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THE DAVANT FAMILY

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HILTON HEAD BRANCH

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2. Isaac Davant b. ca 1743 m. Tabitha Williams. Two items only:  
St. Helena's Register records the baptism of Isaak, son of Isaak and Tabitha Devant of Hilton Head Nov. 19, 1772 born May 18, 1772.  
The Book of the Court of Ordinary, Chas. S. C. Pro. Ct. 1771-75. Dedimus to Andrew Agnew to qualify William Furreau of St. Helena's Parish to administer on Estate of Isaac Devant late of said parish, 18 June 1772.
- \* 3. James Davant b. Edisto Island, Sept 9, 1744 d. Savannah, Ga. Jan. 13, 1803 married Jan. 30, 1769 Lydia Page b. Jan. 12, 1751 d. Apr. 20. 1795; m. 2nd Elizabeth White, widow of Charles White Mar. 19, 1797 Savannah, Ga. who d. Savannah ca 1821. See Appendix IV.
4. \* Mary Davant b. ca 1748 on Edisto Island. The Register of St. Helena's Parish records:  
Thomas Tailler of Lady Island married Mary Devant 26 Apl. 1764 by the Rev. Teal. .  
The children of Thomas Taylor and Mary his wife were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Lewes at a private service in Upper Indian Lands 5 Apl. 1785. They were:  
John Taylor b. Apl. 21, 1768; Thomas Taylor b. Feb. 19, 1770; William Taylor b. 28 Feb. 1780 and Robert Devant Taylor b. 20 Jan. 1785. No further information.
- \* 5. Charles Davant b. Edisto Island ca 1750 d. Hilton Head Island Dec. 1781 m. ca June 1776 Elizabeth (Fendin) Bland, widow of Richard Bland b. Oct. 28, 1751. She m. 3rd Christian (?) Rankin. See Appendix V.
- \* John (1) John (2) James Davant b. Sept. 9, 1744 d. Jan. 13, 1803 m. Jan. 30, 1769 Lydia Page. He appears to have had no children by his second wife. James and Lydia Davant are buried at Zion Chapel of Ease on Hilton Head Island. Their children were:
  1. John b. May 14, 1770 d. Oct. 13, 1770.
  2. James b. Aug. 9, 1771 d. Sept. 13, 1772.
  3. Mary b. Oct. 23, 1773 m. May 14, 1790 James B. Sealy m. 2nd Mr. Kicklighter. She d. July 1806.
  4. Elizabeth b. Dec. 31, 1775 d. Dec. 26, 1808 m. Samuel Fickling
  5. John b. May 4, 1778 d. Jan. 6, 1822 m. Martha Cadmon Sept. 4, 18—she was b. June 1, 1781 d. June 6, 1818. They had a son Robert b. Hilton Head Is. July 18, 1805 d. Oct. 20, 1808. Stones to mother and son at Zion Chapel of Ease.
  6. Lydia b. Mar. 27, 1780 d. Sept. 30, 1824 m. Thomas Webb b. Nov. 24, 1769 d. Feb. 24, 1816.
  7. James b. Feb. 14, 1783 d. Sept. 4, 1859. m. 3 times.
  8. Rebecca b. Jan. 2, 1793 d. Sept. 4, 1859 m. the Rev. Philip Mathews.

This also came from Allison Davant, and I don't know who now owns this Bible. It is a poor photostat of the records in James Davant's Bible.

\* Births: James Davant sen'r was born Sep'r 9th 1744; Lydia Page born Jan'y 12th 1751; John Davant, son of the above James & Lydia was born May 14, 1770; James Davant born Aug. 9th 1771; Mary Davant born Oct'r 23, 1773; Elizabeth Davant born Dec'r 31, 1775; John born May 4, 1778; Lydia born March 17, 1780; James born Feb'y 14, 1783; Rebecca born Jan'y 2, 1793. Mary Whaley born June 7th 1788; Sam'l Fickling son of Jas. and Mary Davant born Feb. 18, 1808; Martha Sarah born Mar. 7th, 1810; Elizabeth Lydia Mary born May 31, 1811; Rebecca Lavinia born Nov'r 30th, 1813; Matilda Ann Born Jan'y 23, 1815; John James born May 16th, 1818; Martha C. Mathews born Feb'y 5, 1798; James Mathews son of Ja's and Martha born June 15, 1823; John Webb born Ja'y 1, 1825; Jeremiah Fickling born July 15, 1826; William Frederick born Ja'y 9th 1828; Ellen Catherine born March 17, 1829; Eliza Carleton born Ja'y 28, 1831; Charles Careleton (sic) born Nov'r 14th 1832; Philip Edwin born March 22d 1834; Robert Page born Apl. 25, 1836; Chester William born Ja'y 30th 1838; George Sanders born Oct'r 28th 1839; Benjamin Brantly born Aug't 13, 1842.

✕ Deaths: James Davant sen'r died Ja'y 13 1803 59 y 4 m 4 d Lydia Page Davant died Ap'l 20, 1795 40 y 4 m 8 d. John died Oc'r 13, 1770 5 m 1 d James died Sep'r 13, 1772 1 y Mary died July 1806 33 y 9 m Elizabeth Jan written over Dec [but Dec. is correct] 28, 1808 33 y John died Ja'y 6 1822 43 y 8 m.

✕ Marriages: James Davant Sen'r and Lydia Page were married January 30th 1769; Mary Davant daughter of James and Lydia Davant was born 1777? married James B. Sealy; Elizabeth Davant married Samuel Fickling; John Davant married Martha Cadmon; Lydia Davant married Thomas Webb; Rebecca Davant married Rev'd Philip Mathews; James Davant Junr and Mary Whaley were married July 12th 1807; Martha Sarah Davant married Mat J Williams; Elizabeth Lydia Mary Davant married Doc'r Norman L. Chester; Rebecca Lavinia Davant married Wm. Randle; Matilda Ann Davant married Doc'r Enos C. Moyer; James Davant married Martha C. Mathews August 8th 1822; James Davant married Rebecca F. Mathews March 26, 1843.

SCHS magazine vol. 45 p. 73 Died at Savannah, on the 16th inst. in the prime of life, Mrs. Mary Devant, wife of Mr. J. Devant. (Wed. May 27, 1818)

⊕ Annals of Georgia by Caroline Wilson Eppingham County, Ga. p. 32 has quite a lot of Davant tradition—I knew Mrs. Wilson, but I don't know where she got her information, and she doesn't say. "John and James Davant were Huguenots who settled on James and John Islands about 1690. James Davant was a Revolutionary soldier and his service is referred to in "Columbia State" [newspaper in Columbia, S. C.] in 1904. In the Diary of Revolution by Frank Moore "Capt. Davant who conspicuously distinguished himself in leading the forlorn hope at Ninety-Six was killed at Eutaw" (Letter from Gen. Greene to President of Congress) [I have no idea who this could be.] . . . Will of James

Davant 1801 mentions dau Elizabeth Ficklin. Stephen Blount who died in Savannah in 1804, had a sister Elizabeth Davant who died in Savannah 1821 He from Beaufort, S. C. Her will in Savannah mentions daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Mingledorf; daughter Rachel wife of Samuel Sturgis; grandson Fredk Robinson Schubert son of deceased daughter Jane. Savannah Record Room Bk. R p. 139 1797 Marriage settlement of James Davant of St. Luke's Parish, S. C. and Mrs. Elizabeth relict of Samuel White of Burke Co., Ga., Atlanta, Ga. microfilm of newspapers: Col. Mus. and Savannah Advertiser Mar. 21, 1797 (Tues) Married on Saturday last, Mr. James Devant of Hylton Head, to Mrs. Elizabeth White of this city, relict of Mr. Samuel White of Burke County." Mortuary Records City Hall, Savannah by Caroline Wilson p. 37 1807 Dec. 28 Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Samuel Fickling of Hilton Head age 31.

p. 61 S. Hammond age 46, b. Newport, R. I. Millwright, killed by a fall. From residence of Mrs. Davant S. Broad, left wife and children. [ca 1811]

Note from Elizabeth Faw, who inspected the original records of St. Helena's Church and says "The two John and James died in infancy. When baptized at St. Helena's Church parents were put down as from Port Royal".

Stub Indents of Revolutionary Services, Columbia, S. C. Bk. R-T No. 433 R. Issued 4 June 1785 to James Devant for £20.8.63/4 for 285 days duty in militia in 1779-80.

No. 434 Issued 4 June 1785 to Mr. James Devant £14.7.1½ for 200 days militia duty in 1781-82.

Inv. Bk. 1776-78 Pro. Ct. Chas. S. C. Inventory for Richard Bland, planter, of Hilton Head Island as shown by Capt. Lewis Bona and Charles Davant to appraisors Lewis Bona, James Davant and Richard Adams 18 June 1776.

MCO Chas. S. C. Bk. F6 p. 219 Benjamin Bailey of Charleston sale to James Davant of Hilton Head Island Jan. 1792 270 acres bounded N on said James Davant, S on beach, and Mrs. Sarah Waight, W on James Davant Rec. 10 Apr. 1792 Wit. John Brailsford Wm. Baynard.

Letter from Elizabeth Chester Faw, Marietta, Ga. 1929 "Great-grandfather must have been an Episcopalian, for Grandma (Elizabeth Mary Lydia Davant) remembered his reading the Episcopal service to them on Sundays, to the accompaniment of the waves".

The 1790 Census for Beaufort District shows but one Davant: James Devant; 2 males over 16; 2 males under 16; 5 females; 20 slaves.

The watch James Davant willed to his son in 1801 was made by George Priorl 15043, London. James Davant Jr. left it to his son Robert Page Davant, whose son Robert Chester Davant left it to his daughter Elizabeth Dixie Davant, Mrs. I. J. Miller of Beaumont, Texas. She had a photograph made of it—minus the hands and crystal now, but clearly showing the uniqueness of this watch—instead of the usual numerals it has 12 at the top, then JAMES DAVANT.

NORTH CAROLINA  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Moore Registration District No. 63-51 Certificate No. 57  
 Township Carthage or Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Carthage N.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its Name instead of street and number)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

2. FULL NAME

Wm. M. B. Davant  
 (a) Residence: No. Augusta Sta. St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX <u>m</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Widowed</u>
6. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Bill Clark Davant</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>April 10-1871</u>		
7. AGE	Years <u>65</u>	Months <u>4</u>
	Days <u>17</u>	If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Construction foreman</u>	
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.	
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>Aug 30, 1936</u>	
	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Williamsville</u> <small>(State or country)</small> <u>S. C.</u>		
FATHER	13. NAME <u>Chas Davant</u>	
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Allen Dale Co.</u> <small>(State or country)</small> <u>S. C.</u>	
MOTHER	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Mary Postick</u>	
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <u>Allen Dale Co.</u> <small>(State or country)</small> <u>S. C.</u>	
17. INFORMANT <u>Charles Davant</u> <small>(Address)</small> <u>Carthage N.C.</u>		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>West Island State</u> Date <u>8/25, 1936</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Fry &amp; Clark</u> <small>(Address)</small> <u>Carthage N.C.</u>		
20. FILED <u>Sept 4, 1936</u> <u>R. H. Fry</u> <small>REGISTRAR.</small>		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Aug 24, 1936  
 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 23, 1936 to Aug 23, 1936  
 I last saw him alive on Aug 23, 1936 death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 1:10 A. m.  
 The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:  
mitral insufficiency  
 Date of onset \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:  
none as known  
 Name of operation none date of \_\_\_\_\_  
 What test confirmed diagnosis? none Was there an autopsy? no  
 23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:  
 Accident, suicide, or homicide? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify city or town, county, and State)  
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.  
 Manner of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
 24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no  
 If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signed) Chas J. Strick M. D.  
 (Address) Carthage N.C.

Don should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.