

## The Pope Family

The Pope family in South Carolina did not do much in the Revolutionary War for the reasons given below.

### I

1. George Pope was your great, great grandfather who came to South Carolina from Popes Creek, Westmoreland County, Virginia about 190 years ago, and settled in St. John's Parish near Charleston, S. C.
2. In the records of the church books we find that his wife was named Sarah, but I have never been able to discover her maiden name. She probably was a Virginia lady.
3. George and Sarah left two sons, James Pope and George Pope. George Pope, who lived nearly to the age of 100 years, never married. He was well remembered by our father, Joseph James Pope, who has often told me of him. The old man was fond of his toddy all his life, which was the reason (probably) why he lived so long.

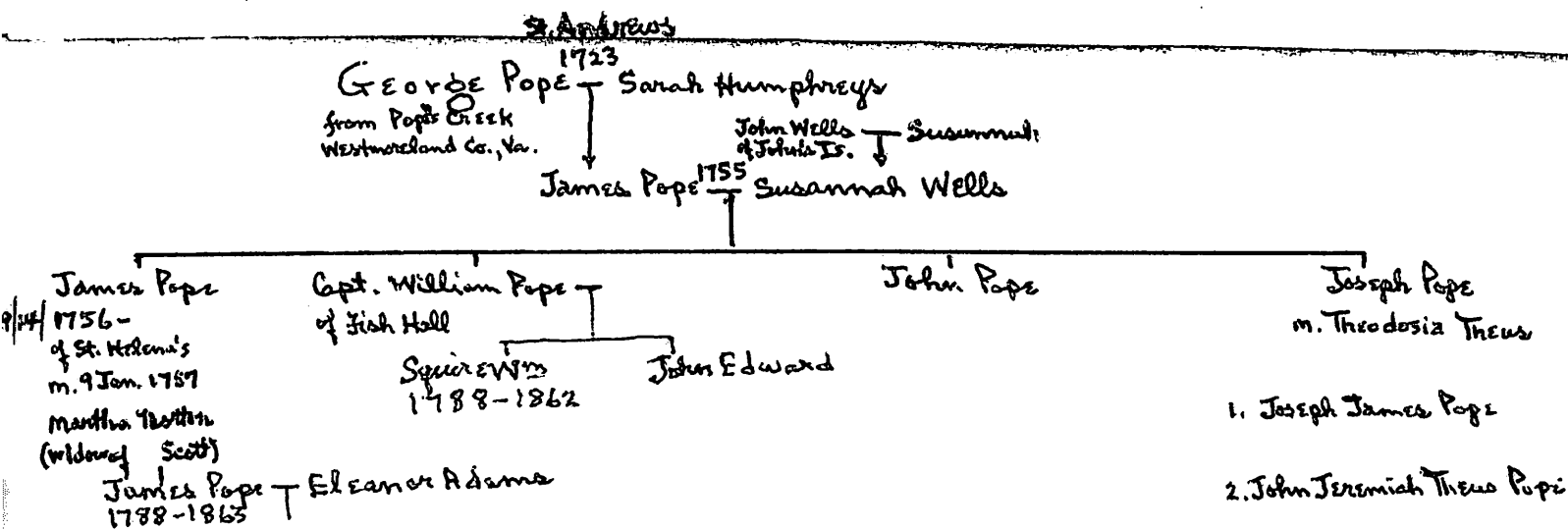
### II

1. James Pope (son of George and Sarah above named) was your great grandfather and seems to have been a man of means.
2. He married Susannah Wells and they had many children (as appears by the entry of their baptisms in the church records) but only four sons survived. (1) James Pope, (2) William Pope, (3) John Pope, (4) Joseph Pope (our ancestor). James Pope (above) was the father of "old Cousin James", "old Cousin Jerico William", Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hopkins and that branch. (These you remember) William Pope (above) was the father of the old Squire ~~John S.~~ Pope, and from whom came Cousin Eliza Woodward and the Draytons, Frank Pope and Dick (by a second marriage), John Pope (above) from whom came Aunt Eliza and Aunt Mary Fripp (whom you remember) and another sister Theodoria who married John Frampton. Hence our kinship with the Frampton family.

*William*

### III

James Pope (above) your great grandfather, died before the Revolution, was a good subject of King Grape (wise old man), leaving his four sons above named, James, William, John and Joseph (our ancestor), all too young to go into the army at the beginning of the war. All took a part in it, however, before it was over. William (afterwards Capt. William Pope) is spoken of by Garden in his "Anecdotes of the Revolution" as acting with great gallantry under General Greene, but he could not have been more than 20 years of age.



#### IV

1. Joseph Pope (our ancestor) was the youngest brother and did not go into the war until near its close, when he was but 18 years of age. These four brothers lost all of their property in the Revolution, but they were very successful after the war and left handsome estates.
2. Joseph Pope (our ancestor, as above) married Theodora Theus, and had a great many children, only two however survived; (1) Joseph James Pope (our father) and John Jeremiah Theus Pope (our uncle).

#### V

Joseph James Pope (our father) left surviving him sons and daughters, Joseph Daniel Pope (myself), John W. R. Pope, Mary Elizabeth Pope, Catherine Ann Pope, Gertrude Victoria Pope, Emma Julia Pope (yourself).

#### VI

John J. T. Pope (named after his great grandfather, our great, great grandfather (John Jeremiah Theus) left sons and daughters, Hephsebah Pope, Major Joseph James Pope Jr., Dr. Daniel T. Pope, Susan C. Pope (Fuller), Mary Martha Pope (Mikell), Caroline C. Pope (Sams), Ellen Pope (Edwards) and Rosa Pope (King).

Now you have them all. If anybody is entitled to be a daughter of the Revolution, you and yours are on all sides. I don't take much stock in the Revolution. Better, far better, the English than the Yankees. (Curse them all.) I am entitled on three sides to be a member of the "Cincinnati" and have been invited to join but have always declined.

The Scotts, The Jenkins, the Theus and the Popes are all among the oldest families in South Carolina. I have traced them all back to Colonial ~~xixxx~~ days and I have traced the Popes back to the early part of the time of Queen Ann. They were all respectable people when the Duke of Marlborough was careering<sup>\*</sup> over England.

I can trace the Pope family down to the water, but I can't trace them on the other side. I have a book of the Popes in England from the Earl of Down\* to a shoemaker. We may have come from the shoemaker or from the Earl. Considering what a respectable family it has been both in Virginia and South Carolina, I think we must have come from the Earl. The old Squire always said so. But we may have come from Sir William Pope, the (\*) of Queen Elizabeth, you remember,

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or from Sir John Pope a distinguished English Judge. But why not from the shoemaker. I vote for him.

The Popes as far back as I can trace them were staunch supporters of the church of England--no dissenters among them--all Episcopalian.

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