

# "Draper References / Papers"

## REFERENCES

Letter from J. R. McMaster, Winnsboro, S.C., March 1873:

...6th Maj. Turner died at Fairfield about the year 1822. Some of his grandchildren are yet living in Fairfield County...

8th Austin Peay, Sr. and his brother were soldiers of the Rev. war. His son Austin F. Peay was the wealthiest planter in the upper part of So. Car. for many years, a large slave holder. He represented Fairfield in the Legislature for 24 years. His son Nicholas Austin Peay was also senator for two years, but died suddenly about 1858. He left five or six sons & two daughters. John E. Peay of Ridgeway or Dr. Ira Scott of Rocky Mountain in this county could give further information.

9th In addition to the above statement I would mention the names of...John Hollis... all of whom were in the battle of Eutaw Springs. Mr. David Hollis, a son of John Hollis, says he has often heard his father speak of their defeat at Fishing Creek. He says the two Peays and Wade were with him through the war... (Draper Papers, Series DD 13, page 16)

## EXCERPTS FROM THE DRAPER PAPERS - SUMPTER PAPERS

Series 9 VV pages 250-55: mentions that John Starke's sister's name was Peay.

Series 9 VV pages 298-300: mentions Mrs. Peay the great-grandmother of Dr. Scott was the sister of John Starke.. (Letter of D. G. Stinson 9 August 1873, Chestnut Grove, S. C.)

Series 9 VV pages 317-20: D. G. Stinson, Landsford, S.C., 18 September 1873: ...Rowden...burnt Camden on the 10th of May 1781...Gates now defeated the 16th of August, Sumter was passing through the neighborhood of Starke on the 17th on his retreat with his prisoners the Whigs, flying the country. Mrs. Peay going with the army, her husband George Peay gone on ahead...John Starke...his brother-in-law George Peay rescued him...

Series 9 VV pages 359-62: D. G. Stinson, Landsford S. C., to Draper, 27 October 1873:

"I have just received a letter from Dr. Ira Scott, who states he has visited John E. Peay and wife in whose house Mrs. Elizabeth Peay lived and died. They compared their ac'ts and their ac'ts agreed with the ac't of Dr. Scott, that there were a skirmish on Twenty five mile Creek a few days before John Starke was shot and thigh broke, in which some of the Whigs were wounded, picked up by the Tories, and carried in the cart at the same time with John Starke, taken from the home of Jones and rescued, as stated by George Peay. The Whigs of this section of the country who refused to take protection were like Starke unconquerable...The occurrence of those events must have been in the month of June or July 1780, at this date it was more favorable for George Peay to make the rescue of Starke...

Series 14 VV pages 288-9: Dr. Ira C. Scott to Draper. Rocky Mount, S.C. June 10, 1873. ...My great-grandmother Mrs. Peay...John Starke her brother, George Peay her husband...Maj. Turner has a grandson living 6 miles of me...write to John E. Peay of Long Town in this county...of his grandmother Mrs. Peay, as she died at his home. Mr. Peay's P.O. is Ridgeway, Fairfield County, S.C.

Series 14 VV pages 290-99: Scott to Draper. Rocky Mount, July 1, 1873 - I sent one of my sons to see John E. Peay in order to get the dates of the time of birth, death, & of Mrs. Peay...My son returned on yesterday. He found Mr. Peay and his wife both confined to their beds very sick, so much so that he could not see either of them. Mr. Peay is now a very old man some 80 years old, and in his dotage which must account for his not replying to your letters, as his wife is a very intelligent lady, indeed she may when able reply for him. If she should do so you will find what she has to say will be interesting. I could have found out the date of birth, death & of Mrs. P. by the family Bible, but it was taken to Alabama by her son Maj. John Mickle (her son by second marriage) who moved to that state a good many years ago. Maj. Mc has been dead several years, left several children, but what part of Alaba they live in I don't know. Enclosed you will find Capt. John W. Starke's address Pilatka, Fla. It was sent to me yesterday by his sister Mrs. Dr. Nelson.

My impression is that Mrs. Peay's father was named Reuben, am not positive however about the given name. Their was several brothers living on the Wateree river above and below Camden at and before the revolutionary war. They owned a great deal of fine land on that river, Reuben Starke for those days being considered a man of wealth. A few years before the war two brothers Nicholas and George Peay moved to this state from Virginia and settled on the Wateree in Kershaw Co. Nicholas married a Miss Ford and George married Miss Eliz. Starke. She raised quite a large family, both sons and daughters. Her husband George Peay died some years after the war and was buried on the river below Peays Ferry that now is some few hundred yards. After his death she married John Mickle whose principal occupation was school teaching. She had one son by him Maj. John Mickle. My recollection of my great-grandmother is that she was tall and very erect for a person of her age, very talkative and lively. She spent some time at my father's house when I was quite a youth and I used to be much entertained at her stories of her recollections of the Revolution. She was said to be very beautiful in her young days, very black curly hair, black eyes, tall and very fine figure. Her husband was also much noted during the war for courage and strength, did Gen. Sumpter much service as a scout. He together with his brother in law John Starke (more generally known as Jack) were a terror to the British and Torys more frequently the latter ~~whom they~~ never let slip an occasion to hurt all they could... *on consuler*

On their way to Camden they [the Tories] picked up several other wounded Whigs - George Peay his brother in law whose family were then staying with old Mrs. Starke happened to be at home to see his family...

The times got so hot that Mrs. Peay (whose husband had gone on into North Carolina to meet Gen. Gates on his march south) concluded to go to Virginia with her family two little children a son & daughter to her husband's relatives...she fell in with Gen. Sumpter's army a day or two before his defeat by Col. Tarleton on Fishing Creek...After she had crossed the Yadkin river in No. Ca...[Mrs. Peay] kept ahead and after a great many hardships arrived at last at her husband's relatives...