

(Wantoot), and great grand son of René the Emigrant, born April 11th, 1762, married to Catherine Prioleau, daughter of Samuel Prioleau. He entered Marion's camp in Aug. 1778, at the age of 16, and remained one of Marion's men until the end of the war. He was quite delicate when young and thought to be consumptive, and his good health after was attributed to the rough life of camp. He was once taken prisoner, supposed to have been exchanged, Marion's men being some what Partisan soldiers were allowed to visit their families when in the neighborhood of their homes. On one occasion Mr. Ravenel was spending the night at Wantoot with his family; he was waked by a noise at the front door, and got up and commenced to dress, but before he was dressed Maj. Fraser (since of Charleston) entered the room armed. As one was armed and the other unarmed and undressed, Mr. R. thought it rather unequal grounds for a fight and sprang out of the window; followed by Maj. Fraser through the back door, who pursued him through the bushes at the back of the house, chopping at him with his sword, but Mr. R. having the advantage of light weight, and knowing the ground, eluded his pursuer and escaped. He never was reconciled after at meeting Maj. Fraser on the streets of Charleston enjoying like rights and privileges of citizenship with him, who had fought for the country. This feeling prevailed (and certainly very naturally) with many of our Revolutionary Soldiers.

Mr. Ravenel planted rice at Wantoot at the time the Santee canal was being dug. Col. Charles Senf, engineer and Superintendent of the Canal, who was inclined to be arbitrary where his authority allowed him, on one occasion sent a message to Mr. Ravenel that on a day in July he would be at Wantoot to cut his rice field bank, and take down his mill, as the Santee canal would take his private canal. Mr. R. sent for answer that he (Col. Senf) would do it at his peril, and that he would be there that day prepared to protect his property and himself.

Mr. Ravenel went to his mill that day, armed, but Col. Senf thought it prudent to defer the work, and so reported to the canal company. The company directed him to leave the bank and mill until the crop was harvested. They then took the canal, and the Santee canal is where Mr. R.'s private canal was.

He lived at Wantoot in Winter, and in Charleston in Summer. His family continued to spend a part of the Winter there (and it was a delightful resort to them), until the death of his Widow. Mr. and Mrs. Ravenel had eight children: Daniel, James, John, Henry, Edmund, Mary, Eliza and William.

Daniel Mazyck, son of Benjamin Mazyck of Goose Creek, and his wife, Damaris Ravenel, daughter of Daniel Ravenel of Summerton, lived and died at Somerset. He had three children, Thomas, Sarah St. Julien and Mary, of the 6th generation.