

John Querns Arnette

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN QUERNS² ARNETTE (*WILLIAM¹ ARNETT*) was born 1804 in South Carolina, and died 10 Aug 1856 in Georgia.
He married (1) FRANCES ELAM 08 Nov 1828, daughter of MARTIN ELAM and MARY PHILLIPS. She was born 28 Dec 1802 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 08 Nov 1835 in Chester County, South Carolina.
He met LUCY ROBERTS.
He married (2) ELIZABETH T. COLEMAN about 1845, daughter of ROBERT COLEMAN and SUSAN FEASTER. She was born 03 Oct 1817 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 28 Nov 1890 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

We can trace John Arnette's history to Virginia, but our primary interest is his relationship with Lucy Roberts and the two children they produced.

At this point, we can not identify Lucy's parents, but based on census records, she lived near our relatives and I assume that she is part of our family.

Children of JOHN ARNETTE and FRANCES ELAM are:

According to her gravestone Frances was struck by lightning. Aged 32 – Leaving behind a husband and their little children to mourn her loss.

- i. MARY ANN³ ARNETTE, b. 12 Oct 1829, Chester County, South Carolina; d. 20 Dec 1848.
2. ii. SARAH ANN ELIZABETH ARNETTE, b. 03 Nov 1831, Chester County, South Carolina; d. about 1879.
- iii. WILLIAM WHITE ARNETTE, b. 23 Aug 1833, Chester County, South Carolina; d. 24 Sep 1837, Chester County, South Carolina.

Children of JOHN ARNETTE and LUCY ROBERTS are:

- iv. THOMPSON³ ROBERTS, b. about 1843, South Carolina.
- v. PAULINA ROBERTS, b. about 1847, South Carolina.

Based on the ages of the children of Lucy Roberts and John Arnette, we can assume that their relationship started after the death of Frances Elam Arnette.

We have no definitive information on these children, except Thompson Roberts is probably William Thompson.

The relationship and the children are acknowledged and recognized in John Q. Arnette's final Will and Testament. A transcript of this document is included at the end of this supplement.

Child of JOHN ARNETTE and ELIZABETH COLEMAN is::

3. vi. ROBERT COLEMAN³ ARNETTE, b. 1846, South Carolina; d. 1908, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Generation No. 2

2. SARAH ANN ELIZABETH³ ARNETTE (*JOHN QUERNS², WILLIAM¹ ARNETT*) was born 03 Nov 1831 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died About 1879. She married HERNDON CHALK. He was born about 1812 in Chester County, South Carolina.

In 1850 Herndon Chalk owned 7 slaves: 50 year old female; 35 year old female; 18 year old male; 8 year old male; 8 year old male; 6 year old female; and 4 year old female.

In 1869 Herndon Chalk owned 10 slaves: 45 year old female; 30 year old male; 30 year old male; 16 year old female; 16 year old female; 14 year old female; 11 year old female; 6 year old male; 6 year old female; and 4 year old female.

Children of SARAH ARNETTE and HERNDON CHALK are:

- i. BENJAMIN⁴ CHALK, b. about 1850, Chester County, South Carolina; d. Jul 1887, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. JOHN CHALK, b. about 1848, South Carolina.
- iii. MARY F. CHALK, b. 23 Dec 1845, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iv. CARVIE CHALK, b. about 1853, South Carolina.
- v. WILLIAM CHALK, b. about 1856, South Carolina.

3. ROBERT COLEMAN³ ARNETTE (*JOHN QUERNS², WILLIAM¹ ARNETT*) was born 1846 in South Carolina, and died 1908 in Fairfield County, South Carolina¹. He married MARY M. EVANS 17 Feb 1874 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She was born about 1849 in South Carolina.

ROBERT COLEMAN ARNETTE was a physician. He is buried at the Salem Presbyterian Church - Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Children of ROBERT ARNETTE and MARY EVANS are:

- i. SUSAN COLEMAN⁴ ARNETTE, b. 26 Dec 1874, South Carolina.
- ii. JOHN COLEMAN ARNETTE, b. 14 Oct 1876, South Carolina.
- iii. ROBERT EVANS ARNETTE, b. 29 Dec 1878, South Carolina.
- iv. MARY EVANS ARNETTE, b. 21 Apr 1880, South Carolina.
- v. WILLIAM JULIAN ARNETTE, b. 18 Dec 1888, South Carolina.

NOTE: Much of this research was conducted by Walter Cullar, a direct descendent of John Arnett

The Will of JOHN ARNETTE

In 1935, during the Great Depression, President Roosevelt established the WPA. **(Works Progress Administration -renamed in 1939 the Work Projects Administration)** The WPA was the largest New Deal Agency, employing millions of people and affecting most every locality in the United States, especially rural and western mountain populations.

One of the WPA projects was to employ local women to transcribe wills from County Probate records. Many of these people were poor typist and not all of them took their opportunity seriously enough. However they are an excellent resource.

Both the transcribed will and the original are on file at the South Carolina Archives.

Since the WPA transcribed will is difficult to read, here is a transcription of the part regarding Lucy Roberts.

From the Will of John Q. Arnett
State of South Carolina
Fairfield District
Recorded in Will Book # 19 Pages 460-462
Recorded August 26, 1856
Apt 106 File 537

Is that I have two illegitimate children in the District of Chester and State of S.C. and now living on 50 acres of land the same I give and bequeath to them at my death vis Thos Robberts and Perlina Robberts Children of Lucy Roberts and that Dr. Saml W. E. McClarkin is hereby appointed there trustee to cary out the same in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of November 1855.

Witness
Jacob Feaster
Julia A Feaster
John C. Feaster

WILL OF
JOHN Q. ARNETT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA


FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

I John Q. Arnett being of sound mind and Boddy do this day make and declare, this my last will and Testament being in Possession of someproperty and haveing been married the Second time haveing also Raised or Partly Two sets of children as fellows Mary Ann Arnett my oldest Daughter who weded to Eldredge Hl Land leavein g at her Death Two infant children viz Frances Land & Sarah Land. my grand children my second Daughter the wife of Hereudon Chalk, the above children I / ^{did} directly and indirectly given in the whole sum Two Thousand Dollars from various Souces by Reference to deeds &c in the Clerks and Commissioners offices of Chester District in this State, to Explain more fully I did at the time of dividing divide nearly Equal at that time since that time by my Prudence and industry together with various Legaces from my last wifes grand Fathers the Feasters and Colemans have collected the Property I am now attempting to dispose off, and hoping that the authorities ^{to} whom this may come will in behalf of my Respected Family Sustain this my last will is as follows my children by my Pressed wife Elisa^T. Arnett shall Receive Two Thousand dollars Each as they arrive at the age of Twenty One years of age to give there mother a Receipt for the same and then she shall Remain in full Possession of all my Estate after my Just Debts is Paid, Sell or but and her acts shall be good that is Remain in full Possession of all as though I was living and she Dead that she may not be subject to her children, at her Death then the Ballance of what she may leave if any shall be Equally Divided ~~by~~ all my children the first or Two shares to my Diseased Daughters children if they be Liveing if not, but one share that is to Sarah Chalk or her heirs and my Two oldest sons is duly appointed my Executors to carry out this my last will no acts by law is to be had in this my will only by my wife Elisa R. Arnett as I have before said as though I was Liveing in place of her we have Four children

WILL OF JOHN Q. ARNETT

viz John Feaster Arnett, Betsy Ann Arnett these are appointed as I before said to carry out my Will and they shall Receive for the same one Hundred Dollars Each for Settling up and closing the ^{Estate} / my wife, to make no distinction in giving One of her children more than the other Except in Contract to attend and assist her in carrying out her wishes my next youngest children is Susan Rebecca Arnett & Robert Samuel Arnett all of which I hope will be properly understood and Sustained in my Every Prayr Amen

^{Ed} is that I have Two illegitimate children in the District of ^{Chester} and State of S. C. and now living on 50 acres of Land the Same I give and bequeath to them at my Death viz The^s Robberts and Perlina Robberts children of Luck Roberts and that Dr Seal W. B. McClurkin is hereby appointed there Trustee to carry out the same in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 12th day of November 1855

John Q. Arnett 

Jacob Feaster J^r
Julia A Feaster
John G Feaster

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