

JESSE HAVIS (1764-1827)

JESSE WAS THE SON OF JOHN AND SUZANNE HAVIS OF CAMDEN DISTRICT, S.C. HE WAS BORN IN 1764 POSSIBLY IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

HE MARRIED MARY WILLINGHAM THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND MARY WILLINGHAM AROUND 1785.

JESSE WAS A FARMER, WITH LARGE LAND HOLDINGS, (1900 ACRES BY 1809), A VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND A POLITICIAN.

BEFORE HE WAS 18 YEARS OLD HE JOINED GENERAL SUMTER'S MILITIA BRIGADE AS A DRAGOON AND AS AN INFANTRYMAN. HE ALSO SERVED IN WILLIAM HENDERSON'S BRIGADE. IN 1781 WHILE WITH THOMAS SUMTER HE PARTICIPATED IN THE EXPEDITION OF BIGGAN BRIDGE AT MONCK'S CORNER. SEPTEMBER 23, 1784 HE WAS PAID £ 6.10.1/2 FOR 68 DAYS SERVICE AS A "FOOT AND HORSEMAN" IN THE MILITIA. MAY 12 1785 HE WAS PAID £ 10.0.0 FOR 115 DAYS DUTY IN MILITIA IN 1781-82.

IN 1791 HE WAS SWORN IN AS A CONSTABLE FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY. IN 1794 HE WAS GRANTED A TAVERN LICENSE IN WINNSBORO, S.C. FROM 1792 TO 1797 JESSE WAS INVOLVED (AS IT SEEMS WAS THE CUSTOM THEN) IN OVER A DOZEN LAW SUITS, BOTH AS PLAINTIFF AND AS DEFENDANT. HE BOUGHT LOT 76 ON ZION STREET IN WINNSBORO FROM MINOR AND EMILY WINN IN 1808.

IN 1805 HE BEGAN A LONG SERVICE AS FAIRFIELD COUNTY CORONER UNTIL 1822. IN 1822 HE WAS A ROAD COMMISSIONER. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE TWENTY-SIX TERM (1824-1825) OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

HE AND MARY HAD 8 OR 9 CHILDREN.

THE 1790 CENSUS TELLS US THAT THERE WERE 5 PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ONE MALE AND FOUR FEMALES AND THEY WERE LIVING IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S. C. THE 1800 CENSUS HAS THE HOUSEHOLD AS ELEVEN AND THE 1820 CENSUS LIST TEN PLUS ELEVEN SLAVES.

JESSE DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1827--ACCORDING TO THE 1827 CITY GAZETT "HE DIED ON THE 7TH AT HIS RESIDENCE NEAR WINSBORO, FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, COL. JESSE HAVIS AN OLD AND RESPECTED INHABITANT OF THAT PLACE AND A REVOLUTION SOLDIER."

AT HIS REQUEST, HE WAS BURIED ON HIS PLANTATION OFF PEAY'S FERRY ROAD, IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE SLAB THAT WAS ON HIS GRAVE WAS VANDALIZED SOME YEARS AGO. BUT IT WAS FOUND AND MOVED TO THE REFORM PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY IN WINNSBORO. I WAS ABLE TO GET THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO FURNISH A NEW GRAVE MARKER.

THE ORIGINAL MARKER READS AS FOLLOWS:

JESSE HARRIS (1784-1857)

JESSE WAS THE SON OF JOHN AND STEPHANIE HARRIS OF CAMDEN DISTRICT, S.C. HE WAS BORN IN THE POSSIBLY IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

HE MARRIED MARY WILLIAMS THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND MARY WILLIAMS AROUND 1788.

JESSE WAS A FARMER WITH LARGE LAND HOLDINGS (1600 ACRES BY 1809), VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND A POLITICAL

LEADER. HE WAS 40 YEARS OLD IN 1798 WHEN HE WAS ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY. HE SERVED IN THE HOUSE FROM 1798 TO 1800. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1800 AND 1801. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1802 AND 1803. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1804 AND 1805. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1806 AND 1807. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1808 AND 1809. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1810 AND 1811. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1812 AND 1813. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1814 AND 1815. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1816 AND 1817. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1818 AND 1819. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1820 AND 1821. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1822 AND 1823. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1824 AND 1825. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1826 AND 1827. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1828 AND 1829. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1830 AND 1831. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1832 AND 1833. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1834 AND 1835. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1836 AND 1837. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1838 AND 1839. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1840 AND 1841. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1842 AND 1843. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1844 AND 1845. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1846 AND 1847. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1848 AND 1849. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1850 AND 1851. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1852 AND 1853. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1854 AND 1855. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1856 AND 1857.

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IN 1809 HE BEGAN A LONG SERVICE AS FAIRFIELD COUNTY CORONER UNTIL 1831. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1798 TO 1857. HE WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH (1824-1825) OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

HE AND MARY HAD 8 OR 9 CHILDREN.

THE 1850 CENSUS TELLS US THAT THERE WERE 3 PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, ONE MALE AND FOUR FEMALES AND THEY WERE LIVING IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C. THE 1850 CENSUS HAS THE HOUSEHOLD AS 3 MALES AND THE 1850 CENSUS LIST TEN PLUS SEVEN SLAVES.

JESSE DIED SEPTEMBER 17, 1857. ACCORDING TO THE 1857 CITY DIRECTORY HE DIED ON THE 17TH AT HIS RESIDENCE NEAR WINDSOR, FAIRFIELD DISTRICT, COL. JESSE HARRIS AN OLD AND RESPECTED INHABITANT OF THAT PLACE AND A REVOLUTION SOLDIER.

AT HIS REQUEST, HE WAS BURIED ON HIS PLANTATION OFF FERRY ROAD IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE GRAVE WAS VANDALIZED SOME YEARS AGO BUT IT WAS FOUND AND MOVED TO THE BETHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WINDSOR. I WOULD LOVE TO GET THE BETHAM ADMINISTRATION TO TURN A VERY GRAVE MARKER.

THE ORIGINAL MARKER READS AS FOLLOWS:

**SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
COL JESSE HAVIS**

**WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 7TH SEPT 1827 IN THE 63RD YEAR
OF HIS _____ (LIFE). A YOUTH OF 18 HE ENTERED INTO THE SERVICE
AND OBTAINED FOR HIS ZEAL THE REPUTATION OF EXEMPLARY BRAVERY
IN AFTER LIFE HE WAS DISTINGUISHED FOR PATRIOTISM, CHARITY, AND
PERFECT INTEGRITY IN HIS INTERCOURSE WITH THE WORLD**

**HIS WILL WAS PROVED ON OCTOBER 2 1828 AND PROVIDED FOR HIS WIFE MARY
HAVIS, HIS DAUGHTERS CLARISSA HAVIS, MARTHA HAVIS GRAHAM, ELIZABETH HAVIS
EVANS, AND FIVE SONS- JESSE D., JAMES, JOHNATHON, MINOR, AND OBED, AND A
GRANDSON PAGAN MCKINNEY, (JANE HAVIS MCKINNEY'S SON.) JESSE'S WILL WAS
METICULOUSLY WRITTEN. HE DISSOLVES A "FAMILY ARRANGEMENT" AND GIVES
VERY EXPLICIT DIRECTIONS, GENEROUSLY DIVIDING PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND
PERSONAL. HE LEFT ALL OF HIS CHILDREN (EXCEPT OUR JANE) LAND, MONEY, AND
SLAVES. HOWEVER JESSE WAS NOT TOO KEEN ON ANY OF HIS SONS-IN-LAW. HE
MADE SURE THEY WOULD NOT GET ANY OF HIS DAUGHTERS INHERITANCE. MAYBE
JANE'S LIFE INFLUENCED HIM,**

**AMONG ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE SALE OF HIS PROPERTY AT PROBATE WERE
BOOKS OF JOHN WESTLEY'S SERMONS, TWO BOOKS OF JOSEPHUS, A BUST OF
WASHINGTON, A BOOK OF BONAPART'S LIFE, FURGUSON'S ASTRONOMY, EWELLS
MEDICAL COMPARISON, BURKS THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARY, METHODIST HYMNALS,
AND QUICK'S JUSTICE. IF YOU CAN JUDGE A MAN BY THE BOOKS HE READS THIS
SPEAKS WELL OF JESSE.**

JESSE DIED 6-7 MONTHS BEFORE DAUGHTER JANE HAVIS PICKETT'S DEATH.

**THIS BRINGS US TO A CONJECTURE OF WHY JANE HAVIS MCKINNEY PICKETT WAS
LEFT OUT OF THE WILL. WE KNOW THAT SHE LIVED WITH HER PARENTS BEFORE AND
AFTER THE SETTLEMENT WITH BENJAMIN MCKINNEY AND UNTIL SHE MARRIED
JETHA PICKETT. SHE THOUGHT ENOUGH OF HER FATHER TO NAME HER SON
JESSE HAVIS PICKETT FOR HIM.**

**MARY WILLINGHAM HAVIS MOVED TO HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH HER
OLDEST SON JESSE D. HAVIS AND DIED THERE ON MARCH 9, 1848.**

SEARCHED TO THE MEMORY OF
COL JESSE HAVIS

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1887 IN THE 59TH YEAR
OF HIS AGE (LIEB) A YOUTH OF 16 HE ENTERED INTO THE SERVICE
OF HIS COUNTRY NEAR THE CLOSE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CONFLICT
AND OBTAINED FOR HIS DEEDS THE REPUTATION OF EXEMPLARY BRAVERY
IN AFTER LIFE HE WAS DISTINGUISHED FOR PATRIOTIC CHARITY AND
PERFECT INTEGRITY IN HIS INTERCOURSE WITH THE WORLD

HE WAS MARRIED ON OCTOBER 2 1829 AND PROVIDED FOR HIS WIFE MARY
HAVIS HIS DAUGHTER CLARSA HAVIS MARRIED JAMES GILBERT HAVIS
AND FIVE SONS - JESSE D. JAMES, JOHANNATHAN, MINOR, AND ODELL AND A
DAUGHTER MARY ANN MARRIED JAMES HAVIS MCKINNEY'S SON, JESSE'S WILL WAS
RETHOUGHTFULLY WRITTEN HE DISPOSED A FAMILY ARRANGEMENT AND GAVE
VERY EXPLICIT DIRECTIONS, GENEROUSLY DIVIDING PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND
PERSONAL HE LEFT ALL OF HIS CHILDREN EXCEPT OUR JAMES LAND, TONEY AND
SLAVES HOWEVER JESSE WAS NOT TOO WISE ON ANY OF HIS SONS IN LAW HE
MADE SURE THEY WOULD NOT GET ANY OF HIS DAUGHTERS IN MARRIAGE MAYBE
JAMES' LIFE IMPROVED HIM

AMONG ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE SALE OF HIS PROPERTY AT PRORA WERE
BOOKS OF JOHN WHEELER'S SERMONS TWO BOOKS OF JOSEPHUS, A BOOK OF
WASHINGTON, A BOOK OF BONAVENTURE, THE PURGATOR'S ASTRONOMY, SWELL'S
MEDICAL COMPANION, BURKE THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARY, MONTAGU'S HYMNALS,
AND QUINCY JUSTICE IF YOU CAN JUDGE A MAN BY THE BOOKS HE READS THIS
SPEAKS WELL OF JESSE

JESSE DIED 67 MONTHS BEFORE JAMES HAVIS' BRILLIANT DEATH

THIS BRINGS US TO A CONNECTION OF WITH JAMES HAVIS MCKINNEY MCKINNEY WAS
LEFT OUT OF THE WILL WE KNOW THAT SHE LIVED WITH HER PARENTS BEFORE AND
AFTER THE SETTLEMENT WITH BENJAMIN MCKINNEY AND UNTIL SHE MARRIED
JESSE MCKINNEY SHE THOUGHT ENOUGH OF HER FATHER TO MAKE HER SON
JESSE MCKINNEY FICHTER FOR HIM

MARY WILLIAMS HAVIS WENT TO HORTON COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH HER
OLDEST SON JESSE D. HAVIS AND DIED THERE ON MARCH 2 1889

JANE HAVIS (1791-1828)

JANE HAVIS THE DAUGHTER OF JESSE HAVIS AND MARY WILLINGHAM WAS BORN FEBRUARY 28, 1791 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD SHE MARRIED BENJAMIN MCKINNEY PROBABLY IN RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN THE FEBRUARY 1818 COURT WE FIND HER SUING BENJAMIN FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND ALIMONY. THE COURT HEARS TESTIMONY THAT ONE MONTH AFTER THEIR SON JOHN PAGON MCKINNEY WAS BORN, BENJAMIN IS ABUSIVE TO HER AND ONE WITNESS TESTIFIES THAT HE SAW HIM STRIKE HER "WHILE SHE WAS IN LOW SITUATION FROM HER SICKNESS". IT WAS ALSO PROVED THAT "HE ABANDONED HER AND TOOK UP WITH ANOTHER WOMAN, FRANCES MCKINNEY WITH WHOM HE STILL LIVES IN OPEN ADULTERY". UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES JANE HAD TO RETURN TO HER FATHERS HOUSE WHERE SHE HAS LIVED FOR THE LAST 20 MONTHS "WITHOUT NOTICE BY THE HUSBAND". THIS WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR ABANDONMENT. BENJAMIN GAVE OVER ALL OF HIS PROPERTY TO THE 'OTHER WOMAN' TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SUIT.

THE JUDGE WAS SO UPSET BY THE HAPPENING THAT INSTEAD OF GIVING JANE THE NORMAL 1/3 OF THE HUSBANDS INCOME. HE GAVE HER 1/2. THE ONLY PROPERTY THAT THE COURT COULD FIND WAS A SLAVE NAMED JANUARY.

IN JUNE 1818 BOTH HER BROTHER JESSE D. HAVIS AND HER FATHER JESSE HAVIS REPORTED TO THE COURT THAT "THE SCOUNDREL HAD DISPOSED OF ALL HIS PROPERTY AND HAD ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM THE AREA". SO SHE ENDS UP WITH NO SUPPORT AND IT APPEARS SHE HAD TO LIVE WITH HER PARENTS.

ON DECEMBER 14, 1826, TWO MONTHS AFTER JEPHTHA PICKETT'S WIFE NANCY BOULWARE DIES, JANE MARRIES JEPHTHA IN MADISON, COUNTY, GEORGIA.

JOHN PAGON MCKINNEY, NOW ABOUT 9 YEARS OLD, EVIDENTLY REMAINS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C. WITH HIS GRANDFATHER JESSE HAVIS.

JESSE HAVIS PICKETT WAS BORN TO JANE AND JEPHTHA PICKETT ON APRIL 12, 1828. JANE DIED APRIL 20, 1828 AT 37 YEARS OF AGE IN STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA FROM CHILDBIRTH COMPLICATIONS.

JANE HAYS (1838-1928)

JANE HAYS THE DAUGHTER OF JESSE HAYS AND MARY WILLIAMS WAS BORN FEBRUARY 23 1838 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD SHE MARRIED BENJAMIN MCKINNEY PROBABLY IN RICHLAND COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE FEBRUARY 1865 COURT WE FIND HER BEING BENJAMIN FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND ALIMONY THE COURT HEARS TESTIMONY THAT ONE MONTH AFTER THEIR SON JOHN RAGON MCKINNEY WAS BORN BENJAMIN IS AGREEING TO HER AND ONE WITNESS TESTIFIES THAT HE PAID HER \$100 PER MONTH SHE WAS IN LOW SITUATION FROM HER SICKNESS. IT WAS ALSO PROVED THAT SHE ABANDONED HER AND TOOK UP WITH ANOTHER WOMAN FRANCES MCKINNEY WITH WHOM HE STILL LIVES IN OPEN COUNTRY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES JANE HAYS HAD TO RETURN TO HER FATHERS HOME WHERE SHE HAS LIVED FOR THE LAST 20 MONTHS WITHOUT NOTICE BY THE HUSBAND. THIS WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR ABANDONMENT. BENJAMIN GAVE OVER ALL OF HIS PROPERTY TO THE OTHER WOMAN TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SUIT.

THE JUDGE WAS SO UPSET BY THE HAPPENING THAT HIS HEAD OF GIVING JANE THE NORMAL 1/3 OF THE HUSBANDS INCOME HE GAVE HER ALL THE ONLY PROPERTY THAT THE COURT COULD FIND WAS A SLAVE NAMED JANUARY.

IN THE 1865 SUIT HER BROTHER JESSE HAYS AND HER FATHER JESSE HAYS REPORTED TO THE COURT THAT THE SPOUSE HAD DISPOSED OF ALL HIS PROPERTY AND HAD ABANDONED HIS WIFE FROM THE AREA. SO SHE ENDED UP WITH NO SUPPORT AND IT APPEARS SHE HAD TO LIVE WITH HER FATHERS.

ON DECEMBER 14 1862 TWO MONTHS AFTER JESSE HAYS SICKNESS WIFE NANCY SOUWARE DIED. JANE MARRIED JESSE IN MADISON COUNTY GEORGIA.

JOHN RAGON MCKINNEY NOW ABOUT 9 YEARS OLD EVIDENTLY REMAINS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY S.C. WITH HIS GRANDFATHER JESSE HAYS.

JESSE HAYS RICKETT WAS BORN TO JOHN AND JERUSA RICKETT ON APRIL 25 1838. JANE DIED APRIL 20 1888 AT 50 YEARS OF AGE IN STEWART COUNTY GEORGIA FROM CHILD BIRTH COMPLICATIONS.