

from an ambush.' In one respect of his character your Grandfather was a stern man, in another his feeling was of almost womanly tenderness. With quivering lips and tearful eye he pointed to a spot in the yard and said 'He fell there, and lived only long enough to tell how he had been shot, and to name two of his murderers'. And standing over his dead body I, as a boy, vowed that I would kill those men if I lived to be a man. Happily for me they both died while I was a child. But the feeling of the moment has grown with my growth and strengthened with my strength and I hate treachery and toryism in all its forms. This is a subject which harrows my feelings and unmans me. I do not like to speak of it. Henry, be true to your God, your friend and your country!' And the stern old man put his hands to his face and wept. I could but sympathize in his deep emotion and an impression was made on me that is almost as fresh now as when it was first stamped on my youthful soul."

* Charles Davant died December 1781 SCHGM vol. 17 p. 16 quotes The S. C. & Am. Gen. Gazette of Charleston, S. C. Wed. Jan. 30, 1782 "We are informed from Savannah that about Christmas last, a gang of banditti came to a house on Daufusky Island where Capt. Martinangel of the Royal Militia was lying sick and whilst two of them held his wife, another named Israel Andrews shot him dead; they afterwards plundered Mrs. Martinangel and her children of almost everything they had. These wretches came from Hiltonhead; they stile themselves the Bloody Legion and are commanded by John Leoycraft. The following is a list of the gang: John Erving, Lewis Bona, Dan'l Savage, Christian Rankin, James Devant, John Bull, James Erving, James Allen, Charles Floyd, Isaac Davids, Nathn'l Gamball, Wm. Chiswell, Thos. Roberts, John Fendon, Wm. Scott, John Mongin, Sen'r and Junr, David Ross, Patrick McMullen, Isaac Bolder, Merédith Rich.

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APPENDIX XIV

In the Bible of Francis Wellman Fickling the name of John Ducoine's second daughter is given Amelia Maria Frances Ducoin. Capt. E. E. Fickling also says "She was said to be the daughter of Isabella Loyer and the Marquis de Coigny, married Samuel Fickling for his second wife, and died in Columbia, S. C. Nov. 24, 1861". Always referred to as "my precious sister" by her half sister Isabella Loyer Davant. She was the daughter of Christiana Irvine or Erwin, Who married three times. First Adrian Loyer who died "Feb. 22, 1781 Savannah Last Sunday died here, Mr. Adrian Loyer, Silversmith" "John Ducoign of the Georgia Battalion to Mrs. Christiana Loyer, widow of Mr. Adrian Loyer Feb. 6, 1782" and "William Renshaw, carpenter married Mrs. Ducoine, widow of the late Capt. Ducoine Mar. 10, 1796". These items are from the Savannah newspapers. The Mortuary Records of Savannah, Ga. gives "Mar. 17, 1807: Christiana Rheinshaw, age 47, born County Antrim, Ireland, widow, survivors 2 children and sister Mrs.

P. 130 Sand Hill 600 acres and Folly Field 500 acres, often called Mathews' Land, when sold in 1875 Folly Field brought only \$110; only 200 acres of Sand Hill were redeemable by heirs due to government surveyors' mistake. The heirs were Sarah Mathews Lawton (Mrs. W. G.); Mary E. Mathews George, whose husband was a clergyman and the widow Mary Lawton, probably widow of Theodore Mathews. (Pattie Howard sent me this record of two of the George children, from Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah: Rebecca Davant d. March 14, 1855, age 7 yrs. and 4 months and on same stone, William Wiley died Mar. 22, 1855 aged 5 yrs. and 4 mos. children of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth George.

p. 126 Plantation between Leamington and Mathews was increased by purchase of Marshlands, formerly owned by Thomas Webb, husband of Lydia Davant and their son Samuel. Both estates reserved by the Federal Government for sale to negroes and were not redeemable.

p. 127 Ficklings 465 acres or more, Possum Point, Shipyard. Both William and Samuel Fickling resided at Hilton Head in 1798. William's heirs were not traced. Samuel and his wife Elizabeth Davant had 3 children: Jeremiah, William and Mary Anne. They may have sold their land at Possum Point before Secession. Possum Point was 465 a. between the public road and the beach was called Fickling's at confiscation in 1876 plus adjoining property making 1,000 acres for \$100. The Shipyard plot was acquired in 1867 for \$725.

p. 70 Zion Chapel. Rev. Philip Mathews was pastor about 1821. He seemed to have Zion Chapel in his special care for some years. This was no doubt due to his residence there and his marriage to Rebecca Davant. For sometime the couple lived at Sandhill Plantation and also managed the 500 acres known as Folly Hill a short distance away. Among the graves at Zion: the oldest is that of Lydia Davant (1755-95) James Davant Sr. (1744-1803) Mary w. of James Davant, Jr. (1788-1818) their sons Samuel (Feb.-Mar. 1808) and John (May-June 1818) Martha Davant (1781-1818) Robert son of John Davant [and Martha HDH] (1805-08) Sealy, James (1817-19) Webb, Samuel (1799-1836) his wife Lovinia (1799-1821) son William (1820-22) and Thomas (1770-1816) pp. 61-62.

p. 69 On August 22, 1813 the British landed in force on Hilton Head shores and repeated their plunderings of Revolutionary War days . . . once again homes were burned and looted.

p. 60 Sale of Land at Hilton Head: 1784: part of Bayley's Patent . . . these famed healthy and pleasantly located lands on Scull Creek. . . . James Davant added no. 38 being 270 acres fronting the beach to the land he owned on the south end.