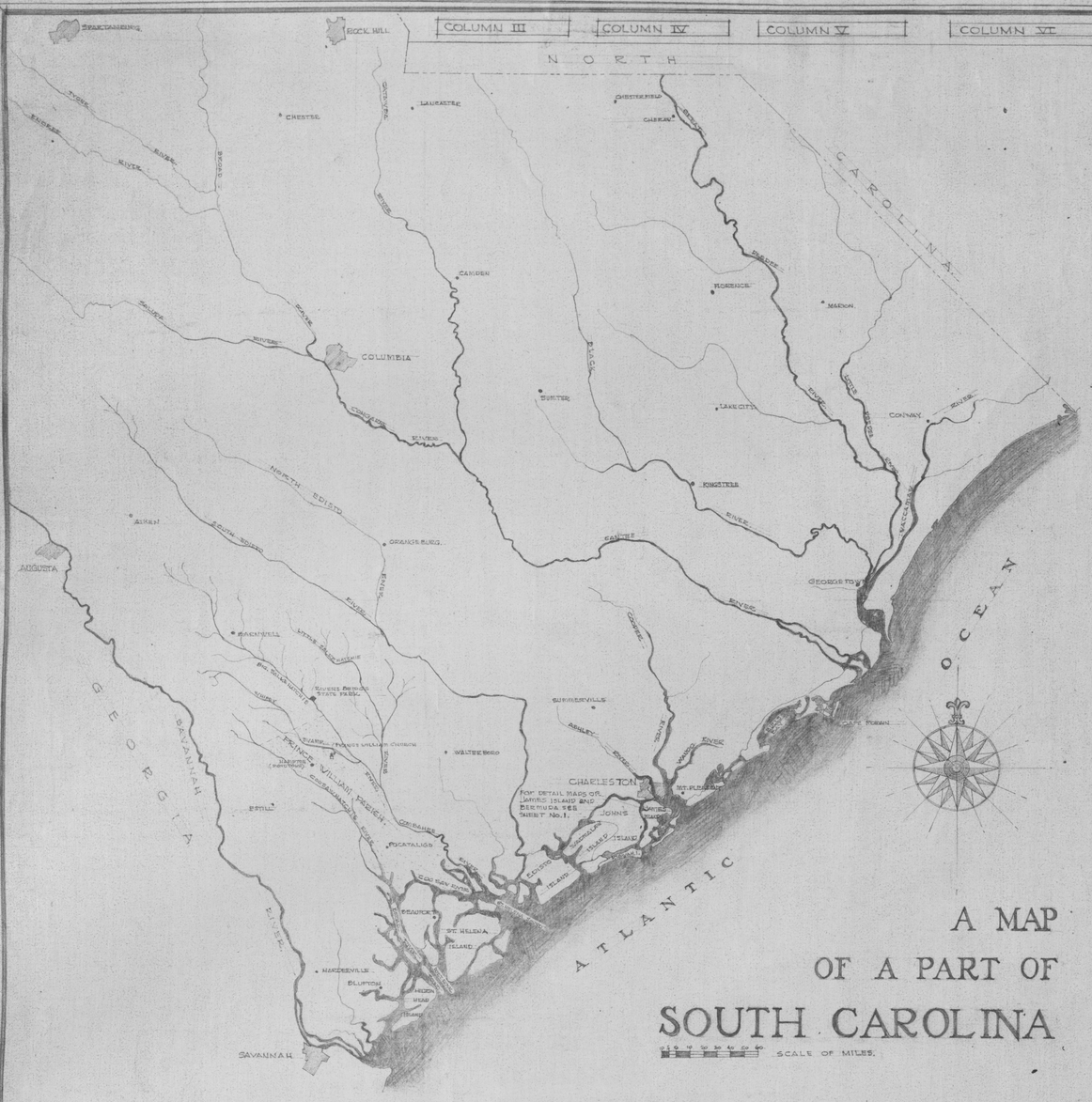

A MAP OF A PART OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ADDITION TO A GENEALOGICAL CHART OF A PORTION OF

THE RIVERS FAMILY

PRINCIPALLY THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE RIVERS Fourth son, of GEORGE Sr. who left James Island in 1749 and never returned.
SHEET NO.4 COVERS DESCENDANTS OF A SON, DAVID.
SHEET NO.5 COVERS DESCENDANTS OF A DAUGHTER, CHRISTINA AND A SON, JACOB.
Both sheets dated: 1970.
Sheets 1&2 prepared in 1967
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GEORGE RIVERS SR.

THESE THREE COLUMNS ARE REPEATED ON SHEETS NOS.4&5
RIVERS CHART - SHEET 4 OF 5 DESCENDANTS OF DAVID RIVERS
RIVERS CHART - SHEET 5 OF 5 DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTINA AND JACOB RIVERS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is quite possible that these two sheets nos. 4&5 would never have been completed had it not been for the untiring efforts of LEON MADISON RIVERS. 1896-1967, to whom this chart is dedicated. He for most of his adult life collected data about the family. His widow HILDEGARDE most generously furnished the information for the preparation of this chart from her husband's records.

In 1749 GEORGE the 4th son of GEORGE SR. left James Island and settled in Pondtown, S.C., later named Hampton. Here he and his wife MARY raised a family of 5 children. Who since that time, 221 years have had many descendants a number of whom are shown on sheets 4 and 5.

JOSEPH D. RIVERS, compiler.

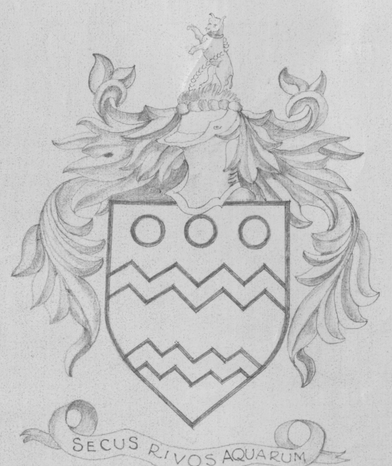
THE CHARTS ON SHEETS NOS. 4&5 ARE PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT GEORGE, THE FOURTH SON OF GEORGE RIVERS SR. OF JAMES ISLAND S.C. WHO LEFT JAMES ISLAND ABOUT 1749 AND THAT GEORGE RIVERS WHO ARRIVED AND SETTLED IN PONDTOWN, S.C. (LATER CALLED HAMPTON) DURING THAT YEAR ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON. HE AND HIS WIFE MARY STEDHAGKER, RAISED A FAMILY OF FIVE CHILDREN.

THIS ASSUMPTION IS SUBSTANTIATED BY STATEMENTS MADE BY OLDER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND RECORDED BY LEON M. RIVERS, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME COLLECTING INFORMATION OF THIS BRANCH OF THE FAMILY, AND FROM LOCAL RECORDS. THE CHARTS ON SHEETS NOS. 4&5 HAVE BEEN PREPARED.

SEE SHEET NOS. 4 XII-H-2 STATEMENT BY OLD AUNT SARAH.

SEE THIS SHEET XII-H-B STATEMENT BY MAHALA WIFE OF REUBEN JORDAN RIVERS JR.

SEE SHEET NO.4 TO XI-I FOR STATEMENT BY VERNA RIVERS GREENWOOD DAUGHTER OF REUBEN JORDAN JR. THAT SHE OWNED A VASE ON WHICH THE INITIALS D.R. AND CREST ARE INSCRIBED AND WHICH WAS BROUGHT FROM ENGLAND BY HER ANCESTORS.



HERALDIC DESCRIPTION.

THIS COAT OF ARMS WAS OFFICIALLY RECORDED IN ANCIENT HERALDIC ARCHIVES; ITS DESIGN IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN EXISTENCE.

THE FIRST USE OF A COAT OF ARMS WAS FOR IDENTIFICATION ON THE BATTLE-FIELD. MANY TIMES, DEEDS OF VALOR, WERE RECORDED WITH A MEMORABLE SYMBOL. THE FACT OF THE RECORDING OF A COAT OF ARMS MEANS IT'S BEARER'S SURNAME HAD ITS ORIGIN AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS MEDIEVAL TIMES.

NOT EVERYONE WAS GRANTED A COAT OF ARMS, IT ALSO MEANS THE FAMILY NAME WAS SINGLED OUT AGES AGO TO BE LIFTED FROM CONFORMITY AND PERSONAL EXTINCTION.

MANY OF THE SAME NAME ARE UNRELATED, WE HAVE NOT TRACED ANYONE'S INDIVIDUAL FAMILY TREE TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED HOWEVER, THAT MANY PEOPLE MAY BE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF A PARTICULAR BLOOD LINE, AND BE UNKNOWN TO EACH OTHER.

ALTHOUGH BEARERS OF THIS OLD AND DISTINGUISHED FAMILY NAME COMPRISE A SMALL FRACTION OF THE POPULATION, A SURPRISING NUMBER OF THEM HAVE GAINED WORLD-WIDE RECOGNITION.

BARDSLEY IN HIS DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH AND WELSH SURNAMES EQUATES VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF THIS FAMILY NAME WITH: de RIVERS, RIVERES, RIVER de REPARIIS, REVERS AND REVIERS.

IT IS RECORDED RICHARD de RIVERS RESIDED IN COUNTY DEVONSHIRE IN 1273.

IT IS EVIDENT, THIS FAMILY NAME IS A VERY OLD AND DISTINGUISHED ONE. THE ABOVE IS BUT A MERE HINT OF ITS ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY.

Excerpts from the records of Leon M. Rivers
England 16th, 17th & 18th centuries

NOTES OF INTEREST

SIR JOHN RIVERES was lord mayor of London 1574, buried in Harlow, will dated Jan. 31, 1585, proved April 18, 1584 MCCLXXXIV. RICHARD b. circa 1580, EDWARD his brother and his brother HENRY and nephews RICHARD, EDWARD and THOMAS his wife ELIZABETH daughter of Sir GEORGE BARNES. He had issue: Sir GEORGE RIVERS, Knt. JOHN, RIVERS, HENRY, RICHARD, EDWARD, WILLIAM and daughters ALICE, RUTH BATH and DOROTHY. Sir JOHN RIVERES was Lord Mayor of London 1578, Sheriff of London 1567, Alderman of London. The Timme was Sometimes and The crest granted Nov. 6, 1581.

Captain JOHN RIVERS, son of Sir JOHN RIVERS, lord mayor of London in 1573, and ELIZABETH BARNES sailed Sept. 14, 1586 under Sir FRANCIS DRAKE during which the spanish were born 1569 and St. Augustine captured and burned. Carthagena was left, seized. A stop was made at Roanoke Vo. (now North Carolina) after which the return was made to England on July 31, 1587, taking the North Carolina settlers back home.

The ENCYCLOPEDIA Britannica 11th edition in 1911 JOHN RIVERES (de RIPARIIS) was summoned to Parliament as a baron and his son JOHN was similarly summoned by EDWARD II.

CHRISTENINGS

DOROTHY, daughter of EDWARD and SUSAN RIVERS, APRIL 1641 at ST. BOTOLPH'S, London.
URSULA MARIA, daughter of CHARLES and JANE RIVERS, AUG. 15, 1732. AT ST. PAUL'S, London.
WILLIAM, son of RICHARD RIVERS, OCT. 16, 1636 at St. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, London.
JOHN, SON OF RICHARD RIVERS, JUNE 23, 1634 at ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, London.
REBEKKAH, daughter of RICHARD RIVERS, FEB. 10, 1631, AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, London.
MICHAEL, son of JOHN and PHOEBE RIVERES, FEB. 9, 1643, AT RUMFORD, KENT, London.

BURIALS AT ST. BOTOLPH'S (LONDON)

EDMOND RIVERS	Age 1 year	July 23, 1605
FRANCES, WIVES, AGE ROGERS		FEB. 11, 1606
ANNE, DERIVES, DERIVES		Nov. 5, 1612
JONAS, DERIVES		DEC. 30, 1612
MATTHEW, RIVERS		Jan. 28, 1644
PETER, DERIVES		Jan. 26, 1672
TEITES, DERIVES		OCT. 2, 1680
PETER, RIVERS	Age 3days	Aug. 5, 1685
AGNES, DERIVES		DEC. 31, 1575
ABAGAIL, DERIVES		Jan. 17, 1592
BARBARY, RIVERS	Age 40 years	May 2, 1734
DEBORAH, DERIVES		JUNE 18, 1673

MARRIAGES

JOHN MOORE and JOANNE RIVERS, DEC. 27, 1628 AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
JOSEPH RIVERS and MARTHA BUTLER, AUG. 23, 1646 AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
PETTES, RIVERS, and SARAH WOODVILL, JUNE 21, 1687 AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
DANIEL RIVERS and REBEKAH NEWTON, AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
DAVID DERIVERES and ELIZABETH ALDRIDGE, AUG. 30, 1631, AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
SIR JOHN RIVERS, Knight, and baronet 1662 and ANN, RIVETT, AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
ANN RIVERES and ST. MATTHEW CAREW, THE POET, AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
GEORGE RIVERS and TABITHA TYE, JAN. 29, 1654 AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, Bishopsgate, London.
JOHN RIVERS and ELIZABETH SQUIRE, AUG. 6, 1635 AT RUNSFORD, KENT Parish, London.
GEORGE RIVERS, and MARY READE, JANUARY WILLIAM RIVERS and MARIE MACK, FEB. 8, 1723 AT HAMPTON WHITE PARISH.
HENRY RIVERS and REBEKAH STYLES
WILLIAM RIVERS and ANN ____ JUNE 24, 1685 AT HAMPTONSHIRE Parish.
WILLIAM RIVERS, and ANN ____ JUNE 24, 1685 at HAMPTONSHIRE Parish.

EARLY FAMILY IN ENGLAND

Order of births unknown.

RICHARD RIVERS
Knight.

SIR JOHN RIVERS
Knight. 1568
Lord Mayor of London
MARRIED:
ELIZABETH
daughter of sir GEORGE BARNES

- JOHN
- HENRY
- RICHARD
- WILLIAM
- EDWARD
  BORN: 1586
  MARRIED: ALICE ROGERS
- SIR GEORGE
  BORN: 1589
  MARRIED: DOROTHY PORTER

- JOHN
  - GEORGE
  - WILLIAM
    BORN: Sir of London
    Living in 1634
    MARRIED: ELIZABETH, daughter of Sir London
  - JANE, MARRIED:
  - JOHN
    BORN: Died 1661
  - GEORGE
    BORN: 1613
    MARRIED: NICHOLAS
  - THOMAS
    Several Daughters.
- EDWARD
  BORN: 1601 and twin
- JOHN
  Admitted to Benedict.
- GEORGE
- JAMES
- POTTER
  BORN: Dec. 13, 1650
- JANE
  BORN: Died 1661
- JOHN
  BORN: Died
- GEORGE
  BORN: 1613
- NICHOLAS
  BORN: Died 1661
- THOMAS
  Several Daughters.