

Historic Camden

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FAMILY HISTORIES

Parmelia and his sons, Samuel and Joseph. His son Samuel was born in 1772, so that Daniel must have been fully 75 or 80 years of age at time of his death and probably among the early settlers of this County.

SAMUEL KIRKLAND (AII), son of Daniel (AI), died in Kershaw County, February 26, 1857, age 79. His children were John, William, Daniel and Amelia Hester Dunlap (wife of James J. Dunlap).

JOHN KIRKLAND (AIII), son of Samuel (AII), died October 1868. His children were Richard Rowland Kirkland, noted for his act of heroism in bearing water to the wounded enemy at Fredericksburg, Daniel P. Kirkland, Jesse A. Kirkland, William Kirkland, Mary Truesdale (wife of S. J. Truesdale), and James Kirkland. James was deceased in 1870, leaving three sons, Frederick, Henry and Richard. Shannon B. Kirkland who resides in Camden is a son of Daniel P. Kirkland.

WILLIAM KIRKLAND (AIV), son of Samuel (AII), left a will probated 1862, disposing of his property to his wife, Margaret, and four children, Powell, Willie, Mary and Sarah Caroline.

DANIEL KIRKLAND (AV), son of Samuel (AII), died October 4, 1843; left no descendants.

JOSEPH KIRKLAND (BI), son of Daniel (AI), left a will dated January 19, 1848, probated December 28, 1849, disposing of his estate to his wife, Mary, and to his children, Daniel D. Kirkland, John P. Kirkland, Joseph K. Kirkland, Wm. G. Kirkland and a grandson Daniel K. Price.

II.

WILLIAM KIRKLAND (CI), served as Captain in the Revolution. He and Joseph Kirkland, who was probably his brother, settled on Cedar Creek in Fairfield County, near Richland County line, at least as early as 1753. He and Joseph are mentioned in Mills Statistics as brave fighters in the cause of the colonists. Both were members of the State Assembly of 1782 at Jacksonboro, which confiscated the property of many Tories, among them Moses Kirkland. As appears from the will of Benjamin McKinnie, dated August 24, 1759, found in Probate Court at Charleston, William had at that date married Elizabeth, daughter of said Benjamin and Joseph had married Lemender, another daughter. This Benjamin McKinnie was settled some eight miles south of Camden as early

as 1746, the date of a conveyance of land to him by Charles Ratcliff. In his will he mentions his following children:

Achelaus McKinnie	Fanny McKinnie
Penelope McKinnie	Christian McKinnie
Elizabeth Kirkland	Samuel McKinnie
Sarah Mackey	Michael McKinnie
John McKinnie	Pricilla McKinnie
Mary McKinnie	Lemender Kirkland

The will of this William Kirkland is of record in Probate office at Winnsboro, dated December 1806, probated December 27th, 1806. It names his son Joseph as Executor and disposes of his property to his children, Sarah Taylor, Frances Alston (wife of James Alston), Archy, Mary Honor, John Debell, Martha Maria. The three last-named were almost certainly the children of a second marriage. A daughter, Elizabeth Sorsby, had probably predeceased her father.

JOSEPH KIRKLAND (CII), son of William (CI) was born in 1773, educated as a physician, and in 1795 married Marianne Guerard, the young widow of Governor Benj. Guerard. After his marriage he resided in Charleston, where he served through the yellow fever epidemic of 1817. On November 12, 1817, he died and was buried in the family cemetery on Cedar Creek in Fairfield County. His gravestone contains the following inscription:

"Rest here the noblest work of God—a truly good man.
Weep not my wife nor son most dear
I am not dead but sleeping here.
My debts are paid and I am free.
Prepare to die and follow me."

Marianne, the wife of Joseph, was the daughter of Henry Kennan and Susannah Godin, who were married in 1751. Henry was among those imprisoned by the British on ships in Charleston harbor, suffering great hardships. His wife, Susannah, was the daughter of Benjamin Godin and Marianne Mazyck, both of the Huguenot Colony which came to Charleston about the year 1700.

WILLIAM LENNOX KIRKLAND (CIII), son of Joseph (CII), was born in 1797. He married Mary Anna Faber, widow of a Mr. Faber. She was a daughter of Dr.

Thomas E. Lynah, who was a son of Dr. James Lynah. Dr. James Lynah served as a surgeon in the Revolution and was originally from the Isle of Man. William died June 21, 1828, at the early age of 31, on a visit to the family home in Fairfield County, and lies in the family cemetery there near Cedar Creek.

WILLIAM LENNOX KIRKLAND (CIV), son of Wm. L. Kirkland (CIII), was born in 1828. Prior to the Civil War he resided in Charleston and on his rice plantation on the Combahee River. In 1859 he married Mary Miller Withers,¹ daughter of Judge T. J. Withers. During the Civil War his family was forced to reside in Camden, owing to military operations on the Coast. He was a member of the Charleston Light Dragoons and died in Richmond, June 1864, from a severe wound received in battle at Hawe's Shop, near Cold Harbor. He left three children, Thos. J. Kirkland, who married Fredricka Alexander; Mary Anna Kirkland; Elizabeth T. Kirkland (deceased), who married Thos. M. Trotter.

LEE.

The Lee family of Camden, now unrepresented in the county, claimed descent from one Thomas Lee, who emigrated from England in 1600 and, with a brother, settled in South Carolina. From another brother, who located in Virginia, descended the South's peerless chieftain, Robert E. Lee.

We may assume quite confidently that the Francis Lee who settled in 1752 on Beaver Dam, branch of Rocky Creek, in Chester County, a little south of the Waxhaws, was the ancestor of the Camden family.

It was probably his son, Joseph Lee, who was a member of the Jacksonboro Assembly in 1781 and of the House of Representatives from Camden District in 1784 and 1786.

¹In a town noted for the comeliness and charm of its women, Mrs. Kirkland was famed for her unusual beauty and intellectuality. Before her marriage, she made a tour of Europe with Mr. and Mrs. David R. Williams, and there, as in this country, her vivid personality attracted widespread admiring comment. After the death of her husband she lead a secluded life in her delightful Kirkwood home, "Kamschatka," never however losing interest in people and affairs. Her death, at the age of 87, occurred November 7, 1925.