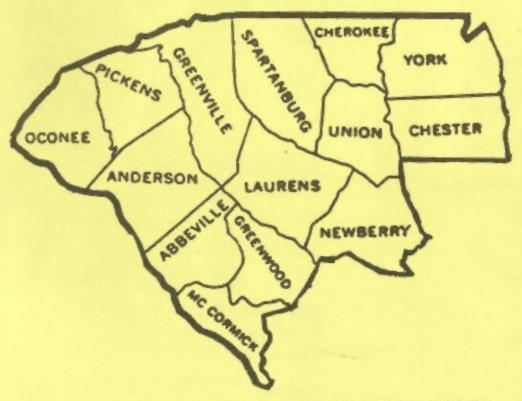
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January 18th	"Now That I Know The Basics, What Do I Do No	ext <sup>200</sup> Joey Gainey
February 15th	"Everyday Life in the 1860's"	Tim Foster & Joan Stevens
March 21st	"Proofi"	Joey Gainey
April 18th	"Researching Methodist Records at Wofford College"	Phillip Stone, Archivist
May 16th	"Finding Information on Your Female Ancestors"	Tommy Vaughan

June through November Meetings to be announced in our May issue.

#### NOTICE

If any of you have an interest in Hunt County, Texas, contact the Hunt County Genealogical Society. They are offering the original marriage licenses' for anyone who descends from a person who married in Hunt County. Just send them the request with the approximate date or exact date if possible Include a SASE and they will send the original document to you. This service is free, you only have to let them know you are interested. Their address is:

Hunt County Gen. Soc. Marriage License P O Box 398 Greenville, TX 75401

[Perhaps you will consider making a donation to their Society for providing this wonderful service]

# FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Contributor's note: The intent and purpose of this contribution is to expose family groups and family connections from the various types of court records from the upstate counties of South Carolina. The county and the type of record will be carefully identified. The wording, sentence structure (or lack thereof), and punctuation (or lack thereof) of original documents will be followed as closely as possible. Information within a document that is not essential nor relevant to the genealogical content will be elided, as indicated by successive dots, i.e., ... . Statements or individual words not in the original document will be enclosed by square brackets []. Names and places in boldface type are inserted by the contributor for purposes of highlighting and emphasis

#### CHESTER DISTRICT

Chester District, SC, Probate Court, Package 145, File 9, Estate of John Colvin (1793), Hannah Colvin and William Colvin, Executors

John Colvin's Will

In the name of God. Amen. I John Colvin of the State of South Carolina County of Chester Being weak in body but of sound mind & memory (Blessed be God) do this Sixth day of June Seven hundred Ninety Three make and ordain this my Last will & Testament in Manner Following-After my Debts and funeral charges are paid and discharged: that is to Say, Im primis, I give my Two Sons Thomas and Talton Colvin a tract of Land containing one Hundred and fifty acres joining land of Thomas Jenkins & William Wood granted to Allen Burton to be equally Divided between them with Reference to good & Bad, Item I give to my son William Colvin that Tract of Land where on he now Lives Containing one bundred & fifty acres, Item I give my Son in Law Benjamin Trustee, husband to my daughter Sarah Deceased on her part one shilling sterling. I give and bequeath to my ^ Losing Dear wife Hannah Colvin all my negroes and their increase during her Life and widowhood Together with all the Rest & Residue of my goods & chattels & Personal Estate, Except one young black mare, which I give to my son Daniel Colvin and after the Death of my wife or Day of marriage the Hole of my Estate & its increase to Be eeoblly [nic, probably "agnally"] Divided Between my children as following: William, John, Nicholas, Daniel, Edward, Thomas, Talton, Rhoda, Mary, Charlotte, & Lavicey Colvin Item I also appoint my wife Hannah and my son William Colvin Executrix and Executor of this my Last will and Testament. And Do here by utterly Revoke, Disallow and Disannul all former Bequeath wills or Legacies by me heretofore in anywise Left or made. Declaring Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness where of I have here unto Set my hand & Seal the Day and year above written

Signed Sealed Published & Declared

(Signed) John Colvin (Seal)

in the presents of

John Pratt John Price Sarah Price

Recorded in the office of Chester County this 24th day of September 1793 In Will Book A and page 137 Test. Samuel Lacey

Order to Appraise the Estate of John Colvin Decd

State of South Carolina County of Chester} Joseph Timms James Gore James Hughey Thomas Jenkins & Peter Sealy, (or any three of them) who being sworn before a Justice of the Peace [are] appointed to make out an inventory &n appraisement of the estate of John Colvin deceased [and] make one return thereof unto the office of Chester County according to Law

Test. Rich<sup>d</sup> Taliaferro Clk Chester County

190=8=01/4

Oath of appraisers

South Carolina, Chester County Joseph Timms, James Gore and James Huey came before me & Took the oath Proscribed by Law to appraise the with in Estate & a true inventory there of make-Sworn this 10th October 1793 Before me John Pratt

Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of John Colvin Dec

Recorded in the office of Chester County in Will [Book] A Page 139 this the 14th day of January 1794 Test. Sami Lacey Clk

Only the slaves will be listed here:

One Negr	roe woman i	named Jane	£20=0=0
One Negr	roe	Lucy	€68=0=0
One Negr	oe Named I	harry	£45=0=0
One Negr	roe Named l	Peg	£60=8=0
One Negr	ro named Li	mbrick	£65=0=0
One Negr	roe Pe	eter	£40
One smal	l Negroe gir	l Named Jane	[25
		Named bennitt	£15
			PW.

The total value of the inventory was £489=13=4, a rather substantial sum.]

Certified by us this 10th day of October 1793. Joseph Timms James Goree James Huey} appraisers

Account of Debts Pai	d by Executors of Estate of John C	olvin Deceases
1793, Oct 14th	paid to James Stuart	(0=3=0
Nov' 15	paid to Thomas B. Franklin	4=3=0
Dect 12	paid to William Jenkins	2=16=0
28 <sup>th</sup>	paid to John Head	0=3=0
1794, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	paid to Benjamin Trustee	0=11=0
Jany 7th	paid to James Daughtarty	35=0=0
Feb 1 <sup>ss</sup>	paid Legre Bennett	0=16=0
April 20th	paid to John Mills	1=17=4
21"	paid to Isaac Tailor	2=1=4
May 13th	paid to John Ozborn	0=1=0
Aug! 19th	paid to John Price	1=5=3
[omitted] 10th	paid Alexander Bell	13=14=4
Nov 8th	paid James Cooper	3=10=0
Nov 17th	paid Jeremiah Kempley	1=15=9
Dec 21st	paid James Rutherford	8=14=9
24th	paid to Doct Harmon Anderson	1=5=0
26 <sup>th</sup>	paid to Richard Evins	2=6=9
27 <sup>th</sup>	paid William Woodward	8=9=4
1795, Jan <sup>y</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	paid William Nebbes	1=4=13/4
Feb <sup>y</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup>	paid to William Garrett	1=2=91/2
March 27th	paid to James Gore	1=5=8
D <sub>o</sub>	paid to Edward Halsey	0=5=0
D°	paid Allen Degraffenried	5=2=4

South Carolina, Chester County} Personally appeared William Colvin Before me & made oath agreeable to Law that the within statement as it stands stated is just & True to the best of his knowledge. Sworn to this 20th of April 1795 Before me John Pratt J. P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Return Made by the Executors of John Colvin Deceased

The following statement is a true Schedule of Debts paid by the Executors of John Colvin Deceased in order following Viz

To Allen Degraffenris	ed p' note	8=17=91/2
To Do	p' proven acc¹	10=8=01/4
To Martha Bell	p' note	14=0=0
To John Humphries	p' proven acc1	0=14=0
To John Hopkins	p' acc' for rent	9=11=4
To Ursley Bond	p <sup>c</sup> note	3=15=9
To Thomas Jenkins	p <sup>r</sup> proven acc <sup>r</sup>	1=16=0
To Alexander Bell	proven acct	5=18=9
To Jeremiah Kingsley	p' proven acc'	2=16=0
	sul you en	£ 57=17=7¾

South Carolina, Chester County Personally appeared William Colvin Before me the subscribing Justice and made oath agreeable to Law that the above Return as it stands stated is Just & True

y 1796	
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William x Colvin

Before me John Pratt

mark Recorded in the office of Chester County in Will Book A and Page 294 this 16th September 1796 Test. Sam Lacey Clk

Return of the Executors of John Colvin D ecdFor the Year 1796

July the 25th 1797 The following is a true schedule of debts paid by the Executors of John Colvin Deceas to his creadettors in order followinf, Viz

1796, July 28th To Allexander Donald by decree in County

Court of Chester, with the Deft's attoney	£11=14=01/4
To Allexander Bell p' note given for Ballance Of Acct	£ 2=12=1 £14=6=1¼
	211 0 114

Recorded in Will Book Ap. 343 this 6 August 1797

Test. Sam' Lacey Clk

4th Annual Return of the Estate of John Colvin Deceased

The following Statement is a true Schedule of a Debt paid by the Executors of John Colvin Decd -----

To Allexander Gordon, Executor to the Estate of John Lee Deceased p' proven account \_{2=3=0} South Carolina, Chester County William Colvin personally came before me the subscribing Justice & made oath as the Law directs that the above return is just and True his

Sworn to and signed this 23th July 1798 William x Colvin Before me John Pratt | P

mark

Annual Return on Estate of John Colvin for the Year 1802

The following Statement is a true schedule [of] Debt and Cost paid by the Executors of John Colvin Deceased

to David Hopkins an [?]ct in Law---

To principal paid p' attorneys (31=17=10 To paid attorneys to defend s<sup>d</sup> suit 3=19= 4 To paid witnesess p' their proven acc'

9=18=10 £45=15= 02

South Carolina, Chester County Personally came William Colvin Before me the subscribing Justice and made oath as the Law directs that the above Return is Just & True to the best of his knowledge

his

Sworn to and signed this 24th April 1802 Before me John Pratt

William x Colvin

An Inventory and Sale of Part of the Estate of John Colvin Deceased 23rd March 1804

THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	
One negro man Peter	\$565
One negro man Harry	588
One negro woman named Luce & Child	581
One negro boy John	381
One negro garl named Jane	488
One negro Boy named Bennett	390
One negro Boy Joe	28
One negro garl Sal	301
one negro garl Mary	_200
the Managaran Carlo Locate Locate Locate	\$ 3775

South Carolina, Chester County} Personally came William Colvin before me the subscribing Justice and made oath as directed by Law that the above Inventory is Just & True to the Best of his knowledge

Sworn to and signed this 28th April 1804

William x Colvin

Before me John Pratt

mark

[We have an example with this estate of the utter failure of the annual returns to give a clue to the names of the husbands of the decedent's daughters. It is unfortunate for us that a partition of John Colvin's estate is not included in the file, since a married daughter's part was received by her husband. It is likely that a partition would have been made for the rather substantial residue of this estate. Has it been misplaced or lost from this file? Two short documents from the estate of John Crosby (Apartment 9, Package 147, May 1797) appear in John Colvin's file. However, no Colvin documents are in the Crosby file. Colvin researchers assert that Hannah Price was the maiden name of John Colvin's wife.]

# ChesterCounty Deed Book N, page 187

Power of Attorney

South Carolina} Know all men by these presents that I Clayton Rogers of Chester County in the state aforesaid for diverse and good causes & considerations me hereunto moving do hereby ordain constitutte & appoint my son Amos Rogers my true &Lawful attorney for me in my name to ask for Receive & Recover all Debts of every Description which are or hereafter shall become due to me within the State of South Carolina or Else whether the the same be Due & owing by Bond note book Debt or private contract & to use all Lawful means for the recovery thereof as fully & amply as I myself could do If I was personally present ... In testimoney whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & seal this Eleventh day of April 1808

Clayton Rogers

[Witnesses John McKelvey Jo. Brown

So Carolina, Chester District John McKelvey personally appeared and being duly sworn Declares that he saw Clayton Rogers Sign & Deliver the within Instrument for the purposes therein mentioned Jo. Brown was present and subscribed as witness with deponent. Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of April 1808.

John M'Kelvey

Before me J. Brown JP

[The interested reader should see this Quarterly, Volume XII, No. 3, August, 1998, pp. 163-166, for the York County, SC Rogers family with which Clayton Rogers is affiliated.]

#### FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

#### Fairfield District, SC Deed Book A, page 91

Shed Power of Attorney

Know all men by these presents that I James Thompson Shed of the State of South Carolina & Fairfield County—planter—for diverse good causes & considerations for hereunto moving Have made ...Cap\* William Robertson of the state and county aforesaid Gent\*\* my true & lawful attorney ... to ask and demand from all and every persons whatever in the State of Virginia and particularly from Thomas Langston and George Winn[?] Executors of the the Estate of my late Father James Shed of Loudon County deceased all such Sum or Sums of money ... due to me the said James Thompson Shed ... In witness whereunto I have set my hand & Seal this ninth day of July 1790, and of our Independency of the United States of America the fifteenth.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

James Thompson Shed {LS}

Philip Raiford James Hogan

South Carolina, Fairfield County Before me James Craig Esq' Personally appeared M' James Hogan and made oath that he did see the named James Thompson Shed Sign Seal and Deliver his act and Deed the within Power of Attorney to Captain William Robertson and did also [see] Phillip Raiford assign his name as witness thereto

Sworn to August 10th 1790

James

before James Craig J. P

Recorded 4 Sept 1790

Hogan

# Fairfield District, SC Deed Book A, page 89

Shed Power of Attorney

[Pages 85-88 are missing from Deed Book A, and the only following fragment remains of this power of attorney.]

... In witness whereunto I have set my hand and Seal this ninth Day of July 1790 and of our Independence of the United States of America the fifteenth

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

George Shed {LS}

Philip Raiford

Thomas Bell

South Carolina, Fairfield County} Before me James Craig Esq' one of the State Justices for said county Personally appeared Phillip Raiford and made oath that he did see the within named George Shed Sign Seal and Deliver the within Power of Attorney to Cap' William Robertson and did assign his name as witness thereto and did also see Thomas Bell sign his name in witness likewise

Sworn to July 9th 1790 before James Craig I.P.

Phillip Raiford

Fairfield District, SC Deed Book A, page 199

Know all Men by these presents that we James Dillard Sen' and James Dillard Jun' of Fairfield County

and State of South Carolina planters for and in consideration of the Sum of Thirty Nine pounds six shillings and three pence sterling in hand and truly paid by James Davis of sd county & State do mortgage Set over and Deliver unto the said James Davis in open Market & according to him one Negro girl named Rachel which said negro we do hereby warrent and forever defend Provided always and this present mortgage is upon condition nevertheless that if the said James Dillard Sen' and James Dillard Jun' or either of them or their heirs etc shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the sil James Davis his Heirs etc the above Sum of Thirty "aim pounds and C/S on or before the Sixth day of April will be in the year of our Lord 1795 without failure or further delay, the present Mortgage to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue of Law. Be it further remarked that the the said Negro is not redeemable till the after the 25th Day of Decem' next. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of April 1793 James Dillard (L.S.)

Test.

Ja" Dillard {L.S.}

Richard Winn C.D. Bradford

Recorded 16 Nov 1793

[It is true that the designation "Junior" does not always mean a father-son relation. However, since James Dillard Senior and James Dillard Junior are co-signers in the mortgage above for the same Negro slave, there is a very high probability for the father-son connection.]

Fairfield District, SC Deed Book A, page 13

State of South Carolina To whom these presents shall come we David McCreight and Martha his wife od Fairfield County planters Send Greetings. Whereas William Orr late of Ballymoney in the County of Antrim within the Kingdom of Ireland lately died Intestate leaving one Son and Two Daughters his only lawful Issue, namely Robert Orr of Ballymoney aforesaid Margaret Orr now Margaret Harbeson of Ballymoney in the said County of Antrim and Martha Orr - now Martha M'Creight of the County of Fairfield within the State aforesaid Now know ye that we the said David M'Creight

and Martha his wife for certain good causes and considerations for hereunto moving Have nominate constitute and appoint Robert Campbell of Ballymoney in the County of Antrim aforesaid Gentleman to be our sole and Lawful attorney for us and in our name ... In witness whereof we David M'Creight and Martha M'Creight have hereunto set our hand Hands and Seals this Twentyfourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six and in the Tenth year of the independence of the United States of North America D. M'Creight {L.S.}

Martha M'Creight (L.S.)

Fairfield District, SC Deed Book K, Page 45

State of South Carolina, Fairfield County) To all to whom these presents shall come we Mathew M°Creight and William Briant do send greeting that we the said Mathew M°Creight and William Briant both of the state and county aforesaid for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which we have and do bear towards our Mother in law Sarah Hardage of the said county and state widow have given and granted and by these presents do frankly and freely give and grant unto said Sarah Hardage a negro woman by the name of Aggy during her natural life and at her decease to return to us the said Mathew M'Creight and William Briant. In witness whereof we the said Mathew M'Creight and William Briant have hereunto set our hands and seals this 3rd day of April 1795

Signed Sealed and delivered In the presence of us

Mathew M'Creight {L.S.}

William x Briant (L.S.) John o~ McCreight Jannet of McCreight mark mark mark

Fairfield County) Personally appeared John M'Creight and made oath that he did see Mathew M'Creight and William Briant sign seal and deliver this within Instrument of writing for the use within mentioned and did also see Jennet M'Creight sign her name at the same time as witness thereto.

Sworn to before me this 8th August 1795 Chas Puckett I P

Recorded 29th September 1795

John x M'Creight

mark

#### Fairfield District, SC Deed Book K, page 46

Manumission of Aggy

After the decease of Sarah Hardage Know all men by these presents that I William Briant and Mathew M'Creight of the County of Fairfield and Commonwealth of South Carolina have of their own free will and accord doth remiss release and set free a negro woman namely Aggy ... In witness whereof we have set our hands this second day of December 1794 his

Signed before William Cason William x Briant mark

Labon Cason

Mathew M'Creight

Fairfield County} Personally appeared William Cason and made oath that he did see the within named William Briant and Mathew M'Creight sign seal and deliver the within instrument ...

Sworn to before me

William Cason

Cha\* Puckett J P

Recorded 29th September 1795

Fairfield District, SC Deed Book L, page 88

State of South Carolona This Indenture made the eleventh Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety and in the fourteenth year of the American Independence between Daniel Muse of Orange County, Orange Burge District and state aforesaid planter of the first part and Thomas Muse of Edgefield County [sid], Camden District of the other part Witnesses that the said Daniel Muse for and in consideration of ten pounds 14/36 sterling ... to him the said Daniel Muse in hand ... paid ... by the said Thomas Muse ... have ... sold ... all that plantation or tract of Land containing one hundred acres whereon the said Thomas Muse now lives, situate ... on little thorn tree creek the waters of Lawreys Creek in said county and District and bounded to the S.E' on Robert Robertsons Land-and to the west by John Morrisons Land, together with all and singular the houses ... and jatj all times to keep harmless and indemnified the the said Thomas Muse ... from and against the Dower and Title of Dower of Rebeccah Muse the wife of the daid Daniel Muse ...

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Daniel Muse {L.S.}

John Milhouse Sen'

E. H. Woodrow

her Rachel x Davis

Daniel Milhouse

mark

South Carolina, Orange County Memorandum that on the twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety personally appeared Daniel Milhouse who being duly sworn on the holy Evangalist of Almighty God sayth that he was present and saw Daniel Muse sign seal and deliver the within lease ... Sworn the day and date above written before me Step\* Curry | P

Recorded 22 Nov 1797

Pickens County, SC, Probate Court, Box 33, No. 380, Estate of James Cannon (1855), John R.Cannon,

#### Petition for Letters of Administration (Filed 23rd July 1855)

To M.J. Parsons Esq Ordinary

The undersigned humbly petition your court for letters of Administration upon the personal property belonging to the Estate of James Cannon late of Pickens District Deceas'd and your Petitioner will ever pray etc

July the 22sd 1855

(Signed) John R.M. Cannon

Citation (23rd July 1855)

South Carolina, Pickens District} Whereas J.R.M. Cannon hath applied to me for letters of Adm'n on all of the personal property belonging to the Estate of James Cannon late of Pickens District Deceased The Kindred and creditors of Said Deceased are therefore to appear before the Court of Ordinary for said District on Monday the 6th day of August next to show cause if any they can why said letters should not be granted given under my hand and seal the 23rd July 1855

W.I. Parsons OPD {Seal}

Bond of Administration (Filed 6th August 1855)

State of South Carolina, Pickens District\ Know all men by these presents, that we John R. Cannon J.W.L. Cary and Thomas D. Morgan are holden and firmly bound unto W.J. Parsons Esquire, Ordinary for the District aforesaid, in the full and just sum of six thousand dollars ... Sealed with our seals and dated this the sixth day of Angust in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

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Signed, Sealed, and Delivered	John R M Cannon	{Seal}
in the presence of	Thomas D, Morgan	{Seal}
W.S. Reese	LW.L. Cary	{Seal}
John B Parsons	IAll signed	

Letters of Administration (Recorded in Letter Book page 178)

[Letters of Administration on the estate of James Cannon were granted to John R. M. Cannon on August 6, 1855.]

Warrent of Appraisement (Filed 6th August 1855)

By W.J. Parsons Esq Ordinary These are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are hereinunder written to repair to all such parts and places within the state as you shall be directed unto by John R.M. Cannon, Administ of all the goods and chattels of James Cannon late of Pickens District ... To W.H. Stribling E Alexander J.W.L. Cary William going Col. James Byd [Boyd?] or any three or four of them.

Order for Sale (Filed 13th Aug 1855)

To M.J. Parsons Esq Ordinary The undersigned humbly petitions your court for an order to sell all the personal property belonging to the Estate of James Cannon late of Pickens District Deceased & your petitioner will ever pray etc

John R. M. Cannon

On hearing the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that all the personal property belonging to the Estate of James Cannon Deceased be Advertised in the Keowee Courier at least fifteen days and sold to the highest bidder on Saturday the 1st day September next. Sold on a credit of nine months without interest. except negro property which will be sold with interest from Date ...

Appraise Bill of the Estate of James Cannon (Filed 17th Dec 1855)

The appraisers were E.E. Alexander, W" H. Stribling and J.W.L Cary, and the appraisement was done on September 1, 1855. Included were the following two slaves:

arprenant 1, 10		One Negro man Isa	The state of the s		\$1000.00
	One old " woman not sound			\$ 20.00	
The following n	otes v	vere recorded as "goo	d":		
	Note	on T.D. Morgan	\$15.00	due	8 May 1855
	44	"T.D. Morgan	5.00	66	23 April 1855
	44	" R.F. Morgan	65.00	14	9 May 1854
	46	" J.R.M. Cannon	10.50	66	25 Apr 1855
		" John Morgan	4.00	66	3 Apr 1855
	46	" Samuel Reid	88.00	66	29 Sept 1854
Account		R.F. Morgan	3.90		
44		John Oakley	1.87		
**		J R M Cannon	1.75		

The total amount of the appraisement was not summed.

Sale Bill (Filed 17th Dec 1855)

Buyers at the estate sale held on September 1, 1855 were the following tabulated below:

James M Morgan	W <sup>m</sup> Cannon	Ransom O'Neal	Joseph Brewe
John C. Fringe	W** H. Stribling	E. E. Alexander	Z. Hubbard
Harvey Hughes	Eliz. Wilson	Thomas D. Morgan	And* Jackson
John Watson	Joseph Wilson	Capt. R. F. Morgan	W. J. Watson
Col. J Norton	Mrs. Wilson	Henry Vanhollen	E. M. Perry
Jas. Davison	Rob' Knox	Monroe Cannon	Henry Myrs
Daniel Hughes	J. R. M Cannon	Holland Brewer	T. J. Morgan
Bennet Moody	James Jeans	Maj. Geo. Seaborn	John Jackson
John Wilson	T. M. Stribling	Thos. J Morgan	J. M. Morgan
Mrs. Cannon	Sam'l Reid	Geo. Elliott	T. J. Keith
W. F. Tierce	J.W.L. Cary	M. M. Norton	John Watson

The sale of two slaves and their purchasers are note below:

1 Negro Man Isaac bought by Tho. D. Morgan \$1165

1 " Woman Ret. " " Mrs. Cannon \$ 51

The sale brought a total of \$1774.50, and it was certified by Miles M. Norton with the statement: "I certify the above to be a correct Bill of the Sale of the personalty of James Cannon deceased."]

Petition for the Sale of Real Estate of James Cannon (Filed 6th Aug 1855)

South Carolina, Pickens District To W.J. Parsons Judge of the Court of the Ordinary for said District The undersigned Heirs at law of James Cannon late of Pickens District Deceased petitions your court for an order to sell or divide the Real Estate of Said Deceased lying on waters of Crooked Creek waters of little River adjoining lands of R.F. Morgan John R Cannon and others containing two hundred Acres more or less.

The following are the Heirs[:] Mary Cannon widow of said Deceased entitled to one third of the proceeds of the lands James Morgan & wife Nancy Joseph Barton & wife Morning Thomas D. Morgan

and wife Ruth John R Cannon Maliciah Perry and wife Polly Jacob Cannon [and] R. F. Morgan and wife Melesey for which your petitioner will ever pray etc Aug the 6th 1855

Thomas D. Morgan

John R Cannon

Proof of Value (Filed 6th August 1855)

South Carolina, Pickens District) Personally appeared L. N. Robins & Stephen Garrett & made oath that the Real Estate of James Cannon late of Pickens District is not worth one thousand dollars to the best of their knowledge and that it would be better for the said Real Estate to be sold and divided amoung the said Heirs (signed) L.N. Robins Stephen Garrett

(signed) Sworn before me the 6th Aug 1855 W. J. Parsons OPD {Seal}

Notice to Appear Before Ordinary (2nd November 1855)

State of South Carolina, Pickens District To Mary Cannon widow of James Cannon Deceased intitled to one third of the proceeds of the land James Morgan and wife Nancy Thomas D Morgan and wife Ruth Malaciah Perry and wife Polly Robert F Morgan and wife Melesy legal heirs and Representatives of James Cannon who died intestate you are hereby Required to appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden at Pickens Court House for Pickens District on Monday the 12th day Inst to shew cause if any you can why the Real Estate of James Cannon Deceased Situated in Pickens District on Crooked Creek waters of Little River ... should not be sold and divided ... Given under my hand and seal the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1855 W. J. Parsons O.P.D. (Seal)

[Curiously, the two male heirs were not cited to appear in court.]

Ordinary's Bond for Money (7th January 1856)

State of South Carolina, Pickens District\ Know all Men by these presents that we James M. Hunnicutt and M. R. Hunnicutt and E. J. Hunnicutt are held and firmly bound unto W. I. Parsons Esquire, Ordinary for Pickens District in the full and just sum of Nineteen hundred and ten dollars ... Sealed with our seals, and dated this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six ...

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of

J.M. Hunnicutt {Seal}

E.J. Hunnicutt {Seal} W<sup>ss</sup> Dickson [and] C E Jenkins James L. Boyd {Seal}

Order for Sale of Real Estate (Filed 6th December 1855)

According to Pickens County Deed Book H-1, page 9, the two hundred acres on Crooked Creek belonging to the late. James Cannon was sold by the sheriff on order of W.J. Parsons, Ordinary, to James M. and M. R. Hunnicutt for \$955 on February 5, 1856.]

Receipts for Land Payments (7 Jan 1856 - Oct 28, 1857)

[Written on the outside of the Money Bond were entries noting payments received by W.J. Parsons made by the buyers of the tract of land formerly owned by James Cannon, deceased. These are transcribed below.]

> 7 Jan 1856 Forty one dollars and twenty five cts Jan 5 1857 four hundred & Seventy eight dollars & 30/100 dollars one hundred & fifteen dollars & 81/100 dollars Feb 2 1857 Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857 one hundred and fifteen dollars and 48/100 dollars

Aug 23rd 1857 one hundred & Eighteen dollars and 81/100 dollars Oct 28 1857 Sixty dollars March the 16th 1858 Fifty dollars and 90/100 dollars

Receipts for Distributive Shares of the Heirs

W.J. Parsons Esqr. Please send me by Mr. A.B. Grant all the Money due me in the office & much oblige (Signed) E. M. Perry

[On the back side] Rec'd on this order this sixty one dollars 41/100 dollars August 2nd 1858

(Signed) A. B. Grant

Received of W.J. Parsons Ordinary for Pickens District One hundred and fifteen dollars & 50/100 dollars in full of our Distributive share of the Real Estate [of] James Cannon Deceased

March the 2nd 1857 RobertF Morgan Malisa F Morgan

Pickens C H Nov 17th 1856 Mr W.J. Parsons Ordinary for Pickens District South Carolina please pay to Col. Jeptha Norton our Distributive share of the Real Estate of James Cannon late of Pickens District Deceased and this shall be your receipt for the same

In the Presence of Joseph x Barton Rob Thompson mark

Mourning x Barton mark

Joseph Barton's order \$114.15

Jan'y 5th 1856 Rec'd of W.J.Parsons OPD one hundred & fifteen Dollars & 15/100 dollars in full of the within order Jeptha Norton

Rec'd of W.J. Parsons Ordinary for P D 114 & 81/100 dollars in full my distributive share of the Real Estate of James Cannon Deceased Feb 2nd 1857 John R.M. Cannon

Rec'd Pickens C H Augt 3rd 1857 from W J Parsons 118 dollars & 81cents in full of my distributive share of my fathers Estate (Real) J. C. Cannon

Thomas D. Morgan

Thomas F. Morgan Receits January 5, 1857

Received of W.J. Parsons OPD two hundred and twenty eight dollars and 30/100 dollars in full of my distributive share of the Real Estate of James Cannon Deceased

Jan 5th 1857 [Note that this share is about double the others.]

Thomas D. Morgan

Rec'd of W.J. Parsons OPD one hundred and forteen Dollars & 15 cts in full of my Destributive shir of the Real Estate of James Cannon Dec'd

January 1 1857 Test. R. Stewart Thomas J Morgan Agent for father

Final Settlement of Estate of James Cannon was on March the 16th 1858.

MATHEW MATHIS JOURNAL-CONCLUDED

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Contributor's Note: Two installments of the contents of the old-style ledger book used by Mathew Mathis and his survivors have appeared in earlier issues of this Quarterly. The first, February 1999, Vol. XIII, No. 1, contained the family record of Mathew Mathis and marriages, deaths, and events recorded by him that happened in the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s. The second installment, August 1999, Vol. XII, No. 3, was a sample of the warrents and subpeonas served by Mathew Mathis on his neighbors in his duty as an officer of the Spartanburg District court. This final installment summarizes the marriages and other entries recorded in this old ledger by survivors of Mathew Mathis, particularly by his youngest son William P. Mathis, during the 1860s and 1870s. Again, the contributor expresses his thanks to the owner of the old ledger, Mrs. Dorathy (Dot) Brown Floyd of 2444 Scott Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302, for sharing it with the readers of this Quarterly.

Marriages

Sarah gilmore and Charles Legg was maried february the 10 1859 Nancy Mathis and Manuel E. Edwards [date not recorded]

[These two entries were probably made by Morgan C. Mathis, since his brother William P. was only twelve years of age in the year 1859.]

Marriages-Continued

Eunice Gilmore & Piker Griffin was married May 11 1870

John Patterson [no bride recorded] was married June 3rd 1870

John Bagwell and Lucy Mathis was Married March 2rd [sid 1871

Addie Cannon & S. Kirby was married 3rd Sunday in January 1879

Salathiel Kirby & Addie Cannon was married January 19th 1879 by J. Burgess [These last two entries pertain to the same event.]

John Cannon & Eliza Parker was married Oct 1879 by \_\_ Dutton [John and Addie Cannon were siblings, children of William Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon.]

Rufus Lancaster and Polly Rountree was married Oct 27th 1832 [sid] [It is possible that the year of this last marriage in in error; it was recorded just after the previous two marriages in 1879 on the same page.]

As an example of the many whitnsical writings of William P. Mathis in this old ledger, the following probably pertains to the Rufus Lancaster named above:

Spartanburg District, Spartanburg CH, So Ca.) This is to certifiy that I have examined Roof Lancaster and find him entirely unfit for the office to which he has recently been appointed. I therefore request that you discharge him at once. If not you will have dealt With as you know it is in my power. Respectfully, W.P. Mathis President

He that marrieth doeth well, But he does not Doeth Better.]

Events of the 1860s recorded in the ledger

Abraham Lincoln was assinated April 3, 1863.

by J. Burgess

Elisha Williams was brought before Court charged with bigamy In August 1865. And found Guilty. February 13th 1869 Moses Williams D' [debtor] to Noah W. Mathis

To Ballance on shoes

\$2.00

To one half Bushel Salt \$ .65
To Hawling [hauling?] .50
To one plug Tobacco .25
\$4.40
Cr By work Settlement in full \$4.40

[The Mathis family appears to have operated a mercantile business of some sort. The ledger has many pages of accounts of purchases.]

Berry Cannon Lost his whiskey Nov 26th. 1867 at Ann Abernathey's.

U.S. Grant was elected President of the U.S. Nov 3rd 1868 Was inaugerated on 4th March following

Events of the 1870s recorded in the ledger

Todd Mathis was first Seen at the Air Line RR Bridge July 18th 1872 by Jack Jones.

Air Line R.R. Bridge over Pacolet [River] was completed July 10th 1873.

The first shovel of Dirt that was thrown toward the Erection of the Spartanburg & Asheville RR was by Mr. Memminger of So. Ca. & Gabe Cannon rolled it. Levi Morrison got drunk and played the Devil and We all had a bully time.

Conclusion

[The old ledger-book was used by William P. Mathis to practice his penmanship. There are many Bible verses and hymns written and rewritten, as well as aphorisms. Two little couplets that were written over and over are the following:

This book is one thing and hemp is another. Don't steal the one for fear of the other.

This book is one thing and wheat bran is another. One is full of trash and so is the other.

William P. Mathis had a penchant for drafting fanciful compositions in the ledger. The following are two examples.

Spartanburg So Ca July 28th 1875 Dear Cousin, I drop You a few lines which will inform You that I am well at present and hope this may find You in good health. I am some what of the Opinion that You had better come as Soon as You can get here. If they get hold of You when You are on the dodge they will put You in Jail until Court and that will be three months from now. Paw [pause? or perhaps "Paw" meaning father "is"] now in the matter of finding out the Same case that You were a witness against thad Stephens Last winter.

Spartanburg, So. Ca. Oct 8th 1875 Dear Sit, I drop You a few lines which will inform You that I am well at present and hope this may find You well. I received yours of the 21th In due time and was glad to hear that You was well. Times are very dull here at the present time. Money is scarce. Cotten is very Low it is worth only 12½ Cts. Corn crops are very Good but not So large as Usual. I am Distilling at this time and have been for about a year. I have made about Three Thousand Dollars clear within the last twelve Months. I have been running five Stills this Year and expect to run about Twelve next year.]

#### FROM THE MCCORMICK ADVANCE NEWSPAPER

Issue of Thursday, January 6, 1887

Christmas has come and gone, and a more [illegible word] and quiet one I never seen. surely the morals of our young people are improving.

W. E. Freeland and Miss Dora E. Freeland spent Xmas in the Truton Section.

H. D. Harkman and family, of Celesta, spent several days at Plum Branch.

Miss Lizzie Robinson, of Richland Springs, is on a visit to our town.

Some of the boys who went to Georgia for a good time with the girls, must have recived a cold reception, as many returned next morning.

The measles have made their appearance at Paksville.

Services next Sunday at both the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

There is considerable moving around in town. Good opening for merchants with a big bank account.

Miss Lula and May Blackwell spent Christmas at home. They will return to school this week.

The Bachelor of the white cottage is moving around lively, and we think he means business.

Why will you cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief, price 10cts., 50cts., and \$1. For sale by P. B. Calhoun, also at Mt. Cormel by Calhoun & Links. The Mother of The James Boys

Dress Making - Mrs. Pitts is prepared to do all kinds of Dress-Making after the latest syles. She has several years experience and displays great taste, and her prices are very reasonable. She desires the ladies to call and give her a trial. She has the latest books and all of the leading styles, and guarantees a perfect fit.

MARRIED: At the residence of the bride's father, John Bracknell, near Doraville, S.C. By Rev. J. A. Bell, Dec. 26th, 1886. Mr. Thomas Falkner to Miss Carrie Bracknell. All of Edgefield County. Quite a number of friends were present to witness their nuptial occasion. We wish this happy couple a long married life of joy.

MARRIED: At the residuece of the bride's father, Mr. C. P. Holly, Dec. 30th, 1886, by the Rev. J. A. Bell. Mr. J. W. Bracknell to Miss.M. J. Holly of Doraville. All of Edgefield County. Many were the warm congratulations from relatives and friends to this gladsome young couple. The supper was elegant and extensive. May it have been a beautiful foretoken of their path-way through life.

MARRIED: At the residence of Maj. Bowls of Edgefield County, by the Rev. F. McMillian, on January 4th 1887. Mr. Ben Freeman of Lincoln, Ga. to Miss Maggie Shedrick of Edgefield County. Attendence-Mr. P. D. Shedrick, Miss Milburn Dorn, Mr. P. Y. Dorn, Miss Emma Shederick, Mr. P. R. Bussy, Miss C. Bowles, Mr. W. H. Freeman, Miss Prue Williams.

Hunters and trespassers take notice!

You are hereby notified not to hunt or trespass on the premises of the estate of C.H. McCormick, deceased, in any manner whatsoever,

Jas. Cothran, Jr. . Agt.

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# REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS, JAMES SEAY AND HIS WIDOW SARAH SEAY

Contributed by Lorene Fisher and transcribed by Betty Jean Foster Dill.

Editor's Note: The Seays below are relatives of the Seays who settled in Spartanburg County, SC.

Know all men by these presents, that we James Seay and John Rirely are held and firmly bound unto his

Excellency Henry Lee Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being and to
his successors in the sum of fifry pounds, to the payment whereof will & truly to be made, we bind
ourselves, our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with
our seals & dated this 24th day of December 1792 (Twenty fourth day of December Seventeen hundred &
ninety two)

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage intended Shortly to be had and Solemnized between the above bound James Seay bachelor and Sarah Spicer Spinster. Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue

Sealed & delivered }

in presence of James Seay {Seal}

Thomas Waring Todd John Rirely (Seal)

State of Virginia }
Hanover County, to wit }

I William O. Winston clerk of the County of Hanover in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the Marriage License bond of James Seay now on file in my office, with the exception of the date, which is in plain legible figures "24" day of December 1792"

In Testimony whereof I have herewith Set my hand & affixed the Seal of the said County the twenty fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

State of Virginia - Hanover County to wit:

On this 24th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Genet Anderson a Justice of the peace for the county & state aforementioned James Seay a resident of said county aged Seventy one years, who having first been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th

s/Wm O. Winston C.H.C.

He states that he was born near Charles [Terrils?] Tavern in the upper part of Hanover about Twenty seven miles from Hanover Court House on the 25th day of February in the year 1761 according to family register there "being" no record of his age, that he was drafted & called into the service of the United States in the year 1779 as a "private" under Captain John Thompson and marched from Hanover Court House through Newport, Charles City & James City to the Town of Williamsburg and then joined the army commanded by Genl Thomas Nelson and was then stationed six weeks or upwards and then marched to York Town from thence to a place called Rich Neck in Was(?)—wick thence to Winsburg [Williamsburg] & then discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was called out on the first of January 1780 under Captain Edward Bullock & marched from Hanover, through Chesterfield Henrico and crossed the James River at Westhover into Chesterfield and thence to a place called Shirley Hundred on said River & crossed the River into Charles City, thence by Charles City Court House thence to Hall's forge and was stationed there awhile we then started to Winsburg but before marching there we were ordered back to Hall's forge thence to Sandy Point and then crossed the James River and marched to Cabin Point and was

then stationed sometime and then discharged. He served in this term two months. He was called 'out' again in the year 1780 under Captain Edward Bullock and marched from Hanover through Henrico, Charles City to the Manakin(?) Hills on James River & was stationed there a while, thence to the County of the Isle of Wight and back again up the said River near the City of Richmond to a place called four mile creek and was then discharged. He served in this tour two months. He went into the service again the first of May 1781 under Captain Ford as a volunteer and joined the Marquis Delafayett's army at the Wilderness Run in Spotsylvania and we marched from thence over the Rapidan River into Culpeper, thence on towards Culpeper Court House we then returned & crossed the Rapidan at the Racoon ford into Orange where we were stationed a while from thence to Brock bridge, thence into Albemarle to a place called Page's Mill at which place Genl Wagner joined us with his army thence into Albemarle. We then received orders to advance upon the British army commanded by Cornwallis who retreated down the James River we still following them down the River we then marched through Fluvanna, Goochland and Hanover & stopped at a place called Dandridge's old field where we "were" stationed a while, thence through Henrico & Newport to Newport Court House, thence to a place called Branndan thence to a place called drinking springs not far from Wmsburg there we were stationed several days and then discharged. He served in this tour three months & was called out again in the month of July 1782 and marched from Hanover in Captain David Davenport's through Newport, Charles City, James City to York Town for the reason of removing the cannon and balls which we had taken of the enemy at the siege of York from the Forts and putting them on board of our vessels - and was then discharged - after serving a tour of two months. He states that he served during the revolution Eleven months 'in all' but he has no certified discharge or documenting evidence but can prove a part of his services by William Hall and James Hall but knows of no other person by whom he can prove any part of them. \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Captain Charles Thompson and Charles Terrell as persons living in his neighborhood who can testify to his character & their belief as to his being a soldier of the revolution, that he has lived since the revolution in the said county of Hanover and now resides in the same.

He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of this agency or any state or territory whatever.

Sworn to & suscribed this day and year aforesaid.

s/ James Say

Hanover county to wit

This day James Seay who is an applicant for a pension made oath to the truth of the above mentioned declaration. Given under my hand this 24th day of Nov. 1832

s/ Genet Anderson~~

I William Hall a resident of Hanover verify upon an oath that I am well acquainted with the above mentioned James Seay - that he served a tour of duty with this applicant under Captain John Thompson in the year 1779 & marched from Hanover Wmsburg & was then discharged. He served in this tour two months - He served an other tour under Captain Edward Bullock in the year 1780 and marched from Hanover to Cabin Point and was then discharged. He served in this tour two months. He was called out again in the year 1781 under Captain Ford and was in the Marquis Delafayett's army and ordered to a place called the Drinking Spring not far Wmsburg and was then discharged. He served in this tour three months. He was called again in the year 1782 under Captain Davenport & marched from Hanover to York Town & was then discharged he served in this tour two months.

Sworn to subscribed the day & year aforesaid his

his William x Hall mark Hanover County to wit

This day William Hall made oath to the truth of the above certificate before me a Justice of the peace for said county. Given under my hand this 24th = day of November 1832

s/ Genet Anderson

I James Hall a resident of Louisa verify upon an oath that I am well acquainted with James Seay - that he served a tour of duty under Captain Bullock in the year 1780 & marched to Cabin Point and was then discharged, the said Seay served two months. He was called out again in the year 1781 and was in Marquis Delafayett's retreat and served a tour of duty of two months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

James x Hall

Hanover county to wit

This day James Hall personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for sd county & made oath to the truth of the above certificate. Given under my hand this 20th day of Nov' 1832.

s/ Genet Anderson~~

We Edward Rowzie a clergyman residing in the said county of Hanover and Charles Terrell and William Hall residing in the said county hereby "certify" that we are well acquainted with James Seay who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be Seventy one years of age that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we can concur in that opinion.

s/ Edward T. Rowzee s/ Charles Tirrell

I/ Genet Anderson a justice of the peace for said county hereby certify that the above=named James Seay who is an applicant for a pension resides twenty seven miles from Hanover Court House, that he is an infirm man and I do not think that he could attend court without endangering his health and I do hereby declare my opinion after investigation of the matter and after getting the interrogations prescribed by the war department that he was a soldier of the revolution and served as he states and I further certify that it appears to me that Edward Rowzee who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the said county and Charles Terrell and William Hall who have also signed the same are residents in the same county 'and' are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit given under my hand this

24th day of November 1832

s/ Genet Anderson

Virginia, Hanover County, to wit,

Sworn to subscribed the day and year aforesaid,

I, Philip B. Winston, Clerk of the Court of the said County in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Genet Anderson, before whom the foregoing proceedings were had in the matter of the application of James Seay for a pension, was at the time of doing the same, and still is a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and duly authorized to administer oaths, and that his signature annexed is his genuine signature.

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County, the eleventh day of December one thousand, eight hundred and thirty two.

s/ Philip B. Winston, C.H.C.

#### 123. Certificate of Pension

Virginia,

Sally Seay, widow of James Seay, who was a private in the Virginia line

is suscribed on the Roll at the rate of 56 Dollars 66 cents per annum, to commence on 4th day of March; 4844 10th December, 1844.

Certificate of Pension issued the 3d day of Dec. 1845

and sent to Mrs Sally Seay, care of W. Fontaine,

Beaver Dam Depot, Hanover County, Va.

[Act of JUNE 17, 1844.]

Recorded in Book D, Vol. 1, page 279

145.102

Act Mar. 3/55 May 22/55

Sally Seay widow of James Seay, Priv'. Seard Revolutionary War Rec. Pension

No. 26 165 iss May 20/56

[The next line is too dim to read]

Av:160 ac May 17/56 [a signature too dim to read]

Jno. S. & Ro: H. Gallaher, Present.

Mag P. Dickinson, Present

Seay, James W8038 Rev.

State of Virgina

On this 10th day of July 1849, before me Charles Thempson a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Hanover in the said State, personally appeared Saily Sugs, a resident of the said County, aged about 78 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 2th February 1848, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of James Seay, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, and that under the Act of Congress of the 17th June 1844, she received a pension at the rate of thirty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum.

She further declares that she is still a widow.

Sally x Seay

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me

Charles Thompson, J. Peace

I certify that Sally Seay, the Declarant above named, is personally known to me.

Charles Thompson, J.Peace

United States of America

State of Virginia Be it known that before County of Hanover me the undersigned a Justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Sarah Seah and mad oath in due form Law that she is the widow of the Identical James Seah a soldier of Infantry that served in the continental line of Virginia and that was pentioned under act of Congress 7 of June 1832 at the rate of 36 dollars and 66 cents and in Hanover County state of Virginia the said Sarah Seah petition declares that husband James Seah died on the 10 day of December in the year 1844 leaving the said Sarah Seah his widow and the following named children Woodson Seah, Mathew Seah, Calep Seah, Eliza Seah, Martha Seah, John Seah and Sarah Seah the said widow further states that she was married to said James Seay in the year 1793 by one Rev John Miller(?) in Hanover county and that her maiden name was Sarah Spicer, the said Sarah Leah makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the unpaid pention that was due her husband and also the unpaid pention that due her as widow under any the laws passed and also the Bounty land or \_\_\_\_ that may be due to either of them as witness my hand and seal this 4 day of June 1854 Sarah x Seay (seal) mark Sworn to before me this day and year above written and I am not interested and I certify that Sarah Seah is the Identical widow of James Seah and as I believe entitled to said claim of unpaid pentions Alfred Duke, J.P.

State of Virginia } On this 4 day of June 1854 County of Hanover } personally appeared before me

the undersigned Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Martin McKenney & John K.

[Luck, Tuck or Suck], John D. [Luck, Tuck or Suck] and

made oath in due form of Law that they were personally acquainted with James Seah who was a private soldier in the continental line and pentioner and pention at the rate of 96 dollars 66 cents 'per annum' and that he died on the 10 day of December in the year 1844 leaving the following named a widow Sarah Seah and that he at the time of his death was a resident of Hanover County Virginia and that there now survives the following named children Woodson Seah, Mathew Seah, Caleb Seah, Elizabeth Seah,

Martha Seah John Seah and Sarah Seah all of wich is living
Swom to and subscribed } Martin McKenney {seal}
before me this day and } John K. Lusk(?) {seal}
year above written } John D. Lusk(?) {seal}
Alfred Duke J.P.

State of Virginia } On this 4 day of June 1854 County of Hanover } personally appeared before

me the undersigned a Justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths. Mack Kenada and made oath in due form of law that he did make make {sic} the coffin for James Seah a Revolution Pentioner on the 4 day of December the year 1844 and was at the burial

s/ Martin McKenney

sworn to before me this 4 day of June 1854. I do certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me of the death and Burial of James Seah a Revolutionary petioner. I also certify that Martin McKeneda and John K. Lusk and John D. Lusk.

#### WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR BOUNTY LAND.

To be made by the widow who has never had a Land Warrent

State of Virginia
County of Hansser

On this 9th day of April May A.D., 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Sally Seay aged 84 years, a resident of the County of Hameser in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of James Seay deceased, who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] in the [blank] Regiment of Va Militia commanded by Col. [blank] in the War with Great Britain in the Revolution War that she was married to the said James Seay in Spotsylvania Co. Va on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank], that her maiden name was Sally Spicer that her said husband died in the year 1843 or 1844, and that she is now a widow. that she refers to her Papers on file for further proof of her marriage & She is now drawing a Pension fo 36.111110 Dollars per an for service rendered by her said husband in the Revolutionary War.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under Act of March 3d, 1855, never having received nor applied for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress.

She hereby appoints Geo W. Stephens(?)

[Claimant's signature]

Sally x Seay {L.S.}

We William G. Maddox and Hardenid O. Southworth residents of Henrico County in the sate of Virginia upon our oaths, declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Mrs Sally Soay in our presence, and that we know she is now a widow, and we believe from the appearance and statements of the applicant, together with our acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be. and that her bushand is Dead =

[Witnesses must sign their names .]

W\*\* G. Maddex {L.S.} Har Denid O SouthWorth {L.S.}

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim. given under my hand and the 9th day of May 1855.

C.E. Thompson, J.P.

State of Virginia

) set.

County of Hansser

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that C.E. Thompson, Esq., before whom the foregoing Declaration and affidavit were made, is and was at the time of the taking the same, an acting Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, and that his signature above is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office said county, this 16th day of May 1855 IETH O. Munitis(?), C.H.C., Clerk

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## FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Statutes at Large, South Carolina No. 2515

AN ACT To Dispose of Certain Escheated Estates.

I. Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives, now mer and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That all the right, title and interest of the State, in and to the estate, real and personal, whereof Thomas Price, an alien, late of Spartanburgh district, died seized and possessed, be vested in the next of kin of Ann Price, deceased, the widow of said Thomas Price, their heirs and assigns, forever.

II. And be it further exacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the right, title and interest of the State, in and to the real estate whereof Wilkins Peacock, an illegitimate, died seized and possessed, be vested in Martha Peacock, the mother, Louisa Wood, the sister, and Ralph Grubs, the brother, of the said Wilkins Peacock, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

In the Sendal House, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and in the fifty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

H. Deas, President of the Senate H. L. Pinckney, Speaker of the House of Representatives

6 Richardson's Equity Reports 114
William Hurt v James H. Hurt and Others
Nov. and Dec. Term, 1853
[Executors and Administrators 315.]
Before Dunkin, Ch., at Spartanburg, June, 1853.

The facts of this case are stated in the circuit decree, which is as follows:

Dunkin, Ch. In the latter part of the year, 1846, one Joel Hurt, of Spatianburg district, died intestate, leaving a considerable estate. Administration on his estate was granted to James Silman and Isham Hurt. On the 18th February, 1848, a bill was filed in this Court by the administrators, alleging that the real estate had been sold under the order of the Court; that the personalty had been reduced to money, the debts paid, and that distribution was ready to be made among the parties entitled as heirs or distributees of the intestate. The intestate left no widow or lineal descendant. He had had brothers and sisters, both of the whole and half blood-all of those of the whole blood were supposed to have pre-deceased the intestate, unless it were a brother, William Hurt; of him the bill alleges that he is "supposed to be living and residing in the State of Kentucky; that he had been heard from about five years previously, but the complainants alleged that they were ignorant whether he was or was not living, or if dead, whether he had left any representatives." The existence of the children of a deceased brother of the whole blood, as well as of the existence of some brothers and sisters of the half blood, is set forth, and the aid of the Court is prayed in ascertaining and determining the rights of the parties, the complainants submitting that this would depend upon the existence of non-esistence of the brother or sister of the whole blood at the death of the intestate.

On 5th March, 1848, an order for publications was made against the several defendants alleged to be absent from the state, among whom was William Hurt. The rule to plead having expired on the 6th June, 1848, an order pro confesso was taken against the absent defendants. At June sittings 1848, an order was entered at the instance of the solicitors of the administrators, by Chancellor Johnston, that all persons claiming to be next of kin to the said Joel Hurt (the intestate) do establish before the commissioner of this Court the degree of consanguinity in which they stood to the intestate, before the 1st June next, (1849). This notice was under the order published for three months in Spartanburg, in a New Orleans paper, and one at Nashville, Tennessee. At June sittings, 1849, this notice was extended for a year longer in the same papers. At June sittings, 1850, a final decree was pronounced, directing a distribution of the funds among the five children of a deceased brother of the whole blood, and a brother of the half blood, share and share

alike. In July, 1850, the decree was carried into execution, by payment to the several parties entitled to receive the same. All these parties reside beyond the limits of this State, except the defendant, James H. Hurt, who is one of the five children of a deceased brother.

On the 1st March, 1853, the plaintiff, William Hurt, filed this bill, alleging that he was not aware of the proceedings until within a year past, that the funds had been distributed under the decree among parties, all of whom were now beyond the limits of this State, except the defendant, James H. Hurt, and praying "that the said James H. Hurt and all other parties who drew the funds as aforesaid, account for so much of the same as rightfully belonged to the plaintiff, with interest thereon." All the proceedings against the absent defendants, seem to be null and void for any effective purpose. As they are beyond the limits of the State and have no property within the State, it is not perceived on what principle they can be rendered amenable to the jurisdiction of the Court. Prior to the partition of the estate they were properly parties in relation to their interest therein. But after the decree had been pronounced, the estate settled in conformity thereto, and the several parties had received their respective shares, there was an end of the litigation.

But the defendant, James H. Hurt, relies on the former decree and proceedings, in bar of the plaintiff's action. The absent defendant in that suit, Wm. Hurt, was made a party in the mode prescribed by law. In order to protect, as far as possible, the rights of absent defendants, it is provided by the 24th section of the A.A., 1784, (1 Brev. Dig. 203 / O.L. 337; 7 Stat. 210,) that if any person against whom a decree shall be made, or his or her legal representative, shall, within four years after passing said decree, if without the limits of the United States, and within two years if absent from this and within the United States, appear in court and petition to be heard with respect to the matter of such decree, &c.., and such proceedings shall be had, &c.., the person so petitioning shall be admitted, &c.., and such proceedings shall be had, &c.., as if no former decree had been made in the said cause. But if neither the persons against whom such decree shall be made, nor his legal representative shall appear and petition for a re-hearing within the time above mentioned, such decree shall stand absolutely confirmed against the person against whom it was made, his legal representatives, and all claiming under him. The decree of June, 1850, stood then absolutely confirmed in July, 1852. It may be that errors existed either of fact or law in that decree.

If the half blood were entitled at all, the absent brother of the half blood would seem to have had scanty justice rendered to him, as he was awarded but a sixth when the cannons of distribution gave him a moiety. Yet after the expiration of two years, it would be incompetent for him to open the decree. Perhaps he was entitled to no part of the estate. How can that be averred against the decree in which the plaintiff had the same opportunity of being represented and heard as himself?

The evidence, written and oral, and offered by the plaintiff himself, is most abundant to show that both the parties and the Court used every means that diligence or caution could suggest to arrive at a sound judgment. If the decree were re-opened, absolute certainty could not be attained. John Hurt and James Hurt, Tabitha Hurt and Nancy Hurt, were brothers and sisters of the whole blood of the intestate, and were made parties by publication. Their death has been presumed, and the Court has properly acted upon the presumption, and after this lapse of time, the action of the Court in relation to the subject matter of the controversy must be regarded as final. "Interest reipublico ut sit finis litium."

It is ordered and decreed that the bill be dismissed.

The complainant appealed, and now moved this Court to reverse the circuit decree, on the grounds:

 Because the complainant is the legal heir of Joel Hurt, deceased, and could not in justice and equity be deprived of his property without being heard.

Because the decree of the Court disposing of the property of Joel Hurt, deceased, to the defendants, was ex parte, and not binding on the complainant.

3. Because the decree was contrary to law and equity, and a violation fo the Constitution of the

State, and of the United States.

Bobo and Edwards, for appellant. Dean, contra.

45 S.C. Reports 496 McKenzie v. Sifford.

Before Gary, J., York, July 1896 - Reversed.

Action by Jane C. McKenzie against Stanhope A. Sifford, and Geo. W. S. Hart, as executors of Jos.

S. McKenzie. The facts are stated in the following Circuit decree:

This is an action against the defendants, Stanhope A. Sifford and George W. S. Hart, as executors of the last will and testament of Joseph Stanhope McKenzie, deceased, for the purpose of having a certain release of all claim of dower of the said lane C. McKenzie in any and all lands owned by her husband, the said Joseph Stanhope McKenzie, prior to said release, and also to and in any lands or real estate that might come to him at any time subsequent to the execution of said release, declared null and void on the ground that the same, as to the plaintiff, is nudum pactum, the same having been delivered without any consideration. It appears from the evidence in the cause that in a former action commenced in the county of York, in which the said Jane C. McKenzie, the plaintiff in this action, was plaintiff, and the defendants, Stanhope A. Sifford and George W. S. Hart, as executors of Joseph Stanhope McKenzie, along with Lawson K. Armstrong, Isaac A. Bigger and Joseph Stanhope Starnes, were defendants, a certain agreement of settlement and separation between the said Jane C. McKenzie and her said husband, the said Joseph Stanhope McKenzie, executed on the 13th day of June, 1891, was held and adjudged, as to the said Jane C. McKenzie, to be without consideration, and to be nuclear pastern; and it was in that proceeding ordered, that the said agreement be surrendered to the clerk of the court for York County, to be marked canceled. The Circuit decree was rendered by Judge Benet on the 12th day of September, 1895, from which the executors of McKenzie appealed to the Supreme Court on one exception alone, as follows: "Error (under the pleadings and the issue thereby made) in adjudging the indenture to be void, and in ordering the same to be delivered to the clerk of the court for cancellation-the relief thus given not only not having been asked, but not being within the scope of the action, and the order of the Court thus furnishing the executors no protection whatever in surrendering the said paper." The decree of the Circuit Judge was affirmed by the Supreme Court. Pursuant to the terms of the Circuit decree, the agreement has been surrendered and canceled by the clerk of court on the 27th day of February, 1896. Shortly, thereafter the plaintiff commenced this action, alleging in her complaint that the indunture ordered to be canceled and the release of dower were executed at one and the same time, and were part and parcel of the same transaction, and that the said agreement to release dower was executed only by way of inducement to the execution of the canceled instrument, and plead the judgment of the court in the former action in bar, and further plead that the defendants are estopped by said decree from raising any of the questions raised in the former action and determined by the decree of Judge Benet. The agreement hereby sought to be set aside and canceled is as follows: State of South Carolina, county of York. In consideration that my husband, Joseph S. McKenzie (from whom I am living separate and apart), has paid over to me all moneys, and returned to me all property belonging to me at the time of our marriage, and since acquired by me, and has, in addition thereto, paid me a sum of money approximating \$1,000: Be it known that I, Jane C. McKenzie, in consideration of the premises aforesaid, and as an inducement to the settlement before recited, did promise and agree to renounce and release unto my said husband, his heirs and assigns, all my right or claim of dower to and in any and all lands now or hereafter owned by him, and also tto and in any and all lands, or real estate, that may hereafter come to him by purchase or devise; and by these presents I do hereby solemnly adopt and confirm my said promise and undertaking, and do presently release and acquit to the said Joseph S. McKenzie, his heirs and assigns, all my right and claim of dower to and in any and all lands now held by him, or that he may hereafter acquire. And I do further bind myself to execute formal renunciation of dower, before any officer qualified to take same, and and upon any and all deeds of conveyance, or in and upon any other paper, as to any and all real estate held or to be held, so as to more fully evidence this release of claim of dower, whenever such formal renunciation should be evidenced in any other manner. .........[Editor's Note: This is a very lengthy and interesting case. The testimony showed that the couple had married some time during the year 1877.]

48 S.C. Reports 444

Dye v. Beaver Creek Church.

Before Gary, I. Fairfield, June, 1896, affirmed.

# DIED IN MISSISSIPPI

Source: Carolina Spartan, Issue of December 20, 1860

The Rev. Wm. G. Mullinax, died at Tippah, Mississippi, on the 11th of November 1860. In June, 1860, he makes a short memorandum, as follows.

"I am now in my 55th year, and my days almost at an end. I was born in Spartanburg, July 2, 1805, came to Pendleton District in 1809, and when the District was divided, I was cut off from the Pickens division. Most of my education was obtained at Sabbath school, and in the care of the Presbyterian church at old Pendleton, where my brother and myself walked six miles to attend every Sabbath. I joined the Methodist Church in my 16th year, married in 1824, and in a short time was appointed a class leader. In 1829 I was licensed to exhort, and in September of the same year, at Sandy Spring, I was licensed to preach. In 1835, I was ordained Deacon, and in 1842, Elder. I was employed in the year 1836 to ride the Pendleton circuit, in connection with Bartlett Tho[rest illegible]. Again, in 1857, I traveled with R. P. Franks. I took the number of people in Pickens District, by State appointment, three years—'39, '49 and '59. I have spent much of my strength in the church. I have preached 2,500 times, baptised 500 persons, and married 200. I cannot undertake to give a correct account of the number of funerals I have attended, but a great many, nor do I know how many I have taken into the Church, but a great many."

Thus you see, my friends, the labors of Brother Mullinax has been great. He was a good man, and much more than a newspaper sketch could be said in his favor, but let me close this by saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

# FAMILY RECORD OF AMBROSE HUDGENS OF NEWBERRY COUNTY

Contributed by Kenneth D. Morgan, 212 Redbud Street, Seneca, SC 29672

Contributor's Note: The following family information is from the Revolutionary War pension file (# 5321) of Ambrose Hudgens. My line is through Charlotte, daughter of Ambrose Hudgens Sr. She married Pvt. Edmond F. Campbell, and moved to the Martin's Creek area of Pickens County in 1856.

Editor's Note: Interested readers should refer to this *Quarterly*, Vol. XIII, May 1999, for the will and estate papers of another Ambrose Hudgens who died in 1802 in Pendleton County.

Ages and Memorials of things wrote ye 2d of Augs! 1807 pf Ambrose Hudgens

William Hudgens Son of Edward Hudgens was Born Sept 26th 1701 Sarah Vaughn His wife was Born March ye 26th 1704

Josiah Hudgens their Son was Born August y<sup>e</sup> 7th 1735 Fanny Hudgens his wife was Born March y<sup>e</sup> 4th 1743 Josiah Hudgens died on the 23 day of november 1774

Ambrose Hudgens Son of Josiah & Fanny his wife was Born the 11th day of Feb\* 1760
W\*\* Hudgens was Born March 18th 1762
John Whealer Hudgens was Born the 27th of June 1764
Josiah Hudgens was Born December 8th 1764
Sterling Hudgens was Born Feby y\* 4th 1769
Ancel Hudgens was Born April y\* 4th 1771
Thornton was Born Augs\* 3th 1773

Hannah Austin Daughter of Stephen & Sarah his wife was Born 11th day of Jan' 1765 Ambrose Hudgens & Hannah his Wife was married Jan' 15th 1781

W" Hudgens their son was Born the 4th day of May 1782
Sarah was Born April yth 1784
Fanny was Born April 24th 1786
Nelly was Born December 22th 1788
Mary was Born Jant 8th 1791
Austin was Born December 2th 1793
Ambrose J' was Born November 16th 1795
Hannah was Born Sept 18th 1797
Josiah was Born march 21th 1799
John was Born Jant 2 1801 died yth 2th of April following aged 3 months and 18 days
Stephen was Born 30th July 1802
Charlotte was Born May 11th 1805
Ancell was Born the 14th day of June 1807

# FAMILY RECORD OF JOB SOSEBEE OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Contributor's Note: The following family record is from the files of Troyce W. Sosebee of Abilene, Texas, <tcsosebee@aol.com>. It is printed here with his permission. There are many variations on the name "Sosebee", even including Saulsberry and Sowersby. The variant widely used today in Spartanburg County is Solesbee.

Job Sosebee, Sr. born May 11, 1759; died May 20, 1821 in Spartanburg County, SC. Married Elizabeth Tankersley October 1785. Elizabeth Tankersley born June 7, 1763; died before March 9, 1850 in Habersham County, Georgia.

Their children (all born in Spartanburg County, SC):

- Sampson Sosebee, born May 26, 1786; died June 5, 1863. Married Elizabeth Abbott, who was born about 1786 in Spartanburg County, SC and died August 31, 1880 in Habersham County, Georgia.
- 2. Mary "Polly" Sosebee, born September 10, 1788; died about 1862 in Habersham County, Georgia.
- James Sosebee, born December 10, 1792; died about 1861 in Spartanburg County, SC. Married Polly Ann Wilson.
- Thomas Sosebee, born February 13, 1793; died before 1874 in White County, Georgia. Married Mary Ann Hopkins, who was born about 1800 and died after 1874.
- William Sosebee, born May 18, 1795; died about 1859 in Pickens County, Georgia. Married Nancy McMillian, who was born about 1798 in South Carolina.
- 6.Isaac Sosebee, born September 1, 1797; died ? Married Nancy Reeps, who was born about 1806 in South Carolina.
- 7. Job Sosebee, Jr., born November 13, 1799; died about 1876 in Walker County Georgia. Married first Sarah Cannon, who was born about 1798 in Spartanburg County, SC and died after 1844 in Habersham County, Georgia. Married second Amanda E. LeCroy, who was born January 13, 1825 in Georgia and died April 18, 1902 in Parker County Texas.
- 8. Susannah Sosebee, born March 28, 1802
- 9. Abner Sosebee, born June 1804; died? Married Melinda Payne.
- 10 Elizabeth Sosebee, born September 11, 1806

# JAMES LYNCH BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Lynn Hicks Sellers and Jane Bright. Transcribed by Betty Jean Foster Dill.

Page 1: FAMILY RECORD

By the revernt E. Ray James Lynch was married To Margariet Anderson on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1841

By the Reverent W.F. Parker Culvin Bright was married to Sallie J. Lynch on the 11 of October 1866

By the Revent [J.T. White?] D.O. Rogers Was Married to Hattie R. Bright on 29 of July, 1906 By S.M. [Heath or Geath], esq Thos. D. Lynch was Married to Louisa C. Talley [month in tear in page] the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1857

BIRTHS

Page 2:

James Lynch was Born A.D.

the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1818

Margariet Anderson was born A.D. 1816

September 25

Sarah Elizabeth Jane Lynch was born A.D

1849 March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rebecah Amandia Lynch was born A.D. 1851 March

28th 1851

Tho\* P. Lynch was born January 10th 1854 A.D.

John H. Lynch was

born A.D. 1858 July the 1

Culvin Bright was born May the 22 1844

Sarah E.J. Lynch

was born March the 22 1849

James Adam Bright

was born September the 2 1867

Mary Jane Bright was born April the 25 1869

William Jackson Bright

was born May the 28 1870

Joseph Talley Bright was Born March the 11 1872

Roseburrow Allen Bright

Was born January the 3 1874 Margaret Elizabeth Bright

Was born December the 31 1876

Manly Hampton Bright Was born March the 9 1878

Commodore Sanders Bright Was born January the 31 1880

Abbie Bright was

born December the 2 1881

Page 3:	BIRTHS
Nannie Lusinda Bright	Tho*. D. Lynch was born
was born February the 19 1884	January the 7, [1? written over, unclear]
Harriet Rebecca Bright	Louisa C. Talley was
was born February the 24 1886	Borned Oct 15 [180? tear in page]
Juliar Bright was	- Common Chambridge of the Separate Separate
born March the 24 1888	Named scratched with a hard-lead pencil or
Charlie T. Bright	other sharp object: Henry T. Sexton.
Was born February the 27 1893	NOTE: Nancy Permelia Ann Lynch married
Committee of the Commit	Henry T. Sexton.
Written on the bottom margin of page 3: 189 Page 4: Thomas Lynch died December the 19 1852  Marinda Lynch Died [month on tear] the 31 1856  Judy Ann Lynch died June the 21 1852	Margariet Lynch Died May the 3 A.D. 1880 Aged 64 years. 8 months and 8 days James E. Lynch Dide Oct the 2 1890 age 72 years and 6 Months Culvin Bright Dide October the 10 1916
	S.J. Bright died July the 27, 1930
Front [added notes in brackets by Betty Jean] Father Culvin Bright was born May the 22 motherSarah [Lynch] Bright was born May 6. Brothers: James Bright born Sept 2 1 Doria Bright born Jan. 31 18	1844. He died Oct 10, 1916 - 73 years ch 22 1849 - 81 [1849+81=1930].

6. Brothers: James Bright born Sept 2 1867. 63 [1867+63=1930]

Doria Bright born Jan. 31 1880. 50 [1880+50=1930, when this was written]

Joseph Bright "March 11 1872. 58 [his age when paper was written]

Charlie Bright "Feb 27 1893. 37

2 dead: William Bright born may 28, 1870, died with Rheumatism Oct 16, 1908. 38 years

Manly Bright born Mar 9 1878. died Nov 13, 1911, 33 years shot accidently

2 Sisters: Lula Bright born Feb. 19 1884. 46

Mattie Bright born Feb. 24, 1886. 44

Back: R.A. Bright was born Jan. 3, 1874. 56

Wife Dovie [Jennings] was born 1884, Aug 15. 46

Marrie 26 Dec 1915 at Spartanburg S.C.
Children: Sam born Sept 19, 1916. 13 Wellford, S.C.
Ruby "Sept, 21 1917. 12
Buster "Feb 17, 1919. 11

Buster "Feb 17, 1919. 11
Paul "June 18, 1920. 9
Charlie "Dec. 31, 1921. 8
Lula "July 16, 1925. 4

#### UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES

Continued from Volume XIII, No. 4, November 1999

1880 Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

Servises by the Pastor. minutes read & approved. no other business

Feb 14th 1880	Paid Pastor Rev S. Drummond salary for 1879	\$80.00 4.00
		\$84.00
for other pur	rposes	\$ 9.00
Feb 14th 188	0 Church Expenses	\$ 1.20

Statistical Report to the Spartanburg Assosociation 1879
Rec by Letter 1 — Restored 3 — Dismissed 9 — Excluded 1
Died 2 — Whites 132 — Colored 5 — Total 137

Jan 17th 1880

Wm P. Hoy was elected Church Clerk in July 1879 By request W.H. Willis Served the remainder of the years. Church conference. Servises by the Pastor minutes of last meeting read & approved Feb 14th 1880

Church conference. Servise by the Pastor minutes of last meeting read & approved. Delegates appointed to the union meeting to be at Bethel Church the 5th Sunday in this month Viz. J.C. Lanford, F. Walden, John Thomas, W.S. Scott, & N.P. Gentry, there being no further business conference closed.

March 20th 1880

Servises by the Pastor. No Conference

Sunday, March 21" Rec by letter from Newhope Church Brother Govan Campbell & his wife Sister A.P. Campbell & daughter C.D. Campbell.

Apr 17th 1880

Church conference. Servises by Rev. P.P. Gwin of Oxford, Ala Minutes of the last two meetings read & approved. by motion & vote the same Committee of Inquiry was continued for another year. Viz F. Walden, J.B. Trail, J.B. Alexander, N.P. Gentry, W.R. Hoy, M.T. Thomas & M.J Scott

May 15th 1880

Church conference. Servises by our Pastor. Clerk Absent W.H. Willis Clerk protem.

Appointed Delegates to the union meeting at Newhope on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in this month J.C. Lanford, J.L. Willis, T.H. Turner, John Thomas & S.C. Bell Received a letter from old sister Mary Alexander which was ordered to be recorded in the Church Book.

Millville, S.C. March 4th 1880

Mrs. Mary Alexander

In reading the procedings of Unity Church I find that it was an arm of Friendship Church previous to its Constitution. Will you please answer the following questions as fare as you can & oblige

W.P. Hoy C.C.

How long was it an arm of Friendship Ans. I donot remember

Who was the Preachers previous to its Constitution. Ans. George Brewton, Nathan Langston, Thomas Greer & Spencer Bobo.

Who was the Preachers from then to the 15th of July 1826 at which time Rev. James Rainwaters was

called Ans. Thomas Weathers, Miles Rain, water Rainwaters & Benjamin Hicks.

Mary Alexander

To the Brothers & Sisters of Unity Church as I am verry old and feeble but sound in mind and recollection and cannot be with you personally and for the information of you and those who may follow you, I give you some outlines as to Unity Church and its origination.

In my early recollection Unity Church was then called **Ployds** Meeting House it was built for the benefit of the Baptist and ocupied by three Denominations, the Baptists, Presbyterians & Methodist, the Baptist preaching regular on their meeting days, the Presbyterians preaching regular on their days which was Wednesdays. Ther Preacher was **James Gilleland**, the Methodist preaching regular on their days Preaching manny Funerals, ther Preacher was **John Mullinax** was a noble man & a noble Preacher loved & liked by all morel [moral?]people—I cannot speak to[o] high of **John Mullinax**. I believe if there was ever a Christian he was one. God bless him be is in Heaven, would we had more men like him.

I was Baptized by Miles Rainwaters bless him he is in Heaven. in my early days there was no confusion and rasping or guarbling through Denominations & no ill feelings through the neighborhood, all was Social kind & affectionate Seldom eaver any dissatisfaction all seamed as one family all friends & obliging kind to each other, all seamed like one Church, all went to hear all the Preachers Preach far and near. & evry thing went smoothly along, thanks to the allmighty God for his blessing earth in them good old days. I Joined the Church in my 18th year & have bin a faithful old soldier & never regret that I followed my Master. I often shead tears when I think of them good old days. I am now living on borowed time but am

Master. I often shead tears when I think of them good old days. I am now living on borowed time but am true to my heavenly master. Brothers & Sisters I would like to be with you but I am to old and feeble I cannot be with you but I have one request of you all pray for me & pray unseasingly there is victory worth gaining for us all & let us be prepared when we leave this world to meet in a world where there is no pain Sorrow & disturbence. May the Lord bless you all is the Prayer of your old Sister

Mary Alexander

June 19th 1880

Church Conference. Servises by our Pasor. Minutes of the last two meetings read & approved. Rec by letter from Antioch Church Sister Laura Shands & from Friendship Church Sisters Malissa Floyd & Emaline Bass. elected delagates to the Spartanburg Association Wm. P. Hoy, Wm. T. Thomas, F. Walden & N.P, Gentry, J.R. Alexander Alternates

July 17th 1880

Church conference. Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Appointed Tuesday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to work on the grave yard &c. Agreed to protract our meeting in Aug & invite Brethren Yarbrough & Foster

Aug 14th 1880

Church Conference. Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Red & adopted a letter to the Spartanburg Association to be held with the Bethlehem Church commencing Friday before the third Sunday in Sept. Appointed delegates to the Spartanburg Association Sunday School Convention: S.M. Scott, J.B. Alexander & J.B. Trail. Brethren Rev. J.T. Gwin & Rev. J.S. Ezell assisted at the Protracted meeting which closed Wednesday, no Accessions to the Church

Oct Sept

No meeting it being the time of the Session of the Spartanburg Association at Bethlehem

Oct 16th 1880

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Caled Rev. S. Drummond to Supply us for the next year, he being presant accepted. Appointed Delagates to the union meeting to be held with

the Greenpon Church the fifth Sunday & Saturday before of this month. J.C. Lanford, T.H. Turner, N.P. Gentry, W.S. Scott & F. Walden

Nov 20th 1880

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted, received Mary Stone by letter from Cedar Shoal Church.

Dec 14th 1880

Preaching but no conference

Mary Jones Died Nov 9th 1880

Report sent to the Spartanburg Association held with the Bethlehem Church the 17 - 18 & 19 Sept 1880. For Minutes \$1.80 ets — Home Mission \$2.50 — Pastors Salary \$84.00 ets — Other Purposes \$15.30 — Total \$99.30 ets. — Grand total \$102.00 ets — Baptised 4 — by Letter 6 — Restored 2 — Dismissed 1 — Whites 147 — Colored 1 — Total 148 — Sunday School Teacher 6 — Scholars 62 — Total 68 — Jan 15th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Appointed Brethren N.P. Gentry, J.C. Lanford, W.S. Scott, Strauder M. Scott & J.B. Alexander Delagates to the union meeting to be holden with Bethel Church imbracing the fifth Sunday in this month.

Feb 19th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. W.H. Willis Clerk protem. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted.

March 19th 1881

Servises by our Pastor, no Conference.

Apr 16th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Committy of Inquiry elected consisting of W.P. Hoy, Wm Alexander, J.H. Turner, S.C. Bell, N.P. Gentry, W.T. Thomas & J.C. Lanford Francis Thomas Died Apr 30th 1881

May 14th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. M.J. Scott Clerk Protein Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Appointed Delagates to the union meeting to be held with this church next fifth Sunday Brethren J.C. Lanford, W.H. Wilder, T.H. Turner, N.P. Gentry & W.S. Scott

June 18th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Received an invitation from Cedar Shoal Church to assist in Ordaining two Deacons on Saturday the 26 Inst. Elected the following Brethren Delagates to the Spartanburg Association. Wm. P. Hoy, N.P. Gentry, W.T. Thomas & J.B. Alexander Alternate

Curtis Pearson Died the last of May, 1881

July 16th 1881

Church Conference.

Brother Wm Alexander acting Moderator. Minutes of last Conference read and adopted. Read & adopted the letter to the Spartanburg Association. Appointed Delegates to the union Meeting to convene with the Cedar Grove Church the fifth Sabath & Saturday before in this Month. M.S. Scott, J.C. Lanford, R.F. Thomas, J.B. Alexander & J.L. Willis. On Sabath the 17 Distnissed by Letter Brother Samie Crow

Report to the Spartanburg Association, Wolf's Creek, Aug 18 - 19 - 20 & 21 - 1881
Members. Rec by Letter 1, Died 3, Whites 145, Colored 1, Total 146
Contributions. Minutes 1.50, Pastors Salary \$61.00, Church Expences \$10.00
State Missions 2.11, Home Missions 2.11, Foreign Missions 2.11
Other Purposes 1.00, Sunday School 3.00, Total \$92.83

Aug 20th 1881

Church Conference, M.J. Scott Clerk protein

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Agreed to Protract this meeting Brother C.R. Mafield was with us on Sunday & Monday. 22<sup>nd</sup> Received by Experience Evaline Woods.

Sept 17th 1881 Rainy Day

18th Sunday The above Candidate Baptized. Preaching by Rev. J.S. Ezell

Oct 16th 1881

No Conference. Elliott Mason of Georgia Buried Sunday 17th Preaching by Rev. A.K. Durham. Appointed Delegates to the union meeting. J.B. Alexander, R.M. Floyd, N.P. Gentry, J.C. Lanford & F. Walden.

Catherine Mason Died 28 Oct 1881

19 Nov 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor.

Excluded Albert Mcabee, for Intoxication & Profanity. Granted letters of dismission to Brother Govan Campbell & his wife A.T. & Daughter C.D.

Called Rev A.K. Durham as our Supply for next year

Jane Mason Died 22nd Nov 1881

Dec 17th 1881

Church Conference.

Servises by our Pastor. Minutes of last meeting read & adopted. Changed our meeting from the third to first Sunday for next year

Dec 31st 1881
No Conference Pastor Absent

To be continued

# QUERIES

#### BEARDEN BLASINGAME

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JOHN BEARDEN and SARAH BLASINGAME, my 3rd great grandparents, were married ca 1790, I believe, in Union District, SC. Their children, all born in SC, were twins MARY and MARTHA, ELIZABETH, JOHN, SARAH, REBECCA, JOSEPH and ELEANOR. Who were the parents of JOHN BEARDEN and SARAH BLASINGAME?

#### PRINCE McENTIRE LYNCH

Stephanie D. Foust, 522 Independence Way, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Seeking identity of JOSIAH PRINCE, b. ca 1772 SC (probably Old Pendleton District), d. 1845 Polk Co, TN. JOSIAH was the son of RICHARD PRINCE (b. 1750? VA, d. 1811 Spartanburg, SC) and EDITH (surname unknown) and the grandson of DANIEL PRINCE (b. 1730 VA, d. 14 March 1793 SC) and LYDIA (surname unknown). Have seen Padger's Creek Baptist records (several Prince's were members) but no definitive confirmation there. According to ANDREW WILEY PRINCE, grandson of JOSIAH, his grandmother's name was POLLY McENTIRE and POLLY's mother was a LYNCH. Although JOSIAH'S wife's burial place is unknown, it is believed she died and was buried in SC, before JOSIAH left with other family members for TN. Would appreciate any information and will be happy to exchange data or reimburse copy/postage costs. Thanks.

#### JONES MARTINDALE PEARSON

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Seeking information about ancestors and descendants of CHARLES JONES, b. 1756 England, m. SARAH PEARSON 1783 SC, d. after 14 April 1811. Issue included HANNAH JONES who married MOSES MARTINDALE. Also seeking proof that JONES, of Union Co, SC was a Rev. War Soldier as listed in Union County Heritage book. Is this the family for whom Jonesville, SC is named?

#### BOBO YARBROUGH

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Need information on AMBROSE YARBROUGH, JR., probably son of AMBROSE and MARY YARBROUGH. AMBROSE SR. D. 1788 Union Co, SC, but his will does not name all his children. Trying to prove that BULAH YARBROUGH (b. Feb 29, 1781 SC, d. Nov 10, 1840 Union Co, SC), wife of TILMAN BOBO, was a daughter of AMBROSE JR.

BURNEY WATERS/WATTERS LOMBES BEEL STEEL SMYTH LACKEY
Mary Lou Mergele, P. 0. Box 520, Boerne, TX 78006

Seeking information on the SAMUEL BURNEY family who lived in Abbeville County, SC from around 1790 to 1810. He married MARTHA WATERS (or WATTERS) there. When? MARTHA BURNEY is

listed as a daughter of MARY WATTERS in her will dated July 4, 1792 and recorded on September 14, 1798 on file in the County Courthouse. Other heirs listed were son, DAVID, daughters, ELIZABETH LOMBES, RACHEL BEEL (?), SARAH STEEL and GENNET WATTERS, Grandson, WILLIAM STEEL. A sworn deposition found in the SC Archives gives MARY WATERS' husband's name as PETER. She was formerly MARY SMYTH, and they came to SC from Balimena, Antrim County, Ireland around 1771. I need the names of SAM and MARTHA WATERS BURNEY'S children and when they were born. Probably his mother, MARY LACKEY BURNEY, died there. Any information on that? His father was SAMUEL BURNEY who died around 1787 in Guilford County, NC. SAMUEL, JR.'s siblings were JANE, REBEKA, ROBERT, WILLIAM and ADAM.

#### HOLDER CARR HONEY GARY BLEDSOE SPRAYBERRY

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Seeking information about the lineage of my great, great grandparents, HAWKINS HOLDER and MALISSA ANN CARR, and NELSON M. GARY and MARY AMANDA HONEY. HAWKINS HOLDER was born 1800 in SC, county unknown; married MALISSA ANN CARR about 1825, place and date unknown; their oldest child was born between 1825-1830; first found on 1840 Jackson Co., AL Census; purchased land 1843 Tishomingo Co., MS. MALISSA ANN died 1855 and HAWKINS 1870. They had eleven children by 1850. Some researchers on the Internet have THOMAS MARTIN HOLDER and his wife NANCY as HAWKINS' parents, and JOHN HOLDER, who supposedly matried AGNES BLEDSOE in Surry Co., NC, as his grandparents. I have not seen any documented proof of this. The only link to MALISSA ANN is A.V. CARR (b. 1798 in SC) and his wife NELLY (b. 1795 in NC) who appear on the 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS Census. Also, some of the CARR'S, who went to the Atlanta, GA area and married into the SPRAYBERRY family, used the name MALISSA for their female children.

NELSON M. GARY was born 1826 in SC and MARY AMANDA HONEY was born 1831 in SC. They married in 1847 in Tishomingo Co., MS three years before indexing. The only link to NELSON is A. THOMAS GARY (b. 1794 in SC), his wife CATHERINE (b. 1797 in NC), and children MARGARET (b. 1840 in AL) and JOSHUA (b. 1842 in AL) who appear on the 1860 Tishomingo Co., MS Census. MARY AMANDA had these possible kin who are on the 1860 Tishomingo Co., MS Census: WILLIAM HONEY (b. 1801) and his wife ANNA (b. 1800); A. THOMAS HONEY (b. 1827 in SC); and ELI HONEY (b. 1839 in AL).

To further complicate this mess, my great grandfather's older brother BENJAMIN AUSTIN HOLDER married MARTHA FRANCES E. HONEY, the daughter of WILLIAM and ANNA HONEY. My great grandfather was JOHN OLIVER HOLDER and he married MARTHA FRANCES E. GARY, the daughter of NELSON and MARY AMANDA (HONEY) GARY. The only thing known for sure is that my great grandmother was named after her husband" brother's wife. Can anyone please help me?

#### JONES FLOYD NORMAN

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I am seeking information on JONES, FLOYD and NORMAN in Union, Spartanburg, Laurens and/or Newberry counties. My grandfather said the JONES family was Scotch-Irish. A family tradition says that the JONES family operated a ferry on the Enoree River, probably between Union and Laurens counties. I have found a "Jones Ford" on a map between Union and Laurens counties (Laurens Co., SC, the Hudgins

Co. Pub., Atlanta, GA, Survey of W.H. Nash). Does anyone know any history on this ford? My great, great grandfather was a CHARLES JONES, son of DAVID JONES whose estate papers show DAVID died about 1804 in Union Co., SC. DAVID'S father and grandfather may have been the ferry operators. CHARLES JONES married REBECCA NORMAN, daughter of JONATHAN NORMAN, SR., about 1794 when CHARLES was about 17 years old. DAVID JONES' wife was TACY, possibly a FLOYD. I am seeking the parents of DAVID (DAVY) and TACY JONES. Does anyone know where/how to research SC ferry records, or taxes on such? This might help in my JONES research.

#### McDANIEL/McDONALD

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NEILL ARCHIBALD McDONALD of Richmond Co., NC is my grandfather, son of JAMES DANIEL McDANIEL/McDONALD (he used both surnames) of Montgomery Co., NC. 1 think JAMES DANIEL'S father was ARCHIBALD McDONALD of Greenville Co., SC territory that was once Anson Co., NC. ARCHIBALD (d. 1849) had no will, thus no proof of the names of his children. ARCHIBALD'S father, JOHN McDONALD, had a will but did not name his children. Again, lack of proof - very frustrating. NEIL and MARY McDONALD first appear in Richmond Co., NC when they bought land ca. 1812. MARY'S name appears in 1825, seeming to indicate that NEILL is deceased. One NEIL and ARCHIBALD are in Chesterfield Co., SC, which is below Richmond Co., NC, across the NC/SC state line. Sherman burned Chesterfield courthouse which stymies my research there. I believe this NEILL and ARCHIBALD are kin to my grandfather. NEILL'S last appearance in SC is the 1830 Census. After that there was a large migration of Scots to Tennessee and Alabama. I can't determine what relation this NEILL is to my grandfather. Scot tradition is that the firstborn son be named for father and grandfather, or father and emigrant. In ca. 1734 NEILL McDONALD owned over 2,000 acres in the Berkley District of SC. I have to find out why my grandfather was named NEILL, as he was a firstborn son. Other names in my line are WILLIAM and CHARLES. I would be glad to hear from any McDANIEL/McDONALD of NC/SC. 1 have a great 20-year-accumulation of McD/McD NC/SC records and can be of help. I would be glad to hear from you.

#### LARK O'SULLIVAN

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CHARLES LARK & wife, WILMENA came from Mackensen, Germany & was living in PA in 1836. They had a son, CHARLES JEAN, born in PA; my only record of them having been there. The Lark family came to SC about 1838-1840. On the 1860 census they were in the Paris Mountain Township, Greenville County, SC and in 1870 they show on the Greenville census. I descend from their son, JOHN AUGUSTUS LARK (1849-1927) matried to MARY HUGHES from Clifton, Spartanburg County, SC. They are both buried in the Cannon's Campground Methodist Church Cemetery in Spartanburg County. Their daughter, MAGGIE LARK married my grandfather, DENNIS GREENBERRY O'SULLIVAN in 1892. Supposedly, CHARLES LARK had brothers, WILLIAM & HENRY LARK who also came from Germany; but have no proof. Any information on CHARLES LARK & descendants will be appreciated. Will exchange information.

#### HUSKEY MOORE HARRIS

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My father's name is BROADAS RAY HUSKEY who was born 1911 in Gaffney, SC; would like to learn any information on him. My grandfather's name is IAMES PATRICK HUSKEY who was born 1879 in Gaffney, He died in 1958 and is buried in Cowpens, SC. He wed INA ELIZABETH HARRIS (1893-1973). Would like to know their children. My great-grandfather, THOMAS CLEVELAND HUSKEY was born 1850 in Gaffney, SC. He died in 1892, and I am told may be buried in the Magnolia Cemetery in Spartanburg. He married ELIZABETH CORDELIA MOORE (1846-1929); need names of their children. THOMAS was the son of IAMES HUSKEY who was born about 1820 in Gaffney, SC. Have no information on when or where he died. He married MARGARET "PEGGY" HARRIS. Need further information on this couple. Also would like to know if I have a Civil War soldier. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

#### COWLEY

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Searching for any information on ROBERT COWLEY, SR. b 1749-1752, PA; d Sep. 13, 1846, Chester, SC; m MARY, whose maiden name is not known to me. MARY was b ca 1768, SC (probably Chester); d Nov. 1, 1844. I am told both are buried in an Irish graveyard near Lockhart, Chester County, SC. ROBERT was my 3rd gr-grandfather. His son, THOMAS who was born in SC was my great-greatgrandfather. He was in MS by 1870. His son, IOHN L COWLEY, was my great-grandfather and his son, WASHINGTON RAGLE COWLEY was my grandfather. Will gladly exchange information. Any help appreciated.

#### FOWLER FOSTER LEWIS

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My 5th great-grandparents were both born in Spartanburg, SC. WILEY FOWLER, b 1795, fought in the War of 1812; wed RACHEL LEWIS who was also born in Spartanburg in 1795. She died in 1885 in Perryville, Perry, AL. They were married in Spartanburg County, in 1816. The became parents of 9 children all of whom were born in Spartanburg County: ELIZABETH, MISSOURI, LEWIS, MILES, WILEY, HARRIETT, MARY, MAHALA AND MARTHA. By 1845, this family had moved to Goosa County, AL. WILEY died there that year and the daughter, ELIZABETH, died there in 1856. On Nov. 5, 1842 in Gadsden, Etowa, AL, the 2nd daughter, MISSOURI, wed WILLIAM FOSTER who was born in 1825 in Coosa Co. Al. This couple had 2 children born in Coosa, AL: THOMAS WILEY FOSTER, b 1848; &: BATES A. FOSTER, b 1850; RACHEL FOSTER, b 1858 in Perry Co., AL & d 1885 in Perryville, AL. WILLIAM FOSTER was killed and after his death, MISSOURI wed SAMUEL WOODS who was also born in Spartanburg County. The family remained in Perry County, AL until the early 1890's and then moved to Bowie County, TX. Any information on WILEY & RACHEL LEWIS FOWLER and their children will be appreciated. I have a lot of information on WILLIAM and MISSOURI (FOWLER) FOSTER and will gladly share with anyone who needs it.

#### DAUGHERTY DOUGHERTY WALKER BYRD MCCRACKEN

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I am interested in all of the surnames given above but I am especially interested in the location of a place in South Carolina called Gemma. My DAUGHERTY ancestors requested to be buried there, and I would like to know where it is so I can locate their graves. Please help.

#### COLEMAN MILLER

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Trying to locate family information on MARY EMMA COLEMAN who was born August 4, 1870 in Fairfield, SC; wed on March 27, 1890 to DANIEL LAFAYETTE MILLER. He died on Jone 21, 1951 in Caldwell Co., NC. Will exchange information.

#### FOWLER DAVIS YARBROUGH NORTHERING MOORE

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I have been trying for over 20 years to find information on ISAAC & ELIZABETH BROWN FOWLER who moved from Spartanburg County, SC to Kentucky. They had twin sons, LARKIN & WILLIAM FOWLER, born 1800's in Kentucky. They moved back to Spartanburg. I descend from LARKIN. Would very much like to learn who his wife was. Also would like to exchange information on BENJAMIN A. DAVIS who was born 1716 & wed ELIZABETH BOWEN. They lived in Cocke Co., TN. He and his 6 sons fought at Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War. Afterwards, he received a land grant in TN. Papers I have read on him mentions relatives in Laurens Co., SC. Also researching JAPTHA YARBROUGH who was born 1798, SC. He moved to Washington Co., TN whre he wed NANCY NORTHERING. She had previously been married to IOHN MOORE & had 2 sons. I will pay for copies, postage, etc. Any help appreciated. I have become too old to drive or I would come to SC and hunt for all of these families.

Editor's Note: Let's give Ms. Hurley some help.

#### SANDERS WHEELER WARMOUTH

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Need wife, ancestor of GEORGE SANDERS who appears on the 1790 census in Greenville Co., SC. He was perhaps a brother or cousin of REUBIN SANDERS, Rev. soldier who died in Shelby Co., KY. GEORGE was in Madison Co., KY in 1806 and in Bedford Co., TN by 1809. His children included JOHN who wed SUSANNAH (WHEELER?), PETON/PETER, CAPT. GEORGE SANDERS, and MARGARET who wed HENRY WARMOUTH.

#### BRAMBLETT COUCH

Carolyn Smotherman

JOHN ALVIN BRAMBLETT was born 1791 in Laurens Co., SC, wed JANE COUCH and moved to Franklin Co., GA about 1813 and then to Bedford Co. where he died in 1861. Wish to prove or disprove that JOHN A. BRAMBLETT was the son of ENOCH BRAMBLETT.

#### KELLEY GARRETT JEFFRIES

Carolyn Smotherman

NELSON KELLEY of Laurens Co., SC was the father of REUBEN KELLEY who wed Lavisa whose maiden name is not known to me. Nelson was probably the father of WILLIAM KELLEY who wed MARTHA, daughter of EDWARD GARRETT. Did he have other children? What about THOMAS

"KELLOGG" of the 1790 Laurens Co. census? NELSON KELLEY married ELIZABETH JEFFRIES 1751 in Stafford Co., VA; signed a contract in 1762 to be overseer for George Washington; was in CAPT. WILLIAM BRINKLEY'S company of NC militia. He probably died about 1813 in Bedford Co., TN. Will exchange information. All help appreciated.

#### PARIS PARRIS

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Researching PARIS/PARRIS. Need any local history or records for NATHANIEL DICKERSON PARRIS or his son, LEW PARRIS. Will exchange information.

#### POLLARD LUCAS

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Is there a connection between JAMES POLLARD who settled in Williamsburg, SC in 1735, and ROBERT POLLARD, SR in Abbeville, SC? (I understand all POLLARDS were out of Williamsburg by 1790.) Would also like information on JOHN LUCAS whose will was probated in 1799. Who did his daughters marry. Will be glad to exchange or pay for information. Please help!!

#### WILLIAMS WEBB

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WILLIAM WILLIAMS wed MARY WEBB & they had several children. This family migrated from Warren Co, TN to MO in the early 1810's. Indications are that MARY'S family came from Rutherford Co., NC (which is just north of the Spartanburg/Greenville area). Any help on this family appreciated.

#### PICKENS GILLESPIE SMITH PARSONS GARNER COX HENDRIX EUBANKS Malinda Fairall, P.O. Box 78, Lancing, TN 37770 OKKidd@infoave.Net

Interested in a PICKENS line of Pickens Co., SC. My line is GABRIEL PICKENS, b ca 1725 PA or VA; died in Pickens, SC. His wife was ZARUBIA SMITH? I know nothing about her. They were married in VA ca 1745-1750. They had a son, JONATHAN PICKENS, b ca 1760-65 in VA. He was in Maury Co., TN 1810 & d after 1820 in Hardin Co., TN. His daughter, IZZIVIAH PICKENS, b ca 1790, d aft 1830 possibly in Franklin Co., AL. She wed ALEXANDER GILLESPIE in Maury Co., TN in March 1810. Any help on JONATHAN & the others named will be greatly appreciated. Will exchange info.

#### ESTES DOLLAR

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Searching for parents of ELIJAH HULSEY ESTES b ca 1829 in SC& shows on the 1850 census visiting VINSON AUSTIN. ELIJAH wed ca 1852 SC to ELIZABETH JANE DOLLAR, daughter of WILLIAMSON & FRANCES P. (CARPENTER) DOLLAR. ELIJAH & ELIZABETH had 3 children in SC and moved to Pickens Co., AL ca 1860 and had more children. Will gladly exchange info.

# JURY SUMMONS - SPARTANBURG DISTRICT NOVEMBER 6, 1822

Spartanburg District)

To the constable to Summons & bring Captn Lewis Brown & George Cantrell to appear before me or Some other Justice to be bound over to court on Monday to give evidence in be half of the State vs Richard Morris for Trading with Col. Willson Nesbitt negro Fellow Joe given under my hand and seal this 6th Day of November 1822

Henry Turner, J Q

# SOUTH CAROLINA IN EQUITY-ABBEVILLE DISTRICT

Source: Edgefield Advertiser, Issue of August 11, 1836

Y.J. Harrington )	
& F. B. Higgins )	Abbeville District
vs )	Bill for Injunction
Morgan McMorries )	Mary Land Control of the State of

It appearing to my satisfaction that the Defendant resides without the limits of the State. On Motion, ordered.

That he do appear, plead answer to demur to the Complainants Bill, within three months from the date of this publication or the said Bill will be taken Pro Confesso against him.

Wm. C. Black C.F.A.D. June 24th, 1836

#### SOUTH CAROLINA LOYALISTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1847, Lorenzo Sabine published The American Loyalist. Much to the chagrin of more "patriotic" Americans, Sabine attempted to show that the American Revolution was not the vast revolt to free all men from tyranny but a more complex event with various causes. (One of his more trenchant criticism was that the repressive British offered freedom to slaves who served with them while the freedom loving Patriots insisted on keeping their fellow man in bondage.) As part of his effort to document, if not redeem, the Loyalist cause (although he readily admitted that some Loyalists such as "Bloody Bill" Cunningham were monsterous in their conduct), he provided biographical sketches of anyone whom he could document as a supporter of the British war effort. In 1864—with the country engulfed in the Civil War, Sabine published a revised two volume version of this work: Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution with an Historical Essay. From this edition, we have abstracted South Carolina related entries. (Those biographies relating only to Charleston or the low county have been omitted.) Being a New Englander, Sabine is very strong on the Loyalists of that area. However, it is interesting to compare the listing he compiled with the listing of Loyalist lands confiscated by the State of South Carolina following the Revolution. (That listing was most recently published in the October 1996 issue of this quarterly on pages 150-153.) Given the lack of modern communication methods and the lack of ready access to most South Carolina records, Sabine did a very good job in compiling the list.

ANDERSON, Culbert. Of South Carolina. Died prior to 1785. Estate confiscated; but two plantations in the neighborhood of Ninety-Six, restored to Mary his widow and her children, by act of the General Assembly. (Vol. I, p. 164)

CUNNINGHAM, Robert. Of South Carolina. One of the most prominent Loyalists of the whole South. In 1769, he settled in the district of Ninety-Six, and was soon commissioned a Judge. He incurred the displeasure of the Whigs in 1775, when he disapproved of their proceedings in sustaining the cause of Massachusetts, and in the adoption of the Non-Importation Act. In the course of that year[,] he was seized and imprisoned in Charleston. His brother Patrick assembled a body of friends in order to effect his release. The Whigs dispatched Major Williamson with a force to prevent the accomplishment of this object, but Cunningham's party being superior, he was compelled to retreat. A truce or treaty was finally arranged, and both Whigs and Loyalists dispersed. In July of 1776, Robert Cunningham was allowed his freedom without conditions, and removed to Charleston. Colonel Williamson wrote to William Henry Drayton, the same month he appeared in camp, and "declared himself our fast friend, and that he came to stand and fall with us." "I have no doubt," adds Williamson, "of his proving true to his declaration, but at present it would be improper to confer any public trust on him". In 1780 he was created a Brigadier-General, and placed in command of a garrison in South Carolina; but in 1781 was at the head of a force in the field, and encountered Sumter. His estate was confiscated in 1782. After the peace, he petitioned to be allowed to continue in South Carolina. His request was refused, and he removed to Nassau, New Providence. The British Government made him a liberal allowance for his losses, and gave him an annuity. He died in 1813, aged seventy-four years. (Vol. I, pp. 346-347)

CUNNINGHAM, Patrick. Of South Carolina. Brother of General Robert. In 1769 he was appointed Deputy Surveyor-General of the Colony. He was connected with the earliest military movements at the South. In 1775, at the head of one hundred and fifty Loyalists, he intercepted a party of Whigs that were conveying ammunition; and the same year assembled a force of fifteen hundred men to oppose Major Williamson, who was compelled to retire. After attempting to effect the release of his brother Robert in 1776, and the temporary accommodation of affairs that year, Patrick removed to Charleston, where he was committed to prison by order of the Provincial Congress.

In 1780 he received the commission of Colonel, and the command of a regiment. His estate was confiscated in 1782. At the conclusion of the contest, he joined Robert in a request to be allowed to remain in the State. The application was not successful, and he went to Florida. In 1785, a second petition to be restored to his rights in South Carolina was more favorably received; and the Legislature, amercing his estate twelve per cent, and imposing some personal disabilities for a term of years, annualled the previous act of banishment and confiscation. He was elected a member of the Legislature, but his position was an unpleasant one, and, after serving for a short time, he retired. He died in 1794. (Vol. 1, pp. 348-349) CUNNINGHAM, David. Brother of General Robert. Before the Revolution, he was Deputy Surveyor of the District of Ninety-Six. During the war, he accepted the place of Commissary of the Royal Army at Charleston. He was allowed to continue in the State at the peace, and became a planter in Ninety-Six. (Vol. I, p. 348)

CUNNINGHAM, John. Of South Carolina. Was also a brother of General Robert. He was a planter; but in the course of the war, removing with his brothers to Charleston, was a Commissary in the British Army. In 1782 his property was confiscated. He was permitted to reside in the State at the conclusion of hostilities; and, embarking in commercial pursuits, accumulated a large forume. (Vol. 1, p. 348)

CUNNINGHAM, William. Of South Carolina. Was known as "Bloody Bill:" and there is no little evidence to show that he well deserved the appellation. At the beginning of the controversy he was inclined to be a Whig, and indeed accepted a military commission, and served in the campaign of 1776. Changing sides, he became an officer and a major in the service of the Crown, and was engaged in many desperate exploits, and hand-to-hand fights. About the close of the year 1781, when the Royal Army was confined to the vicinity of Charleston, this monster adopted the informal scheme of taking his revenge, by carrying fire and sword into the settlements of the Whig militia. At the head of a band of Tories, he reached the back country without discovery, and began to plunder, to burn, and to murder. To show the nature of the man and the kind of warfare which he waged, two cases will suffice. First, a party of twenty under Captain Turner, armed in self-defence, took post in a house, and fought until their ammunition was nearly expended, when they surrendered on condition of being treated as prisoners of war. But Cunningham put every one of them to instant death. Second, a number of Whigs, in the District of Ninety-Six, commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes, took shelter in a building which was set on fire, and, on promise of protection, yielded, rather then be burned alive. Hayes, and Captain Daniel Williams were immediately hung on a pole, which broke, and both fell, therupon, Cunningham "cut them into pieces with his own sword." This done, he turned upon his other prisoners, and hacked, and maimed, and killed, until his strength was exhaused. Not yet glutted with blood, he called upon his comrades to complete the dreadful work, and to slay whoever of the survivors they pleased. The end was the slaughter of twelve more, or of fourteen in all. Thus, "Bloody Bill," murdered thirty-five persons in these two instances. In 1782, his property was confiscated; and, at the peace, he retreated in Florida. (Vol. I, pp. 348-349)

CUNNINGHAM, Andrew. Of the District of Ninety-Six, South Carolina. He held a commission under the Crown, and lost his estate under the Confiscation Act. But the General Assembly, by special Act, subsequently, gave Margaret, his widow, and her children, an estate on Rexburns(sic) [Reyburns] Creek, which had not been sold by the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, and which seems to have been the homestead, (Vol. I, p. 349)

GANEY, Micajah. Of South Carolina. He lived on the Little Pedee(sic); and at the head of some Loyalists of that region, sallied out of the swamps to distress the Whigs. Marion had required that he should obey his orders as brigadier of the district; but he refused. Yet, in 1781, when the Royal Army met with reverses, Ganey entered into a treaty of neutrality, which was renewed the year following. By the terms of the last agreement, the Tory band were forgiven treason, secured in the possession of their property, and placed under the protection of the laws, on the condition of delivering up their plunder, and demeaning themselves

as peacable citizens of South Carolina; while those who preferred to leace the country were permitted to go within the British lines, and to carry off or sell their effects. He was considered an excellent partisan officer, and, in the judgment of some, able to cope with Marion himself. (Vol. I, p. 458)

To be continued.

## HISTORY OF LANFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Found among the papers of Mrs. Pansy Lanford McCord and contributed by Edna Forrester Westmoreland, 1412 W. Georgia Road, Woodruff, SC, 29388. This Church is located on Highway 221 just across the Enoree River in Laurens County, SC.

I submit only a few facts from memory to the important history of our beloved church. The dates I use may not be accurate so they stand for correction.

According to records received we find that Lanford Baptist Church was organized in the year 1889. The land, on which the church stands and the cemetery plot were donated by my Grandfather, John Lanford, Sr. It was deeded to the deacons of this church and recorded at Laurens County Court House. [Edna Westmoreland: The land was originally part of the Dr. John Todd plantation which was sold to John Lanford, Sr.]

The deacons at that time were Mr. Ben W. Landford and Mr. G. Wash. Martin, who withdrew from the <u>Warrior Creek Baptist Church</u>. They were the prime promoters and instigators of organizing a Baptist Church here. This organization took place in the <u>Patterson Chapel</u> just in front of the present building. The Rev. E. Callie Watson of <u>Cedar Shoals</u> and Rev. Landrum Ezell of Woodruff assisted in the organization.

Some of the charter members were:

John Lanford, Sr. and his wife Sarah Wofford Lanford.

Ben W. Lanford and his wife Mattie Morgan Lanford, also Miss B. Etolia Lanford.

John W. Lanford and wife Almina Cooper Lanford.

Mrs. Julia Lanford Johnson and Mrs. Parthenia Lanford Johnson.

Mr. G. Wash. Martin and his wife Carrie H. Martin

Wash. H. Drummond and wife Mamie Rogers Drummond.

William Patterson and wife Rebecca Fleming Patterson.

Scott C. Higgins and wife Sallie Ferguson Higgins.

W. McDuff Patterson, M.M. Patterson and Dora Patterson.

Charles M. Franks, Lena Drummond Moore and Hattie F. Moore.

The first preaching services were begun in the school building on Sunday afternoon. The following Baptist ministers contributed their time to preaching the word of God: Rev. J.L. Bennett, Rev. D.D. Hammett, Rev. Seymoore, and Rev. E.C. Watson. We give thanks to these men of God who helped to advance Christ's Kingdom.

Prayer meetings began to be held every Saturday night and a Sunday School was soon organized, by the Rev. Seymoore. Eternity alone will reveal the good seeds sown in these early beginnings.

It was a real joy when in 1889 or 1890 when we were able to go into our new church building with its tall towering steeple, which was so beautiful in the eyes of this little child.

Mr. Wash. Martin was the Supt. for our Sunday School for a number of years. He as a faithful Christian leader as long as he lived. He died in 1898. Mr. Wash Drummond followed him as Supt. of the Sunday School. He was ordained as deacon and was a great leader who worked nobly and well for the church. Other men serving as Superintendent of Sunday School were: Mr. Oscar L. Lanford, Mr. Toy

Drummond, Mr. Talmadge Patterson, Mr. M. Burnett, and Mr. Arch Holmes. They all contributed much to the advancement of the Sunday School work and it was work well done.

2-The first pastor to be called after we entered the new church building was the Rev. Harrison Fowler, who served from 1889 to 1892. The first protracted meeting held in that year was conducted by Rev. J.A. Martin and twenty-five members were added to the church in this gracious revival. I think I am right when I say that I was the first one received for membership through experience. I have at times named them all over one by one but at present I can't do that. Those I do remember are: Lola Johnson, Dosia Moore, Mossie Lanford, Lillie Johnson, H.M. Johnson, J.D. Johnson, Ophelia Moore, Oceola Moore, Minnie Lanford, J.M. Fleming, Ethel Fleming, Jim Ritchey, Mrs. Bell Ritchey, Ida Rogers, Homer Ferguson, Mace Harlan, Potilla Moore, Sam Moore, Gillam Lanford, Mims Fowler, and Charlie Lanford.

The pastors called to the church were as follows:

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Rev. E.C. Watson	Rev. J.T. Littlejohn
Rev. A. McA. Pittman	Rev. J.E. Covington
Rev. W.P. Smith	Rev. George Sexton
Rev. Graves L. Knight	Rev. C.D. Prince
Rev. J.R. Whitesides	Rev. C.D. Bessinger
Rev. A.B. Langston	Rev. W.T. Red
Rev. J.B. Stepp	
	Rev. E.C. Watson Rev. A. McA. Pittman Rev. W.P. Smith Rev. Graves L. Knight Rev. J.R. Whitesides Rev. A.B. Langston

These preachers have gone out form the church. They are:

Rev. Tom Epton of Nashville, Ark., Rev. Ben W. Cox, Sweepsonville, N.C., and Rev. John Marler.

The history of any church which has carried on its labors of Love, Faith, Patience and Hope for over fifty years deserves high praise and commendation. It brings a feeling of pride to its members and former members when we think of the influence for good this church has had in this community. We know that perseverance, faith, hope and love were attributes of the founders of our church. If it had not been for these, our great heritage would not have been one of which we could be so proud today. As we come to this home coming day we do want to honor their precious memory.

This wonderful heritage issues a great challenge to the present and future generations. On them tests the responsibility and obligation to strive for even greater achievements than those of the past. May this challenge be met by a fervent and devoted zeal in the work of the Master.

"O ringing challengel Comfort sweet!

The by-gone days are not the whole;

The past did not God's plan complete;

The present needs each earnest soul.

Our decades of history grand,

of noble deeds in days of yore

Rings out Gods call for service true,

There's all eternity before."

— Written by Mrs. C.D. Cox (Lola Johnson) of Spartanburg, S.C. for the home coming day at the Lauford Baptist Church August 31, 1947.

# A NEW HAMPSHIRE DOCUMENT FOUND IN SPARTANBURG, SC

Contributed by Jim Crocker, 210 Scenic Circle, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Contributor's Note: The information below was found among papers in an Estate sale in Spartanburg, SC. We believe there is some connection for the family to have kept this document. In the margin of the paper is written: Ruben Clefford Count \$2.95.31

Memorandom of an Agreement made and Concludes upon this Twentyth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fourteen Between Ebernezer Tucker of andover in the County of Hillsborough and state of Newhampshire yeoman and Reuben Clefford of said andover gentleman the Conditions of which is as follows viz the said Ebenezer Tucker has this day made out and signed a deed to the said Clefford to Be Lodged with Joseph Brown in Sd andover to be delivered to the said Clefford Immediately after the decrease of the said Ebenezer Tucker and his wife provided the said Ruben Clefford doth pay and deliver to the said Ebenezer Tucker yearly the following articles viz the first payment to be made the first day of December next whitch Shall be twenty bushels of Corn, two of wheet two Bushels of ry[e] thirty Bushals of Potatoes and one Bushels and one half of Beans or Peas and twenty Pounds of flax four pounds of Coffe and one pound of the best kind of Tea Fifteen Pounds of Shuger two gallons of molasses two gallons of rum and one third part of the Cider that is made from the orchard on the farm and the Privilage of taking apples out of said orchard as many as necessary for the said Ebenezer use and one Bushel of good salt and [found?] fire wood but up at the door sufficit to keep one fire the year round and keep two Cows for the said Tucker the whole of the year and six sheep yearly and the sd Clefford is to provide a horse for the sd Eben tucker and his wife to ride on if [or] when they want and the sd Clefford is to take Care of and Provide for the sd Ebenezer tucker and his wife in their sickness to provide for and pay doctors nurses and pay all the Expense Funeral Charges and the sd Ebenezer tucker is to have use of the house that he now lives in and use of one half of an aker of land near the barn where he shall chuse to be Bounded out the house dureing their natural lives of the sd tucker and his wife and the improvement of sd half aker of land so long as he shall be able to improve it all the above named payments to be made out yearly the first to be paid on the first day of December next the secont in one year after and so on yearly so long as the sd Ebene Tucker and his wife shall liv but at the deceas of Either one half of the above named sume to ceas and the other half to Continue so long as the last one shall live and the daughters of the sd Eben Tucker namely Sarry [or Seny] Lisy and Sally shall have the privelage of living in Said hous after their sd father and Mother decease so long as they shall Continue single or unmarred and if the above named Ruben Clefford shall perform and make Payments to the sd Eben Tucker as above named then at their decease on the last of them the above named Lodged deed shall be delivered to the sd Clefford the sd Ruben Clefford is to have the improvements of all the premises named in sd ded Excepting the house and half aker of land so long as sd deed shall Continue in the hand and Care of the sd Joseph Brown and it shall be submitted to the sd Joseph Brown Willard Emery, Esq and Enos Stephan given to determin Whether the above named Conditions on the part of the sd Clefford are fulfiled and at anny time when they shell say they are not fulfiled Lodged deed shall be given up to the sd tucker. Friend Bailey

# SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE PRISONERS IN 1873-1874

Reports and Resolutions for 1874 published different listings of various classes of prisoners as part of the annual report of the South Carolina Penitentiary. One of the tables included in this report is an enumeration of inmates received during the fiscal year ending on October 31, 1874 from which upstate entries are abstracted below. Each entry includes the prison number by which the unmate is referred to in other prison records, his/her name, place of birth, age, sex, color, offense, and at what court the prisoner was tried and during which term of court. Abbreviations used include: Col.—colored (i.e. non-white); F—female; M—male; and W—white.

- 1593 James Harris, VA, 24, M, Col., Burglary and larceny (4 cases), Nov. Term, 1873 Fairfield Co. General Sessions
- 1594 Ira Richards, SC, 27, M, Col., Larceny, Nov. Term 1873 Fairfield Co. General Sessions
- 1595 Jackson Edwards, SC, 20, M, Col., Grand Iarceny, Nov. Term 1873 Fairfield Co. General Sessions
- 1596 Edward Ballance, SC, 22, M, Col., Grand larceny, Nov. Term 1873 Fairfield Co. General Sessions
- 1597 Frank Babb, SC, 20, M, Col., Arson, Nov. Term 1873 Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1598 James Babb, SC, 22, M, Col., Arson, Nov. Term 1873 Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1599 Clark Burress, SC, 21, M, Col., Assault & battery with intent to kill Nov. Term 1873, Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1600 James Robinson, SC, 30, M, W, Burglary and grand larceny, Nov. Term 1873, Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1601 Robert Robinson, SC, 16, M, Col., Manslaughter, Nov. Term 1873, Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1610 Columbus Carter, VA, 45, M, Col., Murder, Sept. Term 1873, Chester Co. General Sessions
- 1612 George Jackson alias George Giles, SC, 16, M, Col., Burglary, Nov. Term 1873 Newberry County General Sessions
- 1613 Postell Epps, SC, 26, M, Col, Riot, assault, and battery Nov. Term 1873 Newberry Co. Gen. Sessions
- 1614 Mark Epps, SC, 25, M, Col., Riot, assault, and battery Nov. Term 1873 Newerry Co. Gen. Sessions
- 1615 George Feaster, SC, 16, M, Col., Rape (2 cases) Nov. Term 1873 Newberry Co. General Sessions
- 1616 Martha Epps, SC,20, F, Col., Riot, assault, and battery Nov. Term 1873 Newberry Co. General Sessions
- 1617 C. Austin, NC, 27, M, W, Disturbing a religious meeting, Nov. Term 1873 Pickens County General Sessions
- 1618 Samuel Dickerson, SC, 30, M, Col., Burglary and larceny, Nov. Term 1873 Pickens Co. General Sessions
- 1619 Franklin Carroll, NC, 18, M, Col., Assault and battery with intent to rape, Nov. Term 1873 Oconee Co. General Sessions
- 1635 William Williams, SC, 36, M, Col., Grand larceny, Jan. Term 1874 Abbeville Co. General Sessions
- 1636 Calvin Hawthorn, GA, 22, M, Col., Manslaughter, Jan. Term 1874 Abbeville Co. General Sessions
- 1637 Wesley Simms, SC, 20, M, Col., Grand larceny, Jan. Term 1874 Abbeville Co. General Sessions
- 1638 H. E. Duncan, SC, 45, M, W, Murder, Jan. Term 1874 Fairfield Co. General Sessions
- 1640 Hiram W. Major, SC, 34, M, W, Manslaughter, Feb.Term 1874 Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1641 George Posey, GA, 18, M, Col., Mule and horse stealing, grand and petit larceny Feb. Term 1874 Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1642 Wright Sullivan, SC, 46, M, Col., Robbery, Feb. Term 1874 Newberry Co. General Sessions
- 1643 Benj. alias Puff Richardson, SC, 23, M, Col., Forgery Feb. Term 1874 Anderson Co. General Sessions
- 1644 Ned Hambright, SC, 22, M, Col., Grand larceny, Jan. Term 1874 York Co. General Sessions
- 1667 William Evans, SC, 25, M, W, Manslaughter, Mar. Term 1874 Greenville Co. General Sessions

1668 Allen Griffen, SC 23, M, W, Assault and battery, Mar. Term 1874 Greenville Co. General Sessions

1669 Foster Johnson, SC, 28, M, Col., Assault and battery, Mar. Term 1874 Greenville Co. General Sessions

1670 Howard Wilkins, SC, 21, M., Col., Assault and battery with intent to kill, Mar. 1874 Term Greenville Co. General Sessions

1671 Nolan Sullivan, SC, 18, M, Col., Forgery, Mar. 1874 Term Greenville Co. General Sessions

1674 Savannah Williams, SC, 15, F, Col., Manslaughter, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions

1675 Gabriel Johnson, SC, 20, M, Col., Grand larceny, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions

1676 Jackson Anderson, SC, 21, M, Col., Grand larceny, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions 1677 Jerry Brown, SC, 22, M, Col., Burglary and larceny, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions

1678 James Hill, SC, 22, M, Col., Burglary and larceny, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions

1679 Allen Dixon, SC, 22, M, Col., Grand larceny, Mar. 1874 Term Edgefield Co. General Sessions

1695 George W. Fowler, SC, 26, M, W, Manslaughter, Mar. 1874 Term Union Co. General Sessions

1696 Charner Rice, SC, 24, M, Col., Manslaughter, Mar. 1874 Term Union Co. General Sessions

1698 Marsh Parks alias Davis, SC, 27, M, Col., Manslaughter Mar. 1874 Spartanburg Co. General Sessions

1699 William alias Bill Edwards, NC, 19, M, Col., House breaking and Larceny, April 1874 Term York Co. General Sessions

1700 Charles White, SC, 22, M, Col., Grand larceny, April 1874 Term York Co. General Sessions

1701 Patsey Holmes, SC, [no age given], Col., F, [no offense given], April 1874 York Co. General Sessions

1710 William Green, SC, 22, Col., M, Burglary and larceny, May 1874 Term Fairfield Co. General Sessions

1711 Alexander Woodley, VA, 26, Col., M, Burglary and larceny, May 1874 Term Fairfield Co. General Sessions

1712 Jack Brice, SC, 23, Col., M, Manslaughter, May 1874 Term Fairfield Co. General Sessions

1713 Frank Porter akar Timbers, SC, 23, Col., M, Bigamy, May 1874 Term Fairfield Co. General Sessions

1716 George Palmer alias Jackson, VA, 64, Col., M, Grand larceny, May 1874 Term Fairfield Co. General Sessions

1722 Anthony McCoppin, SC, 22, Col., M, Grand larceny, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1723 Isaiah Mathews, SC, 22, Col., M, Arson, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1724 Henry Hackett, SC, 25, Col., M, Stealing a mare, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1725 Jack Wright, SC, 19, Col., M, Grand larceny, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1726 Ephraim Scott, SC, 19, Col, M, Grand larceny, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions 1727 George Strother, SC, 24, Col., M, Manslaughter, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1728 Lewis Chiles, SC, 26, M, Col., Forgery, May 1874 Term Abbeville Co. General Sessions

1729 Lewis Sheely, SC, 56, M, Col., Arson, May 1874 Term Newberry Co. General Sessions

1730 Westley Williams, SC, 26, M, Col., Assault with a deadly weapon, May 1874 Term Newberry Co. General Sessions

1731 James Williams, SC, 24, M, Col., Assault and battery with intent to kill, May 1874 Term Newberry Co. General Sessions

1749 Welborn Meeks, SC, 26, M, Col., Petit larceny, July 1869 York Co. General Sessions

1756 J. L. L. Pelfrey, SC, 23, M, W, Grand larceny, May 1874 Term Anderson Co. General Sessions

1766 James R. Thomas, SC, 30, M, W, Assault and battery, June 1874 Term Oconee Co. General Sessions

1772 Rebecca Mayfield, SC, 24, F, Col. Grand larceny, June 1874 Term Greenville Co. General Sessions

1773 John Richardson, SC, 22, M, Col., Grand larceny, June 1874 Term Greenville Co. General Sessions

1774 Emmanuel Ford, SC, 43, M, Col., Grand larceny, June 1874 Term Greenville Co. General Sessions

1802 John Benjamin, SC, 28, M, Col., Murder, February 1874 Term, Laurens Co. General Sessions To be continued.

# S. C. LUNACY RECORDS AS A GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE

by Joey Gainey

When the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum was created by legislative act on 18 December 1827, there was no other public institution of this sort south of Virginia. The Asylum was a direct result of a concerted campaign led by Col. Samuel Farrow (a Revolutionary War veteran residing in Spartanburg District) and a classically educated Charlestonian of New England extraction named William Craft, Jr. whose previous causes had included the expansion of legal rights for Catholics and Jews and the establishment of the Medical College (now University) of South Carolina. Their crusade was hardly the result of a groundswell of public support for the treatment of the insane. In fact, it received very little attention in the press (What the public and press really wanted was a state penitentiary.) Few people saw the need for the Asylum. The struggle was long and hard. But, Farrow and Craft finally prevailed. Due to misgivings on the part of the Legislature, from the start, the Asylum was grossly underfunded.

In the spring of 1828, the Asylum opened. Much to the chagrin and constemation of its officers and supporters, no patients were admitted for six months because there weren't any. Due to a lack of patients, the Asylum nearly closed in 1831. Not until 1849 did the number of patients exceed 100 and many were from out of state. The primary reason for this situation was the commonly held perception that sending a relative to an asylum or hospital reflected negatively on a family's reputation. Sending someone there said one of three things to the surrounding community:

The family was too poor to care for its own.

The family was too shiftless or trifling to do so.

The family was both of the above.

Not exactly the kind of thoughts one wanted the neighbors to have. Unfortunately, this mind set permeated all layers of society. Even the noted author William Gilmore Sims—one of the most enlightened and educated men of the era—declared that the Asylum was "known to be unprofitable, and was believed to be unnecessary."

None of the Asylum's early officers had any practical experience in the management of asylums. They had to operate by trial and error. In many ways, the Asylum was one grand experiment which many hoped would fail. Initially, the General Assembly appointed a nine man Board of Regents. It drew up the rules to govern the Asylum and submitted them to the Legislature for approval. Also, the Regents appointed a "keeper" of the Asylum (like in zookeeper which speaks volumes about the attitudes of many when it came to the mentally ill) and all other officials and staff. This body was so powerful that the Regents alone could discharge patients when they (not the physicians) felt they were "cured". Early on, they exercised such tight control on every aspect of the day-to-day operation of the Asylum. The Regents even required the superintendents (who supposedly ran the Asylum in conjunction with the "visiting physician") to even submit detailed listings of the possessions of newly admitted patients. Given the meddlesome nature of the Board of Regents and the fact that the earliest superintendents and visiting physicians received no remuneration for their efforts just room and board, it is not surprising that turnover was high. The Asylum had four superintendents in eight years. (One of them was Archibald Beaty who was forced to resign in 1832 amid charges of poor record keeping and general incompetence.) In 1836, John W. Parker became superintendent. He was the first superintendent who also was a physician. Despite the Regents and meager funding, he gradually stabilized and improved conditions at the Asylum. Until 1869, when the Radical Republican regime required his removal, he served the cause of the insane well. The quality of care declined drastically and it took South Carolina nearly a century to recover from the damage done by their minions.

The Regents initially felt that the best way to overcome the stigma of hospitalization for the mentally ill was by catering to the rich patients who could afford to pay for the Asylum's services. (It didn't hurt the bottom line either.) This fact, coupled with the reluctance of the local commissioners of the poor to raise taxes to pay for the treatment of poor, insane immates despite a statutory requirement to do so, meant few paupers were admitted at first. However, this strategy backfired. It became apparent that one had to minister to the middle and lower classes to win the hearts and minds of the people. Finally, in 1831, an act requiring the transfer of the indigent insane to Columbia and forcing the state to defray the costs of paupers in the Asylum was passed. A modest—but ever growing—number of paupers and middle class individuals were admitted and welcomed. Slaves were first enrolled as early as May 1829. But, not until the year 1848—in an effort to counter abolitionist propaganda—was a real effort made to admit and treat slaves and free persons of color.

Contrary to popular myth, the treatment of the insane in Southern facilities equaled or surpassed that of institutions in the North. In keeping with the prevalent theory of the time, coercion was kept at an absolute minimum. Treatment was based upon a concept known as "moral therapy". Its basic philosophy was that patients could be cured by being subjected to a "system of kindness" thereby teaching them self-control and proper moral values and curing their insanity although mechanical restraints, seclusion, and cold showers as well as other remnants of the colonial madhouse were available to deal with the recalcitrant. The physicians of the Asylum were certain of success. One of them optimistically proclaimed that "five out of six would recover if attended to early."

An order (temporary or permanent) admitted a patient to the Asylum. Upon admission, a patient's medical history was taken and entered in the admissions book. (Until the 1960s, almost all records were maintained in bound volumes.) The amount of information taken (or recorded at least) varies greatly. The admission books are indexed. However, it is uncertain whether or not this index is complete or totally accurate. The Asylum later used a standardized form containing much genealogically valuable information to document admissions. At the bottom of each form is a space for "address of friends". During this era, mental illness still had much of a stigma attached to it. So, Asylum officials came up with a discreet method to address this delicate issue. Note that each patient was assigned a unique number which was used to identify patients in some records rather than a name—especially in those records which were submitted to the General Assembly or otherwise made available to the public. Errors abound. Some numbers are skipped entirely and others assigned to two patients. The Dept. of Mental Health when they made these records available in 1985 insisted on a 100 year closure of records to address privacy concerns. Records covering the years 1885 to 1898 while not available on microfilm can be used in person by researchers at the S. C. Dept. of Archives and History, Colombia, SC.) Another record taken at this time was the "physicians' record" which gave a summary of the patient's history and general condition. Included here are several genealogical gems including, the patient's age and religious affiliation. If married, this form also gives the length of time married and how many children the patient has. One of the most shocking items I saw while preparing this program was the physicians' record for the admission of a seven year old boy.

Once admitted, the Asylum kept daily case histories to monitor progress, or the lack thereof. These records are called the case histories. The title of these records is misleading because they are not past histories but chronicle the ongoing course of treatment. Since the case histories record pertinent facts about the patient's condition and treatment on an almost daily basis, they can be quite lengthy. The Asylum kept three overlapping series of detailed case histories and treatment records. By amount of records generated, they are the largest series in this record group. They are nearly complete with only relatively minor groups. Unfortunately for the researcher, the volumes containing case histories are usually unindexed. Filled with archaic medical terminology which often can't be found in modern medical dictionaries, these hastily written pages are often very difficult to read. But, read them you must or you will

miss much interesting and enlightening material on your ancestor. Another problem is that when the writer filled the allotted space for information concerning a patient, he simply flipped through the volume until he found what he considered sufficient space and continued his entry. Although the patient's name is given at the beginning of the new entry, usually no cross referencing is made between the two entries. For patients with lengthy stays in the Asylum or numerous problems requiring detailed explanations, it is impossible to determine how often or where the clerk continued a patient's record. The only course of action you have is to look at every page for each volume covering the years the patient you are interested in was at the Asylum.

The South Carolina Lanatic Asylum also kept registers of admissions and discharges. The format of these records varies from time to time. Sometimes, the records overlap in coverage but contain different information about the same individual. Runaways from the Asylum are said to have "eloped" and some registers contain daily statistics on this and other aspects of the Asylum's population. Available as well are various lists of patients which are often very specialized in content (such as a roster of "colored women", "white male patients 1876-1879" and those "cured, removed, and dead"). Unfortunately, these lists aren't as useful as one would initially think. Often, they enumerate the patients by surname only (which isn't very helpful if the person you're looking for has a common name or there are more than one patients with the same name). As stated earlier, with the exception of the county by county listing of patients at the Asylum in the 1881-1882 edition of Reports and Resolutions, all published lists of patients at the Asylum identify the patients only by number (See fig. 11) which merely sends one scurrying back to the admission books index to search page by page until the entry identifying the number of interest so you can find out the patient's true identity for there is no listing of patients in order by their numeric designations. Among the other records kept by the Asylum during the last century are daybooks, letterbooks, lists of regents and physicians. All of them are of dubious genealogical value for most researchers.

There are a variety of major problems with the records of the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum which a researcher must resolve to the best of his/her ability. Certainly, the greatest of these problems is the lack of proper, complete indices for a majority of these records. Closely related to this issue is the fact that patients may have case histories (often with detailed records) for whom there are no admission records and consequently no discernable patient number. Conversely, there are admissions for patients (some of whom remained at the Asylum for years) for whom there are no case histories. Even basic identifying information such as name, age, sex, and color can vary from record to record—even in contemporaneous volumes. Yet the patient number and just enough other information remains so constant that you feel certain that it is the same person. (Sometimes Solomon himself couldn't resolve the discrepancies.) Please remember that different physicians may evaluate a patient in tadically contradictory terms, their descriptions of a patient's condition in the case histories and the prognosis for recovery may be as different as night and day. Still, despite these problems, which are formidable enough to stymic the most dedicated researcher, the records of the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum are a resource that should not be overlooked.

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# BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1854 MEETINGS SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

September Meeting was a Protracted preaching By J. E. Landrum & B Bonner.

Set in conference open the door of church for Reception of members Sarah a black Girl belonging to R

Berry also Martha Berry James L Ezell by experience & Brother Richard Turner by Letter

Dismissed in order

October Meeting 9th 1854

had Singing & prayer By Brother James Ezell went inconference appointed Br James Foster moderator the church then Taken into Notice the gift of Brother Briant Bonner to the ministry & decided that he be ordained also appointed Brother Perry D. Gilbert & John Cooly for deacons Saturday before the third Sabbath in November was sat apart for the ordination & Sent to Sister Church for helps to form a presbytery Brother James Foster applied for letters of dismission for himself & wife they ware granted & the Clerk order to write Then dismissed in order-

November Meeting 17 & 18 & 19 1854

We had Preaching By Br Wm Curtis Set inconference appointed Br Shansler mad Called for reference none enquired for the fellowship of the church when Brother R Berry Came forward and acknowledged That he had been intoxicated & beg forgiveness from the Church he was forgave him. The Church then pass are selution That any member, here after known to be drunk Shall be excluded from

the fellowship of the Church.

Saturday 18 had Preaching by Br B Bonner. Then form a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Brother Bonner he was ordained to the ministry Br John H Cooley and Perry D Gilbert was examined a made Deacon for the church open the Door of the church for the reception of members received by experience Sarah E Mckiney dismissed until Sunday morning 10 oclock.

[Editor's Note: Following is a list of names dated 1854. It would appear the list is of congregation members who contributed to the church. The list is so faint the amount could not be read.]

William Parris
James L Ezell
John H Cooley
James Turner
Robert Berry
Zeblen Ezell
Samuel Mckelvey
George Cantrell
Judge Edwards
H F Stevens
Henderson Cash
Edwin Thorn

James Ezell
James Cantrell
William Ezell
Henry Hines
James Berry
Edward Martin
James W Hammett
William Berry
Jeremiah Martin
John Potter
T D Gilbert

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