

David Deas, 1771-1822

ca. 1740	John Deas and his brother, David, emigrated from Edinburgh, Scotland to South Carolina where they bought land in the Goose Creek area and operated a mercantile business in Charleston that sold imported goods and slaves.
1771	David Deas was born in Great Britain to Elizabeth Allen and John Deas
1785-1787	Attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)
1793	Admitted to the South Carolina bar
1794-1795	Served as representative of St. James, Goose Creek Parish in the South Carolina General Assembly
1800	Married Mary Sommers (d. 1826) with whom he had fourteen children
1800-1808	Served as representative of St. James, Goose Creek Parish in the South Carolina General Assembly
1802	Elected intendant of the City of Charleston
1817	President of the American Revolutionary Society
1822	Deas's death is listed as a suicide in the "Return of Interments in the City of Charleston." ¹

Sources

"Officers; American Revolution Society; David Deas." *City Gazette*. Charleston, South Carolina. 8 July 1817, 2.

Randle, Lisa Brigitte. "East Branch of the Cooper River, 1780-1820: Panopticism and Mobility." *Scholar Commons: Theses and Dissertations*. Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina, 2018.

Smith, Henry A. M. "The Baronies of South Carolina." *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* 18, no. 1 (1917): 3-36.

"South Carolina, Charleston City Death Records, 1821-1926." *FamilySearch* [<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99XW-FT2Y?cc=3477663>: 17 December 2019] > image 1 of 1; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia.

Woodward Ruth L., and Craven, Wesley Frank. *Princetonians 1784-1790: A Biographical Dictionary*, Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1991, 359-360.

¹ "South Carolina, Charleston City Death Records, 1821-1926," *FamilySearch* [<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99XW-FT2Y?cc=3477663>: 17 December 2019] > image 1 of 1; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia.