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July 26, 1863. His body was transferred to David's Island on September 17, 1863, and he was buried in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Long Island.

J.Z (John Zachariah) WIRICK, son of Zachariah Wirick, served in Co B, 7th S.C. Bn.<sup>83</sup>

John Nicholas Werrick (Wirick) came to the forks of Crooked Run Creek and Little Cedar Creek in 1767, and by thrift and hard work became the progenitor of a large and wealthy family. A century later the guns of the Civil War and emigration so decimated the family in Fairfield County that today no members of the family now reside in the county. The contribution of the Wirick family to the Confederate cause should preserve for the family a place in the memory of the county.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES MANN

The immigrant James Mann had lands in the forks of Little Cedar Creek and Crooked Run Creek bordering on the lands of Stephen Eleazer, (John) Nicholas Wirick, Nicholas Wirick, David McGraw, and George Freshley.

JAMES MANN, the immigrant, arrived in South Carolina on the ship Pennsylvania Farmer, and on January 6, 1773, petitioned the Governor and Council for 200 acres of land. (This would seem to indicate that there were <sup>84</sup> four members in his household) A precept for this land was issued on January 6, 1773, and on February 6, 1773, John Alston D.S. laid the land off on Crooked Run Creek: bound south west by Stephen Eleazer and vacant land; and northwest on David McGraw's land; northeast and east on Nicholas Wirick's

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83- Confederate War Records, S.C. Dept Archives and History.

84- Revill, Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants, 1763-1773, P-125

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and George Freshley's land.<sup>85</sup> On November 4, 1784, he had 150 acres of land laid off for him. The grant was dated March 6, 1786. On November 21, 1784, he had 245 acres of land surveyed for him, and the grant dated June 5, 1786. On February 22, 1800, he had 68 acres of land laid off for him, and the grant was dated March 3, 1800,<sup>86</sup>

On November 16, 1790, William Boyle, son and heir of John Boyle, sold James Mann 100 acres of land for 50 pounds, sterling. This land had been granted to John Boyle on June 19, 1772. At the time of the original survey, the land was surrounded by vacant land.<sup>87</sup> David Watkins of Salisbury, N.C., sold James Mann 250 acres of land for 150 pounds sterling, on February 27, 1792. This land lay on Ned's Branch of Little River, and had been originally granted to John Bell on May 13, 1768. John Bell transferred the land to John Murray, who, in turn, transferred the land to David Watkins on March 18, 1783.<sup>88</sup>

James Mann sold Jacob Turnipseed the 68 acres granted him on Cedar Creek, on March 3, 1800, for \$52 in February 1801. This tract of land was bound northeast on the estate of John Compty; west by John Brent's land; south by George Leightner (Leitner); and east by Jacob Turnipseed. Agnes, wife of James Mann, signed the release of her dowry.<sup>89</sup> On August 17, 1802, James Mann sold Nicholas Wirick 134½ acres out of the 150 acres that had granted him on March 6, 1786. The land lay on Little Cedar Creek and at the

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85-C.P. Vol. 18, P-1, 1773.

86-S.P., Index 1, Vol. 7q, P-27, 1784; State Grants Vol. 6, P-266, 1786. S.P. Index 1, Vol. 17, P-74; State Grants, Vol. 12, P-135, P-135., 1786. S.P., Index 2, Vol. 37, P-484, 1800; State Grants, Vol. 46, P-290, 1800

87-F.D.B., Bk I, P-27, 1790

88-Ibid, Bk. I, P-31, 1792

89-Ibid Bk. N, P-232, 1801.

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time of the original survey was bound northwest by the land of Nicholas Wirick, southeast by Robert McCant's land, southeast by land of Elijah Wallen and vacant land, and northeast by vacant land. Mary and Samuel Alston witnessed the deed. Agnes Mann signed the release of her dowry. 90

The immigrant James Mann died in August 1818. His will made on August 7, 1818, was proven on August 17, 1818. To his sons James and Thomas, he left the home place of 250 acres; James to have the home and Thomas to have the other half of the land with Still House Branch to be the line. I believe this is the land that that the immigrant James Mann had purchased from David Watkins in 1792, and situated on Still House Branch, Alligator Creek, Little River. Thomas and his brother Nathaniel to have the 200 acres of land the adjoining tract; Thomas to have 25 or 30 acres and Nathaniel to have the remainder of the 200 acres. He gave his son Thomas three slaves, James two slaves and Nathaniel one slave. To his daughter Elizabeth he gave the slave girl Peggy; to his son-in-law William McCreight, he gave \$30 and forgave him all of his debts; to his daughter Jane Frazier, he gave \$40 and all of the property already given her. Agnes, wife of James Mann was not mentioned in the will and was probably already dead. Joseph McAdams, Samuel McKinstry and Rebecca Evans witnessed the will. Thomas and James Mann were named executors of the will. 91

Ezekiel and Jane (Mann) Frazier were not satisfied with the distribution of her father James Mann's property and filed a petition against the heirs of James Mann: James, Thomas and Nathaniel Mann; Thomas, James and Polly McCreight; and Elizabeth Mann. The petition was heard in the Court of

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Equity for Fairfield District in the June 1825 term of court. The court ordered the sale of the 250 acres of land on Alligator Creek, Little River, that had been granted to John Bell in 1768; and part of the 245 acres of land granted James Mann Sr., for a total of 461 acres of land. John Buchanan, Commissioner in Equity ordered the sale for September 4, 1826. James Mann Jr. bought the land, at the sale, for \$1786.37½. The land was bound by the lands of Ezekiel Frazier, Samuel Brown, Samuel McKinstry, Hugh Elliott, Zach Trapp, Edward Yarborough and others.

James Mann Jr. on December 30, 1826, sold his brother Thomas the 250 acres of land that had been granted John Bell in 1768, along with 30 acres out of the tract of 245 acres granted to James Mann (Sr.) in 1786.

Four of the children of the immigrant James Mann: James, Thomas, Elizabeth Mann and Polly McCreight died within a few months of each other in late 1842 or early 1843. The medical bill submitted by Dr. John M. Glenn to the estate of Thomas Mann serves as an indication as to the time of death of these several members of the family. He began attending Thomas Mann during the month of August 1842, and saw him regularly through the month of September 1842; after that he saw him occasionally until January 19, 1843, the probable date of his death. In September 1842, he began seeing "Miss Polly" (Polly McCreight). She was dead before her sister Elizabeth. In November 1842,

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92-F.D.B. Bk HH, P-29, 1826. Elkin's map of Fairfield County (1876) shows Alligator Creek entering Little River just above Brown's Bridge. A recent South Carolina Highway map shows Alligator Creek, now called Mann's Branch, joining with Gibson's Branch just before entering Little River.

93-F.D.B., Bk HH, P-28, 1826.

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Dr Glenn began seeing Miss Betsy (Elizabeth Mann), and attended her until her death on January 9, 1843. James Mann appears to have died in late January 1843. Dr Glenn made no record of having attended James Mann. Dr Glenn charged \$2.50 for the visit and the medicine. At the time Dr. Glenn submitted his bill on March 17, 1845, he charged interest for one year, two months and ten days.

The death of these four members of the same family within so short a period of time suggests the possibility of a contagious disease. The prolonged illness suggests that tuberculosis might have been the disease.

James Mann Jr., son of the immigrant James Mann and his wife Agnes, made his will on October 1, 1828. His son Nathaniel qualified on January 30, 1843. His sister Elizabeth Mann was left a "genteel support" out of the estate. To his niece Mary McCreight, he left \$200, to be paid when she reached the age of eighteen years, or married. To his nephews James and Thomas Mann, sons of his brother Nathaniel, he left a slave, each, after the death of his brother Thomas. To his brother Thomas, still unmarried, he left the residue of his estate; Nathaniel to inherit after Thomas. Samuel Brown and Nathaniel Mann were named his executors. William Brown, George Ferrell and Samuel Brown witnessed the will. The estate of James Mann Jr. had a horse named Bob and another named Lightfoot. In the probate papers of James Mann, there was a letter from Thomas V. McCreight and James McCreight of Autauga, Alabama, dated March 22, 1845, appointing William McCreight their attorney to receive their inheritance.

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94-F.P.C., Apt. 78, Pkg. 108, 1843

95-F.W.B., Vol. 3, Bk 19, P-290; F.P.C., Apt. 78, Pkg. 109, 1843.

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Thomas Mann, son of the immigrant James Mann and his wife Agnes, made his will on January 14, 1843, and it was proven on January 30, 1843. To his brother Nathaniel, he left six slaves, his stock, household goods and three-quarters of the money owed him. He left his niece Mary E. McCreight a slave boy and girl and one-quarter of the money owed him. To his nephews James and Thomas Mann, sons of his brother Nathaniel, he left his real estate. Nathaniel Mann and Phillip Pulleg were named his executors. John Watt, <sup>96</sup> E. Yarborough and Green W. Yarborough witnessed the will. He had been sick a long time and probably died on January 19, 1843.

The 1822 Tax Return for Fairfield District showed Thomas Mann as the owner of seven slaves and 450 acres of land.

Elizabeth Mann, unmarried daughter of the immigrant James Mann and his wife Agnes, died intestate on January 9, 1843. Included in her probate papers was the bond for the sale of her father's estate on September 4, 1826. The principal was \$275.97, and the interest for eighteen years was \$358.95, making a total of \$634.92. James B. McCants was now Commissioner in Equity for Fairfield County. Her brother Nathaniel, administrator of her estate, had \$1987.18, for distribution on January 1, 1845. The distribution was made in this manner: to estate of Thomas Mann, deceased, \$497.29½; to children of Jane Frazier (deceased) viz Mary wife of Robert Elliott, William Frazier, Nancy wife of ---?, Sarah wife of Thomas Jones, Ezekiel Frazier, Joel Frazier, and Jane wife of Peter Mason, \$97.29½; to children of Mary McCreight, deceased, viz Thomas and James McCreight, and Mary wife of J.W. Logan (she had married and become a widow in the two years since her uncle

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Thomas Mann's death), \$497.29½; Nathaniel Mann, \$497.29½. Phillip Pulleg acted as the attorney for the heirs of Ezekiel Frazier and on July 13, 1845, received \$506.50. Mary E. Logan gave her receipt for \$75.76½ as her share in her aunt's estate.

Nathaniel Mann, son of the immigrant James Mann and his wife Agnes, and Margaret, wife of Nathaniel Mann, signed a quit claim to the estate of Thomas Richardson and his widow Elizabeth, both deceased; having by other arrangements received their full inheritance. The signing of this quit claim on April 17, 1830, permitted Thomas Richardson (an heir) to sell Joseph Seastrunk 168 acres of land : made up out of land granted to Bryan Riley, Thomas McPherson (150 acres) and Daniel Wootan (250 acres granted December 24, 1772), and lying on Little River. Susannah Richardson, wife of Thomas Richardson signed her release. It is probable that Margaret Mann, wife of Nathaniel, was a daughter of the elder Thomas and Elizabeth Richardson.

James, son of Nathaniel and grandson of the immigrant James Mann, was born on September 6, 1811, and died May 10, 1899. His wife Mary Y. Mann was born on August 18, 1823, and died February 18, 1899. They are buried in the churchyard of Bethel Methodist Church, not far from their home.

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97-F.P.C., file 78, Pkg. 108

98-F.D.B., Bk KK, P-310, 1830