

Capt. John Buchanan and his brother Robert came to this Country from England a few years before the Revolutionary War. Robert resided in Charleston and taught a classical school. He with eleven others secured the charter for Mt. Zion College in 1777. He was a lieutenant in the navy and was captured at the fall of Charleston and died on a British ship.

Capt. John Buchanan raised a company in Fairfield, probably from the Scotch Irish settlers; served in the battle of Cowpens and other battles of the Revolution. He was stationed at Georgetown and at the landing of La Fayette was the first American Officer to welcome and entertain the gallant Frenchman who did so much to achieve the liberties of our country. He had the honor of presenting La Fayette with a fine horse.

Capt. Buchanan had a body servant named Fortune. His name is attached to a spring in a fine grove near Winnsboro where Fortune cultivated a rice patch.

When La Fayette visited this country in 1825 Fortune went to Lancaster to see him. The sentinel at first refused to admit the old African, but he persisted, and was admitted by order of Gen. La Fayette who recognized him

and was rejoiced to see the servant of his old friend Capt. Buchanan, though nearly fifty years had elapsed since Fortune had blacked his boots.

This is not the only time Fortune appeared in public. It is said that during the French Revolution, the Capt. inspired by gratitude to France and dislike for England, sometimes on public occasions when full of military enthusiasm and good brandy would don his continental uniform, mount his war steed, and followed by Fortune, his body guard, would ride up and down the Main Street of Winnsboro to the admiration of the old whigs and the patriotic youth of the town.

Capt. Buchanan is buried in the Methodist graveyard.