

Watson of Edgefield County, South Carolina

The first known Watson to Edgefield County was Captain Michael Watson, born ca 1726, died 1782 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He was presumably the son of William Watson (1695-1757) and wife, Penelope, but there is no proof of it. Michael appears to be a brother of John Watson, after examining the Edgefield County deed records.

John Watson of Edgefield County was born ca 1710. His LWT was signed 4/4/1788. Wife: Ann Murphy. They resided on the Little Saludy River on Mine Creek. He must have died after 1791, because he gave a deed dated 1/5/1791, Edgefield Deed Book 4, pp. 222-223, as John Watson Sr., planter of Edgefield County to my son, John Watson, Jr. of same for love and affection, one Negro man called Joe. On page 224, 1/5/1792, John Watson, Sr., planter of Edgefield County, gave to my daughter, Mary Odum, widow of the same place, for love and affection, 100 acres on Moores Creek, being a branch of the Little Saludy River bounded by Thomas Warren, Moores Creek and a road.

Children:

- 1. Arthur Watson died 1806 in Edgefield County, his LWT dated 2/17/1806, probated 9/12/1806. Children: Arthur Rice Watson, Abraham Richmond Watson, Hezekiah Watson, Abner Watson, Absalom Watson, Fanny Patcher, Patience Eidson and Lydia Warren.**
- 2. Willis Murphy Watson born 4/4/1741 Edgefield County, died 1/5/1811 in Burke County, Georgia.**
- 3. Jacob Watson**
- 4. William Watson**
- 5. John Watson**
- 6. Charity Watson married Anderson**
- 7. Ceale Watson**

8. **Mary Watson married Odom**
9. **Martha Watson, born 1753, died 1817, married Odom**
10. **Lucrea Watson married Jones**

Edgefield Deed Book 3, pp. 154, 161. 1/16/1788. Arthur Watson to John Watson, Sr. for 10 shillings, 35 acres in 96 District now called Cambridge on the waters of Cloud Creek in Edgefield County, said 35 acres granted to Arthur Watson on 2/5/1787.

Arthur Watson, son of John (above), gave a sworn statement on 6/5/1790, Edgefield County Deed Book 4, page 243, that in 1779 he, the said Watson, with Michael Watson and Joseph Howel, subscribed their names as witnesses to a set of conveyance of land made from William Watson to Jesse Partin, said 100 acres being granted on 8/26/1774 to William Watson and being located on Indian Creek of Cloud Creek.

Edgefield County Deed Book 3, pp. 311, 325. 7/25/1789. Arthur Watson of Edgefield County to Christian Curry of same place for ten pounds, sold 100 acres, being part of 420 acres granted on 9/3/1787 to Arthur Watson, located on a branch of Dry Creek of Mine Creek, bounded Northeast by Willis Murphy Watson's land and Jacob Watson, and Southeast by said Arthur Watson.



Edgefield County Deed Book 2, page 111. 10/20/1787. Lewis Watson of Edgefield County, planter, appoints my loving brother, Samuel Watson of same place as my lawful attorney in my name to collect from Robert Starke and Arthur Watson, executors of Captain Michael Watson's estate, deceased, the sum of 84 pounds.

Sources: Edgefield County Wills & Deeds.

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