

MISSISSIPPI ALLIED FAMILIES

Netterville Family

William Netterville was born December 2, 1736, possibly in Ireland, and perhaps sailed to Charleston, South Carolina before 1762. About that year, he married Esther Neely, who was born September 2, 1744, the daughter of Victor and Ann Dunkley Neely of Fairfield County, SC. Esther's father, Victor Neely, was a lay preacher in the Broad River Baptist Church. John Dunkley, Sr., Ann's brother, was also a member of the church.

William Netterville on December 20, 1765 exhibited a memorial to be registered in the office of his Majesty and Survey General of a plantation or tract of land containing one hundred acres situated in Craven County on the Broad River. This was located near the mouth of Pole Creek. William Netterville also petitioned for land from the South Carolina Council for 150 acres on the Savannah and Broad Rivers in September 1769. He and Esther had nine known children, six boys and three girls, from 1763 until 1780.

William Netterville was a captain in the Loyalist army in South Carolina. In 1782, Esther Netterville of Broad River petitioned the South Carolina General Assembly for financial support stating that her husband was a loyalist who took command of a company of militia after the surrender of Charlestown and continued in the service until the Congaree Fort surrendered. He was sent to Charlestown as a prisoner, where he died. Esther had sons who were grown and old enough to farm her lands and keep food in their mouths.

The Netterville family lived in Fairfield County, SC for many years. They were close to their Neely, Dunkley and Harris cousins. Many documents can be found bearing the name of the Netterville brothers (sons of William and Esther), particularly William, Thomas, Charles and Jeremiah. William sent a petition, dated October 31, 1800 and signed by neighbors, to the South Carolina council to operate a ferry on the Broad River. In 1808, the Nettervilles sold the ferry to Philip Pearson. Soon after, several of the Netterville brothers moved to Wilkinson County, Mississippi. They were more than likely accompanied by John and Frances Dunkley and sons James and William B. and members of the Harris family.

A familiar copied document outlining the early Nettervilles is the Charles Thomas Netterville Bible. Some of the early entries in the Bible are as follows:

William Netterville born Dec. 2, 1736; wife Ester Nealy born Sept. 2, 1774

Children:

John Netterville	Born	May 11, 1763
William Netterville	Born	Oct. 13, 1765
Jemima Netterville	Born	March 17, 176_ (edge torn)
Ann Netterville	Born	Dec. 4, 1769
Rachel Netterville	Born	May 1, 1771
Thomas Netterville	Born	Jan. 2, 1770