



Orangeburgh Genealogical Society

First Families of Orangeburgh District (SC)

FAIREY

(FERE, FAIRE, FAIRY)

First Family Biography

1. JOHN WILLIAM FAIREY was born 1720 in Ireland, and died August 1780. He married (1) UNKNOWN. He married (2) SARAH ELIZABETH PATRICK Bef. 1740.^[1]

John William Fairey, and his young son, Jesse, arrived in South Carolina. Council Journal 37, pages 15-25 states, regarding the meeting of January 6, 1773, that William Fairey has "lately arrived from Ireland into the Province of South Carolina in the ship, Lord Dunluce". He had petitioned for 200 acres of land. According to records, he was getting the land nine years after he arrived in 1764.^[2]

John William Fairey had settled on a tract of land at Sixty-Six, South Carolina, south of the present day Rowesville, South Carolina. Sometime thereafter, he met a widow, Elizabeth Patrick, who had several children. John married the widow and later his son, Jesse, married her daughter, Betsey.^[1]

Child of JOHN FAIREY and UNKNOWN is:

- a. JESSE FAIREY.^[1]

Children of JOHN FAIREY and SARAH PATRICK are:

- b. JOHN WILLIAM FAIREY II.^[1]
- c. CATHERINE FAIREY.^[1]
- d. ELIZABETH FAIREY.^[1]
- e. WILLIAM FAIREY.^[1]

REFERENCES:

1. Vireen Varn Tyree, *The Fairey Family Book*.
2. Brent Holcomb, *Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Council Journals, Volume VII: 1771-1774*, pp. 43, 183.

Other references to this surname are found in OSGSG Newsletters: Vol. 1, #20, p. 101; Vol. 5, #7, pp. 122, 123, 124; Vol. 5, #8, p. 144.

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Family Migration

During the early and mid-Nineteenth century many descendants of the early Orangeburgh area families migrated to Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and other points west. The information we have provided about a family's migration to another state is an attempt to document those migrations in order to assist family researchers in connecting their ancestors back to Orangeburgh or account for missing branches of their families.

At this time, we have no record of descendants with this surname having migrated to other states. If you have updated information, please share your documents with the Orangeburgh Genealogical Society.

Please help maintain, correct and expand these pages. Send comments, corrections, updates and additions to: migrations@ogsgs.org

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