

Mc PHERSON:

- I. JAMES McPHERSON came to Carolina from Badenoch (Ba-de-noch), Invernesshire, Scotland, the seat of the Chief of Clan McPherson. The Chief of the Clan was known as "CLUNY", which title has since been used in the family as a Christian name. Family tradition says that JAMES was a brother of the then "Cluny", and that three brothers came to the United States about 1650, one to Pennsylvania, one to New Jersey and one to South Carolina. He left issue in S. C. including:
- II. JAMES McPHERSON (1688/6 Mar. 1771) married RACHEL MILES. He distinguished himself in the war against the southern Indians and was rewarded with a large tract of land given by the Crown, situated in the lower part of S. C. near the coast and including part of Prince William Parish. Mrs. St. Julien Ravenel, in "Charleston, the Place and the People", p. 67, tells an interesting story about Capt. James McPherson, the Indian Fighter. As a member of the South Carolina Rangers he escorted Gen. James Oglethorpe from Beaufort to found Savannah in February 1733. In a letter to the S. C. Commons Gen. Oglethorpe on a later occasion requested the Commons to send a troop (letter to Lt. Gov. William Bull dated 29 Dec. 1739) of rangers under Capt. McPherson whom he considered "a very good officer". THE JOURNAL OF THE COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Vol. I (pp. 155, 180, 184, 370, 406, 506, 526) Vol. II, p. 160 and Vol. III contains numerous references to Capt. McPherson. Family tradition says that during the Indian War Rachel Miles McPherson assisted her husband by loading muskets; during pauses, she ran her hands through her hair in the excitement, pushing it from her forehead. Shortly afterwards a son was born whose hair reputedly perversely stood on end. Capt. McPherson (sometimes called "Major") died 6 Mar. 1771 as proved by his obituary in the SOUTH CAROLINA GAZETTE (Thurs., 4 April 1771), reprinted p. 149 S. C. H. & G. MAGAZINE, Vol. XXXIV, 1933: "On the 6th ult. died, at his Plantation in Prince William's Parish, aged 83 years, Captain James MacPherson, a Native of this Province, who in the first Indian War, and at several other periods since, served this country with Honour and Reputation. As he was remarkable for his Honesty, Generosity and Humanity, and more particularly for his friendly disposition, so his Death is universally regretted."
- III. ELIZABETH McPHERSON, m. Silas MILES, and left ~~4~~ ² *daus., including* *died before 28 Sept 1765 when her father made his will, and after birth of her dau. Susannah in 1760.* Rachel Miles who in 1773 married Thomas Cater. SCH&G Magazine, Vol. XXXIV, 1933, p. 56: "This morning died, Capt. Silas Miles, of St. Paul's Parish. (Monday, 1 December 1766."