

* Thomas Rhodes took the oath of Naturalization and became an American citizen 23 Jan. 1808 (SCHAUB p 221)

GEORGE RHODES, Signer of the Ordinance of Secession.

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FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Thomas Rhodes, father of the subject of this paper, was born 22 ^{Sept} 1775 at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, England, oldest ^{son} of George Rhodes and Elizabeth Bache who were married at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth on 11 Nov. 1772. Thomas came to South Carolina after 1790 to join his uncle, John Rhodes, who was born in Bridgnorth, England 2 Feb. 1747, came to South Carolina where on 11 June 1774 he was married by the Rev. Mr. Moreau in St. Helena's Church, Beaufort to Mary Talbird (21 Sept. 1751 - 19 Oct. 1811), dau. of Henry Talbird (Talbot) of Beaufort. John Rhodes was the father of John Rhodes, born 3 Jan. 1777; Dr. Nathaniel Henry Rhodes (2 Feb. 1783 - 10 July 1817) who married Mary Hamilton, b. 29 Nov. 1783, dau. of Gov. Paul Hamilton and Mary Wilkinson; (Mary H. Rhodes married as her second husband on 9 Dec. 1819 Dr. Richard B. Screven); Henrietta Rhodes (24 June 1790 - 26 March 1852) married (1) Paul Hamilton by whom she had a dau. Mary Rhodes Hamilton b. 13 Jan. 1811, married (2) Rev. William Taylor Potter, by whom she had a dau. Henrietta Rhodes Potter, died 11 Feb. 1834; Mary Rhodes, born 28 Jan. 1793.

On 10 July 1795 Thomas Rhodes married in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, Mary Wright, dau. of the late John Wright of Charleston. She died after having two children: Thomas Wright Rhodes, ^{6 May 1796 - Nov 1862} and Elizabeth ^{20 Jan. 1798 - 1854} Phoebe Jenkins, dau. of Col. John Jenkins (born 1772) and Sarah Phoebe Chaplan; and Sara Rhodes who married a Fripp.

The second wife of Thomas Rhodes was Mary Cater (25 June 1776 - 25 Feb. 1823), dau. of Thomas Cater, born 1751, son of Thomas Cater and Susannah Baker (6 Apr. 1731 - 8 Jan. 1752, dau. of Richard Baker, 1703-31 May 1752 and Mary Bohun, 1700-1736, dau. of Nicholas Bohun, 1680-1718 (son of Edmund Bohun, Chief Justice of South Carolina) and his wife, Margaret, dau. of the 1st Landgrave Edmund Bellinger. The mother of Mary Cater was Rachel Miles (1755-1802), granddaughter of the famous Indian Fighter, Capt. James MacPherson of the Rangers, who was born in South Carolina in 1668, dying 6 Mar. 1771, who escorted Gen. James Oglethorpe from Beaufort to found Savannah and the Colony of Georgia in 1733. Thomas Rhodes died 25 April 1809, leaving three children by his second wife, Mary Cater, who afterwards married Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.

1. GEORGE RHODES
11 Jan. 1802 - 2 Oct. 1881
2. Rachel, married Ulysses Maner Robert of Robertville, S. C. by whom she had seven children, including triplets. ^{5 children}
3. Nathaniel Rhodes, ^{+1843/4} married ~~Miss Hamilton~~, leaving ~~descendants in Savannah, Georgia.~~ ^{Sarah Julia Haygood + 1848/9} ^{Thos. Haygood Rhodes b. + Feb. 1832} ^{Nathaniel H. Rhodes m. Belle Grayson}

GEORGE RHODES was born on Calliwashe Island, South Carolina 11 Jan. 1802. After the death of his father on 25 April 1809 he was sent by his mother to her cousin, Elizabeth Mary MacPherson (Mrs. James Reid Pringle) of Charleston, dau. of Gen. John MacPherson and Susan Miles. Mrs. Pringle sent him to the famous school of Dr. Moses Waddell at Willington, attended by John C. Calhoun, Gen. Longstreet and others.

On 15 Nov. 1821 he married THURSA EVELINA ROBERT (4 Sept. 1803-1828); after the death of Thursa Evelina, George married her younger sister, ELIZA JANE ROBERT (30 Jan. 1810-1867). His wives were daughters of the Rev. James Jehu Robert (4 Nov. 1781 - 19 Jan. 1852), son of John Robert of Robertville (b. Santee, S.C. July 1742, d. Robertville 24 Feb. 1826)

and Elizabeth Dixon (7 June 1750 - 15 Nov. 1820), dau. of Capt. Thomas Dixon of James Island and Elizabeth Smith (6 Jan. 1722 - 26 Sept. 1756), dau. of the Second Landgrave Thomas Smith (1668-9 May 1738), son of Landgrave Thomas Smith, Governor of Carolina 1693-94.

RHODES LAND TRANSACTIONS RECORDED IN OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURT,
Hampton County Courthouse, Hampton, S. C.

- Bk. 1-D pp. 380-382: 517 A. Ziglong Creek & McPherson Bay by George M. Rhodes to Mary E. Ellis
p. 458, 400 A Horse Pen Branch 1 Jan. 1870 to Sam Russell for \$1200
p. 578, 20 A by Dan B. to George M. of Ga. for \$200
- Bk 2-D p. 23, 150 A Boggy Gutt for \$1 to Thyrza E. & John J. Rhodes by Dan B, Trustee, 1 July 1868
p. 106, 848 A. The Hermitage plantation for \$4000 by George Rhodes to Dan B. Rhodes ^{1 Sep 1881}
p. 107, 101 A. by George to Dan B. for \$500.
p. 222 \$2000 for certain lots to Henry Tudor Farmer
p. 235, 150 A. to Charles A. Myers for \$350
p. 268, Geo. to J.J., Trustee 1 Aug. 1877
p. 273, J.J., Trustee, sells above 19 Sept. 1882 to C. H. Wilcox of Sav., Ga. for \$800.
p. 275, release by George M. et al for above.
p. 319, receipt for \$800 15 Sept. 1882 for above.
p. 344, D. B. Rhodes for \$1500 to William Russell 300 A.
- Bk. 1-D p. 571, 20 A. for \$200, Orangeburg Road, Lawtonville, by George M. Rhodes to E. H. Peeples 29 Nov. 1877.
p. 571, 150 A. by Dan. B. Rhodes, Trustee, to E. H. Peeples 1 July 1868 for \$400.
41½ A. east side of Lawtonville proper, 4 Dec. 1880.
- * Bk. 2-D p. 345, 250 A. of The Hermitage plantation to E. H. Peeples 30 June 1882 by D. B. Rhodes for \$1500; resold 6 Jan. 1883 by E. H. Peeples to J. W. Peeples.
- George Rhodes sells to Daniel B. Rhodes for \$4000 "The Hermetage" plantation, Lawton Township, 848 A.; also for \$500 "3 head of horses, my entire stock of cattle - 17 head more or less, my entire stock of sheep - 15 head more or less, one wagon, all gears and farming implements upon the said premises, one sugar mill, one cotton gin", 1 Sept. 1881; also for \$500 101 A. (Bk. 2-D, p. 107, 1 Sept. 1881.)
- Bk. 4-D, p. 466, 13 A. by Daniel Rhodes, Trustee to E. H. Peeples, 1889.