

Household

Isaiah Davenport

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October 5th, 2010

**B.:** Little Compton, RI—November 3, 1784; **D.:** Savannah — October 16, 1827 (Yellow Fever)

**Parents:** Jonathan Davenport (1748—1785) and Sarah Thurston

**Siblings:** Dudley (1781-1862), Samuel (b. ? – d. Sav. Aug. 1820), Thomas

**Occupation:** “Carpenter”: Apprenticed: In New Bedford, MA

**Arrival in Savannah:** approx. 1808 (appeared on tax records 1809)

**Marriage:** Sarah Rosamund Clark on March 15, 1809; Minister: Dr. Henry Kollock

**Lease:** from Edward Stebbins—Lot 14 in Columbia Ward

**Civic Life:** 1810—firemaster for Greene and Columbia Wards, appointed to the Board of Health for Columbia Square (1824)

**Additionally:** purchased a top chair (tax records)

**Buildings:** worked for the city; Isaiah Davenport – Known Buildings,

**1809 – June 19:** a two story dwelling house (materials not specified) and “sundry out buildings” on lot 14 Columbia Ward, the lot rented on 7 year lease for Edwards Steffins on June 19, 1809. These buildings he sold to Steffins on 2 Nov. 1812 for \$2,500 – and moved to a ½ lot 8, Washington Ward (which he had bought), 1810 – 122 Houston Street (lot No. Greene Ward), 1812 – Martello Tower at Tybee, 1814 – 124 Houston Street, 1817 – house for John McQueen, Jr. on Warren Square; He built but did not design this house, – his mansion on Columbia Square, – house for William R. Holland on Broughton Street, N.B. in yr. narration treat McQueen & Holland houses together – say better show them 2 his work but his chief . . . is the Mansion!

**Offices:** Elected to the Board of Alderman to represent Mechanics, 1817-22

**Troubles:** 1823—cited for obstruction of public ways; delinquent taxes

**Church:** Independent Presbyterian Church—pew #60 (\$450)

**Children:** Susannah E. (1810-Oct. 8, 1814), Sarah R. (1812-June 12, 1813), Thurston W. (1813-May 8, 1814), Isaiah, Jr. (Feb. 27, 1815—Oct. 17, 1868), Benjamin Russ (June 25, 1817), Archibald Clark (1819-1892), Henry Kollock (Dec. 10, 1820-Aug. 18, 1872), Hugh McCall (Aug. 16, 1822-Aug. 1, 1881), Cornelia A. (1824-1853), Dudley (1827-1860)

Originally buried at what is now Colonial Cemetery; moved to Laurel Grove

## Sarah Rosamond Clark Davenport

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October 4th, 2010

**B.** Feb. 22, 1788, Beaufort area, SC; **D.** Aug. 7, 1869, Savannah (81)

**Parents:** Susannah Tippin Sutter of Charleston, SC (grandmother came to SC in 1750s) and Archibald Campbell Clark of Scotland

**Mother:** Moved to Savannah in 1810; lived with the Davenports?; died in 1829 (68)

**Marriage:** 1809 to Isaiah Davenport (21 years); 18 years together

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**Occupation:** Wife, mother, boarding house keeper (Davenport House until 1840); lived in several houses in Savannah—1864 northeast corner of Barnard and West Taylor, in 1866 ran a boarding house on the north side of Broughton St. next to the Marshall House Hotel; at the time of her death was a resident of Jones Street. 1860 she owned 11 slaves.

**Buried:** Laurel Grove Cemetery

## Isaiah and Sarah Davenport's Children

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October 3rd, 2010

\***Susannah E. Davenport**—born September, 1810 in Savannah; died October 8, 1814; of bilious fever; residence (at the time of death) Home of Mrs. Susannah Clarke, her grandmother

\***Sarah Rush Davenport** — born 1812; died June 12, 1813; age 14 months, 12 days; of teething & bowel complaints; residence (at time of death) “her Father’s [house], Washington Ward” in Savannah

\***Thurston W.** — born August 1813; died May 8, 1814; age 9 months; of dysentery; residence (at time of death) “his Father’s [house], Washington Ward” in Savannah

**Isaiah, Jr.** — born February 27, 1815; died October 17, 1868; married Martha E. Fairfax; 4 children

**Benjamin Rush** — born June 25, 1817; died April 14, 1866; teacher Effington, county South Carolina

**Archibald Clark** — born 1819; died 1892 (Savannah, GA); married Mrs. Jane E. Postell in 1870; no children; Confederate veteran; occupation customs inspector

**Henry Kollock** – born December 10, 1820; died August 18, 1872 in Franzenbad, Bohemia; married Jeannie Brent Graham in 1847; 4 children; US Navy; career navy, made ship captain in 1868—died of hepatitis

**Hugh McCall** – born August 16, 1822; died August 1, 1881; married Martha Ann Elizabeth Stone; 2 children; Confederate veteran; occupation merchant and customs inspector

**Cornelia Augusta** – born 1824; died 1853; of child bed fever; age 29; married Henry Rootes Jackson in 1844; husband became General/Ambassador to Mexico/  
Ambassador to Austria

**William Dudley** – born 1827; died 1862; Union veteran

### Enslaved Household

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October 2nd, 2010

#### **Tax Digest**

1810-27

1810 – (17) 2

1811 – (13) 1

1812 – (13) 2

1813 – (illeg.) 4

1814 – (68) 4

1815 – (11) 4

1816 – (14) 4

1817 – (15) 4

1818 – NA

1819 – (18) 6 1 Tradesman

1820 – (18) 6 “ “

1821 – (22) 5 “ “

1822 – NA

1823 – Illeg

1824 – (n.p.) 7

1825 – NA

1826 (n.p.) 9 (some mechanics)

1827 (n.p.) 10 (1 a mechanic)

**Rep. & Savh Even.** – 10/15/1812

p. 3, c. 4

*“Fifty Dollars Reward”*

Ran away from subscriber on or about the 20th of March last, a NEGRO WENCH named NANCY, about thirty years of age, four feet ten inches high, has a scar on her neck; she can speak the German language; Nancy was formerly the property of George Rentz, who owns her sister by the name of Peggy, they look very much alike; Nancy was once taken, and got off by passing herself as Peggy; they can only be distinguished by the scar Nancy has on her neck, she has been several times seen passing from Savannah to Wilmington Island. The above reward will be paid on proof to conviction of her being harbored by any white person, or thirty dollars if delivered to the subscriber, or lodged in any goal in this state, so that the subscriber get her.

Isaiah Davenport

Savh. Georgian

Estate – Lot 14 Col.; Slaves

4/7/1828 p. 3, c. 4

**“SHERIFF’S SALES**

On the first Tuesday in May next will be sold before the court house in the city of Savannah, between the usual hours of sale, the following property, viz.:

All that lot of land situated, lying and being in the city of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, containing 60 feet front and 90 feet deep, and known and distinguished in the plan of the said city, by the No. 14, Columbia Ward, subject to the payment of an annual ground rent to the corporation of the city of Savannah and nine negroes; via: Ned, Davy, Bella, Jack, Jacob, Isaac, Polly, Peggy and Nancy; levied on ?as the property of Isaiah Davenport, to satisfy an execution in favor of Robert Mitchell.. . .

Geo. Millen, SCC

Savannah Georgian, 4/2/1828 p. 3, c. 1

Ned

Davy

Bella

Jack

Jacob

Isaac

Polly

Peggy

Nancy

Slaves at the time of ID’s death

**Deed:** 2F 330 – Lydia Turner to Isaiah Davenport 30 Nov 1815 rec. 1 Dec 1815  
(Beaufort)

\$400 for “A negroe boy by the name of Tom aged about Seventeen years”

**Deed:** 2G 302-303 – David Baldwin of Sav to Isaiah Davenport 11 Feb 1817

\$1250 for “Five Negroes, to wit Bellar (Bella?) a woman about Twenty eight years old and her four children – viz. Jack aged about nine years, Isaac & Jacob twin boys aged about five years, and a girl child about one year old named Polly”

**Deed:** 2K 123 – Charlotte Atkinson (admin. For Geo.) to Isaiah 29 Dec. 1819 \$800

“a certain yellow woman named Mary aged about 29 years and her child named Ann aged about four years”

**Deed:** 2N 4(1)82-83 – Susannah Clark to Isaiah Davenport 7 March 1825 \$650

“three negroes, viz a negro man named Deeping, about thirty years of age; a negro woman named Mary about thirty two years of age, and her daughter, Ann about twelve year of age.”

**See Research. Runaway slave ads. Savannah Republican, 1819-1823.**

### Davenport Timeline

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October 1st, 2010

1784 – Isaiah Davenport is born in Little Compton, RI to Jonathan and Sara Thurston Davenport. Jonathan, a carpenter, passed his trade to his four sons: Dudley, Isaiah, Samuel, Thomas.

1788 – Sarah Rosamund Clark, future wife of Isaiah Davenport, is born in the Beaufort District, SC area (a legal term that included both Prince William County and the city of Beaufort which is St. Helene Parish), to Archibald and Susannah Sutler Clark.

1795 – Sarah Rosamund Clark and family move to Savannah.

1805-06 – Isaiah is apprenticed in New Bedford, MA

1807-08 – Isaiah moves to Savannah.

1808 – Isaiah builds his first structure in Savannah which may have been what we call “Laura’s Cottage,” originally located at 122 Houston Street. (The house was moved to its present location, 420 E. State Street, in 1969.)

1809 – March 15 – Isaiah Davenport and Sarah Rosamund Clark marry.

– The Davenports enter into a seven-year lease for Lot 14, Columbia Square, the future site of the Davenport House side garden.

1810 – Isaiah becomes fire master for Greene and Columbia Wards.

– The Davenport’s first child, Susannah Elizabeth, is born.

– Isaiah purchases two slaves.

1812 – The Davenport’s second daughter, Sarah Rosamund, is born.

– Isaiah buys Lot 13, Columbia Ward, future side of the Davenport House (for \$900.00).

– Isaiah is commissioned by the U.S. Government to construct Martello Tower on Tybee Island to protect Savannah against Naval attack.

– Davenport family moves to South half of Lot 8, Washington Ward, at the corner of Bay and East Broad Streets.

– Daughter Sarah dies from teething and bowel complaint.

1813 – First son, Thurston Warren, is born.

–Davenport buys Lot 18, Green Ward

1814 – Son Thurston dies of dysentery at the age of nine months.

– Daughter Susannah dies of bilious fever at the age of four years.

– Son, Isaiah, Jr. is born.

1817 – Son Benjamin Rush Tippens is born.

– Isaiah builds McQueen house.

– Isaiah and brother Samuel are employed by the city of Savannah to enclose Warren and Washington Squares.

1818 – Isaiah purchases two additional slaves, bringing the number to six.

– Isaiah becomes a member of the Savannah Mechanics Association.

– Isaiah is elected city alderman. His first assignments include State, Lane, and Tree Committee, Health Committee, and a committee to keep the meat and vegetable market clean.

1819 – Son, Archibald Clark, is born.

– Isaiah is appointed to serve on a City Council committee to oversee the laying of a pavement of oyster shells “under the avenue of trees on the Bay,” in preparation for President Monroe’s visit.

– Isaiah is named to a City Council committee to “report on eligibility of Tybee Island as a place for our citizens to reside at during the summer months.”

1820 – Isaiah is assigned by the City to create a plan for temporary housing to accommodate those left homeless by the recent fire.

– Isaiah encloses Greene and Franklin Squares.

– Isaiah’s brother, Samuel, dies at age thirty-two of yellow fever.

– Son, Henry Kollock, is born.

– Isaiah begins construction of the Davenport House.

1821 – Isaiah repairs and paints the enclosures to Oglethorpe Square and builds at wharf West Broad Street.

– For the first of many times, Isaiah’s name appears in the minutes of Savannah City Council’s list of delinquent taxpayers. Lot 18, Greene Ward, and Lot 14, Columbia Ward, are slated to be sold unless taxes are paid.

– Isaiah is made constable for Columbia Ward.

– Isaiah purchases 300 acres of land on Little Ogeechee Neck for \$1000.

1822 – Hugh McCall Davenport is born.

– Isaiah once again is a successful candidate of city alderman.

– Isaiah continues to work on his house in Columbia Square.

– Chatham County Sheriff is instructed to advertise Lot 13 in Columbia Ward in the list of properties to be sold for non-payment of taxes.

– Isaiah bought Lot 4, Trustees Garden and 300 acres on Little Ogeechee Neck

1823 – Isaiah is included in the early list of candidates for city alderman, but soon withdraws his name and never serves as alderman again.

– The Davenports lose pew #60 at the Independent Presbyterian Church for failure to pay \$315.

1824 – Isaiah bids unsuccessfully on a large project to repair docks.

– Isaiah is appointed member of Board of Health for Columbia Ward.

1824 – Daughter, Cornelia Augusta, is born.

1825 – Lot 13 & 14, Columbia Ward and Lot 18, Greene Ward, owned by the Davenports, are cited in the minutes of City Council for non-payment of taxes.

– Isaiah purchases from Susannah Clark (mother-in-law) three slaves, bringing the total number of slaves owned by the Davenport family to nine.

1827 – Isaiah is awarded a contract for the construction of the Savannah Steam Saw Mill Company on Hutchinson Island.

– September 16 – Isaiah Davenport dies at age forty-three of yellow fever.

– Tenth child, Dudley, is born one month after Isaiah’s death.

– Sarah Davenport hires Mr. Thompson to finish the construction of the Savannah Steam Saw Mill. After paying him, Sarah clears \$24.50. Other sources of income include the hiring out of slaves and from rental properties.

– To meet the large tax bills and mortgages of the estate, Sarah decided initially to rent the family home, then decides to keep the home and open it as a boarding house.

1828 – Sarah sells several properties and some household goods to pay taxes and mortgages but continues to operate the family home as a boarding house.

1830 – Census indicates that Sarah Davenport owned 12 slaves.

1831: Sarah inherited Lot 30, Greene Ward, 517 E. York Street.

1838 – Isaiah Davenport, Jr., marries Martha E. Fairfax. They eventually have four children.

–Henry Kollock Davenport joins the U.S. Navy.

1839-40 – Cornelia Davenport attends the Hartford Female Seminary in Hartford, CN.

1840 – Sarah Davenport sells Davenport House to William Baynard of Hilton Head, South Carolina, for \$9,000. The Baynard family keeps ownership of the Davenport House until 1955. (The house was rented as a single family residence until the 1920s, when it becomes a boarding house for multiple families.)

– Benjamin Rush Davenport marries Mary Eliza Jenkins.

1844 – Cornelia Augusta Davenport marries Henry Rootes Jackson, a distinguished lawyer and statesman of Savannah. They eventually have four children.

1847 – Henry Kollock Davenport marries Jeannie Brent Graham. They eventually have two children.

– Hugh McCall Davenport marries Martha Anne Elizabeth Stone. They eventually have two children.

1850 – Archibald Clark Davenport becomes an inspector for the U.S. Customs Office.

– Hugh McCall Davenport is engaged as a merchant and superintendent at Cotton Press Kain's Wharf.

–Dudley Davenport is a USRM officer.

1853 – Cornelia Augusta Davenport Jackson dies of childbed fever at age twenty-nine following the death of a stillborn child (her fifth).

1858 – Isaiah Davenport, Jr. is a commercial merchant conducting business at 75 Bay Street.

1860 – Hugh McCall Davenport is a U.S. customs inspector in Chatham County

– Benjamin Rush Tippens Davenport is a teacher in Effington County, SC.

– Census records indicate Sarah Davenport as head of household with eleven slaves and listing her worth at \$7,500/no real estate), her son-in-law Henry Rootes Jackson lives in her household (listing worth at \$70,000 plus \$8,000 in real estate)

1864 – Sarah lives on northeast corner of Barnard and West Taylor Streets.

1866 – Sarah Davenport runs a boarding house on south side of Broughton Street next to the Marshall Hotel.

1867 – Dudley Davenport dies at age forty.

– Archibald Davenport is the Savannah City Treasurer.

1868 – Isaiah Davenport, Jr. dies at age fifty-three.

1869 – August 7 – Sarah Davenport, a resident of Jones Street, dies at age eighty-one of "old age" and is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery. Isaiah and other deceased family members (three children) are exhumed and reburied in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

1870 – Archibald Clark Davenport marries Jane E. Postell. They would have no children.



1872 – Henry Kollock Davenport, a captain in the U.S. Navy and commanding officer of the U.S. steamer Congress, dies in Franzenbad, Bohemia, at the age of fifty-one.

1875 – Benjamin Rush Davenport dies at the age of fifty-eight.

1879 – Hugh McCall Davenport dies at the age of fifty-seven.

1883 – The Davenport House is rented as a single-family residence.

1892 – Archibald Clark Davenport dies at age seventy-five.