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TURNER, JOHN (1750-1807).

John Turner, a native of Ireland, immigrated to South Carolina prior to the American Revolution. He settled in the area that became Fairfield County. A planter, he owned 300 acres on Wateree Creek in Camden District and 100 acres and three tracts at undisclosed locations. His residential plantation contained 250 acres. An inventory of his estate recorded twenty-two slaves. During the Revolution, Turner served as a captain (1779). At his death he held the rank of major. The District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers elected him to the Second Provincial Congress (1775-1776) and the First General Assembly (1776). Following a special election, Turner qualified on 1 March 1786 to represent his home district in the House during the Sixth General Assembly (1785-1786). Reelected to the House, he continued to serve the District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers in the Seventh (1787-1788) and Eighth (1789-1790) General Assemblies. After the Constitution of 1790 established Fairfield County as an election district, Tucker represented Fairfield in the House in the Tenth (1792-1794), Eleventh (1794-1795), and Twelfth (1796-1797) General Assemblies. Subsequently, the election district of Fairfield, Chester, and Richland counties elected him to the state Senate for the Thirteenth (1798-1799) and Fourteenth (1800-1801) General Assemblies. His other offices included the following: commissioner of the high roads in Chester District (1784); county court judge for Fairfield (1785, 1794); and justice of the peace for Fairfield (1786).

Married twice, Turner first wed in 1773 Margaret Adger. She was probably the mother of his seven children: Mary Margaret (m. John McCrory), Agnes (m. David Boyce), William Alexander, Marjory (m. Samuel Law), Rosslyn, Martha (m. James Law), and Elizabeth (m. William Hughs). He mentioned his second wife, Jean, when he wrote his will shortly before he died. John Turner died on ^{the} 30 July 1807.

<i>Second Provincial Congress</i>	<i>District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers</i>	<i>1775-1776</i>
<i>First General Assembly</i>	<i>District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers</i>	<i>1776</i>
<i>Sixth General Assembly</i>	<i>District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers</i>	<i>1786*</i>
<i>Seventh General Assembly</i>	<i>District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers</i>	<i>1787-1788</i>
<i>Eighth General Assembly</i>	<i>District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers</i>	<i>1789-1790</i>
<i>Tenth General Assembly</i>	<i>Fairfield</i>	<i>1792-1794</i>
<i>Eleventh General Assembly</i>	<i>Fairfield</i>	<i>1794-1795</i>
<i>Twelfth General Assembly</i>	<i>Fairfield</i>	<i>1796-1797</i>

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