

Richmond Co. in 1790 with 4 sons b. 1774-90, his wife and 1 daughter. The year 1800 shows him with an additional son and daughter b. 1790-1800, and he was still living in Richmond Co. in 1810. Four of his sons were, almost certainly: (1) Shadrack Dees, b. 1775-80 (Census), shown with his family in Richmond Co. in 1810, and in Robeson Co. in 1820 and 1830; (2) William Dees Jr., b. ca 1780; in Robeson Co., N.C. with his family in 1820, 1830 and 1840; (3) John Dees, b. ca 1790, shown with his family in Robeson Co., N.C. in 1830; and (4) Stephen Dees, b. 1785, shown with his family in Robeson Co. in 1830 along with his brothers, Shadrack, William and John, but moved to Richmond Co., Ga. by 1850 and shown in the Census of that year with a large family. Dr. Thomas Deas of Wynnewood, Pa., is a descendant of William Dees, son of James's William, and has given me a rather full account of the brothers, Shadrack, William, John and Stephen above, part of which is already included in the larger Dees manuscript.

6. GABRIEL DEES (JAMES, EMANUEL) is shown as a single man in Richmond Co., N.C. in the Census of 1790, but in 1800 is shown there with a family. Nothing further is known of him.

WILLIAM DEES, SON OF THE IMMIGRANT, AND HIS SONS

WILLIAM DEES (EMANUEL) was probably the second son of the immigrant and born in James City Co., Va. ca 1705-10. He apparently died in Johnston Co., N.C. between 1750 and 1760. He was deeded 200 acres of land in Edgecombe Co., N.C. in 1736, which on March 29, 1742, while still living in Edgecombe Co., he deeded to Richard Braswell, with Jacob and Sarah Braswell as witnesses to the deed. In 1749 and again in 1750 he was granted 100 acres of land in Johnston Co. N.C., 1750 being the last year in which he appears in the records. We have mentioned that

Simon Dees deeded away in 1765 what was apparently his original grant, part of the 1738 grant to Mark Philips, indicating that William was dead and that Simon was his eldest son and heir. Simon, Jacob, John, Richard and Harman Dees, who moved to Craven Co., S.C. about 1765-67, were almost certainly the sons of William Dees. Due to the fact that two of his sons were named, respectively, Jacob and Richard, it is probable that William Dees's wife, whose first name is unknown, was a sister of the Richard Braswell to whom he deeded land in 1742, and a daughter of Jacob Braswell who witnessed the deed. If this is the case as seems likely, Mrs. Dees was a great-granddaughter of Rev. Robert Braswell of Isle of Wight Co., Va. and granddaughter of his son Richard Braswell of the same county. The Braswell family is discussed fairly fully in Boddie's Southside Virginia Families, Vol.1, pp 85ff. Rev. Robert Braswell was a son of Richard Braswell of London, Gent., was born 1612-13, graduated from Oxford University in 1631, came to Isle of Wight Co., Va., about 1651, was elected to the House of Burgesses in 1653 and apparently served for a few days but was finally excluded because he was a clergyman, and died in Isle of Wight Co., Va. in 1668. His will, probated in that year, leaves 1000 acres apiece to his sons Robert and Richard and other bequests to his daughters, Jane Stokes, Rebecca West, and Ann Bagnall. The son Richard was born about 1653 and died in Isle of Wight Co. in 1725. His will mentions sons Richard, Robert, Valentine, Jacob and John; daughters Maria Murphy, Ann Strickland and Jane Williams; granddaughter Susannah Braswell; and wife Sarah. The widow, Sarah Braswell, died testate in Isle of Wight Co. in 1735. Jacob Braswell was probably born ca 1685-90, patented land in Bertie Co., N.C. in 1725, appears in deeds in Edgecombe Co., N.C. in 1736, 1740, 1741 and 1742, and seems to have moved to Johnston Co., N.C. about the same time as the Deeses, being grantor there in two

deeds in 1763 and 1764. The 1763 deed calls him "of Cumberland Co." so that he may have moved to that county in his old age. At present there is no fuller record of Jacob Braswell. Richard Braswell, who was deeded land in 1742 in Edgecombe County, was probably his son, and a Jacob Braswell who deeded land to his sons Jacob and William in Nash County, N.C. about 1777 or 1778 was probably another son. The elder Jacob's wife was probably the Sarah Braswell who witnessed the 1742 deed, and this couple were perhaps the parents of William Dees's wife. The five sons of William Dees were as follows:

1. SIMON DEES (WILLIAM, EMANUEL) was almost certainly the eldest son and born ca 1735. He apparently died in Sumter Co., S.C. in 1819, when his will was probated, though it was dated 1796. His wife was named Sarah. Simon Dees first appears in the records of Johnston Co., N.C. in 1760, when he was a witness to the will of Joice Reynolds, his brother Jacob's mother-in-law. He also witnessed deeds of his uncle John Dees and his brother Jacob Dees in 1765, and in the same year, as mentioned, deeded away the 100 acres that was part of the 1738 grant to Mark Philips that he had apparently inherited from his father. About this time he bought land in Craven Co., S.C. and moved there with his brothers. In 1768 Simon Dees and wife Sarah of St. Mark's Parish, Craven Co., deeded away 12 acres of land. Simon Dees's will, dated June 17, 1796 and probated in Sumter Co., S.C. (which was formed from Craven) Feb. 25, 1819, mentions his wife Sarah; son Allen, under age; and all his children: Easter, Nancy, Polly, Winny, William, Daniel, Cealy and Allen Dees. A partition of the estate in 1819 among the heirs shows that the wife Sarah had died, also son Daniel, since they did not share in the estate, but it gives the other children and shows that the daughters Esther and Nancy had apparently married Dees cousins, since they are shown as widows with families in the Census of 1800 and later years,

and that the daughter Winifred had married Micajah Terry, Mary had married John Presley Tidwell, and Celia had married William McGee. Some efforts have been made to trace the descendants of these children in the wider Dees manuscript, and with some success. They all seem to have remained in the neighbourhood of Sumter County. Simon Dees was a soldier in the Revolution, as shown by Salley's Stub Indents to Claims Growing out of the Revolution, Bk. U-W, p.233.

2. JACOB DEES (WILLIAM, EMANUEL) was probably the second son of William Dees and will be treated in the next section.

3. JOHN DEES (WILLIAM, EMANUEL) was probably born ca 1739 and died in Sumter Co., S.C. some time prior to Jan.13, 1804, on which date Jacob John Dees (presumably his son) and Nancy his wife deeded away 250 acres in Clarendon Co. (formed from Craven and later formed into Sumter) that had originally be laid out for John Dees (Sumter Co. D.Bk."AA", p.295). John Dees was deeded land in Johnston Co., N.C. in 1763 as "John Dees Jr." to distinguish him from his uncle, but moved to Craven Co., S.C. about 1765, and land was deeded to him in 1766 in St. Mark's Parish by Robert Moses. In 1768 he gave a mortgage there of personal property and was granted 200 acres in Craven Co. in 1771. He was a soldier in the Revolution in South Carolina. His wife's name is unknown. The Census of 1790 seems to show only John Dees's family in Claremont Co. (which had been formed from Craven) and does not show the families of his brothers, Simon, Jacob, and Harman, although they were certainly living in the area. A strange thing is that the Census of 1800 shows no Dees families at all in Sumter Co., which was formed from Claremont and Clarendon Counties, though deeds, etc. show that all four brothers were there. Perhaps the Deeses got "lost in the shuffle", as the South Carolina Legislature rapidly changed this section from Craven to Claremont and Clarendon, then in the late

1790's changed the two latter counties to Sumter County. The 1790 Census of Claremont Co. and other records show the following as probably the sons of John Dees: (1) William Dees who was born apparently ca 1760 and probably married his cousin Amy Dees, daughter of Jacob Dees. He was probably the William Dees, b. 1760-70, shown as living in Jefferson Co., Illinois in 1830, where the descendants of Amy Dees finally moved; this family will be treated in the section on Jacob Dees, John's brother; (2) G. Dees, thus shown in 1790, b. probably ca 1762 and probably married Ruth Dees, daughter of Jacob, and probably identical with a George Dees shown in Tatnall Co., Ga. in the Lottery of 1805 with other members of Jacob Dees's family; (3) L. Dees, thus shown in 1790 with his family, first name unknown; (4) Jacob John Dees, who with his wife Nancy deeded in 1804 land that had been laid out for John Dees; (5) Isham Dees who died in Sumter Co. in 1808, Nancy Dinkins being his administratrix. L., G., and William Dees are all shown with families in Claremont Co. in 1790. John Dees himself is shown with himself and wife, two sons b. 1774-90 (probably Jacob John and Isham above), two daughters and 4 slaves. Nothing further is known of John Dees' descendants except the possible descendants of his son William.

4. RICHARD DEES (WILLIAM, EMANUEL) was born probably ca 1742-3, and died in Chesterfield Co. S.C., 1810-20. He was still living in Chesterfield Co. in the Census of 1810, but disappears in 1820, his place being taken apparently by a Milly Dees, probably his widow. Richard Dees was deeded 100 acres in Johnston Co., N.C. in 1763, which he deeded away in 1766, and moved to Craven Co., S.C. with his brothers, where he had two grants of land amounting in all to 350 acres in 1774. The section in which Richard Dees lived was not too close to his brothers, but fell into Cheraw District on the organization of that District, and finally into Chesterfield County.

Richard Dees is shown in the Census of 1790 as the only Dees family in Cheraw District, with a family consisting of himself and wife, a son born before 1774, 4 sons b. 1774-90, and 2 daus. The year 1800 shows him with another 2 sons, b. 1790-1800, and his elder sons, Bryant and perhaps Joel married with families. As all the county records of Chesterfield Co. prior to 1860 have been destroyed, one is dependent on the Census returns for the children and descendants of Richard Dees, but they show fairly certainly the following sons: (1) Bryant Dees (b.1765, Census of 1850), had sons Richard (b. ca 1794-5) and Thomas (b.1800), and a daughter Jane b. 1805; the descendants of the two sons are given in the wider Dees manuscript; (2) Joel Dees, b. ca 1770-1774, d. 1840-50, had sons Newitt (b.1797), Thomas (b.1801), Joel (b.1810), and Pleasant (b.1816); descendants given in the wider Dees manuscript; (3) Charles Dees, b.1783, shown in the 1810 Census of Chesterfield Co., S.C. but moved to Tallahatchee Co., Miss., where he and his sons (the latter with large families) are shown in the Census of 1850; (4) Christopher Dees, shown with a family in Chesterfield Co. S.C. in 1810, but nothing further is known of him; (5) Asa Dees, b. 1785, m. Priscilla _____ (b.1785), d.1878 in Chesterfield Co., children shown in 1878 (though the Census would indicate others), Absalom Dees, Winny, wife of William Stevens, Christopher Dees, Burwell Dees, William Dees, Priscilla wife of Arch Jenkins, and John P. Dees; descendants of Asa Dees given much more fully in the manuscript; (6) Richard Dees, b.1785, moved to Henry Co., Ga., where he and his son Joel A. Dees are shown with their families in 1850; (7) John Dees, shown with his family in 1820 in Chesterfield Co. but nothing further known of him.

5. HARMAN DEES (WILLIAM, EMANUEL) b. ca 1743-48 (probably the latter date) and died 1800-1807 in Sumter Co., S.C. His wife was named Mary and she married (2) William Dunnehoe prior