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RIVERS, ISAAC GATES.

Isaac Gates Rivers represented St. Andrew Parish in the Thirteenth General Assembly (1798–1799). While in the House, he was a member of the committees on privileges and elections (1798) and vacant offices (1798). Isaac Gates Rivers resigned his seat in the House following the first session of the Thirteenth General Assembly.

Thirteenth General Assembly

St. Andrew

1798*

SOURCE: House Journals, 1798, 10–11, 43.

ROACH, WILLIAM (Roache; Sr.).

William Roach, a native of Bristol, England, immigrated to South Carolina after the American Revolution. He settled in Fairfield District where he was a merchant. Through grants (1787, 1788), he acquired 452 acres near Wateree Creek. Elected to the House, Roach represented Fairfield in the Ninth General Assembly (1791) and was a member of the committee on privileges and elections (1791). Sometime in the late 1790s, he moved his mercantile business to Charleston. According to the 1800 federal census, he owned nine slaves. In Charleston he served as the city treasurer (ca. 1797–1823) and as a justice of the peace (1798) and of the quorum (1820–1822). Married twice, he first wed [?] Hart, daughter of James Hart. Two children were born to them: Nash and Harriet (m. John Andrew Steele). On 15 June 1797, he married Mary McGregor, daughter of Elias McGregor of St. James Santee Parish. They were the parents of five children: Ann (m. Edmund Bellinger), William, Jr. (1799–1838), Caroline (m. Francis Beatty Fishburne [1807–1883]), Edward, and Frances (m. Francis Paschal). William Roach was probably still alive in 1823 when *Miller's Planters' & Merchants' Almanac* listed him as the city treasurer.

Ninth General Assembly

Fairfield

1791

SOURCES: *Almanacs*, 1797, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1809, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823. *Census*, 1790, 21. *Census*, 1800, Charleston Dist., 95. *Census*, 1810, Charleston Dist., 184. *Census*, 1820, Charleston Dist., 64A. *General Assembly Petitions*, n.d., #1193. *General Assembly Reports*, n.d., #196. *General Assembly Resolutions*, 1798, #4. *House Committee Book*, 1791. *Legare Family Mss.*, n.d., on microfilm in SCL. McMaster, p. 165. *Patterson*, pp. 104–5. *SCHM*, 24: 34. *William Gilmore Simms (1806–1870) Papers I*, n.d., in SCL. *State Grants*, 20: 540; 25: 203.

ROBERT, PETER (d. 1810).

descendant of Pierre, Jr. (1675–1731) & his first wife

Peter Robert was a planter in St. Stephen Parish. According to the 1800 federal census, he owned eighteen slaves. Following a special election to the House, he declined to represent St. Stephen in the Seventeenth General Assembly

(1806–1808). Locally, he served St. Stephen as a churchwarden (1790–1791, 1800–1801) and vestryman (1801–1802). Peter Robert died 29 March 1810 without issue.

Seventeenth General Assembly

St. Stephen

1807**

SOURCES: Census, 1800, Charleston Dist., 59. Dubose & Porcher, p. 15. Holcomb, *Marriages 1800–1820*, p. 61. Holcomb, *Notices from the (Charleston) Times*, p. 228. Misenhelter, *St. Stephen's*, pp. 59, 60. St. Stephen's Records, pp. 34, 37, 38. *SCHM*, 46: 46, 47.

ROBERT, PETER, JR.

1740

Peter Robert, Jr., son of ^{Capt.} Peter Robert (b. ~~1738?~~) and Ann Grimball, resided in St. Peter Parish. According to the 1800 federal census, he owned one slave. Elected to the House, he represented St. Peter in the Sixteenth General Assembly (1804–1805) and was a member of the committee on privileges and elections (1804–1805). He married Elizabeth Jaudon, daughter of Elias Jaudon, Jr., and Mary Hyrne Dixon. Peter Robert, Jr., moved with his family circa 1807 to Woodville, Mississippi, and then to Louisiana.

Sixteenth General Assembly

St. Peter

1804–1805

SOURCES: Census, 1800, Beaufort Dist., 120. House Journals, 1804, 5–6. Manning, "Barnwell Co. Records," 15: 307. Miller, pp. 209–37. Annie Elizabeth Miller, *Carolina Pioneers and their Descendants* (Macon, Ga., 1927), pp. 66–71. *SCHM*, 23: 41, 95.

ROBERTSON, DRURY (1751–1822). For biography, see *Biographical Directory of the House*, Vol. 3, pp. 613–14.

ROBERTSON, THOMAS (Robinson) (d. 1849?). Father of ALLEN ROBERTSON.

Thomas Robertson resided in York District. He owned a residential plantation of 290 acres and another 200-acre tract. According to the 1830 federal census, he owned twenty-one slaves. At his death, a bill of appraisement listed nine slaves as part of his estate. Following a special election for the House, Robertson qualified 28 November 1809 to represent York in the Eighteenth General Assembly (1808–1809). Subsequently, he served York in the Nineteenth (1810–1812), Twenty-first (1814–1815), and Twenty-second (1816–1817) General Assemblies. While in the House, he was a member of the committees on accounts (1814–1815), inland navigation (1814–1815), privileges and elections (1814–1817), public buildings (1816–1817), and religion (1816–1817). Other offices he held included commissioner, to supervise the leasing of lands of the Catawba