

The will of Catlett Corley was written Nov. 1807 and filed Aug. 1808 in the Edgefield Dist., S.C.

Witnesses were neighbors Lewis and Nancy Matthews. (Note: Nancy Allen was the step-daughter of Aaron Etheredge (Etheridge), noted in his will. She was daughter of Josiah Allen (hung by Tories, Spring 1781 and his first wife, Elizabeth Deloach)

Inheritors of Catlett's will were his wife (at the time of her death), Elizabeth (traditionally, a "Jennings") and his living children at the time of Catlett's will' John, Sugar, Nathaniel, Bailey, Adkin, Buckner, Martha, Marah (Mary or Mariah), Elizabeth, Phebe, and Sarah Corley.

(Note: Nathaniel and brother, Bailey Corley were founders of the first Sardis Meeting house: (See historical sketches of Sardis). Nathaniel Corley was said to have kept early records of Sardis and a fire in his home destroyed most of the early records. (See: J.J. Clark's notes on early members that included Henry Etheredge, father of Benjamin and sister Sarah Etheredge. Sarah married first a Newton Franklin of Fairfield (no issue); Second, married Nathaniel Corley of the Mt. Willing/Sardis community. Sarah, Julia and sister, Mary were thought to be sent by father, Henry to either a private school or to board for schooling in the Fairfield community. Many of the Jennings family members were living in Fairfield (Old Camden District) prior to the Revolution. This may have included the wife of Catlett Corley, "traditionally" said to be a "Elizabeth Jennings". It is unknown whether she was related to John Jennings of Fairfield (1790 Fairfield Census). It is also unknown whether Elizabeth was the mother of all Catlett's children.

Administrators of the estate of Catlett Corley were sons; Nathaniel, Bailey and John Corley.

Notes:

Bailey Corley (son of Catlett) married Barbara Etheredge, daughter of Lott and Rachel Spencer Etheredge. Lott served in

the Ninety-Six Militia. Rachel was the sister of Shepherd Spencer, Sr. who moved to Sumter Co., Alabama.

Son, Nathaniel Corley married Sarah Etheredge, daughter of Henry and Jemima Whaley Etheredge, and the widow of Newton Franklin of Chester Dist., S.C. Henry Etheredge and Catlett Corley served in the Ninety-Six Militia.

Catlett's gravestone marker is near a home located near the location of the old Sardis Church in Saluda County and that of youngest son, Adkin Corley. It appears that this is a SCDAR marker for his Revolutionary War Service. This gravesite is believed to be the second location of Sardis, according to Rev. B.F. Corley (Centennial of Sardis). Prior to 1809, Sardis was located near Cedar Creek, then to a second site ca. 1832. The present site of Sardis is where the cemetery is located for many Corley/Etheredge/Padget related family members.

#### Notes:

This is not the same Catlett Corley whose will is on file in 1837 at the S.C. Archives.

Lewis Matthews married Nancy Allen, the stepdaughter of Aaron Etheredge and daughter of Josiah Allen killed at the Clouds Creek Massacre. Nancy is mentioned in the will of Aaron Etheredge (S.C. Archives). Lewis was the son of Isaac Matthews, dec'd.

Phebe Corley married Arthur Holmes Fort. They are buried near Pelion, S.C. in the Fort Family Cemetery with many of their children.