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Lt. Gov. Ezekiel Pickens graduated from Princeton in 1790 as the valedictorian of his class. He served as S.C. Lieutenant Governor from 1802 to 1804. Pickens’ first wife was Elizabeth Bonneau of Charleston. She was the sister of Floride Bonneau, who married Col. John Ewing Colhoun Sr. and whose daughter, Floride Colhoun Calhoun, married U.S. Vice President John C. Calhoun. Elizabeth Bonneau Pickens gave birth to four children: Ezekiel Pickens Jr., Elizabeth Bonneau Pickens, Andrew Pickens and Samuel Bonneau Pickens.

Pickens’ second wife was Eliza Barksdale. The couple lived at their home site known as “The Cottage” Eliza Barksdale continued to reside there adjacent to the Hopewell property until her death in 1859. Eliza Barksdale gave birth to two sons and a daughter: Thomas Jones Pickens, Major Andrew Calhoun Pickens, and Mary Barksdale Pickens. Major Andrew Calhoun Pickens also married twice to Agnes “Nancy” Bell and to Mary Jones Boone. Mary Jones Boone Pickens’ children were Rev. Andrew Calhoun Pickens, Mary Jones Boone Pickens, Henry DeSaussure “Des” Pickens, and an unnamed infant.