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Born: 13 Aug 1770 Amelia, Virginia

Married: Elizabeth Rutherford

Died: 10 Feb 1840 Newberry, South Carolina

Parents: David Nance & Mary Crenshaw

Having planned his village, Coate began selling lots. Apparently the first purchase was made by Joseph Evans of Lots 87 and 89 in 1793. Other early buyers included James Campbell and Samuel Lindsey in 1794; Frederick Nance in 1795; Dr. Jacob Roberts Brown in 1796; William Turpin, a merchant of Charleston in 1797; Peter Julien in 1798; John Thweatt in 1799; and, of course, Colonel Robert Rutherford in 1799. Many conveyances were made in the first decade of the nineteenth century.

A tightly knit group, connected by blood or marriage, controlled the political and commercial life in the district. Most group members lived in the village, and they constituted the elite of the new courthouse settlement. These leaders were merchants and professional men, most of whom owned plantations which they managed through overseers. Now that the wilderness had been conquered and they had found the new panacea, "King Cotton," with its attendant explosion in slaves necessary to produce it, they were ready to emulate the older civilization on the coast. It would take thirty years to build a town.

Although others received deeds to lots before him, Frederick Nance was the first resident of the village. A son-in-law of Colonel Robert Rutherford, who secured for him the position of clerk of court in 1794, Nance was an established merchant doing an extensive business before 1800. Rutherford's stepsons, Young John and Birt Harrington, were other early merchants of the village. The former succeeded Nance as clerk of court in 1807 when Nance became lieutenant governor under Governor John Drayton, for whom he named his son.

<b>Lieutenant Governors of SC State</b>	
Henry Laurens*	1776-1777
James Parsons*	1777-1779
Thomas Bee	1779-1780
Christopher Gadsen	1780-1782
Richard Hutson	1782-1783
Richard Beresford**	1783
William Moultrie	1784-1785
Charles Drayton	1785-1787
Thomas Gadsen	1787-1789
Alexander Gillon	1789-1791
Isaac Holmes	1791-1792
James Ladson	1792-1794
Lewis Morris	1794-1796
Robert Anderson	1796-1798
John Drayton	1798-1800
Richard Winn	1800-1802
Ezekiel Pickens	1802-1804
Thomas Sumter, Jr.	1804-1806
John Hopkins	1806-1808
<b>*<u>Frederick Nance</u></b>	1808-1810

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Governors/Lt\\_governors\\_sc.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Governors/Lt_governors_sc.html)



Oak Grove Hall  
Built cir: 1822 Newberry, SC  
Plantation home of Frederick Nance

While in the Senate, Frederick Nance was a close associate of Robert Mills, the famous native-born architect and designer of many of the court houses, public buildings, and a few residences in South Carolina and elsewhere, including the Washington Monument and other buildings in the District of Columbia. It is believed that because of this association and friendship, Major Nance chose Robert Mills to design his plantation home to be built on the 300 acres. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

WILL OF  
FREDERICK HANCE

South Carolina  
Newberry District

I Frederick Hance Senior formerly of the State of Virginia Amelia County (near Nottoway) being at this time in my perfect senses and Knowing the mortality of man do hereby make and publish this the following pages as and for my last Will & Testament.

First. Whereas my present wife Tersea and myself entered into and executed a contract previous to our intermarriage bearing date the 26th, day of March 1831, wherein she my said wife Tersea stipulated and agreed to take and receive the sum of one thousand Dollars in lieu of and in full of her right and claim of Dower and of all other interest which she might have in my estate both real & personal; and Whereas she my said wife has had issue since our intermarriage, I have thought the sum of one Thousand Dollars inadequate for her support and the maintenance of our little daughter Martha Carolina;— I do therefore hereby give and bequeath to my said wife Tersea the said sum of one Thousand Dollars agreeable to the contract aforesaid and also the following property viz Two good feather Beds & Furniture in addition to the one she brought with her; three good cows & calves, three good work beast to be worth (\$75.00) seventy five Dollars each, my kitchen furniture, Two good tables, half dozen sitting chairs, One Bureau all my interest in that Tract of land John A. Ruff died seized & possessed of, a sufficient quantity of corn and other provisions usually made use of in the country of every description for the support and maintenance of herself and family during the term of one whole year and also a sufficient quantity of farming utensils for the cultivation of the place or plantation which I shall here after loan to my said wife Tersea & no more; to her and her heirs forever. And it is my will that unless my said wife Tersea accept and receive the provision above made for her in lieu of and in full of her right and claim of Dower in my real estate, and also in full satisfaction of the amount stipulated to be paid her by the contract aforesaid and of all claim on my estate both real & personal that the provision here made be forfeited and she

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left to receive the same stipulated to be paid by the contract aforesaid

Secondly, I do hereby loan to my said wife Tersea while she remains my widow or untill my daughter Martha Caroline arrive at full age or marry or die as the case may be and no longer the following property on the condition that she accept the provision above made as full satisfaction of any claim she may in any way have on my estate both real and personal viz,-- All my land lying south of the branch running from John Taylors plantation through my field into Bush River thence down the River to Lindsays old Bridge, thence along the road leading from Newberry Court House to Higgins Ferry on Saluda River to Gilliams corner, thence along the line between the Cooper Tract and self to a corner near my Machine, and thence along the lines designated by David Miles in his conveyance to me and Martin Taylor and John Taylor to the branch aforesaid containing as it is supposed about Three Hundred acres; also my negro man ~~Harxx~~<sup>Harry</sup> his Wife Ann, and negro girl Agnefs with their increase, also my Walnut Desk and Book Case and Maple Bureau;- all which property is to remain on the plantation until the time when she my said wife Tersea be married or die, or my daughter Martha Caroline arrive at full age or be married as the case may be;- on the happening of either of which events the property above loaned to my said wife is hereby devised and bequeathed with ~~the~~ the increase if any to my daughter Martha Carolina to her and her heirs and assigns forever;-- but should she my said daughter Martha Carolina die before she arrive at the age of Twenty one;- or without issue living at her death then and in either of these cases it is my Will and I do order that the property so loaned to my Wife and given to my said daughter on the happening of the events aforesaid return to my estate and be sold and divided among my children viz R R Hance Sarah W. Griffin now the wife of Jno. K. Griffin D B Pratt, Drayton Hance Frederick Hance Junior Alfred Hance and fin Laura Ann Butler to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly, Having previously to this time advanced to my following children the sum of (\$4000.00) Four thousand Dollars each in money and property for which I hold either their receipts; or statements made by myself containing the articles advanced with the prices viz Dorothy B. Pratt, Robert R Hance, Drayton Hance

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Frederick Nance Junior and Sarah W. Griffin and to my son Alfred Nance (\$3600.00) Thirty six Hundred Dollars, and to my daughter Laura Ann Butler (\$2850.00) Twenty Eight Hundred and fifty Dollars for which amounts I hold like statements.

My Will is that the sum of (\$400.00) Four Hundred Dollars be paid to my son Alfred and the sum of (\$1150.00) Eleven Hundred and fifty Dollars be paid to my daughter Laura Ann Butler to Make them equal with my other children before any distribution is made of the proceeds of the property hereafter directed to be sold. And it is my Will that none of my children be permitted to share any more of my estate than that already advanced unless they receive the property at the prices fixed by myself in the statements aforesaid.

Fourthly, All the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal (not given or loaned to my wife Tersea or daughter Martha Carolina by the first and second clauses of this my last will and Testament) I hereby direct to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds to be disposed of in the following manner---

First I will and order that all my debts be paid.

Secondly, I will that the sum of Four Hundred, and One Thousand One Hundred and fifty Dollars be paid to my son Alfred & daughter Laura Ann Butler respectively as specified above.

Thirdly I will that all that may remain after these sums are paid out be divided equally among my following children To wit. Robert R Nance, Dorothy B Pratt, Drayton Nance, Frederick Nance Junior, Sarah W. Griffin Alfred Nance and Laura Ann Butler; the child or children or descendants of any who may be dead to represent their parent or parents.

Fifthly At the sale above directed I do hereby authorize my Executors to become purchasers of property real or personal to any extent they may think proper whose title to the property ~~is~~ shall be good and Valid on the purchase money being faithfully accounted for and paid on a final settlement of my estate. Lastly I do hereby appoint my son Drayton Nance and F B Higgins Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills or parts thereof or codicil by me heretofore made and I do hereby also appoint my Executors Testamentary guardian of the

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person and estate of my daughter Martha Caroline Nance hereby allowing this and no other for my last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seal this first day of November 1839

All interlines on this Will were made

before signing | Fred<sup>r</sup>. Nance (L.S.)

Y. J. Harrington

R. Pitts

W. T. Moore

Recorded in Will Book No. 1. Pages 1 to 5.

Proved February 13th, 1840.

Recorded June 6th, 1840.

W. Wilson Ordinary Newberry District.

Box No. 63. Pkg. No. 158. Est. No. 1622.



Inscription reads: "Sacred to the memory of Frederick Nance A native of Amelia County, Va d. 2/10/1840 aged about 70 years. He came to this State a youth without means or friends, but by a course of industry and prudence and a correct deportment, among those with who his lot was cast, he acquired wealth. As a parent he was affectionate, and solicitous for the welfare of his children. As a Master, humane and liberal. In his intercourse with men he was influenced by the principal that others had rights as well as himself, and therefore respected them. His children, among the many frailties incident to human nature, saw his many virtues, and mourned, in him, the loss of a Parent and Benefactor. Out of the patrimony which he left them, this monument is erected to his memory.



Frederick Nance and his wife Elizabeth Rutherford Nance are buried in the Nance Family Cemetery in Newberry, SC