

between the Congaree and Wateree, near the Creek called Tom's Creek. Charles McCord, witness.<sup>37</sup>

These references to John McCord as Captain, would seem to bear out the family belief that he was a Captain of Provincial Rangers.<sup>38</sup>

#### CHARLES McCORD (JOHN)

In May, 1771, Charles McCord was granted 609 acres in Craven County, on the west side of the Wateree. This lay along the river, and abutted land of his mother and of S. Holly.<sup>39</sup> The memorial he signed himself.<sup>40</sup> He got more land in 1772, December 24; 250 acres on Tom's Creek, a branch of the Santee in Berkeley County,<sup>41</sup> the memorial of which was not registered till August 9, 1773, a few months before his death.<sup>42</sup>

Charles McCord's will is dated December 12, 1773, and was proved at the Court of Ordinary, December 17, 1773. He left his Mother, "Sophia Nisby McCord" and Col. William Thomson, executors. They were to sell, convey, and make good titles to all his real and personal estate, and after his debts were paid the rest and residue was to be divided amongst his Mother and such brothers and sisters as should live to come of age, or be married,—his sister, now married, to be included,—share and share alike. Witnesses: John Russell, Joseph Lloyd, William Robinson.<sup>43</sup>

This will was proved on oath of John Russell, Col. W. Thomson, exctr. December 17,<sup>44</sup> and on December 18th a dedimus was granted to qualify Sophianisba as executrix.<sup>45</sup>

In 1775, Sophianisba McCord obtained a grant of 100 acres on Crane creek, a branch of Broad River, in Camden District.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>37</sup> D. B., Q 5, p. 208 100 acres of this were original grant to Jos. Jackson, 1765; the remaining 50, part of a 250 acre tract surveyed for John Lloyd, orig. gr. to Chris. Ruggert 1754, then sold Jos. Jackson.

<sup>38</sup> Letter of David J. McCord to John Samuel McCord, 1846.

<sup>39</sup> G. B. 23, p. 523.

<sup>40</sup> M. B. 10, p. 489.

<sup>41</sup> G. B. 28, p. 32.

<sup>42</sup> M. B. 12, p. 32.

<sup>43</sup> Will Book 1771-75, p. 257 Probate Court, Charleston.

<sup>44</sup> Record Book 1771-75, p. 150 Probate Court, Charleston.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 152.

<sup>46</sup> G. B. 36, p. 275. Bounded by William Yarborough. In the present Richland County.

#### JOHN McCORD (JOHN)

A deed of Joseph Joyner's for a tract of land in Amelia, shows the angle of Mill Creek and the road to Charleston. This was bounded in 1775, on the north-west, by land of John McCord; one of the few records of land held by the McCords in Berkeley Co.<sup>47</sup>

On July 2, 1778, there was a land transaction the papers of which are quite involved: Col. William Thomson of Amelia Township, and his wife, Eugenia [Russell], sold to Mr. John Dawson of Charles Town and merchant,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a tract which had been originally granted to Mary Russell in 1750, and later sold by Charles Russell, son of Mary Russell, to Malachi Weston in 1765.<sup>48</sup>

Another deed, dated October 12, 1779, containing an obvious error, bears directly on the above. It is between John Dawson and Malachi Weston, and speaks of one whole and undivided seventh part or share of a plantation or tract of land containing 450 acres, Parish of St. Mark's, granted to Mary Russell 29 November, 1750, bounded west by the Santee, east by the Wateree. This seventh became vested in William Heatly<sup>49</sup> by intermarriage with — Russell, daughter of Mary Russell, and by him William Heatly conveyed to the said Malachi Weston in 1774.<sup>50</sup> On the plat, attached to the deed between Thomson and Dawson, dated June 29, 1779, is written:

At the request of Mr. John Dawson and Mr. John McCord we have resurveyed a tract of land in the Fork between the Congaree and Wateree Rivers in Craven Co., originally granted to Mary Russell for 450 acres, and find it to contain 516 acres;  $\frac{2}{3}$  of which we have laid off to Mr. John Dawson, being 221 acres, and the remainder, (295 acres) to Mr. John McCord.

Cert. Malcolm Clark, Sur.<sup>51</sup>

It was war now, and John McCord a captain. He and his mother had the courage of their convictions. A contemporary British writer says:

<sup>47</sup> D. B. Q 4, p. 300.

<sup>48</sup> D. B., B 5, p. 388. This land was sold at public sale in 1767 to Felix Long and Daniel Strobel, on June 2, and by them, December 6, 1774, to William Thomson.

<sup>49</sup> Obviously William Thomson. Heatly would not have married his half sister.

<sup>50</sup> D. B. B 5, p. 385.

<sup>51</sup> D. B. B 5 p. 388. The plat shows McCord's acres on the Congaree, south of McCord's Ferry.

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When Thomas Sumter invested Orangeburg in May 1781, and got possession of a very strong post, a great quantity of provisions and other stores were found in it. Of the prisoners taken, 29 Tories were the next day placed in charge of Capt. John McCord and marched in irons for the prison camp at headquarters. Only 16 of them lived to arrive, however, for the American guard shot the others on the way. Jesse Dislow of Amelia, and Stacey of Brandon's Regiment, are said to have been the men who did the shooting.<sup>52</sup>

It was no doubt about this time that the British Troops under Tarleton, when crossing the river, burned Mrs. McCord's house, with everything in it.<sup>53</sup> Tradition says that the horses of British officers stopping over night at the Ferry, had a curious way of being lost in the morning.

John McCord had become a captain by 1780:

State of South Carolina  
To John McCord —Dr.  
Duty done in the Militia as Capt. from 15<sup>th</sup>. of August 1780 till 31st.  
Day of March 1781 ————— 288 days @ 10/ ——— £114—  
228  
3 Francis Goodwyn Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup>.  
—  
684 £ Curr.  
97 .. 14. . 3½ St<sup>g</sup>.  
Camden } Capt. John McCord appeared Before Me & made oath that the  
District } above acct. is Just & that he never Received any Compensation  
for the same.  
Sworn Before me J. McCord  
this 5<sup>th</sup> Day July 1784

Rich<sup>d</sup> Brown J. P.

Received July the 25<sup>th</sup> 1785 the full amount of the within Acco<sup>t</sup> in a Treasury Indent N<sup>o</sup>. 207. Book V, for M<sup>r</sup> John McCord—

David McCord Excu<sup>t</sup>.<sup>54</sup>

On Sept. 3, 1785, John McCord's name is on a list of creditors of the State for militia services, supplies to the State and horses lost in public service.<sup>55</sup> He had died before the end of July, unmarried. David McCord, executor, sold his effects, negroes, etc.,

<sup>52</sup> Narrative of Levi Smith in *The Royal Gazette*, April 13, 1782. Reprinted in the *Political Magazine*, London, June 1782.

<sup>53</sup> Letters of D. J. McCord to J. S. McCord, March 1846.

<sup>54</sup> Account Audited Historical Commission of South Carolina.

<sup>55</sup> *The S. C. Gazette*, Sept. 3, 1785

at McCord's Ferry.<sup>56</sup> His mother, Sophianisba McCord, died on Sept. 25, 1784.<sup>57</sup>

The Census of 1790 shows in Camden District: David McCord (John) with 1 free male over 16, 1 under 16, and 2 females; and Russell McCord with 1 male over 16 and 17 slaves.

Two deeds of sale, date Dec. 6, 1791, from Russell and Joseph McCord, respectively, to Wm. Russell Thomson, of slaves, cattle and horses left in the will of the Rev. Paul Turquand to his four daughters to be equally divided, show Russell McCord to have married Hannah Turquand and Joseph McCord to have married Martha Turquand.<sup>58</sup>

#### DAVID MCCORD (JOHN)

David McCord succeeded to the ferry, and in 1792 the rights were vested in him and his heirs for the next fourteen years. Times had changed; currency value and traffic had altered. The Ferry rates read:

1 foot passenger	2d
Single horse	2d
Man and horse	4d
4 wheeled carriage and horses	3 sh. 6 d.
Wagon and team	3 sh. 6 d.
Chair or cart with horse	1 sh. 6 d.
Every rolling hogshead tobacco	8d.
Cattle, sheep, goats, hogs @ head	1d.

When ferries were long, rates to be doubled. David McCord was required to maintain a good and sufficient bridge or flat over the big lake crossing the road leading from the south side of the ferry, through the swamp to the high land. This road had to be kept in good repair at his expense.<sup>59</sup> This doubtless became part of the public road provided by Act of the Assembly in 1797, to run from Orangeburg through Belleville, to McCord's Ferry on the Congaree.<sup>60</sup>

David McCord married Mary Howell, grand-daughter of Thomas

<sup>56</sup> Newspaper notice. Memo. Langdon Cheves, Esq.

<sup>57</sup> *S. C. Gazette* Sept. 27, 1784.

<sup>58</sup> Misc. Rec. Book A., p. 167 et seq. S. C. Hist. Com.

<sup>59</sup> *Statutes of S. C.* Vol. III, p. 356

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.* Vol. III

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Howell and his wife, Grace,<sup>41</sup> and by her had three daughters, Mary Eliza, Maria, and Sarah.<sup>42</sup> He is said to have done military service, though not regularly enlisted, under his uncle, Col. Wm. Thomson, who commanded the 3rd. Regt. He lived in Richland County, at or near McCord's Ferry, where he planted cotton.<sup>43</sup> He became a Colonel of the militia, and was a member of the Legislature. He died circa 1801, and is buried in the family burying ground near McCord's Ferry.<sup>44</sup> His will is dated May 17, 1801, and is witnessed by Joseph McCord.<sup>45</sup>

William McCord (John) married, in 1796, Catherine Muldrop, daughter of Christian and Honoria Muldrop.<sup>46</sup> He died childless, before 1800.<sup>47</sup>

It is believed that Joseph McCord (John), who married Martha Turquand, went to Alabama, where he died and was buried at Benton, the home of his nephew, Russell Paul McCord.<sup>48</sup> John T[urquand] McCord, presumed to have been his son,<sup>49</sup> married

<sup>41</sup> Grace Ralford. She married the second time, Charles Russell jr.  
<sup>42</sup> The Howell Family MSS.; Taylor. Family Rec. of Richard D. Lee of Sumter. Misc. Rec. 1758-63, p. 490. Pt. Ct. Will David McCord, Pt. Ct. Columbia  
<sup>43</sup> Mills, 1826, shows "McCord" on Headwaters Creek, Richland County.  
<sup>44</sup> Family Record of Richard D. Lee of Sumter. Mary afterwards married Robert Weston.  
<sup>45</sup> Will of David McCord, W. B. D, P. 151; Pt. Ct., Columbia, speaks of his three daughters, Mary, Maria, and Sarah Howell McCord. The will of Robt. Weston, (see Howell Family, Ben Taylor) in 1833, speaks of Russell Spann, husband of Eliza, dec'd; Maria White and children by her late husband Timothy Lee, and Sarah Patterson, these being obviously his step-daughters, children of David McCord and Maria Howell. From the marriage of Maria McCord and Timothy Lee are descended the Lees of Sumter and their connection.  
<sup>46</sup> City Gazette, Mar. 18, 1796. Records of the Logan Family. Dr. George Logan, while in Edinburgh, married Honoria Muldrop, older daughter of the Danish Consul to Scotland. Mr. Muldrop dying, his widow, with her younger daughter, Catherine, came to visit the Logans in Charleston.  
<sup>47</sup> S. C. Gazette Dec. 22, 1800. Notice of the marriage of Catherine McCord widow, to Dr. Isaac Chandler. Mr. McCord is spoken of in the Logan records as "of Sumter".

<sup>48</sup> Mrs. Dorian Hall, grand-daughter Russell Paul writes: "Joseph McCord died at Russell Paul McCord's, my grand-father's. He was always called "Old Cousin Joseph", by my mother, Mrs. Geo. McCord."  
<sup>49</sup> By elimination this has to be. Charles and John died childless, unm. William without children. David left three daughters, Russell two sons, Russell Paul and David James, Ergo.

Mary Richardson Bee, daughter of Rachel Heatly and Edward Richardson the elder.<sup>50</sup> Following old "McCord's Road" along the Santee, on Mills map of 1826, is like following the family: Col. Heatly; Richardson; I. McCord.<sup>51</sup>

Russell Paul, older son of Russell (John) and Hannah Turquand McCord, was born 1793 and died in 1874.<sup>52</sup> He was Representative for St. Matthew's in 1836,<sup>53</sup> and was one of the signers of the Report of the Convention in Columbia, Nov. 2, 1832.<sup>54</sup> He married Eliza May Hall, niece of Ainslie Hall a wealthy merchant of Columbia, in 1820, and moved to Alabama before 1850.<sup>55</sup> He settled at Benton, and was a member of the States Rights Club of that town.<sup>56</sup> He was a colonel in the Mexican War.<sup>57</sup> His children were:

- Elizabeth May, mar. Junius Reynolds. 1821
- Sarah Goodwyn, mar. Wm. Spann Knox 1823
- Charles Russell, mar. Mary Louise Price,
- Ellin (or Ellen) unm.
- Edward unm.
- David, mar. 1 Anna Powell—2 Sallie Riggs.
- Catherine, m. Judge R. L. Campbell
- George, mar. Amelia Rives.

Charles was the father of Mrs. A. S. Hawley of Seattle, Wash., and George of Mrs. Dorian Hall, of Benton. Catherine was born in Camden S. C. in 1823. After her marriage she lived in Pensacola, her parents with her. There they all three died and are buried.<sup>58</sup>

<sup>50</sup> The Cantey Family. S. C. Hist. and Gen'l Mag. Vol. XI.  
<sup>51</sup> Col. Heatly at Heatly Hall; his son-in-law, Edward Richardson at Hampden Hill; his son-in-law John T. McCord. The daughter of John T. and Rachel McCord, Mary Elizabeth. ["Bet"], married Christopher Hampton, and died, leaving one child, Anne, who died, unm. in 1842. John T. McCord lived until after 1826.  
<sup>52</sup> Family records and letters. B. Aug. 12, 1793; d. Feb. 11, 1874.  
<sup>53</sup> Memo. Langdon Cheves, Esq.  
<sup>54</sup> Reports, Ordinances and Addresses of the Convention of the People of South Carolina.  
<sup>55</sup> Family records and letters.  
<sup>56</sup> Address of Russell Paul McCord at the Meeting of the States Rights Club of Benton, Ala., 1851.  
<sup>57</sup> Letter Kate McCord Hall (Mrs. Dorian), Benton, Ala.  
<sup>58</sup> Family letters and records from Alabama. Collected by David McCord Wright.

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