

John Rae, Sr., m. Phoebe Johnson, and d. Richmond Co., Ga. 1784, with considerable real estate holdings in Augusta, with Joseph Ray apptd admn. of his estate. Later, an appraisal made of estate 1796 Savannah, Ga. John Rae, Sr. was storekeeper in Town of Augusta and came directly from Ireland to this country. He was probably the first of his brothers to come, since one brother, James, was already deceased in Kingdom of Ireland at the making of John's Will dtd 1784, as noted in Will. His brother, Mathew and a sister were residents of Ireland in 1779, his sister being Deborah Armstrong. Another brother, Robert Rae, was in the country at a very early date, a prominent resident of Savannah, Ga. Issue of John Rae, Sr.:

I. Jane Rae m. Mr. Somerville after 1762, having dau., Ann Somerville. She inherited the Augusta holdings of her father and died there in 1779. She was named in the LWT of her uncle, Robert Rae, who died in Chatham Co., Ga. 1779. She was also named in LWT of her brother, John Rae, Jr., dtd 1777, who left her all of his Augusta land, she being extrx of her brother's estate, along with Robert Rae and Samuel Elbert. John Blenfield, indian trader, gives all his estate to Jane and Mary Rae, the daughters of John Rae, exr of his LWT dtd 10/24/1747, Richmond Co., Ga., being John Rae, Augusta Storekeeper.

Isaac Barksdale, Augusta, Indian Trader, in his LWT dtd 6/12/1757, bequeaths to Jane Rae, the dau. of his partner, John Rae, 1000 pds of S.C. currency to be paid to her at age of 18 years. His LWT pvd 11/8/1757, Richmond Co., Ga., with John Rae and John Oyston, exrs.

Edward Somerville, Savannah Merchant, in his LWT dtd 9/10/1762, pvd 9/20/1762, leaves Miss Jane Rae 100 pds sterling, and Judith Cammeron the remainder of the estate, with exrs being John Rae, Esq. and Thomas Eaton.

II. John Rae, Jr., of Savannah, Ga, his LWT dtd at Savannah, Ga., on 4/12/1777, naming exrs, his sister, Jane Somerville, Robert Rae, and Samuel Elbert. He makes bequests to dau. of Jane, Ann Somerville, leaving Jane all of his Augusta land. Also bequeaths to Elizabeth Elbert, the dau. of Col. Elbert; also Caty Elbert. Will recorded V. B., 1777-1787, Christ Church Parish, Chatham Co., Ga. John Barksdale, Augusta, Indian Trader, in his LWT dtd 6/12/1757, leaves to John Rae, Jr., one half of 500 acres of land on Uchee Island, 16 miles above Augusta, also one negro boy.

III. William Rae of Savannah, Ga., wife, Sarah Jane. Decd in 1787. His dau., Elizabeth Rae, m. Mr. Jones, she dying in 1817. Deed of William Rae and wife, Sarah, dtd 5/7/1787 of Savannah to Robert Jones of Richmond Co. for 150 acres, P. 66, Bk C, Richmond Co. deeds. Isaac Barksdale, Augusta Trader, in his LWT dtd 6/12/1757, bequeaths to William Rae a negro boy, Sambo, guns and pistols.

IV. Mary Rae. John Blenfield, Indian Trader, bequeaths all his estate to Jane and Mary Rae, daus. of John Rae, with exr, John Rae, Augusta Storekeeper, LWT dtd 10/24/1747 Richmond Co., Ga.

The brothers and sisters of John Rae, Sr., as follows:

A. Deborah Rae Armstrong lived in Ire. at date of LWT of another brother Robert Rae, in 1779.

B. Robert Rae, d. 10/1779 Savannah, Ga. His wife, Rebecca, and dau-in-law, Elizabeth Church. In his LWT dtd 10/13/1779, pvd 10/30/1779, he names his brothers, leaving to the children of his brother, James Rae, decd, of Ireland, as well as his sister, Deborah Armstrong of Ireland, land in Killein, Ireland and the plantation on the Savannah River, near Savannah, known as "Rae's Hall" on the island on Savannah River opposite Little Island and land n. of Hutchinson's island. (This land now in S. C.) To his nephew, James Rae of Augusta, he gives all his property and interest in Rae, Whitfield & Co., Rae's, Elbert & Co., and Rae's Elbert & Graham.

C. Mathew Rae, lived in Ireland.

D. James Rae, decd in Ireland in 1779, but his son, James Rae of Augusta Ga. This is probably the reason Robert Rae of Savannah left his Savannah River plantation, Rae's Hall, to him. Issue follows:

1. James Rae lived in Augusta, m. Ann, who later m. John Cobbison about 1791, after death of her husband. James d. 1789, intestate, in Columbia Co., Ga., July 2nd. By Lewis Gardner, Esq., Register of Probate for Co. of Richmond to Ann Rae, Whereas, James Rae, late of this co., decd, died intestate, dtd 7/2/1789, Columbia Co., Ga., L/A, 1788-98, Page 7. DB D, P. 141, Richmond Co., John Cobbison and wife, Ann, admrs. of est. of James Rae sell to George Graves, lot 19 in Augusta, Ga., 6/21/1791. Richmond Co. DB A2, P. 130, James Rae and wife, Ann, sell to Peter Wagnon of Augusta 1/2 acre on Broad Street, lot 18, 9/23/1789. June Term 1801 Mts., Richmond Co., the Heirs of James Rae, decd, asked that the ferry be called "Rae's ferry" on the Savannah River in Richmond Co. opposite Campbellton be confirmed. Issue of James Rae follows:

a. Isabella Rae, d. 1808 Richmond Co., Ga., names her grandmother, Phoebe Johnson; also her nephews, James Rae Wilkinson and Seaborn Jones Wilkinson, Richmond Co. Ga. Ests, LWT dtd 11/19/1807, pvd 6/6/1808. Richmond Co. DB F, P. 233, Seaborn Jones, and wife, Sarah Harwood, 8/29/1796 deed to Elizabeth and Isabella Rae, the daus. of the late James Rae, decd, 75 acres of land, being pt of 600 acres on the Savannah River at Rae's Creek, land orig. gtd to John Rae, Sr.

b. Elizabeth Rae m. 11/1/1796 Richmond Co., Ga., John B. Wilkinson, and had issue: James Rae Wilkinson and Seaborn Jones Wilkinson.