-1871) and Margaret Simonton(1801-1843), daughter of John Simonton and his wife Jeanette Strong:
  - A. Jane Wilson Brice b. Oct. 15, 1818
  - B. Margaret Strong Brice b. July 29, 1820 married to Rev. L. McDonald on June 17, 1840. She died Jan. 29, 1842 aged 21 years and 6 months. They had one daughter Margaret Josephine McDonald b. April 27, 1841.
  - C. John Alexander Brice b. Nov. 8, 1822
  - D. James S. Brice b. Sept. 16, 1824
  - E. Robert Wilson Brice b. July 2, 1826
  - F. Christopher Simonton Brice b. April 25, 1828
  - G. Walter Brice b. Feb. 7, 1830
  - H. Charles Strong Brice b. Oct. 19, 1831
  - I. Martha Brice b. August 25, 1833
  - J. Sarah Amanda Brice b. Sept. 15, 1835
  - K. Mary Elizabeth Brice b. May 18, 1838
  - L. Thomas Scott Brice b. Sept. 16, 1840



3. Children of William Brice(1793-1872) and Mary Simonton(1809-1890)
  - A. Margaret Brice b. Dec. 16, 1831
  - B. Calvin Brice b. Oct. 5, 1832
  - C. Robert R. Brice b. Sept. 13, 1834 d. Apr. 25, 1861 -Never married
  - D. Jane W. Brice b. March 18, 1836 married J.C. Yongue on March 12, 1855. They had children.
  - E. John P. Brice b. Dec. 27, 1837 d. July 24, 1862
  - F. James A. Brice b. Nov. 22, 1839
  - G. Martha Brice b. Nov. 12, 1841
  - H. Mary E. Brice b. Nov. 30, 1843
  - I. William W. Brice b. March 4, 1846
  - J. Sallie Agnes Brice b. June 7, 1848
  - K. Walter H. Brice b. Dec. 21, 1850 d. Nov. 16, 1855
  - L. Infant Son born Feb. 18, 1853
  - M. Frances E. Brice b. Dec. 13, 1854 d. July 29, 1855
6. Children of Walter Brice(1804-1871) M.D. and Martha Emeline Moore
  - A. James Michael Brice, M.D. b. April 27, 1832 - Capt. Co. G 6th S. C. V. wounded at Seven Pines, killed at Fort Harrison, Va. Sept. 30, 1864.
  - B. Walter Scott Brice b. March 26, 1834 d. July 13, 1862 in Richmond, Va. - Co. F, 12th S.C. V.
  - C. Robert Wade Brice b. June 10, 1836 - Co. H 6th SCV
  - D. John Moore Brice b. March 7, 1839 Co. H. 6th SCV -wounded on June 7, 1862, killed June 3, 1864 at Gains Mill, Va.
  - E. Thomas William Brice b. Nov. 22, 1841
  - F. Rebecca Jane Brice b. Sept. 8, 1844 d. July 4, 1901
  - G. Wilson McDonald Brice b. March 21, 1847 d. April 15, 1897
  - H. Samuel George Brice b. August 20, 1849
  - I. David Lunsford Brice b. Oct. 21, 1852 d. Jan. 21, 1867
9. Children of David Brice(1816-1858) and Mary Yongue(1822-1884)
  - A. Laura G. Brice b. Dec. 25, 1842 married Samuel B. Lumpkin on July 7, 1864
  - B. James Y. Brice b. Oct. 23, 1844 d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Rebecca C. Brice b. Oct. 17, 1846 d. August 19, 1859
  - D. David Brice b. August 13, 1849
  - E. Edward L. Brice b. Sept. 11, 1851
  - F. Florolla M. Brice b. May 7, 1854
  - G. Nannie M. Brice b. April 28, 1856

Going back to No. 1 we list children and grand children of Robert Brice and his wife Margaret Simonton:

- 1A. Jane Wilson Brice(1818-1887) married David Hemphill on July 14, 1836. Children were:
  - a. John Nixon Hemphill b. June 4, 1837 d. July 22, 1864
  - b. Margaret Brice Hemphill b. January 19, 1839
  - c. Robert Hemphill b. Oct. 11, 1840 d. June 13, 1862
- 1C. John Alexander Brice(1822-1890) married on April 7, 1846 Margaret C. Bell(1825-1848) daughter of Charles & Jane Bell
  - a. Carrie Brice(1848-1872) married William W. Ketchins John A. Brice married on Aug. 19, 1851 Nancy McGinnis(1831-1878) daughter of Joseph and Permelia McGinnis of Mocklenburg Co., N.C.
  - b. Clarence Brice had a son, John A. Brice, who was secretary treasurer of The Atlanta Journal in Atlanta, Ga.
  - c. Alice Brice married Dr. John M. Todd

- John A. Brice married the third time on Jan. 15, 1879 Mrs. Rebecca Brice Rosborough, widow of James L. Rosborough.
- 1D. James S. Brice ( 1824- ) married on May 11, 1850 Celia M. Bell (1833-1852) daughter of Charles and Jane Bell. They had a daughter Margaret Celia Brice b. Sept. 3, 1851 d. Sept. 10, 1852. Later we find James Simonton Brice and his wife Elizabeth Moffatt in Tennessee. Incomplete listing of children follows:
- a. Robert Edgar Brice (Dec. 6, 1860-Dec. 2, 1916) married Minnie Bell Phillips on Sept. 5, 1886
  - b. James M. Brice who edited the News-Banner in Union City, Tenn.
  - c. Martha Lee Brice married \_\_\_\_\_ Huff
  - d. Charles Strong Brice- McAlesta, Oklahoma
  - e. William Bonner Brice b. Nov. 22, 1873 at Longview, Gregg Co., Texas. On March 31, 1902 he married Anna Miller of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Children born there were:
    - (1) Charles Nisbett Brice b. Jan. 21, 1903
    - (2) Brooks Arthur Brice b. March 11, 1904
    - (3) William Bonner Brice, Jr. b. June 21, 1906
    - (4) Clifford Verne Brice b. Dec. 18, 1909
- 1E. Robert Wilson Brice (1826-1878) married Anna M. Steele on Mar. 18, 1850. They had ten children:
- a. Janie C. Brice (1857-1907) married James McCalla Caldwell on Feb. 9, 1871. They had eleven children:
    - (1) Anna Brice Caldwell (1871 - ) married William Stuart Hall on Sept. 19, 1894. Their children are:
      - (a) William D'ormond Hall who married Claire Poole
      - (b) James Caldwell Hall
      - (c) Robert Elliott Hall
      - (d) Anna Brice Hall
      - (e) Joseph Holmes Hall
    - (2) Robert Brice Caldwell (1874- ) married Leila Hope Lathan on Dec. 19, 1900. Their four children were: Mary Simmons Caldwell, Leila Lathan Caldwell, Susie Meek Caldwell, and Robert Brice Caldwell, Jr.
    - (3) William Joseph Caldwell (1876-1879)
    - (4) Janie Bethia Caldwell (1878 ) married James Baxter Westbrook on June 27, 1906. Their three children were: Bethia Westbrook, Isabelle Westbrook and Janie Brice W.
    - (5) Florence McCalla Caldwell (1880- ) married Robert James Lindsay on Sept. 18, 1918. Two children: Robert James Lindsay, Jr. and Stuart Hall Lindsay.
    - (6) Mary McKenzie Caldwell ( 1882-1905)
    - (7) Susan Hemphill Caldwell ( 1884- )
    - (8) William Frederick Caldwell (1886- ) married Juanita Wylie on Feb. 18, 1919.
    - (9) James McCalla Caldwell (1888- ) married Naomi Harmon on Oct. 28, 1913. Two children are: James McCalla Caldwell, Jr., and Nellie Caroline Caldwell.
    - (10) John Steele Caldwell (1889- ) married Kathryn Cross on April 22, 1914. One son is: John Steele Caldwell, Jr.
    - (11) Kate Caldwell ( 1890-1895)
  - b. Margaret Simonton Brice ( 1852-1879)
  - c. Ashbel Green Brice (1854-1918) married Sallie Miller of Camden, Ala. on Dec. 18, 1883. No children.

- d. Joseph Amanda Brice(1856-1887) married Dr. J. C. Galloway on Jan. 23, 1879. Children: Julia Galloway who married F. M. Kirkpatrick of Macon, Ga., Mary(died 1929), Annie(died 1935).
- e. Leila Mary Brice b. Dec. 9, 1857 d. Dec. 27, 1906 at Due West, S.C.
- f. Martha Frances Brice(1859-1909) married E. Brice McCaw of Chester on Jan. 12, 1881. Three children were: ? ? ?
- g. John Steele Brice(1861- ) married Genevieve Fuller of Ninety Six in 1893. She died in 1897 and their only child, Frances, died an infant. His second marriage was to Miss Claude Moore of York, S. C. Children: Claude died an infant, John Steele Brice, Jr., Robert Wilson Brice, Adolphus Moore Brice and Ashbel Brice.
- h. Anna M. Brice(1864- ) married Rev. J.W. Baird on June 4, 1891 Children were: (1) Julia Warden Baird b. June 21, 1892 married on June 16, 1915 in Due West to Rev. Moses Ralph Gibson (2) Josie Brice Baird b. Nov. 26, 1893 married James W. Thompson Nov. 20 1920 (3) Elizabeth Steele Baird(1895-1896) (4) Robert Cornelius Baird b. Dec. 31, 1897 married Lela Roper on April 10, 1922 (5) James Ashbel Baird b. Jan. 27, 1899 married Marie McConnel Stroud on June 3, 1920 (6) Anna Brice Baird b. July 27, 1902
- i. Louisa Julia Brice(1868- ) married Rev. John Patterson Knox at Due West on Nov. 20, 1890. No children.
- j. Robert Hemphill Brice (1866-1899)
- 1F. Christopher Simonton Brice(1828-1900) married Margaret Gooch on Dec. 4, 1855. They had children.
- 1G. Walter Brice(1830- ) M.D. in Troy, Tennessee married Mary E. Anderson on Feb. 7, 1854. Dr. Walter Brice served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Evidently he was married a second time because Rev. Robert S. Harris married Margaret Brice of Troy, a daughter of Dr. Walter Brice and Jane Bonar Moffatt. One son Robert Brice Harris was born to this union in 1900.
- 1H. Charles Strong Brice(1831- ) married Fannie Hinton. Charles was a lawyer in Chester.
- 1I. Martha Brice(1833-1922) married Prof. Joseph F. Lee on Dec. 23, 1853. Mrs. Lee died at the home of her son-in-law Rev. C.M. Boyd
- 1J. Sarah Amanda Brice(1835- ) married Maj. A. B. Enloe of Troy, Tenn., on January 9, 1872.
- 1K. Mary Elizabeth Brice(1838- ) married J. Israel Moffatt of Troy, Tennessee.
- 1L. Thomas Scott Brice(1840-1913) married Frances Eliza Adams on May 2, 1871. Children were:
- a. Eliza Burton Brice b. Jan. 19, 1873 married W.F. Mitchell
  - b. Mary Adams Brice b. July 13, 1874
  - c. Robert Hemphill Brice(1875-1877)
  - d. James Mc... Adams Brice (1877-1880)
  - e. Thomas Leslie Brice b. April 25, 1888 married ?
- Going back, we list the family of William Brice and Mary Simonton
- 3A. Margaret Brice(1831-1868) married Rev. D.P. Robinson May 24, 1849. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Boyce. Children were:
- (a) William Brice Robinson b. March 1850 (b) Gardner Springs Robinson b. March 1852 (c) Mary Robinson b. 1854 (d) Lawrence Henry Robinson b. Oct. 1857 (e) Margaret Frances Robinson b. Feb. 1864 (f) J. Lee Robinson b. July 12, 1867.
- 3B. Calvin Brice(1832-1905) married on Nov. 13, 1866 Nancy Ellen Wallace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Ross. Children:

- (1) Robert George Brice(1869-1900) married Eunice M. Mitchell on May 8, 1889. Children: George Wallace(1891- ), Olive(1893) and possibly others. This family corresponded with Robert T. Herron of Ireland and was getting together the Brice records
  - (2) William Brice
  - (3) J. M. Brice
  - (4) Evelyn Brice who married Thomas W. Brice, son of Maj. Thomas W. Brice and Nancy Boyce Brice. Children are listed under Thomas W. Brice.
  - (5) Ruth Brice married E. M. Kennedy of Blackstock.
  - (6) Albert W. Brice married Tat Nicholson and they live in the old home near Woodward.
  - (7) A. Homer Brice- graduate of Erskine in 1891- served in the State legislature- had a number of records of the Brice family - never married-died in March 1956.
- 3F. James A. Brice(1839-1909) was married on Dec. 20, 1860 to Josephine McDonald(1841-1874) daughter of Rev. L. McDonald and his wife Margaret Brice. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R.W. Brice. They had the following children:
- a. Paul McDonald Brice(1861-1907)-newspaper writer and editor
  - b. William Oscar Brice(1866-1909) married Rachel Buchanan Thompson on Nov.15, 1893. Children were:
    - (1)Palmer Matthews Brice(b.1894) married Elizabeth Sloan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E.D. Sloan of Winnsboro. They have children.
    - (2)William Oscar Brice(b.1898) married Rebekah Jennings of Winnsboro and they have one daughter, Peggy, now Mrs. Charles Brown.
    - (3)Margaret Osmond Brice(b.1903) living in Dallas, Texas.
  - c. Robert Edwin Brice(1868-1916) married Carrie McMaster Flenniken Dec. 18, 1889. Children were:
    - (1) John Flenniken Brice b. Dec. 4, 1890
    - (2) Margaret Josephine Brice b. July 25,1893 married Charles Wilnot Brown July 2, 1913. A daughter, Josie Brice Brown was born August 27, 1921.
    - (3) Robert Edwin Brice, Jr. b. Jan. 30, 1897
  - d. John Clifford Brice(1872-1915) married and had a son, John Clifford Brice, Jr.
- After the death of Margaret Josephine Brice on June 5, 1874, James A. Brice married Jane Isabel Kennedy on Jan. 4, 1877. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Pressley. Children were:
- e. Pressley Kennedy Brice b. Feb. 19, 1878 married Margaret T. Wahls in El Paso, Texas on Sept. 7, 1910. A daughter, Margaret was born July 3, 1911.
  - f. Moffatt Grier Brice b.Feb. 28, 1880 d. Dec. 10, 1899 after completing his junior year at Erskine College.
  - g. Mary Lavinia Brice b. April 8, 1882
  - h. James Alexander Brice b. Nov. 1, 1884 d. March 9, 1920 married Sara Oakley in 1917. They had children.
  - i. Charles Simonton Brice b. July 6, 1887 married Louise Sparin at Fort Monroe, Va. on Oct. 6, 1917. A son, Charles S. Brice, Jr. was born at Fort Monroe, Va. on August 8, 1918.
  - j. John Payson Brice b. Sept. 22, 1889 - d. 1891
  - k. Luther Kennedy Brice b. March 28, 1892 d. \_\_\_\_\_ was a lawyer in Spartanburg.

1. Julia Frances Brice b. April 26, 1895
- 3G. Martha Simonton Brice (1841-1878) married Dr. Thomas Barkley Madden on Jan. 19, 1868. Children were:
- a. Mary J. Madden b. April 6, 1870 d. April 27, 1910 married John E. Matthews of Columbia. They had children.
  - b. William Campbell Madden b. May 21, 1872 and still living in Winnsboro
  - c. Thomas Barkley Madden b. Sept. 21, 1874 served for sometime as Postmaster in Columbia.
  - d. Robert Brice Madden b. Oct. 24, 1877 d. Sept. 12, 1878
- 3H. Mary E. Brice (1843-1895) married John Vinson on Sept. 4, 1867
- 3I. William W. Brice (1846 \_\_\_\_\_) married by Rev. James Boyce to Hattie E. Vinson on Sept. 5, 1867. A daughter, Mary E. Brice, born Oct. 9, 1869 was married on Oct. 5, 1887 to Josiah H. Moffatt at White Oak, in Fairfield County.
- 3J. Sallie Agnes Brice (1848- \_\_\_\_\_) married by Rev. J.M. Todd to J.M. Galloway (1847-1917) on Dec. 18, 1872. Children were:
- a. William B. Galloway b. Oct. 24, 1873 d. June 11, 1903
  - b. Louis C. Galloway b. Sept. 3, 1875 d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1940. Served as Professor of History at Erskine College.
  - c. Robert S. Galloway b. Oct. 10, 1880
  - d. Mary E. Galloway b. Feb. 1, 1883
  - e. John C. Galloway b. Sept. 11, 1884
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ L. Galloway b. Oct. 14, 1890
- Children of Dr. Walter Brice (1804-1871) and Martha E. Moore (1811-1898)
- 6C. Robert Wade Brice (1836-1910) married Martha Matilda Watson on Feb. 26, 1863. Children were:
- a. Walter Scott Brice b. Jan. 17, 1864 d. Oct. 22, 1882
  - b. Ida Marshall Brice b. March 30, 1866 d. 1896 married John James Waters on Jan. 5, 1886. Children were: Matilda Waters, Elizabeth Waters, Robert Brice Waters, John James Waters, Jr.
  - c. Richardson Walker Brice (1868- \_\_\_\_\_) married Nancy Jane Mobley on Nov. 7, 1894. She was a daughter of Edward P. Mobley. This family lived at Wedgefield, S. C. Children were
    - (1) Robert Wade Brice b. Oct. 6, 1895 married Henri Wertz of Sumter on March 4, 1918
    - (2) Marion Mobley Brice b. \_\_\_\_\_ married on Nov. 3, 1919 to Mary Belle Welch of Sumter. They have children.
    - (3) Marshall Moore Brice - finished Clemson in 1917 - married Margaret Gibbes Harris of Staunton, Va. on June 7, 1923
    - (4) Kathryn Mellichamp Brice died in infancy.
    - (5) Edward Pickett Mobley Brice
    - (6) Walter Scott Brice
    - (7) Matilda Watson Brice b. July 14, 1904
  - d. James Lunsford Brice b. Oct. 27, 1871 d. \_\_\_\_\_ married Jennie Eliza Bishop on June 27, 1911. Children were:
    - (1) Jennie Laurence Brice
    - (2) James Lunsford Brice
  - e. Robert Wade Brice b. July 15, 1874 d. March 1, 1910 married Carrie H. Suydam on June 15, 1898. Children were:
    - (1) Charles McDonald Brice b. Nov. 3, 1900 married June 19, 1920 to Harriette Black of Waxhaw, N.C. Children are: Harriette Brice b. June 3, 1921 and Charles M. Brice, Jr. b. April 23, 1923

- (2) Ida Marshall Brice b. Nov. 29, 1901
  - (3) Cornelia Suydam Brice b. Jan. 14, 1904
  - (4) Robert Wade Brice III b. July 23, 1906
  - (5) Frances Brice b. August 14, 1919
  - f. Michael Moore Brice b. April 24, 1877 married Pauline Buckner in October 1905. She died in June 1908 and he married the second time on Dec. 8, 1918, Addie Carter. A daughter, Rosa Marshall Brice died when eight years of age.
  - g. Wilson McDonald Brice b. Nov. 1, 1881 married Fletcher Olds Rosser on Sept. 23, 1914.
  - 6E. Thomas William Brice (1841-1908) married Nancy Boyce. Children:
    - a. John Moore Brice, M.D. (1867-1907) married Bessie Moore Hardin on Feb. 21, 1894. Their children are:
      - (1) Rebecca Boyce Brice b. 1897 d. 1904
      - (2) Nancy Moore Brice b. Sept. 26, 1899
      - (3) Thomas Hardin Brice b. June 27, 1902
      - (4) John William Brice b. May 5, 1905
    - b. Thomas William Brice, Jr. (1872-1956) married Evelyn Brice, a daughter of Calvin and Ellen Wallace Brice. Children are:
      - (1) James B. (2) Evelyn now married (3) Robert M. - present Fairfield County Auditor who married Carolyn Arnette. They have two children (4) Ellen Wallace Brice married William Buchanan of Winnsboro, (5) Emily now married (6) Thomas W. Jr.
    - c. Samuel McDonald Brice (1876-19\_\_ ) married Elizabeth Dougherty on April 16, 1902 at North, Orangeburg Co., S.C. Children:
      - (1) Joseph Miller Brice, M. D. b. Feb. 4, 1903 married and living at Kingstree, S.C. - They have several sons.
      - (2) Elizabeth Brice b. August 28, 1905
      - (3) Samuel McDonald Brice b. March 25, 1908 married and lives at Woodward, Fairfield County.
      - (4) Ida Brice b. June 7, 1910
    - d. Laurie Michael Brice (b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_ ) married Macie McAliley of Chester on April 18, 1905. Two children were (1) Lawrence and (2) Nancy Boyce Brice.
    - e. Nancy Boyce Brice (1880- ) married Edward Henry Hardin of Chester on Feb. 10, 1908. Children (1) Rebecca Moore Hardin b. Feb. 18, 1909 (2) Nancy Boyce Hardin b. July 18, 1910, died May 24, 1912.
    - f. Joseph B. Brice (b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_ )
    - g. James Brice ( b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_ )
  - 6F. Rebecca Jane Brice (1844-1901) married James L. Rosborough on Oct. 20, 1869. Children were:
    - a. Mary Emeline Rosborough b. August 29, 1870 married Wade Hampton Macfie on April 27, 1896. Children are:
      - (1) Evelyn Rosborough Macfie b. May 23, 1898 married David Aikon Crawford on Dec. 28, 1922. Their only child, David A. Crawford, Jr. was killed in the invasion of Europe in June 1944.
      - (2) Agnes Rice Macfie b. Oct. 4, 1901 married T.W. Ruff
      - (3) Rebekah Brice Macfie b. Jan. 2, 1904
      - (4) Wade Hampton Macfie b. Nov. 23, 1906 married and living in Winnsboro. Children are Wade and David Macfie.
- After the death of James L. Rosborough, Rebecca Brice Rosborough married John A. Brice, son of Robert Brice and Margaret Simonton

- This ceremony was performed on Jan. 15, 1879. Children were:
- b. Rebecca M. Brice b. June 7, 1881 married Reuben Rice Macfie on June 21, 1905. Children are:
    - (1) Reuben Rice Macfie, Jr. b. July 1, 1906 married to Alva Stevenson of Winnsboro. They have children.
    - (2) James McGregor Macfie b. Oct. 10, 1908
    - (3) Mary Jane Macfie b. March 6, 1911
    - (4) Margaret Simonton Macfie b. June 14, 1913
    - (5) Rebecca Brice Macfie b. June 9, 1917 married and has children.
    - (6) Katherine Morgan Macfie b. Nov. 18, 1920
  - c. Jane Wilson Brice b. May 26, 1883
  - 6H. Samuel George Brice (1849-1936) married \_\_\_\_\_ Miller. They had children. Tombs at New Hope Associate Reformed Presbyterian Cometary lists two members of the family: (1) Mabel Brice Clement March 16, 1883- Nov. 15, 1924 (2) Eugene Harold Brice, M.D. Aug. 30, 1890- Feby 13, 1916 - Buried at Sea.

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Petition for Administration on Estate of James Brice, Senr.

The State of South Carolina,  
Fairfield District .....

In the Court of Ordinary

To John R. Buchanan, Esq., Ordinary in and for the District of Fairfield in the State aforesaid.

The petition of John Simonton of the District and State aforesaid respectfully showeth--

That James Brice late of the District and State aforesaid departed this life on the 9th of Jany. intestate. That said intestate was possessed at the time of his death, of personal property supposed to be worth about seven thousand dollars; and also of considerable real estate.

That he left the following persons his heirs at law viz-- Robert Brice, William Brice, John Brice, Nancy Simonton, wife of your petitioner, Walter Brice, Samuel Brice, Jennett Brice, wife of John Brice, David Brice, Mary Miller, wife of George Miller, children of said intestate, and Leroy Grissam, son of Jane Grissam, deceased, who was a daughter of said James Brice, deceased.

Your petitioner prays that Administration may be granted to him upon the personal estate of said deceased.

And your petitioner will pray--

Jany. 19th, 1845

John Simonton

Dr. Walter Brice

Dr. Walter Brice, son of James and Jane Brice, was born Sept. 5, 1804, lost his mother when three days old, was nursed and tenderly cared for by a colored woman, a servant of his fathers. He was born and raised on Little River, Fairfield District, near New Hope church. He received the rudiments of his education from Mr. W. Young, who taught near his father's house, studied the languages under Mr. John Hemphill afterwards Judge Hemphill of Texas, prosecuted his studies at Mount Zion College, Winnsboro, under Mr. Tuts. In 1825 he went to Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania remained there until he graduated in October 1828 commenced the study of medicine the first of January 1829 under Dr. John Douglas of Chester County, attended two courses of lectures in Charleston, S.C. graduating March 1831.

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Dr. Walter Brice, Sr. died suddenly at his residence, Fairfield County, S.C., on the 7th of December, 1871, of disease of the heart, in the 68th year of his age.

Rarely has any community sustained a greater loss in the death of a single individual. He was a descendent of a highly respectable family, and born, September 5, 1804, in the immediate vicinity in which he afterwards settled and died. His academic education was conducted under the superintendence of such men as the late Rev. Rodgers, Hon. Sam'l McAlilly, and Hon. John Hemphill. He graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1828 and at the medical college, Charleston, S.C. in 1831. In the same year he married Miss Emma Moore, and immediately commenced the practice of medicine. By his skill and ..... attention to his profession, he soon acquired an extensive practice-too extensive indeed, for the physical abilities of any one man. But such were his sympathies with the sufferings of the afflicted, that he often denied himself needful rest to relieve their maladies, and minister to their comfort. The poor, in the bounds of his practice were never neglected. On the contrary, I am informed by some of that class that he not only relieved their maladies, but furnished such provisions as were needful to them when destitute. In short, he not only secured the confidence, respect, and esteem, but also the love of all classes of the community, and died, it is believed, without an enemy. Years since, he made a public profession of religion, and connected himself with the A.R.P. church at New Hope, of which Dr. Boyce was then the pastor, and from that period ..... his profession by a christian ..... and conversation. He was fond of the Bible, and studied its contents, not only to conform his life to its sacred teachings, but that he might enjoy its comforts and consolations. His uniform practice was, I am informed, to read a chapter as soon as he arose and dressed. Some five years since his heart became organically diseased, and he was compelled to relinquish his practice; and from the nature of the disease, he knew that his time would probably be short. He set his house in order, and was constantly on the lookout for his departure. His language was, "I hope I am prepared, and when it shall please God to take me away, I am willing to go". Often has he said to the writer, that "he might die at any moment, and when death comes, it will do its work quickly". And so it was. He went but little into society, but was always pleased to receive his friends, and entertained them with remarkable cheerfulness.



Indeed, the writer has been acquainted with him for thirty years and never saw him in any other mood than that of cheerfulness. But he is gone and I do not expect shortly to see his superior, taken all in all. He is missed in the community in which he dwelt, He is missed in the church in which he was a constant worshiper, when health permitted. And, above all, he is missed in his family. But "we sorrow not as those who have no hope", "for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him". May God be the stay and comforter of the widow and fatherless, and may this sad bereavement be abundantly sanctified to the family, and to us all.

---- L. McDonald

( Copied from a newspaper clipping)

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Rev. R. W. Brice

Rev. Robert Wilson Brice was born at the home of his father, Robert Brice, near New Hope Church in Fairfield Co., S.C. July 2, 1826. His ancestors were all Scotch-Irish. His grandfather, James Brice, came from County Antrim, Ireland, about 1780, and settled on Little River. He married Jane Wilson, the daughter of Robert Wilson, one of the leaders of the Whigs in his neighborhood, during the Revolutionary War.

The mother of Robert Wilson Brice was Margaret Simonton, the daughter of John Simonton and Jeannette Strong. On both sides the parents of Mr. Brice were intelligent and pious, thrifty and industrious. His grandfather, James Brice, gave the land on which the New Hope church stands, and his father Robert Brice, was for many years an elder in the congregation. His grandfather, John Simonton, was also an elder in New Hope. When a boy R. W. Brice attended the schools near his home, and was prepared for college by John McClurkin, who for many years taught the school at New Hope.

In the fall of 1840 he entered Erskine College, graduating in 1844. Even as a boy and young man, those noble traits of character which were displayed in his life afterwards, were plainly manifested, and he always exerted a good influence over his associates. He connected with the church while a student in college; and in Dec. 1844, when only a boy of eighteen, he began the study of Theology under his brother-in-law, Rev. L. McDonald, then pastor of Union Church in Chester County.

The session of 1845-1846, he spent in the A.R. Seminary at Alleghany, Pa., then presided over by Dr. John T. Pressly. On returning to the home of his father in the spring of 1846, he taught school for a time at New Hope, and then went to the Seminary at Due West, S.C. where he completed his course in the spring of 1848. He was received as a student by the First Presbytery in 1847, and was licensed in April 1848. After supplying some of the vacancies in the First Presbytery, he was sent to Kentucky in 1848, to supply some of the vacancies in that State. In the winter of 1849-50 he received a call from Hinkston, Ky., and in Jan. 1850, he also received a call to Hopewell, Chester Co., S. C. and this latter call he accepted, and on May 31, 1850, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Hopewell, and there spent the remainder of his life, as the beloved pastor of this people. On Mar. 4, 1850, he was happily married to Anna Maria, the daughter of Rev. John and Jane C. Steele, of Kentucky, who proved to be to him a helpmeet

indeed, and a model pastor's wife. To them was born a large family of children, all of whom have proved worthy children of a noble pair. As a pastor, Mr. Brice was greatly beloved by his congregation. His people placed implicit confidence and trust in him, for they found him to be a man without guile and without hypocrisy. He possessed a clear intellect, sound judgment and rare common sense. His sermons were plain, expository and practical, and more than ordinarily interesting and instructive. Dr. R. Lathan, who was raised in Hopewell, says, "He never preached a poor sermon-never an unstudied one." His custom was, during the winter months, to explain a Psalm and preach a sermon, and during the summer months to lecture on some book of the Bible, selected in regular order, and then after a short interval to preach a sermon. In this way he had explained the whole book of Psalms, and his lectures covered a good portion of the books of the New Testament. In his time Hopewell was literally a school house in which the Bible was taught. These faithful labors, together with regular pastoral visitation and catechising were blessed to the edification of his congregation. In 1866 or 1867, Mr. Brice began to preach one third of his time at Old Purity, two miles south of Chester, and there in 1869 he organized the present A.R.P. church at Chester. He continued to minister to this new organization for one third of his time until October 1875.

From the first to the last, Mr. Brice took an active interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of his denomination. He was constant in his attendance at Presbytery and Synod, and was an influential member of both these courts. He was Moderator of Synod at Sardis, N. C. in 1862, and at Hopewell, Tenn., in 1874, and he was Treasurer of Synod's Home Mission funds from 1854 to 1878. In summing up the character of Mr. Brice, Dr. Lathan, who was in early life a member of his congregation, and for a while a student in his home, says in his history of Hopewell and its Pastors: "He was in the strictest sense of the word a model man. Nature had bestowed on him some rare gifts. His disposition was that of a high-toned Christian gentleman. In his nature there was nothing wild and fanciful. He was by every instinct of his being a matter of fact man. His passions were kept under perfect control. No man, so far as we know, ever saw him violently angry, nor did anyone ever hear him utter a hasty or rash sentence. All his convictions were reached calmly and conscientiously. Amid all the vicissitudes of life, he was, as near as mortal man can be, the same. His manners were plain but always gentlemanly.

No man was better adapted to make himself friends, and no man was better fitted to retain them when made. Nature designed him to govern others, in that he was granted power to govern himself."

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#### Newspaper Clipping on the Death of Maj. T.W. Brice

Maj. Thos. W. Brice, a gallant Confederate veteran and a well known farmer and business man, died at his home at Woodward early yesterday morning, after a serious illness of about two weeks. The funeral services will be held at noon today at Concord Presbyterian church and the remains laid to rest in Concord burying ground.

Maj. Brice was born in the New Hope section of Fairfield County

Nov. 22, 1841, and was therefore, in his sixty-seventh year. His education was obtained at Erskine College, from the halls of which institution he went forth in the spring of 1861 to take up arms for the South. He enlisted in the Hampton Legion and after a year's valiant service was transferred to Co. D, Sixth S.C. Vols. as first lieutenant. He was severely wounded in the eye at the battle of Campbell's Station near Knoxville in November, 1863, but after a few months' disability pluckily returned to the service.

At the conclusion of hostilities Maj. Brice returned home, to take up along with other brave men of that time the work of rebuilding the South. He was a successful farmer and business man and by his industry and ability amassed a comfortable estate. He was possessed of the complete confidence of friends and neighbors, and his name has always been a synonym for honesty of purpose. He was never an aspirant for public office, but as illustrative of the affection and esteem in which he was held by the people all over his county he was selected as one of Fairfield's delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1895, which framed the constitution under which the people of South Carolina are now living.

His wife, who was Miss Nancy Boyce, a sister of Maj. W.W. Boyce, of Rock Hill, preceded him to the grave by about two years. He leaves five sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. Messrs. Saml. M., Laurie, and T. W. Brice, Jr., of Woodward; Jos. B. Brice, of Knoxville, Tenn., Jas. G. Brice, of Montgomery, Ala.; and Mrs. E. H. Hardin, of Chester.

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#### Ashbel Green Brice

A native and life long resident of Chester county, the late Ashbel Green Brice was for four decades one of the most successful and most highly respected members of the Chester County Bar. He enjoyed a large and important practice, which was practically entirely in the realm of civil law. Mr. Brice was a man of deep public spirit and served his community in many positions of trust and responsibility, representing the county twice in the State Legislature, being for many years the chairman of the Chester City Board of Education, acting very effectively as a trustee of the Industrial and Mechanical College for Negroes, and holding high office in his church. In all of these fields of human endeavor he rendered notable and unselfish service. He had a clear and logical mind and a sound and discriminating judgment; was conscientious, careful and painstaking in everything he undertook; and a man of strong convictions, he stood at all times for law and order in all things. Though modest and retiring, he possessed great moral courage and consistently adhered to the highest ideals of his profession.

Ashbel Green Brice was born in Chester County, April 7, 1854, a son of Rev. Robert Wilson and Anna M. (Steele) Brice. \* \* \* \* He was taught by his mother and did not attend school until after his sixteenth year when he began to prepare for college. \* \* \* He studied for a while in the neighborhood schools and in the autumn of 1872 he entered the sophomore class at Erskine College. In the sophomore and junior years he stood first in his class, and in the senior year he won three of the five medals that had been offered to the class. After he was graduated, he taught school one year in Newberry County. In December 1876, he began the study of law in the office of Colonel James H. Rion, at Winnsboro. The following year he was admitted to practice and opened

an office in Winnsboro, but, his father's health having failed, he soon returned to the old home, where he remained until his father's death, in March, 1878. He managed the farm during most of that year, but in November, 1878, he commenced law practice in Chester, and in January, 1879, he permanently located in that town. \* \* \*

(Condensed from a rather long account in D.D. Wallace's History of South Carolina, Vol. 4)

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From: The News-Banner, Union City, Tennessee, Oct. 7, 1921

Last Saturday afternoon marked the change in the management of the News-Banner as the paper passed from the hands of J.M. Brice, into the hands of E. P. Waddell.

Mr. Brice has been owner and manager of the News-Banner for 33 years having succeeded his uncle Walter Brice to that position in 1888, at Troy. In 1909 Mr. Brice moved his paper to Union City.

A history of the paper under the management of Mr. Brice is as follows: "The end" like "change" is written on all creation's face. Human life and destiny is as changeful and transitory as the frosted ice-scapes on the winter's pane. If we leave our work just now, it but doos antedate a time when fate shall bid us cease. Why should we repeine. We have enjoyed, we have revelled as a traveller in fairy land in the long work of our life. We are rich in experience if in naught else. We have lived to see the proud and haughty humbled in the dust and to see the humble and weak raised to the estate of might and power.

If any one truth has been impression the more deeply upon us it is that we are but tenants stopping but a little season or like travellers putting up for a night at an inn.

We bought the News-Banner from our uncle Dr. Walter Brice, paying him \$700, and took charge the first Monday in April 1888. The world seemed exceeding bright and happy and a good place to be in as we journeyed to Troy that morning. It seemed full of a divine and glorious enchantment and illusion. We asked Dr. Brice to write a last article for the paper as Mr. E. P. Waddell, the new owner and editor of the News-Banner has asked us to do.

Dr. Brice had been its owner for nearly ten years. Dr. Brice possessed a cultivated intellect. He was a typical gentleman of the old South. His home folks called him papa, his kinsmen Uncle Walter, his friends Dr. Brice, his enemies called him Bishop Brice referring to his courtly manners, his grace and poise and dignity. He was a fleshy florid man about 5feet 9 and weighing 240 pounds. He had served in the civil war as surgeon of the far-famed Avalanche. He was exceeding courteous alike to poor and rich. He was a scholarly writer, using long rounded periods and it was he who first gave the News-Banner prestige in Obion county. \* \* \* \* \*

His big brown kindly eyes had no more guile and deceit than those of a little child. He was immensely popular and possessed the supreme confidence of the people. \* \* \* \* \*

While this "stopping" was in process, that fine old Scotch-Irish merchant, our grandfather, the late James S. Moffatt, dropped in and said that he desired the article printed that he handed us. \* \* \*

We have stated that much fortune and misfortune have been ours

but the greatest calamity that ever befell us was the death of our dear son Paul, who was with us for several years in the office. We have never taken much interest in the paper since his death and what we have done more by habit and discipline than aught else.

Amid many fortunes and misfortunes, there is one very bright circumstance, the News-Banner hands over to the editor, E. P. Waddell a paper possessing the confidence and respect, the esteem and patronage of the people of Obion county unimpaired. In an especial manner, the News-Banner possesses and has always possessed the good will, confidence and patronage of the country people. That we secured and held their confidence and respect and good will for more than a third of a century is as high an honor as could fall to us.

The policy of the paper has been for good schools, for high professional ideals in pedagogy, for economical government, for lower taxes, for toleration and breadth in religious matters and in a general way for the development of a higher social life.

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We now say goodbye to our readers and we thank each one from the bottom of a grateful heart who ever said a kind word or did a favor either for the <sup>writer</sup> or for his paper.

James M. Brice

(Asterisks denotes places where material was left out to shorten the article)

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History of Fairfield County South Carolina from "Before the White Man Came" to 1942 by Fitz Hugh McMaster has one chapter, XIII, titled Character Sketches of Winnsboro By W. O. Brice, 1907. In a foot note Mr. McMaster says "William Oscar Brice 1866-1909 is a worthy scion and flower and fruit of one of the oldest and most respected County families of Fairfield. It has been preeminent for culture and education and in the religious life of the county. In war and in peace the Brice family did its full duty. William Oscar was born and reared in Winnsboro. He received his academic education here at Mt. Zion Academy, his collegiate education, at Erskine College."

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#### Lieutenant General William Oscar Brice

Lt. General William Oscar Brice, U.S. Marine Corps who is the second Marine aviator to attain this rank, has had a long, colorful and distinguished career in the service of his country. The son of Dr. William Oscar Brice and Rachel Thompson Brice, he was born in Columbia in 1899, the family moving to Winnsboro six years later. He was graduated from Mt. Zion Institute, where "Skinny" Brice early exhibited his inbred loyalty to the "Rebel" cause by winning an oratorical contest on the subject of "The Confederacy". World War I, in which he served as a second lieutenant, interrupted his studies at The Citadel but he returned to complete his education, becoming a naval aviator in 1924. Long before the second world conflict began, he was a member of the "Caterpillar" club, a real distinction in those early days of air travel.

General Brice has won a multitude of citations and decorations, including the Legion of Merit presented by General Vandergrift. During his first eighteen months in the Pacific war theatre, when the going was really tough, he displayed leadership, verve and daring of the

highest calibre and in 1943, Colonel Brice was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, for outstanding leadership of all the Allied search bombers and torpedo planes in the Solomons area. A Presidential citation accompanied it and his unit was given credit for inflicting tremendous losses on the Japanese.

In 1944, Vern Haugland, famed Associated Press Correspondent, writing of the Bonnie Blue Flag which waved over Brice's headquarters in the Solomons, said: " you don't have to have a Southern accent to work under Colonel Brice but it helps. In Navy parlance, Brice is the man who made the air safe over the Solomons and he has commanded some of the nation's top aces, including Foss, Boyington, and Hassen." Later in the war, the Winnsboro Marine officer did another tour of duty in the Far East and he has been twice to Korea, once during the "police action" and again since the "uncasy peace."

Earlier this year he was elevated to his present rank, thus becoming the second Marine aviator to attain this distinction in all American history. There are only four other Lt. Generals in the entire Marine Corps. Commandant Lemuel Shepherd is the only four star general. \*\*\*\* Excerpt of news article in THE NEWS AND HERALD, Winnsboro)

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John J. Brice Family - a Nephew of John, William and James

Walter Brice, County Antrim brother of John, William and James Brice, did not emigrate to this country however, his son, John J. Brice and his family did come over in November 1840 and settled in the New Hope community. John J. Brice (1795- 1863) and his wife, Mary (1796-1874) had one son, William, and several daughters: Hannah (1822-1874) did not marry and is buried at New Hope; Grace White Brice was born in County Antrim and died Jan. 15, 1856 aged 15 years, 11 months and 24 days and buried at New Hope so she must have been an infant when her parents came over in November 1840; Elizabeth married F. Elder; Mary married James Richey. The late Homer Brice in explaining to me about this family stated that William was " Maggie Turner's father which means he is the grandfather of Mrs. O.C. Scarborough and John M. Turner". I do not know whether Elizabeth and Mary married in this country or in Ireland.

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Tomb inscriptions of The James Brice Family: Sacred to the memory of Jane Brice wife of James Brice who departed this life the 8th of Sept. in the year of our Lord 1804, in the 40th year of her age.

Also here lies James Brice Senior who departed this life on the 9th day of January A.D. 1845 aged 77 years. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like this.

Sacred to the memory of Mary Brice wife of James Brice who departed this life the 1st day of November 1828 in the 50th year of her ago.

( From New Hope Cemetery - the original James and his 1st and 2nd wives - Many other Brices are buried there but the inscriptions will not be included here)

Miscellaneous

William White Brice married Margaret Clowney. Children include:

1. John Edgar Brice (1901-1956) married Marguerite Brannon. They have one daughter, Peggy
2. Charles W. Brice, Sr. married & living in Chester
3. William White Brice - Chester
4. Albert W. Brice - Greenwood
5. James C. Brice married \_\_\_\_\_ Scott. They have one son a student at Davidson College. J. C. Brice is superintendent of schools in Easley, S. C.
6. Elizabeth Brice
7. .... Brice married Harold Alexander of Chester

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Alexander Douglass b. Oct. 14, 1799 d. July 18, 1863 married Jenette Simonton b. Sept. 8, 1799 d. Jan. 3, 1872. Children were:

1. Martha S. Douglass b. Jan. 2, 1826
2. John S. Douglass b. May 15, 1828
3. Jane G. Douglass b. June 25, 1839
4. Alexander S. Douglass b. Dec. 25, 1833
5. Margaret S. Douglas b. Nov. 24, 1836
6. Mary E. Douglass b. Oct. 26, 1839 married James Henry Brice
7. Sarah E. Douglass b. Sept. 10, 1843

2. John S. Douglass and Margaret D. Boyce were married Jan. 3, 1855 by Rev. Dr. James Boyce

- William B. Douglass b. April 11, 1856  
Laura Jenette Douglass b. Oct. 17, 1857  
Charles Alexander Douglass b. Jan. 31, 1859  
Nancy Caroline Douglass b. July 2, 1860 d. Oct. 28, 1861  
Lois Emeline Douglass b. March 23, 1862  
John Scott Douglass b. Nov. 17, 1863 d. Sept. 26, 1864  
James Calvin Douglass b. Feb. 27, 1866  
Martha Eugenia Douglass b. July 8, 1867  
Edgar Scott Douglass b. Dec. 7, 1868  
Ebenezer Erskine Douglass b. June 23, 1870  
Albert Gilmore Douglass b. Dec. 24, 1871  
John Walkup Douglass b. Nov. 9, 1873  
Joseph Simonton Douglas b. Feb. 8, 1879

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Rev. R. M. Stevenson, D.D. wrote a historical sketch of New Hope A.R.P. church. This appeared in the Oct. 31, 1934 Associate Reformed Presbyterian. He lists the professional men reared at New Hope: Ministers, R. W. Brice, J. R. Castles, C. E. McDonald, J. C. Douglass, J. W. Douglass, R. B. Miller and J. B. Chisolm - Lawyers: Charles S. Brice, A. S. Douglass, W. B. Douglass, C. A. Douglass, Scott Douglass, J. E. McDonald, W. L. McDonald, and John Means Simonton. Physicians: Walter Brice, W. S. B. McClorkin, Henry Castles, Jr., J. Michael Brice, J. L. Thompson, J. C. S. Brice, W. F. Mitchell, J. E. Douglass, Sr., J. E. Douglass, Jr., John W. Douglass, and Eugene Brice. Dentists: R. T. Douglass and C. M. Douglass.

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Margaret Simonton Douglas married Rev. J. H. Peoples.  
Margaret Simonton married Rev. E. E. Boyce

Ella Brice married Rev. S. L. Morris.

Dr. Stevenson also lists students who attended college however he states that all did not attend Erskine College. Some of the list is: Calvin Brice's family - George, William, Homer, Bert, Evie, and Ruth William Brice - Jane, Margaret, Sarah, Mary, John, Samuel, Robert and James A.

C. S. Brice, Sr. - Ella

C. S. Brice, Jr. - Agnes

Clarence Brice - John A., Jr. and Lila

Mrs. Rebecca Rosborough Brice - Emmie Rosborough

John A. Brice, Sr. - Clarence, Caroline, Alice, Rebekah and Jennie

Robert Brice - Robert, Charles, Thomas, Margaret, Amanda and Mary

T. S. Brice - Leslie, Burtie and Mamie

Dr. Walter Brice - Michael, Scott, Wade, John, Thomas and Rebecca

William Brice - John C. S.

S. G. Brice - Eugene and Bessie

John G. Brice - Watt and Mary

T. P. Mitchell - Johnnie and Chris Brice, William, Eunice, Bessie

John Simonton - Mary, Mattie, Margaret, Boyce, Robert and John

Robert Simonton - Marie, John Means, Bessie, Bertie and Martha

( The list includes many Douglassés, Stevensons, and others)

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Dictionary of Given Names by Flora Haines Longhead gives (1) Brice (Anglo Saxon) - A breach (2) Bryce (Celtic) - Speedy (3) Bruce (Old French) From Bruys in Normandy.

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History of Fairfield County South Carolina from "Before the White Man Came" to 1942 by Fitz Hugh McMaster gives a list of 102 farms out of a total of 738 in the county as listed in the census of 1850 that had a value of \$7,000 or more. These include: John Brice-\$17,500; Walter Brice-\$19,800; Robert Brice-\$28,000; David Brice-\$11,900; James G. Brice \$16,700; John Brice, Jr.-\$17,760. In 1860 there were 707 farms with 134 valued at \$10,000 or more. These included: J. G. Brice-\$30,000; J. G. Brice-\$33,000; John Brice-\$33,630; Robert Brice-\$30,000; Dr. W. Brice-\$25,500; Robert Brice, Jr.-\$55,680; John Brice, Jr.-\$24,000; Sam Brice-\$27,500; John A. Brice-\$17,665.

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From The News and Herald, Saturday, Feb. 2, 1878: School Notice - A graded school in the English branches and arithmetic, for white children between the ages of six and sixteen years, will be opened at Mount Zion College, as follows: For the primary department - embracing children in primary grades as far as the third reader and the multiplication table - under Miss Blaine, at 10 o'clock A.M. on Monday next. \* \* \* \* \*

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From The State, August 25, 1956: The Pentagon reported today that Lt. General William O. Brice will be promoted to a four star general and retired as of September 1.

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The Fairfield News and Herald, Wednesday, August 9, 1882 reports that the 12th regiment survivors met and elected officers. These included J. H. Brice, second v-president. Plans were made for their fourth annual reunion to be held in Rock Hill. The fifth annual reunion of the Sixth regiment was held in Winnsboro. The procession was formed under the command of Maj. Thomas W. Brice and marched to the court house. The address was by Mr. Sanders.