Catherine Howard



Born: 1762 Barnwell, SC Married: John J Hiers Jr Died: 1810 Colleton Co, SC Parents: John Howard & Mary Inman

I have no information on Catherine Howard. Information that follows is on her father: John Howard

John Howard



No Picture Available Born: 1738 ENG Married: Mary Inman Died: 1800 Bamberg, SC Parents: Unknown

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The tradition among his Georgia descendents is that John Howard came to America from England as a young lad and was indentured to a Virginia farmer. It is thought that his parents may have died on board ship enroute to the Colonies. The farmer, known for his temper, became angry with the boy and struck him with an ear of shucked dried corn with such force that its imprint was left on his temple for life.

Young John ran away from the farmer, joined the Virginia militia and marched with Colonel George Washington to the Monogahela River in Pennsylvania during the French and Indian War. On July 9, 1755, John Howard was standing close enough to hear Washington attempt to persuade Edward Braddock, renowned British General, to allow the Americans to fight Indian style from concealed positions behind trees, rocks, and bushes. General Braddock was adamant in his refusal, and before the day ended, he was mortally wounded and all of his mounted officers slain except Washington. Thus, John Howard was present at Braddock's defeat.

John Howard later moved to South Carolina and settled in the south part of Orangeburgh District near the line of Colleton. He served in the South Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War and died in Barnwell District, South Carolina.

* This story found in "The Hiers Genealogy" published 1974 by the R. L. Bryan Company, Columbia, SC.

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The following is a copy of a response to a query in the March issue of our Magazine. We had requested that when a query was answered by a reader we would like to have a copy sent to us. We thank Ms. Graham and we are hopeful the information will be of help to other readers looking for this material. Again let us urge you to respond to the queries and send us a copy to the library. JOHN HOWARD

Born in England about 1734, came to United States as a young man, landed at Norfolk, VA. He was indentured to a Virginia planter who he served for 3 years as agreed. He then located in the Barnwell District of South Carolina (Brambers Collection), He served in the American Revolution under General Washington. One of Washington's top 3 men. He was in the Virginia and North Carolina Militia. In 1755 he was at Ft. Defiance, PA. During the Revolution he was in charge of the North Carolina troups who were the leading troups in the Revolution. He was also in the French and Indian Wars over Ohio. TAM Add

He retired to South Carolina where he died in 1799. His sons moved to Liberty Co., Georgia and lived at Glennville, which is now in Tattnell County. His sen George had a plantation there which part of is still owned by decendents and Civil War buildings are still being lived in. Some of the out buildings of George's plantation but the house was burned down just this last summer.

Information from "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia" by Folks Huxford Magazines

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