THE HEAPE FAMILY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The progenitor of the Heapes in South Carolina was one Joseph Heape who appears to have been born about 1670. He may have gone there from Virginia but the name does not appear in early Virginia references; however the name is found in Pennsylvania and there of Scotch origin.

The first record of Joseph is on October 17, 1691 when he was witness to the will of Henry Sameways of Berkeley County and would have been of age at that time.

He married about 1700 Elizabeth . Joseph died in 1738 and Elizabeth was buried January 2, 1744, in St. Andrew's Parish. From the early deaths of so many of their children it could be surmised that the climate and typhoid epidemics took a heavy toll. The children of Joseph and Elizabeth:

- Belinda, married Jeremiah Burrows, October 30, 1720. She was buried January 1729-30. Had a daughter Mary Ann bapt. March 7, 1724-5, and a son Thomas bapt. February 18, 1727-8.
- ii. William who married Sarah Drayton, March 11, 1738 in St. Andrew's Parish. Sarah bapt. July 23, 1721, daughter of John and Mary. Sarah was buried January 5, 1739. Probably it was their son Benjamin who was buried January 20, 1748.
- iii. Benjamin bapt. January 30, 1721-2
 - iv. Elizabeth bapt. March 22, 1722-3, married Peter Girardeau in Charleston, March 19, 1746, as his second wife.
 - v. Hannah Rebekah bapt. October 24, 1725, married William Bonneau, April 10, 1748. Had William born 1752 died 1822; John born 1756 died 1837. Both Revolutionary soldiers on Georgia rolls.
- vi. Henry bapt. February 21, 1726-7, buried Jan. 13, 1748.
- vii. Joseph bapt. February 21, 1726-7, died soon.
- viii. Joseph bapt. October 3, 1729, buried February 8, 1748.
 - ix. Sarah born June 20, 1731, bapt. prior to August 22, 1731. Buried September 18, 1738.

- x. Thomas Heape bapt. May 13, 1.735, buried Sept. 18, 1738 on the same day as his sister Sarah.
- xi. Jonathan, married Mary Ann . He was buried on March 13, 1767, and Mary Ann appointed administrator of his estate April 3, 1767. Had Henry born March 10. 1764, and Charles born April 1, 1766.

Second Generation:

Benjamin Heape (Josephl) son of Joseph and Elizabeth Heape, bapt. at St. Andrew's Parish, November 20, 1721-2, married in Charleston, April 7, 1747, Mary Wood. Mary died prior to 1748 and he married second, Sarah Davis in 1752. Sarah born 1730 died before 1800. She was the daughter of Samuel and Ann Davis, and Samuel was a "cooper" in Colleton County. The will of Samuel was dated February 17, 1730, and proved January 24, 1738. In it he mentioned his land on Toogoodco Creek, plantation and house on Bohicket Creek; names sons John and Samuel; daughters Martha, Ann, Sarah, Mary wife of Samuel Smith, Rebecca wife of William Williams.

Revolutionary War Indent Stubs by Salley gives: "Issued the 11th of May 1785 to Mrs. Sarah Heape for twenty-three pounds two shillings Sterling for 12 beeves for Continental Use in 1781 and 1782 as per account audited". Sarah is an established DAR ancestor.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah (Davis) Heape, and one by his first marriage were:

- i. Elizabeth born December 20, 1747, bapt. Jan. 17, 1748.
- ii. Mary born January 1, 1753, bapt. July 8, 1753.
- iii. Sarah born 1760, died in 1818. Married Bernard Buckner See Family #3.

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