

The Neeley Clan

A record of
VICTOR NEELEY

Ancestors and descendants of

JOHN NEELEY

(- 1841)

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THE FIRST GENERATION

VICTOR NEELEY

PARENTS: Not identified

1. Victor Neeley (a) _____

M. Martha _____

(a) Born in Ireland, arrived in America in the 1740's at the Port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on "The Pennsylvania Farmer" with his wife Martha and a Richard Neeley whose kinship to Victor has not been established.

Victor was a Sabbatarian Baptist Minister who brought his entire congregation from Connecocheaque and French Creek, Pennsylvania to Fairfield County, South Carolina around 1756. They were members of Broad River Baptist Church and practiced percular rites. Some later became Dunkers or Tunkers. Victor preached up and down the Broad River on the evils and sins of dancing, drinking and smoking.

Victor served on Milita Duty in the American Revolution from 1781 to 1782. He also later served as a "road official" for the Fairfield County district in which he resided.

The earliest record of Victor is a land survey platt of 150 acres which was surveyed in 1750. He is known to have been deceased in 1799.

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THE SECOND GENERATION

CHILDREN OF VICTOR NEELEY

PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Martha

G' PARENTS: Not identified

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| 1. Victor Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Sarah _____ | _____ | _____ |
| * 2. John Neeley | _____ | Jul. 7 1841 |
| M. Jane _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Richard Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Elizabeth _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Jerusha Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Alexander Lester | _____ | _____ |

See children on page 3.

THE THIRD GENERATION

CHILDREN OF JOHN NEELEY

PARENTS: John Neeley/Jane

G' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Jane

GG' PARENTS: Not identified

* 1. Victor Neeley

M. Christena _____

M. Laurina Muse Shirah (a) _____

DB 1925 _____

DB 1972 _____

2. Isaiah Neeley

M.

(a) Laurina Muse Shirah M. Victor Neeley and had a daughter Jane Neeley who married Jacob Shirah, Laurina's son by her first marriage to Shirah.

See children on page 4.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF VICTOR NEELEY

PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Christena

G' PARENTS: John Neeley/Jane

GG' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Martha

3GG' PARENTS: Not identified

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| 1. Jane Neeley (a) | _____ | _____ |
| M. Jacob Shirah | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Victor Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Virginia _____ | _____ | _____ |
| * 3. Richard Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Dora Bell | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Charles Neeley | _____ | _____ |
| M. Clarkey E. _____ | _____ | _____ |

(a) Jane Neeley married her step brother, Jacob Shirah. (See page 3.).

NOTE: Victor Neeley and his family moved to Richland County, S. C. after March 18, 1846.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF RICHARD NEELEY

PARENTS: Richard Neeley/Dora
G' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Christena
GG' PARENTS: John Neeley/Jane
3GG' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Martha
4GG' PARENTS: Not identified

1. Farr (Fay) Neeley	<u>1852</u>	<u> </u>
M. Sue Marsh	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. William "M" Neeley	<u>17 Oct. 1854</u>	<u>1 Dec. 1942</u>
M. Elizabeth Blizzard	<u>16 Jul. 1864</u>	<u>1 Sept. 1950</u>

See children on page 6.

No data has been found verifying that Dora Bell was the wife of Richard Neeley. A family member had, in her possession, the names of her grandfather, William "M" Neeley and her great-grandfather, William Neeley, the latter as being married to Dora Bell. According to this information Dora died when William "M" was 9 years old. There is also no data verifying that a William Neeley was married to a Dora. The 1850-1870 census records do not reflect a William or a Richard as head of household. However, the 1870 census does list a Farr and William Neeley (William "M") as living in the Hopkins District with a black family by the name of Samuel Peters. The census then lists them separately on the next page, so the two boys were apparently without both parents. Farr was 14 and William was 12 when this census was taken. A genealogist, Tony Draine, states that Richard had to have been the husband of Dora since records do not reflect a William Neeley in the Neeley Line or time frame involving said circumstances. Richard had two brothers. See page 3 of the Family Group Record.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM "M" NEELEY

PARENTS: William "M" Neeley/Elizabeth Blizzard

G' PARENTS: Richard Neeley/Dora

GG' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Christena

3GG' PARENTS: John Neeley/Jane

4GG' PARENTS: Victor Neeley/Martha

5GG' PARENTS: Not identified

* 1. William W. Neeley	<u>1 Jan. 1896</u>	<u>22 Nov. 1969</u>
M. 29 Jul. 1916 - Elizabeth Welchel	<u>10 Nov. 1898</u>	<u>26 May 1971</u>
2. Jesse S. Neeley	_____	_____
M. Olive Miles	_____	_____
3. Dora Bell Neeley	_____	_____
M. _____ Tuttle	_____	_____
M. Edward Emlyn	_____	_____
4. Lizzie Neeley	_____	_____
M. T. A. McCoy	_____	_____

Five other children born in this marriage, died in infancy.

See children on page 7.

NEELEY FAMILY CEMETARY #9
GATE # 5, FORT JACKSON, S. C.
FIRING RANGE

J. T. Neeley
B. 27 Dec., 1893
D. 12 Aug., 1896
A place is vacant in our home
which can never be filled.

In Memory
Victor B. Tucker
B. 29 May, 1889
D. 17 Feb., 1894

John D. Jones
Son of Wiley & M. E. Jones (Martha Neeley Jones)
B. 5 May, 1895
D. 23 Nov., 1897
From earth to Heaven

Victor Elcain Neeley - No marker

William McCain Jones
Son of Wiley & M. E. Jones
B. 11 Jul., 1885
D. 2 Aug., 1910
Gone but not forgotten

Victor Neeley
B. 19 Apr., 1833
D. 29 Dec., 1911
Beyond the farewell and parting
love, rest, and home

Sallie Goers Neeley
B. 1874
D. 1901

Henry Franklin Neeley - Husband of Sallie Goers
B. 1867
D. 1933

Katie Belle Neeley

Daughter of R. E. & M. E. Neeley

B. 18 Dec., 1897

D. 27 Apr., 1904

A place is vacant in our home
the world can never fill.

Richard L. Neeley

B. 25 Jun., 1831

D. 3, May, 1910

Rest sweet rest

Margaret R. Neeley

B. 15 May, 1879

D. 4 Apr., 1912

BROWN'S CHAPEL
CEMETARY

Vince Ruben Neeley
B. 26 Jul., 1901
D. 17 Oct., 1959

Sovorah S. Neeley - Second wife of Vince Ruben Neeley
B. 7 Sept., 1907
D. 5 Nov., 1963

Annie Neeley Stack
B. 31 Aug., 1933
D. 5 Apr., 1977

Vince Ruben Neeley, Jr.
B. 23 Dec., 1926
D. 29 Apr., 1976

Richard W. Neeley - Husband of M. E. Neeley
B. 8 Dec., 1862
D. 16 Mar., 1918

Clarkey Neeley Gates
B. 1857 (death certificate states 1868 as year of birth, was 3 yr. old
D. 26 Jul., 1929 when 1860 census was taken).

No marker for Clarkey, burial information was taken from her death certificate.

REFERENCES

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

VOL M P. 72-3

Martha Neely of Fairfield District, widow of Victor Neely, deceased, for the love and affection which I have and bear towards my four children Richard, John, Victor and Jerusha Neely....100 acres of land originally granted to Victor Neely 3 Nov., 1762 on a branch of Broad River called Little River, also 150 acres granted to Alexander Neely 18 May, 1771 on the N. side of Broad River on a branch thereof called McCray's Creek bounded NW by Victor Neely, E. by Jacob Gibson, 9 Mar. 1799. S/Martha Neely. Witnessed by Richard Neely, Howard Robinson, W. Yarborough. Proved 30 May, 1799 by Wm. Yarborough before Burrell Cook, JP

VOL. NN P. 305-06

Martha Neely, Richard Neely, John Neely, Victor Neely, Alexander Lester husband of Jerusha , all of Fairfield District for \$1,988 to Thomas McMeekin of the same place....111 acres granted to Victor Neely 18 May, 1771, situate on Neely's Creek, waters of Little River bounded E. by John Neely and Alexander Lester (two of the grantors) N. & NW by James Davis, W. by the grantee, S. by William and Joseph Holmes....1819. S/Martha Neely (X), Richard Neely, John Neely, Victor Neely, Alexander Lester. Witnessed by William Holmes, Henry Yarborough, George Leightner. Dower renounced by Elizabeth Neely, wife of Richard Neely, Jane Neely, Sarah Neely, wife of Victor Neely. Proved 4 Mar., 1819 by William Holmes before James Rogers, QU.

VOL. PP P 14-15

Isaiah Neely, James Rains and Elizabeth Rains, Victor Neely, Simon P. Hood, Zachariah Hood, Nathaniel B. Hood, Abigail Hood, Richard Neely, Elias Hood, Susan Hood, Jane Neely, the youndger, for \$384 in the settlement of the estate of John Neely, deceased, to Jane Neely 156 1/2 acres granted Quinton Craig on 5 June, 1792 situate on Twenty Five Mile Creek, waters of Broad River 5 Nov., 1841. S/Isaiah Neely, James Rains (X), Elizabeth Rains, Victor Neely, Simon P. Hood, Susan Hood, Jane C. Neely. Witnessed by Alexander Brown, Jacob Boney. (Jacob, husband of Jane C. Neely).

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Victor Neely of Fairfield County, SC....\$56 to E. D. Gillmore of the

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Lexington District SC....38 acres being my inheritance part of the land belonging to John Neely, deceased, situate on Twenty Five Mile Creek, bounded N. by Elias Hood, S. by Simon Hood, E. by Nathaniel Hood, W. by James Hood....18 Mar., 1846. S/Victor Neely. Witnessed by William Hook, Daniel Hook. Dower renounced by Christena, wife of Victor Neely Proved 3 Aug., 1846 by William Hood before David Chipp, Magistrate, District.

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568	576	Victor Neely	65M
		Tenah	58F
		Victor	16M
		Charles	14M
		Richard	12M

Jane Neely does not show up in this census because she was married and out of the home.

CLARKEY NEELEY

Clarkey was the daughter of Charles and Clarkey E. Neeley. She was born in 1868 according to her death certificate; However, the 1860 census indicates that she was three years old when the census was taken. Court documents state that she was born about five miles north of Columbia on Assylum Road (now Colonial Drive) in a two story house which was used as a store in the downstairs area. She had two brothers, George and Lawrence. She married James Dolan who died May 9, 1895 and left her 40 acres of land on Assylum Road. She later intermarried with Charles Gates who grossly illtreated and deserted her. They had one child who died in infancy. Clarkey gradually became emotionally disturbed over a period of about three years in which she stared at people, used profane language, stuttered, often talked about her dead child and the treatment of Charles Gates. She had fits or seizures and was committed to the State Hospital as insane. Her brother, Lawrence, had her committed and stated that she was dangerous and tried to kill her husband at one time. The doctors who treated her stated that she was not dangerous to herself or to others. She died intestate in the State Hospital July 26, 1929, and her property was subdivided between her next of kin, her first cousins

Court Documents State as Follows:

Clarkey Gates was admitted to the hospital for the insane on May 9, 1895, under the committment of the Judge of Probate. Upon full examination we hereby certify that she is insane. James Dolan, a Catholic, died in 1886 and left to his wife a tract of land. Mrs. Dolan intermarried with Charles Gates who grossly illtreated and deserted her in 1895 and not heard from since.

R. L. Neeley, Mrs. Gates' uncle, took over her estate after Jacob Crim, the committeeship of her estate failed to make court returns. Later V. E. and E. V. Neeley asked the court's permission to restore the old homesite. V. E. Neeley was petitioned by Henry F. Neeley and Martha Jones to come forward and account for money he had not been making court returns on the estate. He was a Richland County Deputy Sheriff.

In reference to Dolan's date of death, court documents are in conflict with that of Dolan's will. Documents state he died in 1895, will states 1886. See copy of Dolan's will.

Archives of History, Richland County, South Carolina

American Revolution War Records, Book: Stub entry X, 105.11, microfilm 5451-A.

Victor Neeley served in the American Revolution on Milita Duty from 1781 to 1782, and was paid 8 lbs. and 10 shillings for 119 days of service. He also received food, grain and cattle for his services which was common in those days for soldiers to receive such in addition to or in-lieu of pay.

Confederate War Records

Regiment 12, Company C

Richard Neeley was a native of Farifield County who served in the Confederate Army under the command of Captain C. Davis, S.C. Volunteers, 12th. Reg. (Donovant's Regiment) Co. C. He enlisted in the Army on August 20, 1861 in Ridgeway, S. C. His Muster Roll indicated Lightwood, Knot Spring near Columbia, S. C. He was killed in Richmond, Virginia June 14, 1862 at the age of 30. He was 5'6" tall with blue eyes, light hair and had a fair complexion. He had a wife, Margaret and three children, John, Henry and Alice. Records indicate that Margaret had Attorney Robert Hawthorne in Winnsborough, S.C. to collect \$113.13 from the Confederate States of America Treasury Department on July 9, 1864. This money was probably collected for Richards's military service which was due him at the time of his death.

Isaiah Neeley enlisted in the army on August 20, 1861 in Ridgeway, S.C. He was captured at Burkville on April 6, 1862 and was held as a prisoner of war until June 29, 1865. He was released at Lookout Point. Isaiah had dark gray eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion.

Sarah Neeley wrote a letter to the Commissioner of the Treasury in Charleston, S.C. in which she stated: Please let Mr. George Neelley have whatever _____ I may have in the treasury. The letter was written and signed for her by someone, dated June 9, 1786. Other records indicate that she was still alive in 1794.

It has not been determined what the kinship was (to each other) to the above. It appears that Isaiah was the son of John Neeley who was a descendant of the first settler, Victor and Martha Neeley.

Richland County, South Carolina, Judge of Probate

Box 156 1/2 Pkg. 4345

Lawrence Neeley, guardianship for Clarkey Gates, committed to State Hospital as insane

Box 350 Pkg. 10-675

E. V. Neeley

Box 434 Pkg. 11-935

Henry Franklin Neeley Estate Names Heirs

1. Oscar Paul Neeley
2. Aaron Neeley
3. Sallie Neeley) Twins
4. Allie Neeley)
5. Janie Neeley

Box 435 Pkg. 11-942

Aaron Neeley

Box 1018 Pkg. 20763

Oscar Paul Neeley Estate Names Heirs

1. Robert F. Neeley - Magnolia Street
2. Ruth Neeley Courtney - School House Rd.
3. Richard Neeley - School House Rd.
4. Roy J. Neeley - School House Rd.
5. Helen Neeley Dial
6. Melvin Neeley (Admin. of Will)

Richland County, South Carolina, Clerk of Court
Neeley Real Estate

Film DJ p. 352 R. L. Neeley

Film DJ p. 577 William "M" Neeley

Film FB p. 459 V. E. Neeley

Victor Neeley to V. E. Neeley 8 Feb. 1911, Victor's wife Mary Jane

Victor E. Neeley to Johnnie Caldwell Neeley, lands on Assylum Rd.,
Victor's wife - Lillie Mae

Elizabeth Marsh to Charles D. Neeley on Asylum Road, 1888.

Victor E. Neeley bought lands nine miles from City of Columbia, near Leesburg Road, 40 1/2 acres - land bound on N. by Ann Freeman, E. by Victor E. Neeley, S. by lands formerly Martin Stack.

J. W. Neeley to Mrs. E. M. Neeley

Jane Neeley to Victor Neeley, June 28, 1840. Mother of Jane was Martha Evans.

D. Evans to Martha Evans, June 28, 1850.

John Evans of Aiken County to Victor and Edward Neeley, Oct. 1911. Title mentions Alice Neeley.

William Richard Neeley to Hannah Neeley on Koon Road (part of Clarkey Gates Estate) William brother to Louie Neeley

J. T. Neeley to Hattie Neeley, Marion (Neeley) Goff, Corrie (Neeley) Jeffers, L. N. Neeley, Jesse L. Neeley, Doria (Dora) Neeley, Feb., 6, 1936.

A. D. Neeley to Louie Neeley (part of Clarkey Gates Estate) 1934

Martha (Neeley) Jones to Louie Neeley, 1934

R. T. Neeley to William "M" Neeley, E. V. Neeley, Sallie (Neeley) Goers Mar. 20, 1925, Julia Ann (Neeley) Tucker, Frank Tucker, Andrew Neeley V. E. Neeley, Martha (Neeley) Jones, and Tom Neeley (Gates Estate)

V. E. Neeley bought land from T. M. Brown, a portion of the Dixson Lands N. by Leesburg Road. Lands were bought by T. M. Brown from W. C. Shull.

Clarkey Gates died intestate leaving estate to only surviving heirs, her first cousins.

Annie Neeley Tucker, age 68 of English, S.C.

Thomas Neeley, age 66 of Blythewood, S.C.

Martha Neeley Jones, age 64 of Brown's Chapel (Old Leesburg Road)

Sallie Neeley Goers, age 62 of Rocky Mount, S.C.

Frank Neeley, age 60 of Lexington, S.C.

E. V. Neeley, age 58 of Lakeside, S.C.

V. E. Neeley, age 54 of Columbia, S.C.

R. T. Neeley, age 52 of Columbia, S.C.