

THE FRIPP FAMILY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

John Fripp apparently arrived in South Carolina between 1670 and 1690. His stock mark was registered in 1698 and in 1701 he was "High Sheriff" of Colleton County. The 1715 map shows the family living west of the Edisto River; he had a land grant (Memorial Book 111, pp. 312-314). He bought land as early as 1707 and in 1724 bought 480 acres on St. Helena's Island.

By 1860 Fripps owned more than 612,000 acres on St. Helena's and nearby islands. At the end of the plantation regime on St. Helena's Is. the Fripp family had a record of 136 years of planting thereon and there were 20 Fripp plantations.

Under the Church Act of 1704 Carolina was divided in parishes; St. Helena's Parish was established in 1712, the Parish Church being on its original site in Beaufort where the present building was erected in 1720. In 1736 a Chapel of Ease was built on St. Helena's Is., called "the White Church", its ruins are still standing. John Fripp who died in 1781 left 500 pounds to re-model this Chapel, already much too small since there were 70 families on the Is. in 1791. It was not until 1855 that a Baptist Ch. was erected near the center of the Island; owned by the Beaufort Baptist Church, it was taken over by negroes after the War and referred to as the "Brick Church". Many Fripps are buried in the cemeteries adjacent to these two Island Churches and on their family plantations; two Fripp cemeteries are near Frogmore.

In 1826 Capt. John Fripp owned the controlling interest in Hunting Island, then a hunting preserve. It is now a State Park. William Fripp owned a house in "Helenaville", a summer resort on this Island.

Mrs. Robert Fripp of Beaufort tells a family legend of the vault of John E. Fripp's being broken into by pirates who came on a ship piloted by negroes. His bones were scattered and his brother, Archibald, collected them, placed them in a casket and covered the grave with a stone slab.

On 7 Nov. 1861 the Federal Fleet passed the forts at the entrance of Port Royal Harbor and within a few hours the entire population had deserted Beaufort. Plantation families on St. Helena's Is. refugeed; many family records were lost together with all other possessions. All public records of Beaufort and Colleton Counties were destroyed, and with them much history is lost forever.

"The effect of the Union victory", wrote Gen. ^{Thomas West} Sherman, "was startling. Every white inhabitant has left the islands of St. Helena and Ladies, and most of Port Royal. The wealthy Island of St. Helena and the Island of Ladies, and most of Port Royal are abandoned by whites, and the beautiful island estates of the planters with their immense property, left to the pillage of the hordes of apparently disaffected blacks."

The lands of the absent Islanders (who were with the Confederate Armies) was sold for taxes and an old established civilization was ruthlessly replaced by an experiment.

The Immigrant John Fripp came from Bristol, England; at least one Mayor of Bristol was a Fripp. John Fripp was a widower with an only son, William. The next Fripp of record is John Fripp, born 1681 in Wales, died 1742, apparently the grandson of the Immigrant.

I. ^{born 1681 in Wales} JOHN FRIPP dated his Will 1 May 1742 (Chas. Will Bk. Vol.5, re-corded 14 Aug. 1744; "I, John Fripp, Senior, of St. Helena Island, South Carolina, planter...")
He was buried 29 May 1742, aged 61 yrs, therefore born 1681 (SCHM Vol. 23, pp66-67 & 15) Sarah Fripp was buried 9 Jan. 1756 at St. Helena.

John's Will mentions his wife, Sarah, but no living children; he leaves bequests to 3 grandchildren, "sons of my son, John, lately deceased".

II. JOHN FRIPP, JUNIOR, born 1704, died ^{ScHm 23-67} 2 Dec. 1739; married c. ~~1724~~ ¹⁷²⁴ ~~1724~~ ¹⁷²⁴ Martha Jenkins ~~Martha Jenkins~~ who on 3 Mar. 1740 married Thomas Hall of St. Helena. Fripp issue:

- ScHm 23-66 1. Sarah, b. 26 Oct. 1726, bapt. by Rev. Lewis Jones 5 Jan. 1727.
- ScHm 23-66 2. Martha, b. 31 May 1728, d. 16 Nov. 1783; mar. (1) Isaac Waight ^{16 Apr. 1745} (2) Isaac Wetherly.
- ScHm 23-66 3. Mary, b. 1733; no record. ^{May, born 6 Jan. 1733, bapt. 10 Feb. 1733 by Jones}
- ScHm 23-66 4. Elizabeth, b. 19 May 1736, mar. 17 Aug. 1752 Benjamin Green, bach.
- ScHm 23-66 5. William, b. 10 May 1732, mar. (1) 1 Oct. 1761 Tabitha Eddings, dau. of who d. 19 Feb. 1769 leaving issue: ^{William + Elizabeth Eddings,}
- ScHm 23-69 a. Tabitha, b. 1763, ^{4 Feb.; bapt. 1 May 1763 by Rev. Green.}
- ScHm 23-70 b. Martha, b. 30 Mar. 1765 ^{bapt. 2 Sept. 1765}
- ScHm 23-70 c. William Eddings, ^{27 Sept. 1768, d. 1770, 13 Jan.; bapt. 23 May 1769.} mar. (2) 10 May 1770 Magdalen Maggott (then 27 yrs. old) Wm. d. 1794; his wife Magdalen d. 15 Sept. 1794, aged 51. William Maggott was granted 800 A. on St. Helena's Is. 9 May 1700.
- ScHm 23-67 6. Paul, b. 8 Dec. 1737, mar. 27 June 1768 Amelia Reynolds, b. 17 Apr. 1752, d. 11 June 1822, dau. of William & Jane Reynolds of St. Helena; mar. by Rev. James Cosgrave; d. 7 Mar. 1800: Issue:
- a. William, b. 1769, d. infant
- b. Sarah, b. 1771, d. infant
- c. Jane, b. 1774, d. infant
- d. Mary, b. 1776, d. infant
- e. William R., b. 1779, d. infant
- f. John, b. 1775, d. 1817, a bachelor.
- g. Thomas, b. 7 Nov. 1781, d. 1837; mar. Emmaline Jenkins, no record of issue.
- h. Charles Edward, b. 1785; mar. Mary Minott; issue; d. 1843.
- i. Martha, b. 1789, d. 1840, mar. a Philson
- > j. William B. (1792-1853), mar. Elizabeth Chaplin; issue
- k. Sarah Emily (1794-1837), mar. Edward Hext Sams, brother of Lewis Reeve Sams & Berners Barnwell Sams; he was youngest son of Elizabeth Hext & William Sams of Datha Is.; issue:
- (1) Angelon C. Sams, b. 1823
- (2) Angeline Barnwell Sams, b. 1825
- (3) Elizabeth Emily Sams, b. 1817
- (4) Angeline Hext Sams, b. 1821
- (5) Francis William Sams, b. 1815, moved to Florida.
- ScHm 23-66 7. JOHN FRIPP, III (15 Mar. 1721-1781), J.P. 1776, bapt. by Jones Elizabeth Hand 1730; mar. ¹⁹ Apr. 1747 Elizabeth Hand (22 Nov. 1725, bapt. by Jones 18 Apr. 1728, dau. John & Martha Hand); Will probated 8 Sept. 1781, Vol. 19, p. 250, Chas.; issue: ^{D. 22 July 1780}
- ScHm 23-68 a. Martha, b. 4 Mar. 1747, bapt. by St. John, mar. ^{5 Feb.} 1763 ^{Francis} Wm. Chaplin.
- ScHm 23-67 b. Elizabeth, b. 18 Sep. 1750, mar. 18 Sep. 1764 Thomas Chaplin (b. 1742, gr-gr-grandson of Thomas Stanyarne, the Immigrant); their dau. Sarah Phoebe Chaplin, b. 24 May 1778, mar. her 1st cousin, John Jenkins (b. 1772, son of John & Mary Fripp Jenkins) & had six children: Emmalina, m. (1) Thos. Fripp (b. 7 Nov. 1781), m. (2) John Webb; Daniel; Sarah, m. Jos. Myers of Combahee; John; Mary, m. Dr. Jos. Lee of Abbeville, S.C.; Elizabeth Phoebe Jenkins, m. Thomas Wright Rhodes (issue).
- ScHm 23-68 c. Mary, b. 29 Apr. 1754, mar. John Jenkins (b. 13 May 1750), Capt. of St. Helena's Volunteer Co.; 7 children: Elizabeth, Mary,

Sarah, Daniel, Julia, John (b. 1772, mar. his 1st cousin, Sarah Phoebe Chaplin, see above for issue) and Emma.

- SCHM 23-68 d. Sarah, b. 18 Oct. 1752, ^{Rev. Wm. E.} bap. by Pease, mar. (1) John Evans, Jr. (23-61) 26 Nov. 1766; mar. (2) ^{Rev. Wm. E.} Graham (she is called "Sarah Graham" in her father's Will). ^{Son Thos. Graham b. 19 Feb. 1786 (SCHM 23 p. 110); Graham m. (>) Eliz. Norton (no issue)}
- SCHM 23-69 e. Rebekah, b. 2 Nov. 1759, mar. James Edwards; issue: Martha, b. 23 June 1799, mar. (1) a Frripp, mar. (2) 30 Nov. 1831 as his 2nd wife, Berners Barnwell Sams; she d. 23 Feb. 1857.
- SCHM 23-70 f. Hannah, b. 23 July 1764, mar. 1784 Benjamin Jenkins of Wadmalaw.
- SCHM 23-70 g. Ann, b. 5 May 1765, mar. Major Scott.
- SCHM 23-69 h. John, b. 18 Apr. 1749, d. infant.
- i. Isaac, b. 1768, d. infant. ^{D. 22 June 1768 (SCHM 23-70)}
- SCHM 23-70 j. Paul, b. 23 Sept. 1762, mar. 1783 Elizabeth Jenkins.
- SCHM 23-70 k. Thomas, b. 11 Apr. 1761, mar. 1785 Martha Hand (1764-1799).

Issue:

- (1) Elizabeth Hann Frripp, b. 11 Aug. 1795, d. 1831, mar. 5 Nov. 1812 as his 1st wife, Berners Barnwell Sams, who later mar. her 1st cousin, Martha Frripp Edwards (see above).
- (2) Sarah Frripp, b. 26 Dec. 1789, d. 12 Aug. 1825, buried Datha Is.; mar. Lewis Reeve Sams, son of William & Elizabeth Hext Sams of Datha Is., S. C. Issue.
- (3) James Frripp of St. Helena's Is.
- (4) a son

- SCHM 23-70 l. Archibald, b. 6 Nov. 1766, d. 1835 July 6, bur. Frogmore; mar. a Chaplin

Issue:

- (1) David
- (2) Isaac
- (3) Thomas

- SCHM 23-69 m. John Frripp, IV, b. 1 Mar. 1757, d. 1797, called "Captain"; mar. Martha Scott, dau. of George Scott & Ann Jenkins (dau. of Joseph Jenkins & Phoebe Chaplin who was dau. of ~~John~~ & Phoebe (Ladson) ^{Chaplin} Jenkins); issue:

- (1) William, mar. Mrs. Harriet (Reynolds) Prentis; issue: William Washington, Clarence A., Alvin, Eddings, Julia (who mar. Samuel Prioleau & left a dau., Mrs. F.E. Ellis of Atlanta)
- (2) John
- (3) Phoebe (died unmarried)
- (4)

- SCHM 23-69 n. William Frripp, b. 23 Dec. 1755, mar. Mary Hand, dau. of Thomas Hand.

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