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A Mrs. PEAY who with other women were fleeing with the army to get out of the reach of the enemy having a child in her arms suckling tit-sitting on a cot, when TARLETON'S horsemen attacked & jumped - by to each -of her?, without injuring her; after the fight, looked among the th --- and found her dead husband: Found a wounded horse-mounted it, and started in her ----- condition for her native region of VA. And had the horse taken from her by some one who claimed it. She subsequently returned to S.C., married a Maj. MICKOLS, and raised a large family & died at a good old age.

(Written by Draper)?

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Gen. John STARKE, George & Eliz. PEAY

Rocky Mt., S.C.-Oct. 1873

To Mr. DRAPER, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours has just been rec'd in reply I will say that I will talks great pleasure in giving what few incidents I have heard occurred during the revolutionary war, to my great grandmother: Mrs. PEAY-I am now very busy indeed-riding day and night in the practice of my professions , epidemic, I -- -- is now very privated in reg. Practice. I will write to you at soon as I can find a leisure moment-what-knew of Mrs. PEAY, John STARKE, her brother, George PEAY her husband and other noted characters, of this county, anything that I may think will be of service to you in writing your history, which I am truly glad to hear you have under taken, as I have always thought Gen. SUMPTER has been overlooked by authors, your book will tell will in our state, and when it is out I will take an ---, for this county, if you intend publishing by subscription. Major TURNER has a grandson living in 6 miles of me, I will get what ---- I can from him in regard to the Major. If you will write to John E. PEAY of Long Town in this County, he can no doubt give you

the age, when born, time of death & of his grandmother Mrs. PEAY, as she died at his house, Mr. PEAYS, P.O. is Ridgeway, F.C., in S.C. John M. STARKE of Florida could give the most correct account of this history of John STARKE & the HARRISONS of any person I know. I will try and find out where his P.O. is in Florida

And let you know Reuben HARRISON has a grandson living near Ridgeway in this Co.

John HARRISON , Senior's name ---- of Benj. ---, I know nothing.

Very truly yours.

Ira S. SCOTT

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On occasion to hurt all they could, as a natural consequence, they were wanted by the British Generals, TARLETON & CONWALLIS who offered large rewards for him dead or alive. On one occasion STARKE was surprised at his father's, the British hearing through some spy that he was in the neighborhood of his father's residence, sent out -Camden's squad of men to try and capture him, they got up to the house where he was; so slightly, that he lead only him to escape out of the back part of the house, ---- a common farm house, which he fortunately friend hitched in the back yard, (one of the Negroes having just returned from an errand and hitched the horse there) he made for an island in the river belonging to the family, the British yelling at his --- after getting into the island he bound it would not do to leave it as they had much the best horses, he --- also it was impossible to conceal himself successfully in the island, in this extremely his great boldness and courage-only saved him, at the lower point of the island their was a bluff of some 30 feet to the water, the water was also very deep below the island to the bank, he jumped his horse off of this bluff into the river, and afterwards in telling of his escape---- he said, he thought he never could come to the tip of the water again, he went to deep, when his horse died ----- him again, he was still seated in the saddle, the British on the bluff yelling and firing their muskets at him, he slipped off of his horse and swam by his side until they got to the bank where he and horse assembled out in derision and canter he turned at his coat tails and slapped his b---tts at them, which was a scary? Unfortunate procedure for him for one of the British soldiers being a good marksman planted a musket ball in his thigh which broke it, he crawled to a log, got on his horse and made off into a dense thicket or swamp and remained there until night where he again managed to get on his horse and went home, his mother fixed up his broken thigh, the best she could under the circumstances, she concealed him the best she could in the house, the next day, a neighbor, a most excellent and honest lady Mrs. J. ---- who had always been a great friend of the family visited him, al though Mrs. J.--- (I don't use the full name on account of her descendants who are most excellent and respected people of this county) husband was a rank TORY and did all his power to injure-the Whigs. Mrs. STARKE consulted unto her friend Mrs. J. what she must do with her son, further? Knew they would ---- --- out Mrs. J. advised her to let her take him to her husband, as the British would never suspect him of being there. Mrs. J. said as her husband was scarcely ever at home, she thought, she could hide him in the garret, so that J. should be come home, would not find out, that he was in the house. When dark came the lady's with a few trustworthy servants, carried him over to J-.s. and fixed him as comfortably as they could in the garrett, unfortunately in a day or so, old J.'s returned home and found out by some means, that JACK was in his house, he immediately went to Camden and gave information of his whereabouts, the commander at Camden sent with carts and a squad of men for him and several other Whigs,-- were lying wounded in the neighborhood, (their had been a skirmish on 25 mile creek a short time before that, and several of the Whigs were so much wounded as to have to be housed in the neighborhood of the ----

ground. They took STARKE, placed him in a rough cart with out ----his leg badly set, and trotted off with him, cursing and ---- all the ---- possible of his complaints, (his sufferings never been horrible?) In their way to Camden, they picked up several of their wounded Whigs-George PEAY, his brother in law, whose family was staying with old Mrs. STARKE, happened to be at the house to see his family,--- that the British squad could not get to Camden that night concluded he would try and rescue him (J. STARKE) He supposed they would ---- a deserted house, situated on a small branch, a good camping ground, Mrs. PEAY procured horse and cart and followed on a short distance behind them, when night came on, he hid his horse and cart in the woods, close to the road side, and went to ----- A? He suspected they would do he found them encamped at this deserted house, when he supposed they were all asleep he slipped up and found all locked? In the arms of ---- were the sentries were asleep, the prisoners were in the caboose and the soldiers asleep before the door, one lying across the arm of PEAY-he had to step over the sleeping guards and went around and found out where STARKE was, knowing him by his groans, he stepped over him and whispered in his ear, for him to put his arms around his neck. STARKE did so, got on PEAY'S back, he stept out over the sentinels carried STARKE to his horse and cart which he had concealed about 1/4 mile off and returned home with him, knowing it would not do to keep him in any inhabited house in the neighborhood, they built a small cabin, some miles off in a dense forest and put a faithful old family negroes to wait upon him. His mother would occasionally in the night go to him, to see how he was getting along, and carry him such delicacies as she could make up in those days, that tried men's souls, and women's too; This treatment of the old Tory J'S STARKE could never forget, after peace was declared STARKE and a friend meet J'S. In the road previous to this J'S took good care to keep out of STARKE'S way, after peace was made he thought their was no danger and went when he paced) STARKE rode up to him and cut him off of his horse, dismounted himself and almost literally whacked him to pieces, after he thought he was dead having several times stuck his sword in his thighs to see if he would flinch which he did not do, he pulled out a pistol and was going to shoot him, to make a ----- doubly sure, when his friend, said don't shoot Jack, he is as dead as a door nail. I'm probably as it may appear he was soon found by some of his family, his horse having run home which caused the search for him) and by the good care and doctoring of his most excellent wife- restored to health again. When Gen. LAFAYETTE visited Camden many years afterwards, all the old Whigs soldiers formed the soldiers into a company to receive him; they all had --- to the breasts of their coat, the no. 76. Whilst standing in line waiting to be received by Gen. LAFAYETTE some one noticed that JACK STARKE was our of the line, and called to him to come in; he (J.S. pointed to the old opossum J-S, who had tacked 76 to his coat and was standing in line as ----, as the best Whig of --- of them Jack swore he'd be damned if he would go in line, whilst the old TORY remained there. One of the committee of arrangement's told me some years ago, that it was his duty to ---- J'S out of the lines, when Jack went in. John STARKE lived a good many years after the war was much respected and lived by all who --- him, he was never married, but left his property to a natural son, who inherited his father's chivalry and ---- also a handsome property. This son was admitted to practice law after having had a thorough collegiate education, but I don't think ever practiced the profession any, having a fine plantation and a large number of slaves; he also died unmarried and his property, fell to Capt. J. W. STARKE, & brothers by their Uncle old Jack STARKE. George PEAY together with Wm. LEWIS, a lad of 18 and other wise? With PEAY'S body servant a black, defeated a body of TORY'S of 25-30 in number in this . Those Torys' were something or quite like the Vermont skimmers, mentioned in the Dutchman's fireside" a novel by PAULDING, I believe. A ---- set, prowling about the country robbing and abusing the families of the Whigs. PEAY and comrades were hunting them up to order to try and get back a couple of fine

horses they had taken from this plantation a few days before. They had followed four hours below Camden, up to the Wateree Creek, a few miles at where --- I am now living. Where Tory's encamped in a band. Wateree Creek about one mile above its mouth, the creek makes a short curve or bend, almost in the shape of the letter O. -thought the bend they were camped, a miserably cold and rainy night, a ----- officer in the trees, in the point or --- the banks were some ten feet high and the water ten-twenty feet deep-PEAY and his comrades slept, up within a few yards, saw a good many standing around a large log heap and ---- five with nothing on but their shirts drying their clothes, some were playing cards, as cold and bad as the night, was some cooking, & PEAY gave the word fire, when they were all ready they fired, yelling "give them no quarter, boys, charge & as from the nature of the ground, they were compelled to take water to escape, jumping off of the high bluff in the deep and cold water, it ----- to see them taking water in their shirt tails, PEAY got all they had, they were a miserably poor set, he said, he however accomplished his objects getting back his horses. Wm. LEWIS one of his men was a very fiery and impetuous youth, will say more about him. Again It is said by those who pretend to know that during the rev. war, that heir was only 28 Whigs in Fairfield county, at any rate they and their families had a hard time of it; being certainly plundered by the Tories of all they possessed. The times got so hot, that MRS. PEAY (whose husband had gone on into N.C. to meet Gen. GATES on his march south) concluded to go to Virginia with her family two little children, a son and daughter to her husband's relatives; she started ----- she riding one horse and carrying a child and her servant a Negro man riding the other with the other child; she fell in with Gen. Sumpter's army a day or two before his defeat by Col. TARLETON in Fishing Creek. On the day of his defeat, he had encamped in the fork of Fishing creek and the Catawba River a very out of the way place, where I suppose from the ---- the ground. They had very little thought of surprise and were careless, the soldier, had stacked their guns, some were in a peach orchard, some in the river bathing, and others cooking and lying bout ---- generally. Mrs. PEAY was sitting with her children and servant on a fallen tree among the---- limbs-all at once she heard TARLETON and his men headed by him with some of them charging over the log, she was sitting upon being on the log amongst the limbs she was protected from their houses, she said she looked at the British cutting down the Whigs, until she grew faint and sick and was recalled to her senses by hearing the bullets-whistle by her and striking the limbs and logs, she was sitting upon some of the Whigs had gotten hold of their gun as and fought all they could) she laid down behind the log pulling her children down beside her. After the fight was over and the Whigs captured and dispersed, the British or Torys took her horses from her (she said they were good ones she looked over the battle field and found an old grey horse shot through the back, which she mounted with her children, one in her lap and the other behind, the Negro man walking-the first night she went to a man's house by the name of REESE or READ and asked him for something to eat for her children, they crying with hunger; he drove her off, telling her to go to the orchard and get peaches as they were good enough for rebels children. She went on and after she had crossed the Yadkin River in N.C. she was met in the road by some scoundrel of a Tory who claimed her old Grey took him away from her and left her afoot, she being a woman of determined spirit, kept ahead, and after a great many hard ships, arrived at last at her husband's relatives.

In a future communication I will speak of her again, together with some other Gen. SUMPTER'S men.

I see for the book you sent me your "Historical Society" has a library museum and I sometime since sent to a museum in N.C. a good many relicts picked up on the battle field, where Sumpter was defeated. If you think the Society would like to have any, for their museaum, I will go to the battlefield and get more. I can get them from the planter who owns the place, as he had a great many, when he gave me those I sent to N.C. pieces of

swords, some buckels & more.

I have also a book on painting published in London in 1728, which I will also send to your society, if you think I will be acceptable. You must excuse these hastily written and badly composed sheets. They have been written ----- and in a firm idle moments.

With much respect I am dear sir,

Yours truly, Ira S. SCOTT, M.D.

Reference: Capt. J.W. STARKE, Pilatka, Florida

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Rocky Mt., July 15, 1873?

L.C.DRAPER, Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 10th inst. had just been rec'd since I wrote you last. I have rec'd a letter from Mrs. John E. PEAY who wrote me that she had written to you which no doubt you have rec'd ere this: she mentions that the family bible was lost by fire some years ago where their house was burnt in consequence of which she was unable to give me the birth death, of Mrs. MICKLE (nee PEAY) If she does not give you about the time of his death I will find out and send you the date as near as it can be obtained: My version of the wounding of John STARKE, I have no doubt at all, but that it is the correct one, the other three versions to the contrary notwithstanding, no because I gave it, but as I rec'd it from Mrs. PEAY herself--all from her son George A. PEAY, whose daughter I married (my 2nd cousin) When I was a small boy, Mrs. PEAY, spent sometime with my mother and me to amuse us by talking as if her trial, & troubles during the Rev. war--her son George S. PEAY and myself have after talked about Dr. Johnson's mistake in relating the circumstances of his wounding & escape, 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. Dr. JOHNSON I think wrote a great deal of his book from hearsay--from parties not at all connected with the families of those, he wrote about I have his book, John STARKES' sister never married a Tory or did she ever live at Granby? Or I ever heard of, only had? JOHNSON'S book. I know D. J. STINSON well, he use to live 18 miles above me in Chester Co. has removed a little farther off now, he applied to me to write him a history of what I knew of Mrs. PEAY, I did so, but before I had an opportunity of sending him, what I had written, he sent off to Mrs. ELLET what I had told him verbally, I suppose her book was ready for the press and she was hurrying him, as it is published in an appendix to her 3rd Vol., her name is given as Mrs. PRAY there, no doubt a mistake of the printer. Mr. STINSON is an enthusiastic in regard to rev. heroes, and I am fearful sometimes drawn upon his imagination for incidents, he is a descendant of old Judge GARTNE?, and hardly --- writes anything but he old Judge figures in it. I am certain I never told him John STARKE was wounded at Sumpter's defeat where Mrs. PEAY's carriage came for her, which --st she was staying at our house, I accompanied her home, riding a distance of --- miles on horseback, so you see I was larger? Or old enough to recollect--what was told me . I believe if the British or Tory's had ever had John STARKE in prison, they would never have exchanged him or sent him to Charleston but hung him promptly, he was a perfect terror to them, about Camden, none of them could ever leave town a few miles, but they would hear from his rifle from the swamps--Camden is some 5 miles from the Wateree river and nearly surrounded by dense swamps--STARKE was raised near there and knew every by path and the country well, and it was next to improbable to catch him--I knew also that Dr. JOHNSON is wrong when he says that STARKE cursed Darling JONES the Tory out of the lines when LAFAYETTE was there. Thos. EVANS a prominent man of Kershaw Co. (was an opponent of Gen. BLAIR for congress)

told me, some years ago, that he was one of the committee of arrangements of that day, and that when STARKE would not go into the lines because JONES was there, he had the disagreeable duty, to order him out, I have been thus explicit in order that you may judge, which tale is the most likely to be the correct one. I think my version owing to how I received it is the correct one. John STARKE was born in Kershaw Co. Mrs. Dr. NELSON is a sister of J.W.STARKE of Pilatka, Florida if he corresponds with you, you can learn from him anything he probably would know, ask him if you correspond for the history of his grand mother Mrs. ROCHELLE, I have heard some very interesting incidents-relatives to her trials during the war, she lived in big Lynch's Creek in Kershaw Co. a hot place in those day. My mother in law, was a daughter of Mrs. ROCHELLE.

As I kept no copy of my last letter to you which I regret, I have forgotten where I left Mrs. PEAY, whether in N.C. after SUMPTER'S defeat, or before the battle, please in your next-let me know will be always glad to hear from you and will do all in my power to gather up, what I can for you to help you along with your book.

As I am still very busy in my profession, I can not be as punctual as I otherwise would be, had I more leisure, but will write at every spare moment. With great respect I am Dear Sir, Truly yours.

Ira S. SCOTT

(see over)

The island in the river where STARKE jumped off is called to this day STARKE'S Island (or was a few years ago before the war) and the place where his horse was made to jump off the high banks with him is pointed out. The same river Wateree, is called about 30 or 40 miles above this island Catawba where Sumpter was defeated, The river here is very slowly? And wide & shallow, several hundred yards wide, too wide for an old zero musket to hit any one without a great accident.

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Rocky Mtn., August 4th, 1873

LC. DRAPER, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours dated 29th July was rec'd on yesterday and as I have an opportunity, Of sending this today to Winnsboro, our nearest P.O. I avail ---- of it. I will here remark that I live 17 miles from Winnesboro and we depend entirely for our mails by the neighbors as they got to and from that own, it is a great inconvenient to us, but we can't help ourselves, have petitioned repeatedly to the ---- for an office, but to no purpose. I make this statement in order that in the future, you may understand any serious tardiness of my replies to any of yours; at this time I am very busy in the proactive of my profession, Bilious fever prevailing upon Rocky, Fishing and Wateree creeks, these creeks my practice in a great measure is upon; I visited yesterday a patient and a gentleman, T. B. LUMPKINS? Is some 60 years old, and was raised near John HOLLIS, a Rev. war character of this Co. Mr. L. tells me he has conversed frequently with the man HOLLIS, when there and was with STARKE during the war often, in fact, they were both daring men and always constantly together. Mr. L. repeated tome what John HOLLIS told him often, how John STARKE was wounded and where and it coincides almost to the letter with my statements to you. I dislike to appear egotistical in this matter but from the manner and by where I rec'd --- statements in regard to the place of his wounding I am compelled to believe the statements I gave to you true. HOLLIS was a friend often with him and I think his statement should go a great ways in deciding the matter. The article published, Not being seen was written I have heard by MR. STINSON and I cannot think he is always correct. I allude to the article published In the Chester Reporter. I will here give you an incident occurring to John STARKE told me by Mr. LUMPKIN who was present (I mention it here for from I may forget it) During the war there

was a Tory living in the neighborhood by the name of MONTGOMERY, he was a tailor by trade and a cripple; Sam MCBEARY? (A Whig and afterwards a Baptism Preacher here) called by every one father MCCREARY) went to MONTGOMERY'S house during the war and took from him a pair of boots. MONTGOMERY left a son, William, who was partially insane, many years after the war father MCCREARY was preaching at Poplar SPRINGS Church and MONTGOMERY was present after preaching a while and in the midst of an earnest exhortation to the audience to repent? MONTGOMERY rose up in the Church and said "Say Boots, Sam and quit" this so enraged the congregation that they took MONTGOMERY out tied him to a tree and were going to give him a severe whipping. John STARKE was present and rescued him. Say Boots and quit is a by word here to this day-I will again allude to told MONTG. Where I speak of Capt. John LAND another rev. hero. I 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 Rev.) speak of it, my father in law died in 1854-72 years old, He certainly knew the history of his unit well and I should think he would have mentioned his being a prisoner at Camden if such had been the case. As there were so many who say, he was a prisoner there it may be so and the way in which he escaped again may be correct. I do not know where Mrs. PEAYS relatives lived in Va. It was then she was making her way to her husband and brother came from that state before the war and settled on the Wateree Rivers, George PEAY lies buried below PEAYS ferry on the Wateree river near the bank and some 2-3 hundred yards below the ferry. No tombstone to mark the spot, his son George told me where he was buried. If I could find out where Uncle John MICKLE'S family lived in Ala. I might find out, when George PEAY died. I will endeavor to do so, at an early a day as possible. There were their NETTLES brothers-Hiram, Ben & I believe Faust, his name, the last a teller in a bank, there before the late unpleasantness. The NETTLES brothers were all dead. I don't know whether they were sons or grandsons of the Maj. NETTLES you allude to, but presume them to have been sons, as they were old men wherein they died. Rev. J. K. MENDENHALL of Columbia in this state married a daughter of the bank teller. In a former letter you mentioned you would like to have a sketch of Hanging Rock and vicinity, when I can find time, I will have this attended to, If I can find an artist, who can make a creditable one, will also when I visit Mr. MCCREARY see if any thing can be found out by the probate office can no doubt find out the date of death of John STARKE, who left considerable property, and Negroes, to a natural son by will. This property fell ultimately to Capt. John W. STARKE --- his brother who both now lives in Florida.

There is an old gentleman now living in Chester Co. in this state by the name of Capt. Thomas MCDILL P.O. Hazlewood Chester Co. his father was a Whig and Cap. MCDILL is as much versed in Rev. incidents as any as much of an antiquarian as I give STINSON. If you could get him to correspond with you, I think you would find his correspondence of value to you. He is a very intelligent man but now getting very old.

In my next, will tell what I have heard about William LEWIS he was with George PEAY when they defeated the Tories on Wateree Creek after dark and cold night I mentioned in a former letter. A few days ago I found to the --- and a letter containing all I could find out in regard to Maj. TURNER I gave away to a museum in NC. All the relics I had on hand picked up on the battle filed of Sumpter Defeat they were given me by the gentleman. Who now owns the place as he had a good many left when he gave me then I sent to N.C. I have not doubt I can get more, when I have an opportunity; of going for them which I will do shortly and send them on.

With much respectfully. 'Yours very truly
IRA S. SCOTT

L.C. DRAPER, Esqr.

Yours of August 9th, has been rec'd and I have just found time to answer, Mrs. NELSON -- ----- in it being Nicholas PEAY, who rescued John STARKE or his brother. I got my information from Mrs. GEORGE or Elizabeth PEAY & her son George, as I have before stated, and don't think their can possibly be any mistake about what I have given you in regard to how or when and where he was wounded and who rescued him; If he was ever a prisoner in Camden it was after he got well from this wound. I have very doubts about it for I believe if TARLETON OR ROWDEN either had ever had him a prisoner they would have made short work with him, if he Was a prisoner at all, it was while Lord CORNWALLIS was in Command at Camden he had the reputation of being a much more human man, that either of the other commanders at Camden. I saw David HOLLIS a short time ago, he told me he had through Dr. MCMASTER given you what he knew in regard to his fathers during the war. In order to illustrate the honesty and firmness of old men HOLLIS I will write to you what one of his neighbors told me about an incident he was a witness to: old man HOLLIS had quite a large family and was very poor had for a neighbor a gentleman of considerable property, who had been very kind to him and given him a good deal of assistance in both ----- and social matters. This gentleman's wife was a daughter of a Tory, he was trying to get up a certificate for a pension for time as a Whig, got his papers all ready and went to old HOLLIS, with his certificate or application for pension, had his pen in hand and all ready for the old man to sign, he (old HOLLIS had a habit of placing his chin in his hand cropped on the top of his waling cane, when this gentleman went to him in the his paper. He said I want you to sign this paper Mr. HOLLIS and certify that ----TIDWELL was a Whig. The old man raised his head from his cane and replied " I certify he was a damned TORY that what, I'll certify. That was the last of the pension papers-his daughters were terribly shocked that their father should treat their sick friend and neighbor so roughly, but favors would not buy the old man to do wrong.

Their lived and died in this neighborhood a good Whig, Sumpter soldier by the name of William LEWIS-his sons have all moved off to other states and I can only write you from recollections of what they told me 20 years ago of their father-the old man had left a large family of both sons and daughters was married tow or three times, and died I think in 1842. He was one of the four that defeated the baud of Torys on Wateree Creek, I mentioned the incident to you when writing of Mrs. PEAY-at war time he was taken a prisoner by the British and carried to a Mr. KINGS, who lived near Wateree Creek in a house now owned & occupied by R.K. PICKETT, its is the same site and is said a portion of same house-the British when they got to KINGS fed their horses in the stable yard-whilst they were feeding LEWIS laid down in a corner of the fence and picked out of their horses one he supposed to be the best and fastest. The British merely slipped the bits out of the houses mouths, did not take off either bridle or saddle-they went to the house taking LEWIS with them, and ordered Mrs.KING to prepare dinner for them, whilst she was preparing dinner LWEIS got an opportunity and told her little son to go to the lot and tie their hostess bridles reins together, all but the one he had chosen, the boy did so and when they were at dinner, LEWIS would not eat any- Mrs.KING --- the British? To let him go into a small room adjoining the dining room and eat by himself as he felt badly and did not like to eat in their presence. They let time do as she requested-he jumped out of a back window and the first thing the British knew the heard a horse first clattering down the lane, the all ran to the door and saw LEWIS escaping on one of their beast horses. When the get to the lot and found their bridle reins tied together Mrs. KING said their blasphemy made her hair stand on her head. LEWIS made his escape went on up the river joined Sumpter army that night and which was defeated the next day-as LEWIS was running up the bank of the river from TARLETON dragoons, he said their was two old bucks deer --- out of the thicket close to him, he thought they was the dragoons and that his time had come, as he expressed it; on another occasion he and PEAY,

George, and one or two others, were chasing a notorious TORY by name Ted WALL, they had started him at TURNERS bridge on the Wateree Crk. And was chasing him on a footpath that led to the pond of Lick Branch. LEWIS was riding on stallion and out ran the other Whigs, either was the limit of a tree that cropped the path, about as high as a mares head on horse back when WALL got to this limb he was knocked off and so was LEWIS just at his back making ready to use his sword on him; when his friends came up, WALL was gone but LEWIS was lying under the limb insecureable?, he came to and giving his stallion the reins, he soon trailed up WALL'S horse, which they got, also two fine bacon side tied to his saddle which he had taken some where that day. It is said that after the war, WALL was killed in N.C. fleeing from a sheriff on a stolen horse.

Wm. LEWIS his two sons living near Gainesville, Fla. Wm. W. and Edward LEWIS who may give you further info. In regard to their father. The incidents I have given you and from recollection, told me by Wm. W. 20 years ago. Capt. LAND was killed on the headwaters of Haguis branch. He on the day he was killed was farming a company at a place now known as Roseville, Chester Co., and it is said that the wife of a taylor by name MONTGOMERY (whose son William I mentioned in a former letter) went to Rocky mount about 10 miles off, where their was a British garrison and gave notion of LANDS intention of mustering in a company. Whilst LAND was drilling his Co. they were surprised by the British and several killed, LAND had told his men that morning if they should get separated at any time, he would summon them together with his horn, which he carried suspended around his neck. The British when they surprised him gave him a terrible race down Rocky Creek for several miles it is said they were chasing him nearly all day-he finally succeeded in eluding them and about ---- was blowing his horn in a deep hollow on this branch. I have mentioned when some of the Births who were still hunting him heard it and slipped up and shot him dead in his tracks. Mrs. NICKOLS my nearest neighbor and old man tells me when he was a boy, he has often passed his grave, it there had the remains of a rail pen over it. The death of Capt. LAND so exasperated the Whigs that they went to MONTGOMERYS house a short time after and hacked him to pieces with their swords.

I will mail with this letter a few relics found in the battlefield of Sumpters defeat. I am sorry that I can 't send more and a better selection. I had a good selection last year, but gave them to a museum in N.C. When I --- to send you some for your museum and thought I would have no difficulty in getting a good supply from the gentlemen who owns the battlefield, I went up there a few days ago and got what he had, there is such a demand for these rev. relics, that he tells me he can't keep them he cultivates the battle field and they are plowed up-they get more or less every year and I may yet succeed in getting some thing better to send you. I hear that their was a musket found in an old hollow tree a few years ago near the battle ground, if I can find out who has it, I will try and get it for -I owned the battle ground at Rocky Mt. Until the surrender of the Confed. Army or rather until 1866 (when I was compelled to part with my plantation, thanks to the kind treatment of Gen. SHERMAN when he favored us with a visit) my laborers plowed up a great many balls and other things ever year. My overseer was a great squirrel and turkey hunter and used Rev. lead for 12-15 years, but what was found on the battle field, I have written hurriedly and fear I have mad a sad jumble of this letter which I beg you to excuse I remain my dear Sir, Yours Truly.

Ira S. SCOTT

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Rocky Mtn. Oct. 13th, 1873

Mr. Draper,

Dear Sir,

Yours of Sept. 8th, was rec'd some time ago would have, been answered sooner but from excessive professional engagements we have had an unusual sickly

season, and I am never at home until night, so worn out both in body and mind, that I don't feel like writing or doing anything else, but going to bed, we have written to each other so often, that I feel as if I was writing to an old friend and acquaintance. And shall in future write in an off hand manner. I have had to write 2 --- letters to Mr. STINSON in regard to John STARKE the old gentleman misunderstood me in 1849, when I gave him what he wrote for Mrs. ELLETS book in regard to the wound of J. STARKE, she thinks I told him than that STARKE had a wound in the thing, but not broken and says I told him that STARKE Had selected a tree to hang JONES on. I never heard anything bout this hanging business before the old man mentioned it in his letter to me. Mr. STINSON'S under the impression that STARKE was wounded at Gen. SUMPTERS defeat this could not be so, for laying aside his sister' Mrs. GEORGE PEAYS statement if the British had taken him a prisoner there, why would they have taken him to JONES house, where he undoubtedly was taken and rescued by his brother in law, George PEAY (Nicholas PEAY was too young to be engaged in the war, and did not rescue him; Mrs. NELSON is mistaken) 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 husbands death and NEAR possibly when MRS. MICKLE died, have gone into her grand sons house I forgot to ask them if she died 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 grand mothers had said in her life time in regard to Rev. incidents what she had undergone and my version of what I have written you in regard both to herself and her brother John STARKE AND Mrs. J.E. PEAYS both agree except in a few unimportant particulars. Mrs. PEAY says she was not aware that Mrs. GEROGE PEAY had a negro man, with her at Sumters defeat, she told me she had that she rode our horse and carried her youngest child before her and that this man rode the other horse and carried her son Austin behind him, that after the battle her horses were taken from her, she found on the battle field an old grey horse wounded in the neck, she and her children got on this horse, the negro walking and when she had crossed the Yadkin River a man claiming the horse, and took him from her. Mrs. J. E. PEAY says, that Mrs. G. PEAY gave birth to a child three days after the battle. I was not aware of this. This added great, to her troubles no doubt, Mrs. J.E. PEAY that the old lady did have a faithful servant who hid her valuables & when she started to go to Virginia Mrs. JOHN PEAYS tell me that STARKE were originally from Va. And that their ancestors had a family crest. I am sorry I write so badly or made the mistake in regard the Florida Towns Gainesville, Alachua co. is what I meant to give you, as the address of the LEWISES--since I wrote you last Edward LEWIS one of the brothers had died, There is two now living Wm. W. LEWIS and John LEWIS. Wm. W. is still at Gainesville. John has moved to Texas, but where there I do not now. Wm. W. is a very old man but has some sons who may write for him. I will try to figure out where LAND died, but doubt if I can. I expect MR. STINSON is correct as he devotes the most of his time to collection rev. traditions--I have invited the old man to pay me a visit which if he does we will visit the families of HOLLIS and others and find out what we can for you. Glad the box arrived safe, am sorry I could not send you a better box. With much respect
Yours Truly.
Ira S. SCOTT

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Eliz. PEAY-Gen JOHN STARKE
Ridgeway, PO., S.C.

Longtown, July 4th, 1873

Mr. Lyman C. DRAPER

Sir, I received a letter and book from you some time since. You will please accept my thanks for the book. Con---- and sever? Indisposition in has ---- me heretofore from writing and I waited to hear from a direct descendant of the STARKE family, who could supply the desired info. With regard to the two persons of that family, now correctly them myself. I have not yet received the comm. From this lady, she having written to her brother in Fl., a Mr. John STARKE whose PO. is Patalika , Alachua Co., Fla. To obtain the facts you desire to know about her grand uncles? Whenever they send us this info. I will forward it but the best place will be to write to Mr. John STARKE. Yourself and state your wishes. My family records now all destroyed, which person to see from furnishing all the facts dates, etc, with regard tot he family history of my relatives. I will now give you all the info. that I can. 1st) The lady you mentioned 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 brothers now in the army; she had no protector and was labor with her young children the eldest my father was only 12 years old. When her house and all she had been destroyed only a little corn was left, which she mentioned to be ground into meal. My father was running? with the beez, when he was fired upon, he escaped with his life, but the horse & bug? Was 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 altercation remained but to otherwise to follow an army, so with a few articles of clothing she had saved and a pony, the only living animal left them, upon which she put 2 children too young to walk, she with any father?, marched? The army where she had relatives and hoped at last to escape starvation, she was present at the fight at Fishing Creek, and at Guilford, CH. In N.C. afterwards, three days after she gave birth to another child, among strangers who treated her kindly, but she suffered untold hardships and dangers, which she - with the hard and --- spirit of her race and also that which distinguished the women of 1776. I have heard these facts related by herself many times, she became the mother of a large family and after the death of my grandfather, married a Mr. JOHN MICKLE. She had a pious g--- and useful life, being beloved and respected by all who knew her, and died at the advanced age of 83 years at my fathers house in this place in the year 1836. George PEAY my grandfather, a brave soldier summoned in the service until peace was declared, my grandmothers brother John STARKE was fired upon by the Births across the Wateree R. and seriously wounded, and was taken prisoner, through the treachery of a Troy but was able afterwards to escape, you can probably obtain more definite info. respecting these persons from MR. JOHN STARKE whose P.O. in Palatka FLA.

I know nothing about the other families you mentioned except Mr. Reuben HARRISON; I will mention the name and address of one of his descendants, who may be able to furnish the information. You desire:

Mr. Lumford S. HARRISON.

Ridgeway, P.O. Fairfield Co., S.C.

I will furnish your name & address to the lady, I have mentioned, who was Mrs. STARKE, her present name is Mrs. Dr. Wm. NELSON, and her P.O. CAMDEDN, S.C. as you may wish to write to her. She is a sister of Mr. JOHN STARKE of Fla. Hoping that what I have written may be of use to you. I am Sir, yours with respect.

John E. PEAY

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Fairfield Co., S.C.

Longtown, Sept. 9th, 1973

Mr. Lyman c. Draper

Sir, your letter dating July has been rec'd and I regret that the answer had been so long delayed. My husband has been sick for months, and is so feeble in mind, & body as to require my constant care, that naught of years, and the troubles of the time not with a crushing weight upon him, he insists me to answer your letter. And I now reply to your inquiries.

1st) My husbands grandmother was born in Va. And was the daughter of Thomas and

Jane STARKE, she was several years older than her brother John STARKE, her parents moved to S.C. before the war. As I mentioned before the records of the PEAY family wee destroyed. Therefore I cannot supply to you inquire respecting the date of the birth and death my grandfather Geo. PEAY, but he died some years previous tot he birth of my husband having served as a brave soldier during the war. He lived several years after peace. My husband was born 19th March 1795, his grandmothers son by her last marriage, (John MICKLE) was born about the same time, he says We never heard anything about the man servant being with our grandmother where she fled for safety, only her little children were with her, but so? Have heard her mention, that a Tory refused her food for her starving little ones and told her to go into the peach orchard she told us frequently about the incidents of that terrible journey, the wounded men being --- past her and all the awful scenes of the battle field, My husbands father Austin PEAY remembers them too, the firing of the cannon and an grandmothers told us about a faithful man servant with whom she left a few cherished relics brought from her home in Va. Among them a box or cabinet containing family relics, papers and which he buried, and after the family returned to 'S.C. he came back to them and searching for the articles, found them all decayed, she and this man was my kin-in helping her to get away but no one heard anything about his going with her. Only grandmother went to her relatives near Richmond and remained with them until she could safely return to S.C.

I have examined the tombstone where our grandmother is buried at the Baptist Church in this place for the dates of her birth and death; she was born Dec. 25, 1754, and died at our father's house, Oct. 4th, 1835. She was never a pensioner.

My husbands fathers name was Austin PEAY, the eldest child, and was born Dec. 25, 1769, his young mother being just 15 years old, and died 4 Dec. 1839, he was now in public life, I refer you to Mrs. Joseph MICKLE, Camden S.C. for the particulars about Mr. JOHN MICKLE (our grandmother's son) and Mrs. NELSON in formed me that she had written in answer to you inquires respecting the STARKES which will NO DOUBT BE SATISFACTORY,
I am sir, Yours respectfully,
Mrs. JOHN E. PEAY.

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Fairfield Co., S.C.
Longtown, Nov. 1, 1873
Mr. Draper,
Sir,

I have heard that the letter I wrote in answer to your last was lost, now mailed, this will account for my securing disc--- My husband has been ill for months, and cannot write or attend to any business, the weight of years and the --- and troubles through which we have passed met with a crushing weight upon him, he has requested me to write now, and give you all the inf. That we can with regard to our ----- ancestors, our family records and many other papers

Were destroyed therefore I cannot give all the dates that you wish, but I will copy some of them from the tombstones of our family. Our grandmother was the daughter of Thomas and Jane STARKE, and was born near Richmond, Va. Dec. 25, 1754. I cannot give the dates of birth or death of my husband's grandfather Geo. PEAY, bur the died before my husbands birth, his grandmother

was married when very young and was just 15 years old when her first child, Austin PEARY was born Dec. 25th, 1769.

John EL. PEY, my husband was born March 19th, 1795. And was just nine months older than his grandmother's son by her second marriage, this son, John MICKLE, moved to Ala. I refer you to Mr. Joseph MICKLE, Camden, S.C. for further info. With regard to his family.

Dr. SCOTT was mistaken about the servant Man being with our grandmother, where she fled for safety, she had a small horse the only one left, upon which she placed the few articles of clothing she had saved and the 2 children who could not walk, and with the eldest child, who was Austin PEAY, my husband father, followed the army, was on the battle field and saw the dreadful sign of the poor wounded men carried by ---- the roar of cannon and musketry, she constantly expected to see her husband or brothers killed or wounded. She went on into NC. With the army and three days after the battle, gave birth to another child, among entire strangers without comforts of any kind to alleviate her condition, as soon as possessed, she went in with her helpless children, and was near starving when she was told to go to the peach orchard she had begged for a little food, when treated in this unfeeling manner she has related all these facts many times to us, and said that no words could express the suffering and hardships she endured during that terrible journey he told us of a faithful man servant with whom she left a few articles saved from the destruction of her house, after her return to their house when peace was made, their servant returned to them and found the articles which he had buried, but all were decayed among them was a valuable box or desk brought for her old house in Va. Containing papers and records of the STARKE family. She went to her relation near Richmond and remained with them until the close of the war, she was a beautiful woman and possessed uncommon traits of character among them the heroic spirit of her race was prominent.]

Her husband and brothers were such noted patriots that she and her family were objects of especial hatred to both the British and Tories.

My husband's father's name was Austin PEAY; he was never in public life. And his mother was never a pensioner. John STARKE was wounded on the Wateree about 6 miles above Camden and was rescued by George PEAY, at the risk of his own life, he watched for the opportunity. And being guided by the groans of the wounded men he stepped over the sleeping guards, and whispered to John STARKE to put his arms around his neck and cling with all his strength and then carried him in his back and escaped. Our grandmother told us of the terrible suffering of her brother when rescued almost in a dying condition by her husband. I presume that Dr. SCOTT and Mrs. NELSON have written all this before, I presume also that Mrs. N. has informed you of the date of her Uncle John STARKE'S death, it was after LAFAYETTE'S visit, The reading matter all came to us and so thank you for your kindness I have mentioned all that you desired to know, except the date of our grandmother's death. She lived a long and useful life being much respected and beloved and was for many years a pious and consistent member of the Baptist Church in this place when her remains were buried she died Oct. 4, 1834. At the residence of her son Austin PEAY.

Signed:

Mrs. JOHN E. PEAY.

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Capt. John STARKE
Camden, S.C.
July 24th, 1873

Dr. Sir,

I received your letter and also the Vol. Of History with which I am very

much pleased and for which please accept my thanks.

With regard to the info. you wish, I am sorry to say I can give you very little- A year ago I could have put you in possession of all the facts, which unfortunately the death of my mother under ? me unable --- to do-I have often heard her speak of the very things you wish to know, but I could not remember them now unless recalled to my mind by hearing them from others. I have however written to a communication of the family now living Florida, who will if anyone can, enable one to send you info. that is reliable in a week or two, and is then time. I will be able also to get the date of Uncle John STARKE'S death and his age from his tombstone, he is buried some twenty miles or more from where I live. I think you will find mistakes in a good many statements, some I can correct for you. In the first place, Uncle John STARKE was not a General. At the time of this death he was known as Captain only. You may not suppose he is connected in any way with Gen. STARKE of "Bennington" memory? I believe there was no relationship even between them. I am in possession of a Genealogy of the STARKE family.

There came originally from? By land to Va., a Thomas STARK who married Wilmot WILLIAMS, by whom he had a large family, one son Thomas, married Elizabeth TURNER and settled in S.C. They had a family of 9 children, the John STARKE you speak of was next to the youngest child, and only sixteen years of age when the war broke out; but where he was born I can't say. To your second question. He? Was my father's uncle, my great uncle-Elizabeth PEAY was the 4th child. Thomas my great grandfather, the 6th & John the 8th.

3rd-Their parent's names were Thomas STRKE & Elizabeth TURNER. I don't think they were among the earlier settlers of S.C. because an old woman, a slave who was brought from Va. With them lived to see five generations of Thomas STARKES, the last was my oldest brother (a babe when she died, and now sixty years of age) & she was a girl at the time of the removal from Va. She remembered the first Thomas STARKE, she trace back to and said they were "Grand people" She was about 96? Years old when she died.

4th-Uncle John STARKE was first upon by a party of Tories on the opposite bank of the Wateree River. I suppose some where not far from the Camden road. He was wounded in the hip his friends took him to the house of a widow who kindly cared for him and concealed him as long as she was able, but he was discovered and taken to Camden jail by her son.

The rest of the story is mixed up now, with that of one of Uncle John's older brothers, and I think when I hear from the Rev. Wm. KENNEDY the gentleman I wrote to in Fla. It can be cleared. some had the ---- or smallpox and lay and suffered a long while in jail. The ---- prisoners dying every day; and there dead bodies dragged down stairs by the heels their heads thumping the steps all the way down, the sick and dying prisoners hearing every thump (and they say the noise can be heard even now in the old jail) Jno. Was rescued on the way to Charleston by our Nicholas PEAY who recognized his groans ventured in among the sleeping guard and carried him off on his back. I don't know which story belongs to Uncle John STARKE.

6th-I can tell nothing of Uncle John's services during the war. He was as I have said a youth in the beginning of the war. His older brother's were all in the army I do not know what part. All lived thru it, and a person speaking of the brothers said they reminded him of the old Romans. I remember hearing my mother speak of Uncle John STARKE as a tall fine looking dignified Gentleman, of the old school. And that he died a Christian.

The explanation credited to Uncle John you will find in examining "Miller's History of S.C." was performed by a desperate man by the name of MCGIRT? (and there by hangs a romanticized tale) who jumped a wide canal on a fine mare he had stolen from Col. SINGLETON, in order to escape capture.

When Uncle John was wounded he was not on horseback, but standing to the bank of the river and defying the party on the opposite side. Some history has it that he was taken to his sister's house after he was wounded, but I was to the house of the mother of the man who betrayed him and she treated him kindly or tried to conceal him.

I do not remember anything clearly concerning Aunt Elizabeth PEAY only that she was left in a wagon with her little children on the battle field and was in the middle of the fight almost. The one who drove the wagon being compelled to unfasten the horses and hide in a swamp.

I will forward to you any info. I may obtain and wish you every success with your work.

Very respectfully,

Jane C. NELSON

Dr. NELSON is of the Fairfield NELSON-no relation of these of Sumpter district.

J.C.N.,

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Camden, S.C.
August 30th, 1873

Mr. L.C. DRAPER,

Dear Sir,

I received your second letter and also the pamphlets for which I am much obliged. I have not yet succeeded in getting the inscription from the tombstone, but think I will soon.

Rev. Mr. KENNEDY's letter came to hand a week ago, and I was only waiting for the inscription in order to send both at once.

The older brother I spoke of was Douglas STARKE, I think, but I will find out certainly for you if I can. I only know of the circumstances of his being rescued by ---PEAY. An older sister, now on a visit to me, says that on one occasion some one spoke of my uncle John as being the one taken out of the camp on --- PEAYS back and my mother emphatically said "It was not-your Uncle John, but Your Uncle----- Remember a Douglas" (I think story last) I am not certain which PEAY it was-My mother was acquainted all her life with Uncle John. He left his property to two of her sons James & John who was married by him, so she must have known if any body did whether it was him or his brother. I think I can learn more of this, from my oldest sister, wife of the late Gov. PERRY of Fla. I will also give you her address it is now then probable that she can tell you all you wish to know. Her address is Mrs. M.P. PERRY, Gainesville, Florida.

Our family record is mainly one of our immediate family, Uncles and aunts have no place. In the Family of which I spoke, there are no dates mainly the names as they succeed each other. Father's & children & cousins, Aunt PEAY must have been upwards of 80 when she died. I never saw her.

I will find out what part of Ala. Maj. MICKLE removed to and let you know.

I was mistaken in informing you to Millers History.

The letter from Rev. Wm. KENNEDY was written by his daughter and it is a letter mixed up with other things. I will copy as nearly as I can all she says, and you can use it or not-as you choose. You may rely upon the info.

WM. KENNEDY is one of the few old persons left now and his memory, an uncommonly good one, unimpaired his ---- His wife, my aunt, was also personally acquainted with Uncle John STARKE-she says "William STARKE (the father of John STARKE) removed from Va. Some years before the war. Had 6 sons, Turner, Williams, Douglas, Reuben, Thomas and John. 3 daughters, Mrs. E. PEAY, who was several years older than John, Mrs. HUNTER and Mrs. SCOTT. John STARKE was between sixteen and twenty years of age at the beginning of the war and think he died about 1827/1828. That he held no commission during the war. Rev. KENNEDY'S father says he was told by a member of old Rev. mother's, that John STARKE was one of the most intrepid? Youths they ever knew, That nothing could daunt him. That he was ready or willing for any task that was assigned him. He was in the detail of brave men. (John DINCKENS a cousin of Grandma's was also one.) Who were sent to release the suffering prisoners in the jail at Camden. Among the prisoners was Capt. TUCKER, Capt.

MIDDLETON and Uncle George EVANS who married his cousin Arabelle MIDDLETON, a sister of Capt. MIDDLETON. This Arabella MIDDLETON hearing of the suffering of her husband and brother, came up to Camden to beg Lord RAWDON to permit her to see them and carry in a change of clothes. They taunted her with being a "she rebel" appropriated her con---anar, took her a put her across the Wateree at Chestnuts' Ferry and then left her afoot without a cine?, with true spirit she marched up the river until she got to the Shoalds about two miles above the ferry. There she made it across and walked home twenty five miles below Camden (with her feet blistered) she never called on Lord RAWDEN again.

The detail on getting near the jail found they were discovered put spurs to the horse and rode for Chestnusts Ferry. When they reached the river they found it very full, bearing down logs or trees in its current-it looked like death to try it, but the British Dragoons were close up on them, & preferring their chance in the river to capture. They forced themselves in, and escaped to the other shore, and seeing the Dragoons had arrived on the opposite bank. STARK began taunting them and asked them "come over" They declined but fired across and wounded STARKE in the hip, his comrades took him to the house of a widow named JONES where he was kindly cared for by her, but her son informed of his whereabouts and obtaining a detail of Dragoons took him as prisoner to Camden. Cruelly jolting the wounded man on the way over the rough road and jeering and laughing at his suffering. He was put in jail with Capt. TUCKER soon after Capt. TUCKER was executed and Capt. STARKE expected every moment a liked fate. Think he remained a prisoner until the evacuation of Camden.

After the war STARKE met JONES and beat him severally and on Lafayette visit to Camden seeing JONES In the line of old 76 veterans STARKE refused to take a place among them. JONES was told to leave, when STARKE then took his stand in the line. After this war was over John STARKE bought land in Fairfield District and when the State Militia was present John STARKE was elected Captain TURNER an older brother of John STARKE was a gallant soldier, went through the war in the "Maryland line" John STARKE was born in Va.

I will give you the address of the Rev. Mr. KENNEDY you may perhaps get some very interesting info. from him. He was raised in or near Camden and has only removed from this state some twenty years ago. There an very fine old persons living now, one often hears the remarks made that the late war has killed them all off. Address: Rev. John A. KENNEDY, Gainesville, Florida & I think from him and my sister Mrs. PERRY as good many missing links may be obtained.

Yours very respectfully,
Jane C. NELSON

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Capt. John STARKE, Wounded

Bloomington, June 10th, 1873

Lyman C. DRAPER,

Sir, Yours of Feb. 3rd, April 16, and May 29th has been read but none of them answered as am lazy and naturally --- writing. I have not written so much in ten years as I have to you so far. But I will soon answer most of your inquiries.

I will now answer the inquires of your last. Father knows nothing of how SUMTER came by the money in the valise but is of the opinion that it was captured from the British.

John STARKE or STARKS as he was sometimes called of whom you inquire was not known as Capt. He lived in Fairfield, his plantation was on Dutchman's Creek a branch of the Wateree; my mother who is still living born in Fairfield in the year 1800, knew STARKE well. His farm adjoined that of her father and she has heard him tell how he came to be, so as to be wounded, so as to be always home during the war a party of Sumpter's men chased some Tories across the Wateree at Graves Ford and not caring to cross the wide Stream in the face of

the Tories halted. The Tories also halted and each party dared the other to cross STARKE then a young man turned his rear tot he Tories and made an insulting gesture daring any of them to shoot, when one of the Tories named Darling JONES shot at him breaking his thigh disabling him forever as he was ever after lame. STARKE never forgave JONES for this even after the war always said he would kill him if ever he could that he always cherished a hatred of JONES as certain from the following incident. When LAFAYETTE visited the U.S. he was in S.C. (1825/1828) AND WAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT HONORS BEING ESCORTED OVER THE state by militia among other places that he visited was Camden & this place he came especially to assist at the laying the Corner stone & a monument to the memory of BARON DEKALB and the officer who fell at the battle of Camden. The corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies JONES and STARKE were both masons.

JONES carried the true light & a copy of the Holy Scriptures. though STARKS was treated with the distinction of being carried in a carriage with other veterans of the Rev. War when he saw JONES in the procession he would go no further. Swearing that JONES would beat them all to the Devil. STARKE was a man of considerable wealth, so long ago as 1835, at that time he owned a great many slaves and had a large possessions on Dutchman's Creek. He was sorded of a violent temper-in a word, a man not much liked; none of his descendants are now living in that country. I will soon write you and give some further facts about the whereabouts of Sumter where he was wounded and which may commemorate what has already been said about that . I will also answer some of your questions of Feb. 3rd.

Yours truly,
H.L. MCALLA?

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Officer of Probate Judge
Winnsboro, S.C., June 29, 1878

Dear Sir,

IN reply to your letter of the 24th inst. In relation to Capt. John STARKE. The time of his death & if he made a will , I am unable to answer from the records of this office. No adm. Appears where ever been of ---

Upon inquire I was told that a man by the name of Capt. Jno. Or Jack STARKE died in this county many years since a bachelor.

I would refer you to the Testimony of this (---- STARKE found in Johnston's Traditions of the Rev., page 502) The STARKES at one time numerous have all -- away and I do not know of one remaining in this county.

Truly,
O.R. THOMPSON
Judge of Probate

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Rion's Law Office
Winnsboro, S.C.
20th Nov. 1878

Lyman C. DRAPER,
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. And also of Woodward's Remininces' which came safely to hand.

I was very glad indeed to hear from you again, and to learn of your labors for the Historic Muse: but regret to hear of the dispiriting causes, which

Bill Hopper
John Howell
Anne Bumgardner

Bob Blair
Michael Blair
Frank Blair

Boozer Lemmons
Ken McDaniel

I met MMH
John organized by
postings on internet on Mobley page

Saw on Saving Graves
Vickie Pickrell Melinda C.
put on post
WM Mobley Cemetery

endangered list: terrain, erosion, trees

have delayed the completion of "Sumtper & His men".

I have searched our Probate Records and find two John STARKES', John W., how died a short time prior to 3 March 1828; and John M. who died sometime about 15th, Sept. 1837. The first, did not leave a large estate, the second was a man of considerable property, and I am inclined to think he may be the Capt. Jack STARKE, you refer to-I have since writing the above just met an old resident of the county, whose fathers plantation joined Capt. Starke's and who knew Capt. STARKE, himself, and he tells me that John W. is Capt. Jack STARKE of rev. fame and that John M. was his son.

Our Probate Judge has requested me to say that he would have replied to your letter to him, but had mislaid it. The old gentleman had a stroke of paralysis, no long ago, and it was probably in the confusion attendant in this that I was lost.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and will be happy to render you any services in my power at any time.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. K. RION.

Attorney and Solicitor I the State and U.S. Courts.

Jinda + Dean Parker Jugoff funds capers

Chicora to clean tombstone + use radar for lost graves. Have checked out Longtown + will study both

6 acres
cemetery + 2 acres
picnic table?

certificate of deposit for permanent care

Peay
Jones
Marthers
Robertson - Bruce
Clark Bruce
Joes

slaves

Betty Jo
on Peay Mitchell Carter in Florence
James Peay -
Mitchell

Saving graves.com -
endangered list