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I submitted the following to the Troup Co, GA board. I am submitting it to the Fairfield board since I just recently learned (after 5 years of searching) that he was born in the Fairfield District of SC in 1811. I have no idea who his parents and sibs were or how he came to migrate to Lagrange, Troup Co., GA.

I recently received this obit from the Troup County Archives on my ggggrandfather. I have inserted clarifying notes and corrections in red:

Death of an Old Citizen

Mr. James R. (Robb) Cook was born and raised in Fairfield District, South Carolina, but moved to Troup county in early manhood. He departed this life, about midnight, on Friday night, his disease being dropsy of the heart. The sad event occurred at his residence, about seven miles west of Lagrange, near the old Pleasant Grove (Baptist) church. His remains were buried at Long Cane, on Sunday last, at one o'clock, Rev. P. A. Heard officiating at the grave. The citizens of the community generally were present. Mr. Cook was for many years a Baptist, but died a member of the Presbyterian communion. He had been married four times - his first wife having been a daughter of the late Wiley J. Sterling (Note: Frances Emily Sterling b. 5/7/1821 d. 3/31/1855 in Lagrange), the second a Miss Cameron (Note: Martha J. Cameron), the third a Miss Keever (Note: Louisa R. Teaver is correct name), and the last a Miss Darden (Note: Leonora Adella Darden). Five children survive him (Note: From his first wife, Sterling Cook, Mary Virginia Cook, James Cook, Jr. and Francis Marion Cook survived him; there were other children from his other marriages who were living at the time of his death, Algie Cook and Helen Cook in particular from his last marriage; I do not know about any others). He was seventy years of age (Note: b. 5/14/1811 d. 5/2/1884; which would make him just shy of 73). Thus, "we spend our years as a tale that is told." "The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength, they be four score years, yet is their strength, labor, and sorrow, for is is soon cut off and we fly away." (Note: I have a photograph of James taken sometime possibly in his 30's and on the back my great-aunt wrote that he was married 5 times; however, I have not been able to substantiate a 5th wife who would have probably been his 3rd wife between Martha Cameron and L. R. Teaver)

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