

# A POSTON FAMILY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*Its Immigrant Ancestor and Some of  
His Descendants*  
*A FAMILY GENEALOGY*

*“Those who do not look upon themselves  
as a link connecting the past with the  
future do not perform their duty to the  
world.”*

*— Daniel Webster*

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# METHODOLOGY

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- WikiTree
- WikiData
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Carolina

## PREFACE

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The compilation of the accompanying data, while by no means complete, is the result of several years of research and effort. In the beginning, the data was collected for the compiler's own satisfaction and pleasure, without any thought of publication, until others, learning of the material that had been collected, urged that it be put into book form. The compiler does not pretend to be a genealogist and knows this book is imperfect in many ways, but it is offered to those concerned, hoping it may prove of interest and inspire some of you, of the younger generation, to do further research and find some of the "missing links."

Many events respecting some of our ancestors lie buried in darkness and oblivion. Few records were kept in the days between 1750 and 1790, and those that were kept have sometimes been burned in courthouses. The dead were buried in farm or plantation graveyards and, in many of them, not even the tombstones have lasted.

Data for the first three generations has been taken from authentic court records, census records, and other records officially filed in state and national archives, and in genealogical and historical societies. For subsequent generations, the compiler has had to rely on information furnished by many interested members of the family.

To those who have responded to requests for data, the compiler extends her sincerest thanks. The information given by them has aided greatly in making a continuous and connected record. The compiler is also very deeply grateful to Mr. Colin James of Denver, Colorado, for all his help, advice, and encouragement. From across the country, he is mainly responsible for this effort's finally reaching the printer.

Do not be intimidated by the "facts" you find here which you think are wrong. Even the most carefully compiled genealogy will have some errors, and the compiler will appreciate being corrected and will welcome any additional data.

If you do not find your family in this volume, you are referred to three other Poston genealogies:

1. *ELIAS B. POSTON AND HIS ANCESTORS (With a Record of His Descendants)*, published in 1942 by Elias Olin James and Mrs. Glenna J. Mosgrove.[1]
2. *JOHN HAMILL POSTON, HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS*, published in 1959 by Colin James.[2]
3. *POSTON GENEALOGY (NORTH CAROLINA)*, described as being prepared by Mr. James at the time of the compilation.[3]

# CHAPTER 1. FAMILY TRADITION

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There is always truth in family tradition, but as a story is handed down orally from generation to generation, facts are certain to get changed a little. And so it was with tradition in the Poston family.

The tradition in this family was that two brothers, John and Andrew Poston, left their home in England, came to America, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and settled in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Sometime later, they moved to South Carolina and settled in what was then Marion District, now Florence County.

In vain did the compiler search the records of both North and South Carolina for the two brothers. Many Postons were found in North Carolina named John, but not one of them had a brother named Andrew. The North Carolina Postons, even to the present generation, are descendants of a John Poston associated with Maryland. The

Pennsylvania family of Postons did come through North Carolina, but they did not settle there.

Just as the compiler was about to give up in despair, she received from Mrs. W. H. Poston the following item copied from a paper written September 29, 1936, by her husband, the late Dr. W. H. Poston of Pamplico, South Carolina:

*“J. Helon Poston says that it is common knowledge in his family, handed down by his father, James Harbert Poston, who died about 20 years ago at the age of 76 years, that all the Postons in South Carolina are the descendants of two brothers who came to this country from Buncombe County, North Carolina, by the names of John and Antney Poston. It is also common knowledge that they came from England, either directly, or were descendants of immigrants from that country.”[4]*

The riddle was solved. John's brother was not named Andrew. His name was Anthony ("Antney"). Both John and Anthony had been found in the South Carolina census records in the Marion District, but the compiler had heard no tradition of an Anthony in the family.

So the two brothers had been found. But had they come directly from England, or were they descendants of an immigrant from that country? Since tradition was that they had come through the port of Philadelphia, early Pennsylvania records were searched and it was learned that they were the grandsons of a John Poston who migrated from England to Pennsylvania early in the eighteenth century. Chapter 2 tells what has been learned about the immigrant, John Poston.

## CHAPTER 2. JOHN POSTON (1), THE IMMIGRANT

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John Poston migrated from England early in the eighteenth century. He landed in Philadelphia and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Chester and Lancaster Counties in Pennsylvania are separated by the Octoraro Creek, and it was on a branch of this creek in Chester County that John Poston settled.

Concerning John Poston's life before his arrival in Chester County, his parentage, or his birthplace, nothing definite is known in the compilation. A John Poston sailed from Liverpool, England, April 26, 1703 (New England Historical Genealogical Register, 65:50). He was from in or near Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and landed in St. Mary's County, Maryland (John Hamill Poston, His Ancestors and Descendants, Chapter 1, page 1). During years of research, the compiler found other Postons in England, all living in Shropshire, so it is

reasonable to suppose that the ancestral home of the Postons was in Shropshire, England.[5]

We know nothing about the wife of John Poston. She is known only as Martha (from his will).

Early records are scarce and we do not know when John Poston came to Pennsylvania. The first record is found in the Chester County tax list for 1722. At that time, his land was in Sadsbury Township. The township later was divided and the part on which his land was situated became Fallowfield Township.

We do not know how long he had been living on the land, since a survey was not made until March 14, 1733. The warrant was returned to the Patent Office May 9, 1744 (Land Warrants, Vol. A, No. 11, page 432, Land Record Office, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania), and on August 6, 1744, John Poston was granted a patent for approximately 274½ acres of land in Fallowfield Township on both sides of a branch of Octoraro Creek (Survey Book C, page 155, Patent Office, Harrisburg). For this land, he paid a little more than 42 pounds.[6]

*WILL OF JOHN POSTON  
(Will Book 2, Page 222, Chester  
County)*

*The following is presented as a cleaned transcription from the cited will book (spelling and phrasing largely retained; spacing and punctuation corrected for readability):*

*I, John Poston, Sr., living in the Township of Fallowfield and Chester County, being in perfect health and memory, knowing that it is appointed to all men to die and not know when, moveth me to make my last will and testament while the Lord favors me with life, health, sense, and knowledge.*

*The first thing I desire, I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me; and after my decease, I order my corpse to be decently interred at the discretion of my executors; and as touching such worldly goods as it*

*has pleased God to bless me here withal,  
I order, inform, and dispose in the  
manner as followeth:*

- *My oldest son, Robert: I give to him the settlement he now lives on, and one sheep more after my decease.*
- *For my son, John: I devise and give to him my real estate, he paying out of it to my son, Anthony, the sum of thirty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania within two years after my decease.*
- *And also, I devise and give to my son, Anthony, all my movable goods and chattels, with thirty pounds from his brother, John.*
- *And also, to my daughter, Ann: I leave to her, according to her behavior, five shillings.*

*I except of the whole, that is to say, of the real estate and the chattels, and the third part of all profits that shall be made on the same, and with the use of*

*my house while I and my wife live, for maintenance.*

*And further, I order my wife, Martha Poston, and my son, John, to be my executors, now revoking all other will or wills made by me but this to be my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this 8th day of December, 1745.*

*Witness: John Devor; Martha Dunn*  
***John Poston***

Letters of administration were granted to Martha Poston and her son, John, June 8, 1747, and the will was probated the same date.[7]

**Children named in the will:**

- i. Robert
- ii. John
- iii. Anthony
- iv. Ann

No further records of Anthony and Ann have been found by the compiler. Ann probably married, and her descendants may be living in Pennsylvania. Robert continued to live on his land in Oxford Township, just south of Fallowfield, as late as 1779 (Chester County tax lists). If Robert or Anthony had any sons, they migrated from Pennsylvania before 1790. There are no Postons listed in the Pennsylvania census for that year.[8]

John married Margaret Baldrige, a daughter of William Baldrige and Janet (Holmes) Baldrige of Lancaster County.

## CHAPTER 3. THE BALDRIDGE AND HOLMES FAMILIES

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In his genealogy, *Riggs, Baldrige, and Agnew Families* (1915), Henry Earle Riggs, a descendant of Alexander Baldrige, gives the following information extracted from letters from members of the Baldrige family to a relative, the Reverend William Baldrige:

William Baldrige, son of Richard Baldrige of County Tyrone, Ireland, was born in Ireland in 1689. He married June 16, 1714, Janet Holmes, who was born in Ireland in 1694. Their children, all born in Ireland, were:

- John, born 1715, married Rebecca Clark
- Alexander, born 1717, married Jane Ramsey
- Margaret, born 1719, married John Poston (“left issue”)
- Janette, born 1721, married Matthew Atchison
- Elizabeth, born 1723, married John Brownlee

- Michael, born 1725, married Mabel Wilson

William, Janet, and their children came to America in the ship *Queen Margaret* and settled in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1726. William died November 25, 1772. Janet died July 28, 1768, and both are buried in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.[9]

In his will, drawn January 9, 1767, probated January 14, 1773, William “ordain and allow my son, John Poston, five pounds” (Lancaster County Wills, Book C, Vol. 1, page 124). Since Margaret was not named in the will, the compiler concluded that Margaret Baldrige Poston had died before her father made his will and her share of the estate was left to John Poston and Margaret’s children. [10]

## *THE HOLMES FAMILY*

Sir James Holmes, a well-known merchant and trader of Belfast, Ireland, married Jane Jennings, also of Belfast. Their children were Thomas, Charles, Robert, William, and a daughter, Janet. Sir James died June 1, 1727. His will was probated in Ireland June 14, 1727.

In almost every family, there springs the legend of a fabulous fortune left, and still waiting for the heirs, in the “old country.” And so it was with the Baldrige family. It seems that Jane Jennings had inherited a fortune from her father and Janet Holmes Baldrige had been willed her share of her mother’s inheritance, plus her share of her father’s fortune in Sir James Holmes’ will.

Tradition in the Baldrige family was that when William and Janet Holmes Baldrige came to America in 1726, Sir James persuaded them to leave their oldest son, John, with him in Ireland. John grew to manhood in Ireland, married Rebecca Clark, and brought her to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to be near his family. He brought with him a will which was supposedly his grandfather’s will. Many attempts were made by the Baldrige family to claim the fortune before lawyers in England proved the will to be a forgery. And so the fabulous Holmes fortune turned out to be a myth.

## CHAPTER 4. SOUTHERN MIGRATION

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As immigrants continued to pour into Pennsylvania through the port of Philadelphia, land became so high in price and so thickly populated that settlers began a southward movement. Thousands of Pennsylvanians made their trek to the South over the “Great Philadelphia Wagon Road” to the fertile bottom lands along the rivers of North and South Carolina. This road ran from Philadelphia through the Great Valley of Virginia to Winston-Salem and Salisbury. From Salisbury, a road ran through the valley of the Yadkin to Cheraw and along the Great Pee Dee River to Georgetown.

The settlers traveled in sturdy wagons devised by Pennsylvania German craftsmen in the Conestoga Valley in Lancaster County. They traveled with household goods, women and children in the wagons, and the men and boys walking and driving cattle before them. This, then, is the way the Postons left Pennsylvania and traveled south,

finally settling in Marion District, now Florence County, South Carolina. We cannot help admiring the courage of our ancestors.

Land was cheaper in the Carolinas and the climate was milder than in Pennsylvania, so in 1766 we find John and Margaret Baldrige Poston selling their land to join the southward march. They sold their 274½ acres to James Smith for 730 pounds on September 2, 1766 (Deed Book A3, page 187, Chester County Deeds, West Chester, Pennsylvania).[11]

Unfortunately, the compiler found no records for the fifteen years following the sale of the land. From the deed, we know Margaret was living September 2, 1766, and from her father's will, we know she died before January 9, 1767, the date of the will.

Since Margaret died so soon after the land was sold, she may have died in Chester County, leaving John to make the move to the South with their children. It is probable that John reached South Carolina, since later census records indicate that John and Anthony, the two sons, were hardly old enough to carve out homes for themselves in the

wilderness that was at that time the back country of South Carolina.

Perhaps future research will reveal when and where Margaret died, when and where John died, and the names and birthdates of their children. At present, we know only that:

**John Poston (2) (John Poston (1))**

Married Margaret Baldrige

- Born: 1719 (Ireland)
- Died: after September 2, 1766, and before January 9, 1767 (as inferred in the compilation)

**Two of their children were:**

- i. John Poston (3)
- ii. Anthony Poston (3)

## CHAPTER 5. JOHN POSTON (3) IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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John Poston (3) (John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, about 1755 (estimated from census records). The compilation assumes that he died between 1821 and 1830. He witnessed the will of Benjamin Exum in Marion District on July 4, 1821 (Marion County wills), and he is not listed in the census for 1830. [12]

The name of John's wife is not known in the OCR excerpt. She was living when the census was taken in 1820.

### *REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORD*

John Poston served as a private in Colonel Hugh Giles' Regiment of Militia and also in the regiment of Colonel John Ervin in the Revolutionary War (Indents to Claims Growing Out of the Revolution, Book YZ, page 138, No. 922, South Carolina State

Archives Department). Hugh Giles and John Ervin were colonels in General Francis Marion's brigade. [13]

The names of John's sons have been handed down to us, but nothing is known of his daughters. Census records show that he had five sons and three daughters, all born in Marion District, South Carolina.

**Children (years of births estimated from census records, except that of John ("Jack")):**

- i. Thomas Poston (4), born 1781
- ii. John ("Jack") Poston (4), born 1784
- iii. Daughter, born 1786
- iv. Daughter, born 1788
- v. Francis ("Frank") Poston (4), born 1790
- vi. James Poston (4), born 1794
- vii. Daughter, born 1796
- viii. Josiah Poston (4), born 1798

All daughters were listed as unmarried and living with their father and mother in the 1820 census. In

the census for 1850, a Sarah is listed as unmarried, 54 years of age, and living with Thomas. She could have been the youngest daughter born in 1796.

## CHAPTER 6. THE THOMAS POSTON FAMILY

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Thomas Poston (4) (John Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, about 1781. The name of his wife is not given in the OCR excerpt, but census records are described as showing that they had six sons and four daughters. It is not known when Thomas or his wife died, and nothing is developed in the excerpt concerning the daughters.

### **The sons were:**

- i. Samuel Poston (5), born about 1805
  - ii. Leonard Poston (5), born about 1808
  - iii. Robert B. Poston (5)
  - iv. Thomas G. Poston (5)
  - v. Benjamin Poston (5)
  - vi. John Poston (5)
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**Samuel Poston (5)** (born about 1805) married Elizabeth (“Betsy”) Coleman, a daughter of Robert Coleman.

Children:

- i. Robert Thomas Poston (6), born May 17, 1832, died February 15, 1911; married Sarah Amanda Poston (identified by the compiler as “No. 285”).[14]
- ii. Mary (“Polly”) Poston (6), married Archie McKissick.
- iii. Francis Leonard Poston (6), born January 14, 1835, died January 31, 1924; married Mary Jane Poston (identified by the compiler as “No. 146”).[15]
- iv. Dorcus Caroline Poston (6), born 1837.
- v. Benjamin G. Poston (6), born about 1838.

**Robert Thomas Poston (6)** was born May 17, 1832, and died February 15, 1911. He married Sarah Amanda Poston (“No. 285”), born August 24, 1842, and died November 1, 1906.[14]

Children:

- Furman Poston (married Lula Daniels; later married Cora Eaddy).
- Arris Poston (married Scovia Farlow).
- Lula Poston (married Arthur Leroy Coleman).
- Myrtle Poston (married Aurelius Bigelow).
- Lofton Poston (died young).
- Robert E. Poston (died young).
- Idean Poston (married Dr. Gordon William Morgan).

**Francis Leonard Poston (6)** was born January 14, 1835, and died January 31, 1924. He married Mary Jane Poston (“No. 146”), born August 10, 1837, and died November 30, 1900.[15]

Children:

- Harbert Poston.
- Carrie Poston.
- Thomas (“Tom”) Poston.
- McIver Poston.

**Benjamin G. Poston (6)** was born about 1838. He married Margaret Ann Poston (“No. 248”),

born July 24, 1837, and died January 22, 1915.[16]

Children:

- Forrest Poston.
- Nancy Poston.
- Ollie Poston.
- Samuel Poston.
- Missie Poston.
- Emily Poston.

## CHAPTER 7. THE JOHN ("JACK") POSTON FAMILY

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John ("Jack") Poston (4) (John Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, in 1784 or 1785. He died of dropsy in May 1850, at the age of 65 (1850 mortality schedule, South Carolina State Archives Department).[17]

The name of his wife is not known in the OCR excerpt. Census records are described as showing three sons and four daughters. Nothing is developed in the excerpt concerning three of the daughters.

### **Known children:**

- i. Alfred Poston (5), born about 1818.
- ii. James Rayford Poston (5), born about 1820.
- iii. John Thomas Poston (5), born November 20, 1830.
- iv. Cecelia Poston (5) (probably married a Farnam from Quincy, Florida).

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**Alfred Poston (5)** was born about 1818 and died 1889 (buried at Mt. Zion, near Pamplico, South Carolina).[18]

He married (first) Mary Ann Carter and (second) Elizabeth Young.

Children by first marriage:

- Calvin Poston (died young).
- Bryant Albert Poston (married first Mary Jane Poston; second Sarah Coleman).
- Josiah Watts Poston (6), born May 28, 1852.
- John Henry Poston (6), born February 13, 1855.

Children by second marriage:

- Liston Poston.
- Lemuel Poston.
- Jane Poston.

**Josiah Watts Poston (6)** was born May 28, 1852, in Florence County, South Carolina, and died November 12, 1925, in Georgia. He moved to

South Georgia in 1884 and married Dora Johnson on February 14, 1888.[19]

Children (all born in Donaldsonville, Georgia):

- Augusta (“Gussie”) Georgia Poston.
- Zander Macon Poston.
- Henry Bryant Poston.
- Emily Earl Poston.
- Bertha Isabell (“Bell”) Poston.
- Josiah (“Joe”) Lewis Poston.
- Louisa Clarissa (“Clara”) Poston.
- Mary Ann Poston.
- William Taft Poston.
- Autice Milburn Poston.
- Ora Lane Poston.

**John Henry Poston (6)** was born February 13, 1855, and died May 22, 1907. He married Louella Poston (“No. 232”) on October 3, 1882.[20]

Children:

- Luther Jesse Poston.

- Lawrence Chalmers Poston.
- Douglas Rollins Poston.
- Mattie Inez Poston.
- Ernest Gary Poston.
- Olie May Poston.

**James Rayford Poston (5)** was born about 1820 and married Hannah Daniels.

Children:

- John J. Poston.
- Jerd J. Poston.
- Pemberton Poston.
- LaFayette Poston.
- Evander Poston.

## CHAPTER 8. THE FRANCIS ("FRANK") POSTON FAMILY

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Francis ("Frank") Poston (4) (John Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, about 1790. Census records are described as showing three sons and three daughters. Nothing is developed in the excerpt concerning his wife or daughters.

### **The sons were:**

- Josiah R. Poston (5).
  - Duncan W. Poston (5).
  - Thomas Poston (5).
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**Josiah R. Poston (5)** was born about 1817 and married Elizabeth ("Betsy") Daniels.

### Children:

- Francis ("Frank") J. Poston.

- Lewis Poston (6).
- Edward P. Poston.
- Mary C. Poston.
- Susan C. Poston.
- Thomas M. Poston.
- Ruth Poston.
- Josephine Poston.

**Lewis Poston (6)** was born August 4, 1847, in Florence County, South Carolina, and died October 2, 1912. He moved to South Georgia about 1889 and married Mary Etta Jackson.[21]

Children:

- Joe Martin Poston.
- John Duke Poston.

## CHAPTER 9. THE JAMES POSTON FAMILY

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James Poston (4) (John Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, about 1794. He died in 1862. His will was drawn July 31, 1862 and probated January 1, 1863 (Roll 1818, Marion County wills, as stated in the OCR excerpt).[22]

The OCR excerpt does not identify the name of his wife. The following list of children is described as copied from a Bible in the possession of Earl Hyman of Pamplico, South Carolina:[23]

- i. John L. Poston (5), born January 19, 1821.
- ii. Emmanizer Poston (5), born April 27, 1823.
- iii. Josiah H. Poston (5), born October 15, 1825  
(died in Tennessee during the Civil War).
- iv. Elizabeth S. Poston (5), born March 29, 1828.
- v. Sarah Poston (5), born September 6, 1830.
- vi. James Harbert Poston (5), born February 5, 1833, died February 2, 1909.

vii. M. M. Poston (5), born March 13, 1835.

viii. Mary Jane Poston (5), born August 10, 1837.

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**James Harbert Poston (5)** was born February 5, 1833 and died February 2, 1909. He married Dorcus Caroline Poston on October 27, 1859 (Dorcus is listed as born 1837 and died August 15, 1917).[24]

Children:

- Perry Gilbert Poston.
- John J. Poston.
- Sarah (“Sallie”) Poston.
- James Helon Poston.
- Sevilla Poston.
- Willie Poston.
- Letty L. Poston.
- Wade Hampton Poston (6).
- J. Aldrich Poston.
- Essel Dorcus Poston.

**Wade Hampton Poston (6)** was born November 7, 1876, and died January 15, 1946. He married Virginia Etta Carter in 1899.[25]

Children:

- Getha Irene Poston.
- Maude Trudy Poston.
- Julia Elsie Poston.
- Beulah Azalee Poston.
- Corean Poston.
- Wade Felder Poston.
- Talbert Jefferson Poston.
- Rillie Bert Poston.
- Remer Laverne Poston.
- Jennifer Jewell Poston.

## CHAPTER 10. THE JOSIAH POSTON FAMILY

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Josiah Poston (4) (John Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Marion District, South Carolina, about 1798. The date of his death, 1859, was found in a deed in the Marion County courthouse (as stated in the OCR excerpt).[26]

He married Prudence Coleman, a daughter of Robert Coleman.

Children:

- Robert C. Poston (5) (married Hester L.).
  - Bryant A. Poston (5) (married Mary E.).
  - Prudence Poston (5) (married Samuel Powell).
  - Josiah Poston, Jr. (5) (married Dovey Singletary).
  - James McK. Poston (5) (married Mary).
  - Samuel C. Poston (5) (married Elizabeth).
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**Josiah Poston, Jr. (5)** was born about 1834 and married Dovey Singletary.

Children:

- James Emanuel Poston (6).
- Susanna Poston.
- John Manning Poston.
- Louisa Poston.

**James Emanuel Poston (6)** is listed as born January 10 in Hannah, South Carolina (year not stated in the OCR excerpt) and died September 1910 in Panacea Springs, Florida.[27]

He married (first) Cindy Powell and (second) Sarah Jane (“Jennie”) Maddox Richards.

Children by first marriage:

- Asa M. Poston.
- E. Acue Poston.
- Clinton McFee Poston.
- Eulie Poston.

Children by second marriage:

- Annie Lou Poston.
- James Emanuel Poston, Jr.
- Julius Warren Poston.
- Walter Allen Poston.

# CHAPTER 11. ANTHONY POSTON IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Anthony Poston (3) (John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, probably about 1760. Census records are described as indicating that he was several years younger than his brother, John Poston (3).

Chapter 1 explains that the brother's name in family tradition appeared as "Antney," understood as Anthony. Additional support noted in the compilation is that Anthony is listed in the South Carolina census in 1800 and 1810, while the first Andrew Poston listed appears later and is identified as Anthony's youngest son by 1840. It is not known when and why the name Anthony was changed to Andrew, but Anthony's oldest son, Hugh, stated in a Bible purchased November 6, 1838 that he was the son of Andrew Poston and his wife Elizabeth.[28]

From Hugh's Bible, the compilation identifies Anthony's wife as Elizabeth. Anthony and Elizabeth appear in the 1820 South Carolina census as an older couple living with Hugh and his wife. By the 1830 census, Anthony and Elizabeth were no longer present, and the compilation treats them as having died before that census.[29]

Census records are described as showing that Anthony and Elizabeth had three sons and two daughters. The excerpted text identifies the sons as:

- i. Hugh Poston (4), born August 27, 1791
- ii. Daniel Poston (4)
- iii. Andrew Poston (4), born 1807 (age 43 in the 1850 census)

The only information preserved in the OCR excerpt concerning the daughters appears in notes left by Dr. W. H. Poston, stating in substance that one daughter married into the Powell family and one daughter married into the Wilson family (no given names are provided in the excerpt).[30]

Andrew Poston (4) is stated to have married Mary Poston, identified as a daughter of Ely Poston

(cross-referenced elsewhere in the original compilation).

## CHAPTER 12. THE FIRST HUGH POSTON

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Hugh Poston (4) (Anthony Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born in what was then Marion District, now Florence County, South Carolina.

He is listed as:

- Born: August 27, 1791
- Died: December 27, 1846
- Married: Ann (“Nancy”) Lawson, born January 24, 1800

### **Children (from Hugh’s Bible):[31]**

- i. Harriett Luvenia Poston, born July 22, 1821
- ii. Reddick Poston (5), born July 13, 1824
- iii. Benjamin Poston, born June 14, 1827
- iv. Andrew Poston (5), born September 3, 1829
- v. Elizabeth Poston, born September 18, 1831
- vi. Lucinda Poston, born June 10, 1833

- vii. Hugh Poston (5), born March 17, 1835
- viii. Margaret Ann Poston, born July 24, 1837  
(twin)
- ix. Simon Poston (5), born July 24, 1837 (twin)
- x. Daniel Poston, born February 20, 1840
- xi. Sarah Amanda Poston, born August 24, 1842

**Notable marriages listed in the OCR excerpt include:**

- Harriett Luvenia Poston married Jesse L. Powell.
- Benjamin Poston married Mary Daniels.
- Lucinda Poston married Duncan W. Poston.
- Margaret Ann Poston married Benjamin G. Poston.
- Sarah Amanda Poston married Robert T. Poston.

## CHAPTER 13. THE REDDICK POSTON FAMILY

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Reddick Poston (5) (Hugh Poston (4), Anthony Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born July 13, 1824. He married Mary Prosser.

Children:

- i. William Poston (died young)
- ii. Nelson Poston (6)
- iii. Sarah Poston (6)
- iv. Permelia Poston (6)
- v. Elizabeth (“Liza”) Poston (6)
- vi. Henry Poston (6)

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**Nelson Poston (6)** married Charlotte Foxworth.

Children:

- Daniel Evander Poston

- Pressley Poston
- Reddick Abel Poston
- Arthur J. Poston
- Riley Nelson Poston
- Ruberry Poston
- Eulalia Poston
- Demethus Dilworth Poston

**Sarah Poston (6)** married Chesley Foxworth.

Children:

- William (“Billy”) Foxworth
- Edmund Foxworth
- Victoria Foxworth
- Lillie Foxworth
- Merck Foxworth

**Permelia Poston (6)** married Richard Lewis.

Children:

- Zeo Lewis
- Zebulon Lewis

- Zimmerman Lewis
- Leon Lewis
- Maude Lewis
- Mettie Lewis

**Henry Poston (6)** is listed as born 1854 and died 1921. He married Virginia Ellen Belin on November 20, 1876.

Children:

- Leila Berniece Poston
- William Henry Poston
- Mary Laura Poston
- James Fulton Poston
- Bertha Mabel Poston
- Albert DeLeon Poston
- Ellen Poston
- Kenneth McKay Poston
- Gladys Opal Poston
- Clyde Lamar Poston
- Sadie Poston
- Alton Belin Poston



## CHAPTER 14. THE ANDREW POSTON FAMILY

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Andrew Poston (5) (Hugh Poston (4), Anthony Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born September 3, 1829, and died October 19, 1916.

He married (first) Jane Daniels on November 18, 1857 (Jane died June 15, 1882), and (second) Sarah Jane Scarborough on December 25, 1884.

Children by first marriage:

- Hulda Poston
- Adella Poston (6)
- Louelza Poston
- Charles Poston
- Andrew Louin Poston
- Leila Jane Poston (6)

Children by second marriage:

Davis Merdock Poston

- Minnie Ann Poston
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**Adella Poston (6)** was born December 11, 1859, and died February 1922. She married Benjamin Richardson.

Children:

- Mellie Persha Richardson
- Durham C. Richardson
- Charles C. Richardson
- Evelyn Walker Richardson (7)
- Willie P. Richardson
- Walter O. Richardson
- Andrew Luther Richardson
- Nadine Natalie Richardson
- Lola Jane Richardson (7)
- Estelle Richardson
- Benjamin Fred Richardson
- Louin Ernest Richardson (7)

**Evelyn Walker Richardson (7)** was born October 25, 1883. She married Furman Powell on May 8, 1904.

Children:

- Walker Powell
- Opal Powell
- Willie Powell
- Mary Dell Powell

**Lola Jane Richardson (7)** was born May 12, 1894. She married Clyde Livingston Raley on October 23, 1919 (Clyde was born June 1, 1891, and died September 29, 1935).

Children:

- Mary Alice Raley (8), born November 24, 1920
- Dorothy Harriett Raley (8), born May 19, 1922

**Mary Alice Raley (8)** married (first) Paul Hennies and (second) Martin Edward Talley on April 27, 1956.

Children by first marriage:

- Mary Paule Hennies (9), born January 21, 1943

Children by second marriage:

- Janice Martine Talley (9), born December 18, 1957
- John Fletcher Talley (9), born June 27, 1962

**Mary Paule Hennies (9)** was born January 21, 1943. She married Wilson Dildy on November 10, 1961.

Child:

- Michael Wyatt Dildy (10), born May 8, 1964

**Dorothy Harriett Raley (8)** was born May 19, 1922. She married James Baruch Bushardt, Jr. on June 23, 1940.

Children:

- Jamie Livingston Bushardt (9), born June 6, 1942; married Wesley Lane Caviness on March 7, 1964
- Marsha Ann Bushardt (9), born September 26, 1947

- James B. Bushardt III (9), born October 14, 1953

**Louin Ernest Richardson (7)** was born October 3, 1899. He married Lorene Cox on June 15, 1922 (Lorene is listed as born August 20, 1904).

Children:

- Natalie Richardson (8), born January 4, 1925
- Irene Richardson (8), born February 14, 1928

**Natalie Richardson (8)** was born January 4, 1925, Johnsonville, South Carolina. She married Robert Wilson Turner on May 18, 1947 (Robert is listed as born October 3, 1923).

Children (born in Charleston, South Carolina):

- Nancy Lynn Turner (9), born June 10, 1948
- Sheryl Anne Turner (9), born October 24, 1949
- Patricia Karen Turner (9), born December 30, 1953
- Robert Gary Turner (9), born December 8, 1956

- Janet Gail Turner (9), born September 24, 1962

**Irene Richardson (8)** was born February 14, 1928, Johnsonville, South Carolina. She married Waney Rivers Chinnes on December 24, 1947 (Waney is listed as born May 15, 1925).

Children (born in Charleston, South Carolina):

- Ronald Wayne Chinnes (9), born February 23, 1951
- Louin Daniel Chinnes (9), born September 25, 1955
- Kevin Dale Chinnes (9), born June 8, 1959

**Leila Jane Poston (6)** was born July 20, 1877. She married Captain Homer Jacobs on October 3, 1900.

Children:

- Ruth Jacobs (7) (died young)
- Alden Jacobs (7), born October 27, 1904; died April 14, 1965; married Rebe Doar on April 29, 1932 (Rebe is listed as born October 4, 1908)

**Children of Alden Jacobs (7) and Rebe (Doar) Jacobs:**

- James Edward Jacobs (8), born December 29, 1935; married Christine Watson on March 24, 1957
  - Kerry Lee Jacobs (9), born May 1, 1958
  - Kent Jacobs (9), born February 1, 1963
- Weona Rebe Jacobs (8), born March 5, 1939; married William (“Bill”) Carroll on September 24, 1961
  - David Scott Carroll (9), born December 20, 1962
  - Elizabeth Alden Carroll (9), born February 24, 1964

## CHAPTER 15. THE HUGH POSTON FAMILY

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Hugh Poston (5) (Hugh Poston (4), Anthony Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born March 17, 1835, and died 1868. He married Sarah (“Sally”) Daniels (identified in the OCR excerpt by an internal compilation number), listed as born about 1836 and died July 5, 1917.

Children:

- i. Ellerby B. Poston (6), born August 20, 1858; died January 20, 1942
- ii. Louella Poston (6), born June 14, 1860
- iii. Hugh Poston (6), born July 31, 1868

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**Ellerby B. Poston (6)** was born August 20, 1858, and died January 20, 1942. He married (first) Louisa Poston on December 18, 1879 (Louisa is listed as born September 1, 1859, and died February 2, 1902), and married (second)

Minnie Turner on August 17, 1902 (Minnie is listed as born August 7, 1880, and died September 8, 1956).

Children by first marriage:

- Walter Hugh Poston (7), born December 1, 1880
- Jessie Adelle Poston (7), born December 22, 1883; died October 31, 1889
- Minnie Vestelle Poston (7), born March 6, 1885; died May 16, 1965
- Eddie A. Poston (7) (died young), born June 10, 1888
- Manley Efferson Poston (7), born December 31, 1890
- Elma Kenneth Louqueen Poston (7) (“Thelma”), born September 16, 1892
- Lera Mae Poston (7), born September 18, 1896; died June 16, 1926

Children by second marriage:

- Percy DeLance Poston (7), born July 9, 1903

- Cecil Hoyt Poston (7), born October 2, 1904;  
died 1907
- Willa Poston (7), born March 21, 1906

*(Descendant lists continue within this chapter as presented in the preceding sections of this manuscript.)*

## CHAPTER 16. THE SIMON POSTON FAMILY

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Simon Poston (5) (Hugh Poston (4), Anthony Poston (3), John Poston (2), John Poston (1)) was born July 24, 1837 (twin to Margaret Ann). The OCR excerpt does not provide spouse details and indicates that Simon's descendants are addressed largely through cross-references in other lines, where Simon's children intermarried.[32]

## CHAPTER 17. JAMES GREENFIELD DANIELS

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This chapter provides brief background on the Daniels family, which intermarried with the Postons multiple times. The OCR excerpt states that James Greenfield Daniels was a prominent figure in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina and notes that his descendants married into the Poston family. The excerpt does not include a full Daniels lineage register in this section.[33]

## CHAPTER 18. OTHER POSTONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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This chapter lists Postons who appear in South Carolina records but whose exact relationship to the main family lines is uncertain. The OCR excerpt indicates that this section draws from census entries, land deeds, and probate records and notes possible connections to Postons in North Carolina and Georgia. The excerpt does not provide a complete person-by-person register here.[34]

# FAMILY REGISTER (PRINCIPAL BRANCHES)

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This register is a consolidated navigation aid reflecting the principal branches described in the chapters and the OCR summary section.[35]

## *IMMIGRANT FOUNDATION (PENNSYLVANIA)*

### **John Poston (1)**

Wife: Martha (per will).

Children named in the will:

- i. Robert
- ii. John Poston (2)
- iii. Anthony
- iv. Ann

### **John Poston (2)**

Wife: Margaret Baldrige (born 1719 in Ireland; living September 2, 1766; deceased before January 9, 1767, as inferred in the compilation).

Children identified in the South Carolina narrative:

- i. John Poston (3) (born about 1755)
- ii. Anthony Poston (3) (born about 1760)

*THE JOHN POSTON (3) BRANCH  
(MARION DISTRICT, SOUTH  
CAROLINA)*

**John Poston (3)**

Spouse: not identified in the OCR excerpt (living as of the 1820 census, as described).

Children listed (birth years estimated from census records unless otherwise stated):

- i. Thomas Poston (4), born 1781
- ii. John (“Jack”) Poston (4), born 1784
- iii. Daughter, born 1786
- iv. Daughter, born 1788
- v. Francis (“Frank”) Poston (4), born 1790
- vi. James Poston (4), born 1794
- vii. Daughter, born 1796

viii. Josiah Poston (4), born 1798

- **Thomas Poston (4) branch:** sons listed are Samuel (born about 1805), Leonard (born about 1808), Robert B., Thomas G., Benjamin, and John.
- **John (“Jack”) Poston (4) branch:** children listed are Alfred, James Rayford, John Thomas, and Cecelia.
- **Francis (“Frank”) Poston (4) branch:** sons listed are Josiah R., Duncan W., and Thomas.
- **James Poston (4) branch:** children listed are John L., Emmanizer, Josiah H., Elizabeth S., Sarah, James Harbert, M. M., and Mary Jane.
- **Josiah Poston (4) branch:** children listed are Robert C., Bryant A., Prudence, Josiah, Jr., James McK., and Samuel C.

*THE ANTHONY POSTON (3)  
BRANCH (MARION DISTRICT,  
SOUTH CAROLINA)*

**Anthony Poston (3)**

Wife: Elizabeth (identified through Hugh's Bible as described in the OCR excerpt).

Children listed: Hugh (born August 27, 1791), Daniel, and Andrew (born 1807). Two daughters are referenced in notes, but not named in the OCR excerpt.

- **Hugh Poston (4) branch:** children listed from Hugh's Bible are Harriett Luvenia; Reddick; Benjamin; Andrew; Elizabeth; Lucinda; Hugh; Margaret Ann; Simon; Daniel; Sarah Amanda.
- **Reddick Poston (5) branch:** children listed are William (died young); Nelson; Sarah; Permelia; Elizabeth ("Liza"); Henry (born 1854; died 1921).
- **Andrew Poston (5) branch:** children listed include Hulda; Adella; Louelza; Charles; Andrew Louin; Leila Jane; Davis Merdock; Minnie Ann.

- **Hugh Poston (5) branch:** children listed are Ellerby B.; Louella; Hugh (born July 31, 1868).
- **Simon Poston (5) branch:** see Chapter 16 (limited data in OCR excerpt).

# ENDNOTES

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- [1] Reference cited in compilation: *ELIAS B. POSTON AND HIS ANCESTORS (With a Record of His Descendants)*, published 1942.
- [2] Reference cited in compilation: *JOHN HAMILL POSTON, HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS*, published 1959.
- [3] Reference cited in compilation: *POSTON GENEALOGY (NORTH CAROLINA)*, described as in preparation at the time.
- [4] Family tradition source described in compilation: paper dated September 29, 1936 by Dr. W. H. Poston of Pamplico, South Carolina, transmitted via Mrs. W. H. Poston.
- [5] Reference described in compilation: New England Historical Genealogical Register 65:50 (ship departure April 26, 1703) and a secondary reference to John Hamill Poston, His Ancestors and Descendants, Chapter 1, page 1.
- [6] Land record references described in compilation: Chester County tax list (1722); survey dated March 14, 1733; warrant return May 9, 1744 (Land Warrants, Vol. A, No. 11, p. 432, Land Record Office, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania); patent grant August 6, 1744 (Survey Book C, p. 155, Patent Office, Harrisburg).

- [7] Probate reference described in compilation: Will of John Poston, Sr., Chester County, Will Book 2, p. 222; will dated December 8, 1745; letters and probate dated June 8, 1747.
- [8] Subsequent record references described in compilation: Chester County tax list placement of Robert in Oxford Township as late as 1779; absence of Postons in Pennsylvania census for 1790.
- [9] Published genealogy described in compilation: *Riggs, Baldrige, and Agnew Families* (1915), Henry Earle Riggs; immigration in ship *Queen Margaret* (1726); settlement in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; deaths of Janet (July 28, 1768) and William (November 25, 1772).
- [10] Probate reference described in compilation: Lancaster County Wills, Book C, Vol. 1, p. 124; will drawn January 9, 1767; probated January 14, 1773; bequest to “my son, John Poston” of five pounds; inference that Margaret predeceased the will.
- [11] Deed reference described in compilation: Chester County Deeds, Deed Book A3, p. 187 (West Chester, Pennsylvania); land sale dated September 2, 1766; approximately 274½ acres; consideration 730 pounds.
- [12] References described in compilation: witness to will of Benjamin Exum, Marion District, dated July 4, 1821 (Marion County wills); absence from 1830 census used to infer death window.
- [13] Revolutionary service reference described in compilation: Indents to Claims Growing Out of the

Revolution, Book YZ, p. 138, No. 922, South Carolina State Archives Department.

- [14] Internal cross-reference in the compilation: Sarah Amanda Poston identified as “No. 285,” with an additional page reference in the original volume.
- [15] Internal cross-reference in the compilation: Mary Jane Poston identified as “No. 146,” with an additional page reference in the original volume.
- [16] Internal cross-reference in the compilation: Margaret Ann Poston identified as “No. 248,” with an additional page reference in the original volume.
- [17] Source described in the OCR excerpt: 1850 mortality schedule, South Carolina State Archives Department, reporting John (“Jack”) Poston’s death of dropsy in May 1850.
- [18] Burial and death year described in the OCR excerpt for Alfred Poston: buried at Mt. Zion near Pamplico, South Carolina; death year given as 1889.
- [19] Migration note and marriage date described in the OCR excerpt for Josiah Watts Poston: move to South Georgia in 1884; marriage to Dora Johnson on February 14, 1888.
- [20] Internal cross-reference in the compilation: Louella Poston identified as “No. 232,” with marriage date October 3, 1882.
- [21] Migration note and vital dates described in the OCR excerpt for Lewis Poston: move to South Georgia

about 1889; birth August 4, 1847; death October 2, 1912.

- [22] Probate reference described in the OCR excerpt for James Poston (4): will drawn July 31, 1862; probated January 1, 1863; archival roll reference stated as “Roll 1818, Marion County Wills.”
- [23] Source described in the OCR excerpt: list of James Poston (4)’s children copied from a Bible reported as being in the possession of Earl Hyman of Pamplico, South Carolina.
- [24] Marriage and death details described in the OCR excerpt for James Harbert Poston and Dorcus Caroline Poston: married October 27, 1859; Dorcus death listed as August 15, 1917.
- [25] Marriage year described in the OCR excerpt for Wade Hampton Poston and Virginia Etta Carter: 1899.
- [26] Death year described in the OCR excerpt for Josiah Poston (4): death “1859” stated as found in a deed in the Marion County courthouse.
- [27] Vital details described in the OCR excerpt for James Emanuel Poston (6): birth listed as “January 10” in Hannah, South Carolina (year not provided); death listed as September 1910 in Panacea Springs, Florida.
- [28] Source described in the OCR excerpt: Hugh Poston Bible purchased November 6, 1838, stating he was the son of “Andrew Poston” and wife Elizabeth, used in the compilation to support the Anthony/Andrew naming discussion.

- [29] Census-based inference described in the OCR excerpt: Anthony and Elizabeth appear in the 1820 South Carolina census in Hugh's household and are absent by the 1830 census, treated in the compilation as deceased by that time.
- [30] Source described in the OCR excerpt: Dr. W. H. Poston notes referencing daughters who married into the Powell and Wilson families, without given names in the excerpted text.
- [31] Source described in the OCR excerpt: Hugh Poston (4) Bible entries listing children and birthdates, and the notable marriages summarized in the chapter narrative from that material.
- [32] OCR excerpt for Chapter 16 notes that Simon Poston's descendants are indicated by cross-reference and that spouse and descendant details are not provided in the excerpted text.
- [33] OCR excerpt for Chapter 17 provides narrative context for the Daniels family but does not include a full Daniels family register in the excerpted text.
- [34] OCR excerpt for Chapter 18 describes an "Other Postons" grouping based on record appearances but does not include a full person-by-person register in the excerpted text.
- [35] The Family Register (Principal Branches) is a consolidated navigation aid drawn from the chapter content and the OCR "Summary of Key Poston Family Branches" section.