

pages 300-04: ...I have received a letter from Mrs. John E. Peay...the account of the wounding of John Starke I got from Mrs. Peay herself also from her son George S. Peay whose daughter I married (my 2nd cousin). When I was a small boy Mrs. Peay spent some time with my mother and use to amuse us by telling us of her trials & troubles during the revoly war. Her son George S. Peay and myself have often talked...George S. has often told me he regretted that a true account was not given of the affair in some history in order that his father's aid in the escape might be mentioned...John Starke was born in Kershaw Co...Mrs. Dr. Nelson is a sister of J. W. Starke of Pilatka Florida...his [J. W.'s] grandmother Mrs. Rochelle...She lived on Big Lynch Creek in Kershaw...my mother in law was a daughter of Mrs. Rochelle.

Letter from Jane C. Nelson, Camden S.C., July 24, 1873 to Draper:

...Uncle John Starke's death...buried some 20 miles or more from where I live...not a General at his death, known as Capt...I am in possession of Starke genealogy...originally from England, to Virginia. Thomas Starke and Wilmot Williams had a son Thomas who married Elizabeth Turner, settled in S. C. and had nine children. John Starke you speak of was the youngest, 16 when the war broke out...Elizabeth Peay was the 4th child; Thomas my great-grandfather was the 6th child; John the 8th...
[Nelson states that Nicholas Peay rescued John Starke, but see further]

Series 14 VV page 306: Maj. Turner's grandson Mr. McCrory...

Extract of the obituary of Agnes Turner daughter of John Turner: he emigrated from the north of Ireland before the Rev. War; was a Presbyterian; State representative for 14 years, died 1807. his other issue: Molly Peggy married John McCrory; Mattie married James Law; Nancy married David Boyce; Margery married James Dunklin; Betsy married Wm. Hughs; William A. Turner married Isabella Bell his cousin.

Series 14 VV page 312: Scott to Draper, 1873 - It may be possible that John Starke was recaptured and taken to Camden after his rescue by George Peay; if so I never heard my father in law George Peay (a son of George Peay of the Revolution) speak of it. My father in law died in 1854 - 72 years old. He certainly knew the history of his uncle well...George Peay lies buried below Peays ferry on the Wateree river, near the bank and some 2 or 3 hundred yds below the ferry. No tomb stone to mark the spot. His son George told me where he is buried...

Series 14 VV page 319ff: Scott to Draper, 13 October 1873: J. Starke...laying aside his sister Mrs. George Peay's statement...he was rescued by his brother in law George Peay (Nicholas Peay was too young to be engaged in the war and did not rescue him).

...Since I received your last I went down to see Mr. J. E. Peay professionally. He is now in his 80th year and very feeble. He has lost his mind or rather, his recollection of past events and I could not gain much from him in regard to his grandmother who lived and died at his house or rather she lived in a hundred yards of his house for many years before her last husband's death and may possibly when Mr. Mickle died have gone into her grandson's house. I forgot to ask them if she did so when I was there. Mrs. John E. Peay is comparatively a young woman and a lady of good education and

recollection. We had a long talk over what our grandmother had said in her life time in regard to Revolutionary incidents...Mrs. Peay says that [the grandmother Mrs. Peay] carried her youngest child before her...the other horse carried her son Austin...Mrs. J. E. Peay says that Mrs. G. Peay gave birth to a child three days after the battle...

page 322 Longtown, July 4, 1873

1st. The lady you mention was my father's mother, her name previous to her marriage with my grandfather Mr. George Peay was Elizabeth Starke; she was the sister of John & Reuben Starke; she suffered much privation during the invasion of this state by the British; her husband and brother were in the army. She had no protector & was alone with her young children, the eldest my father was only 12 years old. When her house and all she had was destroyed, only a little corn was left which she ventured to carry to be ground into meal. My father was returning with the bag when he was fired upon; he escaped with his life but the horse and bag were taken and he at length returned on foot to the starving family, his mother having been in an agony of distress on account of her young son. This occurred immediately after our defeat at Camden, S.C. No alternative remained but to endeavor to follow our army...She was present at the fight at Fishing Creek and at Guildford C. H. N. C. afterwards; three days after she gave birth to another child...I have heard these facts related by herself many times, she became the mother of a large family & after the death of my grandfather married a Mr. John Mickle...& died at the advanced age of 83 years, at my father's house in this place in the year of 1836. George Peay my grandfather a brave soldier remained in the service until peace was declared.

Series 14 VV page 330. From Mrs. John E. Peay, Long Town, Fairfield Co. S.C., Sept. 9, 1873 -

1st. My husband's grandmother was born in Virginia & was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Starke. She was several years older than her brother John Starke. Her parents removed to S. C. before the war...The records of the Peay family were destroyed...Our grandfather George Peay died several years previous to the birth of my husband...my husband was born 19th March 1795; his grandmother's son by her last marriage, John Mickle was born about the same time...My husband's father Austin Peay...Mr. Peay's grandmother went to her relatives near Richmond...She was born Dec. 25, 1754 and died at our father's house Oct. 4th, 1835; she was never a pensioner; [she was buried at the Baptist church in this place - Longtown]. My husband's father's name was Austin Peay, the eldest child, and was born Dec. 25, 1769, his young mother being just 15 years old, & died 4 Dec'r 1839...

page 335 - Our grandmother was born near Richmond Virginia. My husband John E. Peay was born March 19, 1795 and was just nine months older than his grandmother's son by her second marriage; this son John Mickle moved to Alabama...

Page 348ff - the oldest Starke child of the nine may have been Douglas. Williams Starke had six sons - Turner, Williams, Douglas, Reuben, Thomas and John; and three daughters - Mrs. E. Peay, Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. Scott...

CENSUS RECORDS

South Carolina Fairfield County Camden District 1790:

George PEAY - 1 male 16+ 3 females
 3 males -16
 5 slaves

Austin PEAY - 1 male 16+

John MICKLE 1 male 10-16 1 female 10-16
 1 male over 45 1 female over 45

Fairfield County:

George Peay witnessed the will of Mathias Felloes 26 July 1789/11 May 1790
 Fairfield. appraisement of estate 20 June 1790 by George Peay.

Will of Reuben Starke, Jr. Fairfiled District (22 October 1805 - 21 November
 1805) Wife Susanna; brothers Samuel and Thomas; he is to be buried with
 father, mother and sisters.

Marriages in Fairfield County South Carolina Implied in Probate Records:

PEAY	Patsey Rowe, daughter of James Rowe	(1839)
George	Dorcas Rochell	(1827)
John	Arabella E. Rochell	(1827)
John E.	Elizabeth Ellison, daughter of William	(1845,1846,1858)
	daughter of Nicholas married Belton	(1811)
Elizabeth	daughter of Austin F. married Thomas Lyles	(1834)
Martha	daughter of Austin F. married Joseph A. Black	(1834)
Mary	married Hugh McCall	(1824)
Mary	daughter of Austin F. married Charles Poellnitz	(1834)
Parthenia	married M. Rugeley	(1824)
Sarah	daughter of Austin F. married Dr. John J. Myers	(1834)

South Carolina State Archives:

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(Various data sent to a client by Charles D. West, 331 Willis Rd.,
 Spartanburg, S.C. (1965). to Mrs. Hattie Cook Sorensen, Fish Haven, Idaho.

"my maiden name was Young; my mother's was Rich; Charles C. Rich and
 Sarah DeArmon Pea were her grandparents."

From her family group sheet: John and Elizabeth Knighton Pea had a
 daughter Jane Freeman Pea.

AUSTIN PEAY s/o George Peay and Elizabeth Starke
born 25 December 1769
died 4 December 1839 Fairfield District South Carolina
buried Baptist Church Cemetery Long Town Fairfield Dist.
married ca. 1793

MARY _____
born 1777 Fairfield District
died
buried

Issue:

JOHN E. PEAY
born 19 March 1795 Fairfield District
died before 2 June 1879
buried
married 16 June 1829 Fairfield District
ELIZABETH M. ELLISON d/o William Ellison
born ca. 1814
died
buried

others

Married on the 16th inst. in Fairfield district Mr. J. E. Peay to Miss Elizabeth Ellison, daughter of Mr. William Ellison.
(Columbia S. C. Telescope, 3 July 1829)

Fairfield, Will Book 2, page 187: Sale of personal estate of Henry Rugeley, dec'd: sold at his plantation 20 April 1798, payable 1 January 1799: Buyers Thomas Stark, Sr., Reuben Stark, Thomas Meredith, Zachariah Cantey, John Moseley, Abnor Smith, Sam'l Stark, Moses Aldrige, Mrs. Stark, Austin Peay, Thomas Starke. Recorded 24 July 1798, Zachariah Cantey, Admin.

South Carolina - Fairfield County Deeds:

?? : John E. Peay and Mary B. Peay to Arabella Peay
(Elizabeth M. Peay , wife of John)

REFERENCES

South Carolina Fairfield County Camden District 1790:
 Austin PEAY - 1 male 16+

South Carolina Fairfield District 1800: page 238
 Austin PEAY 1 male under 10 1 female 26-45
 1 male 10-16
 1 male 26-45

South Carolina Fairfield District 1810 page 183
 John PEAY 1 male 16-26
 1 male 26-45
 Austin PEAY 1 male 10-16 1 female 16-26
 1 male 26-45
 1 other free person

South Carolina Fairfield District 1820 page 151
 Austin PEAY 1 male 16-26 1 female 26-45
 1 male over 45

John PEAY 2 males 26-45 1 female under 10
 1 female 16-26

John PEAY 3 males under 10 1 female under 10
 1 male 10-16 1 female 10-16
 1 male 26-45 1 female 26-45

South Carolina Fairfield District 1820
 John PEAY 1 male 10-16 1 female 10-16
 1 male over 45 1 female over 45

South Carolina Special census 1829:
 Thomas PEAY 3 members in the family
 Austin PEAY 5 members in the family
 Austin PEAY 4 members in the family

South Carolina Fairfield District 1830 pages 368-9
 Austin PEAY 2 males 30-40 1 female 15-20
 2 males 60-70 1 female 50-60

South Carolina Fairfield District 1840:
 J. E. PEAY 1 male 30-40 1 female 5-10
 1 female 30-40
 70 slaves

Chester District 1840 pages 304, 345-6

George PEAY	2 males 15 20	2 females 5 10
	1 male 40 50	1 female 40 50
J PEAY	1 male 20 30	1 female 5-10
	1 male 40-50	1 female 10-15
		1 female 30-40

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J. PEAY	1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30
		1 female 40-50

South Carolina Fairfield District 30 July 1850 201/201

John E. PEAY	55	Planter	Fairfield S.C.
Elizabeth	36	Edgefield	
Mary JUNE	10	"	
Charlotte JUNE	5	"	
William JUNE	11	"	
Thomas JONES	25	Fairfield	
Caroline M.	23	"	
Mary PEAY	73	"	

NOTE:

South Carolina Fairfield District 1 August 1850 210/210 page 214

Daniel R. JUNE	52	Physician, Plter	New York
William JUNE	11		Fairfield S. C.
Mary "	9		"
Charlotte "	6		"

So. Car. Fairfield Dist. Winnsboro 7 & 8 August 1860 650/" page 236

J. E. PEAY	64	Planter	S.C.
Elizabeth M.	45		"
Mary B. JAMES	19		"
Charlotte A.	16		"

South Carolina Fairfield County Twp. 6 20 July 1870 203/203 page 118

PEAY John E.	75	farmer	S.C.
Elizabeth	56	keeping house	"
WYLES Louis T.	11		"
George J.	9		"
JUNE Mary	25		"

So. Car. Fairfield Co. Twp. 6 Winnsboro 20 July 1870 230/230 p. 120

TIDWELL David	25	farmer	S. C.
Martha	20	keep. hse	"

Will of Richard Clanton, Kershaw District, South Carolina. 13 August 1792 - 16 October 1792.

witnesses Jonathan Belton, Austin Peay, John Colvit.

Will of Margaret Rochelle of Kershaw District (Book P page 89) 10 September 1842 - 9 December 1847.

To Thomas Starke and James D. Starke...

Daughter Charlotte L. Kennedy

Daughter Margaret L. Starke

Daughter Arabella E. Peay

(Book P page 91) 1845 - 9 December 1847

To Thomas Starke, Sr.

Daughter Synthia Rochelle

Her (Synthia's) daughter Frances

Daughter Charlotte Kennedy

Daughter Margaret L. Starke

Daughter Arabella E. Peay

Daughter Dorcas Peay

witnesses: T. P. Mickle, J. L. Mickle, Mary E. Mickle, Robt. Mickle

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JOHN PEAY s/o George Peay and Elizabeth Starke
born 1 February 1789
died 19 August 1839
buried Longtown Baptist Church Cemetery Fairfield District S. Carolina
married

ARABELLA E. ROCHELLE d/o James Rochelle and Margaret Starke
born 29 December 1793
died 17 February 1869
buried Longtown Baptist Church Cemetery

(Issue:

FRANCES SIMMONS PEAY - natural daughter by Lucy Simmons)

REFERENCES

Notices from Camden County South Carolina newspapers: Camden Journal and Southern Whig:

Died: John M. Starke at Mr. John E. Pea's, Longtown, Fairfield District, on the 8th inst.

(Camden District South Carolina newspaper 23 September 1837).

Data are from the tombstones and from The Rev. Edward A. McDowell, 270-D Peachtree Hills Ave. N. E. Atlanta GA 30305 (1970).

Will of John Peay of Kershaw District. 8 August 1839 - 7 January 1840 Book Q page 19.

Wife Arabella
 nephew John A. Peay and his sister Arabella E. R. Peay, niece.
 Mary E. Peay [no relationship stated]
 Friend, Robert Mickle
 Nephew John A. Peay
 Niece Arabella E. R. Peay
 Friend, John E. Peay
 Friend, Nicholas A. Peay
 Niece Mary E. Peay
 Natural child Frances Simmons Peay, natural child of Lucy Simmons
 Executors Robt. Mickle, John A. Peay, Nicholas A. Peay.
 Witnesses: Jos. Mickle, Robert Vogan, J. J. Mickle

Kershaw Co. S. C. Deeds R-613: Arabella E. Peay sells land, signs in the presence of John A. Peay.

South Carolina Kershaw County 1840:

Arabella E. Peay	1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30
		1 female 40-50
		1 female 70-80
	55 slaves	

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A. E. PEAY	55 f SC	
John A.	37 "	

So. Car. Kershaw Dist.	3rd Div. Camden	16-17 July 1860	449/449	page 103
A. E. PEAY	66 f Planter	S. C.		

Capt. GEORGE S. PEAY s/o George Peay and Elizabeth Starke
born ca. 1785 South Carolina
died 7 December 1854 Chester District South Carolina
buried
married probably ca. 1805

DORCAS LEANNA (TABITHA) ROCHELLE d/o James Rochelle and Margaret Starke
born ca. 1783 South Carolina
died 27 October 1850 Chester District
buried

Issue:

- + JOHN (AUSTIN) [AUSTIN J.] PEAY born 1813-17
married MARY W. WESTBROOK

- + ARABELLA E. R. PEAY born 1816-18 South Carolina
married WILLIAM LEWIS PICKETT, M.D.

- + MARGARET E. PEAY born ca. 1822
married IRA SEYMOUR SCOTT, M.D.

- + MARY E. PEAY born ca. 1825
married ROBERT MICKLE

Died on the 7th inst., Capt. George S. Peay, an old and worthy citizen of
Chester District, S.C. (Newspaper 12 December 1854)

Died on the 27th ult. at her residence in Chester Dist. S. C., Dorcas Leaner,
consort of George S. Peay, in the 67th year of her age.
(Newspaper, 1 November 1850)

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South Carolina Fairfield District 1810 page 183
George Peay 1 male under 10 1 female under 10
1 male 16-26 1 female 16-26

Chester District 1820 pages 49, 51, 58
G. S. Peay 2 males under 10
1 male 10-16
1 male 26-45
2 females under 10
1 female 26-45

South Carolina Chester District 1 August 1850 131/131,
George S. PEAY farmer 65 S. Car.
D. C. 65 "

JOHN AUSTIN [AUSTIN J] PEAY, M.D. s/o Capt. Geo. S. Peay & Dorcas L. Rochelle
born 1813-17
died 1863 York District South Carolina
buried

married 20 March 1855 Chester District South Carolina

MARY W. WESTBROOK d/o Arthur Westbrook
born ca. 1832
died
buried

Issue:

AUSTIN G. A. PEAY born 1855

+ JOHN R. [or H.] PEAY born November 1856
married ELIZABETH A. CLINTON

MARY R. PEAY born 1859

AMERICA PEAY born 1862