

## Chapter 6 – John The Bachelor

Based on the clues provided in Alexander McIver Bostick's letter to his aunt, Nancy Bostick DeSaussure, it is quite certain that Richard had a brother named John.<sup>1</sup> According to Alexander, John was several years older than Richard, lived on a landed estate near Columbia and was a close friend of Wade Hampton. While this may not seem like very much information, it was more than ample data for him to be identified and discovered.

Richland County is situated between the Wateree and Congaree/Broad Rivers, and extends from their confluence to the north approximately 30 miles to its border with Fairfield County as illustrated in the map contained in Figure XX. Richland County history is briefly described in the following extraction from "My South Carolina Genealogy" website:<sup>2</sup>

"Richland County was probably named for its "rich land." The county was formed in 1785 as part of the large Camden District. A small part of Richland later went to Kershaw County (1791). The county seat is Columbia, which is also the state capital. In 1786 the state legislature decided to move the capital from Charleston to a more central location. A site was chosen in Richland County, which is in the geographic center of the state, and a new town was laid out. Columbia subsequently became not only the center of government but an important trade and manufacturing center. Cotton from the surrounding plantations was shipped through Columbia and later manufactured into textiles there. Columbia is also known for its educational institutions, particularly the University of South Carolina, which was founded in 1802. General William T. Sherman captured Columbia during the Civil War, and his troops burned the town on February 17, 1865."



FIGURE XX  
Map of Richland County – Circa 1895

In the 1790 and 1810 census there was a John Bostick recorded living in Richland County. On reviewing these census records it was apparent that his age was several years older than Richard, and he did not appear to have a wife. Since this John Bostick was the only Bostick found living in the vicinity of Columbia in those years, he was assumed to be the bachelor brother described by Alexander.

In the 1790 census John Bostick's household was shown with two white males and one white female along with two slaves. This writer has reason to believe that in addition to the head of household (John Bostick) the other male very likely was John's nephew, Jacob S. Bostick, the

<sup>1</sup> Old Plantation Days, Alexander McIver Letter

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.mysouthcarolinagenealogy.com/sc\\_county/ri.htm](http://www.mysouthcarolinagenealogy.com/sc_county/ri.htm), accessed 12/9/2008.

younger son of Richard Bostick by his first wife. It also seems probable that the female in the household was John's niece, Hannah Bostick<sup>3</sup>, daughter of Richard Bostick by his first wife. The basis for this belief is the fact that in 1790 Richard Bostick only reported his 2nd wife, Mary Harriet Robert, and one male in addition to himself. This writer assumes that this additional male was one of Richard's sons by his first wife, Mary Hannah, probably the older son named John R. [possibly John Richard] Bostick. Absent from Richard's household were a son and a daughter by his first wife. It seems logical that the two missing children were the extra male and female in John Bostick's household in Richland.

In 1800 the census records for Richland County have been lost, so no record was available for that year. In 1810 John Bostick was reported with two males between 16 and 25, one male between 25 and 45, and one male over 45. There were no females reported in the household. John was reported to hold 39 slaves. The one male over age 45 was assumed to be John. The identity of the other three white males in the household is unknown with certainty. It is conceivable that these three males were John's nephews: William, Littleberry and John Graves, the sons of Samuel Bostick and Mary Ann Maner. Samuel is believed to have died sometime around 1805 in either Beaufort District, SC or Effingham County, GA. Samuel's presumed death is based on the fact that he divested himself of all of his known land holdings in 1805. Samuel's wife had died several years earlier. So, upon Samuel's death his three sons would have been orphaned and in need of a guardian. In 1799 Samuel recorded gift deeds granting several slaves to his sons William, Littleberry and John Graves, and a married daughter named Sarah Porter. In this gift deed Samuel stated that John Graves was "of Richland" [County]. The wording of the abstract of this gift deed is not entirely clear. It is possible to interpret it to mean that all three sons were "of Richland County". Regardless, it is a logical conclusion to be drawn that all three sons of Samuel Bostick may have been sent to Columbia to live with Uncle John following the death of their mother.

In 1820 there was no census record for John Bostick in Richland County, but there was an entry for John G. Bostick. This John G. Bostick is assumed to have been John Graves Bostick, son of Samuel Bostick and Mary Ann Maner of Effingham County, Georgia. The basis for this belief is discussed later in this chapter. John, the bachelor, is believed to have died sometime around 1817 or 1818, although there are records which suggest his death may have been around 1821. John G. Bostick is believed to be a nephew of John and to have settled in the Richland County area around 1805. In the 1820 census John G. Bostick's household was reported with one male under age 10, one male between 16 and 25, one male between 26 and 45, one female under 10, one female 10 to 16, one female 26 to 45, and 23 slaves.

Alexander McIver Bostick suggested that John had left his estate in "a confused state". It appears that John did not leave a LWT, so the condition and extent of his estate at the time of his death cannot be accurately assessed. Efforts to obtain a copy of any court appointed administration of his estate were unsuccessful. Based on land records and the number of slaves reported in the 1810 census, Alexander's assertion that John had amassed a large landed estate

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<sup>3</sup> NOTE: No genealogist has heretofore reported Richard Bostick with a daughter by his first wife. This writer has projected the existence of this daughter by the fact that a young woman named Hannah Bostick, aged about 21 years old resided adjacent to Richard Bostick and John R. Bostick in the 1810 census record. From other sources this writer learned that Richard's first wife was recorded in Effingham County, GA with the name of Mary Hannah. The Hannah Bostick living adjacent to Richard and John R. Bostick was of the proper age and had the proper name to have been Richard's daughter from his first wife.

seems fairly reliable. However, in comparison to his friend, Wade Hampton II, John's estate may have seemed rather paltry, since in 1830, Wade Hampton was considered the wealthiest person in the fledgling nation.

The earliest record located for John with any degree of certainty was on a 1778 juror's list. John Bostwick [Bostick] was listed among petit jurors in Camden District for the area east of the Wateree River in 1778.<sup>4</sup> There was an earlier record for a John Bostick in South Carolina living as an adjacent land owner on Cuffey Town Creek in Abbeyville in 1775, but which John Bostick is not certain.<sup>5</sup> In 1775 there were several John Bosticks known to exist in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. The John Bostick who married Jane Davis and settled in Old 96 District is believed to have still been living in Buckingham County Virginia in 1775. The John Bostick who married Elizabeth [Chesley] [Terry] is believed to have died in Georgia around 1766. The John Bostick who had a tract of land on Cuffey Town Creek in Abbeyville in 1775 may have been John, the bachelor, but more likely was the John, who married Jane Davis and settled in Old Ninety-Six.

There were numerous records for John Bostick located on the State online archives which are presented hereinafter in chronological order.<sup>6</sup> The archive reference numbers are cited with the body of each record text to minimize the volume of footnotes. Each archive record is followed by brief explanatory notes:

- 1. Series:** S213212 **Volume:** 0001 **Page:** 00043 **Item:** 020 **Date:** March 30, 1784 **Description:** DEWEESE, ANDREW, PLAT FOR 640 ACRES ON GRIFFINS CREEK OF CONGAREE RIVER, CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY FERDINAND HOPKINS **Names indexed:** BOSTICK; CHICK; DEWEESE, ANDREW; HOPKINS, FERDINAND; THOMPSON, MRS. **Locations:** CAMDEN DISTRICT; CONGAREE RIVER; GRIFFINS CREEK **Document type:** PLAT

*An unspecified Bostick was shown on a plat map as a land owner adjacent to Andrew DeWeese on Griffins Creek, tributary to Congaree River. Griffins Creek is situated between the Wateree and Congaree Rivers, and a tributary of the Wateree which runs in a southerly direction more or less parallel to the Wateree. Because of this location of Griffins Creek, it is assumed that this Bostick was John Bostick. This record clearly places John Bostick within Richland County sometime before March, 1784.*

- 2. Series:** S108092 **Reel:** 0011 **Frame:** 00311 **Date:** April 7, 1784 **Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, ACCOUNT AUDITED (FILE NO. 628A) OF CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN

*This record for a claim by John Bostick to the State of South Carolina for service in the Revolutionary War is believed to have been filed by John, the bachelor. John Bostick is known to have served in the Revolutionary War in South Carolina, as he was reported as*

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<sup>4</sup> The Jury Lists of South Carolina, 1778-1779, Ge Lee Corley Hendrix and Morn McKoy Lindsay, 1980, p. 46.

<sup>5</sup> South Carolina Department of Archives and History, <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/search.aspx>, Series S213184, Vol. 0013, Page 00389, Item 1.

<sup>6</sup> South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

*a Captain in the local militia on several records from Richland County immediately following the end of that conflict. As there was no other John Bostick known to be living within South Carolina during the War, this petition is certainly that of John, the bachelor. His service was recorded by Bobby Gilmer Moss as follows: ...a private from 1776, as a sergeant from April 4, 1777, and as a sergeant major from April 27, 1778 in the Fourth Regiment. He was at some time in Sumter's Brigade..."<sup>7</sup> This service is further documented in two separate pay vouchers: (1) April 1, 1777 to June 1, 1788, 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment, Sergeant at \$10 per month, and (2) June 1, 1778 to July 1, 1781 as Sergeant Major in 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment. John's service claim was granted along with a life annuity for his service.*

- 3. Series:** S213190 **Volume:** 0019 **Page:** 00316 **Date:** November 2, 1786 **Description:** LLOYD, JOSEPH, PLAT FOR 815 ACRES ON LITTLE CREEK, CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JAMES CROSS. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; CLINE, PETER; CROSS, JAMES; GOODWYN; HILL, ROBERT; KNOWLS; LLOYD, JOSEPH; MOORE; RAINEY, JAMES; TUCKER **Locations:** CAMDEN DISTRICT; CONGAREE RIVER; LITTLE CREEK **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map for Joseph Lloyd for 815 acres on Little Creek, Camden District, tributary of Congaree about ten miles upstream from Columbia in November 1786.*

- 4. Series:** S213190 **Volume:** 0003 **Page:** 00237 **Date:** November 11, 1786 **Description:** JOYNER, JOHN, PLAT FOR 30 ACRES IN CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JAMES CROSS. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; CROSS, JAMES; GOSSLING, GEORGE; JOYNER, JOHN; SMYZER, JACOB; TUCKER, WILLIAM **Locations:** CAMDEN DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for 30 acres for John Joyner at an unspecified location in Camden District on November 11, 1786. None of the parties mentioned in this map were mentioned in the two previous maps, so it might be assumed that John Bostick's land on this plat was different from the lands in the two previous plats.*

- 5. Series:** S213190 **Volume:** 0020 **Page:** 00315 **Item:** 002 **Date:** October 19, 1787 **Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, PLAT FOR 64 ACRES ON SECOND CREEK, CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOSIAH CANTEY. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; CANTEY, JOSIAH; CARTER, JOHN; FOX, WILLIAM; MOTTE; PARKER, GARRIEL **Locations:** CAMDEN DISTRICT; SECOND CREEK **Document type:** PLAT

*This is the first record of a plat map being filed for John Bostick. This map was for 64 acres located in Camden District on Second Creek, a tributary of the Congaree, entering from the west about five miles below Columbia. Again, this parcel appears to be several miles from the earlier parcels.*

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<sup>7</sup> Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution, Bobby Gilmer Moss, 1983, p. 86.

6. **Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0021 **Frame:** 00430 **Date:** October 1, 1788 **Description:** BLANCHARD, BENJAMIN OF RICHLAND COUNTY, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK B, PAGE 43; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 2, PKG 31) (2 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** BLANCHARD, BENJAMIN; BLANCHARD, JOSIAH; BLANCHARD, MARY; BLANCHARD, WILLIAM; BOSTICK, JOHN; CHANDLER, JESSE; POTTS, JOHN; THOMPSON, ARTHUR; WIMBERLEY, MARY; WIMBERLEY, NOAH **Locations:** GEORGIA; OCONEE CREEK; RICHLAND COUNTY; WASHINGTON COUNTY, GA **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT)

*John Bostick was named an executor on the LWT of Benjamin Blanchard of Richland County, recorded on October 1, 1788. Blanchard has not appeared as a neighbor on any of the plat maps filed heretofore and containing John Bostick's name. By his appearance on this LWT, it would suggest that John Bostick enjoyed a circle of friends in the Richland County area that extended well beyond his immediate neighbors. It would also suggest a relationship of some long standing, in order to establish the kind of connection entrusted to an executor.*

7. **Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0021 **Frame:** 00440 **Date:** September 19, 1789 **Description:** WIMBERLY, MARY OF RICHLAND COUNTY, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK B, PAGE 49; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 34, PKG 828) (2 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** BLANCHARD, ABEY; BLANCHARD, CATEY; BLANCHARD, JOSIAH; BOSTICK, JOHN; MEYER, WILLIAM; NEALL, PENELOPY; THOMPSON, ARTHUR; THOMPSON, JANET; WELLS, SARAH; WHITICER; WHITICER, MRS.; WIMBERLY, MARY; WIMBERLY, NOAH **Locations:** RICHLAND COUNTY **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT)

*John Bostick was appointed an executor on the LWT of Mary Wimberly of Richland County recorded on September 19, 1789. Beneficiaries included members of the Blanchard family subject of the LWT notes in Item 7, above.*

8. **Series:** S213190 **Volume:** 0025 **Page:** 00060 **Item:** 001 **Date:** January 29, 1790 **Description:** BOGGS, HUGH, PLAT FOR 222 ACRES ON WATERS OF CEDAR CREEK, CAMDEN DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY PHILIP PEARSON. **Names indexed:** BELL, JAMES; BELL, JAMES JR.; BOGGS, HUGH; BOSTICK; CATO; PATTERSON, ANDREW; PEARSON, PHILIP **Locations:** CAMDEN DISTRICT; CEDAR CREEK; CONGAREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map for 222 acres for Hugh Boggs on Cedar Creek, tributary of Congaree in January 1790. This was the first instance suggesting ownership of a tract on Cedar Creek.*

9. **Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0021 **Frame:** 00446 **Date:** September 15, 1790 **Description:** TAYLOR, MARY OF RICHLAND COUNTY, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK B, PAGE 136; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 30, PKG 737) (2 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BRAZELL, ELIZABETH; BRAZELL, UNDICE;

CHAMBLESS, P.; CREACE (SLAVE); FANN (SLAVE); GRACE (SLAVE); GRAVES, WILLIAM; HOWELL, ARTHUR; HOWELL, MARY; PAULLING, W. M.; STROUMAN, ANN; TAYLOR, MARY; WILLIAMS, NATHAN; WILLIAMS, THOMAS JR. **Locations:** RICHLAND COUNTY **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT) **Topics:** SLAVES, NAMED

*John Bostick was named as a beneficiary on the LWT of Mary Taylor of Richland County, recorded on September 15, 1790. John was granted ownership of two slaves by Mary Taylor (no known kinship).*

- 10. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0038 **Page:** 00650 **Date:** March 25, 1802 **Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, PLAT FOR 910 ACRES ON RICE CREEK AND RICE CREEK SPRINGS, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN BYNUM. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BYNUM, JOHN **Locations:** RICE CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick filed a plat map for 910 acres situated on Rice Creek and Rice Creek Springs, tributary of Wateree on March 25, 1802.*

- 11. Series:** S165015 **Year:** 1802 **Item:** 00034 **ignore:** 000 **Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, PETITION ASKING TO HAVE DEDUCTED FROM HIS BOND A SUM OF MONEY WHICH WILL BE USED AS SECURITY FOR DEFICIENCY OF LANDS MORTGAGED FOR THE PAPER MEDIUM LOAN. (4 PAGES) **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; JAUDON, ELIAS; KILLINGSWORTH, WILLIAM; LIGHTWOOD, EDWARD **Locations:** COLUMBIA **Document type:** PETITION

*John Bostick purchased four tracts of land at a sheriff's auction on September 7, 1801 in Columbia. These tracts reportedly totaled 1,214 acres. Bostick later had the parcels surveyed and discovered that they were deficient 131 acres. One tract was smaller than represented by 17 acres, a second tract was deficient by 114 acres, and another tract of 114 acres did not appear to exist. Consequently Bostick petitioned the court to have the amount of his bond reduced by \$97.60 to compensate for the smaller sized properties. One of these parcels had originally been granted to William Killingsworth. Another tract had been originally granted to Elias Jaudon. Elias Jaudon migrated to Black Swamp with the Robert family in about 1772, and was married to a sister of John Robert's wife. Here is evidence of an intersection between John Bostick, Elias Jaudon and Richard Bostick, who later married daughters of John Robert.*

- 12. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0038 **Page:** 00740 **Date:** July 5, 1802 **Description:** OHARRA, WILLIAM, PLAT FOR 640 ACRES ON CONGAREE RIVER, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY FRANCIS GOODWYN. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, CAPT.; GOODWYN, FRANCIS; KILLINGSWORTH; MOORE; OHARRA, WILLIAM; SCOTT; SPELLING **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*Captain John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for 640 acres for William O'Harra on the Congaree in Richland County. This is the first of several recorded instances of John Bostick being accorded the rank of Captain. He mustered out of the military in 1781 at the rank of Sergeant Major. Given the elevation to the rank of Captain suggests that John actively participated in the local militia following the War. This is also the first instance of his being connected with this group of land owners, suggesting his ownership in yet another, heretofore unidentified, tract of land. The names of Goodwyn and Killingsworth should be noted, as they will later be shown to have a significant, collateral relationship to John Bostick.*

- 13. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0039 **Page:** 00034 **Date:** July 30, 1802 **Description:** DUKE, MOSES, PLAT FOR 734 ACRES ON RICE CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY SAMUEL ALSTON. **Names indexed:** ALSTON, SAMUEL; BOSTICK; BYNUM; DUKE, MOSES; LEWIS, JACOB; PERRY, LEMUEL; RODGERS, BENJAMIN **Locations:** RICE CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*[John] Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map for 734 acres for Moses Duke on Rice Creek tributary to Wateree River in July 1802. This parcel probably abuts the parcel involved in Item 11, above.*

- 14. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0040 **Page:** 00290 **Item:** 002 **Date:** August 27, 1804 **Description:** CARTER, BENJAMIN, PLAT FOR 135 ACRES ON CONGAREE SWAMP, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN TATUM. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; CARTER, BENJAMIN; CARTER, JOHN; JOHNSON, BENJAMIN; MOTT, MRS.; TATUM, JOHN **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; CONGAREE SWAMP; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map for 135 acres for Benjamin Carter on Congaree Swamp in August, 1804. This tract has not appeared previously.*

- 15. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0040 **Page:** 00307 **Item:** 001 **Date:** September 18, 1804 **Description:** HALL, HENRY REESE, PLAT FOR 742 ACRES ON CONGAREE RIVER, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY ALEXANDER B. STARK FOR JOHN BOSTICK ON JULY 6, 1802. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BRAILSFORD, MRS.; COLE, JOHN; ELLIOTT; HALL, HENRY REESE; HARROL, WILLIAM; JOINER, JOSEPH; JONES, SUSANNA; JONES, THOMAS; LONG, FELIX; MOTTE, MRS.; STARK, ALEXANDER B.; TOWNSEND, PAUL **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; CONGAREE SWAMP; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Henry Reese Hall for 742 acres on Congaree Swamp in September, 1804. This probably abuts the parcels referenced in Item 15, above.*

- 16. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0040 **Page:** 00419 **Item:** 001 **Date:** August 22, 1805  
**Description:** THORNTON, JOHN, PLAT FOR 640 ACRES ON RICE CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY SAMUEL ALSTON. **Names indexed:** ALSTON, SAMUEL; BOSTICK, JOHN; BYNUM, JOHN; DUKE, MOSES; THORNTON, JOHN **Locations:** RICE CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map for 640 acres for John Thornton on Rice Creek, tributary of Wateree in August, 1805. This tract abuts plat map described in Item 9, above.*

- 17. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0039 **Page:** 00439 **Item:** 002 **Date:** January 1, 1806  
**Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, PLAT FOR 63 ACRES ON BRANCH OF TOMS CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY DANIEL MCWILLIAMS. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; DOLOZIER, ASSEY [Jesse]; HARSTON, WILLIAM; HAYLEY, JOHN; MCWILLIAMS, DANIEL; THOMSON, HEZEKIAH **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT; TOMS CREEK **Document type:** PLAT

*A plat map was filed for 63 acres for John Bostick on Toms Creek, tributary of Congaree, apparently separate from any previously noted plat map filings. Note the name of neighbor, Assey [Asa] Dolozier, as he is a collateral factor in future transactions involving John Bostick. This John Bostick is believed to have been John G. Bostick, rather than John, the bachelor.*

- 18. Series:** S165010 **Year:** 1808 **Item:** 00010 **Date:** April 1, 1808 **Description:** RICHLAND DISTRICT, PRESENTMENT REQUESTING THE SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION SALES WHILE THE EMBARGO IS IN EFFECT AND COMPLAINING THAT FAIRFIELD AND RICHLAND DISTRICT COURTS SIT SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND OF THE CONDITION OF THE GAOL. (3 PAGES)  
**Names indexed:** ADAMS, JOEL; BOSTICK, J.; BUSBY, JESSE; BYNUM, DRURY; CARTER, ROBERT; COON, LEWIS; FAUST, JASPER JR.; GOODWYN, WILLIAM; GUIGNARD, J. G.; GURR, DANIEL; HOPKINS, WILLIAM; HOWELL, MALACHI; KILLINGSWORTH, JESSE; KINSTER, HERMAN; MYERS, WILLIAM JR.; PATTERSON, JAMES; PHILLIPS, JAMES **Locations:** FAIRFIELD DISTRICT; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PRESENTMENT **Topics:** COURTS, SCHEDULING; EMBARGOES; EXECUTION SALES; JAILS

*John Bostick was a co-petitioner to legislature requesting suspension of the execution of [slave] sales while an embargo was in effect, and complaining about the concurrent sitting of Fairfield and Richland County Courts and poor condition of gaol [jail]. Many of John Bostick's collateral parties to preceding transactions were also co-petitioners, i.e. Killingsworth, Bynum, Goodwyn and Patterson.*

- 19. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0041 **Page:** 00471 **Item:** 002 **Date:** July 3, 1809 **Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN, PLAT FOR 28 ACRES ON GRIFFINS CREEK, RICHLAND



DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY ALEXANDER B. STARK. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; DEWEE, ANDREW; KIRNE, MATHIAS; STARK, ALEXANDER B.; THOMPSON, MOSES **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; GRIFFINS CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick filed a plat map for 28 acres on Griffins Creek, tributary to Congaree in July, 1809. This tract probably abuts the parcels suggested by Item 1, above. This filing may have been for John G. Bostick, as it abuts members of the Thompson family who were connected by marriage to the Scott family discussed in later sections of this chapter.*

- 20. Series:** S165015 **Year:** 1810 **Item:** 00159 **ignore:** 000 **Description:** INHABITANTS OF MINERVAVILLE, PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BOSTICK AND JAMES GOODWYN AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROADS FOR OPENING A CERTAIN ROAD. (4 PAGES) **Names indexed:** ADAMS, JOEL SR.; BOSTICK, JOHN; GOODWYN, JAMES; HOPKINS, JOHN **Locations:** MINERVAVILLE; TOMS CREEK **Document type:** PETITION **Topics:** ROADS, COMMISSIONERS OF; STREETS, ROADS, AND HIGHWAYS

*John Bostick and James Goodwyn were nominated by the citizens on Minervaville for appointment as Commissioner of Roads. This suggests that John's residence may have been in the vicinity of Minervaville at that time. Minervaville was located in the lower half of Richland County to the east of Columbia as shown on the map in Figure XX. James Goodwyn was a cousin of Martha Eppes Goodwyn, wife of Wade Hampton II.*

- 21. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0045 **Page:** 00149 **Item:** 002 **Date:** December 29, 1810 **Description:** GARNER, PRESLEY, PLAT FOR 437 ACRES ON CONGAREE AND WATEREE RIVERS, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY WRIGHT C. TYSON. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; GARNER, PRESLEY; HILL, ROBERT; MYERS; TYSON, WRIGHT C. **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Presley Garner for 437 acres on Congaree and Wateree Rivers. This tract location does not appear to have been previously associated with John Bostick, above. The described location suggests that the tract was near the confluence of the two rivers, which would place the land in the swampy area suited for rice and indigo growing.*

- 22. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0043 **Page:** 00149 **Item:** 003 **Date:** January 10, 1811 **Description:** BROWN, RICHARD, PLAT FOR 22 ACRES ON WATEREE AND CONGAREE RIVERS, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY ALEXANDER B. STARK. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN JR.; BROWN, RICHARD; JOYNER, JOSEPH; MCCORD; PARSONS, JAMES; SCOTT, WILLIAM; STARK, ALEXANDER B.; THOMPSON, PAUL **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick, Jr. was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Richard Brown for 22 acres on the Wateree and Congaree River in January 1811. This is the only instance in which John Bostick of Richland County was noted as a "Junior". The author has reviewed this plat map and it does clearly show John Bostick, Jr. However, nothing in the records discovered by this researcher suggest that John's father was also named John. It seems highly unlikely that John was a "junior", given that 28 other records associated with John Bostick of Richland County made no reference to his being a "junior". The author believes that this plat map notation was in error. Further, it is believed that this John Bostick was actually John G. Bostick. The surveyor may have mistakenly assumed that John G. Bostick was the son of John, the bachelor, who had numerous holdings within the area. The rationale for this being John G. Bostick is that the land also abuts William Scott, who is believed to have been John G. Bostick's brother-in-law (see later discussions of Mary Scott Bostick).*

- 23. Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0021 **Frame:** 00695 **Date:** January 1, 1812 **Description:** WALKER, JOSEPH OF RICHLAND DISTRICT, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK E, PAGE 248; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 32, PKG 790) (2 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** BELLA (SLAVE); BETSEY (SLAVE); BOSTICK, JOHN; BYNAM, JOHN; CAROLINE (SLAVE); DAVIS, JAMES; ELIZA (SLAVE); FISHER, EDWARD; PEGGY (SLAVE); PERCIVAL, S.; WALKER, EDWARD; WALKER, FREDERICK; WALKER, JAMES ALEXANDER; WALKER, JOSEPH; WALLACE, ANDREW **Locations:** COLUMBIA; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT)

*This researcher has not been able to obtain a copy of this LWT, but it is believed that John Bostick was appointed an executor of the LWT for Joseph Walker recorded in 1812.*

- 24. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0043 **Page:** 00364 **Item:** 001 **Date:** June 14, 1813 **Description:** SMITH, SARAH, PLAT FOR 700 ACRES ON CONGAREE RIVER, ORANGEBURGH DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY DANIEL MCWILLIAMS. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; ELLIOTT, BARNARD; KELLY, DANIEL; MCWILLIAMS, DANIEL; READ; SMITH, SARAH **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; ORANGEBURG DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Sarah Smith for 700 acres on the Congaree in Orangeburg District in June 1813. Orangeburg District abuts Richland District along the west side of the Congaree. This tract reference is very likely for John Bostick of Richland County even though there were other John Bosticks in South Carolina at that time, and may refer to yet another heretofore unidentified tract.*

- 25. Series:** S165015 **Year:** 1815 **Item:** 00133 **Date:** October 20, 1815 **Description:** KILLINGSWORTH, JACOB, PETITION AND SUPPORTING PAPERS ASKING COMPENSATION FOR A SLAVE WHO WAS EXECUTED. (8 PAGES) **Names indexed:** ADAM (SLAVE); BOSTICK, JOHN G.; BRENT, A.; BRENT, ALEXANDER; CHINA (SLAVE); FOX, WILLIAM; FRANK (SLAVE);

KILLINGSWORTH, JACOB; PATTERSON, MATHEW; POWELL, DAVID **Locations:** RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PETITION

*John G. [Graves] Bostick was a party to a petition filed by Jacob Killingsworth in Richland District in October 1815 requesting compensation for a slave who was executed. This is the first instance of a John Bostick in Richland District being shown with the middle initial of "G", or any middle initial for that matter. This person is believed to have resided in Richland County for almost ten years at the time of this transaction. As discussed below, this John G. Bostick is believed to have been John The Bachelor's nephew, John Graves Bostick.*

- 26. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0044 **Page:** 00115 **Item:** 001 **Date:** December 1, 1815  
**Description:** GARNER, PRESLEY AND WRIGHT C. TYSON, PLAT FOR 614 ACRES ON WATEREE RIVER, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY WRIGHT C. TYSON. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; GARNER, PRESLEY; HUGER; KEIGLER; RIVES; TYSON, WRIGHT C. **Locations:** RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was reported as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Presley Garner for 614 acres on the Wateree in Richland District in December 1815. This plat sounds similar to the plat filed in Item 21, but all of the adjacent land owners, except for John Bostick, are different. Because there were only five years intervening with Item 21, and that all adjacent land owners were different, this is evidence of yet another tract for John Bostick.*

- 27. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0044 **Page:** 00165 **Item:** 001 **Date:** March 30, 1816  
**Description:** DUKE, MOSES, PLAT FOR 807 ACRES ON BIG RICE CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JAMES WESTBROOK. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK; BYNUM; DUKE, MOSES; DUKE, ROBERT; FOSTER, WILLIAM; WEATHERSBEE, A. H.; WESTBROOK, JAMES **Locations:** RICE CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*[John] Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed for Moses Duke for 807 acres on Big Rice Creek in Richland District in March 1816. This parcel may be adjacent to the same parcel filed by Moses Duke in Item 14, above, although most of the adjacent land owners are different. This may be evidence of yet another tract owned by John Bostick.*

- 28. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0044 **Page:** 00169 **Item:** 001 **Date:** April 4, 1816  
**Description:** WALLIS, VICE, PLAT FOR 194 ACRES ON BIG CRANE CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JAMES KENNEDY FOR DENNIS WALLIS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1815. **Names indexed:** BIGNER, CHARLES; BOSTICK; BYNUM; HOOD, ELIZABETH; KENNEDY, JAMES; WALLIS, DENNIS; WALLIS, STEPHEN; WALLIS, VICE **Locations:** BROAD RIVER; CRANE CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*[John] Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed in Richland District for Vice Wallis for 194 acres on Big Crane Creek in April 1816. No first name was given for Bostick, but it is assumed to be John Bostick. This is the first record showing John Bostick as a land owner on Big Crane Creek.*

- 29. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0044 **Page:** 00400 **Item:** 001 **Date:** May 14, 1817  
**Description:** BRANHAM, RICHARD, PLAT FOR 679 ACRES ON GRIFFINS CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY STEPHEN H. BOYKIN. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BOYKIN, STEPHEN H.; BRANHAM, RICHARD; CARTER, BENJAMIN; CARTER, JOHN; FOX, WILLIAM; MYERS; RAWLINGSON, BENJAMIN **Locations:** GRIFFINS CREEK; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was reported as an adjacent land owner in Richland District on a plat map filed for Richard Branham for 679 acres on Griffins Creek in May 1817. There have been previous filings showing John Bostick on Griffins Creek, so this is not likely a new tract reference. It is possible that this was John G. Bostick, based on the adjacency to Myers (see discussion on Mary Scott, below).*

- 30. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0044 **Page:** 00414 **Item:** 001 **Date:** June 26, 1817  
**Description:** BOSTICK, JOHN G., PLAT FOR 98 ACRES IN RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY STEPHEN H. BOYKIN. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN G.; BOYKIN, STEPHEN H.; MYERS; THOMPSON **Locations:** RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John G. Bostick filed a plat map for 98 acres in Richland District at an unspecified location. The only adjacent land owners were Thompson and Myers (no first names). Persons with the surnames of Thompson and Myers have appeared in previous connections with John Bostick. This is the second instance of John G. Bostick in Richland County, and the first instance of his taking out a plat map. This John G. Bostick is believed to have been John Graves Bostick, the son of Samuel Bostick and Mary Anne Maner of Effingham County Georgia. There is more discussion of John Graves Bostick later in this chapter.*

- 31. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0045 **Page:** 00333 **Item:** 001 **Date:** September 12, 1818  
**Description:** PICKERING, SAMUEL JR., PLAT FOR 500 ACRES ON CONGAREE RIVER, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN DAVID SHARP. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, CAPT.; CARTER, JOHN; FORE, WILLIAM; PICKERING, SAMUEL JR.; SHARP, JOHN DAVID **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*Captain John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner in Richland District on a plat map for Samuel Pickering, Jr. for 500 acres on the Congaree River. Some of the other adjacent land owners seem to match with previously recorded maps, so this does not appear to be a new tract reference for John Bostick.*

- 32. Series:** S165029 **Year:** 1819 **Item:** 00001 **ignore:** 000 **Date:** December 9, 1819  
**Description:** COGDELL, JOHN S., COMPTROLLER GENERAL, REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FROM 1813 THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1819, WITH THE TREASURERS ACCOUNT OF SAID DISBURSTMENTS. (18 PAGES; OVERSIZE) **Names indexed:** BLACKBURN; BLACKBURN, PROF.; BOSTICK, J.; BROWN, A.; CLARKE, MRS.; COGDELL, JOHN S.; DESAUSSURE, W. F.; EVERETT, A. B.; HAILE, MRS.; HARPER; HOOD, ARTHUR; ISAAC (SLAVE); MAXCY, JONATHAN; MULDER; PARK, THOMAS; PATTON; RUDULPH; SMITH, PROF.; WADE, GEORGE; WILBY **Document type:** REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*J. [John] Bostick was included in an auditors report to the General Assembly containing an accounting of the receipts and expenditures by the South Carolina College from 1813 through September 1819. The reason for John Bostick appearing on the auditors report is unknown. **Need a copy.***

- 33. Series:** S165029 **Year:** 1820 **Item:** 00002 **Date:** 1820 **Description:** REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT UPON BONDS DUE THE STATE AND INDICTMENTS OBTAINED THEREON. (2 PAGES; OVERSIZE) **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BURTON, RICHARD; GENET, WILLIAM; GERVAIS, JOHN LEWIS; HAMMOND, SARAH; HAMPTON, JOHN; HAMPTON, WADE; HATCHER, JEREMIAH; SIMS, JOHN

*John Bostick was listed along with John Hampton and Wade Hampton on a report of the Solicitor of the Southern Circuit regarding bonds due the State and indictments related thereto. Based on Alexander McIver Bostick's representation that John was a close friend of Wade Hampton, it is believed that this was John, the Bachelor. This record would suggest that John, the bachelor, was still alive in 1820, even though he did not appear on the 1820 census. **Need a copy.***

- 34. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0046 **Page:** 00269 **Item:** 004 **Date:** January 1, 1820  
**Description:** CARTER, ROBERT, PLAT FOR 16.25 ACRES ON FORK OF CONGAREE AND WATEREE RIVERS, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN DAVID SHARP. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK; CARTER, ROBERT; FOX, ELISHA; HILLARY, MATHEW; POWELL, DAVID; SHARP, JOHN DAVID  
**Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT; WATEREE RIVER  
**Document type:** PLAT

*[John] Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed in Richland District for Robert Carter for 16.25 acres on a fork of the Wateree. Carter is a name that appears on several other maps involving John Bostick, including. **Need a copy.***

- 35. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0046 **Page:** 00278 **Item:** 001 **Date:** June 3, 1820  
**Description:** CARTER, ROBERT, PLAT FOR 314 ACRES ON CONGAREE RIVER, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN DAVID SHARP. **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; BRAIZFORD, MRS.; CARTER, BENJAMIN; CARTER, ROBERT;

**SHARP, JOHN DAVID** **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed in Richland District for Robert Carter for 314 acres on the Congaree. This is likely the same Carter referenced in Item 34, above, but at a different location. This John Bostick was likely John, the bachelor.*

- 36. Series:** S165015 **Year:** 1820 **Item:** 00064 **Description:** DELOZIER, ASA, AGENT FOR THOSE SERVING ON THE SHIP SOUTH CAROLINA, PETITION AND SUPPORTING PAPERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LUXEMBURG CLAIMS. (20 PAGES) **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, J.; CHERY; CRESWELL; DELOZIER, ASA; GILLON, COMMODORE; JOYNER, CAPT.; LEE; MAYRANT, JOHN; STARK; STOY, LT. **Locations:** **Document type:** PETITION **Topics:** LUXEMBOURG CLAIMS; SOUTH CAROLINA (SHIP)

*J. [John] Bostick was a party to a petition filed in 1820 by Asa Delozier on behalf of those who served on the Ship South Carolina and claims arising there from. Asa Delozier appears to have been an attorney, and may have been a neighbor of John Bostick's. More discussion is offered later in this chapter on the matter of the Frigate South Carolina and the "Luxembourg Claims". *Need a copy.**

- 37. Series:** S165029 **Year:** 1821 **Item:** 00014 **Description:** JETER, JOHN J., SOLICITOR OF THE SOUTHERN CIRCUIT, REPORT CONCERNING BONDS OF JOHN BOSTICK AND WADE HAMPTON. (2/1 PAGES) **Names indexed:** BOSTICK, JOHN; GUIGNARD, J. S.; HAMPTON, WADE; JETER, JOHN J. **Document type:** REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **Topics:** BONDS, OFFICIAL; SOLICITORS

*John Bostick and Wade Hampton were named in a report to the General Assembly, from John J. Jeter Solicitor of the Southern District. *Need a copy.**

- 38. Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0022 **Frame:** 00122 **Date:** June 1, 1822 **Description:** DELOZEAIR, ASA OF RICHLAND COUNTY, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK G, PAGE 248; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 7, PKG 165) (2 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** BEN (SLAVE); BOSTICK, JOHN; CHARLES (SLAVE); DELOZEAIR, ASA; DELOZEAIR, EDWARD; DELOZEAIR, HANNAH; ELIZER (SLAVE); HARRISON, SAMUEL; JOE (SLAVE); MARY (SLAVE); PAXTON, JOSEPH; RACHELL (SLAVE); WESTON, SARAH **Locations:** CHARLESTON; RICHLAND COUNTY **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT)

*John Bostick was appointed an executor in the LWT of Asa Delozier filed on June 1, 1822. The will was written in 1809, so it is difficult to ascertain whether John Bostick was still alive when it was probated in 1822.*

**39. Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0052 **Page:** 00351 **Date:** August 16, 1839 **Description:** BYNUM, WILLIAM, PLAT FOR 1,630 ACRES ON TOMS CREEK, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY STEPHEN C. DEBRUHL. **Names indexed:** BATES, JOHN; BOSTICK, JOHN; BYNUM, D.; BYNUM, WILLIAM; DEBRUHL, STEPHEN C.; FENTOIR, JAMES; JONES, JANE; SCOTT, JOHN; SCOTT, JOSEPH; SCOTT, WILLIAM; THOMPSON, DEHAS; WOODWARD, ISAM **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; RICHLAND DISTRICT; TOMS CREEK **Document type:** PLAT

*John Bostick was recorded as an adjacent land owner on a plat map filed in Richland County in August 1839 for William Bynum for 1,630 acres on Toms Creek, tributary to Congaree. John Bostick is known to have owned land on Toms Creek. Based on the foregoing analysis, that John Bostick is believed to have been John Graves Bostick. This map appears to still be reflecting land ownership, although there was no record of John Bostick on the 1830 and 1840 census for Richland County. It is conceivable that he retained ownership of his Tom's Creek property, even though he may have moved out of the area.*

There were no further records found for John Bostick of Richland County in the State Archives. It is difficult from the foregoing records to establish just when John Bostick, the Bachelor, died. There were still several records showing his name after 1820. These records need to be scrutinized in detail to ascertain whether a better fix on his date of death can be determine.

In addition to the foregoing records, there was another record involving a person named Mary Scott Bostick, which needs discussion:

**Series:** S108093 **Reel:** 0022 **Frame:** 00139 **Date:** 1824 C. **Description:** SCOTT, WILLIAM OF RICHLAND DISTRICT, WILL TYPESCRIPT (MSS WILL: BOOK G, PAGE 306; ESTATE PACKET: BOX 27, PKG 664) (3 FRAMES). **Names indexed:** ADAMS, JOEL JR.; ADAMS, ROBERT; ADAMS, WILLIAM W.; BOSTICK, MARY; CROFT, MOSES; DINKINS, ELIZABETH; ETHERINGTON, JAMES; JUPITER (SLAVE); SCOTT, JAMES; SCOTT, JANE; SCOTT, JOHN; SCOTT, JOSEPH; SCOTT, MARY; SCOTT, SAMUEL; SCOTT, SARAH; SCOTT, WILLIAM; THOMPSON, ESTHER; WESTON, MALACHI; WESTON, ROBERT; WESTON, SARAH **Locations:** RICHLAND DISTRICT **Document type:** WILL (TYPESCRIPT)

Further search of the South Carolina Archive records suggests that this Scott family first moved into the Richland District before 1788 when William Sr. was recorded as a witness to the LWT of Richard Adams. In William Sr.'s LWT recorded on January 22, 1810 he mentioned his wife, sons: William and Samuel, and daughter: Elizabeth Dinkins. In this will, William Sr. mentioned land already given to his sons on Congaree Swamp and Toms Creek.

In the LWT summarized above and written June 28, 1820 and recorded January 6, 1823, William Scott Jr. identified several siblings and nieces and nephews, including sisters: Mary Bostick, Elizabeth Dinkins, Sarah Weston and Esther Thompson to whom he bequeathed \$5,000 each. William also mentioned his deceased brother, Samuel, and Samuel's five sons and three

daughters, to whom he bequeathed the remainder of his estate. There was no mention of a wife or children, so it may be assumed that William Jr. was a bachelor.

On researching LDS genealogical records for Mary Scott Bostick, a record was discovered, which indicates that she was married to a John Bostick. The identity of this John Bostick is unknown, and it is unknown whether he was still living at the time of William Scott's LWT. Husbands of some of the other Scott sisters are known to have been living at the time of William Scott's LWT, so it is entirely possible that Mary Scott Bostick's husband may also have been still living. In fact, it is possible that Mary Scott Bostick's husband was the John G. Bostick who suddenly appeared on records in Richland County in 1814.

### **John G. Bostick**

There are two individuals known to have been living in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century in South Carolina and Georgia with the name of John G. Bostick. John Green Bostick, the son of William Bostick and Nancy Ann Rice lived in Spartanburg District of South Carolina during his youth. He appeared on several Spartanburg District deeds between 1807 and 1814.

John Green Bostick is identified with certainty when he appeared with that full name as a witness on a grant deed on April 28, 1807 in Spartanburg District.<sup>8</sup> The last record of John [Green] Bostick in Spartanburg District was as a witness on another grant deed on August 12, 1814.<sup>9</sup> The next known record for John [Green] Bostick was a marriage record between John G. Bostick and Elizabeth Atkinson dated August 21, 1816 in Jefferson County, Georgia.<sup>10</sup> John Green Bostick is believed to have continued living in Jefferson County, Georgia until about 1825. John Green Bostick's father, William Bostick, sold his land in Spartanburg County on March 3, 1824, and is believed to have moved with his sons: John Green and Littleberry, to Franklin County Tennessee shortly thereafter.<sup>11</sup> John G. Bostick, William Bostic [sic], and Littleberry Bostick all appeared on the 1830 census in Franklin County. Since John Green Bostick is believed to have been living in Jefferson County, Georgia between about 1815 and 1825, he could not have been the John G. Bostick in Richland County between 1817 and 1820.

The other known John G. Bostick was John Graves Bostick, the son of Samuel Bostick and Mary Ann Maner, born and raised in Effingham County, Georgia and Beaufort District, South Carolina. The first known record evidence of John Graves Bostick was in a gift deed of slaves from his father, Samuel Bostick, dated August 14, 1799 in Effingham County Georgia.<sup>12</sup> In that gift deed Samuel made bequests to three sons: William, Littleberry and John Graves, and to a daughter, Sarah Porter. Prior to the discovery of this gift deed, Samuel and Mary Ann were believed to have had only two children: Sarah Porter and Mary Garnett.

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<sup>8</sup> Spartanburg County/District South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, Books A to T, Albert Bruce Pruitt, 1988, p. 382.

<sup>9</sup> Spartanburg County/District South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, p. 498

<sup>10</sup> Bostick Online Newsletter Issue No. 3, 1 September 1997, <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6598/BostickOnline.htm>, accessed Dec 28, 2008.

<sup>11</sup> Spartanburg County/District South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, p. 766.

<sup>12</sup> Effingham and Liberty County, Georgia Early Records, Mary Carter, 1978, p. 15.



The first record of John G. Bostick in Richland County was as described in Item 25, above, in which John G. Bostick gave a deposition supporting a petition by Jacob Killingsworth for compensation for an executed slave. The only other record for John G. Bostick in Richland County was as described in Item 30, above, wherein he filed a plat map for 98 acres at an unspecified location and with Myers and Thompson as adjacent owners. There is nothing in either of those records to link John G. Bostick with either John, the Bachelor, or to Mary Scott. However, there are secondary connections which are suggestive of linkages discussed as follows:

1. The plat map described in Item 30, above, identifies adjacent property owners as Thompson and Myers. In Mary Wimberly's LWT described in Item 7, above, John Bostick was designated an executor, while William Meyer was listed as the Justice of the Peace, and Arthur and Janet Thompson were witnesses. These secondary connections between John Bostick, and parties with the surnames of Thompson and Meyers seem too tenuous to suggest any connection to John G. Bostick.
2. Item 21, above, describes a plat map for 437 acres for Presley Garner between the branches of the Wateree and Congaree, with John Bostick and Myers as adjacent land owners. Toms Creek, along which most of the Scott family holdings were located, is situated in the lower delta at the confluence of the Wateree and Congaree Rivers. The Myers mentioned as an adjacent landowner is believed to have been David Myers.
3. **Series:** S213192 **Volume:** 0043 **Page:** 00121 **Item:** 002 **Date:** 11/30/1811 **Description:** VAWTER, CORNELIUS H., PLAT FOR 179 ACRES ON LEATHERLINGS BRANCH, RICHLAND DISTRICT, SURVEYED BY JOHN DAVID SHARP. **Names indexed:** FAIR, JOHN; GRAY, ROBERT; MYERS, DAVID; SHARP, JOHN DAVID; THOMPSON, WILLIAM; VAWTER, CORNELIUS H. **Locations:** CONGAREE RIVER; LEATHERLING BRANCH; RICHLAND DISTRICT; TOMS CREEK . This plat map for 179 acres for Cornelius Vawter is situated on Toms Creek and lists David Myers and William Thompson as adjacent landowners, but does not include John Bostick or anyone named Scott as an adjacent land owner. This plat map links David Myers and William Thompson as neighbors on Toms Creek, which is known to have been the location of tracts owned by John Bostick and members of the Scott family. Per Item 30, John G. Bostick filed a plat map for 98 acres in 1817 adjacent to Thompson and Myers. A complete search of all plat maps on record in Richland County showed that the above described plat for Cornelius Vawter and Item 30 were the only instances of filings with Myers and Thompson surnames as adjacent landowners. While these secondary connections do not provide any direct linkage between John G. Bostick and John, the Bachelor or Mary Scott, they do with some certainty place John G. Bostick's tract for 98 acres as being on Toms Creek.
4. Item 39 describes a plat map filing by William Bynum for 1,630 acres on Toms Creek on August 16, 1839. Adjacent landowners include several Bynums, John Bostick, John Scott, Joseph Scott, William Scott and Dehas Thompson, etal. The three Scott gentlemen were all listed in the LWT of William Scott as children of his deceased brother, Samuel Scott. The John Bostick listed on this plat map is believed to have been John G. Bostick. Dehas Thompson is likely a child of William Thompson, who was an adjoining neighbor in the Vawter deed of 1811, above. This plat map would further strengthen the probability that John G. Bostick was the husband of Mary Scott (*Time and Place Convergence*).

Insofar as kinship between John G. Bostick and John, the bachelor, there is strong foundation for John, the bachelor, having been the uncle of John Graves Bostick. In Annals of Georgia, Caroline Price Wilson makes reference to the sons of Samuel Bostick as being “of Richland, South Carolina”.<sup>13</sup> On closer examination, Ms. Wilson's reference possibly only applied to John Graves Bostick, as there is no documented evidence that either William or Littleberry ever resided in Richland County, unless, perhaps, they were some of the males shown in John, the bachelor's, household in the 1810 census. As there was no other known John G. Bostick living in this period, apart from John Green Bostick, this John G. Bostick of Richland District was most certainly the son of Samuel Bostick and Mary Ann Maner, and nephew of John, the bachelor.

John Graves Bostick may have been in Richland County as early as 1806 and was likely the John Bostick who filed a plat map for 63 acres on Toms Creek on January 1, 1806. John Graves Bostick's age is unknown, but he may have been 21 years old in 1799 when his father gift deeded slaves to him. In the 1820 census his age was shown as being between 26 and 45 years. He was also shown with a son over 16 years of age in that year, which would suggest an age of at least 37 years in 1820. If he was the husband of Mary Scott, it is not clear exactly where or how they may have met. There appears to have been several William Scott's on land records scattered around South Carolina in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, including several large tracts in Granville County, which later became Beaufort District. It is possible that some of these Granville tracts were purchased by Mary's father, William Scott Sr., which might have provided the opportunity for Mary and John Graves to have met in Beaufort District. However, that is unlikely, as William Scott Sr.'s estate in his LWT does not appear to contain any land ownership outside the lower river delta of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers.

It is more likely that John Graves Bostick was attracted to Richland District on or before 1805 by the established presence of his uncle, John, The Bachelor, in that region. From the small size of tracts attributable to John Graves Bostick, it would appear that he was primarily a subsistence farmer. However, he was reported on the 1820 census with 23 slaves, and 15 persons engaged in agricultural production. Since it appears that John, The Bachelor, may have been dead by 1817, it is possible that John Graves Bostick had inherited a portion of his uncle's estate. Following the 1820 census there were no further records of any of this Bostick family living in or around Richland District. What became of John Graves Bostick and his family after 1820 is uncertain.

Reviewing the above records related to John Bostick in Richland District, there were 23 instances where John Bostick was shown either acquiring property or as an already existing adjacent land owner. Of those records involving plat map filings on behalf of John Bostick and John G. Bostick there was a total involvement of 2,267 acres and 10 separate tracts. Excluding those plats expressly for John Bostick, there were another sixteen instances of adjacent land ownership of which at least ten represented tracts not involved in known plat map filings on behalf of John Bostick. Of these various tracts attributable to John Bostick, at least 25 in number, most of them are scattered about at various locations within Richland District, with the bulk of the known acreages being situated in the lower region between the Congaree and Wateree Rivers south of Columbia. Another indicator of the extent of John Bostick's land holdings is the report of 39 slaves in 1810. Based on records of other planters elsewhere in

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<sup>13</sup> Annals of Georgia, Important Early Records of the State, Caroline Price Wilson, 1933, p. 19.

South Carolina during this period, holdings of 40 to 50 slaves typically were coupled with lands of around 3,000 to 5,000 acres. By extrapolation, it is reasonable to assume that John Bostick controlled at least 3,000 in 1810. This fact would comport with Alexander McIver Bostick's assertion that John, the bachelor, possessed a large landed estate.

### **Other Richland Bosticks**

There are numerous records associated with Bosticks of mixed race appearing in Richland County between 1820 and 1870. It seems highly likely that these mixed race Bosticks were the result of a union between John, The Bachelor, and one of his female slaves. There is a record showing the manumission of two slaves by John Bostick. It seems possible that these manumissions may be evidence of a very personal connection between John Bostick and these manumitted slaves. There are contemporary researchers who purport to be descended from this presumed union between John Bostick and a female slave. The author has been in frequent contact with several of these contemporary researchers and has come to believe in the veracity of their claims of descent from John Bostick.