

The Daniel(l) Family

An excerpt from a book - published in 1937 by the Southern Society for Research and History, makes the following statement regarding the Daniell family:

"The family originally came from England, where the genealogy is traceable to the Knights of the Norman Conquest. The name was originally spelled De Anvers and down through the centuries was changed first to Danyell and then to the present spelling of Daniel(l). There is a family tradition that on account of a political issue over which two brothers differed, one dropped an 'l' from the name, and they agreed that 'henceforth they would be no kin'. This tradition appears to be founded in the division among the English people at the time of Cromwell. The Daniels of Virginia claim that their ancestor supported Cromwell, so it * must be that the Daniells of South Carolina (from which the Daniell family of Georgia is a branch) was loyal to his king."

* the ancestor of the (insert)

The progenitor of the Daniell family of South Carolina was Robert Daniell of Charleston, S. C. He was a seaman, ship owner, a soldier, and a churchman, and provincial Governor of Carolina. He came to South Carolina from the Barbados in 1679. According to early records he also served as governor of the Province of North Carolina in 1703.

The progenitor of the Daniel family of South Carolina was William Daniel, Senior. It is the consensus of those who have made a study of the family that this William Daniel came from Virginia. No connection has been found with this William Daniel and the family of immigrant Robert Daniell, although some members of William Daniel's family spelled the name Daniell and Danielle. Inasmuch as the parents of William Daniel are unknown as yet, the genealogy will begin with:

I. WILLIAM DANIEL, SENIOR b. Va. c. 1732 d. S.C. 1796 Will 4 Nov. 1795 ^{Plantation on White Oak Creek, Kershaw Co.} ^{proved 9 Nov. 1796 names 7 ch.}
No! ^{**} b. 25 Nov. 1743 d. 1840 md. Rachel _____ (1st wife)
Consent of 200 A on Indian Creek 8 May 1758; arrived SC 1754 by whom he had 14 children

In a book compiled by Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Miller, printed in Macon, Georgia, in 1931, entitled " Our Family Circle " - it is stated that William Daniel, Sr. had 14 children. It would appear that he had married more than once; however, the name of his wife, (or wives) is unknown. He lived near Bamberg, S. C. Family records give 10 of his 14 children as follows:

II. William Daniel, Jr. - was the eldest son and, therefore, received the bulk of the family's large estate. Mrs. Miller gives the following children:

III. Issue:

- a. Ellen Daniel md. _____ Meadow
- b. John " No record
- ** c. Serena M. Daniel - md. September 18, 1828 in Camden, S. C. Robert Martin

** " Milberry Serena Daniel b. in Kershaw May 17, 1807, married 18 Sept. 1827, at the residence of her father, William, in Camden, S. C., by Rev. S. S. Davis, to Robert Martin, of Charleston. "

** Indicates information added by Ruth Brown Exley (Mrs. Slade H. Exley) taken from notes - loose papers in a file mostly - found by her many years ago in the Fireproof Building in Charleston.

Issue:

- IV. 1. Ellen Daniel Martin - b. 8 - 16 - 1829 Md. Joseph Daniel Aiken
- 2. Henrietta Aiken Martin - b. 7-27-1831
- 3. William Aiken Martin - b. 4-7-1833 Md. Margaret Martin
- 4. Robert Martin, Jr. - b. 2-12-1835 Md. Annie E. Erwin
- 5. Charley Wentworth Martin - b. 1-6-1837
- 6. Serena Martin - b. 12-22-1844

II. 2. Henry Daniel - No record

3. John Daniel - No record

4. Frank Daniel - No record

5. David Daniel - No record

* 6. James Daniel (See Will Book, Vol. 2, " 1826 - 1846 " - Section C (1)
** See special report on James. RBE

7. Joseph Daniel - No record other than it is stated that he was the last child of Wm. Daniel, Sr., and was brought up by his sister, Mary, after his mother's death.

8. Mary Daniel - Md. ----- Wood. See Will Book, Vol.2, " 1826 - 1856," Section D (131) - Barnwell, S.C. She was born ca. 1760, and was called " Aunt Polly " by all the family. She spent 11 years in the home of a niece (See " Our Family Circle ") Lived her brother, William, and others of the family in her later years. She had two children who died young.

9. Sem Daniel - See Will Bk., Vol. 2, "1826 - 1856", Section C (120) - Barnwell Co. S.C.
Md. (1) -----
(2) - Elizabeth Rice
(3) - Mary Agnes - ?

Records found in Atlanta, Ga. State Archives, state that his will was dated Nov. 11, 1833 and that he died in 1837. His wife is given in his will as " Mary Agnes ", and it is stated that she was deceased in 1861. It would appear then that Mary Agnes was his last wife. Family records state that Sem Daniel married three times - lost an only child by the first marriage - lost a son by his second marriage. It is stated that Elizabeth Rice was his third wife, and that he had the following issue by Elizabeth Rice. If this is correct, he married a fourth time to Mary Agnes ----; however, it would appear that Elizabeth Rice was his second wife, and Mary Agnes ----- was his third. There is an old Family Bible that gives the date of birth of Sem Daniel as " 30th Anno Domino, 1776 " - he was, therefore, 71 when he died.

Issue by Elizabeth Rice:

III. a. Mary Daniel b. in 1807 Md. Charles H. Rice

IV. Issue

- (1) Adeline E. Rice
- (2) Charles Henry Rice
- (3) Louis Malone Rice
- (4) Rebecca Emily Rice
- (5) Cornelia Isabella Rice

b. Elizabeth Jane Daniel - b. 5-4-1809 - married in 1824 and died
Md. John William Rush 9-8-1860

IV. Issue:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth Rush - b. 10-10-1825 - Md. Walcome Speers
- (2) Eliza Ann Rush - b. -12-28-1827 - Md. John W. Matheny

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- (3) William Daniel Rush - b. 10-23-1829
- (4) Juliana Rush - b. 2-25-1833 - Md. Allen P. Free
- (5) Rebecca Jane Rush - b. 5 Md. James Kelley
- (6) Sam Hayne Rush - b. 11-30 - 1834 - died in war
- (7) Martha Ayre Rush - b. 11-10-1836 - Md. J.B. Ray
- (8) Charles Cornelius Rush - b. 8-5-1839 - Md. Cornelia I. Rice
- (9) Lewis Barnwell Rush - b. 8-9-1841
- (10) Caroline Columbia Rush - b. 6-9-1843 - Md. Rev. Moses N. Sanders
- (11) Ella Rosa Bush - b. 3-18-1845 Md. Joseph Beck
- (12) Sallie Daniel Rush - b. 11-26-1846 - Md. Pinkney Brown
- (13) Elizabeth Rice Rush - b. 6-26-1849 - Md. Graham Bailey
- (14) Margaret Americus Rush - b. 6-3-1852 -

II. 10. Sarah Daniel
Md. James Erwin

She was born June 11, 1762, in Camden Dist., of South Carolina. She married in 1777. Direct ancestor of Lula Sams Bond (Mrs. Cone E. Bond) Sarah Daniel was the daughter of William Daniel, Sr. and his wife unknown (Rachel _____) She was, according to family Bible now owned by Mrs. Carol Summers of Orangeburg, S. C., born "June 11th Anno Domino, 1762 " entered as " Sarah Daniell " at Camden District, S. C. and was married in Camden, South Carolina, in 1777. She and James Erwin were both living in the Santee Section of Camden Dist., near St. Stephen, a settlement 35 miles from the Atlantic Coast and 15 miles southwest of Kingstres, S.C. They had 12 children, four of whom were born near St. Stephen. They later moved southwest near Midway, S. C., a little way Station between Branchville and Bamberg, 35 miles northeast of Ervington and Allendale. Here James built a plantation home, six miles south of Midway, and on this plantation eight of his children were born. The old home and the old church, which James Erwin built a mile beyond the house, were still standing in 1930. James Erwin was a member of the Baptist denomination. He and Sarah Daniel died at the Midway Plantation and their graves are in a field two or three hundred yards north of the house - the graves were restored and tombstones placed thereon by Robert Munro Erwin in 1937. For the descendants of Sarah Daniel Erwin, see the ERWIN FAMILY.

- 11. son (not known)
- 12. son " "