

## GEORGE BARKSDALE

George Barksdale, son of Thomas and Sarah (Legare) Barksdale was born ~~about~~<sup>in</sup> 1721/1722 in Christ Church Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina. Since there are no estate records which survive describing the disposition of Thomas Barksdale's estate, there is no way to determine exactly what part of the Barksdale properties George Barksdale inherited.

Except for his uncle, Isaac Barksdale, George Barksdale was the only member of the family to settle outside of Christ Church Parish. Being a younger son, it may have been that George Barksdale did not fare as well as his elder brothers in the division of Thomas Barksdale's estate, and for that reason had no strong property ties to Christ Church Parish, as did his brothers.

George Barksdale acquired large ~~tracks~~<sup>tr</sup> of land on St. Helena's Island where ~~he~~ made his home.

George Barksdale was married three time. The surname of his first wife, Mary, <sup>(surely COCHRAN')</sup> has not been discovered. They were married ~~about~~<sup>c.</sup> 1750 and Mary was dead <sup>BY THE</sup> 1760<sup>s</sup> when George Barksdale remarried. George and Mary Barksdale had two children:

1241. Daughter (name unknown). The burial of this child is recorded on November 20, 1770 in the Register of St. Helena's Parish.
1242. Mary Cochran Barksdale, born about 1750 in St. Helena's Parish. More information will follow.

After the death of Mary (-) Barksdale, George Barksdale married Susannah ~~STONE, DAUGHTER~~ of John Stone, "blockmaker" Susannah ~~(GUERIN) STONE~~ on March 14, 1757 (Register of Reverend William Hutson, SCHGM, vol. 38, p. 34.)

Susannah (Guerin) Stone first appears in South Carolina records in the will of Mathurin Boigard of Charles Town, "yeoman." (Will Book 1732-1737, p. 130) In his will, dated December 1, 1732, Boigard leaves his real estate to his wife, Susanna, during her widowhood. He also mentions his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Barnard Elliott, who inherited the real estate at the death or marriage of "her mother." Mathurin Boigard continues to mention his "daughters in law" Susanna, wife of John Stone, blockmaker, Mary Guerin, and Frances, wife of William Elliott, Jr., Planter. Boigard also mentions his son-in-law, Mathurin Guerin. It is interesting to note that Boigard refers to his daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Barnard Elliott, then refers to his son-in-law and daughters-in-law, all of whom bore the Guerin name, as will be seen from the following records. It is probable that Boigard means stepson and stepdaughters.

Mathurin Boigard married Demoiselle Susanne Bouquet, their license being signed on March 21, 1713/4 in Charles Town by Governor Charles Craven. (SCHGM, v. 34, p. 172). It appears likely that Boigard had been married previously to a widow Guerin, who would have been the mother of Susanna (Guerin) Stone, Frances (Guerin) Elliott, and Mathurin Guerin.

John Stone, "blockmaker" made his will on June 25, 1756 which was probated on February -, 1761 (Will Book QQ 1760-1767, p. 51). In his will, Stone names his daughter, Susanna, "under 21 years of age" and indicates that she is the "daughter of my deceased

wife." Stone also referred to his daughter Sarah, wife of John Norman and his daughter Amy, wife of Joseph Ellicott. Sarah (Stone) Norman and Amy (Stone) Ellicott were obviously older than Susanna and John Stone stipulates that the two elder girls were to receive their inheritance without "intermeddling of... either of their husbands." From the distinction that Stone made in his will, it would appear that he had been married twice: his first wife (name unknown) being the mother of Sarah (Stone) Norman and Amy (Stone) Ellicott, and his second wife, Susanna (Guerin) Stone being the mother of Susanna Stone, later the wife of George Barksdale.

This Susanna Stone was mentioned in the will of Mary Guerin, spinster, of Charles Town. This Mary Guerin (spinster) had been referred to in the will of Mathurin Boigard as his "daughter in law," along with her sister, Susanna (Guerin) Stone. In her will, dated July 16, 1772 and probated October 23, 1772 (Will Book SS 1771-1774, p. 264), Mary Guerin makes reference to her niece, Susannah Barksdale, deceased, and to her two children, George and Susannah Barksdale.

The conclusion that can be drawn from the above records was that Susannah Stone, daughter of John Stone, blockmaker, and his wife, Susanna (Guerin) Stone, was born about 1725 - 1730 and married George Barksdale of St. Helena's Island in 1757. George and Susannah (Stone) Barksdale had two children, George and Susannah Barksdale and Susannah (Stone) Barksdale was dead by October 23, 1772.

As indicated in the above records, George and Susannah (Stone) Barksdale had two children:

- 1243. George Barksdale. More information will follow.
- 1244. Elizabeth Barksdale, born ca. 1763-1764, married Edward Phelon. More information will follow.

After the death of Susannah (Stone) Barksdale, George Barksdale married Miss Elizabeth Patterson. George and Elizabeth (Patterson) Barksdale had twin daughters:

- 1245. Jemima Barksdale, born ca. 1767
- 1246. Anne Barksdale, born ca. 1767

On December 2, 1775, George Barksdale signed his will in St. Helena's Parish. In this will, he named his wife, Elizabeth, and his daughters Mary Cockran (sic) Edwards, Susannah Barksdale, Jemima Barksdale, and Anne Barksdale. George Barksdale ordered that his house and lot in Ansonborough, Charles Town be sold for the benefit of his widow and children. His will, witnessed by Thomas Hughes, William Woodhouse, and Edward Ellington, appointed his son George Barksdale, his cousins, Solomon Legare, Thomas Legare, and Daniel Legare, and friends Daniel Desaussure and John Scott, Esq. to serve as executors for the estate.

George Barksdale probably died on St. Helena's in late 1782 or early 1783 as his will was probated on February 13, 1783.

(Will book WW 1780 - 1783, p. 227)

George Barksdale's widow, Elizabeth (Patterson) Barksdale, her two daughters, Jemima and Anne Barksdale, and her stepdaughter,

Susannah Barksdale probably continued to live at the Barksdale plantation on St. Helena's until 1789 when Susannah Barksdale left home to become the wife of Edward Phelon.

About 1790, Elizabeth (Patterson) Barksdale became concerned about the health of her daughters and took them to London to consult with physicians.

While in London, Mrs. Barksdale renewed her friendship with Reverend Alexander Hewat, former Pastor of the First Presbyterian (Scots) Church in Charleston. Shortly afterward Elizabeth (Patterson) Barksdale married Reverend Hewatt and she and her daughters remained in England.

Reverend Alexander Hewat, according to the Dictionary of American Biography (volume , p. ) was born about 1745 in Scotland and received his education at the University of Edinburgh. In 1763 Reverend Hewat was send to Charles Town, South Carolina where he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, a post he filled until 1775 when his allegiance to the British Crown caused his to leave the colonies and return to England.

In 1779, Reverend Hewat published the first history of South Carolina which was titled, An Historical Account of the Rise and Progress of the Colonies of South Carolina and Georgia. Hewat's two volume work met with a favorable reception in London and in 1780 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of Edinburgh.

Although Reverend Hewat and his former Carolina parishioners were at odds politically, <sup>all</sup> ~~both~~ parties seemed to have retained the warmest respect for one another. In 1792 when his former parishioners at the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston were looking for a pastor, they asked Reverend Hewat for help.

Elizabeth (Patterson) Barksdale Hewat died in 1814, her death being recorded in the Gentleman's Magazine for May of that year.

Reverend Alexander Hewat died about 1829, all the time maintaining ties of friendship <sup>in</sup> ~~with~~ South Carolina. When he died, he left fifty pounds to the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston.

George Barksdale, son of George Barksdale and his second wife, Susannah (Stone) Barksdale was born in 1761 in St. Helena's Parish. When his maternal great aunt, Mary Guerin of Charleston died in 1772, he and his sister, Susannah Barksdale received a small legacy.

Being the only son of George Barksdale, George Barksdale, Jr. inherited substantial property in St. Helena's Parish. His home appears to have been on <sup>Scull Creek on</sup> Hilton Head Island and he represented Beaufort District in the South Carolina legislature. (When?)

About 1785, George Barksdale married Miss Margaret White who died on Hilton Head Island on January of 1786 and was buried on January 26, 1786, aged twenty years, <sup>9 months (Born April 1765)</sup>

George and Margaret (White) Barksdale had two children:

12431. John Barksdale, who was born in 1778 on Hilton Head Island and died in November of 1785. The Parish Register of St. Helena's records his burial on November 25, 1785 "aged 7 years 9 months."

12432. Mary Barksdale was baptized on April 17, 1786 in St. Helena's Parish and died on September 5, 1807.

After the death of Margaret (White) Barksdale, George Barksdale married Miss <sup>ANN BONAS</sup> ~~Agnes Ann~~ Bona of Hilton Head Island.

The Bona family was of Swiss descent, founded in St. Helena's Parish by Jacob Bona who was born <sup>c.</sup> ~~about~~ 1698 in Switzerland. He and his first wife, Anne, were in St. Helena's Parish by 1737 when the first of their five children were born. Anne

Bona died after the birth of her daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in 1750 and Jacob married a ~~lady named~~ Hannah (surname unknown). Both Jacob and Hannah Bona died in April of 1758; Jacob was buried on April 14 and Hannah was buried on April 25. The first wife, Anne Bona, was the mother of all of the Bona children.

Jacob and Anne Bona had the following children:

- a. John Bona was born on October 17, 1737, was baptized on December 13, 1737 and was buried in St. Helena's Parish on June 24, 1739.
- b. Mary Margaret Bona was born October 17, 1737 (twin of John) and was baptized in October of 1739.
- c. Lewis Bona was born on December 6, 1742. More information will follow.
- d. Judith Bona was born on January 6, 1745 and was baptized January 9, 1745.
- e. Elizabeth Bona was born on March 6, 1750 and was baptized on April 1, 1751

Lewis Bona, <sup>a Revolutionary War soldier</sup> son of Jacob and Anne Bona, was born in 1742 and was baptized on December 21, 1742 in St. Helena's Parish by Rev. Lewis Jones. On June 14, 1774 he married <sup>the widow</sup> Miss Sarah Parmenter According to the St. Helena's Parish Register, Lewis and Sarah (Parmenter)

Bona had two children:

- c1. Henry Bona who was born on September 23, 1782
- c2. Ann Agnes Bona who was born on January 20, 1776 and was baptized on June 10, 1776 by the Reverend Moreau.

Ann Agnes Bona married George Barksdale <sup>5</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>4</sup> 1795. According to the City Gazette for July 19, 1798, Mrs. Ann Agnes (Bona) Barksdale died on June 11, 1798 on Hilton Head Island. The same publication reports the death of her husband, George Barksdale, "universally regretted...aged 38 formerly representative from



Beaufort District in the Legislature of this state" on December 13,  
1799 (City Gazette, Saturday February 16, 1799).

George and Ann Agnes (Bona) Barksdale had one son,  
12433. Thomas Henry Barksdale

Sarah

Mrs. Martha/(Stoney) Barksdale and Reverend Joseph A. Lawton were married on April 13, 1836 and the couple later <sup>bought 1205 acres in Barnwell District and</sup> built Rose Lawn

*still standing near present*

Plantation <sup>Sarah</sup> at Allendale. South Carolina. Martha/(Stoney) Barksdale

Lawton died on April 12, 1880 and is buried in Smyrna Baptist

Churchyard near Erwinton.