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Research Library

Research Log

#14

Member: Yes (priority), No

Position in line: _____

Surname(s): KERR

Target: 1/1

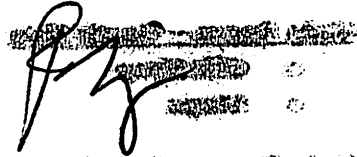
Started: / /

Ready to File

Completed: 11

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Start research using Request, Family Group & Pedigree Sheets
Check off each item as research is completed



• **BookCat (Online Card Catalog)**

○ **Key in surname being researched**

- **FB = Family Books**
- **FF = Family Files**
- **VF = Vertical Files**
- **VF Church = Vertical Files labeled Churches**
- **VF Fairfield = Vertical Files labeled Fairfield**
- **VF Plats = Vertical Files labeled Plats**
- **VF Wills = Vertical Files labeled Wills**

• **Computer with Large TV Screen**

○ **Check ICON labeled Research Room**

- **African American Folder**
- **Books Folder**
- **CDs Folder**
- **Church Cemeteries Folder**
- **Family Books Section Folder**
- **Family Researched Files Folder (also check Master List Spreadsheet)**
- **Funeral Homes Folder**
- **Maps, Map Information Folders**
- **Obits Folder**
- **Plats Folder**
- **Wills Folder**

○ **Check Online Research Sources Folder**

- **Other web resources available, like USC Libraries, etc.**

• **Main Room – Southwest Corner**

- **Local Church History & Denominational Church History**
- **Deeds**
- **Wills**
- **Equity Court**
- **Cemeteries**
- **Birth Scrapbook**
- **Marriage Notices & Scrapbook**
- **Death Notices & Scrapbook**

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- **Main Room – Northwest Corner**
 - African American History
 - African American Obits
 - African American Cemeteries
 - Census & County History
 - Microfilm Index
 - Misc. Reference & Scrapbooks

- **Main Room – North Side**
 - Gift Shop
 - Maps

- **Main Room – Northeast Corner**
 - Genealogy Society Information

- **Main Room – East Side**
 - Family Books

- **Main Room – Southeast Corner**
 - Colonial
 - American Independence & Scrapbooks
 - Native American
 - Mexican War
 - Southern Independence & Scrapbooks
 - World War I & Scrapbooks
 - World War II & Scrapbooks

- **Back Room – South Side**
 - Fairfield County & Community Vertical Files
 - Family Vertical Files (A-Z)
 - Genealogical Society Newsletters

- **Back Room – West Side**
 - Church History & Cemetery Vertical Files
 - Will Vertical Files
 - Plat Vertical Files

- **Back Room – Northwest Corner**
 - Microfilm Collection

- **Ask others for Ideas**
 - Check with Pelham
 - Check with Shelbia

Genealogy Resource Library

From: Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 11:29 AM
To: 'Melinda Wolz'
Subject: Kerrs in Fairfield County Query Results
Attachments: Descendants of John Kerr I.pdf

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For our records would you please share any information you have updated on your family lines.

The information will be filed and made available in our family files.

This will aide to expedite future request for research and assist walk-in researchers.

I have attached a descendant chart for John Kerr I that contains your family line that you requested some information about that lived in South Carolina.

Please let us know if you need any further assistance,

Eddie

Eddie Killian
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1st Generation

1. **John Kerr, I** believed to be born in 1722 in Northern Ireland and died in 1779/80 in York District, South Carolina. He married **?Kerr** Between About 1736 and 1744 in Ireland.

Notes for John Kerr, Sr.:

From York County Genealogical Quarterly, June 1997 submitted by Lawrence L. Carr: "Our ancestor John Kerr (Carr) was born in Ireland in 1722, married in 1744 and died in 1779 or 1789. The name of his wife or place of marriage or when he came to America is unknown." Early records show the following land grants for John Kerr:

"KER, John File no. 218 (840); Gr. no. 336; Bk. 2, Pg. 67 (10,386) Warrant: Unto John Kerr, 300 A on S side Broad River on a Creek...14 Oct 1752 Nath Rice 275 A on S side Broad on N fork Golden Grove...30 Aug 1753 Matt Rowan KER, John File no. 839; Gr. 335; Bk. 2, Pg. 67 (10, 386) 300 A on S side Broad on N fork Golden Grove above his other Survey...30 Aug 1753 Matt Rowan"

Sources: Pat Noble via-mail, Pat Noble Home Page Index, World Family Tree, Kerr Family Association Records, Louise Jackson, York County Genealogical Quarterly, June 1997, David Johnson, "A Kerr Family Tree," "North Carolina Land Grants in South Carolina" his father is known to have been born in 1685. Based on a will found in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina records, Johns father may have been named William, however this is unproven at present. The name of Johns wife is unknown. Their first child was born in 1745, suggesting a marriage in 1744 or prior. By 1755 the family was living in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. There were at least four children in the family: John Jr., Andrew, Robert and William. John was given a grant of 100,000 acres of land by the king or royal governor. Land records for the North Carolina show that John owned/purchased several plots of land in Mecklenburg County. The date and place of Johns death is unknown, however sources indicate he died before 1780, probably in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina."

Children of John Kerr, I and Kerr

2. **John Kerr, II** was born About 1745 in North Carolina and died 1802-1817 in York Co, SC.
3. **Henry Kerr** was born in 1750 in Anson County, NC and died Before 1770.
4. **Robert Kerr** was born Before 1755 in Anson County, NC and died About 1789/90.
5. **Andrew Kerr** was born on Feb. 23, 1755 in Mecklenburg Co, NC and died on Jun. 18, 1842 in Bethel, York Dist, SC.
6. **Robert Kerr** was born in 1757 in Mecklenburg Co, NC and died on an unknown date.

2nd Generation (Children)

2. **John Kerr, II** was born About 1745 in North Carolina and died 1802/1810/1817 in York Co, SC. He married **Ruth Kerr** About 1770 in Tryon Or., Mecklenburg Co, NC. **Ruth** was born in 1748 in Cambden, Camden District, South Carolina and died About 1808. (Ruth's parents unknown...)

<http://www.dancyville.net/profiles/prkerr/hkerrfam.htm>

"Henry E. Kerr is born on July 24, 1773 in Craven County, Camden District, South Carolina. He is the son of John Kerr, b. abt. 1740 in PA or NC and Ruth (?) b. abt. 1750. They have at least eight (8) children, Henry E., John M., Hugh, Mary, Margaret, Sophiah, Easther, Ruth. John Kerr dies abt. 1817 in York County and Ruth bef. 1810. It is thought that John Kerr is the son of John Kerr b. abt. 1710 in N.Ireland and died bef. 1790 in York Co. SC.

Henry Kerr married Mary Price abt. 1792 and the Kerr family is found in the 1800, and 1810 York Co. census. The 1800 census indicates: 2 male children under the age of 10. No other children are indicated. The 1810 census shows two male children to age 16, one male under 10 and one female child under 10. (Lucinda d.o.b. 1804)."

Children of John Kerr, II and Ruth Kerr

7. **Miss Kerr** was born in 1770 in Craven, Camden Dist, SC and died on an unknown date.
8. **Henry E. Kerr** was born on Jul. 24, 1773 in Craven, Camden Dist, SC and died on Nov. 30, 1857 in Elkton, Giles Co., TN.
9. **John M. Kerr** was born on Apr. 17, 1775 in Craven Co., Camden District, SC and died on Oct. 17, 1869.
10. **Mary Kerr** was born on Jan. 1, 1777 in Craven, Camden Dist, SC and died on an unknown date.
11. **Margret Kerr** was born on Feb. 7, 1780 in Craven, Camden Dist, SC and died on an unknown date.
13. **Esther Kerr** was born on May 28, 1781 in York Co., SC and died on an unknown date.
14. **Hugh Kerr** was born on Sep. 1, 1782 in York, Camden district, South Carolina and died on Nov. 5, 1866 in Branchville, St. Clair Co., AL.
15. **Ruth Elsie Kerr [Blackburn]** was born on May 24, 1785 in York, Camden District, SC and died on an unknown date.
17. **Sophia Kerr** was born on Apr. 8, 1787 in York, Camden District, SC and died on Sep. 19, 1878 in Yalobusha Co., MS.

3rd Generation (Grandchildren)

Descendants of: John Kerr, I

14. **Hugh Kerr** was born on Sep. 1, 1782 in York, Camden district, South Carolina and died on Nov. 5, 1866 in Branchville, St. Clair Co., AL. Buried Bethel Baptist Church Cemetary, ALA (find-a-grave). He married **Katherine Jane Kerr [Gardner]** on Aug. 5, 1809 in Mecklenburg Co. NC. **Katherine Jane**, daughter of **James Gardner** and **? Gardner**, was born on Aug. 16, 1790 in North Carolina and died on Aug. 8, 1879 in Branchville, S. Alabama. The Gardners appear to have come from Mecklenburg NC



Hugh Kerr, Census 1850 St Clair Co, ALA "Farmer"

Children of **Hugh Kerr** and **Katherine Jane Kerr [Gardner]**

- i. 20. **Hugh Kerr, Jr.** was born on Aug. 18, 1805 in SC and died on Sep. 24, 1872 in Winston Co., MS.
- ii. 21. **William Kerr** was born in 1807 and died on Jan. 4, 1873.
- iii. 22. **John Jack 4 Kerr** was born on Jun. 23, 1810 in York district, SC and died on Oct. 21, 1882 in Brompton, St. Clair Co., ALA.
- iv. 23. **Elizabeth A. Kerr** was born in 1810 and died in 1862.
- v. 24. **Mary E. Simpson [Kerr]** was born on Feb. 7, 1814 in York District, South Carolina and died on Jun. 18, 1902 in Sanie, St. Clair Co., AL.
- vi. 25. **Charles A. Kerr** was born on Sep. 10, 1814 in SC and died on Dec. 21, 1856.
- vii. 26. **Alexander Kerr** was born on Aug. 1, 1821 in Edgefield, Edgefield, SC and died on Aug. 18, 1891.
- viii. 27. **(Unknown)**.
- ix. 28. **Ruth L. Kerr** was born in York District, SC and died in St. Clair Co., AL.
- x. 29. **Margaret A. Kerr** was born in York District, SC and died on an unknown date.
- xi. 30. **Amanda Jane Kerr** died on an unknown date.
- xii. 31. **Cynthia Kerr** was born in St. Clair Co., AL and died in St. Clair Co., AL.

4th Generation (Great-grandchildren)

22. **John Jack 4 Kerr** was born on Jun. 23, 1810 in York district, SC and died on Oct. 21, 1882 in Brompton, St. Clair Co., ALA. He married **Sintha (Cynthia) Kerr [Carr]** on Oct. 4, 1832 in Lauderdale, ALA. **Sintha (Cynthia)**, daughter of **John M. Kerr, Sr.** and **Jane Kerr [Harris]**, was born on Mar. 25, 1814 in Giles Co, TN and died on Mar. 15, 1884 in Brompton, St. Clair Co., ALA.

24. **Mary E. Simpson [Kerr]** was born on Feb. 7, 1814 in York District, South Carolina and died on Jun. 18, 1902 in Sanie, St. Clair Co., AL. She married **Lewis Monroe Simpson** on Nov. 16, 1830 in York District, South Carolina. **Lewis Monroe**, son of **Thomas Simpson** and **Rebecca Simpson [Arnold]**, was born on Apr. 22, 1808 in York District, South Carolina and died on Jan. 13, 1858 in Branchville, St. Clair Co., Alabama.

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From: Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:52 PM
To: 'melinda.wolz@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Kerrs in Fairfield County

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Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 7:32 PM

To: fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

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Subject: Kerrs in Fairfield County

Good morning, Eddie,

I hope you will be able to help me or lead me in the right direction. My 3rd great grandfather is Hugh Kerr, Sr. From what I know, he was born in Ireland in 1783, arrived in America through the Port of Charleston, died in 1834 and is buried in the Old Stone Church Cemetery near Winnsboro.

Last summer my husband and I attended the Gladney Family Reunion in Winnsboro. While at the Fairfield Museum, I saw a shaving mug from a R. H. Kerr. I was thrilled to see Hugh, Sr's tombstone when we walked through the Old Stone Church Cemetery.

One of Hugh's sons was Charles Alexander Kerr (my 2nd great grandfather) who was born in South Carolina on September 10, 1814. At some point, he moved to Mississippi. He died on December 21, 1856 and is buried in Bethsalem Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Choctaw County, Mississippi (I was born and raised in Mississippi.)

So, help!!! What is the best way for me to find out their story. When did Hugh come to America and what did he do for a living? Why did Charles Alexander move to Mississippi and what did he do? Where do I start?

I would appreciate your advice. If it is easier to call me - that is fine. My number is 912-655-6353.

Many thanks,

Melinda Kerr Wolz