

My Father Henry Rugeley and a brother named Rowland came to So Carolina and settled in Charleston, and were importing merchants anterior to the Revolution; but how long I don't know, he and his brother were generally known, through the state, did an extensive business

[Here Draper adds note..O'Neale's History of Newberry
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"And had one or more business house in the interior of the State, one near Camden ? and owned a large Grist Saw Mill then valuable, When the Revolution took place it found him, and his Brother in So Carolina, with an extended credited business due them, about this time his Brother Rowland died, leaving him alone without a relation in America, his father, mother and two brothers, then living in England, perhaps sisters, The War found him as stated above, When the Royal Army took possession of So Carolina, My Father Henry Rugeley, took a Commission in it, and Served until the Close of the War, during the war he was made a prisoner captured by Col Washington and sent to Virginia for Safe keeping, how long he was imprisoned I don't know, This is all I know of him up to the Close of the War,

My Father was married to Elizabeth Cook on the 28th of November 1782 in Kershaw District of So Carolina he left four children, Rowland, Henry, Myself and one Sister named Mary Ann, All dead but myself, I am the youngest of the three sons.

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"I was eighty two years old the 12th of last January was born the 12th January 1792; I will now give you an Account of my Father after the War up to his death

When the War closed all the Royal troops had to leave the Country. My Father went to the Island Jamaica but had to leave his wife, I suppose he had an idea of setting (sic) there, and Send for his wife be that as it may, he was soon afforded the privilege of returning to So Carolina by an act of the Legislature of that State at its first or second Session after the War, this Act restored his citizenship, and exempted his property from confiscation, although he took sides with the Royalists, during all the War his kindness was so that the Legislature in gratitude to him passed (sic) the above act, this all I know of my Father, I have none of his manuscripts or letters, none have been preserved,

I don't know, any such man in Texas as Col John Winn, I must make apology for

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"Not answering you sooner, Some two years Since, I had given the old Family Bible to a daughter of mine living 150 miles in Interior in it was my Father's age, and I had to learn from her before answering your letter.

I have given you facts as I have learned and believe (sic) them. I hope the communication I have made may be of some Service to you. It is the first opportunity I have ever had to place my Father's true character before the public, or in the history of the Country, I rec'd the Volume on the Wisconsin History and thank you kindly. It contained many things new to me, When your work on General Sumpter's is completed I shall try to get the work

My Dear Sir be kind enough to look over any imperfections of my letter, if any attribute them to my very advanced age

Yours very truly,
John Rugeley"

- Pg 453 Draper's Questions to Henry Rugeley, Aug 8, 1874
Major Cook, etc.
16VV 428 1 pg
- Pg 456 John Rugeley, Letter, Hardeman, Texas Jul 14, 1874
Regarding Nettles, Cook, etc.
16 VV 429 thru 431 3 pp
- Pps 460, 461 Daniel G Stinson, Letter, Rock Hill, SC Sep 18, 1874
Copt John Milling's daughters married Thomas Means and John Means;
Some descendants named; Dr John Milling's daughter married John B. Mickle
8 VV 21 thru 22 2 pp
- Pg 461 James R Aiken, letter, Winnsboro, SC Sep 23, 1874
CPT John Starke and Benjamin May soldiers in the revolution; lived and died in Fairfield
County; Arimanus Lyles a scout for guerillas; Reuben Harrison a Tory
3 VV 65 2 pp
- Pg 464 Draper's Questions for James R Aiken, Winnsboro SC Oct 1, 1874
CPT John Starke's will; Reuben Harrison's loyalties?
3 VV 67 1 pg
- Pg 468 James R Aiken Letter Winnsboro, SC Oct 22, 1874
There were two CPT Millings (John and Hugh) in the revolution; Reuben Harrison was a
Tory; he and his descendants were "bad characters"; CPT John Starke died poor, left no
record (a mistaken statement. We found his will, quite an estate)
3 VV 68 1 pg
- Pg 480 Dr Ira S Scott, Letter, Rocky Mount, Fairfield County, SC Jan 1, 1876
Judge of probate promises date of death of John Starke; gives sketch of Rocky Mount
4VV 143 thru 144 2 pp
and 4VV 141 thru 143 2 pp
- Pg 491 O.R. Thompson, Probate Judge, Winnsboro, SC Jun 29, 1878
No record of Copt John Starke; death of "Jack" Starke; references to Johnson's
"Traditions of the Revolution"
14 VV 359 1 pg
- Pg 493 James H Rion, Letter for HN Obear, Winnsboro, SC 11/21/1878
John W Starke died 1828; served in the Revolution; his son, John M Starke died 1837;
left much property
14 VV 371 and 372 2 pp

- Pps 493, 494 Dr Ira S Scott, Letter, Rocky Mount SC Feb 15, 1879
Douglas, Reuben, Turner, and William Starke each had two wives; Gen John Starke had one, widow Blakely (no children to her, but he had illegitimate son John M. Starke); Son didn't practice law, left no children, property went to James and John Starke, sons of his brother, Thomas Starke by his wife Sallie Street; Political situation in SC
19 VV 251 thru 254 4 pp
- Pg 537-8 Draper's references (no date) regarding many people, including Mrs Peay a sister to John Starke
19 VV 290 thru 296, 7 pp
- Pps 545, 546 John H Logan Interview by Maj S.T. Sims, Union District SC no date
Regarding Mrs Robert Starke who gave a warning at 96; mention of kindnesses of Eli Cook a Quaker
16 VV 217 thru 237 21 pp
- Pg 554 Mrs John E. Peay, Ridgeway, Fairfield County SC no date
Present political conditions; churches; schools; poverty; asks assistance for Southern Baptist Church
19 VV 308 -313 6 pp
- Pg 559 Reuben Starke, Abbeville Dist. SC Summary of Pension Statement No date
He under Col John Winn and Gen Williamson in Florida in 1777; fought at Biggins Church; served under Col Thomas Taylor and Maj Willis Whittaker
11 VV 374 1 pg
- Also another series of Draper Manuscripts
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- Pg 91 Daniel Green Stinson in 1861 wrote an accompanying article, "Surprise of General Sumter" for "The Women of the Revolution" regarding Mrs Peay and John Starke.
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