

QUERY

ALSTON-MCKINSTRY

Ms. Sidney Ford Tatom, 709 N. Turner Road, Apt. D-1, Arcadia, FL 33821 seeks clarification of the following relationships:

1. John McKinstry of Richland Co., S.C., in his will, proved 05 Oct. 1795, names wife Jane and sons Samuel, John, James, and Thomas.
2. Samuel, b. 1769, d. 26 May 1836, m. Margaret Alston (daughter of John Alston and Mary Boyd of Fairfield Co.) b. 21 Dec. 1770, d. 12 Sept. 1832. EDERINGTON'S HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C., compiled by Mrs. B.H. Rossen, Mrs. A.H. Maybin, and Mrs. G.D. Foxworthy in 1957, identifies the children of Samuel McKinstry as John McKinstry, who moved to Alachua Co., Florida; Thomas McKinstry, who remained in Fairfield Co., and Nancy McKinstry m. Capt. Billy Broom.
3. Nothing is known about the John McKinstry mentioned in the 1795 will. The will alludes to some sort of physical or mental impairment which might require that his brothers take care of him.
4. James McKinstry b. ___ m. Jane Alston (sister of Margaret above) b. 15 Aug. 1779. d. 1844.
5. Thomas McKinstry b. 1779, d. 21 Aug. 1833 is buried in the Alston Family Cemetery. I am unable to find any records as to his marriage and descendants.
6. There is a family dispute over who were the parents of John McKinstry mentioned as the son of Samuel and Margaret (2. above). A tradition alleges that James and Jane McKinstry (4. above) were his parents. The family Bibles do not provide a list of the descendants of either Samuel or James, and I have not located wills or other clarifying documents. NSDAR records contain this gap.

I would appreciate any information on the descendants of this family. The John McKinstry who moved to Florida was b. 01 Apr. 1800, d. 07 Oct. 1860 and m. Margaret Emmaline Smith, b. 01 Jan. 1821, d. 13 Aug. 1899. They were the parents of two surviving children, William Fletcher Smith McKinstry, M.D. and Margaret Emma m. William Robertson

HUSBAND'S NAME John Mc Kinstry Richland Co (Husband's Full Name)
 When Born _____ Where _____
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____ (Wife's Maiden Name)
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 When Married _____ Where _____
 Other Wives (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Jane
 When Born _____ Where _____
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____
 City _____ State _____

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Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
	1 Samuel			1769				1836			Date To <u>Margaret Alston</u> *
	2 John										Date To _____
	3 James										Date To <u>Jane Alston</u> 1779-1844
	4 Thomas			1779			<u>Alston Conn.</u>	1833			Date To _____
	5										Date To _____
	6										Date To _____
	* Margaret Alston d/o John + Mary (Bayl) Alston										Date To <u>Fairfield Co</u>
	8 b. 1770 & 1882.										Date To _____
	9 Ch. 1. John moved to Alachua, Fl.										Date To _____
	10 2. Thomas remained in Fairfield										Date To _____
	11 3. Nancy md. Capt Billy Broom										Date To _____
	12										Date To _____
	13										Date To _____
	14										Date To _____

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 *If burial date is known on children and not death date, write
 burial date, prefix (Bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

North of the Broad River

Along Horse Creek

The Blumes

The Mckinstrys

The Blumes were not among the earliest settlers along Horse Creek, and, in fact, lived more on Big Cedar Creek, but they intermarried with the earliest settlers and can best be considered here.

JOHN BLUME, a native of Germany, was born on May 18, 1826, and died June 15, 1908. His wife Harriet Susannah was born on June 25, 1838, and died February 28, 1926. They are buried in the graveyard of St. Andrews Lutheran Church near Blythewood. They were the parents of Frank and Noah Blume. Frank Blume married Mary Gradick, daughter of David Gradick and Mary Ann Leitner. Noah Blume married her sister Marion Gradick. Noah Blume was born September 17, 1870, and died March 17, 1953. His wife Marion Gradick was born June 16, 1875 and died July 1, 1953. They are buried in the churchyard, Oak Grove Methodist Church.

THE MCKINSTRYS

According to Mill's map (1820-improved 1826), T(Thomas) Mc Kinstry's home was just north of Horse Creek where that stream crossed the Old Samburg Road and close to present day Beulah Church.

JOHN MCKINSTRY, Richland County, Camden District, had 274 acres of land surveyed for him on Toms Creek by Phillip Pearson D.S., on August 21, 1789. This land bordered on the land of Griffin Harris, the Salomon land, and on vacant land. The plat was certified by F. Bremer, S.G., on March 1, 1790.

16- Grave stones St. Andrews Lutheran Church and Oak Grove Methodist Church.

17- S.P. Index I, Vol. 25q, P. 274.

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John Mc Kinstry made his will on August 14, 1795, and it was proven on October 5, 1795. He therefore died in the late summer or early fall of 1795. To his eldest son, Samuel McKinstra (sic), he left one half of the plantation bordering on Griffin Harris ; to his son John, he left a bay mare, a cow and a yearling. His third son, James, to have a horse colt, two cows with yearlings. His fourth son, Thomas, to have a horse colt, two cows and a yearling. To his wife Jane, he left the other half of his plantation bordering on Griffin Harris, all of his home plantation, the remainder of the livestock, the furniture, and the farm tools for her use during her lifetime. At her death, the property to be divided among his three youngest sons: John, James and Thomas. "If John remains in his present state of mind" James and Thomas to have his share and to take care of him during his lifetime. Joel Adams and William Weston were named as his executors. George Jennings, James Carrell and Samuel Bell appraised his chattel goods for 167 pounds, 14 shillings and 10 pence.

Samuel McKinstry, oldest son of John and Jane McKinstry, was elected Justice of the Peace for Richland County in 1802.

On December 17, 1799, James Duke borrowed \$200 from Samuel McKinstry, blacksmith, to buy a Negro boy from Jacob Curry.

Thomas McKinstry, youngest son of John and Jane McKinstry, bought a tract of land from James Craig on Cedar Creek for \$100 on May 24, 1805. This land had been originally granted to Mary McGullough for

6-R.P.C.Box 26, Pkg. 500.

Green, History of Richland County, P.201.

F.D.B. Bk M, Pp.146, 147.

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100 acres on March 7, 1775, but on resurvey was found to contain 144 acres: bound north on the estate of George Smith; west on Christopher Thompson; south on Thompson and vacant land. Jane Craig signed her release on May 24, 1805. On the following day, May 25, 1805, James Alston sold Thomas McKinstry 150 acres of land on Big Branch of Big Cedar Creek for \$300: bound north on George Smith; east on land granted to Margaret McCullough; south and east on the lands of Peter Entzminger; west on Herman Dash. This land was part of 197 acres of land granted George Smith on April 2, 1792, and by him released to Francis Lee on December 28, 1797, and by Thomas Lee released to James Alston. Frances Alston, wife of James Alston, signed her
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release.

Thomas McKinstry and his wife Jane (Jean) sold 279 acres of land to Nicholas Wirick for \$558 on January 9, 1812. This land lay on Indian Branch, Little Cedar Creek, Fairfield District, and was originally granted to James Alston as 160 acres on January 1, 1787. John Brown and James Walker
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witnessed the deed.

Thomas Mc Kinstry was born in 1779 and died in 1833. He was buried in the Alston family cemetery near old Mossydale School. Jane McKinstry, widow of the recently deceased Thomas McKinstry, on June 28, 1833, made certain agreements with her children: Eliza C. Bonner, wife of Samuel Bonner; Harriet Kennedy, wife of Alexander Kennedy Sr. (who had died intestate), Maria Hamiter, wife of John J. Hamiter, Clementine Salena E.

P.D.B., BkG, Pp. 333, 335.

Ibid., Bk U, P. 210.

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Taliferro, wife of John A. Taliferro; and her son Thomas W. McKinstry. Her daughters were to retain the slaves that had been given them, and that her son Thomas W. McKinstry would have one-half of the home place on Horse creek at the age of twenty-one years. She was to retain the other half of the home place and at her death the slaves to go to her daughters and her half of the home place to go to her son Thomas W. McKinstry.

On June 11, 1835, Jane McKinstry gave her son Thomas W. McKinstry her power-of-attorney. This power-of-attorney was used later in the year when Thomas W. McKinstry, on October 13, 1835, representing his mother Jane McKinstry, signed for her as one of the several distributees of the estate of Samuel Alston, Esquire. Her share of Samuel Alston's estate was 154 1/4 acres of land on Little Cedar Creek: bound north on Mary Alston's land; east by William Robertson's land; and on the south by Jacob Wirick's land. John Mc Kinstry signed for himself and as the representative of Margaret McKinstry. Their share of the estate of Samuel Alston was 358 1/2 acres of land on Creeked Run Creek and Little Cedar Creek.

Jane, wife of Samuel McKinstry (the elder) and Margaret, wife of John McKinstry were sisters, and were daughters of John Alston and sisters of Samuel Alston. It can be assumed that the John McKinstry, here mentioned, was the second son of John and Jane Mc Kinstry. He must have improved "in mind."

James McKinstry, the third son of John and Jane McKinstry, lived

W.D.B., Bk LL, P.60.

Ibid, Bk LL, Pp.550,551.

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in Chester County. He bought from James Brice and Alexander Douglas, administrators of the estate of David Dennen for his children, 100 acres of land on the South Fork of Wateree Creek for \$100. Fourteen years later, on December 31, 1829, and for the sum of \$100, he sold this land back to the Dennen children.

James Mc Kinstry, Little River, Chester County, made his will on January 8, 1829, and it was proven on March 8, 1830. To his daughter Jenny, who had married Thomas Jamison, he left one dollar since she already had her share of the estate. To his grandson, James Jamison, he left \$50. The rest of his estate he left for the support of his wife and four other children: John Washington Mc Kinstry, William Percy Mc Kinstry, James Young McKinstry and Mary Ann Mc Kinstry.. His wife and her brother Andrew Quetton, along with James Strong were named the executors of his estate.

The following members of the family of Thomas W. McKinstry, son of Samuel and Jane McKinstry, grandson of John McKinstry, and his wife Mary C. McKinstry, are buried in Bethel Methodist Churchyard, lower Fairfield County:

Thomas (W) McKinstry was born December 20, 1808, died June 10, 1886.

Mary C., wife of Thomas (W) McKinstry, 1819- 1882.

Dr. T.B. McKinstry was born December 7, 1837, died April 14, 1908.

Emma, wife of Dr. T.B. McKinstry, was born February 27, 1838, died

December 4, 1867.

Y.D.B. Bk BB, P.60 ; Bk HH, P.291.

Chester W.B. Vol.2, Bk K, P.13.

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Mary Wylie, wife of Dr. T.B. McKinstry, was born April 5, 1849, and died June 19, 1914.

Walter T. McKinstry, son of Dr. T.B. and Mary W. McKinstry, was born October 15, 1872, and died January 15, 1951.

William Wylie Mc Kinstry, son of Dr. T.B. and Mary Wylie McKinstry, was born in 1889 and died in 1899.

William T. McKinstry, son of Dr. T.B. and Emma McKinstry, .

Samuel A. McKinstry, son of Dr. T.B. and Emma F. McKinstry, was born July 10, 1866, and died on December 10, 1866.

Margaret A. McKinstry, daughter of Thomas and Mary C. McKinstry,

William D. Mc Kinstry, son of Thomas and Mary C. McKinstry, was born on August 10, 1841, and died May 10, 1864.

As previously mentioned, John, son of the elder John McKinstry, probably recovered "in his mind" to marry and raise a family. I can find no other John McKinstry that would fit into this pattern. John Mc Kinstry bought 78 acres of land on Crooked Run Creek from William Mott for \$350 on October 4, 1835: bordering on the lands of J.M. McKinstry, A.M. McDowell, and the estates of Moses Camak and John Alston. Harriet Mott signed her
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release.

THE BALLENTINES

There were Ballentines of German, Scotch-Irish and English ancestry in South Carolina from the earliest days. On November 11, 1736,