

Reuben Brasfield of North Carolina and Mississippi

REUBEN BRASFIELD (C-2), probably son of Joseph Leonard Brasfield and ----- (C-1), died July 1810, Wilkinson Co., Miss. Territory; married Peggy ----- . 491

Similarity of names of family members leads to the assumption that Reuben Brasfield was brother of James Brasfield, whose son Thomas had sons Reuben, Charles and Abner.

Reuben and Joshua Brasfield signed a petition in Anson Co., N.C., in 1779 requesting that a new county be created from a part of Anson Co. ("Anson Co., N.C., Abstracts of Early Records"—M.W. McBee. Vol. 1, pp 137, 139)

Reuben Brasfield, for 7 pounds sterling money, was granted 300 acres of land in District of Camden, on the head of Ricefield Branch on Camden Road, Feb. 5, 1787. (Grant Bk. 14, p 241, Sec. of State of S.C.) Plat was dated Oct. 6, 1786. Two hundred and forty one acres of the tract surveyed for Reuben Brasfield were sold by James Clark, of Camden, to Ichabod Mixon for \$360.50 on Jan. 1, 1819. (Conveyance Bk. EE, p 266, Sumter Co., S.C.)

On August 3, 1795, Reuben Brasfield was granted 500 acres situated in Camden District on Little Swift Creek, Waters of the Wateree, "bounded N.E. by Joseph Paynes Land & said Brasfields, S.W. by Jennings, S. by Kershaws, E. by James's, the other side vacant." (Grant Bk. 41, p 368, Sec. of State, S.C.) Surveyed May 4, 1795; plat was certified July 16, 1795, by the Surveyor General.

Zachariah Smith and Frances, his wife, deed to Peter Smith, their son, for divers considerations, all of the tract on Buffalo Creek on south side of Percy's Creek, adj. Zachariah Smith, Jr.; signed by both; 30 Oct. 1800. Witnesses: Reuben Brasfield, William Ogden; proved by Reuben Brasfield 16 March, 1801, before Wm. Miller, Adams Co., Miss. Territory. (Bk. A, p 436, Land Records, National Archives, Dept. of Interior, Natural Resources Div.) 492

An 1805 Census of Wilkinson Co., Miss. Territory, at the

Mississippi Dept. of Archives, shows Reuben Brasfield to have a household composed of 2 males over 21, 4 females and 8 slaves. 492

Private Land Claim Dockets (Box Miss. 1-66, folder No. 55, Dept. of Archives, Washington, D.C.) show: — Reuben Brassfield claims a tract of six hundred and forty acres of land in Wilkinson Co., on waters of Buffaloe Creek by virtue of the occupance of the claimant on and before the 30th day of March, 1798. Reuben was certified as entitled to a patent therefor by Commissioners at Washington, Adams Co., Miss. Territory, 11 Feb. 1807.

Reuben Brasfield, Claim #307, application dated Dec. 31, 1807, for 200 acres of land situated on waters of Buffalo Creek in La. Granted Dec. 31, 1807, 200 acres. (Am. State Papers, Vol. 2, p 248)

Reuben Brasfield left an estate which included over 560 acres in Wilkinson Co., Miss. Territory. On July 6, 1812, in the Orphans Court of Wilkinson Co., Miss., Territory, the Commissioners, Lemuel Jackson, Moses Hadley and Henry Quine, reported a division of estate of Reuben Brasfield, "made without favor or affection." (Inventory and Accounts, Bk. 3, p 156)

Peggy Brasfield and son, Zachariah Brasfield, are shown to have been in Wilkinson Co., Miss. Territory in 1816. She was living in Wilkinson Co., Miss., in 1820. 493 494

On 21 Jan. 1825, Levi Potter conveyed to John Reynolds a tract of 625 acres situated in Sumter District, S.C., in the vicinity of land of Reuben Brassfield, said tract located on Swift Creek and Raften Creek, Waters of the Wateree River, bounded by lands of I. Mixon, James Clark, General Cantey, Dunlap and Willie Belvin. Witnesses: John Nettles, Wm. J. Reynolds, John W. Reaves. (Conveyance Bk. G, p 97, Sumter Co., S.C.)

Children:

1. Zachariah Brasfield, b. estd. 1778; d. 1816-1818; m. Mary Bickham. See C-3
2. Jackson Brasfield, d. 1810-1813. See C-12
3. Sarah Brasfield, d. after 1810; m. Prestwood Smith, March 3, 1806, Wilkinson Co., Miss. Terr. James Smith gave permission for marriage of his son to Sarah Brasfield. 491 492 (See Smith Excursus XS-7)
4. Leney (Terry) Brasfield, d. after 1810; m. Wm. F. Parker prior

to July 1810. *491 492*

5. Elizabeth Brasfield, d. before July 1810; m. James Smith. *491 492* (See Smith Excursus XS-7)

Child:

- a. Frances (Phanry) Smith, b. before July 1810. John Smith was appointed her guardian by Order of Court, Oct. 1, 1814. (Probate Court Minute Bk. 1, p 7, Wilkinson Co., Miss.) On Oct. 28, 1818, the Probate Court ordered notice be posted at the Court House at Ft. Adams 40 days prior to sale of lands Frances Smith inherited from her grandfather Reuben Brasfield and from Jackson Brasfield. (Probate Court Minute Bk. 1, p 32, Wilkinson Co., Miss.)
6. Mary Brasfield, d. after July 1810; m. William Irwin (Erwin).

See C - 13

SMITH EXCURSUS

ZACHARIAH SMITH (XS-7)

Zachariah Smith was born April 19, 1734; married Frances Smith, Sept. 10, 1756. 492 784

"Anson Co., N.C., Abstracts of Early Records" and "The Natchez Court Records" by M.W. McBee have much information on this family.

Children: 492

1. William Smith, b. Sept. 16, 1757; m. Prudence Bonner.
2. John Smith, b. Nov. 30, 1759.
3. Elizabeth Smith, b. Dec. 25, 1761; m. (1) John Murdock, m. (2) Joshua Brasfield, m. (3) James Foster. See C-100
4. James Smith, b. Feb. 16, 1764; m. (1) Sarah Phipps, m. (2) Ruth Thomson (?), m. (3) Elizabeth Brasfield. 784 See C-2
Children by Sarah Phipps: 784
 - a. Prestwood Smith, b. March 1, 1787; m. Sarah Brasfield. See C-2
 - b. John Smith, b. Sept. 8, 1788.
 - c. Nancy Smith, b. ca. 1791.
 - d. James Smith, b. ca. 1792.
5. Peter Smith, b. Sept. 18, 1766; m. Johanna Goodby.
6. Sarah Smith, b. June 22, 1768; m. Thomas Foster.
7. Zachariah Smith, Jr., b. Jan. 16, 1770; m. Sarah Kimbrel.
8. Mary Smith, b. Oct. 10, 1772; m. (1) William Kelsey, m. (2) John Foster.
9. Barbara Smith, b. May 20, 1774; m. Thomas Lovelace.
10. Martha Smith, b. March 11, 1776; m. Henry Hunter.
11. ----- Smith, b. dead.
12. Frances Smith, b. June 5, 1779; m. Fredrick Kimbrel.
13. Nancy Smith, b. Dec. 17, 1781; m. William Hunter.