

March 25, 1963,

Dear Mr. Peeples,

This manuscript is a compilation made by me of my findings soon after a trip to Barnwell some 30-40 years ago. Information acquired since that time has not materially affected my opinion as to the problems involved, which, as I see it, are

- (1) The identity of William Cater and James Cater of the land transaction and what was their relationship?
 - (2) The identity of Mary Cater, who married James Furse, Sr.
 - (3) Is Mary Cater, who married James Furse, Sr., the same person as the Mary E. Cater of the old Cater Bible list?
 - (4) Who was the Mary Cater, who married Phoebe Lawton?
 - (5) Can it be that Mary E. Cater of the Bible list has been confused with the Mary Cater, who married James Furse, Sr. and had a daughter, Mary E. Furse, who married Peyton? These and many other questions similar to these may arise. They must be cleared up before we can go any further.
- The records at Allendale should be searched, I have never attempted to search them or to have them searched. The old Furse records should be reviewed. The Barnwell records kept in the office of the Clerk and the Judge of Probate are only a few of those. There are or should be old Court proceedings in Barnwell and I happen to know that there was a lawsuit there in which James Furse was Plaintiff and Hozekiab W. Cater and James H. Miller defendants, and notice was given by publication in a Columbia paper to the defendants as non-residents of the state of S.C. This was about 1820, and Hozekiab was at that time living in Augusta, Ga. I have looked several times to get copies of this record, but without success. I am of the opinion that this and similar cases are of such a nature as to disclose much of the family history.

I would thank you to give some study to the material embraced in this manuscript, particularly that part beginning with page 10, and give me the result of your study, and your line of reasoning in arriving at your conclusion. Please do this as soon as possible, and return the manuscript, as I have no copy. Do you know a lawyer at Allendale named Lawton. If so please give me his name. I am considering trying to indent him. He is mentioned in Richard Johnson.

Sincerely,
H. G. Hubbard.

Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples,
St. Marys, Ga.

Troy, Ala.
Sept 17, 1963

Dear Sir, Peeples,

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory. Mrs. Howke, the writer of the original, was Catherine A. Howke, daughter of John James Cater, who was born in 1780, son of Thomas Miller Cater and Sarah M. Pherson (Postell) Cater. The "Lottie Furse" to whom she refers as her niece was the wife of Milledge B. Furse and were visited by me and were living near the old Furse Cemetery at that time. This Lottie Furse was a descendent of that James Furse, Sr., who married Mary Cater in 1806, her line coming down through the Peyton connection. You will note that Mrs. Howke says she did not know of any Cater-Furse marriage, but does say that one of her grand uncles on her mother's side did marry one of the Furses. The Cater-Furse marriage of our interest occurred in 1806 and Mrs. Howke was not born until 1845. (Mrs. Howke mentions the names "Jerby" and "Craton". Evidently she refers to "Jerry" and "Peyton" (pronounced "Payton"). The Phersons left Barnwell just about the time Mrs. Howke was born.) Mrs. Howke was also familiar with the McPherson connection and particularly with Dupont and Rhoder, but makes no reference to a mention of Lawton. She was unable to keep up a correspondence and I heard nothing more from her, and I had completely forgotten that I had ever had any correspondence with her, until I ran across this letter a few days ago. I shall have it photostated and send you a copy. I shall not elaborate on Mrs. Howke's letter and send the photostats.

Yours very truly,
G. J. Hubbard

BIBLE OF JAMES FURSE

- JAMES FURSE, son of William and Ann Furse, was married to HERODIAS REDDING 24th May 1766 in the Parish of Christ Church in Savannah, Province of Georgia.
- Ann Furse, daughter of James and Herodias, was born at Savannah 18th November 1767 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
- JAMES FURSE, son of James Furse and Herodias, was born at Bristol in the Parish of St. Austin 1774 (no month nor date given) at 3 o'clock in the morning.
- Barnwell Dist. S.Car. Julia A. Smith was married to James Furse, Jr. on Thursday the 5th Dec. 1839.
- Joseph J. Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was married to Elizabeth R. Williams 22nd January 1846 A.D.
- JAMES FURSE, son of James and Herodias Furse, was married to MARY CATER the 10th June 1806.
- Mary E. Furse, daughter of James and Mary Furse, was married to Edward W. Peyton Esqr. the 23rd January 1828.
- Edward Augustine Furse, son of James and Julia Furse, was born the 12th November 1845.
- James Wilson Furse, son of James and Julia Furse; was born the 14th July 1852.
- Milledge Bothwell Furse, son of James and Julia Furse, was born 1st September 1855.
- Eugenia Eliza Furse, daughter of James and Julia Furse, was married to John Houseal Thomson on June 30th 1858.
- Ann Ellen Furse, daughter of James and Julia Furse, was married to William Thomson 7th April 1868.
- JAMES and ELIZA, son and daughter of James and Mary Furse, was born the 16th October 1809 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- William Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was born on Sunday, 15th September 1811.
- Edward Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was born on Sunday, 26th September 1813 at 3 o'clock in the morning.
- Jackson Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was born the 26th of September 1815 at 2 o'clock in the evening.
- George Cuthbert Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was born the 2nd of February 1819 at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.
- William Furse, the second, son of James and Mary Furse, was born the 29th of May 1821 at 4 o'clock in the morning.
- Jackson Joseph Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, was born the 28th of March 1823 at 3 o'clock in the morning.
- Ann Furse, daughter of James and Mary Furse, was born December 1825.
- Lucius Furse, son of Mary and James Furse, was born the 12th September 1828 about 2 o'clock in the morning.
- Herodias Furse, daughter of James and Mary Furse, was born the 13th September 1828 about half past two in the morning at their summer retreat.
- Ann Elizabeth Peyton, daughter of Edward W. Peyton Esqr. and Mary E. Peyton his wife, was born 22nd September 1828.
- Rowena Rebecca, daughter of Edward and Mary Peyton, was born the 9th December 1830.
- Mary Eliza Florida, daughter of Edward and Mary Peyton, was born 6th February 1833.
- Eugenia Eliza, daughter of James and Julia Furse, was born 19th November 1840.
- Stephen Smith, son of James and Julia Furse, was born 13th October 1842.
- Ann Ellen, daughter of James and Julia Furse, was born on Tuesday 16th April 1844.
- Lucius Robert Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, departed this life 22nd September 1829 at 12 o'clock in the morning about one year and ten days old.
- Ann Elizabeth Peyton departed this life this 5th November 1829, aged one year one month and fourteen days.
- Ann Furse, daughter of James Furse and Mary his wife, departed this life the 29th March 1832 at half past twelve o'clock in the morning, six years and three months old.
- Mary Eliza, daughter of Edward and Louisa Furse, departed this life 22nd July 1840 aged three years four months and ten days.
- James Marcellus, son of Edward and Louisa Furse, departed this life 23rd July 1840, aged two years one month and thirteen days.
- Louisa R. Furse, wife of Edward Furse, departed this life on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock 29th February 1848.
- JAMES FURSE, son of James and Herodias Furse, departed this life on Saturday P.M. at 2 o'clock 11 May 1850, aged 76 years and 16 days.
- MARY FURSE, consort of James Furse, Sen., departed this life on 6th July 1855 at 10 o'clock A.M. in the 69th year of her age.
- William Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, departed this life on the 20th April 1859 in the 38th year of his age.

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Joseph J. Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, departed this life on the 10th January 1862 in the 29th year of his age.

Mary E. Peyton, daughter of James and Mary Furse, departed this life on the 26th August 1864 in the 54th year of her age.

George C. Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, departed this life on the 10th October 1864 in the 44th year of his age.

James Furse, son of James and Mary Furse, departed this life 17th April 1873.

Julia Arabella Smith, wife of James Furse, departed this life May 17, 1893.

Julia Arabella Smith, daughter of Stephen and Judith Smith, was born 1st September 1821 in Edgefield District, South Carolina.

Susan George, the daughter of James and Julia Furse, was born on Wednesday the 12th May 1847.

Susan George, the daughter of James and Julia Furse, departed this life on the 4th August 1853.

Frank, son of James and Julia Furse, was born 30th of July 1849.

Frank, son of James and Julia Furse, departed this life Tuesday, 11th March 1851.

William Thomson, son of William and Ann Thomson, was born 16th July 1869.

Eugenia Eliza Thomson, wife of John Houseal Thomson, departed this life June 1904.

John Houseal Thomson died in action in Second Battle Manassas in Virginia and was buried on the field.

John Houseal Thomson, son of Eugenia Eliza and John Houseal Thomson, was born 18th September 1861.

John Houseal Thomson, son of Eugenia Eliza and John Houseal Thomson, departed this life 28th Feby. 1899.

James Furse Thomson, son of John Houseal Thomson and Eugenia Eliza Thomson, was born 21st July 1859.

Ann Thomson, daughter of James and Julia Furse and wife of William Thomson, died.....(no date given)

Stephen Smith Furse, son of James and Julia Furse, departed this life 26th January 1912.

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Ann Furse, daughter of James and Herodias, married a Cuthbert; one of their descendants was a Baptist minister. (Note added by Miss Eugenia Furse 29 May 1934.)

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

My cousin, Mrs. Branch LaFar, was good enough to copy the above records for me, and they were transcribed exactly in the order in which they appeared.

The Bible was published by H. C. Carey and J. Lea (Philadelphia) 1823, which indicates that the first records were not the "original" ones, but probably copied from an older Bible.

JAMES FURSE was a "mariner" and possibly owned or commanded a vessel plying between Savannah and England which would account for one of his children having been born in Bristol.

"Margaret Treutlen, born Switzerland, died July 23, 1807, mother of Mrs. Tebeau in Carpenter Row. (age 79)" - Mortuary Records in City Hall, "Annals of Georgia" Vol. 3, p. 34.

"Elizabeth, dau. of Frederick Treutlen and his wife, was born Feb. 24, 1758 and bap. March 4, 1758 on his plantation at Black Creek. Sponsors: Mathew Wuest and his wife Magdalene and Catherine Schade."

Will of James Furse dated 27 May 1774, probated 10 July 1790, "mariner", City of Bristol. James Lochier, upholsterer of Bristol, in trust for wife Herodias and small children, etc."

Will of Catherine Shad, 4 Sept. 1778, P. 27 Mar. 1790 "widow of Solomon Shad", son Solomon, daus. Margaret Shad and Ann, wife of Wm. Benett. Exers. F. Treutlen and John Farley.

Will send Cater data as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Caroline P. Wilson.

Mrs. LaFar and I abstracted Chatham Co. Wills - in press now. I will copy List of Original Salsburgers and send with "Cater".