

THE SALTER FAMILY

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From available records it is established that the Salter family originated in England. In about 1200 the Salter family resided at, and were Lords of the Manor called "Bokenhamis." The Age of Chivalry was at its peak at that time. Knights wore armor and flowing plumes, and remembered their manners with the ladies.

Three branches of the family came to America. In 1606 the Virginia Company was formed for the purpose of planting an English colony in America. Sir Nicholas Salter and the Salter Company contributed money and were members of the band of adventurers who established the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

Descendants of the family eventually settled in North Carolina, one branch locating in Beaufast and Hyde Counties, and another branch in Bladen County on the Cape Fear River. It may be noted here that many members of the Salter family have been engaged in every war fought in America since they landed at Jamestown, Virginia, and up to the present time.

William Salter of Bladen County, North Carolina, was born in 1700. He married Mary Locke in Bladen County.

As this is a history of the families in Stewart County, Georgia, only the direct ancestors of the family are hereinafter treated.

Richard, the second son of William and Mary, was born Jan. 11, 1737. He married Ann (surname unknown) and died Oct. 15, 1795. The issues of this marriage were: Richard, James, John, William, Mary and Ann. Their fourth son, William, married Elizabeth Kemp.

The children of William Salter and Elizabeth Kemp were: James, Joseph R., John D., Elizabeth and Sarah. Their first son, James, was born in 1789. His wife was Mary Locke, born in 1787. Their children were: Richard Lloyd, Thomas Locke, Sallie, Nancy and Mary Jane. James visited his sons, Richard Lloyd and Thomas Locke, in Stewart County in 1850. Upon returning to North Carolina, he was drowned in Cape Fear River while saving his cattle from the high water.

I. Richard Lloyd Salter, the first child of James and Mary, was born in 1811 in Bladen County, N. C. He came to Stewart County in 1836. With his brother, Thomas Locke Salter, he acquired a plantation a few miles north of Florence, Ga. For many years he was a member of Hiram Lodge of Masons at Florence. To him and his wife, Jane E. Gresham, were born: Richard Lloyd, Katherine, Ann, Goodie and Susan.

(1) Richard Lloyd Salter married Florence Martin in Stewart County. They located in Columbus where they died, leaving their

children, Mrs. Mamie King, Thomas Lloyd and Mrs. Ruth Lynch.

(2) Katherine Salter married John Davidson in Stewart County.

(3) Ann Salter married Charles Land in Stewart County.

(4) Goodie Salter married Sparks Anderson in Stewart County.

(5) Susan Salter married Joseph Reese in Stewart County.

II. Thomas Locke Salter, the second son of James Salter and Mary Locke, was born in Bladen County, N. C., in 1815. He came to Stewart County in 1832. On January 26, 1843, he was married to Mary Jane Durham, daughter of Seth and Mary Durham of Stewart County. He and his brother, Richard Lloyd, acquired a plantation a few miles north of Florence, Ga. He died June 17, 1873, and is buried at Florence, Ga.

Thomas Locke Salter and his wife, Mary Jane, were the parents of several children, all of whom died in childhood except Thomas James and Edwin Joab Salter.

Edwin Joab, born in 1853 in Stewart County, located in Florida and died there.

Thomas Locke Salter's second marriage was to Susan R. Persons (a widow) in Early County. Their children were: George Mercer, born 1859, died in Texas; Joseph, born 1865, died in Texas in 1882; John, born 1869, died in Texas; and Emma, born in 1862, died in 1870.

Thomas James Salter, the oldest son of Thomas Locke and Mary Jane, was born June 21, 1847, in Early County, Ga. He married Georgia Elizabeth Fitzgerald in Stewart County May 12, 1870. She was born Nov. 27, 1846, the daughter of James Fitzgerald and Nancy Hilliard Fitzgerald. After their marriage they lived on a plantation owned by Georgia Fitzgerald Salter. Eventually, and when the town of Omaha was created, a house was built in the town and the family moved there.

Thomas James Salter was for many years a member of Hiram Lodge of Masons. This Lodge is now located at Omaha. The Salters were Methodists, but after the marriage of Thomas and Georgia, he joined the Baptist Church, and descendants of this couple continued in the Baptist faith.

Thomas was always interested in trotting horses, and at one time bought a number of the Hambletonian breed of trotters from Kentucky. During the Civil War, he served with Co. E, 3rd Georgia Cavalry, under Capt. Thornton. Later he was in Wheeler's Cavalry where he served until the close of the War. His faithful slave, Prince, was with him during the period of his service. He died Aug. 8, 1898, and was buried in Fitzgerald family cemetery. Georgia, his wife, was graduated from the Glenville Female Seminary, Glen-

ville, Alabama. She died Dec. 11, 1936, and is buried in Fitzgerald family cemetery.

The children of Thomas James and Georgia Salter are:

1. May died at Orlando, Fla., Nov. 27, 1901.

2. Alice Alberta married Will E. Keaton of Mitchell County in 1898, and lived there until his death Aug. 1908. She now resides at the family home in Omaha. Their children are: Thomas James Salter Keaton in U. S. Navy, now a prisoner of the Japanese in Philippine Islands. Margaret Keaton McKenzie living in Miami, Fla., with her husband, Dr. J. S. McKenzie, Jr., and their two children John S. III and Bill Tom McKenzie. Will Edward Keaton, Burbank, Calif., who married Genevieve Teague.

3. Fitzgerald Salter married Eula Lee Davidson. They live in Montgomery, Ala., where he has long been prominent in church affairs and social, civic and political activities throughout the state. Their children are: (a) Ethel, who married Norman Winn Gayle. Their children are: Mary Lee, Norman Winn Gayle Jr.; and Ethel Fitzgerald Gayle. (b) James Davidson Salter married Ethel Abbott. He is now in the Army.

4. Ethel Salter married Harry K. Pettigrew in 1912. They lived in New Orleans, La., until her death in 1927. Children are: Alice May Pettigrew; Thomas Salter Pettigrew, now in the Army Air Corps.

5. James Crisp Salter married Martha Herndon Akers in 1914. He is engaged in the automobile business in Montgomery, Ala. He died in 1940. Children: James Flewellen Salter, now in the Army Air Corps; and Martha Frances Salter who died in 1942.

6. Thomas Jefferson Durham Salter married Edna Souchereau in 1912 at Carson City, Nevada. He was admitted to the practice of law in Nevada in 1909, and was a commissioned Reserve Captain of the Infantry after World War I, thereafter Colonel and Judge Advocate General of the Nevada National Guard. He was Superintendent of State Police of Nevada; twice elected National Executive Committeeman, American Legion and State Commander of that body. He is now District Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Nevada. Children: (a) Thomas James Durham Salter, Captain and Radar Officer, 603rd Coast Artillery, Burbank, Calif. (b) Fitzgerald Norcross Salter, Captain, 420th Coast Artillery, located in the Aleutian Islands.

7. Georgia Bula Salter married Enoch McLendon Lee in 1911. She resides at Omaha in the family home. Children: (a) George Salter Lee, employed in defense work at Warner Robins Field, Wellston, Ga. (b) Katherine Lee married Frank Dunaway. They, with children Jan and Frank, Jr., reside at Thomaston, Ga. (c) Len Lee married Josephine Morgan. They live in Americus, Ga. (d)

Robert E. Lee died in 1925. (e) John Bennie Lee, U. S. Navy (f) Marni Lee, attending school in Macon, Ga.

THE JAMIESON SCAIFE FAMILY

Rev. Jamieson Scaife was born in Union district in South Carolina in 1810. He was raised on a plantation not far from Spartanburg. As his educational advantages were limited, he educated himself after reaching maturity by devoting all of his spare time to study. In 1835 he came to Georgia and settled in Jasper County, where he married Melissa Lovejoy who was born in that county. A little later he was received into the Georgia Conference of the M. E. Church. His family became large and his salary was insufficient for their needs, so he withdrew from the Conference, moved to Alabama for a year, then came to Stewart County and bought a plantation in the 22nd district on the old roadway leading from Florence to Union. He was a very successful farmer and accumulated quite a lot of property. After the War he moved to Eufaula, Ala., where he engaged in merchandising. In 1873 he moved to Mitchell County. He died in 1875. His wife died in Alabama in 1891. She was born in 1810 and was eighty-one years of age at her death.

Thirteen children were born to this couple. Three died in infancy. F. A. Scaife, a Confederate soldier, was killed at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He with his brothers, Prof. J. F. Scaife, Dr. W. L. Scaife, and J. H. Scaife were educated at the Boys Independent Academy at Lumpkin.

W. L. Scaife was a pioneer physician of Stewart County.

J. H. Scaife became a prominent lawyer and was Judge of the County Court at Camilla.

Three of the daughters married citizens of Mitchell County, to which county belongs the remaining history of this family.

THE SHEPHERD FAMILY IN STEWART COUNTY

Two of the Shepherd brothers, Dr. W. A. and Edward Thompson Shepherd, owned large river plantations in Stewart County. They came from north Georgia in early pioneer days.

Dr. William A. Shepherd married Ann Smithe of Augusta. They settled on a plantation near where the town of Florence was built. Two children:

1. William Thomas Shepherd in later life became one of the outstanding leaders in the War Between the States. He organized a company of soldiers and went through the entire war.

2. Sarah Porter Shepherd married Abner Fluellen of Columbus. No children.

This family was living on the plantation when the town of Roanoke was destroyed by the Creek Indians, and on this planta-