

**The Fergusons of Chester District, South Carolina**

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**Dear Kin,**

**In a document such as this there are sure to be errors both in dates and names not to mention typing errors in spite of my making every effort to eliminate them. I would appreciate your help in correcting these errors so do not hesitate to send me your corrections.**

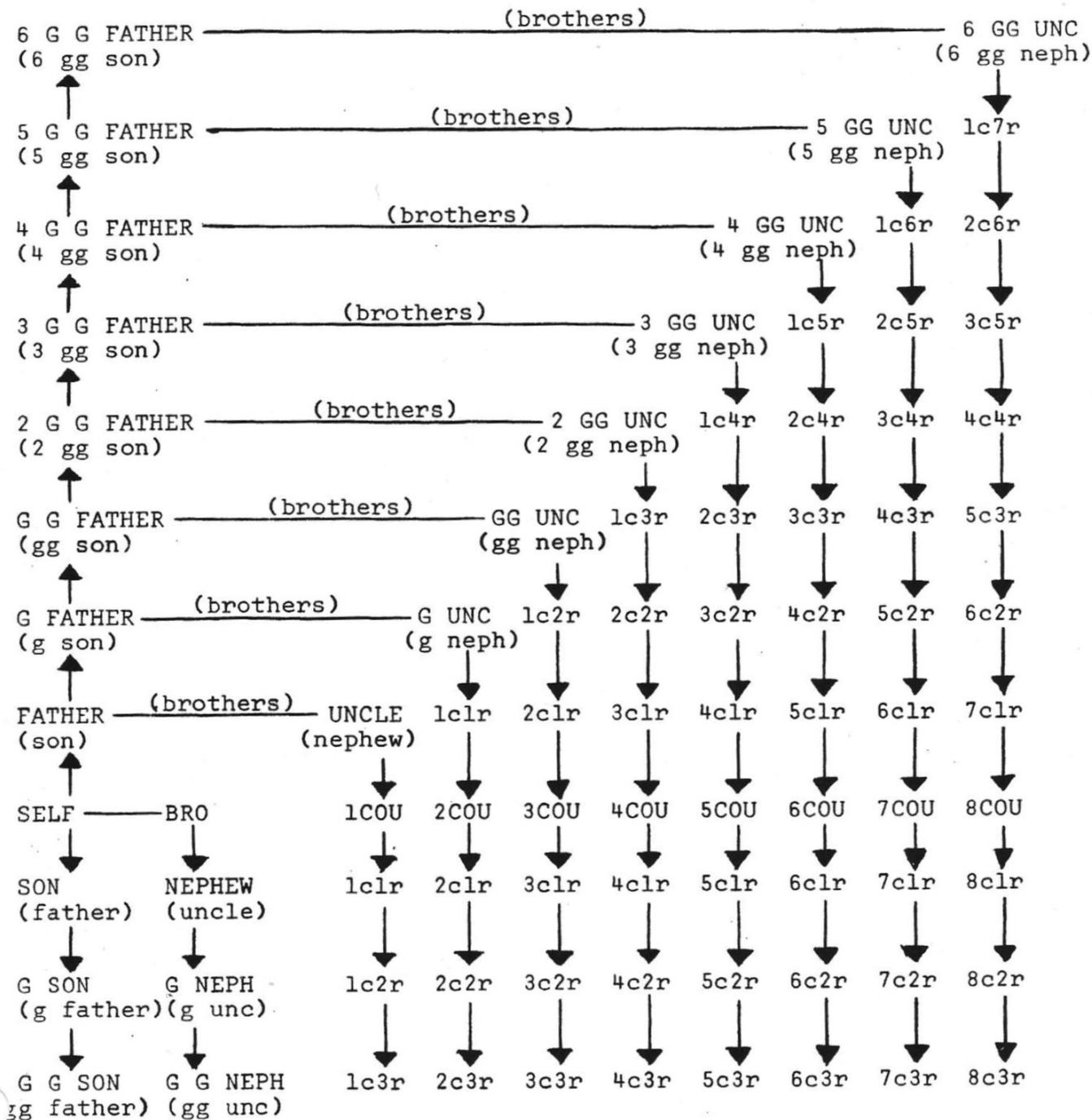
**I must give credit to many who contributed - especially Jean Agee of Richburg, S.C. and Frances Stewart of Chamblee, GA. and many , many others. They did the work, I only wrote it down.**

**I sincerely hope you enjoy learning about "our Fergusons" as much as I did.  
Thank you.**

**Your cousin,  
(signature)  
Young U. West, Jr.**

## Relationship

Abbreviations: g.father-grandfather; g.g.father-great grandfather; unc-uncle; c-cousin; cou-cousin; neph-nephew; r-generations removed.



## The Fergusons of Chester District, South Carolina

There is little doubt that the Fergusons came from Scotland. In fact, one of the first chiefs of all the Clans of Scotland was Fergus. In Gaelic this is written Fearghus and translated becomes the family motto "First Choice." This Fergus was a Prince of Galloway in the twelfth century and the family lands have been in their possession since the fifteenth century.

Just when and where our line of the Fergusons came to this country is still a matter of conjecture. The first known Ferguson of our line in this country was recently located in Virginia. His descendants moved south and located in the colony of South Carolina in the district of Chester. This first Ferguson was:

1. James Ferguson whose birthdate and birthplace are unknown. He did however leave a will which reads as follows:

"In the name of God amen, the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and forty, I, James Fargesson of Goochland County, Virginia, being of sick and weak of body but sound and perfect of memory and the certainty of death I have thought fit to make, ordain, constitute, and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Item, I give and bequeath to eldest son James Fargesson my pistols and holsters and four head of sheep. Item, I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter

Elizabeth Scanland Craine one cow and half.  
I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Cropon  
one shilling but if my beloved Ann Fargesson  
thinks fit to give her the bed whereon  
they now lay, she may use her pleasure. I  
give and bequest to my son John my riding  
horse and saddle and all the rest of my whole  
estate both real and personal, I led to my dear  
beloved wife Ann Fargesson during the time of  
her widowhood and after her death to equally divid--  
ed among the children that now live with her and  
of this my last will and testament, I do make  
Executors my dear beloved wife Ann Fargesson  
and my son James Fargesson. In witness whereof  
I have set my hand and seal."

James Fargesson

This will was admitted to record on 24 July, 1741, in  
Goochland County, Virginia. His children were:

2. James (S?) Ferguson
  3. Elizabeth Scanland Ferguson
  4. Ann Ferguson
  5. John Ferguson
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2. James (S?) Ferguson was born not later than 1720 probably  
in Goochland County, Virginia. He married Agnes Adams  
before 1738. He died about 1788 in Chester District, S.C.,  
and is thought to be buried in the Old Hopewell Cemetery  
near Richburg, S.C.

**Agnes Adams was born about 1728 probably in Goochland County, Virginia, and was the daughter of Robert Adams and Mourning Lewis. Robert was born about 1680 probably in England and had received a land patent of at least 1000 acres and probably more. In his will prove 17 June, 1740, he gave his daughter Agnes "400 acres lying in a fork of Lickinghole Creek." He was probably buried in Goochland County, Virginia. Mourning was born ca. 1694 in Virginia, died ca. 1765 in Goochland County, VA., was the daughter of John Lewis and ?.**

**In the next few years James and Agnes sold off land to various people and moved south to Chester District, S.C. In a deed dated 9 Sept., 1771, in Chester District, they sold land of 140 acres to Wm. McKinney on the north side of Fishing Creek. Apparently they had bought or obtained land in S.C. The 140 acres sold were part of a land grant of 300 acres on Fishing Creek to James Ferguson dated 12 Dec., 1768. It appears then that James and Agnes moved to Chester County, S.C., between 1755 and 1768. It is believed their children were:**

- 6. Robert Ferguson Sr.**
- 7. James Ferguson Jr.**
- 8. Abraham Ferguson**
- 9. John Ferguson**
- 10. Adams Ferguson**
- 11. Paul Ferguson**
- 12. Samuel Ferguson**

13. Joseph Ferguson
  14. Betty Ferguson
  15. Marin Ferguson
  16. William Ferguson
  17. Agnes Ferguson
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3. Elizabeth Scanland Ferguson married ? Craine
  4. Ann Ferguson married ? Cropon
  5. John Ferguson - nothing known
  6. Robert Ferguson Sr. married Elizabeth Martin,  
died around 1795, as did she, children:
    18. Rebekah Ferguson
    19. Joseph Ferguson
    20. Betsy Ferguson
    21. John Ferguson
    22. Robert Ferguson Jr.
    23. Anny Ferguson
    24. Nancy Ferguson
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7. James Ferguson Jr. married Mary ?. He was a Tory colonel  
and was killed at Huck's Defeat in the Revolutionary War.  
Children:
    25. John Ferguson
    26. Pleasant William Ferguson
    27. Abraham Ferguson Jr.
    28. James Ferguson
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8. Abraham Ferguson Sr. was born 30 Jan., 1762, apparently  
in Virginia, married Jane Dindrat, died 9 Nov., 1837,  
is buried at the Old Hopewell Cemetery in Chester County,  
S.C. Jane was born ca. 1755, was the daughter of Abraham  
Dindrat, died 25 July, 1832. Children:

29. James Henry Ferguson
  30. Francis Ferguson
  31. Elizabeth Ferguson
  32. Abraham Ferguson Jr.
  33. William Ferguson
9. John Ferguson married Elizabeth ?. Children:
34. Jonathan Ferguson
10. Adams Ferguson was born about 1755 in South Carolina. He was married to Elizabeth (Betsy) ?, died around 1820 in Chester District, S.C., and is most likely buried at the Old Hopewell Baptist Cemetery near Richburg in Chester County, S.C. He was named after his mother Agnes Adams. Elizabeth was probably born in Chester District, died about 1825 and is probably buried at Old Hopewell also. They, too, were a prolific couple. Their children:
35. William Yarborough Ferguson
  36. James Ferguson
  37. Henry Ferguson
  38. Adams Ferguson, Jr,
  39. John Ferguson, Esq.
  40. Joseph Ferguson
  41. Benjamin F. Ferguson
  42. Betsy Ferguson
  43. Priscilla Ferguson
  44. Agnes Ferguson
  45. Anny Ferguson
  46. Samuel Yancy Ferguson
11. Paul Ferguson - nothing known