

ELAM SHARPE PROFILE

THOMAS SHARPE, SR. was born ca. 1699. He came from Ireland with his ancestors who had emigrated from Scotland to America before 1719. He settled in Cecil County, MD, and in 1720 he and a few other settlers founded the Elk River Presbyterian Church at Elk River, MD where he served as an elder. The name of the church was later changed to Rock Church. Thomas married **ISABELLA WALLIS WALLACE** (b. 1706–d. Dec 22, 1779) and their children were Walter, Thomas, James, Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, Samuel, and two daughters, names unknown.

THOMAS SHARPE JR (b. 1718 Cecil Co, MD–d. Nov 11, 1785), *son of Thomas Sharpe, Sr. and Isabella Wallace*, married (i) **ELIZABETH GILLESPIE**, *the daughter of William Gillespie and Mary Emmett*; and (ii) Mary McFerrin before 1769. Thomas Jr. had a huge family between the two marriages that included Thomas Sharpe III and William Sharpe.

WILLIAM SHARPE (b. December 13, 1742 Cecil Co., MD–d. July 16, 1818 Iredell Co., NC), *son of Thomas Sharpe, Jr. and Elizabeth Gillespie*, married May 31, 1768, to **CATHERINE RUTH REESE** (b. Sep 23, 1744 NC–d. May 6, 1826 NC), *daughter of Rev. David Reese and Susan Ruth Polk*. Not only did Wm Sharpe serve as a soldier during the Revolution, but he also served in the Continental Congress from 1779-1782 and was a member of the State House of Representatives during those same years. He was a member of the State Congress from Rowan County, NC in 1775. It is obvious he enjoyed public service—while in Iredell County he was the county surveyor, assistant clerk of court, and a lawyer. In North Carolina's State Records Volume XVI, his name appears with four others who were being considered for the office of Governor of NC.

ELAM SHARPE SR. (b. Jan 3, 1777 Iredell County, NC–d. Sept 19, 1851 Anderson Dist., SC), *son of William Sharpe and Catherine Ruth Reese*, married **ELIZABETH 'Betsey' MILLER** (b. Sept 10, 1792 SC–d. Jan 7, 1872 Anderson Co., SC), *daughter of John C. Miller of Wales/England*. Elam Sr. was ordained a ruling elder in 1821 in the Hopewell-Keowee Presbyterian Church, a.k.a. 'Old Stone Church'. Elam and Elizabeth Miller Sharpe and John Miller are all buried in the Old Stone Church Graveyard in Pendleton, South Carolina. Children:

- (1) Dr. Edwin Sharpe, b. abt. 1814 Pendleton, SC–d. ____ ;
- (2) William Oscar Sharpe, b. Dec 10, 1817 Pendleton, SC–d. Apr 29, 1876 Chambers Co., AL; m. Susan Harrell;
- (3) **Elam Sharpe Jr.**, b. May 10, 1821 Pendleton, SC–d. Nov 24, 1888 Dallas, TX;
- (4) Elizabeth Catherine Sharpe, b. Aug 7, 1823 Pendleton, SC–d. Feb. 12, 1889 Spartanburg, SC; m. Rev. John Mason Carlisle, b. Oct 29, 1826–d. Jun 7, 1905 Spartanburg SC; and
- (5) Dr. Marcus LaFayette Sharpe, b. Nov 6, 1824 Pendleton, Anderson Dist., SC–d. Oct 4, 1901 Spartanburg, SC; and

ELAM SHARPE JR. (b. May 10, 1821 Pendleton, SC—d. Nov 24, 1888 Dallas, TX), *the son of Elam Sharpe Sr. and Elizabeth Miller*, married November 22, 1844, to **FRANCES HENRIETTA HAYNE**, (b. July 1, 1818 Charleston—d. Jan 8, 1875 Dallas, TX), *daughter of Robert Young Hayne and Frances Henrietta Pinckney*. Robert Hayne was a U.S. Senator, governor, lawyer, and statesman of South Carolina. He was a member of the South Carolina State Legislature, then Speaker, then Attorney General.

Col. Elam Sharpe Jr. was in the First South Carolina Cavalry, Hampton's Brigade in the Civil War; wounded in action and honorably discharged. He was a member, ruling elder (ord. Aug 25, 1850), and clerk of session for the Old Stone Church in Pendleton. Elam and Frances built a plantation home in Tamasee, South Carolina. The land was a wedding present to them from Frances' father. They subsequently joined Bethel Presbyterian Church where Elam served as a ruling elder. The Sharpe's sold their Tamasee plantation, 4,900 acres, to Christopher Jones for fifty thousand dollars in gold, which Elam turned in for Confederate money to show his loyalty. This was a huge mistake, however, as they lost most everything they owned. The family moved to Dallas, Texas, in 1871 where Elam became a Presbyterian minister. Children:

- (1) Elam Hayne Sharpe, b. Sep 2, 1845 Anderson Dist., SC—d. ____ ; m. Apr 23, 1876 TX, to Mary Ann Coker, b. abt. 1853 LA, *daughter of Simeon Miles Coker and Sarah Turrentine*;
- (2) Martha Ramsey Sharpe, b. Sep 10, 1846 Anderson Dist., SC—d. Jan 8, 1915 Dallas, Dallas Co., TX; m. James Overton Lewis;
- (3) Henry Laurens Sharpe, b. Apr 28, 1849 Anderson Dist., SC—d. Oct 23, 1906 Parker Co., TX; m. Aug 21, 1873 TX, to Lucy Ann Phillips, b. Dec 25, 1852 Tarrant Co., TX—d. Jan 22, 1941 Weatherford, Parker Co., TX, *daughter of Thomas A. and Harriett Phillips*;
- (4) Francis Pinckney Sharpe, b. abt. 1853 Anderson Dist. SC—d. 1907 [?]; and
- (5) William Alston Sharpe, b. Aug 6, 1857 Anderson Dist., SC—d. Feb 2, 1944 Dallas, Dallas Co., TX; m. Julia Mae Sharp, b. Oct 15, 1889—d. Oct 17, 1951 Dallas Co., TX.