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## JOHNSTON

James Johnston, son of David and Sarah (Meek) and grandson of David and Mary (Boyd) Johnston of Co. Londonderry, Ireland, settled in Chester Co. shortly before, and Fairfield shortly after, the Revolution. James was Captain and adjutant under Col. Lacy in the war. He married Mary, daughter of his uncle Matthew Johnston of Chester who was killed in action in the same unit at Fishing Creek. Her mother was Jane, daughter of John Gaston of Ireland.

In 1787 four of James's brothers (John, William, Samuel, and Robert) came from Ireland to Fairfield with their mother. John, who moved to Newberry, had a large family including Newberry's Chancellor Job and Samuel Jr. a State Senator in Fairfield. William served as Captain of a Fairfield company in the War of 1812 and later moved near Sparta, Ga. Samuel Sr., who had a large plantation north of Winnsboro, was thrice married with many children, including Dr. Burr of Alabama. Robert moved to Kentucky.

James, a planter and constable, lived near Wateree Presbyterian Church. His early death left Mary (who then returned to Chester and survived him over 50 years) with 7 children: Sarah, Matthew, Jane (later Mrs. H. Sullivan), David, Ellen (Mrs. John McDaniel), John Gaston, and James Jr. Matthew, one of several of the family to serve as elder of Wateree Church, married Ellen Keenan and had John Knox who moved to Tennessee. David, later of Alabama, John G. of Chester, and James Jr. all served under their uncle in the War of 1812. James, a planter on Wateree Creek, married 1st Jane, daughter of James and Eleanor Harvey, and 2d Eliza, daughter of John and Nancy (Aiken) Wiley. He served as captain of the Winnsboro Republican Artillery and county ordinary (probate judge). By his first wife he had Eleanor Eliza (Mrs. John Nichols),

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James Gaston, David Harvey, Mary Jemima (Mrs. Jefferson Hemphill), William John, Margaret Rosannah, Samuel Robert, Sarah Rebecca (Mrs. John Wylie McDowell), and Jane Catherine (Mrs. William Thomas Rowe). James G. married Clara Barkley and had James Barkley (father of Claire and Louise of Liberty Hill), Samuel Robert, and John Gaston. David Harvey, who moved to Louisiana and married Elizabeth Peay, had many children including Thomas Lott who returned to Fairfield and became State Representative. Married to his cousin Jemima Rowe, he had William Thomas, Mary Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, and Bessie (Mrs. James H. Patrick). Son William married Hannah Cureton and had Thomas L. and Mrs. Carolyn Day now of Great Falls. James' and Jane's 4th son Samuel Robert followed his father as planter at Wateree, militia captain before the Civil War, and later probate judge. Also in the Ambulance Corps, 6th Regiment S.C. Infantry CSA, he married 1st Martha Cornelia daughter of Daniel Tillman and Rachel R. (Wiley) Gibson and 2d Martha Jane McDowell. By his first wife he had James Henry, Mary Isabel, Thomas Erwin, and Rachel Jane (all died early) and Jemima Elizabeth, Clara Barkley (Mrs. Robert Henry Phillips), Nannie Marion (Mrs. James L. Weathersby), and Samuel Cornelia (Neely). Neely married Mattie Wallace and had Robert Wallace and S. C. Jr., both without survivors, plus Frances (Mrs. Edward P. Jordan) and Elizabeth (Mrs. E. Wilton Stewart) (now living in Fayetteville, N.C.)

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