

There is a deed in which Ephraim Pharr, Sr., conveys land to another. He and his wife, Jane, no special data. Persons attesting deed not of interest.

Also the same type of deed by Edward Pharr about 1812. He sells his Oglethorpe land and he is named as Edward Pharr "student of the State of South Carolina," no special data. He probably was the Presbyterian minister, getting a part of his education late. I had the abstract of this deed and misplaced it.

### JONATHAN PHARR

Tax Digest Jackson Co. for year 1803. Jonathan Pharr land in Jackson Co. 1 poll Jonathan Pharr, agent for Edward Pharr, land Jackson County.

Edward Sr., gives his sons lands he bought of Hughes and Walton—who were tobacco dealers at Petersburg and this place was cut off in Elbert Co. in 1790. Usually one expects to find deeds book records in Lincoln Co. when transactions take place around old Petersburg.

The Elbert Co. published Court records show some deeds as late as 1798—others of dates 1796 are not found in the published book. Many people kept deeds in their homes for years—as court houses were not sage—made of wood—no vaults—many fires. For this reason Elbert Co. deeds as late as 1825 may be valuable in tracing. Deeds executed about 1795 sometimes not recorded before 1820.

Lee O. Montgomery, Clerk of Court of Lancaster Co., S. C., wrote to Harry Nelson Pharr, July 2, 1941, as follows "After searching the records very carefully we found the following that may be of interest to you. In deed book D, at page 258 Joseph Findley made Samuel Pharr his attorney on April 12th, 1791. In deed book K at page 129 Samuel M. Adams, et al conveyed to Walter S. Pharr a tract of land July 1st, 1820. In deed book L at page 117 John Blair, and J. H. Blair conveyed to Walter S. Pharr 160 acres Feb. 3rd, 1824.

I am sorry but our State did not begin keeping marriage records until the year 1914." (End of Harry Nelson Pharr's Records)

### DEED FROM MARY PHAIR TO EPHRAIM PHAIR

To all to whom this may concern, Know ye, that I Mary Phair Widow of Edward Phair deceased, do hereby of my own free will and choice relinquish all my right title, claim and demand, to all and every part and parcel of the Estate both real and personal of the said Edward Phair that he had at the time before my marriage with him, on these conditions that I am left by his executors and heirs, in the free and pheasable possession forever, of all the Estate that I had at the time of my marriage with the said Phair, And I do hereby promise that no debts against me before our entermarriage shall ever come against the Estate of the said Edward Phair on the condition that the executors, Ephraim Sam'l

THIS  
WAS  
MARY  
PAIR

Ephraim  
Nellys  
Brother

and Edward Phair shall prevent any debts of their Fathers coming against my Estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of January, 1795.

Gibson Wooldridge, J. P.

Mary Phair

Registered the 24th day of Feby, 1795

NOTE: This deed had evidently never been seen by Harry Nelson Pharr, who always believed that Edward Phair had never remarried, but the marriage certificate of Edward Phair and Mary Phair referred to his son Rev. Edward Pharr, who also married a Mary Orr, probable daughter of Edward's second wife before her marriage to him. The deed to Edward's three sons, his administrators, leaves no doubt about Edward's second marriage. (See also attached letter from Christopher Crittenden.)

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Miss Mary Floyd Sumners  
Natchez Grace Chapter, D.A.R.  
Booneville, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Sumners:

In reply to your letter of May 17, we have searched the index to our Guilford County marriage bonds and find the following:

Edward Pharr married Mary Orr in January 9, 1790; vondsman: Robert Dibbins; witness: John Hamilton.

(Signed) Yours very truly,  
Christopher Crittenden  
Secretary