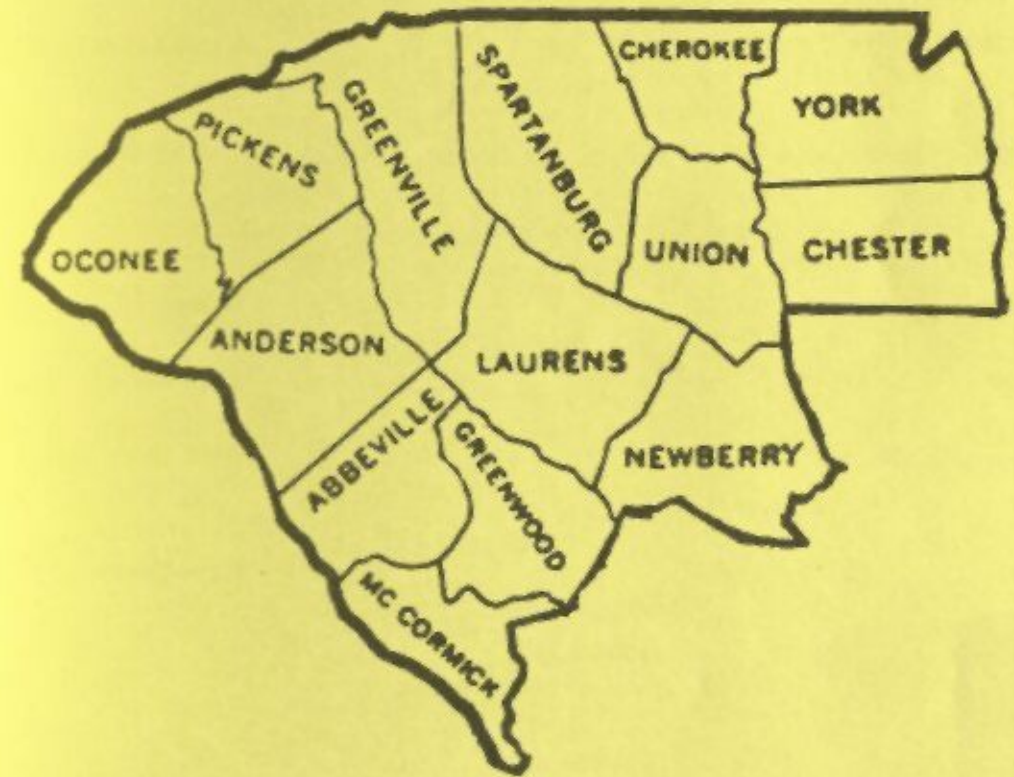


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FAMILY RECORD OF CALEB GREEN, FORMERLY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

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Source: Greenville County, SC Probate Court, Apt. 32, File 27, Estate of Martha Hammett (1871)

Transcribed by Dr. James L. Reid.

Transcriber's Note: Words and punctuation not in the original court record are enclosed by square brackets, [].

State of Arkansas, County of Poinsett} Thomas B. Sparks clerk of the court of probate in and for the said County of Poinsett hereby certify that the subjoined statement is a true copy of the family record of Caleb Green and Nancy [Hammett] his wife and their descendants having permission of Mary E. McAden former wife of John L. Green a son of said Caleb and Nancy.

Family Records

Marriages [Page 1]

Caleb Green and Nancy [Hammett] Green was married July 16, 1813

John Lowe and Permella Low was married September 30th 1852

Joseph Weeks & Nancy C. Green was married March the 13th AD 1860

Jesse Green and Eliza Green was married 28th July 1836

Aaron Franks & Emelia Green the wife of Aaron Franks was married April the 2^d 1845

J. L. Green and Mary E. Green was married January the 25th 1866

Deaths [Page 2]

Caleb Green son of William Green died March the 14th in the year 1841

Mary An Green daughter of Caleb Green died September 3 1841

Antoinette Green died October the 13th 1841

Caleb Vandiver Green died October the 21 1841

William W. Green died Jan'y ²⁸ 1843

Emily Green died Aug 25 1846

Nancy Carline Weeks daughter of Caleb and Nancy Green died December the 3^d 1860

Nancy [Hammett] Green departed this life Sept the 18th AD 1862

John Landrum Green son of J. L. Green & M. E. Green died May the 25th 1867

Mary Ann Green daughter of J. L. Green & M. E. Green died May the 2^d 1868

J. L. [John Landrum, Senior] Green died June the 12th 1869

Births [Page 3]

Caleb Green a son of William Green [and Mary Ann Crockett, his wife]

was born October the 2^d 1793

Nancy Green [a daughter of John Ferguson Hammett and Emelia Underwood, his wife]

was born October 28th 1796

Jesse Green was born October 11th 1814

Antoinette Green was born October 28th 1818

Emelia Green was born July 24th 1820

Emily Green was born September 8th 1822

William Wells Green was born August 28th 1825

Mary Ann Green was born March 20th 1827

[Births Concluded]

Permella Louisa Green was born July 23rd 1830

Nancy Carline Green was born Nov 3^d 1833

John Landrum Green was born February 16, 1837

Caleb Vandiver Green was born October the 20th 1841

John Landrum Green son of J. L. Green & M. E. Green was born April the 22nd 1867

Mary Ann Green daughter of J. L. and M. E. Green was born April 24th 1868

W. C. [William C.] Green was born June the 13th 1869

In certification whereof I hereby set my hand and seal of Office this ___ day of Jan'y 1876

Thos B. Sparks clerk Circuit & Probate Courts Poinsett C. Ark.

[Deposition of Permella Green Lowe]

State of Arkansas, County of Poinsett} Permella L. Lowe being first duly sworn deposes and says she is the Permella Lowe wife of John Lowe mentioned in the foregoing copy of the family record of Caleb and Nancy Green and is the daughter and heir at law of said Caleb and Nancy [;] that said family record has been in the keeping of the descendants of said Caleb and Nancy since their death and that the entries [sic] therein were wrote by Caleb and their descendants and that she verily believes the same to be a true and perfect statement and account of the death birth and marriage of said Caleb and [his] children & grandchildren except as to [sic] so far as it was stated [;] that Amelia Franks a daughter of said Caleb and Nancy died in the year 1846 [Note that there was no entry for the death of Amelia/Emelia Weeks in the family record above.] and the said [sic] Emily Green whose name appears in said record under the heading "Deaths" died during the year 1846 but the precise day of death is not known to be correctly stated in said record.

Permella L. Lowe

___ day of Jan'y 1876 Thos B Sparks Clerk Poinsett Circuit Court

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OBITUARY OF JOHN HAMMETT OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

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Source: *The Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Saturday, November 8, 1834

Editor's Note: This issue of the *Mountaineer* is missing from the microfilm roll. We are indebted to Carole for sharing this obituary from her Hammett file.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT

We learn from a gentleman who was one of the Jury of Inquest that John Hammett, Esq., who resided 10 or 12 miles from this place [town of Greenville], in the eastern part of the District, was accidentally killed on the evening of the 29th ult. [October 29, 1834]. Mr. Hammett had been in the habit of attending his mill for some time, and is supposed to have attempted to pass a small opening in the floor, just before sunset, over which a plank was loosely thrown, when the plank slipped off and precipitated his fall upon the rocks below, a distance of several feet, which most likely caused his instant death. He was not found until the next morning, his family having supposed he had gone to visit a neighbor. Mr. Hammett was about 73 years old, and had long been a highly respectable citizen of this District.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. EMELIA HAMMETT OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

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Source: *The Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Friday, July 7, 1834, p. 3, col. 2

OBITUARY

DIED—At her residence in this District on the 12th ult. [June 12, 1848], Mrs. EMILIA HAMMETT, relict of the late JOHN HAMMETT, in the 90th year of her age. The deceased had raised a large and respectable family, and left eight surviving children out of a family of nine, the youngest near 50 years of age. She had for some years been a member of the Baptist Church at Brushy Creek. Born in the State of North Carolina, Mrs. HAMMETT became, with her husband, one of the first settlers of this District after the Revolutionary war, and was ever ranked with the most worthy of its inhabitants.

Contributor's Note: John Ferguson Hammett, whose death is noted above, was born May 13, 1759 in Culpeper County, Virginia, a son of John Hammett, Sr. and Sarah M. Underwood, his wife. Emelia Underwood Hammett was born October 14, 1758, a daughter of John Underwood, Sr., and Margaret Jackman. John Ferguson and Emelia Underwood Hammett were the parents of Martha Hammett and Nancy Hammett Green, mentioned above.

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A LOW-RAINWATERS CONNECTION

Source: Spartanburg County Deed Book Y (1844): Deed of Gift

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh District } Know all men by these presents I Henry Low of the State and District [aforesaid], for and in consideration of the love and affection I have and bear towards my nephew Pinckney Rainwaters I do give and and grant, bargain and sell, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Pinckney Rainwaters his heirs & assigns for the special use and benefits of the said P. Rainwaters one Roan mare and I do by these presents give and deliver unto the said P. Rainwater, for ever the special use and benefit of the said P. Rainwaters, his heirs and assigns to have and to hold the same for the use and purposes above mentioned I bind myself my heirs and assigns to warrant and defend the same unto the said P. Rainwaters against my self my heirs and all other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof of the same. Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of December 1844. In presence of

Isaac Wofford Jr J. Tapp

his

Henry X Low
mark

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DEATH OF JORDAN P. POOL, Jr. OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Source: *The Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Friday, July 7, 1834, p. 3, col. 2

DIED—On the 24th of June last, at his home in this District, JORDAN P. POOL, Jr., in the 19th year of his age. The deceased was a gallant and spirited youth, and near twelve months enlisted for the war in Mexico. He there contracted the disease which forced him to leave the service, and to return to die in his native land. He has left many friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Peace and honor to his memory.

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A TOURIST'S VIEW OF UNION DISTRICT IN 1847

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

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Saturday, August 28, 1847, p. 2, col. 4

Correspondence of the Courier

VILLAGE OF UNION, Aug. 20, 1847

After a very pleasant and refreshing sojourn at Chesterville, I left there, yesterday, at 10 A.M., in a hired carriage, with a baggage waggon, for this place, accomplishing the whole distance, but 26 or 28 miles, (according to different computations), with very easy travel, by half-past 6 P.M. The roads had been improved by two day's sunshine and respite from rain, and the temperature was delightful. The country through which I rode, although broken and hilly, gave abundant manifestations of fertility and plenty; wheat already was bountifully harvested, Indian corn maturing in great luxuriance, and cotton covered with rich golden blooms, and promising, unless, while ripening, there should come "a frost, a killing frost", multitudinous and well filled pods of vegetable wool. At the distance of 17 or 19 miles from Chesterville, I crossed the Broad River at M'Cool's Ferry, and entered into Union District, the Charon, who demanded his obulus or ferriage money, being a corpulent and stalwart African, emulous of an eminent Alabama Senator, in fat and in size. Nothing of any special interest occurred during the rest of my journey—and I was, in due season, comfortably housed, with my party, in the State Rights' Hotel, kept by B. H. Bradley, Esq., the village Post Master—a kind, intelligent and accommodating host, an emigrant from North-Carolina, and a decided Union man, although keeping the State Rights' Hotel. This is just as it should be. There is no incompatibility between Union and State Rights—when rightly understood. They are, and always ought to be, as well in practice as in theory, in perfect harmony—and it should be the duty and study of Union men to take care of State Rights, and of State Rights men to take care of the Union.

The Village of Union, so styled in its charter of incorporation, but commonly called Unionville, is the Court town or seat of justice of Union District. It is situate, on a considerable elevation, in the centre of the District, near the head spring of Shoally Creek, a branch of Fair Forest Creek, a tributary of Enoree River, itself a tributary of the Broad River, and also near Brown's Creek, which enters the Broad River, a short distance below M'Cool's Ferry. Its distance from Broad River is 9 miles, from Columbia about 60 miles, and from Charleston between 170 and 180 miles. The act incorporating it was passed Dec. 20, 1837, when JOHN GAGE, Jr., A. W. THOMPSON, and JOHN ROGERS, Esqs., and their successors, three in number, to be elected annually on the 2nd Monday in April, were appointed Commissioners of Roads, with power and duty to keep the roads, within one mile of the Court House, in good order, to grant retail and tavern licences, and, with the money from the last named source, to keep in repair the public spring for supplying the village with water. The corporate limits extend a half mile from each side of the Court House, which is a very handsome and tasteful building of native granite, situate in a fine enclosed square, as is also the goal, built of like material. The Churches are the Presbyterian, Rev. L. W. CURTIS, and the Methodist, Rev. WM. A. M'SWAIN. There is a building for a Mail [sic] Academy, but the school is not now in operation. The Female Academy is kept by Rev. L. W. CURTIS and lady. The village has also a Library and Agricultural Society. The resident lawyers are Col. THOMAS N. DAWKINS, State Solicitor, Gen. J. M. GLADBERRY, A. W. THOMSON, ZACHARIAH P. HERNDON, DAVIS GOUDELOCK, RICH'D S. WRIGHT, JOSEPH F. GIST, J. B. DAWKINS, Esquires—the Physicians ARE DRS. E. M. BOBO AND J. H. DOGAN, (veterary practioners retired, or about to retire), J. M. GAGE, JAMES E. HIX, AND C. D. BOBO. C. GOWING, Esq., is Intendent, or

official head of the village; the district officers are BARTHOLOMEW JOHNSON, Sheriff, W. J. KEENAN, Clerk, JNO. J. PRATT, Ordinary, DAVIS GOUDELOCK, Commissioner in Equity, and J. B. EDWARDS, Tax Collector. The Hon. WM. H. GIST is Senator, and Gen. D. WALLACE, JOSEPH H. GIST, WALTER FERNANDIS, and JOHN GIBBS, Esquires, Representatives of the District, in the State Legislature. In the village there are 9 stores, and the usual mechanic establishments; and two hotels, the one already mentioned and the Central Hotel, kept by Mr. J. C. KITCHENS. The population is about 400 inhabitants.

Among the distinguished citizens of the village is the Hon. WILLIAM K. CLOWNEY, an *honored* graduate in 1819 of the S. C. College, formerly a member of Congress, and now, I lament to say, like two of his predecessors, the prostrate victim of palsy, (induced, it is believed, by the abominable winter climate of Washington,) and is not likely to survive much longer. Mr. Clowney was also, for many years, the Commissioner in Equity of the District.

On approaching the village from Chesterville, the fine residence and grounds of Gen. WALLACE fall gratefully on the eye of the traveller.

Union District was first settled in 1755 by emigrants from Virginia; and its population was greatly increased, from other quarters, after Gov. GLENN [sic] treaty of peace with the Cherokee Indians. Like the districts between the Broad and Catawba Rivers, it lies within the granite region of the State. On the East it is bounded by Broad River, on the N and N. West by Spartanburgh District, on the S. and S. W. by the Enoree River, which separates it from Laurens and Newberry. The country generally is hilly, and, in the North, mountainous. In the lower parts of the district, cotton and Indian corn are cultivated, the latter with great success; and the highlands are prolific in wheat, oats, rye, and barley. Its minerals and metals are granite, particularly adapted to building, gold (a mine being in profitable operation), iron, lead, ore, talc, asbestos, sulphate of iron, quartz and gneiss. The average length of the District is 30 and its breadth 18 miles; and it contains 345,000 acres. Its population, by the census of 1840, was 18,936—10582 free—8354 slave.

The Rivers are the Broad, navigable, for boats of considerable size, to the Ninety Nine Islands, (Lockhart's Shoals having been overcome by a canal with 7 locks); the Pacolet River, which traverses three-fourths of the District, and is navigable 12 miles to Grendall's Shoals; the Tyger River, and the Enoree River, both considerable streams—the last three branches of the first. Fair Forest, Thicketty, Gilkey, and other creeks, are valuable water-courses, furnishing numerous sites for flour and other mills, and abundant facilities for future manufactures, which, if not appropriated by Carolina capital, will ere long give employment to Yankee money and Yankee enterprise.

The other villages in the District are Pinckneyville, pleasantly situated on the Broad River, below the mouth of the Pacolet, and 4 miles from the fall (3 miles long and 51 feet in descent, in 2 miles) surmounted by Lockhart's Canal, and Gowdeyville, a small hamlet, near Thicketty Creek.

In revolutionary times Union had her share of patriot soldiers and bloody battlefields, with the British and Tories. Major SAMUEL OTTERSON, one of her gallant sons, on his way to join MORGAN, at the Cowpens, with a few badly mounted volunteers, captured a body of British Troops. Her soil was, in large measure, the field and theatre of SUMTER'S operations.

That celebrated partisan warrior defeated a body of tories in 1780, near Broad River. In August, of the same year, Col. WILLIAMS, on the Enoree, defeated another large tory band, under Col. INNIS and in the ensuing November, SUMTER vanquished WEYMS, at the Fish Dam Pond, and made him a prisoner—and on the 20th of the same month, followed his victory over TARLETON, at Blackstocks.

Our present worthy Governor, and late Chancellor DAVID JOHNSTON is a resident of Union

District, although his head quarters are, at present, at the Limestone Springs, in Spartanburg District. Governor JOHNSON was a native of Virginia, but came to this State in early life. He was successively a State Solicitor, Law Judge, Judge of the Court of Appeals, when that tribunal consisted of but three Judges, and Chancellor and Judge of the Equity Court of Appeals and Court of Errors in Law and Equity, under the existing system. When elected to the Court of Appeals, (consisting of three Judges) exercising both law and equity jurisdiction, he was almost unacquainted with Equity jurisprudence, and especially so with Equity practice, little or no Equity business having been done in the Circuits where he had practiced as a Lawyer and State Solicitor. He forthwith applied himself, however, with indefatigable industry, to the study and master of the new system of jurisprudence that he was called on to administer, and soon rendered himself one of the ablest and soundest Chancellors on the Bench. It is universally agreed that he was eminently endowed with *the judicial mind*, and his judgments were generally lucid, well reasoned, and satisfactory, and clothed in language at once simple and dignified. His retirement from the Bench was marked with the graceful compliment of his elevation to the Chief Magistracy of the State, a tribute of respect and confidence, eminently due to his long course of able, faithful and patriotic service, in the high functions of the Judge and Chancellor. He wore the ermine with grace and dignity, in his prime and maturity, and the executive mantle equally becomes him in the evening of his days. His private virtues, his bland and courteous manner, his social and companionable qualities, and his kindness of heart and disposition have won him the warm regard of his professional brethren of both the Bar and the Bench, and the hearty affection of a circle of numerous and ardent friends; and his public worth has wreathed him with the legislative, the judicial and the executive honors of the State.

Another citizen of high worth and distinction, resident of the District, is the Hon. WM. T. NUCKELLS, formerly a member of Congress, having been chosen to that station, only one year after he had attained his 25th year, the age of constitutional qualification. He, too, I regret to say, is now a most afflicted sufferer, from the palsy, which he bears, however, I learn, with a cheerfulness and equanimity, the result, doubtless, at once of sound philosophy and of that wisdom and submission to the divine will, which comes from above.

It is a most remarkable ordination of Providence, and coincidence that the Hon. JOSEPH GIST, Mr. NUCKELLS, Mr. CLOWNEY, successively members of Congress from this section of country, should have all been stricken down—the helpless victims of paralysis—and all attribute the calamity, I believe, to the inclement winters in Washington. The Hon. JAMES ROGERS, Mr. CLOWNEY'S immediate successor, is also, I learn, in very bad health, but not, I believe, from any paralytic affection or tendency.

The Hon. JAMES A. BLACK, a resident of Spartanburg District, is now the Representative of Union District, with its associated districts of Chester, Spartanburg and York, in the Congress of the Union. I sincerely wish him an exemption from the ills that have befallen his predecessors.

I leave Unionville, this morning, for Glenn's Springs, where, I am informed, a large company of invalids, and a still larger one of travellers, in search of summer recreation and amusement, have assembled. Among the former are (or have been) the Hon. WM. C. PRESTON and Chancellor HARPER, W. T. NUCKELLS, with their families. Col. PRESTON and Chancellor HARPER, I am happy to say, are reported to have derived great benefit from drinking the waters—the Chancellor was so ill, a short time since, as seriously to excite the apprehensions of his friends, but he is again on the mend—and both he and Col. PRESTON, I am told, have left Glenn's, for a temporary sojourn with Gov. JOHNSON, at the Limestone Springs.

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ABBOTT FAMILY (SPARTANBURG) VS. McMASTER FAMILY (FAIRFIELD)

ABBOTT FAMILY

Contributed by Nancie O'Sullivan, <drayton5@earthlink.net>

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, September 20, 1882, p. 3, col 1

—Some time ago the McMaster family of Winnsboro, gathered around the old mother and held a reunion. The descendants numbered 99. Not wishing Spartanburg to get behind, we asked Henry Abbott, (Honey Bee), to give us the number of his descendants. He came up a few days ago and reported as follows: "I will be 85 years old on the 4th of October next, and the 'old woman' will be 81 the same. We had 15 children, but only 7 are living, several having been killed during the war. I know of 76 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, making a total of 112[*sic*, actual total is 110]. He says they are so scattered that he thinks they are not all counted.

McMASTER FAMILY

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

Source: *The Fairfield News & Herald*, Wednesday, August 30, 1882, p.3, col. 3

A FAMILY GATHERING

Reunion of Four Generations of the Descendants of a Venerable Matron

On Monday last the annual reunion of the family of Mrs. Rachel McMaster was held at her home in this place. On that day, being her eighty-ninth birthday, Mrs. McMaster gathered around her ninety-nine members of her family. There were four children, fifty-five grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, seven daughters-in-law and nine sons-in-law. These included the honored names of McMaster, Beaty, Cummings, Ketchin, Thompson, Buchanan, Boulware, Ruff, Elliott, Matthews, Gooding.

Many immediate members of Mrs. McMaster's family were dead, but there were present eighty-three of her descendants. One of the second generation (Mr. Henry R. Elliott, a son-in-law), brought to the head of the family on this occasion four grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; another (Dr. J. R. McMaster) ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and another (Col. F.W. McMaster) fourteen grandchildren. This gathering was a very pleasant one alike to Mrs. McMaster and to the many descendants who remain to do her honor. She is still in excellent health, and though her body is enfeebled by years, her mind is as bright and vigorous as ever. Her memory is remarkably quick and retentive, and, unlike that of most very old people, grasps recent occurrences quite as well as those days long bygone. May she have many more years of life with all its enjoyments and none of its trials, is the hearty wish of a host of friends.

DEATH OF MRS. HENRY ABBOTT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, July 17, 1889, p. 3, col. 2

Mrs. Henry Abbott died Monday [July 15, 1889] and was buried Tuesday. For a long time she has been an invalid. She was, perhaps, the oldest white woman in the county [Spartanburg], her age being about 91. Henry Abbott, her husband, survives, he being a few years older. They were married early in life and have lived together longer than any other couple in the county.

[Editor's Note: Mrs. Abbott was born Elizabeth Guyton; see the article "Henry Abbott's Talk" in the February 2002 issue, p. 44, of this *Quarterly*.

DEATH OF HENRY ABBOTT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, March 16, 1892, p. 3, col. 2.

Friday night, March 11, 1892, Henry Abbott quietly passed away. It had been evident for the last year that the end was approaching. He was never certain about his age, for he had no record of it. Major William M. Foster says that his mother, Mrs. Foster, died several years ago and that she was born December 1795, and she was certain that Mr. Abbott was born the February before. They grew up together in the same neighborhood and she was positive that she was correct. That would have made him 97 years old in February. Mr. Abbott thought he was in his hundredth year.

He was a peculiar character and as well known in this county as any man who ever lived here. For many years he was court constable and crier of public sales. He was a kind hearted man and was always ready to accommodate a friend or neighbor whenever he could. He made a most liberal contribution to the Confederate war, eight of his boys having gone into the service. Four of these gave their lives for their country. For several years he had been taken care of by his son, A. J. Abbott. He was buried Saturday afternoon, from the Baptist church, of which he was a member.

OBITUARY OF MRS. RACHEL BUCHANAN McMASTER OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, June 20, 1883, p. 1, col. 3

Mrs Rachel Buchanan McMaster, mother of Colonel F. W. McMaster of this city, died at her residence in Winnsboro at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, the 9th instant [June 9, 1883], in the ninetieth year of her age. Mrs. McMaster was born at Buchanan's Bridge, a settlement on Little River in Fairfield County, a few miles from the County seat, on the 21st of August, 1793, and at the time of her death was the oldest inhabitant of Winnsboro. She was a sister of Senator Buchanan, who represented Fairfield County in the higher branch of the General Assembly for many years previous his death. The hastening cause of Mrs. McMaster's death was an injury to the spine in rising from her couch. She was universally beloved by all classes of the community and her many acts of womanly devotion and charity have been indelibly engraved upon the hearts and memories of all who knew her. She died as she had lived, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. She retained possession of all her mental faculties and her physical powers were remarkable for one of her age. She was devoted to reading newspapers and was capable of conversing with singular ability upon any of the leading topics of the day up to within a few months past, when her failing eyesight deprived her of the pleasure of reading as was her wont. She has left nearly a hundred descendants in children and great grandchildren. In the last five years of her life some one of her loved ones would celebrate the anniversary of her birth day by gathering of the family, at which one hundred and ten would be present, including a dozen close friends. The funeral services were held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, the 10th instant, at which it can be truthfully said that nearly the entire population of Winnsboro was present. Among the many floral contributions on the occasion one was particularly appropriate—a sheaf of ripen wheat.—*Register*

We have been informed that several years ago, Mrs. McMaster was quite sick and her son Col. F. W. McMaster of Columbia hastened to her bedside to see her. He walked quietly and reverently into her chamber not wishing to disturb the last hours of his mother by any noise, but to his surprise she arose and greeted him and after a few hurried questions about his family, began to question him about the German and French war then in progress. The Colonel was soon "cornered" and it was evident that the old lady, over four score, and believed to be on her death bed, had kept herself better informed as

to the progress of this war, than her son in the vigor of his manhood and having access to the daily papers. It is doubtful whether the sons of this day are much of an improvement in any respect on their mothers.

Editor's Note: The 1850 and 1860 censuses of Fairfield District reveal that Rachel McMaster's husband was John McMaster, born 1787, a native of Ireland.

A SKETCH OF JOHN BISHOP, REV. WAR VETERAN OF CHESTER DISTRICT

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

Source: *The Chester Reporter*, issue of Thursday, June 18, 1874, p. 1, col. 2

A soldier of the Revolution, his father, Nicholas Bishop, lived on the Rocky Mount road on the plantation owned by Thomas Henry Moffatt, twelve miles above Beckhamville. He had sons, to wit: Henry, James, William, Nicholas and John; also one stepson Samuel McCollough. The four eldest had done several tours of duty before the fall of Charleston. Henry was Lieutenant in McLure's company, wounded at the battle of Hanging Rock, carried to Charlotte and died of his wounds in a hospital. James was with Sumter at the surprise on Fishing Creek, made his escape by mounting a horse without a bridle or saddle, plunged into the river and got away. John in 1780 was sixteen years old. The day that McLure fought at Beckhamville in the evening he and his company stopped at Bishop's house to get water, [and] they had with them young William Stroud and Joe Wade. [They] said that these two men had been recovered from among the dead, after the camp was formed at Clem's branch. Henry Bishop had returned to his own family, who lived down on Fishing Creek. The day that Houyke marched from Rocky Mount he stopped at night at Bishop's. [Contributor's note: The Houyke name is spelled Huck in other accounts.] The Bishops had received intelligence of his approach, left home, went to Henry's, whose wife had just given birth to a child; they put her into a wagon, traveled all night and got to Sumter's camp just as they were preparing to march to attack Houyke. The night that the British were at Bishops they consulted about pursuing the Bishops, but Ferguson opposed it, said let them be killed in battle.

From this date, John's military services commenced, which he proved by depositions of Joseph Gaston, Rev. Samuel McCreary and Colonel George Gill, over two years service. The Bishops, father and sons, were in Sumter's camp. The latter part of the summer John and his father ventured home to get clothes. They thought Sunday the best day to escape being caught, went home on that day. They were no time at home until they were taken by a squad of Tories, who had robbed Samuel Neely of three negroes. They were both tied to a Tory named Tom —, cuffed, banged and ill-treated by him on the road. They were taken to the Wateree, some twelve miles distant. John complained to the officer in commend of his ill-treatment. The officer untied him and told him to take satisfaction out of the rascal. John got a stick but Tom ran out of the way; the next day he and his father were sent under guard to Camden. [To] the soldier who had particular charge of him, when they neared the river, John said I feel mighty like running; the soldier replied if you do I'll shoot, [and] John said shoot over my head. With that he broke into the swamp, the soldier shot but John made his escape. The father was taken to Camden, lay all winter in jail and was liberated at the same time that McCauley was.

The next spring John was under the command of Henry Hampton, was detached under Captain Gaston to collect provision for General Greene's army. Joseph Gaston was engaged in the same business, while on the west side of the Wateree River. They came across Tom — lying asleep in a cabin, some of the men knowing he had ill-treated John were for killing him, but John said he did not

want him killed but they might do anything else with him. They stripped him, he ran to John and begged him to save him, but they took him off, gave him a severe whipping, then turned him loose.

Our impression is that Bishop belonged to the company of John Mills. He spoke of the battles of Friday's Fort, Thompson's, Big Savannah and with Fraser on Scape Hoar, and falling back into North Carolina at Biggin's Church, he said that old William Stroud was out skirmishing. He came back grinning and making a terrible face; he was shot in the shoulder. Wade Hampton asked him what was the matter, he said those d—d rascals have hurt me; Hampton replied coarse beef will soon heal. Bishop was also at the battle of Eutaw. He said they prepared for action about two miles from the spring; there was a great deal of skirmishing in front. A Captain Campbell, a very brave man, was among the first killed on our side. They afterwards found and buried him on the road side. He said that Captain John Mills in that fight had three horses killed under him; that his voice could be heard all over the field urging the men on, ordering them to seize the cartridges of the slain British and send them back to them. When the battle was over Captain Mills could not speak above a whisper. In this same battle was Henry — the brother of Tom — with the British. When Tories broke Henry took to his heels, fear lent him wings, he never stopped, the distance was sixty miles, he arrived in Charleston before the cavalry.

In the summer of '82 they were stationed at the Four Holes, sometimes in Orangeburg. From one of these camps Lacy [sic, the reference is to Col. Edward Lacey] was detached to cut off supplies from the British. Somewhere on Edisto Island, they were out several days, routed and defeated the party, took two boat loads of provisions, burnt them to the waters edge and sunk them. When the tide is out they can be seen lying in the marsh at the present day, so says Burel Ragsdale. Lacy then fell back; the men were very hungry and began to think that he would never stop to allow them to procure provisions. When he did stop it was at the head of a lane, where anyone in pursuit could be seen for a half mile. Put out a vidette with instructions to report if he saw anything. The vidette reported the British cavalry approaching. Lacy prepared to meet them, when at a proper distance he gave them a broad side, which threw them into a great deal of confusion, but they soon rallied; by this time he gave them a second fire [and] they precipitately fled in great confusion. Lacy then gathered his men and moved on. This satisfied Bishop that Lacy was a General; if they had rallied when the men wished, they would have been defeated. In August '82 their camp was at Orangeburg; there they were dismissed from the service. On the way home some were mounted and some were afoot; near the river some of the men got into the bottom and were regaling themselves with watermelons. Paddy McGriff was on the Bluff, he hollowed out "share boys!" put spurs to his horse and went down the precipice, where he thought no man could have gone without breaking his neck and got his share of the watermelons.

Shortly after John Bishop's return from camp he was married to Mary Sandifer, settled on Debittee branch. They were poor in this world's goods; his pocket knife and plates turned of wood by the wheelwright formed his household utensils. But with industry and economy he left a pretty good estate, and owned at his death twenty slaves. He died in August 1852, aged about eighty-nine years. He was the last of the heroic men of Chester County who fought for liberty. OCTOGENARIAN

DEATH OF MRS. CYNDERELLA FOREST OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, May 5, 1875, p. 2, col. 3

Mrs. Cynderella Forest, an aged and respected lady, died near Campobello on the 27th ultimo [April 27, 1875]. She was seventy-six years of age, and relict of Henry Forest, who served in the Florida war.

A VIEW OF COLONIAL LIFE IN THE DUTCH FORK (NEWBERRY AREA)

Source: *The Laurensville Herald*, issue of Friday, May 7, 1858, p. 4, col. 2

CUSTOMS AMONG THE PRIMITIVE DUTCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Harvest, among the residents of the "Dutch Fork", was a time of jubilee to old and young. Twenty and thirty hands, male and female, might be seen in the fields, each armed with a reaping hook. They went in a line like a flock of wild geese flying southward; the oldest men leading the way and giving directions; the others following, and implacably obeying his orders.

Some of the old men passed a harvest act, which afterwards became a law among them, viz, that whenever three heads of wheat were found left near each other, the person who had been cutting the grain there should suffer the punishment of *bumping*. That is, the company should take him by force and thump him against a tree. This rule had the effect of making clean work in every harvest field.

Corn huskings were conducted with the same strictness in enforcing penalties; while he who found a red ear was to kiss every woman around the corn pile. The woman who found one was sentenced to kiss the men. The girls, however, might throw away the red ear unnoticed, if they so pleased.

Clearing the land in that region, when the forest was in its primitive luxuriance, involved severe labor. The woods were thick with an undergrowth of bushes, which had to be taken out with a mattock. This was called "grubbing". The women worked as well as the men; and also in gathering and burning the logs. Only the most robust, however, took part in this heavy work. The women frequently drove the wagons and teams to market, and might be seen astride the saddle horse, cracking the whip like Hector.

George Adam Yon and his wife, Elizabeth, were noted for grubbing and rail-splitting; though the woman was by far the abler hand, and could out-do the old man at any kind of tough labor. She was a merry soul, moreover, and continued so even in advanced age. No sooner did the fiddler strike up his tune, than she was on the floor, ready for a dance. She would often, too, sing Dutch songs adapted to the tune, while she was nimbly applying "the light fantastic toe". Some of her songs were not of a very refined order. She and her spouse were neat, kind, charitable, and regularly attended church every Sunday.

Another family formed a contrast, being noted for dirty habits. The old woman's breakfast, prepared for hired laborers, sometimes consisted of a large pewter basin filled with bread and hot water, seasoned with butter, or hog's lard. One morning while this mess was on the hearth, a newly hatched chicken dropped from a nest in the wooden chimney into the caldron, and of course was scalded to death. The old lady lamenting the loss of her chicken, fished it out and threw it away, but set the broth on the table as usual. The rumor was current among her neighbors that her hands were never washed except on Sunday.

In 1769 or 1770, there was a severe drought, which threatened to carry off the crops in the Dutch Fork. The husband of this dame, angry at the prospect of a bad harvest, did not scruple to utter loud complaints against Providence for hard dealings with his creatures. His wife who was more conscientious than clean, hearing his profane abuse, set out immediately for the house of the "Schultze". Michael Dickert, (the acting magistrate was then called "Schultze"), to have her old man punished for blasphemy, according to the law of Germany. Agreeable to immemorial custom, as a present to the Schultze, she took in her week-day cap a dozen eggs; but, unfortunately, they were all addle.

Some time afterwards, the magistrate and a friend, on business, passed her house. They saw her backing out of the dirt oven. When she saw the Schultze, thinking he had come to punish her old man, she began to plead in his behalf, averring that he had become a sincere penitent. It happened that plenty

of rain had fallen a few days before, and the angry man was once more reconciled to the will of the Deity.

Easter Monday, Whitsuntide, second Christmas, and other holidays were observed among the people by going to church; but no sooner was the benediction announced, than the whole congregation, the parson and all, hastened to the frolic, as it was called, where drinking, swearing, card-playing, horse-racing, fiddling, dancing, wrestling, jumping, foot-racing, &c, were freely practiced, with other sports not fit to be mentioned.

SAVAGE MALIGNITY

A captain named Waffer has been heard to say that, even after the Revolutionary War was ended, that he and his men pursued their vindictive schemes. They had been twice to the house of Michael Dickert, above mentioned, to murder him, in revenge for his having, upon one occasion, given a magisterial judgment against Waffer. The first time, the murderer in intent found the wife and children of his marked victim prostrated with smallpox, and had his compassion so moved that he could not do the deed. The second time he went to execute his purpose, it was frustrated by Dickert's absence from home.

The company belonging to Waffer once visited the house of a soldier absent on service, demanded his money of his wife, and when she protested that she could not tell where it was hidden, they stripped off her clothing, stretched upon the ground, and tortured her with fire, to force a disclosure.

USE OF A BOGUS BABY

A student of divinity named Joachim Bulow, belonging to this region, was trained by a course of lectures under parson Martin, who required him to give practical illustration of his ability and knowledge. When he was instructed in the formula of infant baptism, it was thought necessary to have a rolling-pin dressed up to represent the infant; the parson's daughter standing godmother, while the neophyte performed the ceremony.

The Church in the Fork was a log building, covered, but destitute of a floor, save the ground. There was no planking except in the pulpit. The seats were oak puncheons resting on blocks. Most of the Germans brought with them from the fatherland a short musket called "stutzer".

THREE DEATHS IN NEWBERRY COUNTY IN 1878

Source: *The Newberry Herald*

Issue of Wednesday, February 27, 1878, p. 3, col. 6

Mr. Wm. G. Mayes died the night of the 20th instant. He was, for many years, a merchant in our town, and was widely known and universally respected as a man of high character and a good citizen. In the beginning of this year he moved to the country.

His funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, of which he was a member, Saturday, and was largely attended. His body was buried in Rosemont Cemetery.

ibid

Mr. I. Wesley Hendrix died the 19th instant, aged fifty. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Issue of Wednesday, May 22, 1878, p. 3, col. 1

Mr. Jno. Mangum died at his home near Bush River Church, Thursday, [the] 16th. He had been a great sufferer for many years from a cancer on his face, which was the cause of his death. In all his relations of life he was a good man.

FAMILY RECORD OF WILLIAM THOMAS WEST OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Contributed by H.P. "Johnnie" Walker, 6417 Folger Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-5937

Wm. Thos. West born March 30, 1846

W. T. West died November 4, 1929

[FIRST MARRIAGE]

W. T. West and Mary E. Cooper were married December 12, 1865

Mary E. [Cooper] West born Nov 23, 1845

Crawford Cooper West born August 19, 1867

Rosannah Elvira West born February 25, 1870

Sarie Emely West born September 27, 1872

Thomas Lindsey West born April 23, 1875

Mary Ann Elizabeth Cooper West died May 26, 1875

[SECOND MARRIAGE]

W. T. West and Saryann Pearson were married December 21, 1876

Sarah Ann Elizabeth [Pearson] West born April 10, 1859

Corah (or Sarah) Elizabeth West born February 9, 1878

Jesse Earnest West born April 3, 1881

Lewis Furman West born March 28, 1883

Baby West born and died May 18, 1885

Sarah Ann Elizabeth Pearson died May 21, 1885

[THIRD MARRIAGE, NO ISSUE]

W. T. West and Sue J. Lanford were married September 16, 1888

Sue J. Lanford West was born July 10, 1857

Sue J. Lanford West died March 20, 1937

FAMILY RECORD OF LEWIS FURMAN WEST OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Contributed by H.P. "Johnnie" Walker, 6417 Folger Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-5937
Information not in the original record is enclosed by square brackets, [].

[CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE]

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

THAT *L. Furman West* AND *Lillie Ruth Miller*

WERE UNITED BY ME

IN

Holy Matrimony

at *Tucapau* on the 14 day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four

Signed *Rev. J. R. Aiken Fairforest S.C.*

Family History

By *L. F. West Jan 9-1921*

Great Grand Parents [of L. F. West's children]

Father's Grand Parents

Grandfather's Father: [Isaac Luther West]

Grandmother's Father: [Pearson]

Mother's Grand Parents

Grandfather's Mother: [Mary Miranda Trammell]

Grandmother's Mother:

Mother's Grand Parents [of L. F. West's children]

Grandfather's Father: William (Billy) Miller

Grandfather's Mother: Vashti [Taft/Taff] Miller

Grandmother's Father: Wilson W. Cannon

Grandmother's Mother: Ruth Holt Cannon

b. [ca 1805, SC] d. [1888] Roebuck

b. [ca 1805, SC] d. [1845] Roebuck

b. near Clifton d. Aug 1893

b. [Sptg County] d. Feb 1893

Grand Parents [of L. F. West's children]

Father's Father: W. T. West

Father's Mother: Sara Ann Pearson

Mother's Father: David M. Miller

Mother's Mother: Bettie Cannon

b. Mar. 30, 1846, Poplar Spring
d. Nov. 4, 1929, Cherokee Springs

b. 1859, Green Pond
d. 1885, Roebuck

b. Dec 23 1836, Bethlehem
d. [April 21] 1903, Tucapau

b. June 9 1851 near Clifton
d. [Dec. 22, 1941], Lyman

Parents

L. Furman West b. Mar 28, 1883, Roebuck

L. Ruth Miller b. Sept. 30 1885, Glendale

d. Jan 11 1923 General Hospital Sptg

d. July 28 1966 General Hospital Sptg

Children

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| 1. Louis F. West | b. Nov 17 1905, Tucapau | d. Nov 17 1905 |
| 2. Harold T. West | b. Feb 26 1907, " | d. Feb 11 1908 |
| 3. Oland M. West | b. Mar 8 1910, " | m. (July 2 1939) O. Pauline Seay |
| 4. Sara E West | b. Mar 8 1917, " | m. (Feb. 9 1938) Fred M. Epting |
| 5. Bettie Ruth West | b. Nov 3 1919, " | m. (Jan 9 1941) J. Duren Trout |
| 6. David M. West | b. Aug 16 1921, " | d. May 23. 1926 |

Contributor's Note: All place names above are in Spartanburg County, SC. The death dates for William and Vashti Miller are from the Bethlehem Baptist Church records. John James Miller stated in an interview (this *Quarterly*, Nov. 2000, p. 163) that his grandmother Miller was Rachel Taft. The Family of David Madison Miller was published in this *Quarterly*, Nov. 2000, p. 164.

MOUNTAIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES, ANDERSON COUNTY

Continued from Volume XVI, No. 4, November, 2002

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January Term 1819 Dismissed by Letter 3

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Sister **Mary Jolly** Made Application by herself for a letter of Dismission which was granted The Case of **William Hays** Came forward & **Hays** not being present it was laid over untill our next Meeting in course The Case of **Br William Ledbetter** was taken up & he was Considered in Sin for Refusing to pay the amount that he Subscribed to pay **Br Bennett** Annually which was dated 23rd May as he moved away before Christmas & the Case was laid over till he Would be present Adjourned

February Term 1819

The Church Met & Proceeded to business A Charge was laid in & taken up by the Church against **Br E. Woods** for Saying & forsaying & the Church appointed **H. Cummins** & **J. Brimer** to Cite **Br Woods** to the next Meeting in Course Adjourned

March Term 1819 Excluded 1 — Rec by Letter 2 — Dismissed by Letter 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to Business The Case of **William Hays** Came Forward & he being present the Church investigated the Case & he was restored to fellowship by Confessing his faults The Members appointed to Cite **Br Wood** reported they had Obeyed & **Wood** being absent he was Excommunicated Opened a door for the reception of Members & Received **Br [edge torn] Roberts** & **Fanny Roberts** by letter **Br Ja^s Hall** made application for a Letter of Dismission which was granted Adjourned

April Term 1819 Dismissed by Letter 2

The Church Met & Proceeded to Business & **Br Bennett** being absent **Br Madding** was Chosen Moderator **Br William Ledbetter** Came forward & made application for a letter of Dismission which was granted with the Exception of One Member, **Br Ja^s Burress**, who objected for reason before Mentioned & the Case was laid over till next Meeting **Br Charles Dildo** & his wife made application for a Letter of Dismission which was granted Adjourned

May Term 1819 Received by Letter 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Case of **Br William Ledbetter** was again [taken] up by the Church & Reinvestigated & the Church appeared unanimous in refusing to grant a letter for reasons above mentioned **Br Ja^s Hall** came forward & returned his Letter of Dismission which was granted him by this Church in March Adjourned

June Term 1819 Rec by Experience 2

The Church Met & Proceeded to business It was reported to the Church that **Br William Hays** had been Drunk & **Harmon Commins** & **John Roberts** was appointed to cite him to the next Meeting in course Open the Door for the reception of members & Received **Steven Hays** by Experience Adjourned

July Term 1819 Received by Experience 3

The Church Met & Proceeded to Business **Br William Hays** came forward & denied the Charge that was laid in against him last meeting & the Case was laid over till next Meeting **Tho^s Burress** was appointed to go to Shockley Ferry Church & request them to send **Samuel Smith** to our next Meeting also enjoined on **William Hays** to attend the same appointed **John Burress** & **Tho^s Burress** as delegates to the Association appointed **John Roberts** to prepare our letter Collected Money for minutes Adjourned

Opened the door for the reception of Members & Received **Starling Roberts** & **Mitilda Roberts** & **Elizabeth Hall** by Experience Adjourn

August Term 1819

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Case of **William Hays** again came forward & **Br S. Smith** being present the Matter was fully investigated & it was proven to be a mistake in the person reported to the Matter was settled Adjourned

September [1819] Rec by Experience 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Door was opened for the reception of Members & Received a black boy by Experience Namely **Isaac** Adjourned

Oct Term 1819 nothing done

November Term 1819

Br John Gentry & **Ja^s Brimer** was appointed to cite **Edia Hays** to attend our next Meeting in Course to give her reasons for not attending Church Meetings Adjourned

December Term 1819 Dismissed by Letter 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Case of **Edea Hays** Came forward & was laid over till next Meeting in Course **Br William Ledbetter** Came forward and paid the Money which he had Subscribed to **Br Bennett** by him & the Church granted him a Letter of Dismission Adjourned

January Term 1820 Excluded 1 — Rec by Letter 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Case of **Edea Hays** again Came forward & she was Excommunicated **Br Gentry** & **Br Bishop** was appointed to Cite **William Hays** to our next Meeting in Course Rec Sister **Mary Pain** by Letter Adjourned

February Term 1820 Dismissed by Letter 1

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Sister **Mary Brown** made Application by **Br John Gentry** for a letter of Dismission which was granted her Adjourned

March April May June July Terms 1820 There was nothing done in Conference

August [1820]

The Church Met & Proceeded to business appointed **Jesse Davis** & **Tho^s Burress** also appointed **John Roberts** to prepare our Letter Collected Money for Printing the Minutes \$1.00 Also appointed

W. Bishop to [act] as Judicature with B. Chamblee & Tho^s Burress in place of W. Ledbetter
Removed Adjourned

September October November December 1820 & January February Terms 1821 Nothing done in Conference

OBITUARY OF MRS. NANCY JOURDAN BUTLER AND SON OF EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of June 17, 1857, p. 3, col. 2

DIED, at the residence of her husband in Edgefield District, on the 31st May last, Mrs. NANCY BUTLER, consort of John Butler, in the 55th year of her age.

The deceased was a daughter of John Jourdan—was married to John Butler in 1819, and joined the Baptist Church at Good Hope in 1822. Her Christian life was not only consistent, but it was an exhibition of the power of the Gospel she had professed. Her deportment as a wife, a mother, a neighbor and a Christian, was marked by gentleness, kindness and quietude, which endeared her not only to her family, but to the community in which she lived. She left the world with expressions of her assurance of entering a better country—and an expressed desire for her family to meet her in Heaven. She left her husband and five children the rich legacy of a pious life. May they follow that example, and meet with her who has gone before, in that land where there shall be no more death.

DIED, also, at the same place and on the same day, JOHN J. BUTLER, son of John & Nancy Butler, aged 14 years. This youth requested that his friends around him not to grieve for him.

DEATH OF LEVI McDANIEL OF EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of July 21, 1858, p. 4, col. 6

DEPARTED this life, at his residence in Edgefield District, S. C., on the 1st of May 1858, LEVI McDANIEL, in the 80th year of his age.

The subject of this notice was born April 25th 1779—joined the Calliham Church by baptism in the year 1828, and since that time has lived an orderly and consistent member of the Church; and gave evidence to all that he passed from death unto life.

We sympathise with his bereaved companion and children, and with the Church with whom he was a member, in their affliction; but truly it may be said of him, that "our loss is his eternal gain." Let us, therefore bow to the hand of an All-wise Providence who "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will," and prepare to meet our departed brother and father where the wicked cease with troubling and the weary are at rest.

PASTOR.

DEATH OF WILLIAM FOY OF HAMBURG, EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of July 21, 1858, p. 4, col. 6

DEPARTED this life, on the 15th May last, at his late residence near Hamburg, WILLIAM FOY in the 79th year of his age.

The deceased was a son of Peter Foy, who was killed by the Tories, in this District, during the Revolutionary War. ...

E. P.

BREAZEALE FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS (ANDERSON DISTRICT)

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

Source: The public vertical files of the Faith Clayton Collection at Southern Wesleyan University, Central (Pickens County), SC

The following records have been copied from a family Bible, printed in 1818, once the property of Kenon Breazeale of Anderson County, S. C.

Marriages

Griffin Breazeale & Sarah W. Richardson was married Nov. 1826

Births

Kenon Breazeale was born [left blank]

Haskey Breazeale the wife of Kenon Breazeale was born July 29th 1767

Enoch Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born December 14th 1788

Akin Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born April 20th 1790

Peggy Breazeale the daughter of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born November 13th 1793

Griffin Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born January 17th 1796

Sarah Breazeale the daughter of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born August 24th 1798

Williamson Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born March 14th 1801

David Kenon Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born October 23rd 1804

Laura Breazeale the daughter of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born July 27th 1807

Mathew Breazeale the son of Kenon & Haskey Breazeale was born June 27th 1813

[The following is the family of Griffin Breazeale.]

Griffin Breazeale was born Jan. 17th 1796

Sarah W. Richardson was born 1st July 1810. Children of G. B. [and] S. W. B.

William G. Breazeale was born October the 17. 1827

Frances Elisabeth was born Feb. the 14. 1829

Mary Louisa Breazeale was born April the 1 1831.

Laura Matildah Breazeale was born November 28th 1834

Enoch Breazeale was born the 18th March 1837

Lucy Jane *and* Sarah Ann Breazeale was borne. Sept. the 17. 1839

Heskey C Breazeale was born the 10 July 1842

John Harrison Breazeale was born Dec. the 3. 1844

Nancy Kenon Breazeale was borne June the 3, 1848

Robert Allen Breazeale was born Jan. the 16th 1851

Sallie E. Breazeale the daughter of John H. Breazeale & Sarah A. Breazeale was born Oct. 26th 1873

Deaths

Haskey Breazeale departed this life March the 26th 1829 A.D.

Kenon Breazeale Departed this life January 31st 1858

Aiken Breazeale Departed this life July 28th 1859

Peggy Major Departed this life the 3 day of Feb. 1869

Sarah W. Breazeale Departed this life the 14 day of Sept. 1869

Griffin Breazeale departed this life April 29th 1874

Spencer, N. C.

WALTER WESTON FOLGER

BREAZEALE CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS (ANDERSON & PICKENS COUNTIES)

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Source: The public vertical files of the Faith Clayton Collection at Southern Wesleyan University, Central (Pickens County), SC

Contributor's Note: The following inscriptions were read in the 1930s by the original compiler, Walter Weston Folger. Mr. Folger published the foregoing Brezeale Bible record and the following inscriptions in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* of April 1939. The February 2002 issue of this *Quarterly*, p. 42, gives an account of a reunion of Kenon Breazeale's descendants in 1911. The surnames of the husbands of his three daughters are therein given.

1. BREAZEALE FAMILY'S PRIVATE GRAVEYARD, NEAR BELTON, S. C.

Akin Breazeal, born April 20, 1788; died July 28, 1859; aged 71 years, 3 months, and 8 days.

Chestina P. Breazeale, daughter of Williamson and Nelly Breazeale, born June 19, 1842; died April 22, 1849; aged 6 years, 10 month and 3 days.

David K. Breazeale, born October 29, 1804; died June 29, 1868; aged 63 years and 8 months

Enoch Breazeale, born December 14, 1788; died November 8, 1850.

Mathew Akin Breazeale, born August 28, 1833; died September 28, 1841.

Nancy Breazeale [wife of Enoch], born March 3, 1794; died May 9, 1867; aged 73 years, 2 month and 6 days.

Terry D. Breazeale, son of Williamson and Nelly H. Breazeale, born January 22, 1839; died June 19, 1856; aged 17 years, 4 months and 27 days.

Utincy W., wife of David K. Breazeale, born April 23, 1810; September 25, 1843; aged 33 years, 5 months and 2 days.

Williamson Breazeale, born March 14, 1801; died July 5, 1851; aged 60 years; 3 months and 21 days.

Willie S. Breazeale, son of Williamson and Nelly.

Mary A. Archer, consort of R. C. Archer, born November 10, 1840; died August 21, 1860.

2. DORCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, NEAR BELTON, S. C.

Dorcas M. Breazeale, born October 23, 1829; died May 27, 1910.

Haskey, wife of Kenon Brazeale, born July 27, 1829; died March 26, 1829, aged 61 years, 7 months and 27 days.

H. N. Breazeale, born May 1, 1830; died November 27, 1892.

John H. Breazeale, born December 3, 1844; died July 1, 1895.

Kenon Breazeale, born August, 1753;¹ died January 31, 1858; aged 104 and 4 months.

Ruth, daughter of T. C. and Mary Brazeale, born January 12, 1917; died January 13, 1917.

Sallie E. Breazeale, born October 26, 1873; died June 16, 1935.

Mary L. Mitchell, born March 24, 1846; married E. M. Griffin, January 15, 1865; married [2nd] to V. H. Breazeale, February 5, 1882; died September 14 1891.

¹ The census for 1830, 1840, and 1850 disprove 1753 as being the year of his birth. The census for 1850 indicates that he was born in Virginia in 1769. Kenon Breazeale and wife, née Haskey Griffin, were originally buried in the Breazeale Family's Private Graveyard. [This footnote is due to the original compiler, Walter Weston Folger.]

3. MOUNTAIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, NEAR PICKENS, S.C.

Griffen Breazeale [son of Enoch], born September 23, 1817; died October 13, 1852.

Note: Bailey Barton's son-in-law.

Bailey Barton, Esq. [son of Benjamin], born February; died February 9, 1847

Sarah Ann Barby Lucresha Brazeale, born September 24, 1860

4. WEST VIEW METHODIST CEMETERY, EASLEY, S.C.

Lucy C. (Breazeale) Folger (wife of O. C. Folger, born December 20, 1848; died November 12, 1918.

Mary B. Breazeal, wife of Maj. David Franklin Bradley, born November 25, 1846; died October 15, 1918.

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UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1812 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

Issue of April 8, 1812, p. 3, col. 2

[Abbeville District]

Died, on the 17th ult., on his plantation in Abbeville District, Mr. DONALD FRASER, a native of Inverness, (Scotland).

Issue of June 29, 1812, p. 3, col. 4

[Fairfield District]

Died, in Winnsborough, on the morning of the 17th inst. Capt. JAMES STEWART of that place—his death was occasioned by a fall from the balcony of his house the night before.

Issue of August 25, 1812, p. 2, col. 3

[Kershaw District]

Died, at the High Hills of Santee, on the 19th instant, of consumption, Mrs. AMELIA ADAMSON, consort of Mr. William Adamson, of Camden.

Issue of September 27, 1812, p. 2, col. 3

[Pendleton District]

Died, at his Plantation in Pendleton District on the 25th ult., in the 37th year of his age DUDLEY HAMMOND, Esq. Member of the State Legislature.

Issue of September 27, 1812, p. 2, col. 3

[Edgefield District]

Departed this life, suddenly, at his farm on Liberty Hill, Edgefield District, South-Carolina on the 20th ult. in the 57th year of his age, Mr. JOSEPH MARIA LEQUINO KEROLY; known in the history of revolutionary France by the exclusive appellation of Lequino. [Editor's Note: See p. 84 below]

Issue of October 26, 1812, p. 3, col. 2

[Pendleton District]

Departed this life, at his plantation in Pendleton District, [no date] the Rev. JOHN D. MURPHY, in the 31st year of his age. [See below.]

Issue of November 23, 1812, p. 3, col. 2

[Greenville District]

Died at Prospect Hill, in Greenville District, on the 7th inst. Mrs. ELIZABETH ALSTON, the amiable consort of Col. L. J. Alston.

Issue of December 2, 1812, p. 3, col. 3

[Pendleton District]

Died, on Wednesday, the 30th Sept. last, the Rev. JOHN D. MURPHY, one of the pastors of the Presbyterian Congregation, Hopewell, Pendleton District.

And, on Sunday, the 4th of October, the Rev. JAMES McELHENNEY, the other Pastor of the Congregation at Hopewell.

HISTORIC SKETCH OF THE "UNITED LAURENS RIFLEMEN"

Source: *The Laurensville Herald*, issue of Friday, April 16, 1858, p. 2, col. 4

This volunteer Company of Riflemen was raised in the Upper Battalion of the 41st Regiment of South Carolina Militia, A. D. 1802: was organized by electing John Wright its first Captain, and appointed its rendezvous at Mr. Archibald Young's Store.

Capt. Wright being promoted to the office of Major of the Battalion, he was succeeded by Capt. Robertson Moore. The third Captain of the company was Reuben Martin, who was promoted to the office of Major; 4th, Capt. Thomas Crook; 5th, Capt. William Hill, who was promoted to the office of Major and Colonel of the Regiment; 6th, Capt. Austin Moore; 7th, Capt. Jeremiah Martin, who commanded the Company in 1833, at which time an Act was passed by the Legislature to reorganize the Militia, which vacated the commissions of the Militia officers of the State.

In 1834, this Company was reorganized and elected Capt. Austin Moore, (who had formerly commanded,) as their Captain. The Company was inspected and received into the service by Adjutant James Park and Colonel F. Moseley, and appointed their place of rendezvous at Cryme's Store, now known as Munroe Post Office. Capt. J. J. Atwood succeeded Capt. Moore, and was the 9th Captain of the Company. During his command, the Company, in 1840, established their rendezvous at Atwood's Old Field, where it remains at the present time. Capt. Atwood being promoted to Major of the Battalion, he was succeeded, 10th, by Capt. R. R. Owens; 12th, by Capt. James Cook; 13th by Capt. A. McDowel; 14th, by Capt. John W. Arnold, and 15th by Capt. Edmund H. Jones, who is its present commander.

By referring to the foregoing statement, we see that this Volunteer Company has been in continuous existence for fifty-five years: has been commanded by only fourteen different Captains; and we are assured that during this long period of time, it has seldom numbered in its ranks under one hundred men, and often above that number, which is its present strength. And further, by inquiring into the social relations and Military character of the members of this Company, we find that they have been marked, for the most part, by kind and brotherly feelings towards each other, and a great desire to perform all their military duties in a manner calculated to sustain the character of men and soldiers who are, at all times, ready to maintain their rights and liberties as citizens, and the honor and the glory of their country. May we not, therefore, brother soldiers, recommend to you, to your children, and to your children's children, to keep up this old and time-honored Company, in memory of our fathers, who established it; and to strive to make it, not only equal to what it has been, but to make it perfect in all things pertaining to a Volunteer Military Company of our beloved State of South Carolina.

J. W. ARNOLD, J. J. ATWOOD, M. Y. WOLFF } Committee.

Resolved, that we, "The United Laurens Riflemen" do accept of the foregoing "historic sketch" of our Company, and order it to be recorded in our Company Book. *adopted October 10th, 1857*

SHERIFF ELECTION OF 1812 IN PENDLETON DISTRICT

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of February 3, 1812, p. 3, col. 2

JOHN M'MILLAN, Esq. is elected Sheriff of Pendleton District:

State of the Poll.

John M'Millan, 1128—John Holbert, 777.

POLLING PLACES AND MANAGERS IN YORK AND LAURENS DISTRICTS FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTION OF 1826

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Contributor's Note: Resolutions by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina cited the polling places and their managers for the mid-term election during the John Quincy Adams administration for all the districts and parishes of the state. The names of the managers will identify some of the more prominent and influential men in each district.

YORK DISTRICT—[Nine places of election]:

Source: *The Pendleton Messenger*, issue of September 27, 1826, p. 4

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| [1] At the house of Mitchell Love, managers: Sam'l Givens and William Guy | [2] at the store of Wm. Thomason, Indianland, managers, Wm. Thomason and John Anderson |
| [3] at the house of Jas & John Faris, managers, Isham Campbell and Edward Avery | [4] at the Ct House, managers, John Jackson and Wm. R. Hill |
| [5] at the cross roads, house of Sherwood James, managers, Wyatt Lipscomb and Robert Caldwell | [6] at the house formerly owned by Samuel Elliott, Indianland, managers, Daniel Smith and Henry Meachem |
| [7] at the house of Sterling Lanier, managers, Wm. Jamison and Alex. Thompson | [8] at the house formerly owned by Wm Chambers, managers, Thomas Robertson and William Chambers |

[9] at the house of Sam'l Feemster, formerly owned by Wm. Galloway, managers, Jas. R. Williams and Jas. T. Galloway.

Two days at the court house, and one day at each of the other places of election: the managers to meet the Wednesday following at the court house, count over the votes and declare the election. Three representatives to be elected.

LAURENS DISTRICT—Fifteen places of election:

Source: *The Pendleton Messenger*, issue of September 27, 1826, Supplement, p. 2

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| [1] at John Boyce's, managers, Robert Owens, Benjamin Adair and Dr. John Curgill | [2] at John Cook's store, managers, Capt. Anthony Griffin, Thos. Ligon, sen. and Josiah Cason |
| [3] at James Young's store, managers, W. W. Simpson, Alsia Fuller and Capt. Asa Chandler | [4] at George Anderson's store, managers, Jos. Neely, George Bowen and Martin Shaw |
| [5] at Hamilton's store, managers, John B. Simpson, John D. Cunningham and Richard Blackstock | [6] at Archibald Young's store, managers, Hosea Holcombe, Thos. Crooks and James Parks |

[7] at Laurens court house, managers, W.W. Hitch John D. Boyd and Charles Williams

[9] at Benjamin Byrd's, managers, Samuel Stewart, Robert Gilliland and Wm. Alexander

[11] at John Smith's, managers, Reuben Powell, Jas. Clardy, jun. and James Crooker

[13] at David Boyce's, managers, John Jeaves, John Whitmore, Esq. and John McCoy

[15] at Joshua Teague's, managers Thos. S. Wilkes, James Young and Thos. Teague

Four representatives and one senator to be elected. Two days at the Court house, and one day each of the other places of election, the managers, or a majority of them, to meet at the court house on the third day, count over the votes and declare the election.

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YOUNGEST VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR IN CAROLINAS WAS A NATIVE OF YORK DISTRICT

Source: *Spartanburg Herald*, issue of Wednesday, January 22, 1941, p. 6

Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 31—Capt. W. B. Kidd, born June 11, 1854, and, according to his memoirs, the youngest Confederate veteran in the Carolinas, died today. He was the last of the Mecklenburg county men who wore the gray.

He went to war a month and a day before General Robert E. Lee surrendered. Of those day he recently wrote:

"I am the youngest Confederate of the Carolinas, as they are all dead I knew but me. At 12 I had the height and weighed 117 pounds. But they (the Confederate army recruiters) would not take me.

"But when Sherman shelled the capitol in Columbia they said, 'Come boys and dig ditches and bury gold and silver to keep Sherman from taking it.

"I commenced on the 17th of March 1865, worked 14 days until the 1st of April. Ben Boyd's father fed us from the old Springs building in York, S. C.

"The one younger than me is in Florida, so I see from the papers. But boys, those were cold days. My mother would not let me carry a gun [but] only for squirrels and rabbits."

Captain Kidd was born in York county, S. C., the son of William H. and Margaret Kidd. He came to Charlotte in 1875. He married Alice Jane Phelan. She died six years ago. He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church.

Captain Kidd is survived by four daughters and two sons: Mrs. Fred Ray and Mrs. Louis Spencer, both of Charlotte; Mrs. S.J. Park, of Columbia, S.C.; Mrs. J.W. Shaughnessy, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Edward B. Kidd of Daytona Beach, Fla. and Ralph B. Kidd of Charlotte. He lived with Mrs. Ray since his wife's death. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Maggie Boyd of Dallas, Tex; 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARY OF WILLIAM HARRISON JENNINGS OF OCONEE COUNTY

Source: *Kennesaw Courier*, issue of May 22, 1907, p. 1, col. 3

On Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m., W. H. Jennings died at his home about two miles below Westminster. He had been suffering for the past month with indigestion. Mr. Jennings would have been 76 years old had he lived until the second day of June. He was a native of Spartanburg county, but had resided in Oconee on the plantation where he lived for more than fifty years. He was a good and true man and had been a faithful member of the Old Westminster Baptist church for a long time. He had many friends, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow and family in their sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings had been married 53 years. They had eleven children, nine living and two dead. All of the children were at the burial, which was the second time the family had been together in twenty years. The following are the names of the children: Mrs. Janie Hunter, Mrs. Etta Goforth, Mrs. Addie West, of Westminster; Mrs. Laura Simpson, Easley; Mrs. Lula Simpson, Spartanburg; Mrs. Sallie Symes, Mountain Rest; Mrs. Eva Harbin, Walhalla; W. E. Jennings, Landrum, and J. L. Jennings, Glendale. There are twenty-three grandchildren. On August 12, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings had a family reunion and entertained all of their sons and daughters and sixteen of their grandchildren. Mr. Jennings served through the civil war and was a good soldier. Last Saturday afternoon at five o'clock the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Old Westminster Baptist church in the presence of many sympathizing friends.

W. E. Jennings, of Landrum, J. L. Jennings of Glendale, Mrs. J. B. Simpson, of Easley, and Mrs. Lula Lanford, of Spartanburg, were here for a few days ago on account of the death and burial of their father, Harrison Jennings.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. REBECCA JENNINGS OF OCONEE COUNTY

Source: *Kennesaw Courier*, issue of Wednesday, April 7, 1915, p. 7, col. 4

MRS. REBECCA JENNINGS DEAD.

Passed Away on March 25th at the Home of Her Daughter. (*Tugalo Tribune*.)

After months of suffering, which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, Mrs. Rebecca Jennings died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. States L. Hunter, near Westminster, last Thursday morning, March 25th, at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Jennings had been in feeble health for the past year, and her death was not unexpected. For the past four months she had been confined to her bed, and gradually grew weaker until the end came to relieve her suffering.

The deceased was the mother of a large and prominent family, all of whom are now married and living in homes of their own. Her husband, the late Harrison Jennings, died about eight years ago at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings came to this county from Spartanburg some fifty odd years ago and settled on their farm in the Greenfield section. They were among the best people of the county. None ever entered their home without a warm welcome, nor left without feeling the warmth of genuine Southern hospitality, so characteristic of the people of their ancestry.

For the past four or five years Mrs. Jennings had made her home with her eldest daughter, Mrs. Hunter, where she was most tenderly and devotedly cared for in her declining years.

The surviving children are Wm. Jennings of Landrum; J. L. Jennings, Spartanburg; Mrs. S. L. Hunter, Mrs. Laura Simpson and Mrs. Linder Goforth, of Westminster; Mrs. Lula Hadden, Spartanburg; Mrs. Addie West and Mrs. Evie Hancock, of Cordele, Ga. One daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Symes, of Mountain

Rest, died several years ago. All the children attended the funeral except Mrs. West and Mrs. Hancock. The deceased also leaves a great many grand and great-grandchildren.

On Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock the interment took place at the First Baptist church (formerly Old Westminster), of which the deceased had been a devoted member since coming to this section. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R.A. Sublette, of Westminster.

We extend to the bereaved children and grand children our sympathy in their deep sorrow.

[Editor's Note: The South Carolina Death Certificate #7315, Oconee County, for the year 1915, of Mrs. Jennings show that her full name was Rachel Rebecca; that she was born September 9, 1834 in S.C.; and that her father was a Watson and her mother was a Foster. The first names of her parents were not recorded. However, see the Deed of Gift just below for her mother's first name.]

DEED OF GIFT FROM LOVEY WATSON TO HER DAUGHTER

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Source: *Spartanburg District Deed Abstracts, 1839-1848* (p. 317), Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 2001, compiled by Larry Vehorn

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT DEED BOOK Z, pages 37-38

9 July 1845, Lovy Watson (Spartanburgh Dist) in consideration of the love and affection I have towards my beloved daughter Rachel Rebecca have given one horse, two tables, three cows & one calf, one side saddle, 1 chest, one bed and bedstead, four counter pins, six bed quilts & three sheets; the horse, two cows and one calf, one to remain in possession of my father and mother during their natural lives, who are to have use of the property for taking care of it & and the increase of the cattle & the balance of the property is to remain in my possession until said daughter either marries or arrives to the age of 21 years, when it will be delivered to her with the increase of the cattle.

Witness Sally Foster, John Stroble Jun. Signed Lovy Watson. Witness oath by John Stroble Jun., 4 Aug 1845 to J. B. Tolleson Clerk & Mag. Ex. off. Reg. 4 Aug 1845

DEATH OF MRS. NANCY H. GASSAWAY LEE OF OCONEE COUNTY

Source: *Knease Courier*, issue of May 22, 1907, p. 3, col. 3

Death of Mrs. James C. Lee

Mrs. Nancy H. Lee died at her home, near Long Creek, on Monday, May 20th. She had been in declining health for the last two years, and since the death of her husband, James C. Lee, about two months ago, had been failing rapidly. She was born on September 18, 1824 and was in her eighty-third year.

She had been a member of the Methodist church from her girlhood and at the time of her death held her membership with the Laurel Springs church. She lived a consistent Christian.

Mrs. Lee, whose maiden name was Gassaway, was a native of Oconee county, and was married to Mr. Lee in Tennessee in the year 1846. To this union were born ten children, five of whom survive, among them being John Wesley Lee, of Walhalla.

The remains were interred in the old Phillips burying ground on Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. D. F. Carter. We sympathize with the bereaved in their sorrow.

JOHN F. HAMMETT'S HOUSE BUILT IN 1780s STILL STANDING IN 1936

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Source: *The Greenville News*, issue of Sunday, March 22, 1936, Section B, p. 1, col. 2

Contributor's Note: A photograph of the Hammett house is shown in the *News* at the beginning of the following article.

HOUSE BUILT IN 1780'S STANDING IN GREER SECTOR

Old Hammett Place Erected by one of 13 Emegres From Virginia in '84

BY HENRY HAMMETT

The year 1784 was marked by a veritable influx of settlers into what is now Greenville county, but was then a part of the newly opened Cherokee territory. Most of those who built their log cabins, the traditional abode of the pioneer, were from Virginia and other points northward.

Unlike the inhabitants of the low country, they left no mansions with ancestral estates. However, there is one house built by one of those pioneers of 1784 that, though unpretentious, still stands and is in use. This is the house built by John F. Hammett, who at the age of 23, came here with his young wife Emelia for the purpose of establishing a home. He chose to settle beside an old Indian trail now roughly followed by the old Spartanburg road, on the crest of the first hill west of the Enoree River. Not so many years later, he built the house that now stands on the same site. The house, particularly the enormous chimney made of native field stones mortared with red clay, is clearly visible from the road.

Across the river, a mile and a half east, is the site where Col. Isaac Morgan settled near where the family of a Colonel Hite had been butchered by Indians a few years previously. This site is still known as "the old Morgan place", but all original structures have long since been gone.

FROM VIRGINIA

Both Colonel Morgan and his neighbor Hammett across the river were members of a party of thirteen settlers who came from Culpeper County, Va. in 1784 and took up claims covering a large part of what is now Chick Springs township. James M. Richardson, in his very interesting book, "The History of Greenville County," devotes considerable space to Colonel Morgan, who, according to the records of the Pendleton land office received 640 acres as a "bounty grant," probably something corresponding to our modern soldiers' bonus.

Mr. Richardson does not mention the group of thirteen, but other writers including Col. S. S. Crittenden mention some of the other members of the party. Incidentally, he refers to Morgan as Jesse instead of Isaac. Many of the names of the families of the group sound familiar because they have descendants in this section. There were in the group two families of Greenes, their heads being brothers, one family each of Taylors, Morgans, Holtzclaws, Hudsons, Edwardses, Hammetts, McGlothins, and two families of Bridwells of [sic] Carneys, or two of both. The name of the thirteenth family is not known for certain, unless there were really two of each of these.

Johnny Taylor who lives on the old Buncombe road below where it crosses the National highway west of Greer, can point out practically all of the original places of settlement of each of the families. Incidentally, this road is the original route from Columbia into Buncombe County, N. C. Mr. Taylor, himself a great-great-grandson of the pioneer by that name, furnished considerable of the information for this story, and knows enough about the old families to fill a book.

One of the Greene brothers built his cabin on Prince's (or Suber's) Creek, not far from Morgan's

place. Perhaps he realized the danger of being a pioneer, but one could not think that he expected the stark tragedy that occurred. His home was attacked by a raiding party of Indians; he and his son were killed; his wife and daughter were taken captive, carried to a spot on Enoree river, a few hundred yards from Hammett's house and there horribly mistreated until they died. A punitive expedition of troops from Ninety-Six was organized, but what it accomplished is not known. Jesse Taylor settled his family above Chick Springs, but after remaining a year or so became dissatisfied and moved to Eastern Tennessee where the family became quite prominent, two of the sons serving successive terms as governors in that state. There was one son, Thomas, who did not leave because he was head over heels in love. When Greenville County was founded, he was one of a commission to select the site of the court-house or county seat. This commission considered, beside the one selected, a site a mile or so west of what is now Greer and another near the present Double Springs Baptist church. In the meantime he married the girl and so became the founder of the Taylor family in this section.

Strange as it seems one of the members of the party of thirteen, McGlothlin, was a mulatto. He built a cabin near where Pleasant Grove church now is, but what became of him or his family, if any, the writer does not know. It would seem likely he was brought along because he was a skilled wheelwright, blacksmith, or something. The party came by way of Charlotte and as there was no road other than Indian trails after they reached Cowpens, they would likely need such skilled assistance even before they reached their destination.

MANY DESCENDANTS

Five of the thirteen families have descendants that still own parts of the original claims taken up by their families in 1784. Mr. Fred H. Hudson, well known Greenville business man, owns a considerable portion of his great-great-grandfather's claim including the site where that forbear is buried. His cousins hold most of the original claim. The Edwards family owns land off the highway west of Taylors that was in the ancestral claim of their ancestor. Mr. A. G. Taylor, genial treasurer of Furman University lives on the land that the Taylors bought for 40¢ an acre in 1784, and the Holtzclaw families living near Brushy Creek church live on what their forbear paid a like price to obtain. The Hammetts have a part of their family's original claim but the site of the old house has long since passed from their possession. The old family graveyard, back of the house was excepted in the deeds when the land was transferred, so it, theoretically, at least, still belongs to them. On a rather rough headstone in the old graveyard, one may plainly see the deep cut letters that make the words, "In memory of John F. Hammett, Born in Va., Feb. 27, 1761. Died Dec. 29, 1834. [Editor's Note: His obituary has the date of death as Dec. 31, 1834.]

Because these families had known each other in Virginia, and had migrated together, they for a long time made a group more or less distinct from the many other settlers coming to this section about the same time. There are three families not among the thirteen that the writer desires to mention because they are unusually interesting and settled among the thirteen. They are the McClimon and the Bailey families, who were supposed to be Irish Immigrants in spite of the Scotch sounding name. The heads of these families were iron puddlers and they entered into partnership and set up operations at Gibbs' shoals above what is now Pelham, around 1795. It seems they found ore scarce, but they found some and smelted with charcoal, puddling their iron by hand. The third non-member of the group to be mentioned is George King. He was a Connecticut Yankee who made and sold or perhaps only sold clocks. He married the daughter of customer, or a prospective customer, and settled down. Mr. Charlie King, a descendant, now lives near where the P. & N. railroad has a flagstop labeled "Kings" just west of Greer. Not long ago at an estate settlement sale, there was an old clock sold for a song, that had the legend "Sold by George King (date)." The writer does not remember the exact date though it was

around 1800, I think before.

Among the descendants of these twelve white families, there have been and now are many prominent citizens of county and city. Some have entered politics, serving in the state legislature. Others have been prominent in business. Among those who might be mentioned besides those already named are the Morgans, B. A. Morgan, city attorney, and his kinsmen the cotton mill executives. The career of Col. Henry Hammett, a grandson of John F., the builder of the old house is well known. He married the daughter of William Bates, the Yankee Cotton spinner, who came south and then became himself a pioneer cotton manufacturer, cotton mill builder, and railroad builder. Most of the families had at least one son who fought for the "gray" in the war between the states. Capt. George Holtzclaw, grandson of the migrant of 1784, captained a volunteer company and led them to the scene of battle. He was a fearless leader, and was characterized by his habit of getting out in front of his men during battle, his hat in one hand his sword in the other, and shouting "Come on Boys." This company was organized and drilled on "the old muster ground" near where T. M. Hudson, now operates the Silverleaf dairy.

THE OLD HOUSE

To get back to the old house: It is undoubtedly one of the oldest structures in the county, and it is conceded to be the only one standing that was built by the hands of any of the thirteen pioneers of 1784. Its exact age is unknown. All the the oldest residents with whom the writer has talked, and who recall their parents or grandparents mentioning it, agree that it was built before 1800. The writer has always been skeptical as there was no record of a saw mill in this section before that date and the house is built of sawn lumber. Recently, however, he has learned that Edwards, the one who came with the thirteen, built a saw mill on Mountain creek, west of Taylors in the 1790's. So, I hereby admit to those with whom I have argued, perhaps disrespectfully, about the age of the house, that they are probably right. Edwards did not have a circle saw as is of course now always used, but he used a "slasher" saw, something like an enlarged version of a carpenter's handsaw, and operating in a similar manner though it was arranged to operate by waterpower.

One of the most interesting things about the old house is the two gnarled mulberry trees that stand in front. They are not the common native mulberry and the writer has never seen them except around old settled places. That they are not native to this climate is quite evident because each fall they make no preparation for winter, their leaves remaining green, swinging merrily in the breeze, perhaps thinking they are in a sunny land of no frosts until the first killing frost sears them. The writer distinctly remembers as a child of having read in a school history book that the inhabitants of South Carolina once undertook the culture of silk worms on a small scale and imported some special mulberry trees from Southern France or Italy. I have wondered if these trees might not be of the same species as that imported stock, but have never found out.

The builder of the old house also built and operated a waterpower grist mill on Brushy creek a mile or south of his home. Two large millrocks lie at the site, alternately covered and uncovered by the shifting sands of the creek. One of these rocks is quite peculiar, not appearing at all like those usually used for grinding corn. One of the older residents of this section told this writer that he had been informed that such a stone was arranged to run in a wooden trough so as to be used for crushing of berries, crabapples, and other fruits preparatory to making brandy. The writer has for years intended to remove these old stones, but has just never gotten started; now spurred by renewed interest, he resolves again to do so.

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FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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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, places and dates are sometimes set in boldface type by the contributor for purposes of highlighting and emphasis.

GREENVILLE COUNTY

[Contributor's Note: Jonathan Hammett, whose estate papers are abstracted below, was the youngest child of John F. Hammett and his wife Emilia Underwood.]

Greenville County, SC, Probate Court, Apt 12, File 45, Estate of **Jonathan Hammett**, Dec'd (1850) Frances **Hammett**, Executrix, and Thomas **Hammett**, Executor

Jonathan Hammett's Will

South Carolina, Greenville District} be it remembered that I Johnathan Hammett of the District and state aforesaid being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say **first** I Direct that all my whole estate be appraised at my decease or as soon after as convenient by the following named persons Darius Green **Washington Taylor** **M T Hudson** if they a live or willing to serve, if not for my Executors to select some fit person or persons to serve in their stead and when **my youngest child John P** becomes twelve years old then all be sold except my land and divided amongst my beloved wife and Eight children Equal shear and shear alike my land to be Divided my beloved wife to take one third where she likes best the ballance any of my children can take at the direct that the amount of one hundred and eighty six dollars be account for out of **my daughter Elizabeth** shear and that seventy dollars be accounted for out of **Thomas**'s shear and eight dollars out of **Nancy**'s shear and I further direct that when any of the rest of my children become of age for any of them to have a horse worth seventy dollars or the amount in Money to be accounted for

I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Frances Hammett and son Thos Hammett Executors of my last will and Testament

June the 1st 1850

[Witnesses] **Ethel Holtzclaw** Darius Green M T Hudson

[Contributor's Note: Ethel Holtzclaw was a male.]

Jonathan Hammett

JONATHAN HAMMETT'S WILL PROVEN

South Carolina, Greenville District} In the court of ordinary. Personally appeared Matthew T. Hudson Esq' and after being duly sworn saith on said oath that he saw Jonathan Hammett of said district, deceased, sign the within writing and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament. The deponent further says on said oath that to the best of his knowledge and belief the said testator was, at the time he signed and declared as above stated, of a sound mind memory and understanding and that Ethel Holtzclaw and Darius Green did at the request and in his presence of said testator sign their names as witnesses. sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of September 1850

Jno. Watson O. G. D.

Proved in common form the foregoing will. Ordered that it be recorded the probate thereof
Sept' 9th 1850

M. T. Hudson

Jno. Watson O. G. D.

[Consent of J. D. Hammett For Final Settlement of his Father's Estate]

[The following letter from Singleton, Mississippi was addressed to Mr. Thomas Hammett, Pleasant Grove P O, Greenville SC]

Miss[issippi] Noxubee County April 21st/58

Mrs. Francis Hammett and Mr. Thomas Hammett

Dear Mother and Brother I seat mi self this Evening to answer the letter which Austin rote me, for you. I received it this morning and I take the Earliest oportunity to let you know that I am perfectly willing to anything that is rite and you all think is the best.—when you get Every thing settled, and know what the whole estate was worth, after al the Expense is taken out I want you to give me A fool [full?] history of it all and what is Each Childs part oc, [sic]

Thomas as I have Just rote to you A few days A go and stated all the news that I had, I will Close for the present. I wil Just say that we are all well but little Tomma his rising has pained him A great deal and to day I went for the Doctor and had it lanced and I am in hopes that It wil get better now for there is no telling what hea has suffered with it. I am verry mutch in hopes that when you rec. this letter that it may find you all well Mother and thomas I want you all to rite mea soon I remain yours as Ever until death.

J. D. Hammett

[At the bottom of the foregoing letter was a note from Sarah J. Hammett, presumably the wife of J. D. Hammett:]

Missis[ippi] Noxubee Co April the 24the 1858

Dear Mother and brother

I take the present oportunity to let you no that I am willing for a final settlement of Father Hammett's estate. Mother I have no news that will interest you. I have roate to Nan and Mary and roait all the news that I have. wee have preaching once ever month wee have got a very good preachear to Suply our church this year I will quit as it is getting late you must writ and tell mee all the news give my love to all

Sarah J. Hammett

Final Settlement of Estate and Decree

Aug 9 [1858]	To Tract [of] Land No. 2--140 acres	\$986.66
" "	" " " 3--35 "	\$175.00
		\$1161.66
	To Int. on \$1161.66 from 13th Nov 1856 to date	141.34
Aug 9	To Due 8 Legatees	\$3479.28
Advanced by Will	Elizabeth Settle	186.00
	Thomas Hammett	70.00
	Nancy Foster	8.00
		\$3779.28

South Carolina, Greenville District} Personally came Mrs. Frances Hammett, Exc^{tn} and made oath that that the above Return is correct—that the acc'ts due the Estate have been paid—collected— debts due by Testator have all been paid—that she has no further court actions to make, except pay [the due?]

Legacies.

This 4th day of Oct. A.D. 1858 Robert McKay O. G. D.
 South Carolina, Greenville District} In Court of Ordinary The consents of Legatees having been filed,
 a Guardian ad litem appointed for the minors, the Return of the Estate for Final Settlement was
 produced, Examined & Approved. The Settlement was commenced of 9th August last, and continued
 in order to get the amount of costs in an Equity Case, but it not being decided, one hundred dollars was
 reserved for that purpose by the Ex^{tes}. After summing up the Estate as directed by the will, there
 remained due by the Executors the sum of Three thousand Four Hundred and seventy nine Dollars
 Twenty Eight Cents. exclusive of Advancements, besides Seventy dollars to each, the value of a horse
 as per will

It is Ordered and Decreed, that the Executors pay to the Eight Legatees the said sum, deducting
 whatever advancements they may have had—first adding the advancements thereto, and deducting the
 advancements made of minors. Given under my hand and Seal of Office of Greenville Court. Given
 this 4th day of October A.D. 1858 Rob^t McKay O G D

Final Return after Decree Filed 26 Sept 1859

Frances Hammett Executrix in a/c with estate of Jonathan Hammett, dec^d

1858		
Aug 9	To Due 8 Legatees on Final Settlement. See return filed	\$4015.32
1859		
Feb 24	Interest on above to date	668.92
		\$4684.32
[1]	By paid Thomas Hammett's Share to his admrs	
	N. E. Hammett & E. Holtzclaw	\$585.53
[2]	By paid W. A. Hammett	585.53
[3]	" " A. J. Foster (husband of Nancy Hammett)	585.53
[4]	" " George F. Settle (husband of Elizabeth Hammett)	585.53
[5]	" " J. D. Hammett	585.53
[6]	By due Mary Hammett, minor	585.53
[7]	" " Zera Hammett, "	585.53
[8]	" " John P. Hammett	585.53
		\$4684.24

[These are the children of Jonathan Hammett. not all in order of birth. His son Thomas has died between the dates of April 24, 1858 (from the letter above) and February 24, 1859.]

Vouchers furnished as marked. 26th Sept 1859 Robert McKay O G D

Receipt of Estate of Thomas Hammett Deceased

Received February the 24th 1859 of Frances Hammett Executrix of the estate of Jonathan Hammett, deceased; and we the administrators of the Estate of Thomas Hammett, deceased, Five Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars Fifty Three cents in full of the Real and Personal Estate of said Jonathan Hammett, deceased.

Nancy E. Hammett Ethel Holtzclaw admrs

Receipt of William A. Hammett

Received Feb the 24th 1859 of Frances Hammett, Executrix of the Estate of Jonathan Hammett, Dec. Five Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars Fifty Three cts in full of my Shear of the said estate
 William A Hammett

Receipt of A. J. Foster

\$585.53. Received Feb the [blank] 1859 of Frances Hammett or Thomas Hammett, the Executors of the Estate of Jonathan Hammett Dec^d Five Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars Fifty Three cts in full of my Shear of the said estate.
 A. J. Foster

Receipt of George F. Settle

Received Feb the 24th 1859 of Frances Hammett or Thomas Hammett, the Executors of the Estate of Jonathan Hammett Dec^d Five Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars Fifty Three cts in full of my Shear of the said estate.
 George F Settle

Receipt of J. D. Hammett

Received payment in full of Father's Estate by Mrs. Frances Hammett this the 24th of April/59
 J. D. Hammett

Receipt of Mary F. Hammett

Received February the [blank] 1860 of Mrs. Frances Hammett Executrix of the Estate of Jonathan Hammett Dec^d Five Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars Fifty Three cts in full of my Shear of the estate of Jonathan Hammett Dec^d.
 Mary F. Hammett

PENDLETON DISTRICT

Pendleton District, SC, Probate Court, Box 6, Number 221, Estate of William Griffin, Dec'd (1800)
 Elizabeth Griffin, Executrix, Sargent Griffin, Henry Griffin, William Griffin, and, Elnathan Davis, Executors

The Will of William Griffin

State of South Carolina, Pendleton County} In the name of God Amen. I William Griffin Planter of the State & County aforesaid being sick in body but of perfect mind & Memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life & and the certainty of Death & and for Divers other causes here unto me moving do make ordain & constitute this my last will and Testament In manner & form Following Viz—first I bequeath unto my Dearly beloved wife Elizabeth all that tract & parcel of land whereon I now live containing three hundred & eighteen acres to have and to hold as hers for ever. Also I give unto her my slave Charles aged about fifty five to her and her heirs forever I also give un to my wife her choice of my cattle to the number of five also two bay horses by name of Jane and Dick also one third of all my stock of Hogs Also two feather beds & furniture also one third of my kitchen furniture also a third part of my crop Secondly I give my son John Griffin ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for thirdly I give to my son Henry Griffin ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for fourthly I give to my son William Griffin ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for fifthly I give to my son Sargent Griffin a certain tract of land lying on waters of twelve mile creek on the middle fork containing two hundred & fifty acres more or less also a bay horse colt call^d butean also a Feather bed & furniture also three cows & calves Sixthly I bequeath to my son Orswell Griffin a yellow bay horse call^d bay bolton also three cows & calves Also a Feather bed & furniture Seventhly I give unto my Daughter Rebeca Brazeal Ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for Eighthly I give my daughter Rosana Blocker Ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for Ninthly I give my daughter Haskey Brazeal Ten shillings sterling to be paid when called for Tenthly I bequeath unto my daughter Martha Griffin two cows & calves a Feather bed & furniture Eleventhly I give to my daughter Elizabeth Griffin a Feather bed & furniture two cows & calves Twelfthly I will that the following negroes viz Jo George Nance be sold & the money eaguely Deavided among my Four youngest sons Also I give to my wife Elizabeth my negro girl Belinda aged

three years together with the farming utensils I also will that my son Orswell shall have all that tract of Land known by the name of the Long [?] containing two hundred acres more or less to him his heirs for ever.

Further I will & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth my waggon & gears & two horses, Also I will that my [promisory ?] notes & IOUs be Lodged in the hands of my Executors to pay my debts & and the remaining balance to be equally Devided among **my last wifes children** I also will and Desire that all the residue of property of every [kind ?] be equally Devid among my last wife's children & **Lastly** I appoint my Dearly beloved wife elizabeth together with my three Sons Sargent Henry & William In conjunction with my Trusty friend Elnathan Davis my lawful Executrix and Exewcutors Signed Sealed & Delivered in the ptesence of the subscribing witnesses this **year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & fifth of October**

In the presence of

P. D. Meroney Chris^{ph} kirksey

Tho Hunt Andrew Towneyhill Charles Morgan

his

William x Griffin

mark

[William Griffin's Will Proven]

South Carolina, Pendleton District}

By John Harris Esq^r Ordinary of P. District.

Personally came before me Phillip D Meroney Andrew Tawneyhill & Charles Morgan ... doth make oath and say they saw William Griffin sign, seal, publish & pronounce the within will to be & contain his last will and testament ... & at the same time qualified Elizabeth Griffin Sargent Griffin Henry Griffin & Elnathan Davis Sen^r Executors

Givin under my hand this 14th day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred.

John Harris O. P. D. [One may conclude that William Griffin died between October 5 and October 14, 1800.]

Warrent of Appraisement to Appraise the Estate of William Griffin Deceased

... Dated the 14th day of October in the year of our Lord 1800 and in the twenty fifth year of American Independence [Citation] To William Brown, Nathaniel Numan, Lewis Wimbley, William Ward Esq^r & David Murphy Esq or any three or four of them [The appraisement was done by William Brown, Nathaniel Newman, and Lewis Wimbley on November 29, 1800. The following owed notes to the estate: James Jett, W^m Brown, Luke Tatum, Bayley Owen, William Griffin, and Balam [last name unreadable]. **Slaves** named in the inventory were **Joseph, George, and Nance**]

[Sale of William Griffin's Estate]

[Only the names of the buyers will be listed here:

Elizabeth Griffin	James Caldwell	John Langley	Nathaniel Newman
Henry Griffin	William Davis	John Harris	Randal Roberts
William Griffin	Bazel Hallman	Moses Hunt	Nathaniel Merritt
Ozwell Griffin	James Riggins	Francis Jones	Cannon Brazeal
Martha Griffin	John Kirksey	W ^m Murphree	Archibald Harris
Sargent Griffin	Jesse Hudson	John Robertson	John Chandler
Joseph Marchbanks	John Bynam	Bennett Combs	Ezekiel Akins
Barnett M ^r Adoo	John Hudson	Jesse Harwood	John Chapman
Phillip Maroney			

The monetary value of the estate sale was not recorded, nor was the date of the sale. The estate file does

not contain a final settlement. See below for more on the family of William. Griffin.]

A NOTORIOUS FRENCHMAN IN EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of April 28, 1858, p. 4, col. 3

INFORMATION WANTED

Is there any old citizen who remembers such a being as a Frenchman named Lequinio [sic], once a resident of this district? He was one of the most cruel sub-actors in the French Reign of Terror, and came to Charleston in this State shortly after that period. About the year 1814, he removed with a wife to Edgefield District; and it is said, or supposed, that he here lived and died. Who knows aught of Lequinio and his fate? Any information upon this subject will enable us to oblige a third person, who has made the enquiry, not for any special purpose, but from a desire to know the termination of this bloody man's earthly career. It is conjectured that his wife was instrumental in his death.

Editor's Note: See p. 70 above for the death notice of Monsieur Lequinio in the year 1812.

OBITUARY OF SAMUEL FRANKS, REV. WAR VET., OF LAURENS DISTRICT

Source: *The Laurensville Weekly Herald*, issue of December 10, 1845, p. 3, col. 3

Another Revolutionary Patriot Gone!

Died, at his residence in this district, on the 30th ult. [November 30, 1845] SAMUEL FRANKS, after an illness of forty-one hours, supposed to have been cramp colic. He was born the 4th of May 1763, and served his country in the latter part of the Revolutionary under Gen. Pickens. He was also at Ninety-Six under Gen. Greene. John McHarg was killed by the Tories, I think, some where on Little River, and at the same time Mr. Franks received two hacks across the [back? (paper creased)] by the sabre of the notorious tory Holmes. [crease]...after another [off?] the patriots of that perilous period [who?] are sinking beneath the floods of time, and [soon] they will be known only in the history of the country, and, in the memory of a grateful posterity.

OBITUARY OF MRS. ANN PICKENS SIMPSON, NATIVE OF ABBEVILLE DISTRICT

Source: *The Abbeville Banner*, issue of Wednesday, April 8, 1846, p. 2, col. 3

OBITUARY

DIED, at Pensacola, Fla on the 20th ult, Mrs. ANN PICKENS SIMPSON, born on the 12th April, in the year of our Lord, 1770. Her native place was Abbeville District, S. C. She was the daughter of Gen. Andrew Pickens, so highly and deservedly celebrated as a commander in the American forces during our revolutionary struggle with Great Britain, and the most distinguished hero in the Battle of Cowpens.

Her mother was Miss Rebecca Calhoun, daughter of Ezekiel Calhoun and sister of John E. Calhoun, who died while in Congress—and cousin of John C. Calhoun, present Senator from South Carolina.

After having been educated in her native State, she was married to John Simpson, her first and only husband, with whom she lived 45 years; and became the mother of 7 children, two daughters and five sons; the youngest of whom died at the age of two years. The remainder still live.—*Pensacola Gazette*.

ROBERT WHITE SR. (1743-1843) OF UNION COUNTY, SC

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Robert White Sr. was born January 9, 1743, near the Roanoke River in Virginia. His birth and death dates are inscribed upon his field stone at the Padgett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Union County, near Cross Keys, SC. He died November 21, 1843. His death is also recorded in *The Christian Index*, issue of December 13, 1844, p. 193, col. 6. See his obituary below. I am confident this obituary was instigated by his son Benjamin Franklin White, who lived in Hamilton, Harris County, Georgia, at the time of its writing, as did Mr. George Granberry, the author of the obituary. The latter was a Baptist minister, as verified by the book "History of Harris County", by Mrs. Barfield. Robert White Sr.'s death is also recorded in the Minutes of the Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Spartanburg County, SC, where he was a member from 1829 until his death in 1843. In addition, I would like to note that Robert White Sr.'s death was recorded in two known Bible records. One recording is found in the book "South Carolina Bible Records", without its source, and the other one is from the Russell T. Sexton Family Bible. (Editor's note: The Sexton Bible record is presented below.)

The area of birth of Robert White Sr. is known from a letter written in 1871 by his grandson Isaac P. Murphy. Mr. Murphy wrote in his letter, "Grandfather was born near the Roanoke River, Virginia, and lived a time along the Tar River in North Carolina before arriving in South Carolina". I have been unable to verify this at this time, though some of us have our personal theories. It appears to me that Robert was born and lived near the border between Virginia and North Carolina.

Editor's note: The Murphy letter is reprinted below, having been typed from a copy of the original provided by Mr. White. It was published earlier in the Union County Heritage Book.

In regard to Robert's Revolutionary war service, I have only the following excerpt from his obituary: "...He was six years engaged in the Revolutionary War, during which time his family suffered much from the depredations of the Tories...". This is the only record we have found of our Robert White Sr.'s Revolutionary war service. I would guess this service was performed in North Carolina. The only Robert White I have found in his age bracket, was a Robert White born ca. 1740, who fought at the Battle of "Fish Dam Ford" in South Carolina. This battle was located on the Broad River in what is now Union County, SC. This record has only left me wondering. I was told that most of the NC Revolutionary Records were destroyed. It is conceivable that he served in Virginia. There were numerous Robert Whites, and, someday, I hope to pursue some of those Revolutionary War Roberts.

The first record I have of Robert White Sr. in South Carolina is from the Church minutes of Padgett's Creek Baptist Church in Union County. Robert and his first wife Mildred (Whitehead) White were recorded in the minutes, on Oct. 25, 1788; "Received Robert White and Milley White by Letter." On March 23, 1789, Robert White purchased 170 acres of land from John Layton, (Deed Book B, Page 140), this land was part of the Thatcher Vivion Survey of 1788. My guess is, it was located just north of the Tiger River, where Robert was known to have lived. We know that the Robert White in this indenture was our ancestor, because in 1795 Robert and wife Milley sold this same land to John Lawson (January 27, 1795, Deed Book D, Page 76).

Robert White Sr.'s first marriage was to Mildred Whitehead, about 1775, NC, judging by the birth date of their first child, William White Sr. From this marriage were born all twelve of the known

children. We estimate that Mildred Whitehead White was born in 1745, and she died Nov. 30th 1807. Her death date was recorded in the Padgett's Creek Church minutes. We believe she may be buried at the old home place or at Padgett's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, marked only by a field stone.

After Milley's death in 1807, Robert White Sr. married an "Elizabeth", whose maiden name is unknown. There were no verifiable children from this marriage. This second marriage had to have taken place between 1808 and 1810. We do not know when Elizabeth was born. She died on December 27, 1840. Her death most probably occurred in Spartanburg County, since Robert Sr. had moved there in 1829. We do not know where Elizabeth is buried. One might believe it was at the Padgett's Creek cemetery in Union; there are about thirty unmarked field stones in this cemetery.

Robert White Sr. was at times referred to as Robert White BS - Black Smith. This designation is found on several Deeds, and we believe it served to distinguish him from his son Robert Jr.

Robert Sr. was active in his community. At church, he was involved in church repair projects and served on committees to discipline members who strayed from the Church's doctrines. He is recorded as serving Jury Duty, on Coroner's Inquisitions, on many Deeds, and as a witness to other instruments including wills and estates of friends. I find no records of Robert White Sr. owning any slaves.

Robert White Sr. attended three churches during his seventy-six years as a Baptist (obituary), fifty-five years of this span while living in Union and Spartanburg Counties and the balance in North Carolina. The churches he attended in South Carolina are enumerated below:

1. Oct 25, 1788 - Robert White and wife Milley are received at the Padgett's Creek Baptist Church in Union County. He attended this church from 1788 to about 1810.
2. In 1810 (or by Aug 20 1809, when the Lower Fairforest was given permission to form and meet by its mother church, Padgett's, Robert is listed as Charter member number 'One', at the Lower Fairforest Baptist Church, in Union County, at which he is in attendance with his second wife, Elizabeth, and some of his children, and he remained a member there until May 23, 1829, when they were dismissed. As this church was a branch of the Padgett's Creek Baptist Church, and was once called the "Brick Meeting House", I am not exactly sure when Robert first attended; it may have been sooner. None of the original members were shown as dismissed from the Padgett's during this transition; they just became members of the Lower Fairforest when it formed. In any case, this is my understanding.
3. On June 27, 1829, Robert and wife Elizabeth were received at Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Spartanburg County. Also, in attendance at this church was his son Robert White Jr. and grand children. By 1831, his daughter in-law, Elizabeth (Boatman) White and her children from her marriage with William White, Robert Sr.'s oldest son (who died in 1829) were also in attendance at Cedar Springs. This family of Whites and descendants are recorded in these Church minutes into the early 1900's. Here, Robert White Sr. and wife Elizabeth remained until their deaths.

My theory of where Robert White Sr. lived prior to Union County (1788) is based on the following three pieces of evidence:

1. 1781: Caswell County, NC: I have eleven years of Poll Tax records (1780 to 1791) showing a Robert White (1781 to 1787) and a William Whitehead (1780 to 1788, who, I think, is the father in-law Robert White Sr.

TWO LETTERS BY ISAAC P. MURPHY OF CROSS KEYS, UNION COUNTY, SC

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Editor's Note: Photocopies of the original letters were provided by Mike White. The letters were typed by Betty Jean Dill. These letters were published in 1981 in the book, *Union County Heritage*, edited by Mannie Lee Mabry and published by the Union County Heritage Committee in cooperation with Hunter Publishing Company, Winston-Salem, NC. As in *Union County Heritage*, shorter paragraphs have been made for easier reading. Punctuation is similar to the original.

THE NOVEMBER 25, 1871 LETTER

South Carolina, Union dist Nov the 25th 1871

Mr. John J. Murphy. Your letter of the 21st instant came to hand in due time but it has not been convenient to answer until now the connections are in the usual health and as far as I have been informed have provision enough for the inswing year. As to family records of the Murphy family genealogy I can obtain but very little I can however give a little traditional account of the ancestry.

My grate grandfather Richard Murphy was kidnaped in Ireland & brought to Virginia & sold, till he should become 21 yrs. twenty one years of age. Judging his age to be seven years. after becoming grown, he married a daughter of one William Bird a native of England who England who then lived in Virginia, he raised three sons, Richard, Arthur & Simon how many daughters I do not know but I have heard the names of three men whom three of them married McGarity, Hinds & Edwards.

Richard remained in Virginia where he was born. Arthur and Simon moved to North Carolina and eventually Simon moved to South Carolina having married one Sally Duke before he left Virginia.

He had eleven children among whom were three sons Mark, Sion, & Bird. the eight daughters married Delila the 1st Ralph Jackson, Drucill the 2nd Michael Lee, Mariam the 3rd, Thomas Hill.

Mark Murphy the 1st son married Sally Duke The names of his children were Demacious, Simon, Mariam, John, Joseph, Phares, Jertimaiah, Elizabeth, Sally, Emanuel & Lemuel.

The line of their births I cannot say Except Joseph who was born the 3rd day of February 1798. I have heard of the deaths of none of them except Joseph & Imanuel, Lemuel but can't tell of the deaths of any of them except what they say of Imanuel

Sion Murphy my father was born January the 31st 1765. and died Oct. the 26th 1845. he married Susan White who was born the 12th of April 1780 and died on the night between the 11th and twelfth of April 1851. They had 10 children Myself who was born the 26th of August 1798 Nathan was born the 3rd day of February 1800 & died sometime in Oct 1822. Mary was born the 29th of August 1801 and died in alabama ____ co. 4 years ago.

Sylvia was born the 18th of May 1803. Eady was born the 1st of Oct 1805. Hiram was born the 3rd of Aug of 1807. Mildred was born the 26th of March 1809 and died in february 1830. Jason Wiley was born the 20th of february 1811. Jephtha Martin was born the 7th of June 1812. Delila was born the 7th of Oct 1816.

the ____ of the 4th daughter of Simon Murphy, Sally married Thomas Greer. the 5th daughter Elisabeth married Thomas ____ Pearson.

Bird Murphy the third son of Simon Murphy was born in the year 1772 & died in July 1852 married Charlotte Durham who was born in feb. 1779 and died in alabama 1868. They had ____ children, viz Rachel who died in infancy, Elizabeth was born the latter part of the year 1795 or the 1st of 96 and died not far from 1861.

William was born the 27th of June, 1798 and died in May 1866. Jesse was born sometime in the year 1800 and died 1834. Thomas was born in the year 1802 or three. Susan was born 1805 and died in the summer of 1845.

James was born in the year 1810 and died in the summer of 1862. Charles was born February 1813. Zithion the 6th daughter married Tilman Simpson. Mary the 7th married Kindred Bobo. Unity the 8th married Angus Alexander.

All of my Grandfather's children & their companions are dead. Ralph Jackson family scarcely a trace of them is to be found in this country. all dead or moved away. very few of Lee posterity are here. comparatively very few of the Hill family are here. All of uncle Mark Murphy's family are gone from here, except a few of his Cooper grandchildren.

There are only three of my father's children who have died. only 4 however live in this country. The Greer family are ably extinct from this country. The Pearson family are entirely gone. Very few of uncle Bird Murphy's family are in this country, only two of his sons are living one in Alabama and one in Mississippi. The Simpson family are entirely gone. Eight of thirteen of the Bobo children are dead and only five of these 13 Bobo children have any children in this country. The Alexander Family are entirely gone.

Old Grandfather White was born in Virginia near Ronoake River. I am informed that he lived on the Tar River N.C. for a time. he married a woman by the name of Whitehead he moved to this country bringing several of his first children with him. he had 12 children William, John who died as a boy, Susan my mother, Jane who died when small, Robert, Stephen, Mary, Elisabeth, Tilman, Mildred, Elias, Benjamin only 4 of these 12 children have any posterity in this country.

Yours respectfully, Isaac P. Murphy.

THE FEBRUARY 25, 1886 LETTER

Cross Keys, Union Co., S.C. Feb. the 25th 1886

Mr. John Murphy dear Sir, yours of the 8th inst came to hand on the 19th, in answer to which I give the following. Grandfather White's name was Robert. His wife's name was Mildred who died in the winter between the summers of 1807 and 1808. [Note: Church record says 30 Nov 1843.] Grandfather died in 1843. [Note: Bible Record says 21 Nov 1843.] They both died within a few miles of Cross Keys, Union Co., S.C.

Uncle Wm White was born 1776 & died 1829. [Bible record says 22 Nov 1776 and 11 Nov 1829.] He married Elizabeth Boatman, his children's names is Sally, James, Jane, Lemuel, Lucy, Elisabeth, Rachel, William, Susan, none of them about here. Perhaps Susan's address is Cedar Springs, Spartanburg Co., S.C.

Uncle Robert White was born 1784 [Bible Record says 16 Mar 1784.], he married Mary Cooper the early part of the year 1811. Their oldest daughter Susan lives in Richmond Co., Ga., P.O. Hephzibah. Warren White & one of his brothers lives in Cartersville, Ga. Calvin White lives in Spartanburg Co., SC, near Gowansville. The rest of them is seated some of them as far as Texas. Except Bro Wily's wife who lives in the Neighborhood of Cross Keys, S.C.

Stephen White was born Apr the 25th 1786 he married Nanie Bedington of Spartanburg Co., S.C. All gone away to Texas.

Mary White was born Sept 7th 1789 married Lewis Rhodes, in Union Co. S.C. moved to Richmond, Ga., had a numerous family of children, her oldest a son Absilum, lives near Hephzabah, Richmond Co., Ga. Her son Thomas lives in Augusta, where she died a few years ago.

Tillman White was born March the 15th 1791, & married Sally Rhodes and moved to Ga. and I hear is dead.

Elizabeth White was born Jan the 9th 1793. She married Solomon Bobo, and had a numerous family of children, all of whom have left the neighborhood where they was born, dead & moved away altogether except Wm whose address is Cross Keys, Union co., S.C.

Mildred White was born Oct the 8th 1795 and Married John Bulington he died and she moved away at last accounts she was in Ohio.

Elias White was born Dec 20th 1797, and married Annie Gibbs & had a numerous of children, some of who married & [bottom line of this page is not legible.] He died Aug 2nd 1873.

Benjamin White was born Sept the 28th 1800 and married a Miss Golightly & moved to Ala. is the last account I have of him.

[Mr. Murphy concludes this letter with information about some of his siblings.]

Sister Mary married Robert D. Gillum, here at her father's right where I now live. Her 1st child Suseyann Sylvia was born in 1825, 2nd daughter Eady Jane about 1827, Sarah Matilda was born July 5th 1830, Martha 18__.

Sister Eady married Daniel Jackson, had 3 children, Martha Susanah, James Henry, Sarahann Delilah, his address is Canton, Cherokee Co., Ga. or Sharp Topp P.O., Cherokee Co., Ga.

Bro Hiram married Elisabeth Jackson in the neighborhood of Cross Keys in the fall of 1830. The names of their children, Julia; Susanah; Nancy Caroline; Franklin Isaac; Martin; & William. The sons are all dead. The daughters & their parents all living in Cherokee Co., Ga., all of them having the address that I last gave.

Mildred married Gibson Gideon Jackson in the fall of 1824, and died Feb 1830, leaving 3 children, one of whom died in childhood. The other two a daughter named Elizabeth Jane; a son named James Littlebury living at the last account in Alabama Decalb Co., near Duck Springs P.O.

Wiley Murphy married Nancy Newton White daughter of Uncle Robert White in October 1838 in Spartanburg Co., S.C. near Cedar Springs P.O. Their children are Robert Elya who got killed in the war, a daughter Mary Susan, who is also dead, a daughter Delilia Jane, a son named Wm Charles, another Hiram Bird. This address is Sedalia P.O. Union Co., S.C.

Susyann Delila married Johnathan Norman Bailey Oct 9th 18__ raised four children to be grown a son named Jesse Franklin, a daughter Dorcas Louisa, a son named David Harison, who died in the last war, a daughter Margaret Susanah; Sedalia P.O. as above mentioned.

Uncle Bird Murphy's daughter Elisabeth married Edward M. Bobo in the latter part of the 1816, raised 4 children, William, Charles, Mary and Jane. All of whom left Union Co. & are dead except Charles. I know nothing of his address.

Wm Murphy married Henrietta McBeth in the year 1824. Their childrens names is Alexander; Charles; John; Robert; Mary; Martha; the address of (Ala.?). Nothing of their address. Jesse Murphy married Delila Ray himself & wife & all their children are dead.

Thomas Murphy married Elizabeth Farrow in the year 1827; had 3 children the oldest a daughter died in childhood. The other two a son called Zebulin, a daughter Nancy he carryed with him to Ala. and settled in Salem Russel Co., Ala. in the year 1849. I have not heard from him in several years.

Susan married John Gibbs, the year 1832 had 7 daughters Jane, Elisa, Mary, Amanda, Charlotta, Ellen & Ann all is moved away or dead except Charlotta & Ellen who lives first in one place & then in another I don't know their address.

James Married Lavinia Lee and both died in the year 1862 having no children.

Charles married a Miss Finch in Union Co. who died leaving no children he then married a Miss Herington and at the last account lived in Mississippi, Holmes co. Durant P.O.

Uncle Thomas Greer & aunt Sally were married as I was informed on the plantation where I now live in the neighborhood of Cross Keys P.O. the date of the marriage I never heard four of their children however were born before 1798 the names of their children Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Joseph, Levina, Elijah, Jason, Susan, Sally & Martha the dates of their births I cannot give exactly but the four oldest were born previous to the 20th of August 1798 the rest of them at usual intervals of the birth of children of a family so that the youngest, Martha, was born around the year 1811.

Aunt Delilah & uncle Ralph were married in the neighborhood of Cross Keys the date I cannot tell but previous to the revolutionary war five of their children died in childhood which I never saw those that lived to grown were Frederick, Levina, Sally, Delilah, Elisabeth, Peter and Harriet all born previous to the year 1800 not one of them or their posterity in this country.

aunt Druscilla and uncle Michael were married in the same neighborhood and I expect previous to the revolutionary war their childrens names Thomas, Catherine, was either daughter or step-daughter of aunt Druscilla she having married a widower, Joseph, Michael, Robert, Miriam, Delilah, Durcilla & Billy an idiot all of whom are either moved away or dead.

As to Major Dukes family Sally married Jess Boatman, Priscilla married Sion Lawson, Molly married William Cooksey, Ailsey married Hosea Woolbank, Patty married Robert Boatman, Peggy married Harrison Bailey, Betsy married David Boyd, Nancy married Frederick Woolbanks, and he having died she married William Landrum, Aimy married Thomas Smith none of them related to the Murphys.

Sister Sylvia is quite unwell at this time with a bowel affection the rest of the people on my place are in their usual health.

yours respectfully, Isaac P. Murphy

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OBITUARY OF ROBERT WHITE, JR. OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of May 26, 1880, p. 2, col. 4

ROBERT WHITE, who died at his residence near Cedar Springs, in Spartanburg County, on the 17th day of February last, deserves a worthier tribute to his memory than the writer of this short sketch is capable of giving.

He was born in Union County, then District, on the __ day of __, 1874, and was in his ninety-sixth year when he died. When a youth he united with the Padgett's Creek Church, in his native District. In 1815 he moved to Spartanburg District, and settled near Cedar Springs, where he continued to reside until the day of his death. On moving to his new home he at once changed his membership to the church at that place. In 1821 he was elected a deacon of the Cedar Springs Church, which office he retained, and by his Christian conduct adorned, the balance of his life—thus continuing for fifty-nine years a deacon of the church where he was ordained. ...

The end of such a man could be nothing less than perfect, and though dead he yet speaketh, in the impress he left upon others. Happy the man who, like Robin White, can, when he comes to die, look back upon a life whose youth, manhood, and old age have been spent doing all the good he could in the sphere in which he lived and labored! The rich fragrance which lingers around a life thus spent will long rise, like precious incense, to shed its blessings upon all around.

A FRIEND

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SEXTON BIBLE RECORD

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Source: Sexton Bible. Mrs. Barbara Sexton writes, in a letter to Mike White May 23, 2000: "I enclose a copy of the Deaths page from the Sexton Bible. The person who tore them out didn't know they should save the fly page. I note that some of the given names you are descended from are the same as some of the Sexton given names. However, Russell T. Sexton is descended from Robert White's daughter, Elizabeth who married Solomon Bobo Jr."

Note from Mike White:

All of the names mentioned in this Bible record are descendants of Robert White Sr., from Robert Sr. to his daughter Elizabeth (White) Bobo, wife of Solomon Bobo Jr., of Union County, South Carolina. Hampton Bobo, on this record is the son of Solomon and Elizabeth. The Bailey's and Sexton's also fit into later generations of this family. I do not know if Barbara Sexton, who sent me this record is still living. Her address in 2000 was: Mrs. Russell T. (Barbara) Sexton, 3824 58th Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN 55429.

DEATHS

Robert White Sen died Nov 21st 1843 - his age was 100 yr - 9 mos - 12 da.

Mary W. Bailey died June 1st 1860. Her age was 33 yr, 5 mos. 4 da.

Hampton Bobo died Aug - 12 - 1835. his age was 22 yr. 5 mos 17 da

John R.J. Bailey died September 30 - 1860
His age was 1 yr. 2 mo. 21 da.

Elizabeth Bobo died March 18th 1845 - her age was 52 yr. 1 mo. 4 da

Elijah G. Bailey was Killed July the 30th 1864 by the explosion of a mine near Petersburg, Va. Age 44 years, 4 mo, 22 da

Solomon Bobo died May 24th 1851 - his age was 62 yr. 7 mos. 7 da.

Wm. F. H. Bailey Died Sept. 11th 1866. His age was 18 years 4 months & 12 days.

[Handwriting changes]

Sarah Ann Elizabeth Sexton died Dec 20, 1919. Her age was 69 yrs, 1 mo, 17 da

(Lema Lodosky?) Sexton Died Sept 13th 1877

Thomas Fincher Sexton died June 5, 1914. His age was 45 yrs. 1 mo. 2 days.

[Handwriting changes again]

Wesley T. Sexton Died September 5th 1885. His age was 37 yr. 3 mo - 21 da.

[Hampton Bobo was a son of Elizabeth White and Solomon Bobo, Jr., and grandson of Robert White, Sr. Sarah Ann Elizabeth (Bailey) Sexton was a daughter of Elijah G. Bailey and Mary W. Bobo. Mary W. Bobo was a brother of Hampton Bobo. Wesley T. Sexton married Sarah Ann Elizabeth Bailey.]

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WILL OF EDWARD LIPSCOMB OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

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Contributor's Note: In researching the family of William White (son of Robert White Sr.) and his wife Elizabeth Boatman White, the fate of their daughter Elizabeth, born in 1813, had eluded me until recently. This mystery was resolved, I believe, by a clue in a family letter from Jason Wiley Murphy to his sister Eady Jackson, dated March 17, 18__ (probably about the mid 1870s). Jason Wiley Murphy is a grandson of Robert White Sr. He married his first cousin Nancy White, a daughter of Robert White Jr., and he was also a first cousin to the Elizabeth of my quest. The following is an excerpt from this letter (the locations mentioned are in Spartanburg County):

"Father White lives [on] his upper plantation near Thompsons cross roads is well. Cousin Ginna Coggins lives at the same place. Sally & Susan lives at the old place. Backael [?, no doubt Rachael] at the Village. Betsy married Lipscomb lives on Jocher Creek has no children. Wm in Georgia. Lucy dedd. Samuel in Alabama. Susan has one son married. Rachael two daughters. Lucy one. I don't know how many Ginny has married" ("Jocher" Creek translates into "Gaucher" Creek.)

For the benefit of the reader, I offer the following additional information: Father White is Robert White Jr., Jason Wiley Murphy's father-in-law, and the other persons are children of William and Elizabeth Boatman White:

1. Ginna Coggins = Jane White, wife of Johnson Coggins
2. Sally = Sally White, never married
3. Susan = Susan White, wife of William Freeman Coggins
4. Rachael = Rachael White, wife of Javan Barnett
5. William = William White, wife unknown
6. Lucy = Lucy White, wife of John S. Barnett
7. Samuel = Samuel White, husband of Nancy Murrell
8. Betsy = Elizabeth White, wife of Lipscomb

Elizabeth White at age 37 was still single in the 1850 Spartanburg County census. I had been able to track her until November 1858, when she withdrew her letter of membership from Cedar Springs Baptist Church. Also in November 1858 an Elizabeth Lipscomb joined the Gaucher Baptist Church by letter. It is my believe that she was the newly wed Elizabeth White from Cedar Springs. Edward Lipscomb was already a member at Gaucher. Using the "Lipscomb" clue, I find an Elizabeth, age 47, in the 1860 household of Edward Lipscomb. I believe the preponderance of evidence proves that Elizabeth White married Edward Lipscomb as his second wife.

Source: Spartanburg County, Probate Court, File # 2743, Estate of Edward Lipscomb, Dec'd (1875)

EDWARD LIPSCOMB'S WILL

State of South Carolina, County of Spartanburg: Know all men by these presents that I Edward Lipscomb (Senior) do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament Viz.

Item First: I hereby give and bequeath to my wife ELIZABETH Lipscomb all that tract of Land whereon I now live being the lot I purchased at the sale of John H. Lipscomb containing one hundred and Eighty four acres, also one good young Horse or Mule, worth one hundred and Thirty or forty dollars also one, one horse Waggon and Harness, also my Buggy and Harness two Cows and Calves,

or Cow and Calf and a Cow with Calf as she may choose. Three or four Ewes and Lambs, one Sow and Pigs, Bacon or fat Pork and Lard for one years Provision, including provisions for a hand to assist her in her domestic labors, and stock Hogs to make her meat for one year, Corn, Fodder, Shucks and Oats, Wheat or Flour for her Support one year, and seed wheat if it is not sowed, and as much of the Household and Kitchen furniture as she may Choose, also a supply of Farming tools for the Farm as she may Choose, also Forty dollars in gold which she has rec-eived, it being for her own private use, for and during her natural life, or widowhood, and after her death or marriage, I Will that it return to and become a part of this Estate, as though this bequest has never been made.

Item Second: I Will and direct that all the Balance of my Lands, together with the remaining personal property not dis-posed of by this Will be sold by my Executor and for which this shall be his authority as fully as if ordered by the court, and the proceeds thereof to be Equally divided between my nine Children now living and grand children;

The Children of Elizabeth Smith and Smith Lipscomb, namely the Children; Elias Lipscomb, Nazareth Barnett, Sally Poole, Clara Watkins, Avalina Smith, Narcisa Barnett, William L Lipscomb, John J Lipscomb. And Nathan Lipscomb making in all Eleven Legatees, to Share and Share alike, except Elias Lipscomb, I Will and direct that two Hundred dollars be deducted from his distributive Share, and Equally divided between all the other Legatees ex-cept William L Lipscomb; also Sally Poole who has received a certain amount recorded in the Clerks office at Spartanburg Court House, which amount must be deducted from her distributive Share without Interest, and what ever amount may be due her, I direct and authorize my Executor to pay it to her that Absalom Poole, Shall have no control over it whatever,

I also further authorize and direct my Executor that as I have paid off a certain Court Judgment against William L. Lipscomb in favor of the Estate of James W Lipscomb, that Should not that Judgment be paid off by William L Lipscomb order? The Executor of this my last will and Testament ??? the amount of said Judgment be deducted from his distributive Share of my Estate

I also Authorize and direct my executor as I hold claims both by account and note against some of the Legatees of my Estate that those Claims be settled as charged to the parties owing them; I also direct that if either of anyone of the above named children die bef-ore the execution of this Will take place, that his Legal bodily heirs shall inherit their portion as bequeathed by this my will I also further direct that should there be any minors that are Legatees to my Estate, that the Judge of the Probate Court appoint guardians for them,

I also bequeath to myself a descent burial with Head and feet stones for myself and present wife, I also direct my Executor to lay off one acre of Land around the Family graveyard to be located to the best advantage, and be reserved for a family burring ground before the Sale takes place and last of all I hereby appoint my son Nathan Lipscomb to carry this my Last will and Testament in to effect in witness

Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of the Subscribing witnesses, who have witnessed the same in my presence and in the presence of each other the sixteenth day of December one thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy two.

Edward Lipscomb {Seal}

Witnesses Jonathan Gossett Samuel M. Littlejohn D. G. Finley

The foregoing last will and Testament of Edward Lipscomb (with codicil Attached) Was this day proved in common force by the evidence of D G Finley one of the Subscribing witnesses to said will at the same time qualified Nathan Lipscomb named Executor in said Will gave him letters, warrant of appraisement & C.

Oct 13th 1875

Benj. Wofford JpC.

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DEATH OF EDWARD LIPSCOMB

Source: *The Spartanburg Herald*, issue of Wednesday, October 13, 1875, p. 2, col. 2

This gentleman departed this life at his home on Thickery on Thursday last [October 7, 1875]. Mr. Lipscomb was quite advanced in years, being about eighty at the time of his death. He filled his measure of life in a quiet and unassuming way, but was a useful and influential citizen. He adds one more to the list of our many old and valued citizens who have gone to their long homes. He leaves several children and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Spartanburg had no truer citizen, nor one whose death will be generally and sincerely regretted throughout the County.

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AN 1878 RECORD OF PICKENS COUNTY GRIFFIN AND BARTON FAMILIES

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Contributor's Note: The following family records are presented as they appear in the original source with the exception of the interruptions that I impose to compile the different families into groups. Having been composed in 1878, this record was without doubt first in handwritten form. Some person at a later date produced a typescript from the original. I adhere to the structure, punctuation, and spelling of the typescript. Words and statements not in the original typescript are enclosed by square brackets, []. Please refer to page 82 above for the will of William Griffin, the progenitor of these Griffin families.

Source: The public vertical files of the Faith Clayton Collection at Southern Wesleyan University, Central (Pickens County), SC

GRIFFIN

PICKENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 13, 1878- -RECORD OF THE FAMILY OF SARGENT GRIFFIN AND WIFE AVERILLA BARTON GRIFFIN - TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION AND THE RECOLLECTION OF MY WIFE.

Averilla Griffin Anthony, who was the daughter of Sargent and Averilla Griffin. Sargent Griffin was the son of William Griffin, who came from Chatham County, North Carolina. William Griffin's first wife was a Kirksey and his second wife was the mother of Sargent Griffin, Henry Griffin, William Griffin and Oswald Griffin; their mother was a Stroud. The Griffins claimed their descent from Wales. Sargent Griffin lived and died in South Carolina, so did his brother Henry Griffin. William went to Alabama. Oswald went to Tennessee. Elizabeth Griffin, their sister, married James Trotter, and both lived in Pickens County, South Carolina. All these raised large families. Patsy Griffin married John Stanley and had one child named Elizabeth who died.

[Family of William Griffin and first wife Miss Kirksey (deduced from his will, p. 82 above)]

1. John Griffin
 2. Rebeca Griffin married Mr. Brazeal
 3. Rosana Griffin " Mr. Blocker
 4. Haskey Griffin " Kenon Brazeal (see p. 68 above)]
- [Family of William Griffin and second wife Elizabeth Stroud]
1. Sargent Griffin (b. ca. 1778) married Averilla Barton (b. ca. 1788)
 2. Henry Griffin
 3. William Griffin
 4. Oswell Griffin
 5. Elizabeth Griffin married James Trotter
 6. Martha (Patsy) Griffin Married John Stanley]

Averilla Griffin, wife of Sargent Griffin, whose name was Barton, the daughter of Benjamin Barton. Dorcas Barton's maiden name was Anderson. Both were raised in the State of South Carolina of Revolutionary fame. They claimed their ancestry from Scotch-Irish and I think from their general information they were Scotch-Irish, descendants of Benjamin B. Barton. They had large families. His oldest son was Thomas Barton, second son, Joshua Barton, third son, Bailey Barton, fourth son, Benjamin Barton, fifth son, James Barton, sixth son, Madison Barton; Thomas Barton married Sally Boyd, Joshua Barton married a Stephens, Bailey Barton married Janie Field, Benjamin married a Baker, James Madison married Mary Duff [It appears that James and Madison may be just one person.], Averilla Married Sargent Griffin, Jane married a Bowen, Vashti married a Kirksey, Sarah married S. C. Reid, Celey married William Cannon, Dorcas married a Mr. Gales, Elizabeth married Daniel Mosely. They all raised large families. Some of them went to the west, some to the south and some are still in the state of South Carolina.

[Family of Benjamin Barton and his wife Dorcas Anderson Barton]

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| 1. Thomas Barton | m. | Sally Boyd | 2. Joshua Barton | m. | [Miss] Stephens |
| 3. Bailey Barton | m. | Janie Field | 4. Benjamin Barton | m. | [Miss] Baker |
| 4. James Madison Barton | m. | Mary Duff | 5. Averilla Barton | m. | Sargent Griffin |
| 6. Jane Barton | m. | [Mr.] Bowen | 7. Vashti Barton | m. | [Mr.] Kirksey |
| 8. Sarah Barton | m. | S. C. Reid | 9. Celey Barton | m. | William Cannon |
| 10. Dorcas Barton | m. | Mr. Gales | 11. Elizabeth Barton | m. | Daniel Mosely] |

Sargent and Averilla Griffin had twelve living children, one dead. Dorcas, the oldest daughter married Pryon [sic: the name was Pryor] Alexander and had six children. Two daughters and four sons: Sergeant, E. B., Bryon [probably Pryor Jr.], Thomas B., Manerva and Maryville. Manerva married Henry Bilengsky, Sergeant married the widow Dendy, Alexander married Victory Cathell [The original typescript is confused here. "Alexander" is the surname of these children of Dorcas Griffin Alexander], Thomas P. [sic] married a Fonely. Elihu H. Griffin married Ann Ambler. He had six sons and two daughters [their names follow]. Robert H. married Lucy Brazeal and had two children. He was killed in the war at the battle of 7 Pines. Edwin D. died. James married Zilpah Allgood. William died in boyhood. E. Holby married Benjamin Morgan's daughter, who had three children and died. J. C. is still single at this date. Ann married S. D. Kieth and they have four children. Susan is still single.

[Family of Elihu H. Griffin and his wife Ann Ambler Griffin]

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|----------------------|----|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Robert H. Griffin | m. | Lucy Brazeal | 2. Edwin D. Griffin |
| 3. James Griffin | m. | Zilpah Allgood | 4. William Griffin |
| 5. E. Holby Griffin | m. | [Miss] Morgan | 6. J. C. [John Calhoun] Griffin |
| 7. Ann Griffin | m. | S. D. Kieth | 8. Susan Griffin] |

[The naming of Sargent Griffin's children resumes at this point.] William Griffin married Mahala Donthan [perhaps Donathan] and moved to Alabama. There he raised a large family of sons and

daughters. He is now dead. Benjamin married Fannie Brown. They had one son whose name was Lewis. Fanny died, then he married the widow Moody of Alabama. They had a family of boys and girls. Barton Griffin married Jane Reid and raised a family in Alabama and then moved to Miss. Sergeant Griffin married Janie Putnam. They had children, she died, then he married a woman by the name of South. They are now living on the Coosey [Coosa] River, Ala. Richard N. Griffin married a wife named Lee in Alabama. There he raised a family of sons and daughters. Thomas Griffin married Martha Craig and raised two sons and one daughter, who is married to Enoch Richardson of P. D. [Pickens District], S. C. Bailey Griffin married a wife named Lee and had three children. He died. Vashti Q. Griffin married Joseph Mansell. They raised sons and daughters. They are living in Polk County, Georgia. Averilla Griffin married H. J. Anthony. They have ten living children. One died at eleven days, one died at nine-teen years, and one at twelve years four months and two days, which leaves at this time ten living children. Anderson Griffin lost one arm in the Confederate War and then he married the widow McKay. She died without issue. Since that time he lives at P. C. H. [Pickens Court House]. He has not remarried.

[Family of Sargent Griffin and his wife Averilla Barton Griffin]

[Approximate birth dates are from 1850 censuses.]

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|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 1. Dorcas Griffin | m. | Pryor Alexander | 2. Elihu H. Griffin (ca. 1806) | m. | Ann Ambler |
| 3. William Griffin (ca. 1807) | m. | Mahaley Donthan | 4. Benjamin Griffin (ca. 1811) | m.1 | Fannie Brown |
| | | | | m.2 | [Mrs.] Moody |
| 5. Barton Griffin (ca. 1813) | m. | Jane Reid | 6. Sargent Griffin | m.1 | Janie Putnam |
| | | | | m.2 | [Miss?] South |
| 7. Richard N. Griffin | m. | [Miss] Lee | 8. Thomas Griffin (ca. 1823) | m. | Martha Craig |
| 9. Bailey Griffin | m. | [Miss] Lee | 10. Vashti Q. Griffin | m. | Joseph Mansell |
| 11. Averilla Griffin (ca. 1825) | m. | Henry Jacob Anthony | 12. Anderson Griffin | m. | [Mrs.] McKay |

Now as you see the names of my children in my husband's record, I will omit the names in this imperfect sketch of mine. I have done the best I could under the circumstances. It is more than was ever done for me, so children, if you think it worth of preservation, save it; if not, do what you think best with it.

To my children,

Averilla Griffin Anthony

Henry Jacob Anthony

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DEATH OF FRANK P. LIPSCOMB, NATIVE OF NEWBERRY COUNTY

Source: *The Newberry Herald*, issue of Wednesday May 25, 1878, p. 3, col. 1

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Frank P. Lipscomb, son of Senator Jas. N. Lipscomb, which occurred in Atlanta, Ga, the 7th instant. Mr. Lipscomb was twenty seven years old, and was spoken of by those who knew him well as a young man of fine character and noble qualities. He had been in bad health several months, and his death, though not unexpected, was a sad affliction to his family, in which we extend our sincere sympathy.

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IN MEMORIAM

Over the past few months, the death angel has visited the Society's ranks on three occasions. We mourn the loss of the following members:

James Dean ("Jim") Smith, 74, of Evans, GA died suddenly on 15 March 2003. Jim was a life member of the Society. He was a true Southern gentleman and a kinder soul I never met. In addition to a son and a daughter, Jim is survived by his loving wife Helen Bredenberg Smith (an indefatigable researcher in her own right and a lady of the first order). I was honored to count him as a distant cousin and will miss him greatly.

Edith Boiter Gilbert, 71, of Spartanburg, SC lost her long struggle with cancer on 20 February 2003. She was a driving force in the Boiter reunions and her efforts will be sorely missed.

Cleora Koon Smith, a Spartanburg native who retired to Laurens, SC died on 27 March 2003.

Martha Williams, our Vice President, lost her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Ashley Gibbs who passed away on 13 April 2003 in Alamo, GA. She was 98 years old.

To each of these, we, both individually and as an organization extend our sympathy and thoughts to their families at this time of loss.

Joey Gainey, President

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