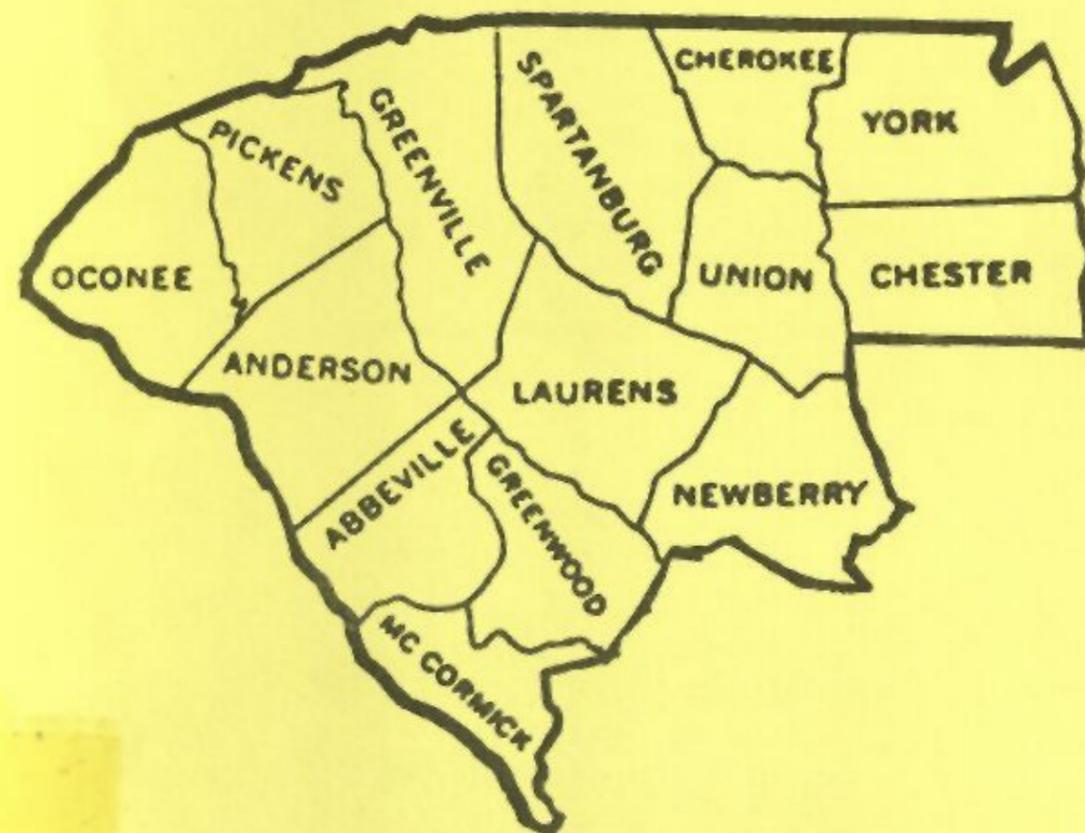


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Piedmont Historical Society News and Notices

Our February meeting was held as scheduled on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom of the Spartanburg County Headquarters Library in downtown Spartanburg. Dr. Doyle Boggs, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications, Wofford College gave us a fascinating history of the development of Spartanburg, both county and town, from the earliest to recent times. One of our members, Mrs. Lorene Fisher, had a large array of bound books, notebooks, single articles, and pictures of genealogical content and interest for sale, and the attendees enjoyed shopping and browsing through her collection before and after Dr. Boggs' presentation.

We had a wonderful meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom with Chief Gene Norris, aka White Bull, Chief of the Eastern Cherokee Nation in South Carolina. Chief Norris' topic was entitled "The Invisible People". His presentation was very compelling and informative. The Chief brought ceremonial and traditional Indian regalia and jewelry, along with an assortment of arrow heads, spear points and tools. His lady assistant gave a demonstration of the range of sounds and notes made by two types of traditional wooden flutes, concluding with a lovely rendition of "Amazing Grace". Mrs. Fisher returned with her "Book Bazaar". We all had an enjoyable evening.

Our meeting on Thursday, April 10, at the same location as the previous two, featured Dr. Kathy Cann, Professor of History at Spartanburg Methodist College. Dr. Cann gave a presentation of the history of SMC from its inception in 1911 as the Textile Industrial Institute, surrounded by cotton fields, through its evolution to Spartanburg Junior College to its present status as Spartanburg Methodist College. Several members of the audience had attended, or knew persons who had attended, this school; the questions, answers, and discussion were quite animated and lively.

On May 8, 2008, in the same Hoechst-Celanese Classroom, our speaker will be Dr. Melissa Walker, Professor of History at Converse College in Spartanburg. She will speak on the subject of changes in the life of the farm wife in the twentieth century.

Our speaker on June 12, 2008 will be a representative of the Park Service at the Cowpens National Battlefield. This meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom on the lower level of the Spartanburg County Headquarters Library in downtown Spartanburg, SC. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

There will be no meeting in July.

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FAMILY RECORD OF HENRY WINGO (1782-1876)

Contributed by Lorene Fisher, 22 Goose Trail, Taylors, South Carolina 28687

Source: The files of Mrs. Dorothy Wingo Neal, deceased

*FAMILY RECORD**BIRTHS*

Henry Wingo was born Jan the 19 1782

Sally W. Wingo the wife of Henry Wingo was born April the 2 1784

Elizabeth S. Wingo the daughter of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born Nov the 22 1808Nancy L. Wingo the daughter of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born May the 2 1810George R. Wingo the son of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born July the 19 1812Mary A. Wingo the daughter of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born March the 17 1815Martha W. Wingo the daughter of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born October the 24 1817James H. Wingo the son of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born February the 27 1821William A. Wingo the son of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born November the 30 1823Samuel P. Wingo the son of Henry Wingo and S. W. Wingo his wife
was born April the 29 1827*DEATHS*

Henry Wingo died August 13 1876. age 94

Sally W. Wingo died March 13 1869. age 85

Elizabeth S. Neathery died February the 8. 1843

Nancy L. Wingo died May the 13. 1840

George R. Wingo died September the 7. 1845

James H. Wingo died July the 5. 1844

William A Wingo died January the 17 1859

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Editor's Note: The best census fit that I can find for this family in 1860 falls in Nottoway County, Virginia. If anyone connects to this Wingo family, please let us know.

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FAMILY RECORD OF ANDREW SUDDUTH OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Contributed by Carole Pearson, 300 St. Croix Ct, Greer, SC 29651, <mmcaj@bellsouth.net>

Source: Handwritten Sudduth family record used in this Quarterly, November 2006, p. 145; additional information from the files of the contributor and from public records.

[Editor's Note: See the reference cited above for the family record of Fielding and Rachel McMakin Sudduth. Andrew was their sixth child.]

Andrew Sudduth

Born: April 26, 1821, Greenville District, South Carolina

Died: after the 1900 Spartanburg County census

Buried: probably (unmarked) in Campobello Township, Spartanburg County, SC

His parents: John Fielding Sudduth and Rachel McMakin Sudduth

Married:

about 1850, Greenville District, South Carolina

Mary Ellen Turner

Born: January 1, 1830, Greenville District, South Carolina

Died: after the 1900 Spartanburg County census

Buried: probably (unmarked) in Campobello Township, Spartanburg County, SC

Her parents: Felix Turner and Frances Cockrell Turner

She had siblings Jephtha, Hannah, and Tabitha.

Their Children:

(All were born in Greenville District/County, South Carolina.)

- [1] Lewis Cleveland Sudduth Born: April 30, 1851
Died: after 1880 Greenville County, SC census
Married: Mary Ellen Odam, b. July 26, 1844-d. July 28, 1924
Her parents: James and Mary A. Pennington Odam
- [2] John Benjamin Sudduth Born: February 28, 1853
Died: August 27, 1922, Spartanburg County, SC
Married: October 17, 1872
Elizabeth Morrow, b. May 27, 1857-d. August 1, 1922
Her parents: Lorenzo Dow and Rosa Lister Morrow
- [3] Andrew F. Sudduth Born: February 10, 1855
Died: February 15, 1912, Greenville County, SC
Married: Rebecca Moon, b. May 11, 1860-d. July 4, 1928
Her parents: Robert and Julia Crain Moon
- [4] Jephtha T. Sudduth Born: June 21, 1857
Died: January 5, 1891, per family record
- [5] Mary Ann Sudduth Born: August 11, 1859
Died: March 20, 1860

- [6] William Thomas Sudduth Born: October 30, 1861
Died: March 18, 1915, Spartanburg County, SC
Married: Emma Anna Sudduth, b. 1871-d. December 26, 1930
Her parents: Peter Carr and Deborah Jane Crain Sudduth,
- [7] Peter C. Sudduth Born: September 27, 1863
Died: -?- , said to be in Jasper, Ala in brother Francis E's obit
Married: Mary Elizabeth Gosnell
Her parents: David and Martha Elizabeth Chastain Gosnell
- [8] James H. Sudduth Born: September 27, 1863 (twin to Peter)
Died: -?- , listed in 1900 census of Burnet County, Texas
Married: Mary -?- , b. abt 1863, Missouri-d. -?-
- [9] Alexander L. Sudduth Born: January 20, 1865
Died: -?- , listed in 1920 census of Jasper, Walker County, Ala
Married: Minnie -/- , b. about 1861, Miss.-d. -?-
- [10] Francis Ervin Sudduth Born: Nov. 16, 1867
Died: April 26, 1926, Spartanburg County, SC
Married 1: Mary E -?- , b. Mar. 1878-d. about 1905
Married 2: Callie Waters, b. abt 1865-d. Dec. 2, 1922 (Sptg Co)
Her parents: John and Elizabeth DeShields Waters
Married 3: Mary Manerva Edmonds White Sudduth Tyler,
b. April 13, 1895 TN-d. July 27, 1969, Spartanburg County, SC
Her parents: Elijah and Maggie Mitchell Edmonds, of Tenn.
- [11] Frances Omira Sudduth Born: January 2, 1871
Died: before 1900 census, probably Greenville County, SC
Married: Shadwick W. Howard, b. Nov. 27, 1864-d. Feb. 5, 1925
His parents: George and Fidealist Ann Tucker Howard
Married 2: Bertha Babb, b. June 21, 1877, SC-d. June 3, 1929, SC
Her parents: Starling and Greer Babb
- [12] Martha Evey Sudduth Born: April 4, 1872
Died:
Married: Mr. Foster, per family record
- [13] Sallie J. Sudduth Born: March 30, 1875
Died: October 18, 1908, probably Spartanburg County, SC
Married: William Huntsinger, b. Feb. 1875, NC-d. before 1920
His parents: Toliver and Elvira Jones Huntsinger

A TOURIST'S VIEW IN 1847 OF SALUDA GAP AND GREENVILLE VILLAGE

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

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Friday Morning, Oct. 15, 1847, p. 2, col. 4.

[Quarterly Editor's Note: In our last issue (February 2008), our Tourist had visited Caesar's Head, having taken the route that would now be US 276 (known in upper Greenville County as the Geer Highway). He then toured for about three weeks in Henderson and Buncombe Counties, NC., remarking the scenic attractions and notable residents along his route. He returned to Greenville District by a route that can be identified as old US 25. We pick up his trail below on his return while he is still in Henderson County, NC., just before re-entering Greenville District. See p. 55 below for an account of work on the Saluda Gap Road.]

On the 29th ulto. [September 29], I left Asheville and bade farewell to Buncombe, on my way hither. The weather was still fine and the road excellent. Between Asheville and Hendersonville are several beautiful situations and pleasant sojourning places, on the road, such as LANE's and BRITTON's. The garden, in front of LANE's, is enriched with almost the finest profusion of Dahlias and the richest variety of China-Asters, I ever met with – and I was indebted to the courtesy of the hostess for a beautiful bouquet. These flowers, among the richest in Flora's train, seem to find a most congenial foster-mother, in the soil of Buncombe. Passing through Hendersonville and Flat Rock, I commenced and easily achieved, the ascent and descent of the Blue Ridge, across M'Alpin's Mountain.

THE BLUE RIDGE

is the great chain of mountains which divides the Eastern and Western waters – those which flow into the Atlantic from those which flow into the Gulf of Mexico. On the Southern side of the Blue Ridge rises and flows the Green River (a tributary of the Broad River), watering the valley between the Blue Ridge and the Saluda Mountain.

THE SALUDA MOUNTAIN,

not considered a part of the Blue Ridge proper, (although a spur of it) because not dividing the Eastern and Western waters, is a lofty elevation dividing the two Carolinas and also Greenville District, in the South, from Henderson County, in the North State. The point of division, designated by a stone step[?] or pillar, erected to the god TERMINUS, stands on the very summit of the mountain pass, at the distance of 33 miles from Asheville, and between 28 and 29 miles from Greenville Court House. The stone pillar has inscribed, on one side, the letters "N. C.", and, on the other the figures "1815", and, I believe, the letters "S. C." The descent of the Saluda Mountain, steep and difficult, makes one fully sensible of the immense elevation of Flat Rock and the Blue Ridge, which not being visible is hardly thought to exist. The North Carolinians have a turnpike road across the Blue Ridge and up their side of the Saluda Mountain, the toll of which for a four wheeled carriage is \$1, and for a single horse 5 cts. The South Carolina side of the mountain is also traversed by a turnpike road, called

THE SALUDA GAP ROAD.

It was built and is owned by the State, and the turnpikeage for a four wheeled carriage is \$1, and for a single horse 10 cents. The carriage toll is too high on both roads, and ought to be reduced – waggons are more favorably dealt with. The Saluda Gap Road is of itself a considerable curiosity and full of grandeur and picturesque beauty. It was a great undertaking, highly creditable to the enterprise and liberality of the State, and has been of incalculable benefit and convenience to both the travelling and the trading public. The turnpike is nine miles in extent, and cost about \$10,000 a mile – Col. HODGES, who farmed it for several years, added a few miles to its length. At several of its angles its outer wall is built of solid rock. Just below the toll-gate at CHAPLIN's it forks, the left branch leading to Columbia,

and the right to Greenville C. H. The road winds down the mountain steep, following the course of a beautiful mountain brook, called

FALL CREEK.

This stream rushes impetuously by the road side, frequently crossing it, presenting numerous beautiful cascades and murmuring music of various note, in its devious way, sometimes running almost on a level with the road, at others wearing its channel deep in the rocky gorge. Coming to a table land of some extent, it sweep, in crescent form, around a fertile meadow, or corn field; and a portion of its water is then diverted, by an artificial channel, to work the mills of Col. HODGES & SON, at some considerable distance below; while the main current proceeds onward, and dashing down a rocky precipice in the vicinity of CHAPLIN's (formerly HODGES's,) forms one of the most beautiful and romantic water-falls in the mountains. The portion of the road, shortly after forsaking this water-course, is so serpentine that the windings or folds are almost parallel to each other, and but a stride or two apart; and the entire scenery has an air of wildness and grandeur, commingling the terrible and the beautiful. Just at this side of the 28 mile-post, in a romantic nook of the mountain and sudden turn of the road, the weary traveller is refreshed by the sight [of] and may slake his thirst at

POINSETT'S SPRING.

This stream of pure and delicious water is led, by means of perforated logs, from a fountain on the adjacent heights, to an arched canopy of stone, through which it spouts, in chrysal and perpetual flow, unaffected by deluge or drought. It bears the initials "J. R. P." in commemoration of the agency, exerted by Mr. POINSETT, in giving to the State so noble and valuable highway of trade and travel. Hard by the Spring, is a House, intended soon to be prepared for the reception of travellers and sojourners, by its proprietor, Mr. CHAPLIN. It is a beautiful, romantic and sheltered site, with chrysal spring and gurgling brook, a place where one, escaped from the heat and dust of a city summer, may enjoy the luxury of repose – unbroken, save, when enticed by an adventurous spirit, he may climb the mountain side, plant himself on its forest-crowned summit, and on either hand, look down on a sister State bearing the proud and honored name of Carolina.

In crossing these lofty mountains, we arrive at a very vivid conception of the origin and formation of rivers. First we have springs or natural fountains, bursting or oozing from rocky veins or crevices; next the trickling streamlet, then the bolder brook wandering or leaping down the mountain side, and in order the creek and the river, all but the first receiving tributaries on every side, and the last either joining some larger river or pouring its swollen current into gulf, lake, sea or ocean.

These mountain brooks perform, too, a most important office. "They wear away the stones," and gradually form mountain passes and gorges, which designate the course and render easy construction of future roads.

Proceeding onward, in my journey, near Col. HODGES' hill-side mansion, I encountered a

TENNESSEE RAG WAGGON,

which had just overturned it bales of rags, at a sharp angle of the road, into an adjacent depression. I learned from the Waggoners that they were waggoning rags, 135 miles from Tennessee, to one of the Greenville paper mills, at the freight of \$1.50 cts. per bale – the rags being of flaxen material and therefore worth 4½ cts. the pound, being one cent and a half higher than cotton rags. Little are we accustomed to set a proper appreciation on the rag bag. Without it we would lack the means and the power of distant correspondence; and the press itself would no longer flash intelligence and opinion o'er land and sea, and would be dethroned of its empire over principalities and powers.

Col. HODGES, finding the waggoners willing to put their own shoulders to the wheel, played Hercules

in their aid, and accommodated them and your correspondent for the night, my good pony, *Buena Vista*, having borne me upwards of 40 miles, from Asheville, to within 22½ miles of this village, between 4 A. M. and 6 P. M., I having lingered at Flat Rock, for several hours, to pay my parting respects to hospitable friends.

The next morning I rose early, viewed the beautiful valley of the Saluda (the corn-growing river), crowned with the gifts of Ceres (not as abundant, however, this year as usual), took breakfast and arrived here at 1 o'clock P.M., in time for a good dinner at COLEMAN's Mansion House.

I should not omit to mention that Col. HODGES waters his establishment, by a bold stream, led from the mountain side, with which he thinks the village of Greenville may and should be supplied with water; and which he has offered to carry to any public street or square for the sum of \$1000. Such a luxury and convenience would be cheaply purchased at that price.

The residence of Col. HODGES is very beautifully situated, nay perched on the mountain's brow, and commands a fine and extensive view of the fertile valley of the Saluda, producing 40 bushels of corn to the acre, without manure, a large extent of which is owned by himself and his family.

ORANGEBURGH, (S.C.) OCT. 13, 1847.

My rambling pen, my course now being turned homewards, must pay its especial respects, long due, but to be paid, I trust, with interest, in atonement for the delay, to

GREENVILLE,

the pride of the mountain region, and the most populous and thriving village of our State. It is handsomely situated on the Northern Bank of the Reedy River, a beautiful and romantic stream, adorned with charming sylvan scenery, and the frequent cascade, and rendered useful by its valuable water power. The Hon. LEMUEL J. ALLSTON, formerly member of Congress, from our mountain Districts, originally laid out the village, he owning its site and several thousand adjacent acres. The extent of the village was at first very limited, but, by the Act of Incorporation in the year 1827, or thereabouts, it was enlarged to one mile, on each side of the Court House, stretching across the Reedy River to the South. Among the first or early settlers of the village were Hon. LEMUEL J. ALLSTON, Col. WM. TONEY, Col. CLEVELAND, and the late Chancellor THOMPSON. In 1815, when VARDRY MCBEE, Esq., then a resident of Lincolnton, N. Carolina, bought up the extensive adjacent domain of Mr. ALLSTON, the population of the village small, but it is now about 1500. The public buildings are a Court House, Gaol and Market. The Churches are three in number – the Baptist, Rev. J. M. C. BREAKER; Episcopalian, (Christ Church) Rev. Thos. J. ARTHUR; and Methodist, Rev. Wm. M. LEE, M. D. – that of the Episcopalian is about to be pulled down, and reconstructed of larger dimensions and better architecture. A Ladies' Fair has been recently held by the Baptists, with a view to the improvement of their edifice, or some other purpose connected with their Church. The Rev. Edw. T. BUIST has charge of a Presbyterian church in the vicinity. Greenville cherishes the interests of education, by the establishment and support of two incorporated Academies – The Male Academy under charge of Mr. Robert BRADSHAW and the Female under charge of Mr. R. A. MCNUTT. Both of the Academies are built of brick and occupy healthy and shady sites, on the Northern part of the Village, and are ably conducted and well sustained – the Female Academy has a teacher's residence attached to it. In the same enclosure, or campus, with the Male Academy, is the Greenville Lyceum or Debating Society, where the citizens, with great spirit, "keep the ball up of debate," and, in the same building, is the Greenville Female Library, with a cabinet of mineral and other curiosities. The Hotels are the Mansion House, a spacious and handsome brick building, of three stories and an attick[sic], built by Col.

TONEY, (according to a plan furnished by Wm. BELL, Esq., of Charleston), and successively kept by him, Dr. J. CRITTENDEN, and Col. JNO. T. COLEMAN, the present worthy host; the Planters' Hotel, Mr. David LONG, noted for its excellent and abundant table; The Kentucky and Tennessee Inn, Mr. P. S. RUTLEDGE; the Western Hotel, Mr. J. WATSON; and Henning's Hotel, Mr. David HENNING. Board at the Mansion House is \$4.50 per week for man, and \$2.50 for horse – children and servants half price – and I presume, it is at least as low at other Hotels. The member of Congress from the united Districts of Greenville, Pendleton and Laurens, is the Hon. RICHARD F. SIMPSON, who declines a re-election – the Hon. B. F. PERRY, of Greenville, and Col. J. L. ORR, of Pendleton District, are the candidates for the succession. In the Senate of the State, Greenville District is represented by the Hon. B. F. PERRY – in the House of Representatives by Messrs. T. E. WARE, P. E. DUNCAN, GEO. F. TOWNES, and E. P. JONES. The Intendant of the village is Major W. T. ROWLAND – the District officers are DAVID HOKE, Sheriff; ROBT. M'KAY (a protegee of the Charleston Orphan House), Clerk; Col. THOS. P. BUTLER, Commissioner in Equity; JOHN WATSON, Ordinary; C. PINCKNEY DILL, Tax Collector; and RHETT LOVELAND, Coroner. The Lawyers are the Hon. WADDY THOMPSON, Hon. B. F. PERRY, TANDY WALKER, Esq., Col. GEO. F. TOWNES, Col. THOS. P. BUTLER, W. BUTLER THOMPSON, Esq., Chas. J. ELFORD, Esq., R. H. Speer, Esq., WM. CHOICE, Esq., E. P. JONES, Esq., J. W. STOKES, Esq., Major ELIAS D. EARLE (Superintendent of Public Works), JEFFERSON CHOICE, Esq., L. M. M'BEE, Esq., WM. P. M'BEE, Esq., and JOSEPH POWELL, Esq. The practitioners of the healing art, Drs. A. B. CROOK, E. S. IRVINE, M. B. EARLE, C. RABE, THOS. C. AUSTIN, WM. C. TURPIN, and J. CRITTENDEN. Mrs. SUSAN THURSTON is the village Post-Mistress.

The village of Greenville has long been and continues to be a favorite resort, for health and recreation during the summer months, of visitors from the low country. Some pass the entire summer there, and others make it a resting place, both before and after crossing the mountains – and, both in the beginning and at the close of the season, it is much crowded and presents a scene of great animation and quiet. Reposing at the foot of the Blue Ridge, the spurs and peaks of which are visible from it, in rich and variegated landscape, washed, at its Southern base, by the

FALLS OF REEDY RIVER,

dashing and tumbling, in a series of picturesque cascades, over rocks and precipices, to the depth in all of some 60 feet, and propelling Mr. M'BEE's fine Flouring Mill and a Turning Machine below, embellished with numerous private residences and farms; possessing an enlightened, refined and hospitable society, and enjoying a dry and embracing atmosphere and cool temperature. I know no village presenting, in a higher degree than Greenville, the charms and enjoyments, physical, intellectual, social and moral, of *rus in urbe* – of that exquisite commingling of town and country which constitutes the *beau-ideal* of the village.

Among the distinguished and hospitable inhabitants of the village is the

HON. WADDY THOMPSON,

occupying a beautiful residence, eastward of the main street, with a spacious lawn stretching out in front adorned with noble shade trees, and commanding a fine view of the neighboring mountains. Gen. THOMPSON is the son of the late Chancellor WADDY THOMPSON (a native of Virginia), and a graduate of the South Carolina College, in the year 1814, in the same class with the gifted and lamented LEGARE. In the civil service of the State he has successively filled, with ability and eminence, the posts of Representative of Greenville district in the State Legislature, State Solicitor, and Representative in Congress from Greenville and Pendleton districts; in the militia service he has filled the grade of a General officer; and, in the diplomatic service of the Union, he has won the laurels as well of humanity

as diplomacy, in his mission to Mexico. Originally of the South Carolina School of State Rights, in politics, he was one of the few who found themselves unable to perform that strange evolution, or revolution, in party tactics, which wheeled the whole brigade of nullifiers into the VAN BUREN ranks, in support of Senator BENTON's gold humbug, under the nick name of the Sub Treasury; and he manfully stood up, side by side and shoulder to shoulder, with the accomplished PRESTON, in defence of his original position and principles, triumphantly sustaining himself, in his own district, against even the personal championship of the great modern apostle of States Rights, democracy and independent treasuries, who had doomed him, for recusancy, to "the tomb of the Capulets." Triumphant most signally in this unequal contest, he enlisted earnestly, zealously and ably, under the whig banner, in the ensuring campaign for the Presidency, and contributed largely, by his eloquent speeches and active efforts, to the elevation of the patriotic HARRISON to the Chief Magistracy of the Union. Receiving the appointment of Minister to Mexico, either from Gen. HARRISON, or from Mr. TYLER, in conformity with the known wish and intention of his deceased chieftain, ere a change had come o'er the spirit of his own dream, Gen. T. vacated his seat in Congress, which he, doubtless, could have held against all odds, and entered into the foreign service of the country. While in Mexico, he devoted himself to the interests of his country with untiring industry and zeal, and eminent ability; winning and exercising an influence over the fierce and sanguinary SANTA ANNA, at which Texas and humanity have cause to rejoice. Hundreds of prisoners, rescued from the dungeons or the still more fatal doom of death – hearts swelling with gratitude for life and liberty – are the trophies of his diplomacy, infinitely more honorable than the blood-stained laurels of war. Returning from Mexico, familiar with its history and its people, as proved by the interesting book he has since given to our literature, he opposed the annexation of Texas, on Southern as well as national grounds, and united with the Whigs in their (unfortunately for the country) unsuccessful effort to place the illustrious CLAY, in the Presidential chair – in that place politically, which he undoubtedly occupies in the estimation and in the hearts of his countrymen – and, to this day, Gen. T. continues opposed to the Mexican war, as unjust in origin, unwise in policy and conduct, and fraught with issues perilous to the South and to the Union – having written several able papers on the subject, on which passing events seem to be setting the deal of prophecy.

Gen. THOMPSON is allied with the BUTLERS, having married a daughter of the late Gen. WM. BUTLER, of Revolutionary service and memory, and a sister of those noble brothers, one of whom, alas! for his country, but not for his own glory, has been too near "the flashing" of Mexican guns, and taken his "place" in "the picture" of immortality, and another of whom, after adorning the judicial ermine, now wears the Senatorial robe, the worthy colleague of the great Carolinian, on whom (notwithstanding the occasional aberrations of his greatness and genius), and on whose wisdom and patriotism, so recently and so gloriously displayed on the Oregon question, depend, in a great measure, the hopes and the destinies of his country.

Gen. THOMPSON conducts a farm, connected with his residence, in Greenville, and has a considerable planting interest in Edgefield District. Since retiring from public life, he has resumed the practice of law, and is actively engaged in the duties of his profession, for which, in intellectual gifts, and as an able and adroit debater and eloquent speaker, he is admirably fitted. In the popular assembly and on *the stump*, he has few superiors, or even equals – familiar with the power and arts, nay the whole armory of rhetoric, commingling eloquence, argument, wit, pathos, humour, ridicule and anecdote, he achieves both defenses and onslaughts, which few adversaries can withstand.

Another leading citizen of the village is

VARDRY M'BEE, ESQ.,

of whom I have already made casual mention, now 72 years old of age. He was born at the Limestone Springs in Spartanburg District, then the property of his father, an emigrant from Virginia, bearing the same with himself, and who, although of Quaker parentage, commanded a corps, or otherwise bore a part, in the Revolutionary War. In early life, his father having become embarrassed in circumstances, Mr. M'BEE was thrown entirely on his own resources, and, opening a saddlery, and keeping a public house in Lincolnton, N. C., by persevering industry he soon accumulated a handsome fortune. MCBEE's saddles became famous all over the upper region of North and South Carolina, for faithful workmanship and durability. While in Lincolnton, Mr. M'BEE held the office of Clerk of the County Court for about 22 years, until the year 1835 or 1836. In 1815, he bought the large landed estate of the Honorable LEMUEL J. ALLSTON, in and about the village of Greenville at \$2.50 per acre, and has sold portions of it, in and near the village at great profit, getting \$100, \$150, and even \$200 an acre. He continued to reside in Lincolnton until the year 1836, when he removed to Greenville, and occupied and still occupies the fine mansion, formerly the residence of Mr. ALLSTON, placed on a handsome eminence on the Western side of the Village, directly facing the Baptist Church (across the main street) on the Eastern side. Attached to his residence is a beautiful and highly cultivated farm, where, in the productions of the field, the meadow and the vegetable garden, and the breeding of cattle, he outstrips and eclipses all his neighbors. At the late Agricultural Exhibition and Fair, in Greenville, he was awarded six premiums, or silver cups, by the Committee on Premiums of the Greenville Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and all were allowed him by the Society except that "for the best managed farm," which was denied him only on the ground that the same farm, having been awarded the premium, the year previous, could not again compete for the premium, which was accordingly ordered to be conferred on the next best. The other subjects of premiums awarded him were "the best half acre of Wheat," "the best half acre of Rye," "the best Colt under one year," "the best Milch Cow," and "the best pair of Pigs."

But Mr. MCBEE is not only a successful farmer but a great miller and a considerable manufacturer. On the south bank of the Reedy River, just below the first fall, is his

VILLAGE FLOURING MILL,

included in his purchase of the lands in the vicinity, and which he keeps in constant and profitable operation. In the year 1846, it ground 19,750 bushels of wheat, and turned out flour of most excellent quality. When Mr. MCBEE purchased there was also a Rolling or Iron Mill in the same locality, but he soon discontinued it.

Seven miles below the Village, on another picturesque fall of the Reedy River, are situate his

PAPER MILL AND COTTON MILL,

together with a Saw Mill, Flour and Grist Mill, Blacksmith's shop and wood shop, or place where the wooden portion of the machinery is made or repaired. The Cotton Mill turns 732 spindles, employs white labor at about \$1.50 cts. per week, and is engaged entirely in carding and spinning cotton. Connected with it is a wool-carding apparatus, which cards the raw wool into rolls, ready for spinning, and is received in that shape by the thrifty dames of the neighboring farmer and peasants for conversion into yarn by the domestic spinning-wheel. In the wool department there is a mule for spinning, but I is not now in use, as sufficient employment is found in carding the wool in the neighborhood. The Paper Mill is under the same roof with the Cotton Mill, and is exclusively engaged at present in the manufacture of wrapping and printing paper. The printing paper is of excellent quality and is used by the *Charleston Mercury* for its country issue, and by the *Southern Patriot* also. Would not the *Courier* look very well, too, in a like dress of this kind of *homespun*? The paper mill is furnished with simple apparatus for manufacturing, ruling and glossing letter paper, and has produced it extensively. The sheet on which

I am now writing and those on which I shall conclude this letter are specimens, and I leave you to decide on their quality. The Cotton and Paper Mills are worked by 30 horse power, equally divided between the two. The establishment is owned by Mr. MCBEE, but the mills are conducted by MCBEE & SONS.

MR. M'BEE is a man of simple and frugal habits, and of great industry, energy, and enterprise. His business talent and practical ability, led to his election as President of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road, on the lamented death of GEO. HAYNE, in the Fall of 1839 – but his private avocations constrained him to resign the office after a short incumbency. Habitually an early riser, the following anecdote is told of him in that character. When in Boston, Mr. M'BEE, desiring an interview with the Hon. ABBOTT LAWRENCE, for information on manufacturing subjects, Mr. L. invited him to name the day and hour for the meeting, at his (Mr. L's) house. With great naivete, and the inveteracy of ancient habits, Mr. M'BEE replied – "Tomorrow, sir, at 5 A.M., if you please." Mr. LAWRENCE objecting to this as too early an intrusion on morning dreams, Mr. M'BEE mended the matter by naming "Six or half past six." How the affair was ultimately compromised, I did not learn.

Mr. M'BEE has recently erected on the main street in Greenville a handsome brick edifice, the lower part of which is occupied as a Store, the second story as a Ball and Exhibition Room, the third story as a very neat and tasteful Odd Fellows' Hall, for the Lodge lately organized in the village.

Although the name of this worthy gentleman is spelt M'BEE, it is pronounced MaGEY – it is due as well to euphony as to orthography that it should be pronounced as spelt.

Another enterprising manufacturer and resident of Greenville Village is
COL. BENJAMIN DUNHAM,

a native of Massachusetts, but, for many years, a highly esteemed citizen and merchant of Greenville. He, too, owns a Paper Mill, formerly PATTERSON's, and the first established in the District, one mile higher up the river than that of M'BEE & SONS. The Mill is of 20 horse power and is engaged in manufacturing the coarser kinds of paper, such as wrapping paper, &c; and white labor is employed at about the same weekly average, as at M'BEE's. Connected with it are a Saw Mill, Blacksmith Shop and Wood Shop. Col. DUNHAM is now rebuilding another Mill of 30 horse power, which he intends to employ in the manufacture of finer paper, such as writing paper, letter paper, &c.

Another valuable factory of which the village of Greenville boasts is
THE COACH FACTORY

of Mr. THOMAS J. COX, formerly of our city. This is an extensive establishment, of high reputation, competent to supply, not only the village and vicinity, but a much larger market. Mr. COX has also a Wheel and Turning Factory on the Enoree, where spokes and hubs are manufactured.

There is also a Tin-Ware Factory in the village, in which Col. DUNHAM and Mr. WM. DAVENPORT, I believe, are concerned. Col. D. buys, with tin ware, rags for his paper mill. I must not omit to mention a Coppersmith, named ROBINSON, of reputation far more enviable than his who did St. Paul much wrong, and Mr. PETER CAWBLEY, the Blacksmith, who has long been known as Vulcan's favorite – both extensive manufacturers in their respective lines.

The village of Greenville is a place of considerable business and trade – with enterprising merchants, manufacturers and mechanics. Such is the cheapness of living and the lowness of rent there, that goods can be obtained even cheaper from their retailers than from ours. When her projected Rail Road shall be built (and I regard its ultimate success as certain), and accomplish her connexion with Charleston, her growth, as both a place of trade and summer resort, will be rapid indeed. In this road, I trust, that our citizens individually, and our city in its corporate capacity, will make a liberal and bold venture.

Besides the advantages which it will confer on both mountain and sea-board, it cannot fail to be a most profitable stock, and return a handsome interest on investments. It will open to the sea-board the granaries of the interior, and bring the trade of Eastern Tennessee and Kentucky directly to Charleston, while the back-freights and the travelling horde upward, in search of health or recreation, already large and to become almost innumerable, will pour thousands into the coffers of the company, to be dispersed in handsome dividends to the stockholders.

Greenville possesses a spirited and well conducted week newspaper, called

THE MOUNTAINEER,

owned and printed by O. H. WELLS, Esq., and edited by Col. GEO. F. TOWNES. It gallantly unfurled and upheld the banner of the Union, in the Mountains, during the troublesome time of Nullification, and, although I have but little sympathy with its present democracy, yet I cannot but commend most cordially its gentlemanly tone and moderation, and its general conduct, and feel myself a large debtor to its proprietor and editor for their many courtesies.

I have much more to say of this pleasant village, its vicinity, and of Greenville District generally – but it must form the staple for another letter.

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SALUDA MOUNTAIN ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 1820

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Saturday, August 12, 1820, p. 2, col. 4

SALUDA MOUNTAIN ROAD

Extract of a Letter from one of the Commissioners of Public Works, dated at Marenny's, Greenville District, July 29, 1820.

"We have set every thing in operation on the mountain. After getting all our workmen housed, we commenced on the road on Monday, the 17th, with about five hundred men; and they have already made a good impression on it. Those who have visited us have expressed their admiration of the extent of the road already cut."

"The rise in our road is so gentle, that the heaviest loaded waggon may pass down without locking. The angle is no where more than five degrees; and this angle continues but a short distance. The rest of the road is less than four degrees; and I think I may say, that more than six miles out of eight, less than two degrees."

"The course we have taken brings us through the mountain in eight miles; and we then strike the road between the Enoree and Tyger Rivers. The distance from Green River to Columbia will be lessened seventeen miles, and be reduced to 125 miles, making the whole distance from Columbia to Asheville (in Buncombe County) 158 miles." [This is Buncombe County, North Carolina.]

"The whole mountain road is now laid out, and it has been no small labor. I have no doubt but that we shall complete the road before the 15th October."

Extract of another Letter, dated Saluda Mountain, July 21st 1820.

"We have at length laid out an entire new road over the mountain, at least two miles shorter than the former, and ten miles better. The angle of the elevation will no where exceed five degrees, and to most of the ascent, not more than four degrees, so that horses may travel over this much dreaded mountain, and waggons pass without having locked."

"Great pains were taken with this road, that travellers might learn the best method of passing over precipitous mountains. We are now at work, all along the line, and have made such Impression that we are as sure as man can be of any thing that we shall complete the new road the middle of October. This will not only be of great advantage to the state, but do it great honour."

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PUBLIC WORKS OF SOUTHCAROLINA IN 1820

Source: *Charleston Courier*, Sat., March 11, 1820, p. 2, col. 4
PUBLIC WORKS OF S. CAROLINA

We announce with much pleasure, that since the first meeting of the board of public works, at Land's Ford, on 24th January, most of the plans of the works for this year, there determined on, have been put into operation. Contracts have been made, and the work commenced at the following points:—

Broad River.—Col. NESBITT has undertaken the canal and locks at Lockhart's Shoals. The work is commenced and his force rapidly increasing.

Mr. M'KENZIE has contracted for the lockage at the Bull Shice and for the Columbia canal, and basin. His force is a respectable one, considerable impression has already been on this work.

Saluda.—Mr. DYER with a good force continues the work on the Saluda canal, which is nearly completed.

Mr. KIBBE has undertaken the works at Drehr's Falls, fifteen miles above Columbia, and has placed a strong force on the work.

Congaree and Santee.—Col. MYDDLETON superintends the clearing of the Congaree and Santee, and we understand has most of his force engaged.

Wateree.—Col. NIXON has undertaken this river this river below Grove's Shoals, eight miles above Camden. He has a considerable force already employed.

Pedee.—Gen. WILLIAMS continues the operation on this river, with a force, which, it is expected, will finish this year.

Edisto.—Contracts are in full operation, with competent forces, on Lower Edisto, under Col. JOHNSON, on South Edisto, under Mr. HEAD, and on North Edisto, under Mr. WILLIAMSON.

Catawba.—Gen. DAVIE and the assistant engineer are examining this river, & a strong force of stone masons, blasters, etc are expected from the north, to commence the work in April.

Charleston Road.—The general course of this road has been determined. It has been examined from the Columbia ferry to a point below Huckabuck Swamp; and a contract is made for that part of the road, with Mr. ANDERSON, who is expected to begin the work in a few days, and finish it by the middle of July, when his force will be to the road from Columbia to Spring Hill, during the autumnal months.

Saluda Road.—The contracts already made on the rivers contain stipulations for the removal of a whole work force to this road in July. About 500 men it is supposed will thus be engaged on the upper part of the road, for the autumnal months.

We understand that the whole force exceeds 700 men, and is expected to increase to 1000 by the beginning of April. [*Columbia Telescope*, 7th inst. [See p. 55 above an update on the Saluda Road.]

THE FAMILY BIBLE—A POEM

Source: *Charleston Courier*, Tues., Oct. 13, 1818, p. 2, col. 2

"OH THAT I WERE AS IN MONTHS PAST..."—*Job 29, 2*

THE FAMILY BIBLE

How painfully pleasing the fond recollection
Of youthful connexions and innocent joy:
When blest with parental advice and affection,
Surrounded with mercies—with peace from on high.
I still view the chairs of my sire and my mother—
The seats of their offspring, as ranged on each hand;
And that richest of Books, which excell'd every other,
The *Family Bible*, which lay on the stand—
The old fashioned Bible, the dear blessed Bible,
The Family Bible, which lay on the stand.

That Bible, the volume of God's inspiration,
At morn and at evening, could yield us delight,
And the prayer of our sire was a sweet invocation,
For mercy by day, and safety through night.
Our hymns of thanksgiving with harmony swelling,
All warm from the hearts of a family band,
Half raised us from earth to that rapturous dwelling,
Described by the Bible that lay on the stand—
The old fashioned Bible, the dear blessed Bible,
The Family Bible, which lay on the stand.

Ye scenes of tranquility, long have we parted,
My hope's almost gone—and my parents no more—
In sorrow and sadness, I live broken hearted,
And wander unknown on a far distant shore;
Yet how can I doubt my dear Savior's protection,
Forgetful of gifts from his bountiful hand;
Oh let me with patience receive his correction,
And think of the Bible that lay on the stand—
The old fashioned Bible, the dear blessed Bible,
The Family Bible, which lay on the stand.

NEWS AND MARRIAGE NOTICES FROM GOWENSVILLE

Source: *The Enterprise and Mountaineer* (Greenville, SC), issue of Wed., January 14, 1891, p. 1, col. 4
Gowensville Not Dead

Editor Enterprise and Mountaineer:

It is not very often you get anything from this part, but we are still "moving and having our being."

Christmas passed off very nicely with only one little trouble. James Gilreath and Elford Campbell cut up one of the colored boys pretty badly, and caused another one's heels to save him.

The community is not behind in the matrimonial line. There was married on Nov. 20th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. T. T. Earle and Miss Lillie Montgomery, Rev. James Aiken officiating.

Married, on Nov. 27th, 1890 at the residence of the bride's father, W. C. Robertson of Saluda, N. C., and Miss Sallie E. Davis, Rev. James R. Aiken performing the ceremony.

Married, on December 7th, 1890, by Rev. A. D. Bowers, at his residence, Mr. James Rochester and Miss Callie Barnett

Married, by Rev. O. C. Barton, at his residence, on December 16th, 1890 Mr. Ellison Gosnell and Miss Maggie Barnett.

Married, by Rev. O. C. Barton, on Dec. 24th, 1890, Mr. Melvin Barnett and Miss Emma O'Shields of Spartanburg County.

Married, by Rev. Alex. Pruitt, on December 31st 1890, at his residence, Mr. B. P. Barnett and Miss Harriet Ballew.

T. H. Reid has moved to his place purchased from Mr. Wm Aiken, and we lose one of our best neighbors and citizens. He (Mr. Aiken) will move to Fair Forest.

Stafford Reid has moved to the old Reid homestead. Reuben Foster has moved to where Stafford Reid lived.

C. M. Davis is building a neat cottage of five rooms on his new purchase, and everything seems to be in a rush.

The Gowensville school will open Monday, Jan. 5th; W. D. O'Shields, principal, Miss Sue Newman, assistant. The prospects for very encouraging for a good school year.

The young folks has a very nice pound party at Mr. J. M. Calmes's on Wednesday, December 31st, which which was enjoyed very much by those who attended.

Very respectfully, FARMER.

DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. JANE KELLY, NATIVE OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Friday, December 30, 1836, p. 2, col. 2

OBITUARY

DIED, in Montgomery, (Ala.) On the 13th instant, of the consumption, in the 39th year of her age, Mrs. Jane Kelly, formerly of Fairfield District, (S. C.) She died, as she had lived for the last twenty-three, a christian and a member of the Methodist Church. She has left behind, to deplore her loss, two daughters and a numerous circle of acquaintances.

DEATH OF DR. D. B. DARBY, M.D., OF WALHALLA, OCONEE COUNTY

Source: *Greenville Daily News*, issue of Wednesday, October 9, 1901, p. 4, col. 2

DR. D. B. DARBY

Died Yesterday at Walhalla in the Fifty-Fourth Year of His Age
By Telegraph to the Daily News

Walhalla, S. C. Oct. 8.—Dr. D. B. Darby, age 54 years, for nearly twenty years a practicing physician here, died today at 1 p. m. He was a native of Orangeburg. He leaves a widow and two sons. The funeral will be tomorrow at 4 p. m. after funeral services by Rev. J. D. McCullough. J. M. M.

A SKETCH OF JOEL ROBERTS POINSETT

Source: The Greenville News, Greenville, SC, Monday, October 26, 1970, p. 20A Special Edition
 [Quarterly Editor's Note: Several of the one-sentence paragraphs of the original newspaper article have been combined with adjoining and related paragraphs to save space in the presentation below.]

JOEL POINSETT SERVED AS STATESMAN, BUILDER, U.S. DIPLOMAT

By JOHN S. TAYLOR

Joel R. Poinsett served as chairman of the Board of Public Works for the state from 1818 to 1820. It was at this time that he helped build the state road from the low country to the Blue Ridge Mountains passing through Greenville County. This road is marked by the Poinsett stone bridge near the Greenville Reservoir.

During his residence in Greenville County, Poinsett is credited with having been instrumental in the preparation of the plans for the erection of Christ Episcopal Church and no doubt added much of the cultural social life of what was then a small upstate village.

Born in Charleston, March 2, 1779, Joel Roberts Poinsett was the son of a prominent doctor, Elisha Poinsett, and his wife Ann Roberts, a cultured English lady. The Poinsetts were French Huguenots. Shortly after the Revolutionary War the whole family went to England where they stayed until Joel was about nine. Upon their return to Charleston, Dr. Poinsett decided to send his son to Timothy Dwight Academy in Connecticut. It might be said that Joel spent his entire life . . . based upon the condition of his health. From the time he was a baby he was very delicate. He could not stand extremely cold climates nor was he well unless he spent a great deal of his time outdoors. The cold climate of Connecticut was unhealthy for him, and so he was removed from the Dwight school and sent to a private school in England.

There were two special loves in Poinsett's school life, language and military science. He learned French, Spanish, Italian and German, [and] he could speak them almost as well as if he had lived in the countries where they were spoken. Later he added Russian to his list of languages. In traveling around the world his knowledge of languages was a great help to him where he could see below the surface of things and could talk without an interpreter.

Following this period Poinsett took a sea trip to Lisbon, Portugal and Southern Europe which completely restored his health. When he was 21 he returned to his native Charleston and wanted to enter the U.S. Army, but his Father persuaded him to begin the study of law. This profession proved uninteresting to him and he discontinued the pursuit of legal knowledge.

When he was 22 the young Charlestonian started out on his most extended travel. For ten years he went to the far corners of the earth. The United States owes a debt of gratitude to Poinsett as he was almost an official ambassador to many countries. He went to places where the United States was only a name. He visited most of the great leaders of the day and talked with them of their problems, their hopes and their dreams.

After he had visited most of the known and unknown places of the world Poinsett was asked what his deepest impression was. He gave this interesting answer: "What I have seen in Europe has made me more enthusiastic about America."

Unquestionably Poinsett was by far the most distinguished and extended world traveler of any citizen in the United States. In addition to the countries already enumerated he traveled through France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria and later to St. Petersburg and Russia where he was welcomed by the Czar, Alexander the First, and was actually embarrassed by the amount of attention which was shown him.

He visited Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires and in Argentina finally undertook the dangerous and unusual journey across the Pampas and over the Andes mountains of Chile.

On Poinsett's return to the United States he decided to see America and spent much time in traveling to the West. One of his biographers notes that he and his companions on a trip to the West covered 2,100 miles, most of it on horseback.

A biography of this South Carolinian of the early 19th century gives this compact view of his life: "His life story illumines three stages of our early national history. The first of these was the initiation of relations between the United States and Latin America . . . His second major role proved to be that of the leader of the Union forces in the nullification struggle which troubled South Carolina during the famous tariff controversy. . . . His most effective service was as Secretary of War under Van Buren when he attacked the problems of an inadequate army and the control of the Indians with vigor and intelligence." [Elsions (. . .) in original newspaper article.]

Upon his return to South Carolina from his Western trip he entered the State Legislature where he served for two terms. His great interest was in better roads, bridges, and canals. Having served successfully in the State Legislature, Poinsett was sent to Congress where he served from 1821-1825.

His congressional career was interrupted when he went on another secret mission, this time to Mexico. President Monroe sent him there to obtain secret information for him in regard to matters pertaining to the American Nation. While there he, at great personal risk and under the folds of the American flag, protected citizens who were being threatened by a mob. He managed to quiet the people and save those who were entrusted to his protection. Upon returning to America, Poinsett actively engaged in the nullification movement and rendered service to the National Party.

One of the distinguished characteristics of Poinsett's career was that he served on secret missions under five presidents, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren, all of which gave him difficult and interesting tasks to perform for the nation. He was a great traveler, a congressman, a diplomat and one of the best secretaries of war we have ever had.

Upon his return from one of his missions to Mexico he introduced to America the beautiful Poinsettia flower which had added color and beauty to the Christmas decorations of the nation.

Shortly after the Nullification trouble Mr. Poinsett married Mary Izard, widow of Poinsett's friend, John Julius Pringle. After their marriage the Poinsetts retired to Mrs. Poinsett's plantation near Georgetown and lived there and in Greenville County. Poinsett died on Dec. 12, 1851, while on a visit to his friend Dr. William Anderson at his beautiful home in Stateburg [Sumter County] and is buried in the little Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross at that place.

In 1968 the Greenville County Historical Society unveiled a marker at the Poinsett Plaza to his memory and near the marker stands the stone Spring that was in the yard of his country home on the Hendersonville Highway where he resided during the summer months.

DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. ELIZA JANE TAYLOR OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *South Carolina State Gazette and Columbia Advertiser*, issue of Sat., January 5, 1828, p. 3, col. 2

DIED

In Fairfield district, on the 27th November last in the 29th year of her age, Mrs. ELIZA JANE TAYLOR, consort of Capt. Samuel S. Taylor. This amiable woman was equaled by few and surpassed by none. She had secured to herself through the whole course of her life the respect and confidence of all who knew her and the friendship of all with whom she was acquainted.

A PORTRAIT OF JOEL ROBERTS POINSETT

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JOEL POINSETT AND VISIT OF PRESIDENT MONROE TO CHARLESTON

Sources: Issues of the *Charleston Courier* noted in the text below

President James Monroe spent the week of April 26 to May 3, 1819 in Charleston, South Carolina. The *Charleston Courier* recorded the excitement of the citizens of Charleston during that week and gave a daily account of the events surrounding the President and of his movements around the city. The issue of the *Courier* for Friday, April 30, 1819, p. 2, col. 3 makes the following remarks concerning Joel Poinsett: "We understand that the President will this morning visit the Lines, and breakfast at the delightful villa of J. R. Poinsett, Esq. in Cannonsborough, in company with a number of invited guests. It is also understood that the *Harmonic Society* have been invited by Mr. P. who will perform the Songs and Music which had been prepared for execution upon the water, on the President's entrance to the city, had he crossed from Haddrill's Point, as was at first contemplated."

The *Charleston Courier* gave an account of his entertaining President Monroe in its issue of Monday May 3, 1819, p. 2, col. 2, with the heading MR. POINSETT'S FETE: "The President, on his return from visiting the Lines on Friday last, was received at this gentleman's villa, with great elegance and courtesy. The *Union Harmonic Society* greeted his arrival with vocal and instrumental music, and performed the original verses prepared for the occasion. A large and select assembly were present, comprising much of the respectability, beauty and fashion of our city, with the Chief Officers of the Army and Navy, &c. The band of the *Rifle Corps* contributed to the hilarity of the scene, which was rendered peculiarly grateful with the vernal sweets which bloomed around it. The company was treated to an elegant collation in the garden; and, among the pleasing novelties to which the President's, a *Balloon* was set off by Messrs Alexander and Valante, two ingenious artists, whose attempt a few days previous in our city had unfortunately failed. The day passed in great joy and harmony, and afforded the President a fair specimen of Carolinian manners and hospitality."

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PICTURES OF POINSETT BRIDGE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY

Source: Digital images taken by Billy Byars, March 21, 2008

A stone marker at the Poinsett Bridge site has valuable historical information engraved on it. Without regard to the spacing of the lines and the varying size of the letters the inscription reads as follows:

This Bridge on the State Road From Greenville to Asheville Was Built in 1820 by ABRAM BLANDING
Acting Commission Board of Public Works JOEL R. POINSETT, PRESIDENT

Marker Erected by Nathaniel Greene Chapter Daughters of American Revolution



The Picture on the Right

This picture is a view of the bridge looking downstream of the creek over which it was built as part of the Saluda Gap Road. The creek runs, within a couple or three miles, into the North Fork of the Saluda River, which heads in Greenville County near the North Carolina line and runs a course through the Saluda Gap. The intent of this picture is to give the viewer an idea of the maximum height of this stone bridge, which is approximately 20 feet. The length of the bridge, not all of which is shown in this picture, appears to be between 80 and 90 feet. The bridge about 8 feet in width.

The Picture on the Left

This view is looking upstream, and it features a close-up of the archway through the creek runs. The manner in which the stones of the wall on both sides of the bridge extend toward the center-line of the opening, after it begins to curve, suggests that the arch is of a corbeled construction. The height of the archway from the creek to the top of the center stone is approximately 12 to 14 feet.

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BIBLE RECORD OF ANDREW CORNELIUS SMITH OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Contributed by William D. Martin, Sr., 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC 29651 (864-296-1791)
Source: Record pages of the A. C. Smith Family Bible

[Contributor's Note: Andrew Cornelius and Fannie Belle Snelgrove Smith were the paternal grandparents of my late wife, Mary Louise. Her parents were Charles Clyde and Mary Jane Clinkscales Smith.]

Births

Mr. A. C. Smith was born September 12, 1861
Fannie Belle [Snelgrove] Smith was born February 2 1872

Mamie Belle Smith was born November 26 1890
John Andrew Smith was born January 23, 1892
Charlie Clide Smith was born November 17 1894
Amanda Smith was Born July 29 1898
Sarah Elizabeth Smith was born November 22, 1902
Fannie May Smith was born September 13 1909

Marriages

Mr. A. C. Smith and Miss Fannie B Snelgrove were married
December 15 1889 by Rev. B Hayes

Mr. James Robert Cleveland Cary and Miss Mamie Belle Smith were married
February 12th 1908 by Rev Mills

Mr. John Andrew Smith and Miss Fannie Wilson were married
December 27th 1916 by Rev. Garrison

Mr. Charles Clyde Smith and Miss Mary Jane Clinkscales were married
August 3rd 1919
Amanda Smith and Ben F. Broome
July 19 - 1924
Sarah E. Smith and Harvey L. Stocks
July 18 - 1924

Deaths

Mrs. Fannie Snelgrove Smith died April 12th 1922
Mr. A. C. Smith died March 28, 1947

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OBITUARY OF COL. THOMAS L. WOODSIDE OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Source: *The Greenville Daily News*, issue of Wednesday, August 5, 1903, p. 8, col.1

COL. WOODSIDE DEAD

Honored Citizen of Greenville Passes Away

He was an officer of the Seventh Cavalry Regiment During the Civil War and for several terms Register of Mesne Conveyance of Greenville County—An Elder of Presbyterian Church—Death Result of Paralysis.

The announcement of the death of Col. Thomas L. Woodside, which occurred at his home on Hampton avenue, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon will be read with sincere regret by his many friends, for there was no man in the community who could number more, or who was held in greater esteem by them than was Col. Woodside.

His death was the result of a stroke of paralysis, received a few days ago, and while at one time there was a slight hope of a rally still his enfeebled condition on account of his advanced age was against him and the end came as stated above.

Col. Woodside was a native of Mississippi, his parents moving from that state while he was a young child and settled in the Fairview section of this county, where he was reared and pursued the vocation of planter.

He grew to manhood and married Miss Sarah Goldsmith, sister of Capt. Wm. Goldsmith of this city. Five children were born to them, of whom the following, with their mother, survive: Mrs. Ida Charles, Mrs. E. P. S. Rowley, Miss Leila Woodside of this city, and J. P. Woodside of Reedy River.

Col. Woodside was an officer in the state militia prior to the war and he also served in the Confederate service in the seventh Regiment of Cavalry, Captain John Westfield's company.

He moved to this city in 1873, and was for several years engaged in the mercantile business here.

Col. Woodside served several terms prior to 1892 as register of mesne conveyance for this county, and was a valuable officer. Since he has not been engaged in business, but preferred the life of a quiet citizen, true to every duty, to his home, to his church and to his community. He was 75 years old.

Col. Woodside was connected by family ties to many of the leading people of this city, county and state. Mrs. Dr. D. R. Anderson of Fairview is the only surviving sister. He was a valued member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of this city and his funeral services will be held there this Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The interment will be in Springwood cemetery.

[Editor's Note: The following tombstone inscriptions were taken from Greenville County, SC Cemetery Survey, Volume 3, Springwood Cemetery and Nazareth Presbyterian Church Cemetery:

Thomas Lafayette Woodside
CSA
b. Sep 28, 1828
d. Aug 4, 1903

Sarah Goldsmith
w/o Thomas L. Woodside
b. Jul 17, 1829
d. Jul 4, 1908

Nannie E. Woodside
d/o Thos. L. & Sarah Woodside
b. Aug 19, 1868
d. Aug 25, 1896

Leila A. Woodside
d/o Thos. L. & Sarah Woodside
b. Oct 8, 1862
d. Jan 2, 1948

William Goldsmith
CSA
b. Mar 30, 1819
d. Apr 5, 1911

Nancy Clary Hatt
w/o William Goldsmith
b. Dec 17, 1835
d. Feb 29, 1918 [sic, d/c has Feb 28]

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FAMILY OF MAJOR JOHN T. KIRBY OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

Contributed by Ted Zajac Jr., 41535 Schaden Rd, Elyria, Ohio 44035, <Zaytran@apk.net>
and Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Sources: Spartanburg County, SC Equity Court Bill Box 33, Package 15 (1853), Patsey Kirby vs J. H. Wilson; Spartanburg County, SC Probate Court File 1523 (1832), Estate of Peter Peterson; obituaries, death certificates, census records, tombstone inscriptions

(Major) John T. Kirby

Born: June 5, 1799, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Died: January 17, 1852, Aged 52 years 7 months and 12 days, Spartanburg District, SC

Burial: Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina

His parents: Richard and Lovicey Tolleson Kirby

His maternal grandparents: John and Amy (Ann) Muse Tolleson

Married: abt 1822, Spartanburg District, South Carolina,

Martha (Patsey) Peterson

Born: October 21, 1800, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Died: May 26, 1879, Spartanburg County, South Carolina [See p. 65 below.]

Burial: Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Her parents: Peter and Ruth -?- Peterson

Their Children:

(All were born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina.)

- [1] Altamira Kirby Born: May 20, 1823
Died: January 24, 1901, Spartanburg (town), SC
Her husband: James H. Wilson (issue),
b. Nov. 16, 1818, SC-d. Nov. 8, 1868, aged 50yrs 8dys, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: Both in Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- [2] Augustus Hilliard Kirby Born: January 1, 1829
Died: June 8, 1917, Spartanburg, SC
His first wife: Mary Elizabeth Durant (issue),
b. Oct. 4, 1830, SC-d. May 23, 1879, Spartanburg, SC [See p. 65, below.]
Burial: Both in Oakwood Cemetery (Area B), Spartanburg, SC; she has
a marker in Magnolia Cemetery
His second wife: Mrs. Elizabeth B. Huit Anderson (no issue)
b. Dec. 1839, SC-d. after 1920, Spartanburg South Carolina
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC
- [3] Clarissa (Clara) Kirby Born: 1831
Died: January 15, 1907, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC (per obituary)

Her first husband: James Vernon Trimmier (issue) [See obit p. 66 below.]

b. March 3, 1827 Spartanburg, SC-d. June 8, 1856, Spartanburg, SC

Burial: Magnolia Cemetery; marker in Oakwood Cemetery, Sptg, SC

Her second husband: John William Garrett (issue)

b. 1837, Charleston, SC-d. June 20, 1907, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC (per obituary)

- [4] Martha A. Kirby Born: October 10, 1836
Died: January 16, 1907
Burial: Eastview Cemetery, Newton, Catawba County, NC
Her first husband: William H. Trimmier (issue) [See eulogy p. 67 below.]
b. March 28, 1829, Spartanburg, SC-d. July 14, 1865, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg; has marker in Oakwood Cem.
Her second husband: M. Augustus Newland (issue)
b. Jan. 31, 1851, McDowell Co., NC-d. Jan. 6 1907, Catawba Co., NC
Burial: Eastview Cemetery, Newton, Catawba County, NC
- [5] Elinor Adelaide Kirby Born: abt 1840
Died: after May 27, 1889, date of dismissal from First Baptist Church
of Spartanburg—before 1898, year of 2nd husband's 2nd marriage
Burial: place of burial not yet found (possibly Oakwood Cem., Sptg)
Her first husband: John B. Sanders (issue) [See obit p. 68 below.]
b. abt 1837, Colleton District, SC-d. June 20 1864, Stanton Hospital,
near Washington D. C. Burial: Virginia
Her second husband: Robert J Daniel (issue)
b. Dec. 8, 1838, Sptg Dist. SC-d. Oct. 23, 1931, Cleveland County, NC
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery (Area C-D South), Spartanburg, SC
His second wife: Dovey Logan (no issue)
b. Jan. 13, 1853, Cleveland Co., NC-d. Oct. 15, 1838, Cleveland Co., NC
Burial: Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland County, NC
- [6] Preston Govan Kirby Born: abt 1842
Died: after 1880 Spartanburg County, SC census
Burial: place of burial not yet found
Single in 1880 census; private in Company C, Holcombe Legion CSA

DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. PATSEY KIRBY AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, May 28, 1879 p. 3, col. 3

DEATHS. Mrs. A. H. Kirby died last Thursday after a long and painful illness. We sympathize with the family in this the greatest of losses—The loss of a wife and mother. [She was Elizabeth Durant Kirby.]

Mrs. Patsey Kirby, who was one of the oldest residents of Spartanburg, about 75 years of age, died suddenly at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. R. J. Daniel. She had been somewhat complaining for a week or two, but had partially recovered. She died early Monday morning last.

JONATHAN C. HANKS, AGE 104, VETERAN OF THREE WARS

Source: *The Greenville Daily News*, issue of Wednesday, August 5, 1903, p. 8, col. 2

A VETERAN OF THREE WARS

Jonathan C. Hanks of Sandy Flat is 104 years old.

Jonathan C. Hanks of the Sandy Flat neighborhood [of Greenville County], a veteran of three wars was here yesterday to have County Clerk McDaniel approve his claim of \$36.25 as his quarterly pension from the government for his services in the Mexican war.

Mr. Hanks says he is 104 years old and was born in Lincoln county, N. C., afterwards moving to Tennessee, where he resided until several years ago when he moved to this county.

It will be remembered that President Lincoln's mother was a Mrs. Hanks and by close observation one can see a slight resemblance between the veteran and the deceased president. Mr. Hanks himself says that he was distantly related to the president.

Mr. Hanks first experienced the thrills of warfare in the contests with the Indians in Florida, where he enjoyed many novel and exciting occurrences. He was afterwards a soldier in the Mexican war, but enlisted only for a short time previous to the declaration of peace.

When war was declared between the States, Mr. Hanks' patriotic spirit again came to the front and he was the first in his state to enlist. He served four years in the Confederate service and made a gallant and true soldier who never flinched when looking down the barrel of a musket.

Despite his old age, Mr. Hanks continues to go about unassisted but he is feeble and his step trembling. In conversation yesterday with a reporter for *The Greenville News*, Mr. Hanks said that there was nothing he enjoyed more than a drink of good whiskey. Those who know him well say that he drinks the very best whiskey and to this fact he attributes his lease on life.

On leaving the clerk's office, the veteran bid Mr. McDaniel goodbye and remarked in a casual way, "You will never see me again." It was learned, however, that the old soldier made the same remark last year when came to Greenville on the same mission.

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DEATH NOTICE OF JAMES V. TRIMMIER OF SPARTANBURG

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday, June 20, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

DEATH OF J. V. TRIMMIER, ESQ.

It becomes our painful and melancholy duty to announce the death of our esteemed fellow townsman, James V. Trimmier, Esq., who departed this life on last Sunday morning [June 8, 1856] about eight o'clock, after a confinement with Consumption in the thirtieth year of his age. Mr. Trimmier was a lawyer and a member of the house of Representatives of this State, and though a comparatively young man, he occupied a prominent position at the bar; and few men of his age altered more liberally the practice of his profession or the confidence of his constituents. He leaves a wife and two small children, and a large number of friends and relatives to mourn his untimely death. Hoping that someone will give us a more extended obituary, we do not deem it advisable to say more than to tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved and afflicted family.—*Spartanburg Express*, 12th inst. [June 12, 1856]

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EULOGY FOR WILLIAM H. TRIMMIER, LATE EDITOR OF THE CAROLINA SPARTAN

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, Thursday, September 13, 1866, p. 2, col. 1

During the late war, the publication of this paper was suspended for a time, when its late proprietor, Maj. WM. H. TRIMMIER, departed this life, from an attack of typhoid fever, on the 14th of July, 1865. At that gloomy period there was no friendly press or pen, in this his native town, to tell the sad event – no voice to proclaim his virtues – none to record his great value as a citizen – his integrity as a man – his courtesy as a gentleman – his kindness and fidelity as a friend, and his devotion to the best interests of the country. True, there was weeping and sorrow for his death; there were hearts broken with anguish around his grave; but the public announcement of his decease we have not seen. It is therefore, not only proper, but a duty enjoined by the obligations of a long and intimate friendship, thus to place on record the loss of so worthy a citizen. Maj. TRIMMIER, although exempted by law, entered the army as a volunteer, and was elected first lieutenant of Capt. JOHN EARL BOMAR's company, and served as long as his health, which had long been feeble, permitted him to keep the field. He possessed in an eminent degree, qualities which made his company desirable, and was ever among the first in the performance of all public measures. One of the attributes of his discriminating mind, was a quick perception of that which was right; and his impressible heart, with woman's tenderness, sympathized with, and ministered to the wants of others, as far as he was able. Our friend was a member of the profound and venerable brotherhood of Ancient Free Masons. He was also a member of the noble fraternity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and it was here we knew him well. It was here the sick were visited, and when life had failed, he was found a member at the grave; it was here his voice was heard for the desolate and friendless, and it was here the living brotherhood enlisted his warmest solicitude. We leave expressive silence to speak of the mourners at home. Our TRIMMIER is gone; we shall see him no more in the Lodge below, but humbly trust that we may strike hands in the great Lodge above. Sleep on, dear friend – sleep in peace.

FRANCIS MARION TRIMMIER, NEW EDITOR OF THE SPARTAN

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, Thursday, September 13, 1866, p. 2, col. 2

[Quarterly Editor's Note: After the death of William H. Trimmier, the *Carolina Spartan* suspended publication for about a year. When publication resumed the editor was F. M. (Francis Marion) Trimmier, a younger brother of William. The remarks below were directed to the new editor.]

Now, a word for our young friend and associate, Mr. TRIMMIER. He is too modest to say anything laudatory of himself, but he must permit us to say, that with his intelligence, industry and fine taste, the undersigned cherishes the hope, that by our united and best efforts, we will be able to present to the people of Spartanburg an instructive and entertaining paper. This paper was suspended after the surrender of our armies, and as soon as he had sufficiently recovered from his wounds, Mr. Trimmier ventured, at considerable risk, to re-issue the *Spartan* – the old *Spartan* – identified with all the improvements of the town and district, and always ready to devote its time, its labor and its means to the best interest of its readers, and never forgetting, while doing so, that it was also its duty to maintain the honor and welfare of the State at large. Come then, friends, you who have not already done so, and give us your assistance, that we may be able to labor for you acceptably.

F. M. WALLACE.

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OBITUARY OF JOHN B. SANDERS, CSA

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, Thursday November 24, 1864, p. 2, col. 3.

Died, at Stanton Hospital, near Washington City, on the 20th of June, 1864, of a wound received at the battle of Cold Harbor, 30th May, JOHN B. SANDERS, second son of Burrell Sanders, Esq. Of Colleton District, S.C., aged 28 years, a member of the 4th South Carolina Cavalry.

To be permitted to see our loved ones pass from earth, to minister to them ere they depart, to drink in and treasure up their last words, and, finally, to entomb them, and to visit and beautify their last earthly resting place; these are blessed privileges, and smooth the rough corners of that great sorrow which ever follows in the wake of Death. If Death, under the most cheering light we can view him, brings grief, how intensified, how agonizing to a family must be that grief which springs from death of a loved one in exile.

JOHN B. SANDERS, after twenty one days of suffering, died among enemies and strangers – far away from his home and kindred. No love lit eyes were there to cheer him; no sweet familiar voice whispered hope; no gentle hand wiped away the death dew from his forehead, nor closed his eyes when he yielded up his spirit to the God who gave it. Far away from wife and children, parents, sisters and brothers – alone in his agony, this brave soldier passed away.

The name, the acts, the virtues of such a man should be recorded; and those who knew him will rank him high among the patriots and sterling men of this revolution. Possessed of high social virtues, modesty, warmth of heart, and great firmness of character, he made friends everywhere. Though young, he had already made his mark, and bid fair for a brilliant future. In the Legislative halls of his State, in the camp and on the battle field, no man has served this young Confederacy more zealously and unselfishly than he. His total abnegation of self is attested by acts with out number. He responded to the first battle cry; and with other brave spirits from his District, fought through the glorious first Manassas and the lesser engagements which immediately followed it. Reaching that year with shattered health – after being assisted to place the first stars of glory upon his country's escutcheon – he could not be induced, even by medical advisors, to withdraw from the army and seek a position less trying to an impaired constitution. No! The ranks was his place, and his desire to fight to the bitter end.

Unambitious of honor for himself, he refused advancement; and frequently has he said to the writer of this feeble tribute: "I have no ambition higher than my country's freedom; I seek no greater privilege than, side by side with my comrades, to raise my arms in her defense!" The day before the battle which caused his death, he wrote to his father: "The enemy are advancing slowly, and we are anxious to meet them. You know I was anxious to get where there was excitement, and now I am in the right place. May God help us teach our enemies such a lesson as they have never had before. He went into that fight, and in the hottest of the engagement, with uplifted sword and shouts of victory on his lips, he fell far in the battle's front. After the contest, and when our wounded was being removed, occurred an incident worthy to be placed on record, as attesting how beautifully to the last the unselfishness of his character bloomed out. Some of his comrades were bearing him off, when a squad of the enemy's calvary were seen approaching.

The quick eye of Sanders saw that they would all be captured if they persisted in trying to bear him off, when unencumbered they might escape. Almost in tones of command, he said: "Boys, put me down and run for your lives; I am wounded and of little use to any one – the country needs your services!" With sorrowing hearts they left him, and he became a prisoner.

Save that he was wounded and a prisoner, no further intelligence reached his family. For some time

his fate was shrouded in mystery; then came the tidings which revived hope in their breasts; but, recently, a letter from the scene of his sufferings dashed that cup from their lips and substituted for it one of wormwood and gall – he was dead, gone, perfected through suffering, to Heaven.

The announcement of his death comes with appalling force upon his family, bruising their hearts, and creating a void never to be filled on earth. We cannot mitigate the agony which so deep a grief create; but we deeply sympathize with them, and commit them to the keeping of that merciful Father, who alone can heal the heart wounds.

They have one consolation: his life has been a glorious one, and his death is a monument upon whose unspotted trust succeeding generations may reflect what constitutes true greatness, and learn to emulate so beautiful an example.

A Friend.

Note. – Young Sanders went to Virginia with a twenty day furlough in his pocket, which he would not use after he learned his company was ordered off, and two exemptions in his pocket when he went into the fight. In connection with this obituary we append the following letter as appropriate subject:

Oct 28 1864

Mr. Burrell Sanders: My Dear Sir: Allow me to offer my heartfelt condolence and sympathy to you and yours in the sad bereavement and loss you have sustained in the death of so fine and promising a young man as your son. War, with its desolating hand, has thrust in its sickle of death and reaped into its harvest many a promising son of South Carolina; and standing prominent among them was the name JOHN B. SANDERS. Men of high standing in the halls of our Legislature speak in the warmest terms of the intellect of him who now lies buried in the land of strangers, and many of them from Charleston have told me that time alone was wanted to expand his intellect and make him one of Carolina's brightest jewels. But, he is gone; may the sod rest lightly on his manly form. His loss to you, all is his eternal gain; and you have the consolation of knowing he died a Christian. I knew him well, both as a boy and man. He died where (if he had chosen to) he need not have been; but his was a nature that could not stand still and see his country bleeding and torn, and not contribute his mite to her defense. Like a true hearted patriot, he has sealed his devotion to her cause with his heart's blood. May the Almighty Ruler of the Universe comfort and console you in your sad affliction, is the earnest wish and prayer of yours, with high regard and esteem.

J. D. F.

THE POETIC MARRIAGE OF MR. MILK AND MISS WATERS

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Friday, January 26, 1821, p. 1, col. 2

MILK AND WATER

Married at Boston, Mr. JOHN MILK to Miss ELIZA WATERS.

While brandy, whiskey, rum and gin,
Their votaries daily slaughter,
Death ne'er a victim yet did win,
From drinking *Milk* and *Water*.

Take pattern here Columbia's sons,
And eke Columbia's daughters,
Avoid the draught which wisdom shuns
And mingle *Milk* with *Waters*.

UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1821 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

[Note: ult. = ultimo = previous month—inst. = instant = current month]

Issue of Saturday, January 20, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Laurens District]

DIED, on the 26th ult. after a long and painful illness, Mrs. JANE JAMES, WIFE OF BENJAMIN JAMES, Esq. Of Laurens District.

Issue of Saturday, January 20, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Abbeville District]

DIED, on the 26th ult. at Cambridge in this State, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. REBECCA MYRICK, wife of Mr. Lyttleton Myrick, of that place.

Issue of Thursday January 25, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Abbeville District]

DIED, at Claiborne, (Alabama,) on the 30th November, Dr. WESLEY BRANNAN, in the 25th year of his age. He was born and raised in Abbeville District, (S. C.) (See p. 71 below.)

Issue of Saturday, February 3, 1821, p. 2, col. 4 [Fairfield District]

DIED, at his residence, in Fairfield district, on the 20th December last, JAMES CRAIG, Esq. in the 65th year of his age.

Issue of Wednesday, February 7, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Pendleton District]

DIED, in Pendleton District, on Tuesday the 9th ult. Mr. WM. CUNNINGHAM, aged 93 years, an Irishman by birth; he came to this country with General Braddock, served as a soldier in the American army in the revolutionary war, and for the last 30 years had been a resident of that district.

Issue of Saturday, March 24, 1821, p. 2, col. 4 [Abbeville District]

DIED, in Abbeville District, on the 27th inst. Mr. Nichols Moore, in the 47th year of his age.

Issue of Tuesday, April 3, 1821, p. 2, col. 2 [Kershaw District]

Melancholy Accident. . . on Sunday last, 25th inst. [actually, March 25]. . . death of Mr. David Gorrie, a young man recently from Charleston, and a native of Perthshire, in Scotland . . . (See details on p. 71 below)

Issue of Saturday April 14, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Chester District]

DIED, at his residence in Chester District, on the 30th ult. , after a long and painful illness, HUGH KNOX, Esq. aged 63.

Issue of Wednesday, May 16, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on the 30th ult. at the residence of Mr. John Miller, sen. near Pendleton, after an illness of twenty one hours, Mr. STEPHEN KINSLEY, of Charleston, aged 34 years, a native of Ireland.

Issue of Saturday, June 30, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Laurens District]

[Top line obliterated] [Tum]bling Shoals, Reedy River, on the 15th ult., Mr. JOHN BOX, aged 106 years, after an illness of about seven years.

Issue of Saturday, August 25, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]

DIED, at the house of John M'Clanahan, in Greenville District, on the 13th inst. Mr. THOMAS IMRI, late of Glasgow, in Scotland, merchant.

Issue of Wednesday, August 29, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on Friday, the 10th inst. at his farm on 18 Mile Creek, Pendleton District, aged 85 years, Mr. ANDREW PICKENS, one of the first settlers of this district.

Issue of Wednesday, August 29, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on Monday, the 13th inst. in child bed, Mrs. HONEY, aged 28 years, wife of Mr. William Honey, of Pendleton District.

Issue of Thursday, September 13, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Edgefield District]

DIED, on Friday, 31st ult. at the house of Mr. Woody Jackson, in Oglethorpe County, on his way to Augusta, Mr. LEWIS LEROY HAMMOND, an inhabitant of the Cherokee nation, formerly a citizen of South Carolina, Edgefield District.

Issue of Saturday September 29, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]

[DIED.] At Edgefield Court-House, in this State, on the 18th inst. Col. GEORGE BUTLER, attorney at law, and a member of the legislature from that district; a gentleman whose upright deportment and engaging manners had given him respect and esteem of a numerous and respectable circle of relatives and acquaintances.

Issue of Wednesday, December 19, 1821, p. 2, col. 4 [Pendleton District]

DIED, in Pendleton District, on the 30th ult. of the measles, Mrs. NANCY GRISHAM, wife of Col. Joseph Grisham, in the 30th year of her age.

Issue of Saturday, December 22, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]

DIED, at Greenville Court-House, on the 8th ult. after a short but painful illness, in the 48th year of his age, George Washington Earle, Esq. Clerk of the Court, and Post-Master.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH BY STEAMBOAT PADDLE WHEEL

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Tuesday, April 3, 1821, p. 2, col. 2

Melancholy Accident.—A letter from Camden, dated 28th ult. [March 28, 1821] says:—"It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of an unfortunate circumstance which took place on Sunday last, 25th inst. I allude to the death of Mr. DAVID GORRIE, a young man recently from Charleston, and a native of Perthshire, in Scotland, who had resided a short time in this place—his death was occasioned by falling on the water-wheel of the new steam-boat, which started up the river, with a number of passengers on board. The accident was occasioned by his stepping upon some boards that cover the wheel, which gave way, and he fell upon the paddles, was carried under and drowned.—The boat was going at that time about twelve miles an hour. The body was not recovered until Monday morning, when it was removed to the Masonic Hall, and on Tuesday was interred with Masonic honors—the procession moved to the Presbyterian Church, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Reverend Mr. Gorce. Many of the stores closed, and every mark of respect to his memory, evinced by the inhabitants generally."

DEATH NOTICES FROM CLAIBORNE, ALABAMA OF JOHN AND WESLEY BRANNAN, NATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Editor's Note: The following death notice of Dr. Wesley Brannan is copied from p. 70 above for the purpose of juxtaposition with the death notice of Rev. John Brannan:

[1] *Charleston Courier*, issue of Thursday January 25, 1821, p. 2, col. 3

DIED, at Claiborne, (Alabama,) on the 30th November, Dr. WESLEY BRANNAN, in the 25th year of his age. He was born and raised in Abbeville District, (S. C.)

[2] *Charleston Courier*, issue of Monday July 25, 1820, p. 2, col. 5

DIED, at Claiborne, (Alabama,) on Thursday, the 15th ult., after long and distressing illness, Rev. John Brannan, in the 57th year of his age, formerly of South Carolina.

It is very probable that these two men were closely related. Claiborne was a settlement on the Alabama River in Monroe County in the southern part of the recently admitted (in 1820) state of Alabama.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT EQUITY COURT RECORDS, VOLUME B, 1822-1850

(Continued from Volume XVII, November 2003, Number 4, pp. 159-164)

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Note: Equity files frequently, but not always, contain specific family information. Equity bills for partitions and petitions for appointment of guardians, in particular, are of great genealogical value. Any of the equity files listed below can be ordered from the Reference and Research Division, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 11669, South Carolina 29211-1669.

Name(s) of Parties	Record Cause of Action	Date	Roll
Livingston, Tho' et al vs Lucy Livingston et al	Bill for Account	1824	7
Livingston, Tal. et al vs Lucy Livingston, adm'rs, of R. Livingston, dec'd	Bill for Account	1824	7
Livingston, Lucy et al vs adm'rs of estate of R. Livingston, dec'd	Bill	1824	7
Limons, Jane M. et al vs Hugh Bailey	Bill for partition of real estate	1829	41
Ligon, Blackman Ex Parte	Petition for Guardianship	1837	37
Loveless, Hembree et al Ex Parte	Petition for Partition	1824	47
Loveless, Essegusdox Ex Parte	Petition for Partition	1824	47
Law (or Low), Andrew & Co. vs John Towns	Bill for Injunction and Relief	1825	13
Longmire, Garrett, adm'r vs John W. Breedlove	Bill for Account and Other Relief	1829	38
Land, Jacob vs Elizah Hannah	Bill for Injunction and Relief	1831	54

Loyd, Ann E. et al vs G. Newby	Bill for Partition and Relief	1832	63
Lownsdale, Daniel H. vs John T. Coleman	Bill for <i>re exonat</i> and Account	1836	76
Long, David et al vs Rob't Cox	Bill for Account and Relief, &c	1840	93
Loveland, Roger et al vs William A. Cureton	Bill for Injunction and Relief, &c	1840	94
Ligon, Blackman et al vs Benjamin Kilgore	Bill for Account, Relief, &c	1841	103
Lenhardt, L. vs John H. Clark	Bill for Injunction, Relief & Account <i>(Here ends the L's)</i>	1844	117
Moon, R. D. vs Thomas Camon	Bill for Injunction & Relief	1822	1
McKenzie, Benj. et ux vs Susan McCoy et al	Bill for Partition	1826	17
Malin, Sophia vs Benj. Malin	Bill for Specific Performance & Alimony	1827	22
Merritt, Wheaton vs John Hodges	Bill for Specific Performance and to Execute Titles	1829	45
Matthis, Alex' et al vs Sarah Merritt et al	Bill for Partition and Account	1829	46
McGregor, Mary H. vs Ann McGregor	Bill for Account & Partition	1830	50
McCarroll, Thomas vs William McCarroll	Bill for Injunction to Cancel Deed &c	1831	58
Moore, John et al vs R. B. Duncan	Bill for Relief &c <i>(To be continued)</i> * * *	1833	69

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, individual words, or letters 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.

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County, SC} Probate Court, Box 44, Package 4, Estate of Thomas Lindley, deceased (1812), Elizabeth Lindley, Executrix, James Lindley and William Lindley, Executors

Thomas Lindley's Will

Recorded Adm^{ms} Book D-D page 1 & 2 by me D^d Anderson (1809)

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Lindley being in weak in B'dy, But in perfect mind and memory do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say —

First, it is my desire that my Body be Buried in a Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors
Second, as to my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to Endow me with [I] Give and dispose of in the following manner &c—

First, my Desire is that **my well Beloved Wife Elizabeth Lindley** do have peaceable possession of the whole of my Land where I now live, Excepting Two husband Acres that will be known that will be made hereafter, Together with the Mills, During her Natural Life. And at her Death to be Equally divided Between my **five youngest sons**, to wit, **Thomas Lindley, Aqilla Lindley, John Lindley, Jonathan Lindley,** and **Henry Lindley**. Also all my Horses, Waggon, and all my stock of Cows (except one Cow & one Heifer) also all my stock of Hoggs, and all my working Tools and Black Smith Tools, and all my Household and kitchen furniture, Except the sum of Fifty Dollars to be Raised out of the above and paid by Executors to my Well Beloved **Daughter Elizabeth Lindley**, also the sum of Fifty Dollars to my **Daughter Hannah Lindley**, and the sum of Fifty Dollars to my **Daughter Sarah Lindley**. —

Second, I give to my son **James Lindley** One Hundred acres of Land tombe laid out on the lower line of my Land where I now live joining James Wilson's land, and to interrupt the Mills —

Thirdly, I give to my son **William Lindley** One Hundred acres of Land to be laid off joining Charles Smith [and?] Colvil A[ber]Crombie, said Tract to be laid off by my Executors —

4th, I give to my **Daughter Mary A[ber]Crombie** One Heifer —

5th, I give to my **Daughter Nancey B-?** [microfilm copy creased] One cow —

I make Ordain Constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Lindley, James Lindley and William Lindley to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby Revoke and Disannul al former or Other Wills by me made, and do Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament —

Witness my hand and Seal this **Eighteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand and Nine**—

Thomas (x) Lindley {L. S.}

Signed sealed and pronounced in the presence of

Cha^s Smith Colvill Abercrombie John Abercrombie

Memorandum

Ordinary's Office—Laurens District} the within will of the said Thomas Lindley Dec^d before me in the court of Ordinary by the oaths of Charles Smith and Colvil Abercrombie two of the subscribing witnesses to the said will this 6th day of January 1812

D^d Anderson ord^r

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County, SC} Probate Court, Box 43, Package 7, Estate of John Lindley, deceased (1821), Jacob Nisewanger, Administrator

[Contributor's Note: There was no record in this probate file of a final settlement, nor of any other papers, that may have indicated the legal heirs of William Lindley. I note here only the existence of this file.]

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County, SC} Probate Court, Box 247, Package 4, Estate of William Lindley, deceased (1869), R. S. Goodjon, Administrator (with will annexed)

William Lindley's Will (no Executor named)

Laurens County, SC} In the name of God, Amen, I William Lindley of the above named state and county being feeble in body, but of a sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will and testament—as follows

Item 1st, I will that after my death that my body be decently buried and that my just debts be paid.

Item 2nd, It is my will further that **my wife Betsy and my three daughters now living with me**, viz, **Elizabeth, Charity & Sarah** shall have one hundred and fifty acres of land including the homestead together with a certain mare I now own and all my household and kitchen furniture with all the farming tools and other appurtenances belonging to the household to have together and enjoy the same so long as they may live and in the event of the death or marriage of either the above named wife or daughter, the others shall inherit her part or each shall have her part according to trial^r valuation as either death or marriage may occur, also the hogs, cattle, sheep and all other stock not hereinafter disposed of. In case of the marriage of either of the afore mentioned wife or daughters, three competent men shall be appointed to apportion and appraise and award to her distributive share. They shall have part of the growing crop and pay all my just debts.

Item 3rd, I desire that a horse & mule I now own shall be sold and that **my granddaughters Jane Estes and Malinda Ridgeway** shall each have five dollars out of the proceeds os said sale.

Item 4th, I will that my son James Lindley shall have the remaining one hundred and thirty acres of my land and that he shall pay to my sons John and William Lindley each and that the land shall stand surety for the payment of said amounts to John and William. Also that my daughter Fanny Knight shall have fifty dollars out of said land the same as the aforesaid John & William, with the same surety.

Item 5th, Whatever monies may remain from the sale of the mule or horse after the payment of my debts—should the crop not be sufficient for the same, shall go to my son William Lindley or his bodily heirs.— In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of July 1869.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence

William (x) Lindley {L. S.}

of John S. Wolff J. H. Gray R. S. Goodjon

[Contributor's Note: Notice that the testate did not name an executor in his will. This omission necessitated the naming of an administrator]

Petition of Robert S. Goodjon, Administrator of Estate of William Lindley, Deceased

Laurens County, SC} To the Honorable W^m H Langston, Judge of the Probate Court for Laurens County in the State aforesaid. The Petition of Robt. S. Goodjon Administrator of the Estate of W^m Lindley (deceased), with the Will annexed, respectfully sheweth that he is the Administrator with the

Will annexed of said Testator, and that he finds one horse, one mule, and growing crops unbequeathed, but according to the directions of the Will they are to be disposed of to satisfy debts and to pay some small legacies, and your Petition further represents that the said property is liable to dissolution and waste he would therefore pray your Honor to grant an Order of sale for the same And your Petitioner will ever pray &c

Laurens C. H. So. Ca. October 4, 1869

Robert S. Goodgion Adm with Will Annexed

On viewing the above Petition it is ordered and decreed that Robt S Goodgion the Administrator with the Will annexed expose to public sale at the late residence of the said deceased all the personal property undisposed by said will for cash by giving fifteen days notice before said sale. Given under my hand and seal of office 4th Oct 1869.

M H Langston Judge of Probate

[Contributor's Note: This probate file is rather lengthy, containing copies of several legal actions taken in the process of settling the estate. I select the following entry for its additional genealogical content.]

Complaint to Sell Land in Aid of Personal Property to Pay Debts (April 7, 1882)

State of South Carolina, County of Laurens}

Court of Probate

Martin E. Babb as Adm'r De Bonis Nom of William Lindley Deceased-Plaintiff

Against

Frances Knight, Wife of B. H. Knight; James Lindley; John Lindley; William B. Lindley; Charity Lindley; Elizabeth Lindley; Sarah Lindley; Elizabeth Lindley, widow of said W^m Lindley Deceased; Jane Estes, wife of W. Long Estes; & Malinda Ridgeway, wife of Elijah Ridgeway-Defendants

The said Plaintiff respectfully shows to the court that **William Lindley** late of the county & state aforesaid Testate **died on the 9th day of August 1869** leaving as his Devisees and Legatees under his last will and testament Frances Lindley who intermarried with B. H. Knight, James Lindley, John Lindley, William B. Lindley, Charity Lindley, Elizabeth Lindley, Sarah Lindley, Jane Estes wife of Long Estes, Malinda Ridgeway wife of Elijah Ridgeway (**the last two named being children of Testator's Daughter Nancy who intermarried with one [blank] McCuen**), & Elizabeth Lindley widow of said Testator.

That the said William Lindley in his last will and testament named no Executor & that letters of Administration with the will annexed upon petition were granted to to Robert S. Goodgion, who duly qualified & entered upon duties as such Administrator.

That the said Robert S. Goodgion has since died & and letters of Administration de bonis nom with the will annexed were granted to Martin E. Babb upon the Estate of the said William Lindley Deceased & that he is now in the discharge of the duties of his office.

That the said William Lindley died seized and possessed of a tract of Land situated in Laurens County & state of South Carolina containing 100 acres more or less bounded by lands belonging to Estate of John B. Hellams deceased, by lands of Hannah Vaughn, Stobo J. Bolt & others.

That the personal Estate of said William Lindley Dec'd is not sufficient to pay the debts by him contracted in his life time.

Whereupon the Plaintiff prays Judgement of this Court for the sale of the tract of Land described in this complaint for aid of personalty to pay the debts of the said William Lindley in the order of their priority; I or such other [sic] & further relief so to the Court deem Just & equitable.

Ferguson & Young Pliffs Attys [Plaintiff's Attorneys]

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WILL (1840) OF ELIZABETH ROSS OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Source: Greenville County, SC Probate Court, Apt 8, File 561, Estate of Elizabeth Ross, Deceased

Will of Elizabeth Ross

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Ross of the State of South Carolina and Greenville District, being in bobby but of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following

First I give and bequeath to **my three sons John, Philip and James Ross** fifty cents each.

I also give and bequeath unto **my daughters Elissa Harrison and Jane Stanford** the sum of fifty cents each.

I give and bequeath unto mt daughter Esther Ross all the balance of my money that I have at interest that I do not make use of, and I do heare by constitute and apoint my daughter Esther Ross my Executrix to this my last will and testament in witness where of I have heare unto set my hand and seal, this **2nd day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty.**

in presence of

her
Jane x Ross {L. S.}

Joab Brewton America Fowler Oliver Barretrt

mark

Proof of Elizabeth Ross' Will

South Carolina, Greenville District}

In the Court of Ordinary

Personally appeared Oliver Barretrt and made oath that he in pursuance of the request of Elizabeth Ross, late of the said district, deceased, and by express direction of the deceased [did] draw the within writing which was read to her, and she approved of the same as her last will and testament, that she did sign the same by making her mark. And further the said deponent saith that the said testatrix was, to the best of deponent[s] knowledge and belief, at the time she signed same of sound mind, memory and understanding, and that Joab Bruton and America Fowler with himself signed the same as witnesses at the same time at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. Sworn to and subscribed before me the subscribing Justice the **3rd day of August 1840.**

Jno Watson O G D

Oliver Barretrt

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FOUR ABBEVILLE DISTRICT MARRIAGE NOTICES IN 1857

The Independent Press (Abbeville)

MARRIED

issue of Friday, May 1, 1857, p. 3, col.

On the 23d of April, 1857, by David McClane Esq., Mr. J. J. RABURN, and Miss SARAH PIERSON, all of this District.

issue of Friday, July 3, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

At Cedar Springs, on Tuesday evening the 30th ult., by the Rev. H. T. Sloan, Mr. EDWARD WESTFIELD to Miss SALLIE J. WALKER all of this District.

issue of Friday, September 18, 1857, p. 2, col. 5

On Tuesday evening the 15th instant by the Rev. Jas Moore, Mr. J. C. DOUGLASS, of Lexington District, and Miss L. E., eldest daughter of John A. Hamilton, of this District.

issue of Friday, September 18, 1857, p. 2, col. 5

On the 1th instant, by the Rev. W. H. Davis, Mr. W. M. ROGERS and Miss C. T. COVIN, all of this District.

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WILL OF GEORGE W. HILL (1760-1838) OF PICKENS DISTRICT, SC

Contributed by Lois Branch c/o Sandy River RV Resort, 633 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Space 15, Troutdale, Oregon 97060, Bfamilyseekr@wmconnect.com

Notes on George Hill's Parents

Abel Hill, born ca 1730 married Elizabeth Waggoner, daughter of Johann Hans "John" Waggoner. The DAR number for Abel Hill is #342304 NC. Abel Hill's will was probated 14 March 1803, Pendleton District (later Anderson County) South Carolina. He and Elizabeth were the parents of at least three children: (1) Reuben Hill, (2) James Hill, and (3) **George W. Hill**, who served in the American Revolution in the South Carolina 5th Regiment. [See p. 79 below for the family of George W. Hill]

WILL OF GEORGE W. HILL (13 MARCH 1834)

South Carolina, Pickens District} Probate Court File Box 4, #49

I, George Hill, of Pickens District and state of South Carolina, being weak in the flesh, but of sound and disposing memory and mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my son LEWIS HILL the tract of land commonly called the Sisk tract containing one hundred and forty three acres which said tract I purchased of Thomas Sisk on the 26th of August 1808 to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son LEWIS HILL the tract of land which I purchased of WILLIAM REID and which was originally granted to John Yagar to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter MELINDA HENDRIX my negro fellow Willis to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture and my mare Pigeon and her colt to my daughter RACHEL HILL to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath the mansion house and tract of land on which I now live containing about one hundred acres being half of the tract of land originally granted to DOMINICO HOLLAND the other half of which I have deeded to ISAAC WILLIAMS to my daughter RACHEL HILL to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son LEWIS HILL my four horse wagon to him and his heirs forever.

Item. It is my will that my son ASAPH HILL be released from a debt of three hundred and twenty dollars which he owes me for borrowed money.

Item. It is my will that all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal should be sold by my executors and divided equally among my children and that the children of such child or children as are or may be dead should draw such share as their parent would have been entitled to if living and I do hereby appoint my son LEWIS HILL and my son-in-law MOSES HENDRIX to be the executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

GEORGE HILL (SEAL)

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of

us who have in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses to the above will.

her
Susan (X) Huff Wilson Lesley Roswell Hill C. Packard
mark

South Carolina, Pickens District} Be it remembered that on the 23rd July 1838 that the foregoing

last will of George Hill was proven approved of and allow'd by the oath of Roswell Hill, one of the subscribing witnesses to the same.

J. H. Dendy, O. P. D.

Ordinary offices 8th of October 1838 qualified Moses Hendricks one of the persons named in the will as executor of the same.

J. H. Dendy, O. P. D.

Recorded Will Book No. 1, pages 56-7 and examined by me.

J. H. Dendy, O. P. D.

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FAMILY OF GEORGE W. HILL (1760-1838) OF PICKENS DISTRICT, SC

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George W. Hill

born: 1760-1762, York County area, SC—died: between May and July 1838, Pickens District, SC.

His parents: Abel and Elizabeth Waggoner Hill [See p. 78 above.]

Married: abt 1782

Alsa Ashworth

born: 7 November 1763, Buncombe Co., NC—died: before 1834

Her parents: John and Nancy Ann (Wood) Ashworth

"Ann" as Nancy liked to be called was brought up on charges several times by the Cane Creek Baptist Church (now called Fairview Baptist Church) for witchcraft. Ann threatened the congregation with curses and they always backed down from their threats.

George and Alsa (Ashworth) Hill's children:

1. Mourning "Mona" Hill, b. 1784, NC. Married David Hendricks, b. Dec 1779, died 1 Sept 1851, Pickens Co. SC, son of Moses and Susan Hendricks.
2. Mary Hill, b. 1785/86, SC. Married John Vance, b. 2 Sept 1780, NC, son of Jacob Vance, Sr and his wife Sarah.
3. Margaret "Peggy" Hill, married Nathaniel Reid, born 7 March 1791, son of Nathaniel and Isabelle (Brown?) Reid.
4. Elizabeth Hill, married Isaac Howard.
5. Nancy Hill, b. ca 1790, married James Vance, b. 1786 NC, son of Jacob Vance, Sr and his wife Sarah.
6. Susan Hill, married Isaac S. Williams, b. 1805, Pendleton Dist. SC, son of Joseph and Rebecca Williams.
7. Abel Hill, b. 1793-95, married Keziah.
8. John Hill, b. 1797. Died 1814.

9. Asaph Hill, married Emeline Catherine Nolen, daughter of Andrew C. Nolen.
10. Lewis Hill, b. 2 Apr 1799, Pendleton Dist. SC, died 10 Feb 1887, Dacusville, Pickens Co. SC. Buried Fields Family Cemetery, Pickens Co. SC. Married Sept 1839, Susan Hendricks, b. 5 Mar 1818, SC, daughter of David and Mourning "Mona" (Hill) Hendricks.
11. Rachel Hill, b. 1804, SC.
12. James Vance Hill, b. 29 Nov 1807, SC
13. Malinda Hill, b. 29 Nov 1807, SC, died 6 Dec 1876, Pickens Co. SC. Married Moses S. Hendricks, b. 17 Dec 1806, SC, d. 3 June 1882, Pickens Co. SC, son of David and Mourning "Mona" (Hill) Hendricks.
14. Roswell A. Hill, b. 27 July 1812, SC. Died 20 Dec 1888, Pickens Co. SC. Married 28 Feb 1836, Amanda E. Wilson, b. 29 July 1812, Pickens Co. SC
15. Ashworth B. Hill, b. 1815, Pickens Co. SC. Married Martha Ellen "Ellin" Singleton, b. 4 Jan 1834, Pickens Co. SC.

HARRISON FAMILY QUERY IN 1939

Contributed by Betty Jean Dill, 368 Bullington Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29306-6308,
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Source: The Spartanburg Herald, Friday, Feb. 24, 1939, p. 3, col. 2.

Utah Citizen Seeking Information on Early Spartanburg Settlers

Who knows scions or a scion of the Harrisons, pioneer Spartanburg County family?

In 1788 Spartanburg was a backwoods village tucked away in the wild and remote wilderness that covered most of this section of the Carolinas, so the history of the Hub City, to quote old-timers, goes "way back." In that year Tyrie Harrison was one of the few hardy pioneers braving the hardships of life on a comparatively new frontier. He married Elizabeth O'Shields. Many people bearing the name of O'Shields reside in the county today. Perhaps one or more of them will provide a clue.

Inquiry from Utah

At any rate, Mary E. H. Cotterell, 777 South 4th East, Salt Lake City, Utah, is anxious to establish contact with descents of Tyrie and his wife. His father was named Robert and his mother Grace.

[Contributor's Note: Grace Harrison's maiden name was Grace Agee.]

In a letter to officials at the courthouse here she requests correspondence containing information in any form.

The Harrisons reared a large family – thirteen children. Two of them, Hyrum Smith and Tyrie, Jr., served as soldiers with the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

Where this pioneer Spartan and his wife and children are buried no one seems to know. His grandchildren and perhaps their children and maybe other relatives reside in Spartanburg county or elsewhere in South Carolina.

The Salt Lake City member of the family – a great granddaughter – would like to know.

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CORNER STONE LAID AT NEWBERRY COLLEGE IN 1857

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday, July 31, 1857, p.1, col. 3

[From the *Newberry Mirror*]

Laying of the Corner Stone

In pursuance of the published intention, the procession to witness the Laying of the Corner Stone of Newberry College, was formed by the Marshall of the Day, Gen. H. H. Kinard, in front of the Court House, and thence marched to the College Hill. The interesting ceremonies were inaugurated by a prayer from the Rev. A. D. Montgomery. Mr. Henry Summer then addressed the audience upon the general nature and necessity of education, and its particular application to this community and time. He beautifully represented the whole intelligent race of men, as like the great Goethe when dying; earnestly calling for "more light". It was, he said, by the establishment of such institutions like this whose Corner Stone was now about to be laid, that the universal want so beautifully expressed by the Great Poet, could be appreciated and supplied. The Corner Stone was then laid with prayer and the ceremonies fitting the occasion. It is as tokens of the zeal and purpose, and the character of those who engaged in the ceremony, were deposited the following articles:

A Bible; copy Lutheran Hymns; Discipline of Synod, S. C., Augsburg Confession; 1 Con. Evan. Luth. Synod and its institution; Minutes of Synods, '54, '55, '57; Seal of Synod; Annual of Scientific Discoveries, for 1857; the name of the President elect; Lutheran Observer, List of Resolutions; Act of Incorporation; Carolina Times; South Carolinian; Mirror, Tri-Weekly and Weekly; Rising Sun; Am. Bible Record; Almanac, 1857; a List of Town Officers of Newberry; Building Committee Contractors; Architect; Programme.

After this ceremony, the Rev. J. J. Brantly was called upon. He discussed too the subject of education, taking of it that higher view which is the characteristic of the earnest scholar. Not the mere accumulation of facts, but the acquisition of lofty truths by the possession of which the soul is elevated and refined.

His practical remarks upon the occasion are worthy to be treasured up by those who heard him, as a sure guide to the ground over which he passed. Addresses were expected from the Rev. Bachman, and Gen. A. C. Garlington, but rain ensuing immediately after the conclusion of Mr. Brantly's address, the ceremonies were abruptly suspended but resumed at the Court House in the evening, where very able addresses were delivered by Dr. Bachman and Gen. Garlington, before a large and attentive audience.

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DEATH NOTICE OF CAPTAIN JOHN R. SWITZER OF LAURENS COUNTY

Source: *Spartanburg Daily Herald*, issue of Tuesday, January 15, 1907, p. 3, col. 4

CAPTAIN J. R. SWITZER DEAD

Prominent Citizen of Laurens Died at Advanced Age

Laurens, Jan 12—Capt. John R. Switzer, one of the county's most prominent and very aged citizens, being in his eighty-seventh year, died at his home near Dial's church, Dial's township, yesterday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. The burial will take place tomorrow morning at Highland Home church and the service will be conducted by the Masons.

Captain Switzer was a very influential citizen and had a very connection in the county. His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago.

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**CHESTER DISTRICT EQUITY COURT
DIRECT AND CROSS INDICES OF EQUITY BILLS 1820-1874**

(Continued from Volume XXII, Number 1, February 2008, pp. 26, 28)

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Note: Equity Court bills and petitions usually contain family information, and they are therefore valuable genealogical sources. These files can be ordered from the Reference & Research Division, South Carolina Department of Archives & History, P. O. Box 11669, Columbia, SC 29211-1669. As a first step, one would be well advised first to inquire as to the number of pages in the file of interest.

Plaintiff(s)	Defendant(s)	Class of Paper	No.	Years
McNinch, W ^m C	E M White Adm'r et al	Bill	280	1854
McDonald, Tate	" "	Bill	280	1854
Miller, John P et ux	John C Knox	Bill	281	1854
McMullin, Hugh J (or I)	Alexander McMullin	Bill	291	1855
McMullin, Mary	" "	Bill	"	1855
McMullin, Martha C	" "	Bill	"	1855
McMullin, William	Ann McMullin	Bill	295	1855
McMullin, John	" "	Bill	"	1855
McGill, James B Admr	John Proctor	Bill	312	1856
Miller, Augustine	Ex Parte	Petition	313	1856
Miller, Amelia	Ex Parte	Petition	"	1856
McFadden, Mary	C W McFadden	Bill	329	1857
McFadden, Jane	" "	Bill	"	1857
McFadden, Marg't	" "	Bill	"	1857
McDowell, James, ex'r	Esther Grafton	Bill	331	1857
Miller, Robert et ux	Joseph Livsy	Bill	334	1857
Moss, W ^m O et ux	James McKey et al	Bill	340	1858
McLure, Thomas	John C Lifford et al	Bill	341	1858
Martin, Robert, ex'r	Thos DeGreffenzied et al	Bill	343	1859
Montgomery, W ^m	Ex Parte	Petition	31	1820-1829
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PEARL HARBOR COUNTDOWN: Admiral James O. Richardson

By Skipper Steely

A biography of the first naval officer to lose his command over Pearl Harbor strategy prior to World War II. Admiral James O. Richardson strongly disagreed about permanently docking navy ships in Pearl Harbor, believing that the Japanese would feel threatened by the proximity of America's Pacific fleet and organize a preemptive attack. With their exposed and isolated location, the ships would be vulnerable to any such aggression. He also recognized that the navy did not have the manpower to fight a war in the Pacific in 1940. He relayed those concerns to all who would listen and protested the decision to politicians in Washington. In response, Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt relieved Richardson of his command. This biography covers Richardson's life from moderate beginnings to the investigations by the army and navy into shortcomings at Pearl Harbor, detailing his influence on the military. Price: \$35.00 - Order from Pelican Publishing Company, 1000 Burmaster Street, Gretna Louisiana 70053, www.pelicanpub.com or www.epelican.com (Also available at Barnes & Noble)

Note by Betty Jean Foster Dill: Adm James Otto Richardson (1878-1973) has Spartanburg County ancestors. His parents were John James Richardson (1837- 1909) and Frances Goodlett Foster (1839-1879). He was a grandson of John Thompson Richardson (1811-1841) & Missouri N. Hawkins (1815-?) and of Garland Foster (1798-1871) and Nancy J. Moss (1806-1858).

THE EARLY DUNAGANS OF SURRY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

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Dr. Dunagan has compiled a marvelous wealth of information on the early Dunagan families of North Carolina and their migrations south and west. (He has included all the spelling variations of the family name in his compilation.) Chapter titles are indicative of the scope of this work: **Chap. 1**, Virginia Ancestors; **Chap. 2**, Early Dunagans in Central and Eastern NC; **Chap. 3**, Orange County Dunagans; **Chap. 4**, Surry County Dunagans; **Chap. 5**, Migrations South and West; **Chap. 6**, Jesse Dunagan and Descendants; **Chap. 7**, In Conclusion—A Likely Scenario. An enormous array of Dunagan family information has been collected in the form of tables, e.g., Dunagan land transactions, tax lists, and census data. A similar tabular presentation is used to collect together dates, locations, and remarks on the odyssey of Thomas Sr. and Jr., John Sr. and Joseph Dunagan, with Thomas Jr. and Joseph Dunagan migrating to upstate SC. Dr. Dunagan informs us that his first printing of soft-backs has been depleted, and that a few hard back copies, at \$25 each, are still in stock. Contact him at his e-mail address above for availability. He will send a PDF copy free of charge to the e-mail address of anyone desiring a copy. The file is about 2.4 Mbytes. One should have high-speed download capability and Adobe Reader.

THE HANNON FAMILY OF POLK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WITH ALLIED FAMILIES HENDERSON AND CARRUTH

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Mrs. Michaels has recently released the third edition of her Hannon family genealogy, the first edition of which appeared in 1993. Copies may be ordered from her at the above address (\$25.00, postage included). Many of the later Hannon, Henderson, and Carruth families lived in Spartanburg Co., SC.

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QUERIES

WILSON FORD BEAUFORD/BUFORD SAMMONS WALKER WOOD ELLIS WILLIAMS THOMPSON

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I am searching for the parents and background of my ancestor, John WILSON. He was listed in the 1850 census of Bedford Co., TN, as head of household, age 55, born SC. His wife was Sarah/Sally Ford, age 44, born SC (Chester Co.). Apparently there were no relatives living in the same TN county. However, they seemed to have a close connection to families from Lunenburg Co., VA - in particular those whose names were Beauford/Buford, Sammons, Walker, and Wood (all descendants of Thomas Walker, Sr., and his wife Betty Ellis, of Nottoway and Lunenburg Co.'s, VA, with close connections to the family of John Williams, pastor of the Meherrin Church in Lunenburg Co., VA) When a family of Thompsons (one of whom was married to Henrietta Williams) from GA and the family of Henrietta's brother David Williams, from Lunenburg Co., VA, moved to Morgan Co., AL, in the 1820's, my John Wilson had made his way there also and married there in 1823 Sarah Ford. In the 1850 census of Morgan Co., AL, John Wilson's son Middleton Ford Wilson was living in the home of David Williams and that same year married one of David's daughters. Any help would be welcome and appreciated.

STEADING(S) COOK(E)

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I would like very much to contact anyone who knows of a Joe and Pearl Steading(s) who worked in Saxon Mills near Spartanburg as young children. Any information the Steading(s) and Cook(e) families would be much appreciated.

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