

Discovering The Rhodes Family History:

- 1938: Cousin Annie's Our Family Circle, Macon 1931; memories of Cousin Zeenie Rhodes Youmans, Cousin Carrie Belle Rhodes, Aunt Charlotte & Aunt Mamie Peeples; tombstones in Whale Branch (now Clarendon) Plantation Cemetery.
- 1939: Letter from Samuel P. Rhodes, Sylvania, Ga.; his father, Thomas Haygood Rhodes & his Uncle Nathaniel Henry Rhodes were the two sons of Nathaniel Henry Rhodes (c.1806-c.1844), only brother of Hon. George Rhodes; he left five small children & his widow Sarah Julia Haygood Rhodes died 5 years later. Thomas Haygood Rhodes lived with his Uncle George at The Hermitage & later with his Aunt Rachel (Mrs. Ulysses Maner Robert) in Georgia. No family records.
- 1946: Library of Congress: Shropshire Non-parochial Register of Bridgnorth's Stoneway Chapel, (Vol. 2, 1765-1798); several Rhodes shown as members 1767 & 11 Nov. 1772 marriage of Mr. George Rhodes & Miss Betsy Bache of Weykin at Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Bridgnorth, births of their children recorded. Frissart's Chronicles (Vol. 1 p. 121) Domesday Bk.: Willemus & Hugh Rhodes, "hereditary knights of Flanders" fought at Hastings 1066, granted "Moiety of Rhodes", an extant estate in Cheshire near Macclesfield. William's son Michael left descendants. Eyton's Antiquities of Shropshire (Vol. 1, p. 54) has "Rhodes" a village or hamlet of Morville Manor held by Salop Abbey of Norman Earl Roger de Montgomery "tenant palatine".
- 1953: SCHM (54 pp. 101-103) Records From Bible of George Rhodes; 1st paragraph: 4 errors: 1. "Mary Cater d/o Thomas Miles Cater"; d/o Rev. War Capt. of Beaufort Vol. Artillery, Thomas Cater of Cater Hall, St. Peter's Parish. 2. "Thomas Rhodes died before 1805": SCHM 33-68 "died 25 Apr. 1809, nephew of John Rhodes of Beaufort". 3. George Rhodes "was sent to his aunt, Mrs. James Pringle"; his mother's 1st cousin, Elizabeth Mary McPherson. 4. "Rev. James Jehu Robert, pastor of Robertville Baptist Church" (per OFC); deacon, never ordained. Mary Pringle Fenhaven publicly corrected me & privately noted SCHM 34-62/66: Capt. Thomas Cater s/o Thomas Cater & Susannah Baker (1731-1752) d/o Richard Baker, Esq. of Archdale Hall on Ashley (1703-1752) (Jeremiah Theus portrait) & Mary Bohun, d/o planter Nicholas Bohun (1680-1718), s/o SC's 1st Chief Justice Edmund Bohun (1645-1699). Nicholas Bohun m. Margaret Bellinger, d/o 1st Landgrave, Captain Edmund Bellinger. (2 of 28 Landgraves). Edmund Bohun, Esq., Diary & Autobiography: Bohun earls of Essex & Hereford, de Vere earls of Oxford, FitzAlan earls of Arundel, Howard dukes of Norfolk, King Edward III of England, Merovingian, Carolingian and Capetian Kings of France through Philip IV, several Emperors of Rome and Constantinople, 30 or more official saints, including St. Vasilav, Prince of Kiev who established the Christian religion in Russia 1000 yrs ago in 988.
- 1963: Mrs. Nathaniel Henry Rhodes Dawson, Selma, Ala.; desk of Col. N.H.R. Dawson m. Elodie Todd. Records of Nathaniel Rhodes & Harriett George.
- Sav. Morning News: Capt. James McPherson "Indian Fighter" (1688-1771) SC Rangers "escort & protect" Gen. Oglethorpe 12 Feb 1733.
- 1965: SCHM: A Miles Genealogy (reprinted in 5 vol. SC family histories).
- 1967: Richard B. McConnell "Ancestral Peregrinations" 50-60 generations.
- 1978: Mrs. Carl (Ruth Berry) Sawyer visited Bridgnorth & Lichfield.
- 1983: Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. Tribute to Rev. Pierre Robert: 300th Anniversary. A Grimball Plantation Journal HHSCT 87: Mary Stone d/o Susannah Carriere.
- 1985: THSSC 90 Pasteur Pierre Robert's Swiss Ancestry.

Hampton County Deed Books:

Bk 2-D pp. 107 ff; 1 Sep. 1881 George Rhodes sold 848-acre The Hermitage Plantation, Lawton Twnshp. to Daniel B. Rhodes for \$4000; Daniel B. Rhodes sold 250 acres of The Hermitage Plantation 30 June 1882 to Edward H. Peeples for \$1500.

1. Nathaniel Rhodes, Bridgnorth on Severn River, Shropshire (Salop), England, in his 1742 Will names sons: Nathaniel and Thomas Rhodes. The Parish Register of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth has many entries for the Rhodes family.
2. Nathaniel Rhodes of Bridgnorth, witnessed 16 Sep. 1746 Will of Thomas George of Bridgnorth, father of his wife, Harriett George; their two known sons: George and John Rhodes. John Rhodes, born 2 Feb. 1747, emigrated to South Carolina where he married 11 June 1774 in St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, Mary Talbird (21 Sep. 1751-19 Oct. 1811), daughter of Irish immigrant, Henry Talbird; she inherited 1217-acre Whale Branch Plantation, Port Royal Island. John Rhodes, a successful merchant of Beaufort and Charleston, was appointed Sheriff of Beaufort District by President John Rutledge, a Lt. in Revolutionary War, member of S.C. Legislature, Warden of St. Helena's Church; their son: Dr. Nathaniel Henry Rhodes (1782-1817), member of S.C. Legislature at the time of his death, married Mary, daughter of Paul Hamilton, Gov. of S.C. and Secretary of U.S. Navy. Their daughter Henrietta Rhodes married (1) Paul Hamilton, Jr. and (2) Rev. William T. Potter, Rector of St. Helena's Church. John died 4 Oct. 1827.
3. George Rhodes, "Chymist of Bridgnorth", elder son of Nathaniel & Harriett (George) Rhodes, married 11 Nov. 1772 in Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth, Elizabeth ("Betsy") Bache of Weyken, daughter of John Bache whose childless brother, Thomas Bache of Warfield, in his 1782 Will left his niece Elizabeth "wife of George Rhodes" £50 per year "for her personal use" and the "residue to her children at her death"; their children:
 - a. Thomas Rhodes, born 22 Sep. 1773, baptized 27 Sept., buried 5 Jan. 1775.
 - b. Thomas Rhodes, born 22 Apr. 1775, baptized 14 May 1775. (Below)
 - c. Charlotte Rhodes, born 4 Jul. 1776.
 - d. Nathaniel Rhodes, born 13 Jan. 1779.
4. Thomas Rhodes, born Bridgnorth 22 Apr. 1775, baptized 14 May in Church of St. Mary Magdalene, emigrated to S.C. 1792 to join his uncle, John Rhodes, merchant-planter of Beaufort & Charleston. Thomas married (1) 10 Jul. 1795 in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Charleston, Mary Wright, daughter & sole heiress of "the late John Wright, planter", of Charleston. Their two children: Thomas Wright Rhodes and Sarah who married Mr. Fripp. Thomas married (2) 1799 Mary Elizabeth Cater; 1800 Census shows him planting in St. Peter's Parish with 20 slaves. He took the Oath of Naturalization and became an American citizen 23 Jan. 1808; (SCHM 66-221) he died at his Calliwassi Island Plantation 25 Apr. 1809. 1810 Census shows Mary Cater Rhodes back in St. Peter's Parish with 28 slaves; that fall she married (2) Winborn Asa Lawton, later ordained a Baptist minister; they had four children, two of whom left descendants; she was buried in the Robert Cemetery, northeast of Robertville.