

Murphree Records 1743-1800 South Carolina

This continues the records Chronology originally compiled in the winter of 1980-81. These entries are incomplete, with a few items that need to be edited.

The Move to South Carolina

Sorting out the earliest South Carolina records for this family is complicated by the presence of a large number of similarly-named Murphys. The 1790 South Carolina census, for example, lists seven men named William Murphy, six named John Murphy, three named Moses Murphy, and two each named Daniel and Solomon Murphy. Thus many of the earliest South Carolina grants cannot be definitely attributed to the members of this particular family. I have omitted below the grants made to persons who were not members of the family, but merely had similar names. A few grants which are uncertain are included below.

Excursus: Pendleton Nomenclature

Before 1785 Pendleton was an undesignated part of the huge Ninety-Six District, which covered the present 14 counties in the northwestern part of the state. From 1785 to 1788 it appears to have been part of Abbeville County of Ninety-Six District. From 1789 to 1795, it was known as Pendleton County of Ninety-Six District. From 1795 to 1798 it was known as Washington District, which was split into Pendleton District and Greenville District in 1798. In 1826, Pendleton District was split into Pickens and Anderson Districts. South Carolina did not use the term "County" again until 1868.

Deeds from 1789-1826 were inherited by Anderson District, into which the courthouse fell when Pendleton was split into Anderson and Pickens Districts in 1826. Since Anderson is now a "County", the early deed books are referred to as Anderson County deed books.

The Murphrees settled in the area that became Pickens District and is today known as Pickens County. Shortly after they arrived in South Carolina, this area was known as Pendleton "County" but (except for the brief period when it was Washington District) was Pendleton "District" by 1798.

14 Jun 1784 Plat: **William Murphy**, 640 acres on 23 Mile Creek of Savannah River in Ninety-Six District. Grant dated 15 July 1784. [SC Land Plats, Vol. 6, p343 and Grant Book 3, p73]

Whether this is our William Murphree or not is somewhat uncertain, for he was a resident of Chatham County, North Carolina continuously through early 1788. Whichever William he was, he would later sell half this grant in 1788.

4 Sep 1786 Grant: **William Murphey**, 202 acres Ninety Six District on a creek of Saluda River ... Plat ... Surveyed [for whom?] 13. December 1784. [SC Grant Book 13, p218]

9 Aug 1787 Plat Filed: Grant dated 7 April 1788. **Moses Murphree**, 120 acres on a north branch of Twelve Mile River, Ninety-Six District. [SC Grants Book 22, p154 (plat), Book 20, p329 (grant)]

This is the first record of Moses Murphree in Pendleton.

A different Moses Murphy had recorded a plat the Pee Dee in Marlboro County, Cheraws District in 1786 – two Moses Murfees are in the 1790 census near this grant in Prince Fredericks Parish of Georgetown District, probably in what is now Marlboro County. (The Pee Dee separates Marlboro and Darlington.) He had a later grant in 1797 for land on the opposite side of the Pee Dee in Darlington County. (This other Moses Murphy is also mentioned in the “History of Old Cheraws” as marrying a daughter of Robert Williams.)

9 Aug 1787 Survey: Plat and Grant dated 9 February 1790 to **William Murphree**, 439 acres in Ninety-Six District on 12 Mile River. [South Carolina Land Grants, Vol. 27, p437 (plat) and Vol. 27, p75 and p188 (grant).]

10 Aug 1787 Plat: William Blythe, 120 acres south fork of Saluda River. [SC land Grants, Vol. 20, p204.]

William Blyth is apparently moving with the family to Pendleton District.

4 Sep 1787 Date of Plat: Grant dated 1 October 1787. **Levi Murphree**, 270 acres in Ninety Six District on the southwest branch of Woolanoy [Oolenoy] Creek, waters of Saluda River....[SC Land Grants, Vol. 20, p179 ([plat) and Vol. 20, p553 (grant).]

This is the first mention of Levi Murphree in Pendleton. The land was in the northern part of modern Pickens County, just below the Greenville County line, and several miles from the land claimed by his brothers.

19 Jan 1788 William Blythe a witness to deed of Alexander Eden to George Hudson for land on Carrock’s Creek, waters of Saluda River. [Anderson County Deed Book B, p243.]

I did not check for all references to William Blythe, but he has apparently joined his brothers-in-law in South Carolina.

4 July 1788 Deed: John Holland of Greeneville County to **Levi Murphree** of Abbeville County, £100, 200 acres in Abbeville County, Ninety-Six District, on both sides of Buck Creek of Twelve-mile River... granted to John Holland 1 January 1785. Witness: Baley Anderson, William Anderson, Benjamin Barton. Recorded 9 August 1790. [Pendleton County Conveyance Book A 1790-1793, pp100, abstracted in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 3, p77. Also abstracted in Willie, p7.]

It's not completely clear why Levi is identified as Abbeville, but Pendleton had not yet been formed and it appears that Abbeville had included the area just before the creation of Pendleton the following year. Several of the deeds in this book dated before the creation of Pendleton identify the lands as in Abbeville County.

Levi, who had initially located several miles northeast of his brothers, is buying land closer to them.

4 Oct 1788 Deed: **William Murphree** to Peter Conway, 320 acres on 23 Mile Creek of Savannah River in South Carolina (part of grant of 640 acres of 1784.) [Anderson (Pendleton) County Deed Book B, pp259, abstracted in Pendleton County, S.C. Deed Books A & B, Ge Lee Corley Hendrix (1980), p91.]

There appears to be a missing deed, for Peter Conway would later sell all 640 acres of this grant. The abstract does not, unfortunately, provide enough detail to be absolutely certain that this was the same William Murphree (but it certainly appears to be). How he managed to acquire a grant as a South Carolina citizen in 1784 while residing in North Carolina is unclear.

1 Mar 1790 Grant: **William Murphree**, 439 acres in Ninety-Six District on Twelve Mile River, surveyed 9 August 1787. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 27, p188.]

He would sell this land to Moses Murphree two years later.

15 Nov 1790 Deed: **Levi Murphee** of the Pendleton County, South Carolina to Daniel Taylor of Sullivan County, North Carolina, £100, 150 acres in Sullivan County near Holston River beginning at Alexander Cavatts corner... Signed **Levi (x) Murphree**. Witness: Walter Bellingley, Hamilton Reid. Recorded 14 January 1791 on oath of witnesses. [Sullivan County Deed Book 1, p442]

This is one of his grants of 1784, the one that plots to 150 acres. Alexander Cavett was killed by Indians three years later at Cavett's Station. There doesn't seem to be a record of his sale of the other grants.

9 May 1791 Road Order: Ordered that the following roads be laid off: a road leading from Douthetts Ford, Saluda, to run by Mr. John Adams's on the Illinois from thence to Thomas Standridge's on Old Town Creek and from thence to Wm. Marchbanks

on Wolf Creek. Another road to begin at the ford of Little Eastover from thence the nearest and best way to intersect at Wm. Marchbanks and then the two Roads to continue to Michael Johnston's, from thence to the ridge between Saluda and Savannah Rivers, and thence the nearest and best way till it intersects Clark's Road below Hurricane Creek. Overseers on the first mentioned Road leading from Douthetts Ford from the fork to John Adams's on the Illinois, on to the middle of the Creek, Mr. Amos Ladd, from thence to Standridge's, Mr. John Adams, and from thence to Wm. Marchbanks, **Levi Murphy**. Overseers on the second Road [Pendleton County Court Minutes 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 6, p88.]

The Court Minutes for Pendleton County exist only for the years 1790-1793.

17 May 1791 “1790 census” for Pendleton County was actually returned on this date, The “as of date” for information in the 1790 census was 9 August 1790, though whether that is true in this case is unknown.

p83	William Murphey	41100	
p84	William Marchbanks	24400	
	(12 names)		
	David Murphey	20300	
	(3 names)		
	Moses Murphey	21200	[who male over 16? Who female?]
	(4 names)		
	John Murphey	14300	
	(4 names)		
	James Murphey	32500	
p85	Solomon Murphey	11600	

South Carolina missed the deadline for returning the 1790 census and was the only state granted an extension. Pendleton’s census return was dated 17 May 1791. Whether the data is “as of” the required date (9 August 1790) or the actual date is anybody’s guess.

It appears that most of the sons of Daniel Murphree are now in Pendleton. John Murphree is apparently elsewhere – this John Murphey is likely the son of William, not the son of Daniel Murphree Sr. There is no sign of Daniel Murphree Jr.’s widow, who could not yet have been married to Marchbanks. She may have been married to an intermediate husband, or she and her children may be in one of the other Murphey households.

30 May 1791 Court Record: On the first page of the Court Minutes for 1790-1793 appears the brief entry: [two names illegible] **Murphree** gave to William Young... The

meaning of the accompanying date is unclear.

5 Dec 1791 Grants: **William Murphree**, five grants totaling 2204 acres.

204 acres surveyed for him August 1787 in Ninety Six District on a northwest fork of Twelve Mile River, bounded by David Brown and Daniel Perry. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 30, p147.]

226 acres surveyed for him 11 October 1787 in Ninety Six District on the Twelve Mile River. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 30, p148.]

688 acres surveyed for him 6 September 1787 in Ninety Six District on the branches of Mountain Creek, waters of Savannah River. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 30, p149.]

255 acres surveyed for him 3 September 1787 in Ninety Six District on Wolf Creek of Keowee River, bounded by land surveyed for William Gilespeie. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 30, p150.]

831 acres surveyed for him 1 September 1790 in Ninety Six District in Pendleton County on both sides of Town Creek a fork of Twelve Mile River, bounded by land laid out for Elizabeth Ann Purvis, land laid out for Joseph Duncan, land occupied by Benjamin Raster. [SC Land Grants, Vol. 30, p151.]

26 Jan 1792 Jury List: Ordered that a Petit Jury be drawn for the said District Court when the following names were drawn.... **Wm. Murphy**... [Pendleton County Court Minutes 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 6, p219.]

8 Jan 1793 Will of Charles Sinkler, wife Sarah, three sons Robert, John, and Charles, all my children. .Executor wife Sarah and trusty friend **William Murphree**. Witness: David Kiniman, **Jesse Murphree**, Wm. [Boner?] Proved 24 June 1794. Inventory and appraisal by Bailey Anderson, **Wm. Murphree**, **James Murphree**. [Pendleton District and Anderson County, S.C. Wills, Estates, Inventories, Tax Returns and Census Records, Virginia Alexander et al, p6.]

26 Jan 1793 **Wm. Murphree** vs. Eben Fain. Settled at Defendants cost. [Pendleton County Minute Book 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 7, p104.]

29 Jan 1793 **Wm. Murphee** vs. Ebenr. Fain, nonsuit. [Pendleton County Minute Book 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 7, p107.]

24 Jun 1793? Joseph Box vs. **Wm. Murphree**. Debt by note £ 15. 1 witness for Pltff. [Pendleton County Minute Book 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 8, p53.]

23 Jun 1793? Gideon Hog vs **Wm. Murphy**. Threw down the fence and took the mare out, tho warned by the Defendant Da. £50. Witnesses Wm. Johnston keeps Dromgooles Mill. [Pendleton County Minute Book 1790-1793, reported in *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 8, p56.]

These cryptic entries appear in the only extant court minute book for Pendleton.

19 Mar 1793 Deed: **William Murphree** to **Moses Murphree**, £60, 439 acres in Ninety-Six District on south fork of Twelve Mile River, surveyed 9 August 1787. Witness: James Powell, Johnathan (x) Gregory, **Aron (x) Murphree**. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p149, abstracted in, Pendleton District, S.C., Deeds 1790 to 1806, Betty Willie, p104.]

This is one of his grants of 1 Mar 1790.

2 Apr 1793 Deed: **Levi Murphree** and **Mary** his wife to Thomas Edwards, £35, 135 acres on Cowpen Creek of Ooloney. (Half of the 1787 grant.) Signed: **Levi (x) Murphree**. Witness: Joseph Roberts, William (x) Roberts. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p390, abstracted in Willie, p164.]

This is the first mention of a wife for Levi Murphree.

16 Jun 1793 Deed: Eliza Ann Purvis, widow, of Edgefield County to **William Murphee** of Pendleton County, £250, 640 acres in Pendleton County at a place called Seconah, on 12 Mile River, branch of the Savannah River. Witness: John Bynum, Seth Farrar. Recorded 24 June 1795. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, pp28, abstracted by Willie, p89.]

31 Dec 1793 Deed: John McKinsey to David Watkins, £100, 320 acres, part of 640 acres granted **William Murphey** 16 (sic) July 1784, purchased by Peter Conway 4 October 1788, then conveyed to Edwin Conway 24 February 1792, from Edwin Conway to John McKinsey 10 December 1793, on 23 Mile Creek, waters of Savannah River, bounded by John Martin, Andrew Warnock, John Robinson. Witness: Michael Warnock, Thomas Black. Recorded 17 May 1794. [Anderson County Deed Book B, p259, abstracted by Willie, p63.]

31 Dec 1793 Deed: John McKinsey to Thomas Black, £110, 320 acres, half of a tract of 640 acres on 23 Mile Creek, waters of Savannah River, Washington District, granted **William Murphey** 15 July 1784. Witness: Michael Warnock, Peter Black. Recorded 17 May 1794. [Anderson County Deed Book B, p261, abstracted by Willie, p63.]

It appears that McKinsey is selling the entire 1784 grant to William Murphey, though only one deed for half the grant was located.

- 11 Jan 1794 Deed: Alexander Burns to **Moses Murphree**, £30, 115 acres in Washington District on branches of North fork of 12 Mile River, part of a tract granted to Burns 1 April 1793 by Wm. Moultrie, bounding William Thompson. Witness: Benjamin Barton, Moses Hunt. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p228, abstracted in, Pendleton District, S.C., Deeds 1790 to 1806, Betty Willie, p117.]
- 7 June 1794 Deed: **William Murphree** to Samuel Ward, £25, 200 acres on south side of Saluda River, on 12 Mile River and Wolf Creek, a grant to Murphree 5 December 1791. Witness: Ephraim (x) Herring, Joseph Duncan. Recorded 25 January 1796. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p127, abstracted by Willie, p101.]
- ca 1795 Estate Purchaser: **William Murphee** listed among the purchasers at an estate sale of Seth Farrar. [Alexander et al, p69.]
- 6 Apr 1795 Deed: Reuben Clements to Joel Brazeal, 331 acres on Rocky Creek of Rocky River, granted Reuben Clements on 7 January 1792. Witness: Jas. Clements, Davis Collier and **William Murphree**. Recorded 12 March 1805. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p193, abstracted by Willie, p368.]
- 15 May 1795 Deed: **William Murphree** to **James Murphree**, £90, 250 acres on north side of 12 Mile River and Town Creek, part of tract granted to Eliza Ann Purvis 16 July 1784 and part of a tract granted to **William Murphree** 15 December 1791...(bounded by) contracted line by **Wm. Murphree** and **James Murphree** marked in presence of Joel Moody and Joseph Duncan. Witness: Robt. Linn, (blank) [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p228, abstracted by Willie, p117.]

James Murphree would later buy another 120 acres from William Murphree.

- 22 Oct 1795 Deed: John Black of Lawrence [read Laurens] County to **John Murphey** of Pendleton County, £50, 212 acres granted to Black 1 February 1787 in Washington District on Town Creek, waters of 12 Mile River. Witness: **William Murphe** (sic), Benjamin Barton. Proved by oath of **William Murphree** 12 April 1795. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p185, abstracted by Willie, p109.]

This appears to be the first mention of William Murphree's son John.

- 23 Feb 1796 **John Murphy**, James Ellis and John Lindsay witnesses to will of John Gray, proved 28 March 1797 in Abbeville County, Ninety-Six District. **John Murphy**, Andrew Miller, and Ebenezer Miller appraised estate 6 June 1797. [South Carolina Historical Records: Records of Will Books of County of Abbeville (Ninety-Six District), South Carolina, Willie Pauline Young, p51.]

This will speaks of land on Long Cane Creek, apparently located in what would

later be central Pendleton (present upper Oconee County). Which John Murphy this was isn't clear.

- 10 Sep 1796 Deed: Reuben Reed to **Levi Murphree**, £100, 700 acres part of a larger grant to Reed of 2 July 1792 on Muddy Branch of Wolf Creek of Twelve Mile River. Witness: Benj. Barton, **Moses Murphree**. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p290, abstracted by Willie.]
- 10 Sep 1796 Deed: **Levi Murphree** to James Reed, 180 acres of above purchase. Signed **Eli (sic) (x) Murphree** Witness: Benj. Barton, **Moses Murphree**. [Anderson County Deed Book B1, p350, abstracted by Mary Taylor.]
- 2 Dec 1796 Deed: Hamilton Reid to **Moses Murphree**, £50, 859 acres on south fork of 12 Mile River, granted to Reid by Charles Pinckney 12 June 1792. Witness: Daniel Stuart, **Izan (x) Murphree** [Isaiah?]. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p357, abstracted in, Pendleton District, S.C., Deeds 1790 to 1806, Betty Willie, p152.]
- 9? Feb 1797 Deed: John Robertson to **William Murphree**, £100, 640 acres on the south side of 12 Mile River. Witness John Bynum, John Chandler. John Bynum made oath to **David Murphy**, JP, 27 June 1801. Recorded: 28 (29?) Aug 1801. [Anderson County Deed Book F, p301, abstracted by Willie, p250.]

Willie leaves the seller's name blank as unreadable, but the signature is John Robertson.

- 6 Jul 1797 Deed: William Moore to John Fields, \$200 and £50, 205 acres granted John Young and Joseph French on both sides of 12 Mile River, bounded on SE by **Moses Murphree**, on NE by Fields, on W. by Saml. Jackson. Witness: Lewis Wimberly, Noah Wimberly. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p380, abstracted by Willie, p160.]

Excursus: James Murphy of Pendleton

There was an unrelated James Murphy who was briefly in Pendleton. On 10 September 1797, James Murphy of Pendleton County, South Carolina sold 300 acres in Surry County, North Carolina to Jonathon Parker of Surry County and on the same date deeded additional Surry land to James Debord. In both deeds, witnesses were David "Murphew", Isaac Debord, and David Glen. [Surry County Deed Book F, page not noted.] Note that some references to James Murphy in Pendleton may therefore have been to this person, who was apparently unrelated to the sons of Daniel Murphree.

- 2 Dec 1797 Survey for Joseph Duncan, for land granted January 1798, 268 acres on both sides of Wolf Creek on the waters of 12 Mile River, adjoining William Bynum, **Levi Murphree**, James Jett, and his other land. [SC Grants Book 44, p110.]

7 Dec 1797 Deed. Joseph Duncan to **Solomon Murphree**, \$600, 374 acres. Witness: James Jett, **David Murphree**, **Wm. Murphree**. **Moses Murphree** made oath to W. Reed, J. P., 8 Oct 1798. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p432, abstracted by Willie, p181.]

8 Jan 1798 Deed: Nathaniel Perry to **Levi Murphree**, £50, 608 acres on Buck Creek of 12 Mile River granted Perry 4 September 1786. Witness: Benjamin Perry, William Darnell. Recorded 23 January 1799. [Anderson County Deed Book C-D, p451, abstracted by Willie, p188.]

29 Jan 1798 Death of **Levi Murphree** [According to the family Bible of a daughter of his eldest son Elijah.]

5 May 1798 **Hanna Murphree** joined Secona Church, and was baptized on 10 June 1798. [*The Murphree Quarterly*, Vol. IV, No. 1, p. 5.]

This may have been the wife of William Murphree. Since William had belonged to the church for several years, this suggests the possibility that Hannah was not his first wife.

22 Oct 1798 Estate Sale: **Levi Murphree**, recorded by **Mary (x) Murphre** on 23 January 1799.. Purchasers included **Elijah Murphre**, **Mary Murphere**, Hennery Wolbanks, Jessie Ellis, Jacob Vance, **Isaiah Murphere**, Abner Robinson, John Beynum, Solomon Smith, Seth Marchbanks, John Hanks, **Solomon Murphre**, and Black Seaser. [Anderson County Will Book C, pp158, abstracted in Pendleton District and Anderson County, S.C. Wills, Estates, Inventories, Tax Returns and Census Records, Virginia Alexander et al, p22.]

23 Dec 1798 Deed: **John Murphree** to **Aron Murphree**, \$420. 212 acres on Town Creek of 12 Mile River. Witness: **David Murphree**, **William Murphree**. Proved by oath of **William Murphree** to **David Murphree**, JP, on 4 February 1803. [Anderson County Deed Book G, p221, abstracted by Willie, p294.]

This is the land he bought on 22 Oct 1795. There are no purchases in Pendleton by a John Murphree for another four years, and that appears to be a different John Murphree. Since no John Murphree is in the 1800 Pendleton census, it would seem that this John Murphree left the area after this sale.

Though some researchers believe this person is the son of William Murphree, he may well be the son of Daniel Murphree. Note that, other than these two deeds, the only mention of a John Murphree is his appearance in the 1790 (1791) census.

5 Jan 1799 1st Saturday in Jan 1799 [5 January] received... **Solomon Murphree** by letter also agreed to send delegates to the conference to wit **Wm. Murphree**, Nathaniel

Newman and **Solomon Murphree**. [Minutes of Secona Baptist Church, see *The Murphree Quarterly*, Volume IV, No. 1, p5.]

Solomon must have belonged to another church in the area. Surely he would not have waited twelve years to join a church in Pendleton.

24 Jan 1799 Inventory Recorded: Estate of **Levi Murphree** appraised by Nathaniel Newman and James Wardlow. Included 1 negro fellow, 1 negro girl, notes on William Powell Riggins and Joel Moody. [Anderson County Will Book C, pp159, abstracted by Alexander, p22.]

It is surely the widow Mary who is enumerated in the 1800 census with six young males under 16, one female under 10, and one slave. In 1805 Mary and her eldest son Elijah Murphree, as administrators of the estate, purchased land from William Murphree (Book H, p452, abstracted in Willie, p415) Mary apparently moved to Bedford County, Tennessee, from which she executed a power of attorney in 1815 as administrator of the estate to her son Caleb Murphree to collect her rights (Deed book M, p399). Elijah and Levi made at least two deeds in 1817 disposing of some of their father's lands (Deed Book O, p117 and M, p?)

-- Apr 1799 Deed: Elijah Mayfield and Elizabeth his wife to Bennett Combs, 270 acres on 12 Mile River... **William Murphree's** line [Anderson County Deed Book E, p22, abstracted by Willie, p208.]

23 Apr 1800 Deed: Bennett Combs to John Morris, \$80, 30 acres on the south side of 12 Mile River, bounded by Balay Anderson's old line. Witness: **Moses Murphree**, James Wardlaw. James Wardlaw made oath to **David Murphree**, 20 Mar 1802. Recorded: 23 Mar 1804. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p533, abstracted by Willie, p428.]

1800 Census: Pendleton District, SC

p56	Roger Murphee	30010-10100-0	
p111	Lewis Wimberly	20301-31110-6	
p113	William Marchbanks	02001-00001-1	
	(2 names)		
	Mary Murphree	33000-10010-1	<i>Widow of Levi Murphree</i>
	(39 names)		
	Solomon Murphree	00110-44110-1	
	(10 names)		
p114	Dan'l Murphree	00100-20100-0	
	Aron Murphree	00100-10100-0	
	(15 names)		
	David Murphree	21010-00010-0	
	(3 names)		

William Murphree 23101-10111-0
 (1 name)
Moses Murphree 21110-30110-0
 (2 names)
James Murphree 01111-01201-0

Census: Greenville District, SC

p249 William Blythe 12301-23001-0
 p264 Wm Blythe 30010-41010-0

Elijah Murphree, son of Levi Murphree, does not seem to appear in the census as head of household. According to his son's Bible, Elijah was married in 1795 and his wife had died in 1799.

20 Sep 1802 Deed: Charles Clements to **Roger Murphey**, \$125, 250 acres on Cherokee Creek of the Savannah River, bounded by Peter Hall, James Todd, Samuel Smith, Curry, Vanderhorst, and Nathan Nall, part of 871 acres granted Clements 5 November 1792. Agnes (x) Clements, wife of Charles Clements, released dower to James Welborn, JP, 11 February 1803. **John Murphrey** made oath to James Welborn 11 February 1803. Recorded 8 October 1803. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p110, abstracted by Willie, p352.]

27 Nov 1802 Deed: Nathan Nall to **John Murphey**, \$125, 150 acres on Cherokee Creek of Savannah River, bounded by **Rodger Murphey Sr.**, part of 371 (sic, "871") acres granted Charles Clements 5 November 1792. Witness: Charles Clemons, **Rodger Murphey**. Mary (x) Nall, wife of Nathan Nall, released dower to James Willbourn, JP, 11 February 1803. Rodger Murphree made oath to James Willbourn 11 February 1803. Recorded: 8 October 1804. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p92, abstracted by Willie, p348.]

This John Murphy referred to in the above two deeds seems to be the brother of Roger Murphy, rather than a member of the Daniel Murphree Sr. family. Note that John Murphy and Roger Murphy are buying adjoining land here, located in the central part of modern Anderson County several miles south of the Murphrees. John Murphy would later witness other deeds to or from Roger Murphy in 1806 [DB M, p513 and DB I, p274] and would sell the above land in 1817 [DB N, p144]. In the meantime their purchases above would be described as adjoining in at least two deeds [DB I, p252, p274].

The John Murphree who had sold his land in 1798 had evidently left the area, for no John Murphree was in the 1800 Pendleton census, and there had been no other mention of him after 1798.

Roger Murphy Sr. and Jr., along with several other Murphys, had earlier been in Laurens District, where there were two John Murphys in the 1800 census, both

26-45. In 1810 there was only one John Murphy in Laurens, and the other was evidently this John Murphy in the 1810 Pendleton census (now over 45). Roger Murphy (actually Roger Murphy Jr.) had bought land on Little Beaverdam Creek, several miles south of the Murphrees, in present Anderson County, on 14 December 1799 [DB F, p132] and would buy adjoining land on 3 August 1803 [DB H, p11] He was in the 1800-1820 Pendleton censuses.

Oddly enough, Roger Murphy the first was in Orange County, North Carolina about the same time as Daniel Murphree, though located several miles northeast.

From the 1830's to 1858 the following families were in the Secona Baptist Church in Pickens County, South Carolina: the Murphrees - Solomons, Moses, Levi and William. William Murphree was the first pastor at Secona and El Nathan Davis, who was my sixth great grandfather, was the second pastor. Further included as members of this church in the stated time period were Ruth Davis Hudgens Murphree, El Nathan's daughter, Harrison Dillard and his wife, Margaret Dillard, Rebecca Bowen Dillard (the wife of a George Dillard)[13] and her children, Robert Dillard and Martha Dillard.[14] In 1858, Harrison Dillard and Margaret Dillard left Secona and joined Enon Baptist Church where their family is listed in the church records.

Daniel and Sarah Murphree's daughter Mary is said to have never married. It may be that the following South Carolina land grant entries relate to this unmarried daughter Mary.

19 Apr 1790 Grant: **Mary Murphey**, 103 acres in Ninety-Six District, surveyed 19 Apr 1790. [SC Grants Book 29, p535]

-- Mar 1792 Survey: Mary Murphey, 103 acres in Ninety-Six District. 48

19 Apr 1791. ... laid out unto Mary Murphey one hundred acres of land in said district on a branch of Seubins Creek waters of _____ River running N.W. & N.E. with John Murphey's land, NW with James Wofford land, E. with McGlothlin's land, all other sides by vacant land ... surveyed 19 Apr 1791. Recorded 5 Sep 1791.49

Sarah 'Murphey' Land Grant in South Carolina

A Sarah 'Murphey' was granted nine (ninety?) acres in Pinckney District in Union Co., SC, surveyed 29 Oct 1794. The plats index lists a Sarah Murphey survey of 90 acres in Ninety-Six District in Oct 1794.50 Union County was formed from Ninety-Six District in 1798. Whether this is the same woman or the widow of Daniel Murphree is undetermined.

47 SC Land Grants, Bk. 29, p. 535, Family History Library mic. no. 22555.

48 SC Land Grant Plats Index, Bk. 28q, p. 122, Family History Library mic. no. 22599.

49 SC Land Grant Plats, Bk. 28q, p. 122, Family History Library mic. no. 22599.

50 SC Land Grant Plats Index, Bk. 35q, p. 18, Family History Library mic. no. 22599.

- 16 Jul 1803 Deed: James Gibson to **Moses Murphree**, \$180, 120 acres on a fork of 12 Mile River, bounded by William Wiatt. Witness: Archer Harris, David Adams. Recorded 6 Oct 1806. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p390, abstracted by Willie, p405.]
- 5 June 1804 Will: Edward Tatum. Names son Luke, wife Martha. Daughter Martha to have negro woman Jude and America. Daughter Elizabeth Hendrick to have negro woman Hannah. I leave out the names of the rest of my children having already given them their portion. Executors: Friends William Curl and **Solomon Murphree**. Witness: Hamilton Reid, Charles (x) Durham, Joseph Stephens. Proved 28 December 1810. [Alexander, et al, p41.]
- 12 July 1805 Deed: **William Murphree** to **Elijah Murphree** and **Mrs. Mary Murphree**, administrators of the estate of **Levi Murphree**, deceased, \$50, 100 acres. Witness: James Jett, **Aaron (x) Murphree**. Recorded: 22 [29?] October 1806. [Anderson County Will Book C, pp158, abstracted by Alexander, et al, p22.]
- 11 May 1806 Deed: **William Murphree** to **Solomon Murphree**, \$150, 508 acres on 12 Mile River. Witness: **David Murphree**, **Daniel(?) Murphree**. David Murphree made oath to John Cochran, JP, 4 October 1806. **Hannah Murphree** release of dower to John Cochran, 4 October 1806. Recorded 4 October 1806. [Anderson County Deed Book H, p388, abstracted by Willie.]
- 3 Nov 1806 Deed: **Solomon Murphree** to James Williams, \$650, ? acres on 12 Mile River, part of 640 acres known as Seconia Tract, adjacent Nathaniel Shotwell. Signed: **Solomon Murphree**. Witness: Chas. Gates, **Uriah Murphree**. Recorded 3 May 1807. [Anderson County Deed Book I, p14, abstracted by Willie.]
- 22 Sep 1815 Power of Attorney: **Mary Murphree** of Bedford County, Tennessee, administrator of the estate of **Levy Murphree**, deceased, late of Pendleton, to **Caleb Murphree**. Witness: **N. Murphree** and **Stephen Murphree**. [Anderson County Deed Book M, p499, abstracted.]