

POPE FAMILY

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POPE HOUSE of BLUFFTON

They adopted Sarah Pope, daughter of his brother James and her sister Eleanor. Sarah Pope married Dr. Joseph Hinson Mellichamp (1829-1903) who had graduated from the Medical College in Charleston in 1852 after which he studied in Dublin and Paris. He became a much-beloved local physician and a world-renowned botanist. Following the June 1863 burning of his Bluffton home, William Pope died at Bull Hill Plantation, St. Luke's Parish in 1864.

Dr. F. P. Pope was Franklin Perry Pope, born at Fish Haul Plantation, Hilton Head Island in 1814, son of Captain William Pope (1760-1823) and his second wife, Sarah Scott, born 4 April 1779, daughter of Joseph James Scott (1754-1804) and his wife Catherine Adams. Dr. Pope was the heir of his brother Joseph Adams Pope (1819-1846) who died unmarried, leaving him his handsome Jenkins Island Plantation on Hilton Head Island with its slaves. Dr. Pope studied medicine in Charleston and in Paris but preferred the life of a planter to that of a practicing physician. In 1848 he married Mary Elizabeth Pope, daughter of Joseph Pope (1792-1864), eldest son of Joseph Pope (1764-1818) of St. Helena's Island and his wife Theodora Theus. They were parents of five sons and three daughters, apparently all born in the Bluffton house he built in 1848.

R. R. Pope was Richard Richardson Pope, born at Fish Haul Plantation, Hilton Head Island in 1817, a brother of Dr. Franklin Perry Pope. In 1849 he was married by Rev. David McElhuan in St. Helena's Chapel of Ease to Martha Julia Scott, second daughter of Dr. John A. F. Scott. Their two sons and five daughters were apparently born in the Bluffton home he built in 1849. He died in Charleston in 1873.

J. J. Pope was Joseph James Pope, born 18 April 1792 on Edisto Island, son of Joseph Pope (1764-1818), planter of St. Helena's Island and his wife Theodora Theus, a granddaughter of the distinguished colonial artist, Jeremiah Theus. Her mother was Theodora Ash, a granddaughter of the South Carolina agent, John Ash who died in London in 1704 while presenting a.....