

NOTES FOR EPHRAIM LILES

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In March 1764, Ann Liles memorialized title to Ephraim's land at the Auditor General's Office in Charleston. Land owners were required to memorialize title to the Crown to collect taxes or rent on the land as it was sometimes called. South Carolina was in the 1760's a Royal colony. Memorializing title simply meant that the owner certified the chain of title from the original colonial grantee to the present owner. Memorializing title was beneficial to both the Crown and the present owner as it served to strengthen the present owner's claim to the property. Since at the time there were no local county governments in the colony all recordings were made at the state-level in Charleston, making it necessary for citizens of the backcountry to make the long difficult trip to Charleston.

Shortly after Ephraim's death his widow, Ann, married Eleazer Mobley. On November 3, 1766, his brother, Col. John Liles, was named administrator of his estate.

Tradition holds that Ephraim Liles came from North Carolina to South Carolina. He was among the earliest settlers of Fairfield. Land records indicate that Ephraim had purchased land in the Craven County (now Fairfield County) in the 1750's on the eastern side of the Broad River between Weaver Creek and Henderson's Island. Ephraim and his family were probably living on the land for several years prior to the recording of the land transfer. Tradition holds that his oldest son, Arromanus Liles, was born in the county in 1748. Making the trip to Charleston to record transfers often meant long periods of time went by before these transactions were recorded. His brothers, Colonel John and Williamson Liles, settled on the opposite side of the Broad River at approximately the same time. The ford on the Broad River between Ephraim Liles and Colonel John Liles land holdings soon became known as Lyles Ford. It appears on two separate land plats at the South Carolina Archives as Liles Ford in 1774.

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INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN: 1

Name: Ann  
 Sex: F ID No: 129  
 Birth: Place:  
 Chr: Place:  
 Death: Place: South Carolina  
 Burial: Place: South Carolina  
 Bap: Temple:  
 Endow: Temple:  
 Real P: Temple:  
 Father: Mother:

MARRIAGE(S)

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RIN	Spouse Name	Marriage Date	Sealing Date
14	Ephraim LILES-2 Eleazer MOBLEY-97		

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Ann Liles' maiden name has not been identified. It is not known when she married Ephraim Liles, however they were most likely married in the 1740s. Their marriage may have taken place before they moved to South Carolina.

Ann and Ephraim Liles had six sons. All six are identified in this genealogy, they undoubtedly also had daughters but none have been positively identified yet.

Ann Liles memorialized title to land belonging to the estate of Ephraim Liles on March 1764, she later married Eleazer Mobley, son of Rev. William Mobley. They were married by 1766. South Carolina Court of Ordinary, estate records recorded in Charleston reveal Ann and her second husband signed as witnesses when Ephraim Liles' brother Colonel John Liles was subsequently named as administrator of his estate on October 29, 1766.

The Robert Coleman family genealogy (available at the Fairfield County library) lists Eleazer Mobley as marrying the Widow Liles. It appears that Ann and her second husband did not have children.

Ann lived at least until the mid-1790s when she appeared in a recorded document entered in Fairfield County, Deed Book A.

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