

Micajah Pickett, Jr. (1747-1822) son of James Pickett & Hannah Reynolds (first cousin to Nancy Pickett Boulware, who married Muscoe Boulware)

From John Johnson (email 11-30-08)

There is quite a bit of controversy about Micajah Pickett. Some people claimed he divorced Kissanna Hinson and married Susannah Johns. From what I can tell they legally separated and he signed a paper giving Kissanna all or most of the land and property he owned at the time. Anyway it went to the supreme courts of three states.

John R. Johnson

This is where we start getting into a lot of controversy. Micajah, Jr married Kissanna Hinson on 12/20/1768. He separated from her and lived with Susannah (Johns) Thompson.

Micajah Pickett, Jr. b. 8/17/1747 in VA, d. 12/23/1822 in Greenville Co., VA)

Kissanna Hinson (b. 12/25/1752, d. 8/25/1834)

Children of Micajah and Kissanna were:

William Pickett (b. 12/15/1769, d. 5/15/1826 in Franklin Co., MS) m. Mary King

Mary Pickett (b. 4/12/1772, d. 5/8/1828) m. ? Jones

Elizabeth Pickett (b. 9/19/1774, d. 9/12/1836 m. in 1790 William Wetted

Micajah Jr. Pickett (b. 3/5/1777, d. 11/14/1847) m. in 1799 Rhoda King

James L. Pickett (b. 10/11/1779, d. 11/1845) m. Belvarida Holcombe

John B. Pickett, Jr (b. 3/21/1782, d. 1/15/1851) m (1) Elizabeth Boulware and (2) Sarah Boulware (b. 3/25/1796 in Fairfield Co., SC , d. 1/17/1891 in Fairfield Co., SC)

Reuben Pickett (b. 5/27/1785, 7/1807)

Jeptha Pickett (b. 4/17/1788 in Fairfield Co, SC d. 1/27/1851 in Stewart Co, GA) m. (1) Nancy Boulware, (2) Jane Havis McKinney, (3) Mary Simmons

Charles Pickett (b. 4/12/1791 in Fairfield Co., SC, d. 1850 in Sumter Co, GA) m. in 1821 to Francis Griffin (b. c. 1796)

Children of Micajah Jr and Susannah Johns :

Susannah Pickett

Malachai Pickett (b. c. 1803, d. c. 1886)

Joseph Pickett (b. c. 1804, d. 7/27/1892 in Gilmer Co., GA) m. Margaret Ann ?

Matilda Pickett

Benjamin Pickett

NOTES:

Micajah Pickett - Moved from Virginia to Anson County, NC. in the 1750's. He then moved to Fairfield, SC & died in Greenville, SC ca. 1825

Micajah Pickett and Susannah Johns were never legally married. Check out Greenville SC Equity Court file 1824 #8 which is a suit between the children of Cassandra and the children of Susannah. The suit states that Micajah DESERTED Cassandra in 1800 and "took up" with Susannah Johns. Cassandra's

children are listed as Jephtha, William, Isaiah, Elizabeth Mobley (wife of Samuel), Mary Jones, James, Charles, Reuben, Micajah Jr.; son John was not listed for some reason. The children of Susannah were Susannah McKenny (wife of James), Malachi, Joseph, Matilda, Benjamin, & Eliza. The suit states that James McKenny had married the illegitimate daughter of Micajah. There is a reference to Micajah Pickett's will being made in Buncombe Co. NC. Also to current residence (1824) of late Micajah Pickett's widow Cassandra as Franklin Co. MS.

I don't know much, if anything, about the slave holdings of Joseph or Malachi. I know their father, Micajah, had extensive slave holdings (1810 Rutherford County, NC indicates 20 slaves; 1820 Greenville County, SC indicates 24 slaves; and 19 according to inventory after Micajah's death). Interestingly, Joseph was a member of the Georgia legislature and it is recorded (Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends by Lucian Lamar Knight, pgs 566, 568) that he voted against secession from the Union. Joseph died July 27, 1893 and is buried in Talona Church Cemetery in Gilmer County, GA. (Cemetery Inscriptions of Gilmer County, GA, Vol. II).

Joan Williams

I descend from Micajah Pickett and Susannah Johns through their son Joseph, who moved to Gilmer Co. GA. Deed records in Rutherford Co. NC indicate that Susannah Johns was the daughter of Samuel Thomson/Thompson and wife Elizabeth.

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I been unable to locate any records which would give any information about Susannah's husband named Johns.

Karen Hagar

Micajah Pickett, Sr. (d. date unknown)

Micajah Pickett, Sr. (son of Micajah Pickett and Winnefred Beazley) died date unknown. He married Kissanah Henson.

Notes for Micajah Pickett, Sr.:

Micajah Pickett (who married Kissanah Henson) according to "A Gathering of Picketts."

This lineage goes: Micajah, Micajah, John, Henry. Some dispute this lineage. However, Micajah married Kissanah Henson, but never married Susannah Johns. His father was Micajah, born in Essex Co, birth date not know, but between 1696 and 1715. He married Winnefred Gouge, widow of John Gouge (maiden name: Winnefred Beazley). Micajah's father was John Pickett, married Mary, first found in Essex Co, VA records in 1692 serving on a jury. Legal papers 13 Feb 1766 re administration of his estate places him in Caroline Co, VA. where he probably had died. John's father was Henry Pickett of Essex County,

VA, married Elizabeth, first appears in records of Lancaster Co, VA in 1664. "Gathering" reports that he died in March of 1702 and his will was probated in Essex Co, VA.

Winnfred's parents are not documented in "Gathering," only that she married John Gouge, and then later, as John Gouge's widow, married Micajah Pickett (Sr.).

Children of Micajah Pickett, Sr. and Kissanah Henson are:
+Micajah Pickett, Jr., b. March 05, 1777, SC, d. date unknown.

The next issue is that of Micajah Pickett. There is only conjecture about the fact that he was the son of Micajah. Generally when the word Junior is used in colonial times it was a nephew, not a son. The Lineage of Colonial Dames has Micajah's father as James Pickett of Anson county North Carolina, who was sheriff and had come from Caroline County, Virginia and was the son of John Pickett. We do know that another Micajah may have existed prior to Our ancestor, but we do not have sufficient evidence to place him in or out of the family tree.

Now as to a marriage and divorce between Micajah and Kizannah Hinson (Henson) Pickett: There was a marriage but never a divorce. There was a separation by Micajah who entered into a civil contract with Susanna Johns. The so-called marriage was a legal agreement between Micajah and Susanna Johns - see Rutherford Co. Records B:110, 27 March 1800. The arguments that ensued were over rights of inheritance and if this civil declaration was good enough to void the marriage and set up a new relationship. Sadly for some it did not and I know of twice where they were brought to court for fornication and not properly married. The suits went on in 5 states for nearly 40 years. In the end "Sukey" was cared for by Charles Pickett (son of Kizannah) until her death. Many in the family did not sue. I have a printed version of the North Carolina case as recorded in the Dec. term 1827 (p81 - 88).

The above note was posted on a web site. It also raises the question of wither there was one Micajah in the line or two. I have seen it argued both ways on various web sites. John Johnson, 1/1/2004

Biographical Sketch of Micajah Pickett

Micajah Pickett was born in Virginia, according to his sons. One Micajah, or "Cager", Pickett was involved in several court cases in both Caroline and Orange counties, VA., as early as the late 1740's (being charged "gaming" at a certain tavern in western Caroline County, and with "gaming on the Sabbath"). From 1747 to 1755, Micajah appeared in Orange County, Va., records, in the latter year on a tax list for that county.

During the 1760s, Micajah Pickett was involved in several land transactions in Anson county, NC, though his residence was always shown as Cravens County, SC, in these documents. Micajah may have lived for a short while in Anson County, as many Virginians did on their way further south, or he may have bought and sold Anson county land while living in SC. It is possible thta some of this "Anson" land was actually in SC, since the dividing line between NC and SC in this area was not firmly defined until 1769. It is clear that by 1768, however, he was living in that part of Craven County, or Judicial District, which in 1785 was established as Fairfield county (or District), SC.

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The 1790 U.S. Census of Fairfield SC, p.20, states:

Name

Males above 16

Males below 16

Females

Slaves

Micajah Pickett

2

5

3

10

Charles Pickett

2

1

4

-

John King

3

2

4

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Children of Micajah PICKETT and Kisannah HENSON\ HINSON are: 2 i. William PICKETT was born 15 DEC 1769 in Fairfield, Co. SC. He married mary KING. She was born 5 APR 1774.

3 ii. Elizabeth PICKETT was born 13 SEP 1774, and died 12 SEP 1836. She married william WHITEHEAD. She married samuel MOBLEY.

4 iii. Mary PICKETT(JONES) was born 1773, and died 8 MAY 1818.

5 iv. Micajah PICKETT, JR. was born 5 MAR 1777, and died 14 NOV 1847. He married Elizabeth M. S. WINN 20 AUG 1809. She died 5 DEC 1870.

6 v. James PICKETT was born 11 OCT 1779.

+ 7 vi. John PICKETT was born 21 MAR 1782 in Fairfield, Co. SC, and died 15 JAN 1851 in Fairfield, Co. SC.

8 vii. Reuben PICKETT was born 17 APR 1785, and died 15 AUG 1807.

+ 9 viii. Jephtha PICKETT was born 17 APR 1788 in Fairfield Co. , SC, and died 1853.

10 ix. Charles PICKETT was born 12 APR 1791.

+ 11 x. Isaiah PICKETT was born 19 JUL 1793.

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- 13 ii. Malechiah PICKETT JOHNS.
- 14 iii. Joseph PICKETT JOHNS.
- 15 iv. Matilda PICKETT JOHNS.
- 16 v. Benjamin PICKETT JOHNS.
- 17 vi. Eliza PICKETT JOHNS.

1800 US Census for Fairfield Co., SC

Micajah Pickett 1 1 3 - - - - - 1 - 13

Surname GivenName Age Sex Race Birthplace State County Location Year

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