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An effort to correct the family members list for William O'Daniel who made his will 4 November 1795 and it was proven 9 November 1796.

For the first time I looked closely at the census record for William O'Daniel in 1790.

His will (William O'Daniel) was headed "South Carolina, Kershaw County, White Oake Creek" He calls himself William O'Daniel Senr. He mentions his children in this order: "my daughter Sarah Erwin...my son David O'Daniel...my son Josiah O'Daniel...my son Sem O'Daniel...my son James O'Daniel...my daughter Mary O'Daniel...my son William O'Daniel..."

He does not mention a wife and she is said to have died when Joseph was an infant. He also does not mention his children Henry, John, Frank, or Joseph. At least two children, names unknown, are said to have died young.

But the 1790 census says that <u>William Daniel</u> of Camden District Fairfield Co. had 3 males over 16 years old, 4 males under 16, 7 females and 15 slaves.

I don't see how this can be the Wm. Daniel, Sr. whose will is quoted above because where did all those females come from and what happened to the males? Many records say Wm. had 14 children.

(or family members)

William Daniel, Jr. is said to have been the eldest son. He was born Feb. 10, 1755 and died Oct. 1, 1828. He was at least 40 when he married but Eleanor (Ellen) was about 23. William, Jr. was probably living in the house on Broad St. or the one on Market St., both in Camden, when he was married so he probably was not livi at home with his parents. Some cousin told me that he had his sister taking care of the house (they had boarders in the town house) and she complained and found a "young Irish girl"to do the work and William married her. Mary and Sarah are said to have moved to Barnwell with their brother Sem. He was three years younger then his brother William. He is said to have been married 3 times. His third wife is said to have been Elizabeth Rice but his will shows his wife as Mary Agnes. Either he married more than three times or Elizabeth Rice was not his third wife. Sem was married to Elizabeth Rice by 1807 so he may have already left home by the 1790 census. I know nothing of Sem's earlier wives.

If Mary (Polly) and Sarah were at home with their father at the time of the census, who were the other 5 women in the house?

Daniel is not an uncommon name in SC and I am not sure if any of them can be connected to this family even if they have the same name. "Joseph Daniel died Charleston 26 March 1799." Is this the youngest son of William, Sr. or someone else?

I have had a hard time keeping the various land names clear so do not know when names of areas changed.

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1. Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples 8 Moon Shell Road Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-5444.

Maybe you can help...

2. Ms Pauline B. Lauderdale, P. O. BOX 96, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

I am trying to work on this family again... Really appreciated your information about grave of Ellen Daniel in Ala, etc. Is your book printed yet?

3. Mrs. Ruth Erwin Moore 2908 Cobbs Way Anderson, SC 29621

> I need to make a real effort to buy a copy of your book. My problem is I have too many ancestors! I can't seem to

spend enough time with any of them. Who do you think the 4 people in his family on July 4, 1755 were? I know Wm. Jr. was born in Feb. 1755 so he was one and his mother and father and one of the girls I guess. William Jr. was the oldest son. Sarah's birth date is said to be June 11, 1762 so she was not born and I have no date for Mary (Polly) except about 1776 which I am sure can not be correct. Maybe Mary was born first. What do you think? Of course, his brother James, (bro. of Wm. Sr.), might have been with them at first. Who do you think the 6 people with the couple by 1766 were? I have no dates for most of the children.

If the William Daniel in the 1790 census in Camden District, Lancaster Co. is our Daniel, who could the 4 people be? William, Sr. would be the male over 16. The male under 16 could not be Wm. Jr. or Sem but could be most any of the other sons. The two females would be Mary (Polly) and Sarah and the mother was dead. But Lancaster is quite a bit north of Camden. Did it once go that far south? I am at quite a disadvantage with that part of the state as I do not know it.

4. Miss Virginia Gourdin 14 Tradd St. Charleston, SC 29401

Do you have any thoughts on this problem?

5. Ms Rosa McDowall Cowan

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I got interested in this line again when I tried to fill out the census form enclosed in the May issue. That's not so easy but I am still trying to figure out what is correct.

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