

## David Shipes

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Born: 1790 Barnwell, SC  
Married: Unknown  
Died: 1828 SC  
Parents: Unknown

David Shipes was born about 1745, and in 1825 when he filed for a pension he stated that he was 80 years old. His parents are not known, nor is it known where he was born. He may have been of German origin, and certainly was living in South Carolina in 1783 when he appeared on a Petit Jury list for Orangeburg District, SC. David served in the early part of the Revolutionary War under General Andrew Williamson's command in South Carolina. He participated in the hard fought battle of Stono Ferry near Charleston. He was promoted to Lieutenant and fought in a bloody skirmish at Windy Hill in Barnwell District. He served five years before his discharge at the end of the war. In 1825 David Shipes applied for a pension from the State of South Carolina for his war service. In his affidavit he stated that he "is about 80 years of age and finds from the effects of old age and the hardships experienced in his youth, that his strength and constitution is nearly exhausted" and that he "is no longer able to pursue the necessities of life." He was granted an annuity of \$60.00 for his service. David Shipes signed his application by making "his mark". After the war David Shipes obtained several land grants. On 3 April 1786 he received 200 acres in Orangeburgh District on "Richland and Peters Pond, Waters of Salt Catchers."

On 4 February 1799 he received 76 acres in Orangeburgh District on "Tobie's Creek near Jesse Lancaster's land." This land was sold to Cornelius Tobin on 27 September 1800. David's wife, Elizabeth, signed relinquishing her dower rights to the property.

On 2 January 1804 he received 417 acres in Barnwell District on the Edisto River near land of Thomas Washington, Jacob Thomas, Jr. and Joshua Lott.[6]

David Shipes married twice and had children by each wife. He had at least six children by his first wife, Elizabeth, and seven children by his second wife. His first wife Elizabeth died before 1810 when the first child by the second wife was born. David Shipes sold land with other heirs of John Hair on 26 January 1819, signing for a wife, leading us to believe that his second wife was John Hair's daughter. This could have been either David Shipes, Sr. or David Shipes, Jr. as no distinction is made. Because no distinction is made as to Junior or Senior it leans toward being Senior. Usually a man did not use Senior until the Junior began signing documents. David, Jr. was living at home when this document was signed and had not yet married. His future wife, Delilah, was born in 1810, and was only nine years old in 1819. The age of John Hair's other children might lead one to believe it was David, Jr. but the elder David married a young wife as he had children not yet of age when he died in 1828. The mark made on the deed is similar to the mark David, Sr. made on his will and pension application papers. I believe that a preponderance of evidence points toward David Shipes, Sr. being the one who signed the deed, and that it was David Shipes, Sr. who had a second wife who was John Hair's daughter. This wife, the daughter of John Hair, was dead by the time he made his will in 1828. David Shipes made his will 17 March 1828, and he died 9 August 1828. He was about 83 years old and apparently ill. He named all his living children in his will and named his daughter, Betsy (Elizabeth), his Executrix and his friend, Reuben Thomas, Executor of his will. He asked that Betsy take care of the younger children until they were ready to leave home. She was a spinster and did not marry until 1831. His will was probated 4 October 1828 in Barnwell County, South Carolina.

WILL OF  
DAVID SHIPES

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen I David Shipes being of sound mind & memory doth make and constituts this my last Will and Testament. To Witt I will that my body to be decently buried in a Christian like manner that my just Debts be paid -That my worldly substance be disposed of as follows viz It is my wish that m Children who are now living with me would remain together in my present dwelling and carry on the farm as usual but if my son David chooses to go away he to take away his part as already given him and Andrew Betsey Polly Caty Sally Barbara Cynthia and visey to remain and have my Estate both real & personal in common between them and as for Jacob Milly John Prifscilla and Davy who have each already had his part of my personal property I give and bequeath them each one Dollar--I will also that if Davy should on his staying with the other children as above mentioned ~~children~~- should make and interruption among them in such case and in all cases I give them the power as far as in me lies to turn him off and to leave the Tract of Land Plantation Stock of Horses Cattle Hogs in a word all ----my personal property then remaining in peaceable pofs-  
efsion to them that in case those remaining say one or more of them should insist on going away then I will that the Land and Personal Property then remaining be sold or appraised according to the will of those remaining together as above or a majority of them and his hers or their part thereof paid them and when its so comports them staying no longer together to have lands & Plantation say my Estate both real and personal sold thenand in such case I will that my Personal Estate shall go to Andrew Bettsey Polly Caty Sally Barbara Cynthia and visey to be equally divided between them and my real ~~and-Personal~~ Estate be equally divided between all my Children- I will that and appoint my daughter Betsey and Friend Reuben Thomas Executrix and executor to this my last Will and Testament---Given under my hand & Seal this 17th day of March 1828- and 52nd of American Independence

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Signed Sealed and pronounced and  
declared in presence of

his  
David + Shines (SEAL)  
mark

C Tobin

Joseph Neilson

John Nelson

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Orsamus D. Allen, O. B. D.

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