

ELLISON.

The first Ellison of whom the oldest members of the famil have any knowledge was Robert Ellison, Esq., of Hepburn County, Eng., about 1690.

In 1700, he married Elizabeth Liddell, daughter of Henry Liddell, 3rd Baronet and Lord of Ravensworth, from Collins Peerage. Robert Ellison had a son William, who had two sons, who lived to come to maturity -- Capt. John and Major Robert Ellison.

William Ellison came to America in 1744, and settled in Chester, Penn. There he and his wife were buried ~~after their~~ death. ~~the~~ ~~was~~ moved to Fairfield County, South Carolina, and named the place, Chester. Capt. John Ellison married Mary Byers. He was born in 1729; had one daughter, Mary Byers Ellison, who married Austin Peay. They had one son, John Peay, who married his ~~first cousin~~, Elizabeth Martha Ellison, grand daughter of Capt. John Ellison's second wife, who was Elizabeth McCormack, who had one son, Lawyer William Ellison, who married Ann Catherine. Lawyer William Ellison practiced law in the lower part of South Carolina, then moved to Longtown, Fairfield County. He had several daughters, - Mrs. Peay, Mrs. June, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Wilds, and one son, James Thomson Ellison, who practiced law in New Orleans, and died there of Yellow Fever.

Some of the family of Maj. Robert Ellison moved to Georgia. He has many descendants, among them Rev. William Boggs, Mrs. Martin, of Georgia, Capt. Ellison A. Smythe and others. The Ellison sons were originally English. They were titles Lairds and were landed proprietors with considerable property in the days of Wm. the Conqueror. They emigrated to Ireland, from Durham, Eng., and ~~lived on the border line~~ between Antrim and Derry Counties. One of them fought under William of Orange. An elder brother of John and Robert took part in the Irish Rebellion, and was executed