

COOK'S CEMETARY -- UNUSED AND ABANDONED

Near Alston, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Inscriptions obtained by Mrs. J. T. McBryde.

GRAVES OF PIONEERS 1764-1800

Graves of men and women who contributed to the up-building of south-western Fairfield County during South Carolina's pioneer years were located recently at old Cook's Ferry, broad river, near Alston, South Carolina.

To reach this old burial ground, it is necessary to walk a mile through silent woodland acres to the crest of a remote hill, inaccessible except by foot.

In this small burial plot sleep men and women who lived and died there one hundred eighty-five years ago.

There are approximately fifteen graves in this quaint cemetery -- all graves are marked by well preserved granite headstones 15 x 20. The inscription on each stone is the name only, of the person, there are no dates, but since the Cooks from early days kept full family records, there was little difficulty in identifying them as the family of Captain John Cook, son of Henry Cook of Surrey and Brunswick Counties of the Colony of Virginia. Proven by records found in "Deed Book 6 - 421 - Henry Cook of the County of Brunswick, Virginia to John Cook. For love and affection, Nov. 22, 1759, 832 acres (three tracts) 530 - 180 - 122."

Also in "Deed Book 8 - 265, John Cook of the County of Craven of the Province of South Carolina. To Henry Cook,

Planter of the Colony of Virginia in the Parish of Meherrin and County of Brunswick for 250 pounds three several tracts or parcels of land in Meherrin Parish containing 930 acres."

In Brunswick County, Virginia the Marriage Register records the marriage of John Cook and Betty Brown (Mary Elizabeth Brown) on September 24, 1759.

In 1764, John Cook and wife Mary Brown Cook with three children, Elizabeth, Mary and Burrell came to South Carolina and located on new lands. <sup>Gr</sup>  
*Gr. Gr. Grandfather*

The following graves are found there today, August 10, 1949, in perfect condition.

1. Mrs. Mary Cook..... <sup>Born 1736</sup> (Married 1759. Died about 1766 *Gr. Gr. Gr. Grandfather*  
(1st wife of Capt. John Cook  
(Born 1736. Died 1798)
2. Mrs. Martha Cook..... (Born November 7, 1754. Died 1796.  
(2nd wife of Capt. John Cook.
3. Mrs. Sarah Cook.
4. Mrs. Nancy Cook.
5. Nathaniel H. Cook.... (Son of Capt. John and Martha Cook  
(1st married Susanna E. Pope  
(2nd married Christine Chappell
6. Susanna E. Pope Cook... (Daughter of Solomon Pope  
(Edgefield, S.C.
7. Susanna Cook..... (Daughter of Nathaniel and  
(Susanna Cook
8. Henry Cook..... (Son of Capt. John and Martha  
(Pearson Cook. Died young.
9. Isaac Cook.....
10. William Thomas Cook.\*\*
11. Laurence H. Cook.... (Son of Nathaniel and Susanna Cook  
(Married Mary Ashford.

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\*\*Note by Walter M. Cook: This was the first born of Burrell Brown Cook - b. Oct. 24, 1819 - d. Oct. 12, 1820.

12. John Player.....(Son of George T. Player and  
 (Mary Cook, daughter of Nathaniel  
 (and Susanna Cook
13. B. Robertson.....(Son of \_\_\_\_\_ Robertson and  
 (Martha Cook, daughter of Nathaniel  
 (and Susanna Cook
14. Thomas Cook.

Captain John Cook, after the death of his wife Martha  
 Pearson Cook (2nd wife), emigrated to Hancock County, Georgia,  
 and married there a third wife. (JOHN & MARTHA TOMASTARS WERE MOVED TO  
 SULLY METU. CHURCH)

He died in Hancock County, Georgia in 1798, and was  
 buried in Island Creek Church Cemetary, near sparta. G. G. G. Grandfather

MILLS  
in America.

I. John Mills, sr. Probably came to S.C. from Penna. along with the GILLS; and in turn had probably come from Ireland to Penna.  
Born in 1732 - married circa 1755 - died Nov. 9, 1815 - buried in Fishing Creek Cemetery, Chester County, S.C.  
Children: John Mills, Jr.; Margaret Mills m. Kelsey; Elizabeth Mills; Mary Mills, m. Wilson.

II. Col. John Mills. Born Oct. 1757; m. Mary Gill May 21, 1762; died March 19, 1795; buried Fishing Creek Cemetery Served as Aide to General Sumter in Rev. War.  
Children: Thomas Sumter Mills, b. 1763, m. Mary Ann Hender of Beach Island, S.C.;  
Robert Gill Mills, ~~xxxxxxx~~  
Mary Gill Mills, b. 1789, m. Alex. Pagan;  
John Mills (3rd) b. 12/21/1791 - m. Charlotte E. Clark. Died 1/31/1820

III. Major Robert Gill Mills. Born 1766. M. Prudence Salene Neely May 26, 1826; d. Feb. 18, 1842. buried Fishing Creek Cemetery.  
Children: Edwin Kuthvin Mills;  
Thomas Sumter Mills, b. 1830;  
M. Rebecca Faysoux, d. 1897.  
Robt. Alex. Mills - b. 7/23/1833.  
Eugenius Mills, b. 8/10/1836.  
Julius Mills, b. 9/17/1839;  
m. 6/28/1865, Patience Amelia Stringfellow. D. 1/5/1889

IV. Capt. Edwin Kuthvin Mills.  
Born December 5, 1826; m. Feb. 15, 1845 Mar, Jane Crawford; died Feb. 26, 1899. Buried Rock Hill, S.C.

Children:

~~V. Salena Augusta Mills - married John Theodore Moore.~~

~~Helen Mills - married James Reid-~~

~~Mary Amelia Mills - married J. N. L. Cook.~~

VI

S. B. Cook Jr. - m. Eva Burgess

VII

L. B. Cook Jr. - m. Margaret

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