

**HISTORICAL and GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

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**EDINGS of EDISTO ISLAND**

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of Fish Hall Plantation, b. 1791 d.

71 4. <sup>Baynard</sup> Mary Edings; who married J. E. Pope (John Edings Pope of Hilton Head) (c. 1798 - 1857) one child: Emma Catherine Pope, m. 28 Feb 1838 Gen. Thomas Fenwick Drayton, C.S.A. c. 1800 (2 ch. John Edward & Mary Edings Drayton)

71 5. Emma Elizabeth Edings (born ~~1783~~ died 1856) married as his second wife, William Seabrook, (born 1773, died September 1, 1836, son of John Seabrook of Edisto (born 1727 died 26 November 1783 and Sarah Lawton (died October 21, 1798) daughter of Captain William Lawton and his wife, Mary Clark. Mr. William Seabrook first married Mary Ann Mikell (1779-1818, July 30th) The "Southern Agriculturist" for February 1837 contains a sketch of William Seabrook. (S.S. Mag. vol 17 p. 66) At the age of seventeen, he took charge of his own and his mother's estates and managed them so well that they improved greatly. He was one of the first to cultivate successfully sea-island or black seed cotton, which is said to have been introduced into Georgia in 1785 by Josiah Tatnall, who received the seed from his father then surveyor-general of the Bahamas. Mr. Seabrook was among the first to test salt-water as a fertilizer for cotton. He established a steamboat line between Charleston and Savannah, calling at the intermediate islands. For many years an Elder of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto, he gave liberally to the educational and religious institutions. He left at his death \$5,000 to be used towards establishing a school in the Parish of St. John's Colleton and \$3,000 for the Prob. Ch. on Edisto. Mr. Seabrook owned several large plantations, among them Seabrook' (formerly Simmons') Island; "White Point" on Slann's Island; lands on Johns Island, Middlebar Island, Edisto Island and Hilton Head. He built several hand some houses, one of which he speaks of in his will as his "Mansion House". He had given his older children hundred estates and large sums of money as they reached maturity, and his inventory showed his personal property at death to have been valued at \$376,916.60, a large sum for those days.

(1773+1 Ssp. 1836) William Seabrook, Sr. had by Emma Elizabeth Edings five children;

- d.s.p. 1852 (1) Robert Chisolm Seabrook 1821-1852 (died without issue)
- d.s.p. 1838 (2) Joseph Edings Seabrook, baptized January 19, 1825. He and his brother, Robert, were on the ill-fated S.S. "Pulaski" lost off the North Carolina coast on June 14, 1838. Robert was saved but Joseph was lost. D.S.P.
- (3) Carolina Lafayette Seabrook, born February 22, 1825. There is a delightfully romantic story surrounding the naming of this daughter. General Lafayette had left Charleston for Savannah on Thursday, March 17, 1825, on the "U.S. "Henry Shultz". He landed at Edisto and attended a large reception given in his honor by Mr. Seabrook. Upon being shown the infant it was suggested that he name her. He called her Carolina after her native state and the father added Lafayette in honor of his distinguished guest and she was thereupon christened. Lafayette re-embarked at 5 P.M. (Southern Patriot March 23, 1825) She married James Hopkinson and they resided at "Hopkinson House" nearby.
- (4) Martha Washington Seabrook. Hers was one of the truly romantic international marriages. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson were traveling abroad, and while in France were entertained by General Lafayette, who presented them to the nephew of his son-in-law, Comte Ferdinand de Lasteyrie. Years later when the Comte was in America he came to Edisto, returning with his letters from General Lafayette to the Seabrook family. He fell in love with Martha and they were married: Ferdinand Charles Leon, Comte de Lasteyrie du Saillant, was born at the Chateau du Saillant near Breve, France.

Henry Baynard

Wm

Mary Splatt <sup>Sept</sup> ~~Wm~~ <sup>Ann</sup> ~~Jackson~~

Henry Baynard

Mary Baynard 1765

+ intestate 1784

William Edings 1766-

Joseph Edings 1792  
1770-1833

Sarah Scott

Wm Evans

Mary Elizabeth  
Nov 1778-1848

Dr. Robert T. Chisolm

Capt. William Pope - Sarah Green

John Edward Pope  
of Fish Hall Plantation  
(1791-)

28 Feb. 1838

Gen. Thomas F. Drayton

John Edward Drayton  
inherited Fish Hall

Mary Edings  
c. 1798 1857

only child  
Emma Catherine Pope  
predeceased her mother

Mary Edings Drayton

Emma Elizabeth Edings  
c. 1800 - 1856

Willed  
Fish Hall  
prop. to ch.

Robert Chisolm Seabrook

Joseph Edings Seabrook

Carolina Lafayette Seabrook  
22 Feb. 1825

Martha Washington Seabrook

m.  
Ferdinand Charles Leon  
Comte de Lasteysie  
du Saillant 1810-1879

Oliver H. Middleton 1828  
1770-1846

Susan Matilda Harriet Chisolm

issue

John Seabrook  
1727-1783

Sarah Lawton  
1738-

William Seabrook  
1773-1836

Mary Ann Mikell  
1778-1818

issue

Julia Georgiana Seabrook