

BIOGRAPHY  
COLONIAL STARNES CEMETERY  
By Herman Starnes

The Colonial Starnes Cemetery we dedicate today began before there were churches established in this area. Information given here is taken from the genealogy research of Herman Starnes and the Starnes family history book, OF THEM THAT LEFT A NAME BEHIND, written by H. Gerald Starnes and Herman Starnes.

**DAVID STARNES (1758-1833) & BARBARA STARNES (1760-1824)**

DAVID was born in Augusta County, Virginia. He died in Mecklenberg County which became Union County, North Carolina in 1842. He was the son of Mary and Frederick Starnes, Jr. and is named in his father's will. He married his cousin, Barbara Starnes, and they came from Washington County, Virginia to North Carolina in 1784. They are the progenitors of most of the Starnes who live in the Prospect Church Community. (See p.279)

**FREDERICK STARNES, III (1765-1816)**

FREDERICK, III was born in Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of Mary and Frederick Starnes, Jr. and the brother of David Starnes. The earliest record of Frederick Starnes, III found in North Carolina is from the Rowan County Court Records where the court orders that "Frederick Sterns, the orphan of Frederick Sterns, be bound to one Jacob Brown for two years to learn the trade of a wagon maker." He married Mary Fisher, daughter of Charles Fisher. Frederick died in 1816. Mary and seven of her nine children moved to Wilcox County, Alabama around 1826. (See p.448)

**JACOB STARNES (1760-1815)**

JACOB and his wife were living on Cane Creek in 1790. The Will of Frederick Starnes listed sons Jacob and David Starnes. He is also mentioned in the Will of his brother, Valentine Stearns. Jacob died 35 years before the name of his spouse and children were listed in the census records. The Mecklenburg County Administrator and Executor Bonds list Jacobs death date as 29 November 1815. The administrators of his estate were Mason Richardson, Richard Griffin and Solomon Harris. (See p.279)

**FREDERICK STARNES (1772-1855) & MAGDALINE CLINE STARNES (1774-1855)**

FREDERICK was a son of Captain John Starnes (1745-1780)). He married Magdaline Cline July 3, 1794 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. (pp. 533, pp.343 correction made by Herman 2006). (See p.343)

**NATHANIEL STARNES (1784-1860) & SUSAN BOST STARNES (1789-1860)**

NATHANIEL was the son of David and Barbara Starnes. Nathaniel served in the War of 1812-1814 in the Second Regiment, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He married Susan Bost of Cabarrus County, North Carolina in 1812. They lived on Pole Cat Branch, a tributary of Lynches Creek. Their descendants still live in the Prospect Church Community today. (See p.437)

**JOSEPH STARNES (1787-1855) & CATHERINE THOMPSON STARNES (1790-1855)**

JOSEPH was the son of David and Barbara Starnes. He married Catherine Thompson, Catherine who was the daughter of Alexander Thompson, circa 1809-1810. Joseph and Catherine resided in the Buford Township, Union County, North Carolina, and, evidently were members of the Prospect Church. Three of their children are buried in the Prospect Church Cemetery. (See pp 281-282)

