

General John Buchanan.

General John Buchanan belonged to the Presbyterian Church in his inherited faith, the only Buchanan deviating from this belief was his Revolutionary soldier Uncle, Captain, John Buchanan, who with two others, gave land and brick and built the First Methodist Church of Winnsboro.

In 1848 General Buchanan purchased 65 acres in the northern end of Winnsboro, a high eminence which was the home site of the late Minor Winn, and called by Winn "Malvern Hill". Here he erected a large handsome home using much native granite in the first story and in fine terraces to the gardens surrounded by granite walls and picket fences enclosing gardens of formal planting shaded by tall trees. Here he lived, and passed his last years.

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GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN
OF
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN WAS A SIGNER OF THE ORDINANCE OF SECESSION. HE WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1790 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, AND DIED APRIL 2, 1862.

THE BUCHANAN CLAN IS AN ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ONE AND IS OF CELTIC ORIGIN, BUT THE FAMILY HISTORY OF THE BUCHANAN ANCESTORS IS TRACED CLEARLY BACK TO BIBLICAL TIMES AND THIS RECORD IS IN THE ARCHIVES IN LONDON, ENGLAND. IT INCLUDED IN THE BRITISH ISLES MANY MEN OF BRILLIANT MIND, SOLDIERS OF FAME, NOTED PROFESSIONAL MEN AND STATESMEN. THEIR SCOTTISH HOLDINGS THEY SOLD OR ABANDONED AND THEY CAME FROM BALLYMENA, IRELAND, TO AMERICA. THEIR ACRES LAY IN MONTEITH AND LENNOX AND NEAR THE LOCHS KATRINE AND LOMOND. ONE OF THE CASTLES AND ITS LANDS WAS CALLED BLAIRDUSK. BEFORE THE FAMILY CAME OVER TO AMERICA THEY WERE PEOPLE OF CULTURE. THEY WERE NOT COVENANTERS AS IS SHOWN BY THEIR FINE FURNISHINGS, OIL PORTRAITS AND LIBRARIES. CAPTAIN JOHN BUCHANAN WORE KNEE BRITCHES AND BUCKLES ON HIS SHOES, THE TRAPPINGS OF A GENTLE-

BUCHANAN STAYING WITH JOHN UNTIL HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT WITH THE MOTHER COUNTRY, WHEN THEY RETURNED TO ENGLAND TO ENTER THE KINGS' ARMY. TO GENERAL BUCHANAN THERE WERE THREE UNCLES, BROTHERS, JOHN AND ROBERT BUCHANAN MENTIONED ABOVE, AND THE OLDEST BROTHER, WILLIAM, WHO STAYED IN IRELAND AND DIED THERE.

CREIGHTON BUCHANAN, THE FATHER OF GENERAL BUCHANAN WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THE FOUR BUCHANAN BROTHERS, AND HE AND HIS WIFE CAME TO AMERICA AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY IN 1778. CREIGHTON WAS BORN IN IRELAND IN 1760, AND DIED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY 1823. HIS FIRST WIFE, THE MOTHER OF GENERAL BUCHANAN, WAS BORN IN IRELAND 1760, AS MARY MILLIKEN, AND HER FIRST HUSBAND WAS VALENTINE. SHE DIED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY IN 1814. GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN WAS ONE OF THREE CHILDREN OF THIS COUPLE, HE BEING THE ONLY SON.

THE OTHER CHILDREN WERE: RACHEL, WHO MARRIED JOHN MCMASTER, AND MARTHA BUCHANAN. LATER CREIGHTON REMARRIED TO ELIZABETH SMITH, THE WIDOW STEWART. GENERAL BUCHANAN'S HALF SISTERS AND BROTHERS WERE: DR. ROBERT AUGUSTUS BUCHANAN, MARRIED REBECCA CLAUDIA WOODWARD; CALVIN BUCHANAN OF TEXAS; ELIZABETH

MAN, UNTIL HIS DEATH.

AN ANCESTOR IS GEORGE BUCHANAN, THE SCHOLAR, WHO IS ALSO AN ANCESTOR OF PRESIDENT JAMES BUCHANAN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE FIRST BUCHANANS OF THE LINE OF GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN TO SET FOOT ON AMERICAN SOIL WERE TWO UNCLES, JOHN BUCHANAN (WHO LATER WAS THE WELL KNOWN REVOLUTIONARY CAPTAIN, AND ALSO WHO WAS THE FIRST MAN TO GREET, SHARE HIS TENT AND BODY-SERVANT WITH LAFAYETTE WHEN HE EMBARKED AT GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA), AND ROBERT BUCHANAN, LIEUTENANT IN THE REVOLUTION, WHO HAD THE FIRST CLASSICAL SCHOOL IN CHARLESTON, AND WAS THE MOVING INSPIRATION FOR FORMING HISTORIC MT. ZION INSTITUTE IN WINNSBORO. THESE TWO WITH GREAT UNCLES OF GENERAL BUCHANAN ON THE GRANDMOTHER'S SIDE - PHILLIPS - CAME TO CHARLESTON IN 1770, ALL PAYING THEIR PASSAGE ON SHIP-BOARD.

JOHN BUCHANAN, THE UNCLE ABOVE-MENTIONED, TOOK OUT LAND GRANTS IN THE WESTERN PART OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ADJOINING THE ACRES OF THE WELL-KNOWN WINN FAMILY, THE PHILLIPS GREAT UNCLES OF GENERAL

BUCHANAN MARRIED MCKINNEY ELLIOTT.

GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN MARRIED HARRIETT YONGUE, DAUGHTER OF A FAIRFIELD COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER, SAMUEL YONGUE. THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN: JOHN MILLIKIN BUCHANAN MARRIED EUGENIA FELDER; SAMUEL Y. BUCHANAN (ADMITTED TO THE BAR MAY 17, 1848); WILLIAM CREIGHTON BUCHANAN, WHO DIED IN THE CONFEDERATE WAR; ANN BUCHANAN, WHO MARRIED DOCTOR EDWARD PALMER.

THESE THREE SONS OF GENERAL BUCHANAN GRADUATED AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AS DID THEIR FATHER IN 1811. THE SONS: JOHN MILLIKEN BUCHANAN WAS CLASS 1842; SAMUEL Y. BUCHANAN CLASS 1846; WILLIAM CREIGHTON CLASS 1852.

JOHN MILLIKEN BUCHANAN IS THE FATHER OF THE LATE JAMES PAUL BUCHANAN OF TEXAS, SENIOR CONGRESSMAN. FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HE WAS A SHINING LEGAL LIGHT IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HE MARRIED EMMA NICHOLSON. CONGRESSMAN JAMES PAUL BUCHANAN HAD A SON, JAMES P., JUNIOR, WHO LIVES IN WASHINGTON AND MARRIED MISS COLLIER. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, JAMES

PAUL III, AND ANN BUCHANAN.

IN MANY HISTORIES WRITTEN BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE BIRTH OF GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN, AND AFTERWARDS, IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND ELSEWHERE IS FOUND KINSMEN OF HIS PROMINENT IN THE PROFESSIONS OF MEDICINE AND LAW, THE BATTLEFIELD AND IN THE LINE OF THE HUMANITIES. THE "HISTORY OF THE WAXHAW" MENTIONS HIS SON-IN-LAW, DOCTOR EDWARD PALMER. AND THE GRANDSON, WALLACE PALMER IS WRITTEN UP IN DETAIL.

GENERAL BUCHANAN GRADUATED FROM THE OLD SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE IN 1811. HE TAUGHT SCHOOL IN BEAUFORT ONE YEAR. AFTERWARDS HE READ LAW AND OPENED A LAW OFFICE IN WINNSBORO IN THE BUILDING NOW HOUSING THE TOWN PAPER, "NEWS AND HERALD".

A GREAT ADVOCATE OF LEARNING HIS THREE SONS GRADUATED AT HIS ALMA MATER; AND HE AND HIS FAMILY ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED HISTORIC MT. ZION INSTITUTE OR COLLEGE OF WHICH WAS SAID BY ROBERT MILLS, "NO MAN OF NOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAT DID NOT PASS THROUGH ITS HALLS DURING ITS FLOWER". HIS FAMILY

AIDED GREATLY IN THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LIFE OF WINNSBORO.

A MAN OF PROFOUND MIND; THE HIGHEST TYPE OF HUMAN CHARACTER, GREAT DIGNITY AND HIGH IDEALS HE STUDIED MUCH. HE RAN FOR GOVERNOR IN 1850 AGAINST HIS FRIEND AND FAMILY CONNECTION, JOHN H. MEANS, LOSING BY ONE VOTE IT IS SAID BECAUSE THE GENERAL SPOKE FIRST AT THE MEETING AND PRESENTED TOO DEEP A SPEECH FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE AVERAGE CITIZEN.

GENERAL BUCHANAN DIED APRIL 2, 1862 AND HIS REMAINS WITH THAT OF HIS WIFE ARE INTERRED IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY IN WINNSBORO.

WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS ALL THE CHILDREN OF GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN'S SON, JOHN MILLIKIN BUCHANAN AND HIS WIFE, EUGENIA FELDER, LIVED AND DIED IN TEXAS. ADELE BUCHANAN MARRIED DOCTOR M. G. SALLEY OF ORANGEBURG AND THEY HAD FIVE DAUGHTERS, THREE MARRIED. ONE IS MRS. HEYWARD GIBBES OF COLUMBIA. THE YOUNGEST SON OF JOHN MILLIKIN BUCHANAN WAS JAMES PAUL BUCHANAN, CONGRESSMAN.

FROM "HISTORY OF THE BUCHANAN FAMILY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY" BY LOUISE M. McMASTER IS QUOTED, "MR. ROBERTSON READ THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY, AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO: RESOLVED THAT THIS CONVENTION HAS HEARD WITH EMOTION AND PROFOUND SORROW AND REGRET THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATHS OF GENERAL JOHN BUCHANAN, COL. JOHN H. MEANS, MAJ. WM. S. LYLES WHO AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEATHS WERE MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION FROM THE DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD. RESOLVED THAT THE CONVENTION TENDER TO THE RESPECTIVE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED THE EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY IN THESE AFFLICTING EVENTS. COPY OF THE SAME SENT FAMILIES". FROM JOURNAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION OF 1860-61-62, PAGE 403.

THE OFFICIAL POSITIONS HELD BY GENERAL BUCHANAN WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ENLISTED IN THE WAR OF 1812 OCTOBER 1814 IN FELDER'S BATTALION, SOUTH CAROLINA MILITIA; PROMOTED TO ADJUTANT NOVEMBER 1, 1814.

1819 COMMISSIONER OF EQUITY

1822 COMMISSIONER AND REGISTER

1818-1839 MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE

1840-1856 MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE

1828-1830 BRIG. GENERAL STATE MILITIA, 6TH DIVISION
(THIS AS OTHERS OF THAT TIME DID NOT MENTION FIRST NAME)

1830-1854 MAJ. GENERAL STATE MILITIA, 6TH DIVISION,
THEN 3D.

1859-1862 PRESIDENT MT. ZION SOCIETY

1845-1861 TRUSTEE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE

1852 MEMBER STATE CONVENTION TO APPOINT DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN CONGRESS

1860-1861 MEMBER OF THE SECESSION CONVENTION

1849-1853 DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND CHARLOTTE RAILROAD

1849-1852 COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROADS TO ACT FOR THE STATE.

1860-1862 DIRECTOR OF PLANTERS BANK OF WINNSBORO