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THE JOHN DICKEY/JOHN CORK FAMILIES CAME TO S.C. WITH REV. MARTINS GROUP FROM IRELAND IN 1772, THE DICKEYS CAME ON THE JAMES AND MARY AND OBTAINED 4 SEPARATE LAND GRANTS IN WHAT IS NOW NEWBERRY CO, S.C. JOHN CORK AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH CAME ON THE LORD DUNLUCE AND RECEIVED 150 ACRES IN WHAT IS NOW FAIRFIELD CO, S.C. JOHN DICKEY, ALEXANDER DICKEY, JOHN DICKEY, JR AND JOHN CORK ALL SERVED IN THE REVELATION,

AROUND 1790 ALEXANDER AND JOHN DICKEY, JR SOLD THEIR LANDS IN NEWBERRY CO AND BOUGHT LANDS IN FAIRFIELD CO. IN THE WOODWARD COMMUNITY. IN THE ENSUING YEARS AND GENERATIONS THERE WAS MUCH INTERMARrying BETWEEN THE FAMILIES OF ALEXANDER DICKEY, JOHN CORK AND DANIEL HUFFMAN (OF GERMAN DESCENT). STARTING IN 1820 THE NEW FAMILIES BEGAN TO SEPARATE WITH SOME STAYING IN SF, AND OTHERS GOING WEST TO AL, MS AND BEYOND. IN EACH GROUP WERE MEMBERS OF ALL 3 FAMILIES. IN AL, ONE GROUP SETTLED ON THE JEFFERSON/TUSCALOOSA CO LINE AT BUCKSVILLE, ANOTHER 60/70 MILES MILES TO THE TUSCALOOSA, GREENE AND PICKEN'S CO LINE, ANOTHER GROUP TO MS TO CHICKASAW CO NEAR ACKERMAN. THERE WAS MUCH VISITING BACK AND FORTH WITH SEVERAL NEW MARRIAGES TAKING PLACE DESPITE, FOR THAT TIME, THE LONG DISTANCES APART.

SOME DID MARRY OUTSIDE THESE 3 FAMILY GROUPS INTO OTHER FAMILIES IN THE S.C. AREA, SUCH AS THE CURRYS, KILPATRICKS, ROBINSONS AND OTHERS. IN MY CASE IT WAS THE ALEXANDER ROBINSON FAMILY WHICH EVENTUALLY MARRIED INTO ALL 3 OF THE OTHER GROUPS, WITH THE ROBINSON'S CAME THE BANKS, KENNEDYS, MOBLEYS, SHANNONS, MOORES AND MANY OTHERS.

THE SOURCE OF MUCH OF MY INFORMATION CAME FROM A BOOK BY GROVER C. DICKEY, THE BOOK MORROW'S COUSINS BY OPHELIA PHILLIPS AND A BOOK BY JEAN STEPHENSON ON THE IMMIGRATION OF REV. MARTINS GROUP FROM IRELAND. THE SOURCE FOR TIEING IN SOME OF THE PREVIOUS UNKNOWN FAMILY MEMBERS AND MARRIAGES COMES FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY DAVID J. HUFFMAN WHO IN HIS LIFETIME KNEW MOST OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS HE WROTE ABOUT. THERE IS ALSO MUCH AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET. HAPPY HUNTING!

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