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Born: 1629 in Somerton, Somerset, , England

Married: Bridget Cutts

Died: 10 Oct 1713 in Georgetown, Georgetown, South Carolina

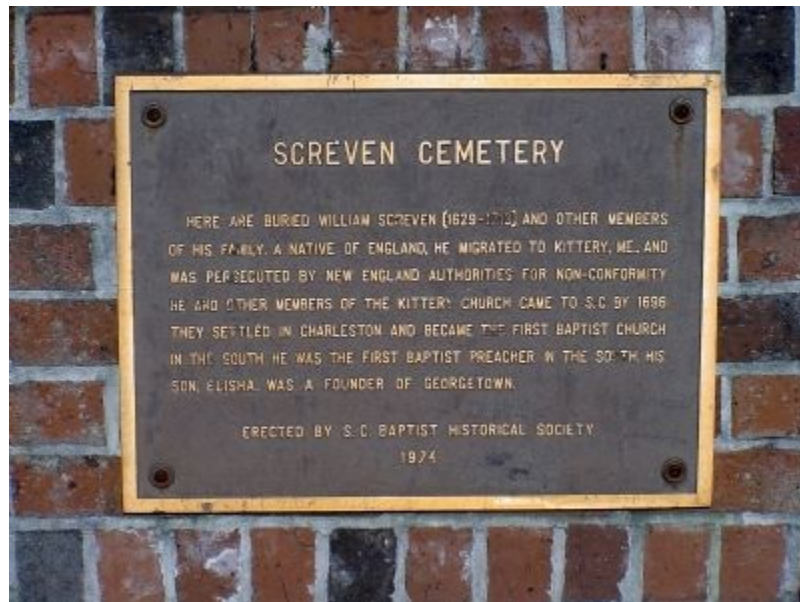
Parents: Unknown

SCREVEN, William, clergyman, born in England in 1629 ; died in Georgetown, South Carolina, in 1713. He came to this country about 1640, settled in Piscataway, New Hampshire, and suffered such persecution from the Puritans on account of his religious faith that he removed to South Carolina and founded the first Baptist church of Charleston. He subsequently removed to a spot about sixty miles north of Charleston, and was the original proprietor of the land on which the town of Georgetown was built. He is the author of " An Ornament for Church Members," published after his death (Charleston, 1721).--His grandson, James, soldier, born in Georgia about 1744 ; died near Midway, Georgia, 24 November, 1778, early espoused the patriot cause, and in 1774 was one of the committee that drew up articles of association for the defence of liberty in Georgia. He was commissioned brigadier-general of Georgia militia when the state was invaded by the British from East Florida, commanded a brigade, and, after repeated skirmishes with the enemy between Sunbury and Savannah, received a mortal wound at Midway. Congress ordered the erection of a monument to his memory.



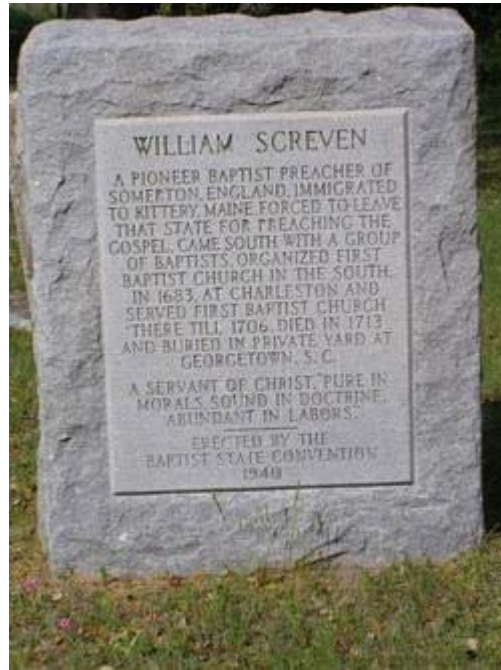
**Inscription:**

**William Screven.** In this cemetery is buried William Screven, first pastor of the earliest Baptist church in the South. A native of England, he ministered to the Baptists there before migrating to Maine, establishing a Baptist church in Kettery, Maine, in 1682. By 1698, he had led his church to Charleston, S.C. He later moved to Georgetown exerting his Christian influence until his death in 1713



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Here are buried William Screven (1624–1713) and other members of his family. A native of England, he migrated to Kittery, Me., and was persecuted by New England authorities for non-conformity. He and other members of the Kittery Church came to S.C. by 1696. They settled in Charleston and became the First Baptist Church in the South. He was the first Baptist preacher in the South. His son, Elisha, was a founder of Georgetown



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A pioneer Baptist preacher of Somerton, England. Immigrated to Kittery, Maine. Forced to leave that State for preaching the Gospel. Came south with a group of Baptists, organized First Baptist Church in the South., in 1683, at Charleston and served First Baptist Church there till 1706. Buried in Screven Graveyard, now Court House Parking lot.