

BIOGRAPHY
COLONIAL STARNES CEMETERY
By Herman Starnes

The Colonial Starnes Cemetery we dedicate today began before there were churches established in this area. Information given here is taken from the genealogy research of Herman Starnes and the Starnes family history book, *OF THEM THAT LEFT A NAME BEHIND*, written by H. Gerald Starnes and Herman Starnes.

DAVID STARNES (1758-1833) & BARBARA STARNES (1760-1824)

DAVID was born in Augusta County, Virginia. He died in Mecklenberg County which became Union County, North Carolina in 1842. He was the son of Mary and Frederick Starnes, Jr. and is named in his father's will. He married his cousin, Barbara Starnes, and they came from Washington County, Virginia to North Carolina in 1784. They are the progenitors of most of the Starnes who live in the Prospect Church Community. (See p.279)

FREDERICK STARNES, III (1765-1816)

FREDERICK, III was born in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Mary and Frederick Starnes, Jr. and the brother of David Starnes. The earliest record of Frederick Starnes, III found in North Carolina is from the Rowan County Court Records where the court orders that "Frederick Sterns, the orphan of Frederick Sterns, be bound to one Jacob Brown for two years to learn the trade of a wagon maker." He married Mary Fisher, daughter of Charles Fisher. Frederick died in 1816. Mary and seven of her nine children moved to Wilcox County, Alabama around 1826. (See p.448)

JACOB STARNES (1760-1815)

JACOB and his wife were living on Cane Creek in 1790. The Will of Frederick Starnes listed sons Jacob and David Starnes. He is also mentioned in the Will of his brother, Valentine Stearns. Jacob died 35 years before the name of his spouse and children were listed in the census records. The Mecklenburg County Administrator and Executor Bonds list Jacobs death date as 29 November 1815. The administrators of his estate were Mason Richardson, Richard Griffin and Solomon Harris. (See p.279)

FREDERICK STARNES (1772-1855) & MAGDALINE CLINE STARNES (1774-1855)

FREDERICK was a son of Captain John Starnes (1745-1780)). He married Magdaline Cline July 3, 1794 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. (pp. 533, pp.343 correction made by Herman 2006). (See p.343)

NATHANIEL STARNES (1784-1860) & SUSAN BOST STARNES (1789-1860)

NATHANIEL was the son of David and Barbara Starnes. Nathaniel served in the War of 1812-1814 in the Second Regiment, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He married Susan Bost of Cabarrus County, North Carolina in 1812. They lived on Pole Cat Branch, a tributary of Lynches Creek. Their descendants still live in the Prospect Church Community today. (See p.437)

JOSEPH STARNES (1787-1855) & CATHERINE THOMPSON STARNES (1790-1855)

JOSEPH was the son of David and Barbara Starnes. He married Catherine Thompson, Catherine who was the daughter of Alexander Thompson, circa 1809-1810. Joseph and Catherine resided in the Buford Township, Union County, North Carolina, and, evidently were members of the Prospect Church. Three of their children are buried in the Prospect Church Cemetery. (See pp 281-282)

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MOSES STARNES (1801-1842) & MARY RICHARDSON STARNES (1805-1870)

MOSES was the son of Frederick and Magdaline Cline Starnes. He married Mary Richardson, daughter of Edward and Jane Thompson Richardson, Jr. They settled on land in a part that was the old Mecklenburg County Union County, North Carolina. Moses Starnes was among a group of signers to petition the General Assembly to form Union County (1842). He owned 327 acres of land on the headwaters of Cane Creek. Three of his brothers also owned land here. They are the ancestors of the Starnes who live in the Bethlehem Methodist Church Community. (See pp 418-419)

VALENTINE STARNES (1810-1875) & BARBARA STARNES (1814-1904)

VALENTINE owned land adjacent to the land the Old Starnes Cemetery is on. He is listed as having been the last Starnes buried here (1875). His wife, Barbara Starnes, was the daughter of Joseph & Catherine Thompson Starnes. She is buried at Prospect Church Cemetery. (See p. 282)

CHARLES FISHER (Born prior to 1750-1814)

CHARLES owned land and lived near the Starnes on Cane Creek. He appointed his son William Fisher and his son-in-law Frederick Starnes, III to be "the entire executors of my last will and testament." He was the father of John Fisher, Frederick Fisher, Paul Fisher, William Fisher and Mary Fisher Starnes. Paul Fisher is buried in the Old Starnes Cemetery. Mary Fisher Starnes moved to Wilcox County, Alabama with her brother, William Fisher. (See Chapter XIX, p.448)

CAPTAIN JOHN STARNES (1745-1780)

CAPTAIN JOHN STARNES was a leader in the German Community. He was a judge of Mecklenberg County, North Carolina in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session 1778. He was a captain in the Second Regiment of the Mecklenburg County Militia in the American War of Independence. He died in the Battle of Camden in Camden District (now Kershaw Co.), S. C. He married Margaret Speck (German Specht) in 1770. A marker was placed in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in North Carolina in 2003 with the inscription "He died in the service of his Country." (Source: Taken from an article written by Judge Sanford Steelman, Jr., Matthews, North Carolina, and an article From the Collection of M. R. Simperts, Cocoa, FL)