

## BURRELL BROWN COOK FAMILY ANCESTRY

Henry Cook born about 1690, lived in Parish of Meherrin, Brunswick County, Va. Will dated 13 Nov 1772 and recorded 23 Jul 1774 in Will Book 4, page 241 of Brunswick County. Died between 1772 and 1774 at the age of 84 yrs. Married at least four times, the 4th wife being Elizabeth Price, no issue. Children:

Henry Jr., married Elizabeth Wall, died in 1764.  
 Sarah, b about 1722; m in 1743 George Rives who was born about 1720.  
 Mary, m Thomas Lanier.  
 Anne, m Lowe.  
 Betty, m David Peoples or Peebles.  
 John, m 1st Mary Brown; 2nd Martha Pearson; 3rd in Georgia, Hancock County.  
 Drury, m Drucilla (---) settled in NC.  
 Jane, m Cator, son Stirling mentioned in Henry's will.

Henry Cook was a native of Brunswick County, VA. Family tradition says that his ancestors were from England. He was a wealthy planter, a man of character and respectability. He patented land in 1726, his home property, South of Meherrin River, recorded in Patent Book 13, page 13. 2nd patent Book 17, page 216 in 1736. The family was evidently from Surry Co, VA, where Elizabeth Cook owned 200 acres of land (a widow), in 1704.

Burwell Brown - wife Mary (---); of Brunswick County, VA. Will dated 09 Jan 1749-50, Will Book #2, page 180. Children:

Irvinne Brown.  
 Betty Brown, m John Cook 24 Sep 1759.

W M Cook research in Brunswick County disclosed this record but it is not positive that this is the "Mary Brown" who married John Cook, our ancestor in this line. However it would seem that this probably was "Mary Elizabeth Brown" - known in childhood to family as "Betty" as mentioned in this will of Burwell Brown; and later known as "Mary" to her husband's family. Complete proof not available. The name "Burwell" or "Burrell" Brown tends to verify the assumption.

John Cook, born in Brunswick County, VA moved with his brother, Drury to NC, but there left his brother and went on to SC in the Fairfield District on Broad River at a place called Cook's Ferry. This was some years before the Revolution. Was a Captain in Col Washington's Legion of Cavalry and with him all during the war. Is mentioned in "Mills' Statistics of SC." Wife Mary Brown died in SC. John then married Martha Pearson and moved to Hancock County, daughter of Capt John Pearson and Mary Raiford. She was born 11/7/1754 and died about 1796, b in Richland County SC. Children by this second marriage were: two daughters who died in infancy; John, m Mary Ellen Hampton; Nathaniel (a Revolutionary soldier) who married Susannah Pope; Philip, m Annie or Martha Wooten and was a very prominent General in Georgia; Isaac, m Elizabeth Rives; Henry, unmarried; a daughter who married Grinstead; one who married Bellamy; another daughter m John Harbert; a daughter who married a Daniel. Martha Pearson was of English extraction, a sister of Philip Pearson and Gen John Pearson, who was in command of a body of SC militia during the Revolution. John Cook was a captain in Col Washington's Legion of Cavalry and was with him all during the War. The Tories would not permit him to visit his family in Fairfield and so harrassed and plundered the family that they were forced to leave their home and seek refuge in the Waxhaw settlement in NC. At the close of the War, the family returned to their home on Broad River. John Cook, after the death of his wife, Martha Pearson, emigrated to Hancock County, GA and there married a third wife. These items given by Mrs Fanny Boyce Gaillard as compiled for her in 1870 by Mrs Mary Lawrence Cook Woodson - are not full and complete. He died about 1798 in Hancock County Ga and is buried in Island Creek Church Cemetary about 16 miles from Sparta, GA. The will of one "Sarah (---) Cook" is recorded in Hancock County, Va in 1846 who seems to have been this third wife of John Cook - children mentioned being: Abner A Cook; William A Cook; Sarah L Cook Smith; (---) Cook Foster's son Eli Foster.

COOK'S CRIER

The children of the first marriage of John Cook and Mary Brown are:

- Elizabeth, born about 1761, m George McCrellis, Newberry.
- Mary, b about 1763, m Col Thomas Hutchinson, Columbia, SC.
- Burrell, b about 1765, m before 1789 Mary Pope of Edgefield County, SC. He died about 1800 and is buried on the Cook Plantation, Fairfield County, SC.

Solomon Pope, Capt in Rev War, lived on Jennings Place one mile south of Red Bank Church, Edgefield County, SC. Married Susannah Dawkins of Edgefield County. Will dated 19 Oct 1797. Children:

- Mary, m Burrell Cook before 1789.
- Elizabeth, m Lewis Mathews.
- Mourning, m Drury Mathews.
- Temperance, m John Strother.
- John.
- Wiley, m Elizabeth (---), d Sep 1800.
- Susannah, m Nathaniel Cook.
- Charity, died before settlement of will.
- Solomon Jr; Henry; Patience; and, Sampson.

Burrell Cook born in Brunswick County VA about 1765, moved with father to Fairfield County SC before Rev War. Married before 1789 to Mary Pope of Edgefield County, SC who was born between 1765 and 1767. US Census of 1790 shows Burrell Cook as having one free white male over 16 and two free females as at census. Revolutionary Service given in DAR Magazine of December 1913. Children:

- Burrell Brown Cook, b 15 Nov 1794, Jenkinsville SC; m 01 Oct 1818 Mary Honoria Kirkland; d 29 Mar 1872.
- Thomas Ira Cook, m Harriet (---).
- Nathaniel P Cook, died very young.

William Kirkland Capt in Rev War, mentioned in Mills Statistics of SC; member of State Assembly in 1782 at Jacksonboro; will Dec 1806, Winnsboro, SC. Married first Elizabeth McKinnie - Children:

- Joseph, m in 1795 Marianne Guerard, widow of Gov Benjamin Guerard.
- Sarah, m Taylor; & Elizabeth, m Sorsby.

Married as second wife Lucretia Pearson. Children:

- Frances, m James Alston.
- Archy.
- Mary Honoria, b 24 Feb 1800, Cedar Creek, Fairfield County, SC.

Burrell Brown Cook - wife Mary Honoria Kirkland. Married 01 Oct 1818; she died 20 May 1883. Their children were:

- William Thomas, b 24 Oct 1819, d 12 Oct 1820.
- John Wiley, b 31 Oct 1821, m Caroline Lewis in 1849, d 15 Oct 1894.
- Mary Elizabeth, b 04 Feb 1824, m 16 Dec 1847 Abram Ayres,, d 02 Jul 1912.
- Frances Harriet, b 19 Jul 1826, unmarried d in 1895
- Joseph Kirkland, b 03 Nov 1828, m 12 Oct 1853 Martha Hutchinson, d 08 Oct 1897.
- Nathan Milton, b 13 Sep 1830, m 19 Jan 1869 Maria Sheppard, d 15 Apr 1911.
- Martha Kirkland, b 12 Dec 1832, m in 1860 Samuel A Lewis, d 03 Jun 1906.
- James Alston, b 03 Jun 1835, wounded at Battle of Manassas and died Oct 1861.
- Rebecca Susannah, b 11 Aug 1838, m in 1858 George Spigner Chappell. Died in 1925. *18 DEC*
- Emma Honoria, b 07 Jun 1842, m 24 Nov 1868 John Murray Kirkland. Died 03 Aug 1916.

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