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GRIMBALL OF EDISTO ISLAND

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Paul Grimball, an English merchant, came to the Province of South Carolina in Feb. 1682; on April 10, 1681, Lord Shaftesbury and two others of the Lords Proprietors, address a communication to the Governor and Council, containing among other things, a commission to grant 3000 acres of land to "Mr. Paul Grimball, Merchant bound for Ashley River to settle there."¹

In March 1682/3 he had a warrant for land on Cooper River bounding on land already purchased by him from Samuel Boswood² and in October 1683, he received a warrant for 600 acres due him for arrival of self and servants; he became a Proprietor's deputy in 1683;³ settled on Edisto Island, where in 1686 his house with that of Governor Morton, was sacked by the Spaniards⁴.

He was Secretary of the Province by 1683 and in October 1688 was appointed Receiver General and Escheator;⁵ was a member of the committee to consider the modification of the Fundamental Constitution in July 1687; was disqualified by Seth Sothell from holding office in 1690, and was sent to jail and forcibly dispossessed of the records intrusted to him because he would not deliver the

¹ *S. C. Hist. Soc. Coll.* v. 1, p. 104.

² *Warrants for Lands in S. C.*

³ McCrady, 1671-1719, p. 210.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 216.

⁵ *S. C. H. Soc. Coll.* v. 1, p. 120.

seal used for granting lands;⁶ Grimball in his petition to the Governor and Council⁷ recites the outrages committed by Sothell and his followers, and among other things states that William Chapman, the constable at CharlesTown with seven others from Berkley County went to the petitioners house on "Edistoh" Island Colleton County "forty miles by water" on February 3, 1691, entered his house with clubs, frightening Mrs. Grimball and the family, making the search upon the pretence of hunting for public papers and records, from there they went to the house of Mr. John Hamilton "your Petr's sonn in Law" a mile distant, and searched his house under the same pretense.⁸

The Proprietors granted Grimball a new commission in May 1691.⁹ In April 1693 they wrote to Col. Ludwell transmitting to Mr. Grimball a power to appoint and remove Judges or Sheriffs of the counties at pleasure; they also stated that Mr. Grimball complained that he was obliged to stay in town longer than is needful, and requested that the duties of his office be made as little irksome as possible.¹⁰ The Proprietors wrote to Mr. Grimball June 28, 1695 concerning the appointment of Archdale as Governor, and Grimball in his will, proved February 20, 1696, requests that a ring be given to Gov. Archdale as a token of respect.

Paul Grimball made his will December 13, 1696, as Paul Grimball Esq; of Edisto Island, Colleton County; a full abstract was printed in this *Magazine*, vo. XI, page 55. He mentions his wife Mary, sons Thomas and John, daughter Providence Grimball, daughters Mary Hamilton and Ann Linkley; son-in-law Christopher Linkley; the lands mentioned in his will were on Edisto; 1600 acres to his wife for life, and then to his son, Thomas; 400 acres to his daughter Linkley; there is no mention of lands to any of his other children. He had formerly owned lands on Cooper river the plantation known later as Wraggs or Marshland,¹¹ but sold during his life time.

Mary Grimball, wife of Paul, mentioned several times in the records and Statutes at large as Madam Mary Grimball, was

⁶ Ibid, p. 125.

⁷ Warrants for Lands, 1692-1711, p. 198.

⁸ Ibid, p. 200.

⁹ *S. C. H. Soc.* Coll. v. 1, p. 126.

¹⁰ Ibid., p. 131.

¹¹ This *Magazine*, v. XIX, p. 54.

July 9, 1681, Capt. William Davis of Barbadoes, executed a power of attorney to his "trusty friend Mr. Peter Hearne Gent. of the Province of Carolina" (Misc. records, Office Hist. Commission).

Peter Hearne, Jr., Mary Hearne, Bridget Hearne, and Richard Hearne had warrants for 280 acres of land in September 1677. Jonathan Drake and John Hearne had warrant for 500 acres in August 1709.⁴

George Hearne had several warrants between 1699 and 1706, and was called Capt. George Hearne in 1711; he is apparently the Capt. Hearne who commanded a company during the Spanish and French invasion in 1706.⁵

Peter Hearne, Sr., of James Island made his will (now missing), in December, 1688, and appointed his wife Jane and his seven children executors; he died before January 17, 1694/5, for on that date an act of Assembly was passed, enabling Edward Drake and James Witter, both of James Island, in right of their wives, two of the executors of Peter Hearne deceased, to sell a town lot in CharlesTown, no. 15.⁶ The executors of the will being incapacitated for "want of age." James Witter seems to have been a Quaker.

Peter Hearne, late of "Carolina beyond the seas" died on board the Royal ship *Monmouth*, and administration was granted January 2, 1695/6 to his relict Joane Hearne.⁷

Bridget Martin of St. Giles, Cripplegate, widow, appoints Edward Loughton of Carolina her attorney to receive from John Child of Carolina, carpenter, and his wife Jone, formerly known as Jone Hearne, all money which said Jone Child alias Heanre had received for 52 gross of buttons being the goods of the above Bridget Martin received for her use; dated March 5th 1700/1.⁸

An Edith Hyrne was a witness to the will of Mary Cross, the Quaker preacher, August 28, 1696.⁹ Thomas Hasfort was appointed guardian of John Hearne, minor son of John Hearne deceased 5th February, 1718/9; and John Hearne, minor son of

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Cal. State Papers, Am. and W. I.*, 1706-8, 517i.

⁶ Registrars Records, 1675-96, p. 384, Office Hist. Commission.

⁷ *This Magazine*, v. IX, p. 287.

⁸ Probate Court, Charleston, 1694-1704, p. 345.

⁹ *This Magazine*, vol. IX, p. 52.



→ John Hearne deceased aged 14 years and upwards, petitioned 12 January, 1724, that Thomas Fairchild be made his guardian.¹⁰ John Hern had a grant August 28, 1701, for 225 acres in Berkley County, formerly laid out to Peter Hern deceased, bounding on Wm. Chapman, James Witter, Edward Westberry and Joane Pulford, now in possession of James Markiss, and on Wm. Carlisle (Grant book, 1694-1739 Hist. Comm.) John Hearne of James Island, hat-maker, aged 68 years, "oath according to the form his profession" made his deposition concernig Mrs. Eleanor Wilkins and her children 27 February, 1745; this John Hearne, of James Island, hat-maker, "being aged" made his will 27 September, 1743, proved 27 November, 1745; mentions son Peter Hearne; grandson John Hearne, son of Peter; daughter Elizabeth Witter deceased; son-in-law Thomas Witter; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Thomas, James and Mary Witter; daughter Mary Holmes alias Frier and her children, William, John, Peter, and Daniel Holmes, and Ruth Fryer (*sic*); grand-daughter Ann Hearne.¹¹

There has not been enough data found to show the exact relationship of the people mentioned above, but they seem to have consistently spelled their name *Hearne*, some of them were Quakers, and they seem to have lived on James Island or in that neighborhood; there has been nothing found which shows any connection with the family of Hyrne with which we are now dealing.

HYRNE

Edward Hyrne, Esq., was commissioned by the Lords Proprietors to be Naval officer of the Province of Carolina, 11th December, 1708.¹² He does not seem to have come out to serve in that office, for Nathaniel Sale or Sayle, was appointed his deputy February 9, 1709/10. On February 28, 1710/11, a letter from Arthur Middleton was received by the Proprietors, requesting a commission as Naval officer; inquiry was ordered to be made of Mr. Hyrne, "if he can go for Carolina," if not then Mr. Middleton to have the appointment; Middleton was appointed June 13, 1711.¹³

¹⁰ Probate Court, 1711-17, p. 154.

¹¹ *Ibid*, 1740-47, p. 406.

¹² *Commissions and Instructions*, 1685-1715, p. 219.

¹³ *Ibid*, 234; 246; also *S. C. H. Coll.*, v. 1, p. 182.

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