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Post Office Box 284 Tuscaloosap Alabama educated and influential gentleman, and at the first elarm flew like a faithful son to his country's standard. He rose to the rank of Major in the militis, was incesant in his exertions to fulfil his duty to the State, and bore the character of a breve and skillful officer. He was chosen colonel of Fairfield (which at the time made but a single regiment), by a popular election shortly efter the war, and was afterwards brigadier-general, Ganeral Peerson filled mony civil offices to the entire satisfaction of the people. He died in 1817." Gen. John Pearson was a member of Congress in Jefferson's administration and received from him a donation (\$100) to Monticello Academy, which was named for Jefferson's residence near Charlottesville, Va.

I saw General Pearson at a regimentel muster ground when I was a boy, during the War of 1812. I recollect him. as he sat upon a large horse in his uniform, as a man of low, well formed stature, of dark complexion. I know his sons, Philip and John; the latter married first my cousin Nancy Furney. They had several children. After planting on Beaver Creek several years, he moved to Alabama about the year 1830. This was after he had married his second wife, Sallie Hill, who lived a few miles above old Buckhead. Philip moved to Union County where he died. Gen. Pesseon's daughter, Martha, married James Rush about the year 1825, who kept a hotel in "Cotton Town" first, and then lower down in Columbia, S.C. One daughter, \_\_\_\_, married Richard O'Neal, Sr., well known as a merchant and cotton buyer in Columbia, for more than fifty years. Gen. Pearson's other daughters married the following named gentlemen: James Elkin, Mr. McKerny, Thompson Mayo, and another, Benjamin V. Lakin. James Elkin had several children. David John Ford's daughter. 1 knew but one of his children, Beylise, who died not long eince, near Ridgeway; he was a member at one time of the State Legislature. Nev. William Elkin, a Baptist minister, is now living at Walhalla. One of James Elkin's daughters married her soucin Major Elliott Elkins. Both are dead. They left several children. David E. Elkins is a merchant at Alston. J. Bunyan Elkins is living in Greenville, S.C.

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