

THOMPSON FAMILY NOTES

The three Thompson brothers of the Jackson's Creek Community in the early 1800's, namely James Thompson, Alexander Thompson and William Thompson, were sons of John and (Jane Young?) Thompson. The author has reviewed the will of John Thompson (undated but written around 1800). The will mentions the following family:

Wife: Not mentioned - must have been deceased.

Sons: James Thompson (oldest), Alexander Thompson, and William Thompson (youngest)

Daughter: Elizabeth Thompson

Grandson: John Alexander Thompson (son of Alexander)

The author believes (with apologies to a dear friend of my family, the late Rev. Ludwig A. Beckman, author of the "Thompson Family History") that the wife of Alexander Thompson was Isabella Cameron, not Isabella Campbell. She was probably the daughter of Simon and Isobel (Isabella) Cameron of Jackson's Creek. Simon Cameron was apparently the brother of James Cameron, Joseph Cameron, and perhaps Andrew Cameron, all early Fairfield County residents. The author believes Isabella Thompson was a Cameron for the following reasons:

- (1) She would have had her mother's name.
- (2) Simon and Isobel Cameron were witnesses to the will of John Thompson (father of Alexander).
- (3) James and William Thompson lived next to Simon Cameron in the 1800 census.
- (4) In 1810, Alexander Thompson was apparently living on Simon Cameron's place. (He was probably deceased).
- (5) The second son of Alexander Thompson was Simon Thompson (1807-1828).
- (6) Alexander Thompson's daughter, Jane Young Thompson, married Andrew Y. Hanna (noted previously). They had a son who died early named Simon A. Hanna (August 1826-September 13, 1836).
- (7) John Alexander Thompson (son of Alexander) and Sarah Rebecca (Yongue) Thompson had a son named Simon Leroy Thompson (June 30, 1840-September 28, 1875).

John Thompson willed his plantation in Laurens County (where the Thompsons first lived after immigrating from Ireland) to his oldest son, James Thompson. After Isabella Thompson died, Alexander Thompson married Dorothea (Herron) Thompson, widow of his nephew, Alexander Rogers Thompson. She survived him.

John Alexander Thompson (August 4, 1800 - September 18, 1875) and Sarah Rebecca (Yongue) Thompson are both buried at Bethsalem cemetery in Choctaw County, Mississippi. Also buried there are Andrew Y. Hanna and his first wife Jane Thompson Hanna, and his second wife, Catherine Delashama, who survived him. Jane Thompson Hanna, born August 14, 1804, died February 16, 1842, was the mother of all the Hanna children.

FAIRFIELD AND CHESTER COUNTY, S. C. KENNEDY'S

A group of people named Kennedy settled in Fairfield and Chester counties just prior to and shortly after the Revolutionary War. A partial list of these Kennedy's follows:

(1) Alexander Kennedy - Born December 6, 1743 at Aoghill, County Antrim, Ireland. He died February 11, 1826 near Ridgeway, Fairfield County, South Carolina. He immigrated to South Carolina about January 24, 1764, and received a land grant on Cedar Creek in Fairfield County on October 4, 1768. Alexander Kennedy married Agnes Fears (Fair) around 1774. Agnes was born February 14, 1754, and died June 7, 1824. Both are buried at the Old Craig Cemetery near Ridgeway, S. C. They had 10 children, 8 sons and 2 daughters. Numerous descendants of this couple lived in Fairfield County in the 1800's.

(2) William J. Kennedy - A brother of Alexander, above - born in 1751 in County Antrim, Ireland. He died in 1820 in Fairfield County, S. C., William Kennedy was probably married three times:

(A) Jennet Richardson - William Kennedy was listed as the son-in-law of (Thomas?) Richardson in his will in Fairfield County in 1786.

(B) Elizabeth Elliot - married about 1786.

(C) Nancy Freeman - a widow - married November 10, 1811. She survived him.

William Kennedy had at least four children by one or both of his first two wives; two sons and two daughters. He received a land grant in Fairfield County February 6, 1773.

(3) James Kennedy - Received a land grant on Beaver Creek in Fairfield county about 1772. This man is believed to have had a family, as his land grant was for several hundred acres of land, which was later partially sold to other people. The author has no more information on this man except a "hunch" that he may have been the James Kennedy buried at Old Purity Presbyterian Cemetery with the inscription "James Kennedy, died October 31, 1790, aged 73 years". (This would have meant he was born in 1717).

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