

# A History of Fairfield

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Histories of Fairfield families are requested. A number have been received, which will delay publication, but in time, all will be published, if not in *The News and Herald*, then in the history. Corrections and additions are earnestly asked. Address Fitz Hugh McMaster, Columbia S. C.

The HAWTHORNES, of Scottish parentage, came from the northern part of Ireland to South Carolina and settled in Fairfield county prior to the revolution in which they took an active part. The records show several who were Revolutionary soldiers.

John and Adam Hawthorne settled near the "Old Brick Church" in Fairfield. Rev. C. E. McDonald, of Winnsboro, wrote an interesting and instructive piece on the centennial of this A. R. P. church. In it will be found the names of some of the first settlers of Fairfield, whose lives have been woven into the making of this county.

John and Adam Hawthorne were elders in this church prior to 1791. Adam Hawthorne (born 1739, died 1810) first married the widow McMeekin (born 1741, died 1790) before 1776. By this marriage there was one son and three daughters. The son, Adam, Junior (born 1778, died 11-5-1827) married Miss Ann Holmes, sister of Rev. James and William Holmes. They are buried at the old Brick Church. The three daughters married Dawkins, McMeekin and Gladney, all Fairfield names.

After the death of his first wife, the widow McMeekin, which occurred 1790, Adam married Miss Elizabeth (Betsy) Bradford (born 1756, died 1850, married 1782), daughter of Charles Daniel (Darrell) Bradford and his wife Miss Mary Lemmon (born 1735, died 1813, married 1751) of Maryland. By this second marriage there were three children: Robert married Priscella Gibson, a granddaughter of Stephen Gibson, the Huguenot preacher. The two daughters were Lucy and Mary. The latter married Yarborough,

another well known name in Fairfield county.

The son, Robert Hawthorne (born 1810, died 1874) and his wife, Priscella Gibson (born 1813, died 1893, married 1831). Both are buried at Bethel Methodist church in Fairfield county. The above named Robert Hawthorne and his wife Priscella Gibson had the following children:

James G. Hawthorne married Sue Foster, Greenville, S. C.

Robert Hawthorne married Emma Perry, Greenville, S. C.

Madison never married.

Mattie married William Turner McCrorey, Fairfield, S. C.

Nannie married Harper Carter, Chester, S. C., first, and W. G. Austin, Union, S. C., second.

Alice married Thorn Wood, first, Wade Hampton Banks, Chester, S. C., second.

Lou married first Eli Wilkes, second, Col. Richard Woods, signer of the secession convention from Chester, S. C.

Of the three above named sons, James and Robert Hawthorne were captains in the Confederate War. Madison was sergeant, leaving the South Carolina College at 17 years old to enter. Captain Robert and Sergeant Madison were both killed.

One of the family in "King's Mountain and Its Heroes" was "James Hawthorne born in Armagh County, Ireland about 1750, whose father and family early migrated to the frontiers of South Carolina where the mother, two daughters and her young son, then about twelve years of age, were captured by the Indians. The mother and girls were killed. James Hawthorne learned the blacksmith trade in York county, S. C., where he married Mary, daughter of Colonel Thomas Neel. He took an active part in the Revolution, serving in Neel's regiment on the Snow campaign in 1775, on Williamson's Indian expedition in 1776, and as captain on the Florida campaign 1778-79. He served under Sumter at Rocky Mountain, Hanging Rock, Carey's Ford and Fishing Creek. As Col.

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onel Hill was unable to lead at Kings Mountain it devolved on Lieutenant Colonel Hawthorne to do so. He was subsequently at Fish Dam ford and at Blackstock, Fairfield county and was wounded on Sumter's rounds in February, 1781, and received a second wound during the course of the war. In after years he migrated to Livingston county, Kentucky, where he lost a fine property (being on the bond of a defaulting sheriff) and where he died the latter part of 1809 about 59 years old. He left several children."

The Hawthornes lived near what was called the old Institution, Fairfield county. Their family connections were Bradfords, Winns and Gibsons, who lived near the Kincaid's bridge over Little River. Mr. McCrorey (Mattie Hawthorne) remembered hearing her grandmother, Mrs. Bradford, and Mrs. Winn tell how they would have to leave their homes at night and hide out from the Tories.

BRADFORD — Charles Daniel (Darrell) Bradford was a nephew of Charles Daniel (Darrell) Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States. Charles Bradford was named for his uncle, Charles Darrell Carroll of Carrollton. He was also reared and educated by this uncle. His education stood him well when he came to Fairfield, S. C., as he was a professor in the Monticello academy. Bradford was born about 1730 and his wife, Mary Lemmon, was born 1731.

They came into South Carolina prior to the Revolution and he with three sons fought in the Revolutionary War. One of his sons, John, or Jack, as he was called, was imprisoned in Charleston. Confinement there was so irksome that Jack pinched himself so severely that the jailer mistook it for smallpox and sent him to the detention camp, from which he escaped and returned to the army. At the death of Charles Darrell Bradford's daughter (Betsy Bradford Hawthorne in 1850) the *Fairfield Herald* printed the notice of her death between heavy black lines (then a custom) and paid marked tribute to the bravery of her father, Charles Bradford, and her three brothers.