

A SKETCH HISTORY
OF THE
TURNERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S. C.

The first ancestor of the Turners of Fairfield County, S. C. was named John Turner, who came to the United States before the Revolutionary War. In historical records are the following statements:

"The Hon. John Turner, of Scotch parents, migrated from the North of Ireland and settled in South Carolina, previous to the Revolutionary War, in which he took an active part and distinguished himself as a valiant soldier, a devoted patriot, and a true friend of his adopted country. To these noble traits of character were joined those of the devoted, humble Christian. For many years, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church and devotedly attached to her doctrine and simple form of faith. As a patriot, he was esteemed and honored by all who knew him. The people of Capt. John Turner's district, as proof of his personal worth, elected him to a seat in the State Legislature for fourteen years in succession. He was a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina."

John Turner was born in 1750 and married Margaret Adger in 1773. Margaret was eighteen at the time of her marriage; she was born in 1755. In 1807, when the Hon. John Turner made his will, Margaret Adger Turner was dead and his second wife's name was Jean. At this time, John Turner was a man of considerable wealth, owning many tracts of land, a number of slaves, a grist mill, a cotton machine, carriage, and large stocks of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. All of these are mentioned in his will.

The children receiving bequests in his will were Molly-Peggy, wife of John McCrorey; a son, William Alexander Turner; Margory, wife of Samuel Law; Martha,

wife of James Law; and Agnes, Wife of David Boyce. There were also bequests to the grandsons: John Turner, Alexander Hugh and Josiah William Hugh, sons of a deceased daughter, Elizabeth Turner Hughs.

Agnes Turner Boyce was the last surviving member of John Turner's family of six children. She died in Panola County, Miss., December 27, 1857 in her 69th year. Her husband, David Boyce, died in 1830 and was buried at Padgetts Creek Church cemetery in Union County, S. C. A great-great granddaughter of Agnes Turner Boyce was Mrs. Louise Mosely Heaton of Clarksdale, Miss. , who was nominated in April, 1941, as President of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

The history of the McCrorey and Law families has been incorporated in McMaster's history of Fairfield, and it includes sketches of Molly-Peggy Turner McCrorey's family and descendants and also sketches of Marjory and Martha Turner Law and their families.

The son of John Turner and Margaret Adger Turner was William Alexander Turner, who married a Waugh. To this union was born two sons, James and John. James and John married sisters, Elizabeth and Nancy Kennedy of Fairfield District, S. C.

Before the Civil War, John Turner and his wife, Nancy, moved with their large family of sons and daughters to Granada County, Mississippi, and settled near the town of Holcomb. There are many descendants of John and Margaret Adger Turner there today. Among the sons of John and Nancy were John, Jr., H. K., Weslie, P. D., Robert, and W. A. Turner. One son was killed at Fishers Creek during the Civil War. One of Capt. Robert Turner's daughters married a Turnipseed of Columbia, S. C. and were parents of Rev. Turnipseed, the Methodist minister. Carrie, one of John Turner's daughters, married Steve Dunlop of South Carolina, and Ellen, another daughter of Capt. Robert Turner married Dr. J. H. Bitzer of Alexandria, Va. One of John Turner's

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granddaughters married a Catledge. They were the parents of Turner Catledge, the Washington correspondent for the New York Times.

James Turner and his wife, Elizabeth Kennedy Turner, settled in the Lebanon section of Fairfield County, S. C. They had four sons-- Dr. William Kennedy, Alexander Yongue, James Butler and John Middleton, who died in early manhood.

James Butler Turner married Sarah Young. They had nine children--Robert Y., William M., C. K., Pierce, Fred, and Louise, Alex, Grady, and Isabel T. McKinnon. William J. married Elizabeth Turner. They had five children--Younge, Earl, Wm. J., Bertha Turner Wrike, and Louise T. Jordan. C. K. married Annie Stewart. Their children are Stewart, L. E., Sara T. Tennant, Patty, and Bettie T. Walker. Pierce married Mamie Stevenson. They had five children--J. B., Coleman, Marvin, Agnes and Kathleen T. James. Alex married Julia Rian; Grady married Cattle Ruth Stevenson; Isabel married Lawrence McKinnon. They had one child, Janie Catharine Yarborough.

Alexander Yongue Turner fought in the Civil War. He married Henrietta Aiken Martin. They had four children--John Middleton, James Yongue, Elizabeth and William Waugh. John M. married Margaret Brice. They had six children--Janie and Merle, who died early, Maggie B. McCants, Irene T. Scarborough, Ruth T. McCracken and John Middleton. Elizabeth married William J. Turner. Their children are Earle, William J., Bertha T. Wrike, and Louise T. Jordan. James Y. married Sara Belle Lemmon. They had five children--Lemmon, Pauline Turner Crawford, Margaret Turner Dixon, Janie and Rosalie. William Waugh married Ruth Dorman. They had six children--Dorothy Turner Chesson, William Waugh, Jr., Alethea Turner, Elizabeth T. Clark, Ruth Turner Johnson, and J. Dorman Turner, who married Mary Lyda Doty.

In 1859, Dr. William Kennedy Turner (Feb. 22, 1834-Nov. 22, 1885) married Maria Elizabeth Lemmon (Jan. 17, 1834-Feb. 9, 1921). They had five children--Anna, Minnie, Emma, William Kennedy, and John Y.

Anna married D. L. Stevenson. Their children were Annie Stevenson Castles, E. L., W. J., Leonard, and Nina Stevenson McClintock.

Minnie married a Dr. Scruggs. Their only child died while a student at Clemson College

Emma married J. W. Pope. They had eight children--Frank, Turner, Robert, John, Lindsay, Jeannette P. Boulware, Sara Belle P. O'Donnell, and Mary Pope Colvin.

John Y. married Essie Zealy. Their children were John Y., Jr., Wallace, Merrill T. Jennings, and Helen T. Willis.

William Kennedy Turner (Dec. 27, 1871-Dec. 27, 1964) married Floride Jeannette Carroll (Oct. 27, 1873-Aug. 1937). They had eight daughters and one son: Bessie Marion T. Ross, J. Carroll Turner, Wilma Jeanette T. Crawford, Floride Elizabeth T. Pope, Mary Louise T. Blair, Annette T. Smith, Ruby Lee T. Sweatman, Edna Earle T. Schorr, and Millie Frances T. Felder.

Bessie Marion Turner (Nov. 12, 1894) married John A. Ross (Jan. 29, 18__ - June 8, 1968). They had one child, J. Marion Ross (7-24-30), who married Ann Brown (). Their children are: Marian Brown Ross (Sept. 14, 1955), Claudia Parker Ross (October 21, 1961), and John A. Ross (May 25, 1963).

J. Carroll Turner (October 20, 1896) married Mabel Lee Pressley (May 14, 1897). They had two children--Mary Edith Turner and J. Carroll, Jr. (March 17, 1927). J. Carroll Jr. married Juanita Douglas (Sept. 3, 1927). Their children are Linda Jo (July 29, 1949), Sharon Douglas (June 19, 1952) and Janice Lanette (Aug. 22, 1955). Linda Jo married Derrell S. Rice (Feb. 5, 1949). Their children are Lisa Michelle (March 15, 1969) and Derrell S., Jr. (July 29, 1973.) Sharon Douglas married Grover Branham (July 12, 1953). They have one son, James Christopher (Oct. 13, 1974). Janice Lanette married John H. Wilson, Jr. (Sept. 27, 1949).

Wilma Jeannette Turner (Nov. 28, 1898-Dec. 31, 1975) married John Marion Crawford (Jan. 21, 1892-May 31, 1965). They had no children.

Floride Elizabeth Turner (Jan. 26, 1901-March 14, 1937) married Hayes B. Pope (Oct. 3, 1893-October 15, 1950). They had one son, Hayes B. Pope, Jr. (May 16, 1925). He married Audrey Estes (). They had one daughter, Sylvia Lee (Sept. 24, 1955) who married Jeffrey Neil Walker (March 6, 1951).

Mary Louise Turner (May 9, 1903) married Frazier Turner Blair (June 21, 1904). They had two children, Floride Jeanette (June 15, 1938) and Lawrence William (July 3, 1940). Floride Jeanette Blair married William Harriss Yopp, Jr. (Jan. 2, 1937). They had three children: Robbin Lynn (Nov. 27, 1960), Gregory William (Feb. 19, 1963) and Elizabeth Jeanette (Feb. 6, 1967). Lawrence William married Joan Diane Brewer (Aug. 2, 1945). They had two children, Lisa Joyce (Nov. 20, 1965) and Courtenay Lee (Feb. 3, 1968).

Edna Earle Turner (Dec. 22, 1906) married William Best Schorr (Jan 1, 1836-Oct. 3, 1970). They had no children.

Annelle Turner (Dec. 21, 1908) married Charles W. Smith (Nov. 14, 1911). They had two children, Elaine Carroll (Feb. 13, 1942) and Richard Alan (Dec. 9, 1946). Richard Alan married Suzanne Jones (). They had two children, Ernest Scott (Sept. 2, 1972) and Sarah Allison (June 9, 1976).

Ruby Lee Turner (Sept. 30, 1911) married Carl Alden Sweatman (Aug. 10, 1911-Oct. 5, 1970). They had two children, Carl Alden, Jr. (Aug. 24, 1941) and Jennifer Carroll (March 27, 1947). C. Alden married Betsy Cave (). Jennifer Carroll married Glenn Louis Meetze (March 24, 1947). They had two children, Michael Glenn (Sept. 1, 1973) and Kimberley Lauren (July 1, 1977).

Willie Frances Turner (June 27, 1914-July 27, 1976) married Candler Hart Felder (Feb. 5, 1913- (). They had two children, Candler Hart, Jr. (May 5, 1944) and William Platt (June 20, 1949) who married Mary Hutto ().