

LESTER

James Lester, b. 1754 N. C., d. Baldwin Co., Ga. 6/18/1819, m. Henrietta, b. 1762, d. 7/10/1818 Baldwin Co., Ga., bur. in Lester family cemetery, 8 miles n. Milledgeville, Hwy 24, in a field. He was Rev. War Soldier, also fought in War of 1812! J. P. Burke Co. Ga. Listed 1790 Newberry Co., S. C. Census. Newberry County, South Carolina History and Genealogy by Sumner, P. 4: "Early pioneers and settlers were scotch-Irish, Irish-German, mingled with English, and French in a smaller degree...southwest of the Town of Prosperity were such pioneers as... James Lester, Samuel McQueen....and others."

The LWT of James Lester, rec. Baldwin Co. WB A, P. 157-8, dtd 2/13/1819 pvd 6/27/1820, names dau., Selia Smith, w. of John H. Smith! son, James D. Lester, one half of land on n.s. Little River in Putnam Co.; son, Eli Lester, one half of same lands; son, Benjamin L. Lester, one half of lands on ss. of Little River and plantation "whereon I now live"; and to son, William Lester, the balance of tract he drew in land lottery, on ss. of Little River in Baldwin Co. The land referred to in Burke Co. was no doubt that drawn by James Lester in 1805 Ga. land lottery. Issue follows:

I. Benjamin T. Lester, b. 7/24/1797, d. 4/30/1848 Baldwin Co., Ga., bur. Lester family cemetery, as above.

II. Celia Lester m. John H. Smith 12/6/1807 Baldwin Co., Ga., b. ca 1780, d. 1826 Baldwin Co., Ga. Celia was decd by 1840.

III. Eli Lester. The Southern Recorder, 12/2/1834: "Died in Baldwin Co. on 23rd ult., Mr. Eli Lester, age 44 years., for several years a member of the Baptist Church."

IV. James D. Lester m. Mason W. Turner 6/13/1816 Putnam Co., Ga., Listed 1820 Putnam Co. Census; 1830 Monroe Co. Ga. Census.

V. William C. Lester, listed 1820 Baldwin Co., Ga. Census.

The Southern Recorder, 6/9/1830: "In Leon Co., Fla., Sunday, May 9th, Mr. John Lester died, formerly of Pulaski Co. Ga., in his 83rd year...."