



## THE DUBARD FAMILY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Including related families surnamed  
Hamiter, Raiford, Ruff, and Turnipseed

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The South Carolina Ruffs can trace their ancestry back to three German brothers who arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Amsterdam in the 1730s. They worked their way down the Appalachian mountains, eventually settling in South Carolina. The three brothers were

Johann Sebastian Ruff, probably the oldest of the three, who settled near the waters of Twelve Mile Creek south of the Saluda River, in what is now Lexington County. On old South Carolina maps, Sebastian Ruff's property was marked "Ruff's Hills." His son changed the spelling to Roof.

George Ruff built his home near the Newberry - Lexington county line in what was at that time Ninety - Six District. His house was at the foot of Little Mountain, then called Ruff's Mountain. His descendents still reside in Newberry County. The earliest land grant in South Carolina to a Ruff was made to George in 1751.

Daniel Ruff, the youngest brother, settled in Dobbs County, North Carolina. He and some of his sons were listed as Revolutionary soldiers from that county. The Daniel Ruff (1771 - 1829) who moved to South Carolina sometime after 1790 must have been a much younger son or even a grandson of the original brother Daniel who landed in Philadelphia in the 1730s. This Daniel Ruff is the earliest certain ancestor of the family; he settled in the Fairfield District.<sup>1</sup>

- I. Daniel Ruff (2/28/1771 - 11/29/1829), who was said never to have been sick a day in his life. "He died at 14 minutes past twelve o'clock by choking on a piece of meat." He married twice:
  - (1) Margaret Hamiter. It is not certain who her parents were; they possibly were John and Catherine Stike Hamiter, or John and Ann ——. See Hamiter Family data. Four children.
- II Silas W. Ruff (6/11/1795 - 10/10/1876), who married Judith Weston Elkin (8/1/1807 - 9/12/1878) on March 1, 1827. She was the daughter of James Elkin and Sarah Pearson Elkin. See Raiford Family data. James was the son of David and Ann Elkin. Twelve children.
- III David Wesley Ruff (12/12/1827 - 5/24/1862), who married Isabella Nelson ("Aunt Izzy" to ADC) on September 29, 1858. He died in Ashland Hospital in Virginia, leaving three minor children under the guardianship of Thomas Nelson.
- IV Thomas W. Ruff, who married Belle Swygert and lived in Fairfield County.

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<sup>1</sup> A Ruff descendant, William R. Troxler of Winnsboro, SC, provided information on the three immigrant brothers. The data on children after that comes from wills and other records in the South Carolina Archives and from Bible records in the family.

- IV Wesley Ruff, a daughter, who eloped with Sheridan Rutland. They had one child, a daughter.
- IV Margaret W. Ruff.
- III Martha Sarah Ann Ruff (12/2/1829 - 3/16/1894) ("Aunt Mat McDowell" to ADC), who married Samuel C. McDowell on February 8, 1855. Four children.
  - IV Margaret [Maggie] (1856 - 1934), who married Stark Sims Gibson in 1875. One child.
    - V Annie Gibson (1891), who married J. E. Douglas and had several children. RCS recalls visiting in the Douglas home where the elderly mother was wheezing with asthma.
  - IV Sam McDowell, who never married.
  - IV Dave McDowell (d. 1877), who married and had children.
  - IV Ruff McDowell, who married Allie Moore and lived in Ridgeway. ADC visited them there in 1895 or 1896. Two daughters.
- III Margaret Harriet Ruff (11/5/1831 - 9/7/1880) ("Aunt Mag Lever" to ADC), who married James W. Lever on May 26, 1858 and lived in a big two-story house near Oak Grove Church. Three children.
  - IV Othella Lever, who married John Howell, an Orangeburg jeweler and lived on the Monticello Road. Eleven children.
    - V Jimmie Howell
    - V Reece Howell
    - V Marion Howell
    - V Cokely Howell
    - V Dan Howell
    - V Maggie Howell
    - V Donna Howell
    - V Annie Lynn Howell
    - V Sophie Howell
    - V Glenn Howell
    - V Fred Howell
  - IV Jimmie Lever, a daughter, married Frank Lyles of Fairfield. Three children.
    - V Wesley Lyles (son)
    - V Maggie Lyles
    - V (another daughter)
  - IV Ruff Lever, who married Ola Blair, a widow.
- After the death of Margaret Harriet Ruff Lever, James W. Lever ("Uncle Lever" to ADC) married Sallie Blair. Two children.
  - IV Orrie Lever (daughter), who married Cal Hinnant
  - IV Ross Lever (son) who married Buford Smith. Four children, three daughters and one son.
- III Jane Jemima Ruff (1/8/1834 - 4/28/1903), who married George Peter Huffman on June 26, 1854. George was the son of Joseph Huffman (b.1800) and Sallie Withers. Joseph Huffman was the son of John Huffman (b. 1760), who with his father, Jacob Hoffman, came to America from the upper Rhineland, crossing the Atlantic in English ships to Pennsylvania, and moving from there to Gaston County, NC, and thence to South Carolina. Twelve children.
  - IV Sara [Sallie] Hoffman, ("Cousin Sallie Rion" to ADC, who esteemed her highly), who married Preston Rion. Two children.
    - V James Rion, who married and lived in Tryon, NC.
    - V George Rion, who lived with his mother.
  - IV James Cortez Hoffman, who married twice.
    - (1) Carrie Hutson

- V Sam Peter Hoffman, who married Sara Jane Mickle.
  - VI Sara Jane Hoffman
  - VI Sammie Louise Hoffman, who married Clinton Rhodes
    - VII Robert C. Rhodes
    - VII Sallie Catherine Rhodes
  - VI Thomas Mendle Hoffman, who married Dorothea ——.
    - VII Tommie Hoffman (son)
- V Wade Varner Hoffman, who married Clara Reid. One child
  - VI Clara Reid Hoffman, who married John Bell. Four children.
    - VII Barbara Bell
    - VII Beverly Bell
    - VII Jack Bell
    - VII Nancy Bell
- V Carrie Hoffman, who died at age three years.
- V James Cortez Hoffman Jr., who married Alberta Mickle. One child.
  - VI Alberta Jane Hoffman, who married Charles Randall. Two children.
    - VII Charles Randall, Jr.
    - VII Jane Randall
- (2) Caroline [Carrie] Cornelia Moore
  - V Christine Hoffman, who married William B. Dowling. No children.
  - V Sara Weston Hoffman.
  - V Lille Heyward Hoffman, who married George N. Nungezer. Two children.
    - VI George N. Nungezer, Jr.
    - VI Lille Hoffman Nungezer
  - V John [Jack] Rudolph Hoffman, who married Lucile Bordeaux. Two children.
    - VI Jacqueline [Jackie] Lucile Hoffman, who married Anthony Floyd. Two children.
      - VII Anthony Floyd, Jr.
      - VII Christine Floyd
    - VI Carol Joan Hoffman
- IV Butler Peter Hoffman, who married three times:
  - (1) Nonie Kennedy. One child.
    - V George Hoffman, who went to Georgia.
  - (2) Sallie Clinkscales. One child.
    - V Pearson Hoffman
  - (3) Lois Clinkscales (niece of Sallie). Five children.
    - V Melvin Hoffman
    - V Mary Hoffman
    - V Henry Hoffman
    - V Betty Hoffman (Did she marry a Cooper?)
    - V James Clinkscales Hoffman
- IV Mattie Hoffman, who married Charlton Jones. Seven children.
  - V Louise Jones
  - V Jane Heyward Jones
  - V Callie Jones
  - V Annie Jones
  - V Sarah [Sallie] Rion Jones
  - V Edwin Jones
  - V Charlton Jones, Jr.
- IV Nannie Hoffman, who married Jack Nelson. No children, but they raised James Cortez Hoffman, Jr., from eight years of age.

- IV Julia or Jane Eoline [Todie] Hoffman, who never married. She was a trained nurse, younger than her nurse cousin, Mary E. Dubard, who esteemed her highly.
- IV Daisy Hoffman, who married Milton Deal. One son.
  - V Milton Deal, Jr.
- IV Lille Heyward Hoffman, who married Henry Elliot Savage. One son.
  - V Henry Elliott Savage, Jr.
- IV Charlie Hoffman, who married ——. His children are not known to the Columbia cousins.
- IV Molly Hoffman, who was engaged to Dr. Burley, but died of TB.
- IV Tom Hoffman, who never married. He shot himself.
- IV John [Jack] R. Hoffman, who married Clara —. About five children.
  - V John R. Hoffman, Jr.
- III James Elkin Ruff (2/12/1836 - 10/24/1842)
- III Mary Elizabeth Ruff (12/29/1838 - 4/19/1894), who married Thomas Pinckney Simms on April 13, 1864. They lived in Union, SC, and had no children. She had red hair and a temper to match. Known as "Aunt Liz" or "Simmie" to ADC, she spent her last years in the home of her twin sister and had ADC wait on her in a darkened room. The family sent ADC to live with her half-sister "Janie" Montgomery in Winston Salem, NC, and attend school so that she could escape the domineering Simmie.
- III Judith Weston Ruff (12/29/1838 - 12/22/1907), twin sister of Mary Elizabeth. She married twice.
  - (1) Captain John L. Kennedy, CSA, on December 10, 1863. He died 8/8/1864 in Petersburg, VA. No children.
  - (2) Nathan Jacob Dubard (3/31/1832 - 4/3/1910) on November 29, 1871. Five children listed in DuBard Family data.
- III Nancy Lucretia Ruff (b. 2/20/1841), who married Dr. John Daniel Fletcher Lever on February 6, 1867. Six children.
  - IV Ara Irene Lever, who married Capers Lever, her first cousin, on February 6, 1890. Three children.
    - V Elliot R. Lever, who never married.
    - V Bertha C. Lever, who married John Sherrill. One adopted daughter.
      - VI Lois Sherrill
    - V N. Irene Lever, who married Eugene Loman. One daughter.
      - VI Lexie Loman, who married Charles Snider. Two children.
        - VII Vicki Snider
        - VII Sherri Snider
- IV Nettie Lever, who married Rev. George W. Davis. Six children.
  - V Kirkland Rodgers Davis
  - V Gladys Davis
  - V Lever Davis
  - V Twins, a boy and girl, both of whom died.
  - V Nannie Bell Davis
- IV Kate Lever, who married John Edwards. Six children.
  - V Lucile Edwards
  - V Sophie Edwards
  - V Mary Kate Edwards
  - V Jack Edwards
  - V Lever Edwards
  - V Nettie Edwards. Lever and Nettie were twins.
- IV Johnnie Lever (daughter), who never married.
- IV Silas Lever, who married Johnnie Able. Three children.
  - V Waldo Lever, who married ——. One son.

- V Reginald [Reggie] Lever, who married Margaret Andrews. One child.
  - VI Clarice Lever
- V Erlene Lever, who married ——. No children.
- IV Mary Sue [Lady Bird] Lever, who married Will Leitner, cousin of Lawrence E. Leitner. Eight children.
  - V Walker Leitner
  - V Lillian Leitner
  - V John Leitner
  - V Nannie Sue Leitner
  - V Alberta Leitner, married — Mann.
  - V Fred Leitner
  - V Esther Leitner, who married Ben Honsby (?)
  - V Florence Leitner, who married Paul Ammon (?)
- III Silas Walter Ruff (2/1/1843 - 8/29/1904), who married Mary Virginia Rabb (5/6/1845 - 5/12/1912) on October 24, 1866. This Uncle Silas was a favorite of ADC in her childhood. He had red hair and beard and paid ADC five cents for every gray hair she would pluck. Red sometimes looked gray in the firelight! {Mary Virginia Rabb [Mamie] had Chappell ancestors. Robert Chappell (1732 - 1790) was the father of John Chappell (1771 - 1835), who married Sibyl Ruff (1792 - 1867) in 1816. They were the parents of Laban Fitzalan Chappell and Nancy Savilla Chappell (1824 - 1899). Charles Rabb (1781 - 1869) married Mary Harrison (1800 - 1899). Their son, Jonathan Harrison Rabb (1819 - 1884), married Nancy Savilla Chappell. They were the parents of Mary Virginia Rabb. A sister of Mamie Rabb, Elizabeth Rabb, is said to have married a Hammiter.} Six children.
  - IV Walter P. Ruff, who married twice.
    - (1) Mattie Burley (1875 - 1896). One child.
      - V Kirk Ruff
    - (2) Minnie Burley (1873 - 1928). Five children.
      - V Burley Ruff
      - V Silas Ruff
      - V Annie Bess Ruff
      - V Mattie Ruff
      - V Nannie Ruff
  - IV Thomas Douglas Ruff, who married twice. He owned Ruff Hardware in Columbia, SC, and died in 1930.
    - (1) Cornelia [Cordy] Anderson. Five children.
      - V Eugenie Ruff, who married — Killingsworth.
      - V Thomas Kinkaid Ruff, who married Nancy Robinson.
      - V Douglas Ruff, who married —.
      - V Sara L. Ruff, who married James Bigham.
      - V Cornelia A [Dootsie] Ruff, who married Jesse Ball.
    - (2) Mary Roberta Roseborough. No children.
  - IV Mamie Ruff, who married Willie B. Stuart. No children.
  - IV Ida Ruff, who married Thomas L. McMeekin. Six children.
    - V Thomas Ruff McMeekin, who married twice.
      - (1) Nell Wimberly. No children.
      - (2) Helen Mary Hessee. No children.
    - V Silas Calhoun McMeekin, who married Mattie Tidwell. Two children.
      - VI Ann McMeekin
      - VI Carl McMeekin
    - V Mamie McMeekin, who married Paul Durham. One child.
      - VI Paul Durham, Jr.

- V Louise McMeekin, who married E. Douglas Chappell. They lived near Jenkinsville SC, as did Cousin Stella Ruff. Three daughters.
  - VI Douglas Chappell
  - VI Louise Chappell, twin sister of Douglas (also a girl).
  - VI Judith Chappell
- V Bob McMeekin, never married.
- V Ruby McMeekin, who married John S. Stone. Two children
  - VI Ida Ruff Stone
  - VI John Stone
- IV Lottie Ruff, who married Fletcher Wright. No children.
- IV Silas [Buddy] Ruff, who married Leone Ennis. One son.
  - V Leroy Ruff
- III Daniel George Ruff (3/31/1845 - 10/18/1903), who married Sarah E. Crosby (b. 3/22/1846) on October 24, 1867. Daniel was known as Uncle Tuck. Eight children.
  - IV Janie Weston Ruff (b. 10/15/1868), who married Eber B. Mason on October 16, 1889. One child.
    - V James Marion Mason (b. 9/23/1890), who married Bertha Spinks. Three children.
      - VI John Eber Mason
      - VI James Hamilton Mason
      - VI Juanita Mason
  - IV Fannie Lucy Ruff (b. 11/12/1870), who married Thomas J. Perry on January 12, 1893. One child.
    - V George Maxcy Perry (b. 9/12/1893), who married Adele Hamilton. No children.
  - IV Mary Agnes Ruff (b. 4/14/1873), who was a missionary to Cuba. Never married.
  - IV David Crosby Ruff (b. 8/30/1875), who married Mary Delaney on February 24, 1898. Three sons.
    - V Daniel George Ruff
    - V John Delaney Ruff
    - V David Crosby Ruff, Jr.
  - IV Marion Wesley Ruff (b. 12/10/1877), who died in infancy.
  - IV Daniel George Ruff, Jr. (b. 6/10/1880), who married Willie C. Wells on June 16, 1904. Three children.
    - V Madge Ruff
    - V William Ruff
    - V George Harper Ruff
  - IV Sallie Estelle Ruff (12/17/1882 - 12/30/1953), who married James Pope Brooks on June 10, 1903. ADC was especially fond of "Cousin Sallie Ruff Brooks." Six children.
    - V Sara Rebecca Brooks, who married Henry Berley Shealy of Little Mountain, SC. One child.
      - VI Pope Brooks Shealy, who married Lois Chappell of Jenkinsville, SC. Three children.
        - VII Pope Brooks Shealy, Jr.
        - VII Nancy Love Shealy
        - VII Charles Henry Shealy
    - V Mary Frances Brooks, who married Claude Elmo Lewis of Winnsboro, SC. Three sons.
      - VI Francis Elmo Lewis, who married Vivien Hilton of Jacksonville, Florida. Two children.

- VII Sandra Michelle Lewis, who married Robert Weaver Jr. One child.
- VIII Robert Weaver III
- VII Steve Monroe Lewis
- VI James William Lewis
- VI Joseph Monroe Lewis, a medical doctor, who married Susan Kahn of New York City. One child.
- VII Melissa Worthington Lewis
- V Joseph Alexis Brooks, who married Marion Center Brooks of Winnsboro, SC. One child.
- VI Marion Joan Brooks, who married William Black Sawyer of Johnston, SC. Three children.
- VII Joan Alexis Sawyer
- VII Marion Lee Sawyer
- VII Angela Lois Sawyer
- V Nell Crosby Brooks, who married Ernest Van Lewis of Winnsboro SC. Five children.
- VI Ernest Crosby Lewis, who married Judy Williams of Concord, NC. Two children.
- VII Lisa Lavelle Lewis
- VII Allyson Lee Lewis
- VI Judith Lavelle Lewis
- VI Daniel Street Lewis, who married Marlana Redfern of Columbia SC. Two children.
- VII Delane Lewis
- VII Van Redfern Lewis
- VI Sally Ruff Lewis, who married William Ernest Kohler of Pageland SC. Two adopted children.
- VII Meg Kohler
- VII William Ernest Kohler Jr.
- VI Thomas Walter Lewis, who married Shirley Johnson of Columbia SC. One son.
- VII Thomas Walter Lewis Jr.
- V Agnes Ruff Brooks, who married Rev. Ross Allen Pickett of Clinton MS. No children.
- V James Pope Brooks Jr., twin of Agnes Ruff Brooks, who married Alice Nene Willingham of Columbia SC. Three children
- VI James Pope Brooks III, who married Mary Alice Crawford of Winnsboro SC. Two children.
- VII Lisa Marie Brooks
- VII Julie Brooks
- VI John Joseph Brooks, who married Jane Castles of Winnsboro SC. Two children.
- VII Deborah Adele Brooks
- VII John Joseph Brooks, Jr.
- VI Alice Annette Brooks, who married Marcellus Clowney Cathcart of Winnsboro SC. Three children.
- VII Alice Denise Cathcart
- VII Marcellus Brooks Cathcart
- VII Megan Frances Cathcart
- III William Henry Ruff (6/21/1847 - 5/31/1933), who married Annice Hampton Stearns (died 12/5/1925) on July 6, 1878. "Aunty Ruff" was from Duluth, Minnesota, and met Uncle Billy when she was visiting relatives in South Carolina. There was some sort of family connection. ADC was especially



- fond of "Aunty" and recalled liking Aunty's aunt, Sarah Sterns, who visited from California. [A sister or half-sister of Aunty, Visa Sterns, married — Patterson of Columbia and had two children, Annie Patterson and Ravenel Patterson. Ravenel Patterson married Norma Brinson. Their daughter, Margaret Patterson, married Robert Edmunds, son of Pierre and Rosa (Richard) Edmunds. RCS called the latter "Aunt" Rosa, as there were very close ties of friendship between the Richard sisters and ADC. RCS was named Margaret (a first name she never used) for Margaret Richard, a writer and invalid sister of Rosa Edmunds.] Uncle Billy was totally deaf, the result of exposure to loud cannon fire during the Civil War. Two children, both of whom were active in the UDC, DAR, and Colonial Dames and possessed family records.
- IV Stella Mae Ruff (ca. 1880 - 1966), never married.
  - IV Eunita Manning Ruff (ca. 1882 - 1965), never married.
  - III John Pearson Ruff (6/8/1849 - 10/3/1853).
  - II David H. Ruff (8/28/1796 - 3/24/1877), who never married, but adopted a nephew, David Perry, and a great - nephew, Dave McDowell.
  - II Nancy Ruff (1798 - 1884), who married Dr. Isaac Lan(g)hon. There were at least two children.
    - III Annie
    - III Elizabeth
    - III Joseph (?)
  - II Daniel H. Ruff (9/1/1799 - 9/30/1849), who married twice.
    - (1) Jane E. Kennedy (1/2/1803 - 11/19/1862). Nine children.
    - III Jane C. Ruff, who married William Souter and moved to Columbia County, Arkansas.
      - III Adam Fletcher Ruff, who married Margaret Elliott of Rock Hill SC.
      - III John Ruff (1830 - 1850)
      - III Daniel Walter Ruff (1833 - 1862), who married Harriett Shedd. Two sons.
        - IV William Herbert Ruff, who married Eloise Davis. At least one child.
          - V Isabel Means Ruff, who married a Traylor.
          - IV Walter Ruff, who married.
      - III Margaret Elizabeth Ruff (9/6/1834 - 8/23/1903), who married William Henry Stack (12/28/1826 - 3/25/1896). He was the son of William Stack (1797 - 1849) and Sarah (1784 - 1866) and had five sisters and one brother, all older than he. Eight children.
        - IV William Daniel Stack, who married Minnie Gertrude Swygert.
        - IV Jane Elizabeth Stack (8/15/1857 - 4/15/1900), who married John Michael Folk (9/27/1858 - 11/30/1909). Two children.
          - V Rosa Mae Folk, who married John L. Windhorn. Eight children.
          - V William Folk, who married Alice Dickart. One child.
            - VI William Folk Jr., who married Jean Moore Hughes. Two children.
              - VII Lisa Folk
              - VII Beth Folk
      - IV Thomas Taylor Stack, who married Amelia Welsh.
      - IV Mary Fletcher Stack, who married James Walter Mitchell. One child.
      - IV Wade Hampton Stack, who married Lula — (d. 10/5/1906).
      - IV Lottie Stack, who married John Michael Folk. She was his second wife. Two children.
        - V Eloise Folk, who married twice.
          - (1) Dr. H. M. Risley
          - (2) H. A. Axson. No children.
        - V John Clarence Folk (died 1950), who married Eugenia Lee Harris. One child.
          - VI Dorothy Folk, who married Lloyd Henderson. Four children.

- VII John Henderson
- VII Vic Henderson
- VII Patricia Henderson
- VII David Henderson
- IV James Douglas Stack, who married twice.
  - (1) Nelly Pope
  - (2) Pearle —
- IV Newton Giles Stack, who never married.
- III Arthur D. Ruff (1838 - 6/14/1857)
- III Mary Elizabeth Ruff (1839 - 1871), who married Nathan Jacob Dubard on November 27, 1856. Their three children are listed under the Dubard Family data.
- III William A. Ruff (1845 - 1917), who married Mary Sue Lever, sister of Dr. John D. F. Lever and of Jeff Lever. Five children.
  - IV Nannie Ruff, who married John D. F. Monts. Nine children: Mary, Janie, Julia, Fletcher, James, John William, Carlisle, Jacob, and Olin.
  - IV Sallie Ruff, who married Brooks Koon. No children.
  - IV Willie Ruff, who died a young bachelor.
  - IV Ernest Ruff, never married, who lived on Route 21 near Crane Creek.
  - IV Olin Ruff, who moved to Texas.
- III Sarah E. Ruff (1848 - 1865), who never married.
  - (2) Elizabeth Johnston, who may have been a widow. Five children. [William R. Troxler, a Ruff descendent says the five were her children by her first husband, but they were listed as "my children" in Daniel Ruff's will.
- III Harriet, who married twice.
  - (1) ——— Johnston
  - IV Harriet
  - IV Susannah
  - (2) John W. Perry
  - IV David Perry
- III Catherine
- III Elizabeth, who married Lewis Perry.
- III Susan(nah), who married Thomas W. Wescott.
- III Jemima, who married James Watts.