

## ORIGIN OF THE STONEY FAMILY

Mother aroused my interest in the family traditions and history with tales of the Shannons and McWillies and Cunninghams. A wealth of romance is bound up in most of the lives of these forgotten people of simple manners and quiet ways. A few of them have been outstanding in their contribution to the life of the south. One played his part in the destiny of the Nation, a small part to be sure. He was Governor McWillie of Mississippi, at whose home, "Kirkwood", in Madison County, Jefferson Davis and others used to gather before the Civil War.

The purpose of this paper is to bequeath to Martha Washington and Billy the story of the family as I have gathered it. The job of getting the bits of information together has been confined to off-hours and vacations. But it has been great fun. I will be quite pleased to make corrections if anyone finds mistakes.

The Stoneys originated in Yorkshire, England, in one of the west Ridings, Yorkshire being divided into "Ridings" for more convenient government. The first name appears as Stanehow, I think. Then it was Stanie and Staney, and finally Stoney. It is quite likely that it is Danish.

I will give dates of birth on the left of the names and dates of death on the right where I have been able to secure them. Roman numbers will indicate the generation back from my children. For instance my son Billy will have "(I)" by his name. I will have "(II)" by mine, as will Martha, my wife. Our parents will have "(III)" and our grandparents "(IV)", and so on back.

We start with George Stoney (X) who was born in Kittlewell, Yorkshire, England, in 1650. He married Mary Morehouse, an heiress of Rilston on January 6th, 1675, and moved from Yorkshire in 1692 to Knockshegowna County, Tipperary, Ireland. He is buried there. Their children were Thoman, John, James (who carries our line), Robert, and Leonard; all IXth Generation back.

Mary Morehouse was the daughter of Thomas Morehouse, who was born in 1613, married Abigail Winole in 1631, and died in 1657. Thomas's father was Richard Morehouse (XII), and his grandfather was Thomas Morehouse (XIII) who was born in 1576, married Maria Hoyston in 1609 and died in 1658. He is mentioned in Burke's "Landed Gentry of Ireland". Sam Stoney thinks that the family of Stoney was too obscure before that time to have left many records. The Morehouse family gave prominence to George.

George Stoney, whom I mentioned above, carried his thirteen year old son, James, to Ireland where the family lived for a few generations. James had a son named John, and John had a son named John (VII) who was born in 1748, was married to Elizabeth Caulfield, and moved to America in 1774, settling on Hilton Head Island, near Bluffton and Beaufort, South Carolina.

STONEY HISTORY

Dublin (born 1742)

Dr. George Mosse was an educated physician from Ireland (probably Scotch-Irish from North Ireland as he was a protestant Episcopalian) and came to South Carolina in the Parish of St. Thomas & St. Denis some years before the Revolution. He settled at ~~St. Helena Island (see records of~~ married (1) 30 Oct 1767 Elizabeth Martin. After her death in ~~Land grants in the State House). He brought a young wife with him, who shortly~~ childbirth, he moved to St. Helena Island. ~~died, leaving no issue.~~

He later married the <sup>1770</sup> ~~daughter~~ <sup>sister</sup> of a fine English family and had their coat of arms. By his second wife, <sup>Dorothy</sup> ~~Phoebe~~ (born 10 Nov 1751, daughter of Jonathan & Mary Ann (Chaplin) Norton) Norton/ Dr. George Mosse has seven daughters.

Dr. Mosse lived in Savannah for a few years and ~~joined~~ <sup>was Founding Deacon 1795 of</sup> the First Baptist Church (the records of the church of (1800-1806). He moved back to S. Carolina, purchased land and settled near Black Swamp, once Beaufort District, now <sup>Jasper</sup> ~~Hampton~~ Co. He lived there one year and died ~~in 1807~~ <sup>17 Feb 1808</sup> and he and his wife, who died ~~7 years~~ <sup>March</sup> ~~later~~, were buried on the plantation, but their graves cannot be found. Dr. Mosse was said to be port Physician while in Sav. and to have founded a medical school but no records of this can be found.

During the Revolutionary War, Dr. George Mosse was a prisoner of War on the British Prison Ship "Packhorse" in Charleston Harbor May 18th 1781. We have this from family records and from Ramsay's History of the Revolution in South Carolina. Page 543. Mosse was spelled in old English letters & reads Mofse. He was an elegant and highly educated man & his daughters also had every advantage & accomplishment, rare in those days.

Children of Dr. George Mosse & his wife Phoebe Norton -  
(Esther Marie, called "Hettie" born 18 May 1772 St. Helena Is.)  
Esther M. married Patrick Mackenzie, a Scotchman & Capt. in the Revolutionary War.  
Phoebe Married Joseph J. Lawton  
Elizabeth married James Stoney  
Jane married Benjamin ~~Thomastones~~ Dion Lawton  
Mary A. married Adam F. Brisbane  
Martha married Alexander J. Lawton (Parents of Gen. Alex R. Lawton of C.S.A. & minister to Austria under Cleveland Administration)  
Sarah married Robert Norton (a cousin)

Three Mosse sisters married three Lawton brothers.  
The portrait was copied by Mrs. Bierne Gordon from a photograph.  
His name is George Mosse Stoney, probably the son of Elizabeth Mosse, daughter of Dr. George Mosse and James Stoney,

(1) 1815 Adams (died 29 Nov 1821)  
This George Mosse Stoney married Katherine Jenkins of ~~Edisto~~ <sup>Woodward</sup> Island. They had three children ~~by her~~. <sup>On 18 Jan 1823</sup> Later he married Sarah/Barnwell and had George Stoney (killed in the Civil War) & several daughters, Charlotte, Emma, Addie, Annie. We descend from Katharine Jenkins, the first wife, dau. of Isaac Rippon & Hannah (Scott) Jenkins  
John Joseph Stoney, James married- the minister - Miss Read of Beaufort - Elizabeth.

Died, on the 17th of February, at his usual residence on Black Swamp, Beaufort District, of a lingering illness, which he bore with uncommon patience and Christian resignation, in the 67th year of his age, Doctor George Mosse. He was a native of Ireland, but for about 40 years an inhabitant of this state, of which he has been a respectable and useful citizen.- To his adopted country he was a firm, constant friend; but his philanthropy embraced all mankind.

The Doctor was particularly known and respected as the zealous friend and supporter of Religion; from which he derived his present, and expected his future happiness. In the profession of it he was open, yet unostentatious; in his attachment to it, rational, unshaken and uniform.- His religious sentiments were those which are usually stiled evangelical; making the righteousness and atonement of the Redeemer the ground of his hope for pardon and acceptance with God; and considering morality and virtue as the native fruits of faith - the inseparable concomitants of Divine love.

Though not inattentive to other books of usefulness, his reading was principally in those of a religious and devotional kind; but especially in the Sacred Scriptures, to which he gave serious, daily attention. In consequence of which his mind was happily stored with the knowledge of divine subjects. On his hours of devotion, he would not suffer the cares and business of the world to intrude.

In relative life, he was a sincere, candid friend, an affectionate Husband; a fond Father; and an indulgent Master; - And it may be truly said of him, that he was the orphan's friend; that he made the widow's heart sing for joy; and that he did not send the needy, and distressed, empty and mourning from his door.

His last scene presented a grand and pleasing spectacle - just before he closed his eyes in death, he said, in an apparent rapture of joy - "Lord Jesus! receive my spirit. Glory! Glory to God, who has given me the Victory!"

A pious Widow, seven Daughters, and many friends lament the loss of this good man.