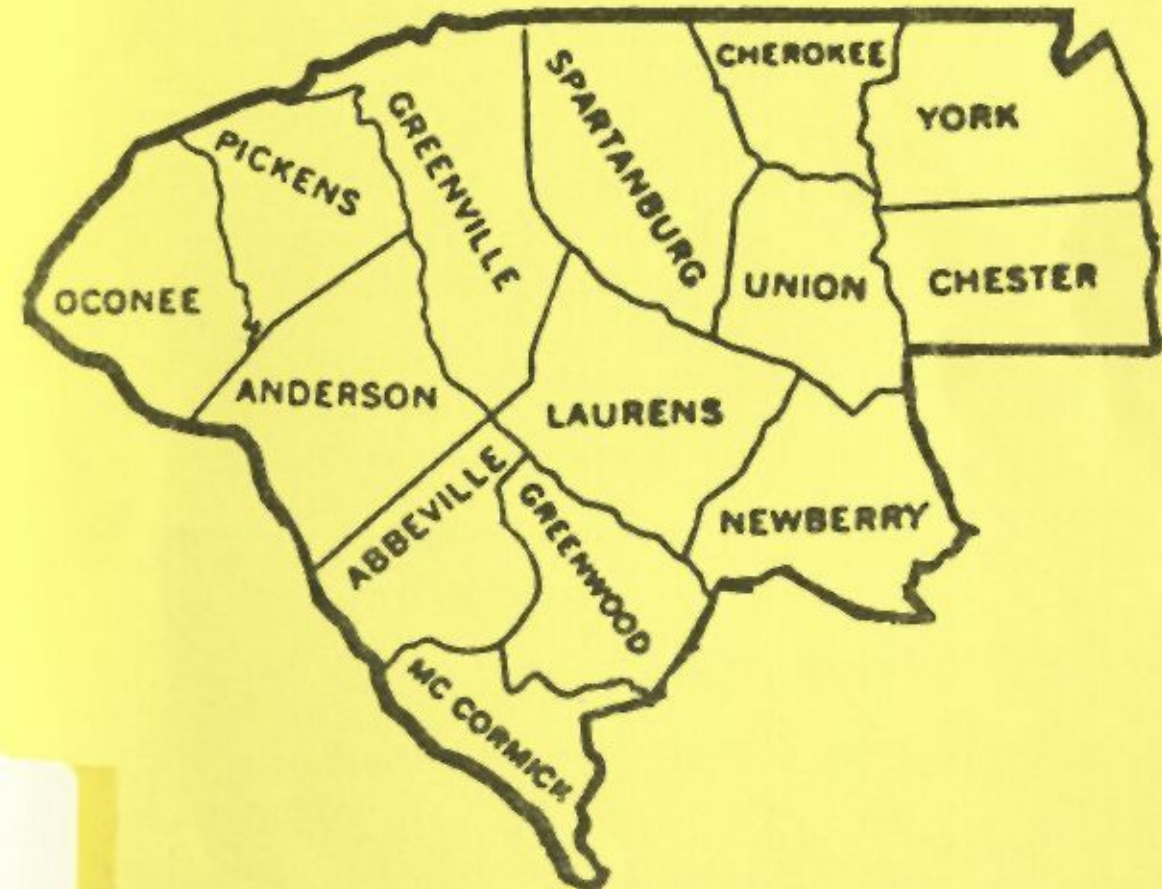


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PHS Membership Dues Increase

Since 1999 the dues for membership in Piedmont Historical Society have remained constant at \$20.00. Currently this amount is less than the cost of printing and mailing the Quarterly. We are thus compelled to increase the yearly dues. **The membership dues for the year 2010 will be increased to \$25.00.**

In order to raise additional funds PHS President Raymond Smith has introduced collector cards of historic and scenic places in South Carolina, particularly for the Upstate. See page v below for more details. We encourage all to send photos and Jpeg images to Raymond to increase our inventory of cards for sale, and we encourage all to purchase packs of these cards to enhance our financial viability.

A purchase of 61 copies of back issues of the Quarterly by Mr. Frank Abbott, one of our members, helped immensely to get PHS through the current year. Thank you very much, Mr. Abbott!! He plans to donate these back issues to the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, Georgia, one of the best genealogical research centers in the Southeast, says Frank, and will be now even better, say we.

We list below the schedule of PHS meetings and speakers for the remainder of this year:

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Speaker: Debra Hutchins, Local History Librarian, Spartanburg County Headquarter Library

Topic: Genealogical Resources Available in the Kennedy Room

Time and Place: 7:00 pm in Hoechst-Celanese Classroom, Spartanburg Headquarters Library, Spartanburg, SC

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Speaker: Mrs. Lorene Fisher, life member of PHS

Topic: My Archeological Digs in the Barnwell County, SC Area

Time and Place: 7:00 pm in Hoechst-Celanese Classroom, Spartanburg Headquarters Library, Spartanburg, SC

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Speaker: Dr. Frieda Davison, Dean of the Library, University of South Carolina UpState, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Topic: Graveyard Art

Time and Place: 7:00 pm, Westside Branch Library, 525 Oak Grove Rd, Spartanburg, SC

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Speaker: Mrs. Sheila Ingle, author of *Courageous Kate* (a biography of Kate Barry, Revolutionary War heroine, written for young readers)

Topic: A Day With Kate Barry

Time and Place: 7:00 pm in Hoechst-Celanese Classroom, Spartanburg Headquarters Library, Spartanburg, SC

No Meeting in December

Note: Membership dues for 2010 will be \$25; for 2009 they remain at \$20.

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The Piedmont Historical Society would like to include in future quarterlies a list of surnames being researched by members. This list should include information about the researching member so contacts can be made. If you would like for your name and list of surnames/persons you are researching to be included in our publication, please complete the following form. We must have your signature of consent for publication of your name and information before we can include your list. As you complete the form below, please include only the information you wish us to publish.

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Good News Fundraiser For Piedmont Historical Society

Piedmont Historical Society has entered into an agreement with Elite Cards to design a series of collector's cards of historic places in the South Carolina. PHS will sell the cards for \$4.25 per pack, including sales tax. Historical Places come randomly packed with four cards. With each pack of cards there is a bonus card. Bonus cards increase in value like professional collector's cards. Bonus cards must be registered on the Elite website before any increases in value starts. The website is www.elitecards.info.

At this writing, there are 23 cards in the series. We have permission to go up to 99 cards. We need all members to submit a photo and 150 words of description. You may submit as many as you wish. These cards are educational, fun and very profitable.

Presently, the cards are:

1. Walter S. Montgomery House, Spartanburg, SC (See p. 130 below for front and back views.)
2. Confederate Printing Plant, Greenville, SC
3. Central Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC
4. Wilson-Sottile House, Charleston, SC
5. Old Bethel Methodist Church, Charleston, SC
6. Shilo Methodist Church, Inman, SC
7. Carolina Theater, Spartanburg, SC
8. Morgan Square, Spartanburg, SC
9. Inman Station, Inman, SC
10. Downtown Spartanburg, SC - 1920
11. Daniel Morgan, Spartanburg, SC
12. Anderson Mill, Spartanburg, SC
13. Spartanburg Mill, Spartanburg, SC
14. Pacolet Mill Office, Spartanburg County
15. Cowpens Battleground, Chesnee, SC
16. Musgrove Mill, Clinton, SC
17. Hunter's Store, Pendleton, SC
18. River's Bridge, Ehrhardt, SC
19. Wade's Restaurant, Spartanburg, SC
20. Gilreath's Mill, Greer, SC
21. Campbell's Covered Bridge, Gowensville, SC
22. Chick Springs Hotel, Taylors, SC
23. Steeple Drive-In, Spartanburg, SC

Collect all cards in the series. Collector's cards are also called trading cards. Should you have multiple cards of the same scene, at the meetings you can trade with other members. We earn \$1.00 for each pack of cards sold, plus we earn profit sharing from Elite Cards. Should you have a question about the cards, please contact:

Raymond E. Smith at: smith0857@windstream.net.

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FAMILY RECORD OF JOSEPH McKINNEY OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT, SC

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cynthiabear98@yahoo.comSources: Estate records of John Hodges and of John W. Hodges, MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE UP-COUNTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS TAKEN FROM GREENVILLE NEWSPAPERS 1826-1863 compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.I.S., various records from the Historical Records provided online by www.greenvillemuseum.org and the South Carolina Archives at their website www.archivesindex.sc.gov, various death certificates from South Carolina and Texas, and the assistance of Pat Kinsey (pa-ha-kin@austin.rr.com), who is descended from this line.

Joseph McKinney

Born May 17, 1791, the son of Alexander McKinney

Died Oct 10, 1854, Greenville Co, SC

Buried Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC

Married probably near Greenville, South Carolina

Clarinda Hodges

Born about 1801, daughter of Col. John Hodges & wife, Sarah Merritt

Died July 5, 1840, Greenville Co., SC

Buried Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC

Children of Joseph McKinney and Clarinda Hodges

1. **Sarah McKinney**, born about 1820 in Greenville Co., SC, died prior to 1850 in Greenville Co., SC. She married William Calaway.
2. **Alexander McKinney**, born March 26, 1822 in Greenville Co., SC, died April 24, 1870 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, Greenville Co., SC. He married Jane C. Griffin.
3. **Amanda Martha McKinney**, born about 1825 in Greenville Co., SC, died after 1900 in Greenville County, South Carolina. She married Noel H. Dill on May 9, 1839.
4. **William E. (Little Billy) McKinney**, born Sept. 13, 1828 in Greenville Co., SC, died Aug. 21, 1918 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married (1st) Eliza Taylor. He married (2nd) Susan Bates. He married (3rd) Ellender Angeline Moon Ward.
5. **John McKinney**, born about 1827 in Greenville Co., SC, died Sept. 17, 1862. He married Eliza Batson
6. **Daniel Hodges McKinney**, born Dec. 30, 1830 in Greenville Co., SC, died July 31, 1900 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, Greenville Co., SC.

He married (1st) Harriett Wallace. He married (2nd) Tomsin Forrest.

7. **Joseph M. McKinney**, born Dec. 25, 1832 in Greenville Co., SC, died Aug. 14, 1910 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Glassy Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Martha Ann Rector.
8. **James Fleming McKinney**, born Oct 1836 in Greenville Co, SC, died Oct 14, 1912 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, Greenville Co., SC. James Fleming did not marry.
9. **Elizabeth McKinney**, born March 20, 1838 in Greenville Co., SC, died Dec. 15, 1873 in Burnet Co., TX, buried at South San Gabriel Cemetery, Burnet Co., TX. She married James Madison Russell, son of John Russell and wife, Nancy.

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FAMILY RECORD OF ALFRED HIGHTOWER OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT, SC

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Sources: Various records from the Historical Records provided online by www.greenvillemuseum.org and the South Carolina Archives at their website www.archivesindex.sc.gov, various census records, cemetery surveys, and death certificates.

Alfred Hightower

Born Nov. 28, 1792, the son of John Hightower & wife, Sarah Dodson

Died Dec. 7, 1848, Greenville County, SC

Buried North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC

Married probably near Greenville, South Carolina

Charlotte Hodges

Born about Sept. 2, 1803, daughter of Col. John Hodges & wife, Sarah Merritt

Died Nov. 10, 1882, Greenville Co., SC

Buried North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC

Children of Alfred Hightower and Charlotte Hodges

1. **John F. Hightower**, born May 15, 1819 in Greenville Co., SC, died March 28, 1902 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Hightower Family Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Icephenia Hawkins.
2. **Sarah Eveline Hightower**, born Nov 2, 1820 in Greenville Co., SC, died Feb 20, 1887 in Etowah Co., AL, buried at Bristow Cemetery, Duck Springs, Etowah Co., AL. She married Emery E. Hawkins.
3. **William Kinsey Hightower**, born March 12, 1822 in Greenville Co., SC, died Jan. 23, 1871 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Talitha A. Terry.

4. **Elizabeth Ann Hightower**, born May 7, 1823 in Greenville Co., SC, died Feb 1, 1896 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Lima Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. She married Joseph Goodwin.
5. **Epaphroditus Hightower**, born Aug. 5, 1824 in Greenville Co., SC, died Mar. 30, 1890 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Bethuel Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Harriett Griffin.
6. **Alfred M. Hightower**, born Oct. 28, 1825 in Greenville Co., SC, died Dec. 12, 1841 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, Greenville Co., SC.
7. **Denny Cleveland Hightower**, born Aug. 27, 1829 in Greenville Co., SC, died Dec. 7, 1848 in Greenville Co., SC.
8. **Daniel Hodges Hightower**, born Aug. 27, 1829 in Greenville Co, SC, died Feb. 17, 1896 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Elizabeth H. Louisa Terry.
9. **Susan Catherine Hightower**, born May 8, 1831 in Greenville Co., SC, died Oct. 16, 1914 in Lipscomb Co., TX, buried at Higgins Cemetery, Lipscomb Co., TX. She married Decatur Barton.
10. **Burvel Milton Hightower**, born Feb. 3, 1833 in Greenville Co., SC, died April 13, 1898 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC. He married Elizabeth Caroline Whitted.
11. **Mary Jane Hightower**, born July 29, 1835 in Greenville Co., SC. She married Thomas Calaway. In 1880, Thomas and Mary J. Calaway, along with eight children, are recorded in Grainger Co., TN.
12. **Louiser Pamela Hightower**, born Feb 27, 1836 in Greenville Co., SC, died July 6, 1898 in Burnet Co., TX, buried at Shady Grove Cemetery, Joppa, Burnet Co., TX. She married Alexander M. Barton.
13. **James Fleming Hightower**, born Feb 23, 1839 in Greenville Co., SC, died Nov. 23, 1861 in Culpepper, VA.
14. **Caroline Turpin Hightower**, born Nov. 26, 1841 in Greenville Co., SC, died in 1908 in Greenville Co., SC, buried at Springwood Cemetery, Greenville, SC. She married John McBreaty.
15. **"Infant Son" Hightower**, died March 17, 1844, buried at North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville Co., SC.

[Editor's Note: See this Quarterly issue of May 2009 (Vol. XXIII, No. 2), pp. 76, 77 for the complete family of Colonel John Hodges and his wife Sarah Merritt Hodges.]

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UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1825 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

[Note: ult. = ultimo = last month ~ ~ ~ inst. = instant = current month]

Issue of Saturday January 1, 1825 p. 2, col. 5 [York District]

DIED, at his residence in York district, on the 9th inst. in the 62nd year of his age, Mr. WILLIAM HEMINGWAY, a native of Yorkshire, England; but for the last 32 years a resident of the United States. [Contributor's Note: The "9th instant" here clearly must refer to the 9th of December, 1824, since the date of the *Courier* is the 1st day of January 1825.]

Issue of Wed. January 26, 1825, p. 2, col. 3 [York District]

DEATH—At Columbia, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Mrs. PRISCILLA HART, in the 48th year of her age, consort of the late Capt. William Hart, of York District.

Issue of Friday February 4, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [York District]

YORKVILLE, (S. C. JAN 29. *Frozen to Death in the Snow*—We regret to learn that a Mr. Campbell and a Mr. Howe, both of this District, perished in the snow near their own houses on Saturday night last [22nd Jan.]. It is said that they had both assisted a wagoner whose wagon had stuck in a creek to pass through it, after which they started home, and were found next morning near the road frozen to death.

Issue of Sat. February 19, 1825, p. 2, col. 6 [York District]

DEATH—At Yorkville, on the 9th inst. JOHN HENRY, Clerk of Court of York District; occasioned by a fall from a horse.

Issue of Tuesday March 1, 1825, p. 2, col. 4 [Spartanburg Dist.]

DIED, on the 6th January last, after a short illness, at his residence on Pacolet, in Spartanburg District, BAYLIS EARLE, in the 91st year of his age.

Issue of Wed. April 20, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Chester District]

DEATH—At Chester Court House, on Saturday the 9th inst. Major HENRY BRADLEY of that District.

Issue of Wed. April 20, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Fairfield District]

DEATH—Lately in Winnsborough, at an advanced age, Mrs. SARAH BUCHANAN, widow of Captain John Buchanan, late of that place.

Issue of Tuesday June 7, 1825, p. 2, col. 4 [Edgefield District]

MURDER.—On Saturday the 22d ultimo a man by the name of GUNNELS, of this District, was murdered by his step-brother, AARON CARTER, while asleep, in the most shocking and brutal manner. It appears from a brief account given of the transaction by a friend; they had had some previous dispute, and heated by the intoxicating draft the former fell asleep. The latter seizing this advantage, deliberately knocked out his brains with a club. We are further told that upon questioning Carter he had the effrontery, not only to acknowledge himself the perpetrator, but added he would do again, was it to do over. He is safely lodged in Jail at Edgefield, to await the justice due so disgraceful and fiend-like transaction.—*Hamburg Gaz.*, June 1.

Issue of Wed. June 15, 1825, p. 2, col. 4 [Greenville District]

MURDER.—We learn from an abstract of a letter to the editors of the *Columbia Telescope*, that Mr. PETER GARRISON, a respectable farmer of Greenville District, was inhumanely murdered on the 20th ult. in his barn, where he taken shelter from a heavy rain. He was stabbed in his breast and the back of his neck. From circumstances it is supposed the act was committed by a runaway negro who must have been in the barn when Mr. Garrison entered, and on his attempting to secure the negro, he received the fatal blows.

Issue of Wednesday July 6, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Union District]

DIED, in Union District, on the 11th June, Gen. HUGH MEANS, in the 74th year of his age. He was

one of the remaining few who distinguished themselves as soldiers and patriots of the Revolution.

Issue of Wednesday July 6, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [York District]

DIED, on the 28th ult. near Yorkville, Mr. JOHN H. HAYNE, son of the late Col. Hayne.

Issue of Thursday July 14, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]

[KILLED]—On Saturday the 18th inst. EDWARD YEARGUIN and RACHEL, his wife, were both killed by a stream of electricity, or lightning. [See p. 115 below for the complete article.]

Issue of Wed. Sept. 14, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on the 19th ult. at his residence in Pendleton District, after a short and painful illness, Major MICHAEL DICKSON, in the ninety-fifth year of his age. [See p. 120 below for the full obituary of this Revolutionary War soldier.]

Issue of Thurs. Sept. 22, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Newberry District]

DIED, at the residence of Dr. Rhydon Mays, in Newberry District, (S. C.) on the 25th ult., after a few days illness, Mrs. ANN L. MAYS, consort of JAMES MAYS, Esq.

Issue of Thurs. Sept. 22, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Edgefield District]

DIED, at Mrs. Bougam's in Edgefield district, SARAH CAROLINE, only child of Dr. Rhydon Mays, an interesting infant about a year old.

Issue of Wed. October 19, 1825, p. 2, col. 6 [Chester District]

DIED, on the 29th August last, in Chester District, Mrs. SOPHIA THOMPSON, in the 46th year of her age, after a long and painful illness for two years with the dropsy. She has left 10 children, with a numerous circle of relations and acquaintances to mourn her irreparable loss.

Issue of Thurs. Nov. 10, 1825, p. 2, col. 5 [Newberry District]

DEPARTED this life on the 5th ult., in Jones County (Geo.) Mr. LEVI MANNING, in the 36th year of his age; a native of Newberry District, in this state.

Issue of Thurs. Dec. 29, 1825, p. 2, col. 3 [Pendleton District]

DIED, at Pendleton, on the 7th inst. Mr. ALBERT WHITTEN; the deceased came to his death by a fall from a horse on the evening of the 5th inst.

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ON THE BARON DE KALB MONUMENT IN CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Source: *Charleston Courier* newspaper reports

[Contributor's Note: Baron De Kalb, a native of Bavaria, and Marquis de Lafayette, of France, came together in 1777 to America for the purpose of joining the Patriot's cause for independence. Both were commissioned at the rank of major general into the Continental Army. General De Kalb died in 1780 of wounds received in the Battle of Camden. In 1824 General Lafayette was invited to return to America as a guest of our country. The *Charleston Courier* in its issue of January 8, 1825 reported that General Lafayette was to visit the South after the presidential inauguration in Washington, and the *Courier's* edition of March 14, 1825 stated that General Lafayette had entered South Carolina. In no less than fifteen items and articles the *Courier* tracked the movements of the very popular General through the South, and thence to Pittsburgh and upstate New York. In its December 6, 1825 the *Courier* recorded a communication that General Lafayette had reached Harve, France after 25 days from Hampton Roads, Virginia aboard the US frigate *Brandywine*.

The object of the foregoing remarks is to set the context for General Lafayette's visit to Camden, S.C. He arrived in Camden on Tuesday, March 8, 1825 to lay the corner stone, on the next day, of a monument to General De Kalb, whose remains were re-interred in the town of Camden. The items below will serve as precursors to a full account of the De Kalb monument event to be published in a later issue of this *Quarterly*.]

issue of Wednesday February 2, 1825, p. 2, col. 5

To the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution.

FELLOW CITIZENS.—Impressed with a deep obligation of gratitude for your services and sacrifices in the momentous period when we were endeavoring to establish ourselves free and independent, and enjoying the happy result emanating from your successful struggles, we tender you our respectful consideration, and invite you to be present at the reinterment of the scared remains of your deceased friend and brother, Major General, the Baron De Kalb, who fell, covered with honorable wounds, defending the rights of man. This solemn ceremony will be rendered more impressive by the noble and disinterested Lafayette, his illustrious compeer in the cause of Liberty, who will lay the Corner Stone of the monument to be erected in commemoration of the distinguished services of his friend and brother in arms. We have addressed personal invitations to those known to the committee; as we may have omitted some for want of information, we therefore respectfully urge your presence through the press, to heighten the interest in a scene calculated to call forth the best feelings of the heart. The time will be made convenient to the "Nation's Guest," when due notice will be given through the public prints. Very respectfully your obedient servants. De Kalb Monument Committee:

BENJAMIN CARTER, BENJAMIN BINGEHAM, JOHN KERSHAW, JAMES S. DEAS, JAMES CHESNUT, THOMAS SALMOND, ABRAHAM BLANDING, E. H. ANDERSON, JOHN DOBY, LEWIS CIPLES, ABRAHAM DE LEON

✉ Editors throughout the State will please insert the above in their Journals.

issue of Thursday, March 17, 1825, p. 2, col. 5

CAMDEN, MARCH 12

General LAFAYETTE arrived in Camden on Tuesday last, escorted by a corps of cavalry under the command of Captain Deas. A salute was fired and continued until his arrival at Lafayette Hall, where he was received with gratitude and joy by the committee and appropriately addressed by Col. H. G. Nixon. On Wednesday the corner stone was of the monument of Baron De Kalb was laid and a suitable address delivered by Col. A. Blanding. Being unable to procure the several addresses for this paper, they shall appear in our next, together with a detailed account of the proceedings.

issue of Saturday, March 19, 1825, p. 2, col. 3

A gentleman who was present in Camden at the ceremony removing and reintering the remains of Baron DE KALB, and laying the corner stone of the monument by Gen. LAFAYETTE, informs us while the procession was forming, and just before the General appeared on the ground, a child discovered and pointed out a star, which was clearly visible to the naked eye, about the time the sun in great brightness passed the meridian. Not less than 2000 persons saw it distinctly, few of whom had ever witnessed a similar phenomenon, and it produced a very pleasing sensation through the whole line. The ceremony of laying the corner stone, we are informed, was very imposing, and does great credit to the inhabitants of Camden.—*Columbia Telescope*.

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PETER GOSNELL OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT RESPITED

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Thursday, January 4, 1855, p. 2, col. 4

Respited

PETER GOSNELL, sentenced at the last term of the Court for this District to be hanged, on Friday the 5th instant for the murder of his gather-in-law, JAMES HORN, has been respited by Gov. ADAMS until the first Friday in March. We learn that since his sentence, the prisoner has been very much afflicted with white swelling, so much so as seriously to endanger his life.

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A TOURIST'S VIEW IN 1847 OF NEWBERRY DISTRICT

Source: *Charleston Courier*, Sat. Oct. 30, 1847, p. 2, Col. 3.

ORANGEBURGH, OCT. 14, 1847.

On Wednesday, the 6th inst, I left Greenville, in the Mail Stage for Columbia, at 2 o'clock, A.M. About midday, we reached

LAURENSVILLE.

[Quarterly Editor's Note: The brief description of Laurens District by the tourist was presented in the February 2009 issue of this *Quarterly*, p. 16, Vol. XXIII, No. 1. His narrative continues now with Newberry District. This installment concludes a series of descriptive accounts of selected Upstate South Carolina Districts and their officials by an anonymous writer for the *Charleston Courier*. His identity remains unknown.]

Pursuing my journey, I arrived at the

VILLAGE OF NEWBERRY,

after nightfall. The village of Newberry is the seat of justice of Newberry District, pleasantly situated, on the declivity of a hill, near a fine spring of water, between the forks of Scott's Creek, a tributary of Bush River, about 3 miles East or N. East of that stream, near the centre of the District. It is distant about 45 miles from Columbia and 155 miles from Charleston; and its population is about 800, white and black. The Public Buildings are a Court House and Gaol, and a Library. The Churches are the Presbyterian, Rev. E. F. HYDE; Baptist, Rev. J. G. LANDRUM; and Methodist, Rev. MR. CALDWELL—for the Episcopalians, the Rev. MR. JOHNSON officiated in the Court House. The village is incorporated and the Hon. F. B. HIGGINS is Intendant. It has two Academies, the Male Academy, Mr. GEORGE PARKS, and the Female Academy, Rev. E. F. HYDE. The hotels are three in number, kept respectively by Messrs. G. T. SCOTT, D. BOOZER and W. C. WISEMAN. The District Officers are H. H. KINARD, Sheriff, Y. J. HARRINGTON, Clerk, L. J. JONES, Commissioner in Equity, H. K. BOYD, Ordinary, and JAMES BONDS, Tax Collector. J. P. SUMMERS is U.S. Postmaster. The lawyers number a round dozen—viz: Hon. PATRICK C. CALDWELL, Col. SIMON FAIR, State Solicitor J. DRAYTON NANCE, F. H. POPE, HENRY SUMMER, J. M. CROSSLAN, B. J. RAMAGE, A. P. BROLLY, W. C. WISEMAN, L. J. JONES, G. G. DEWALT and W. W. RENWICK, Esquires. The practitioners of the healing art are Drs. BENJ. F. WALDO, T. W. THOMPSON, W. F. PRATT, JOHN LONG, JNO. CALDWELL, B. S. JAMES, P. B. RUFF, and D. A. DOBSON. The Senator of the District is the Hon. JNO. P. NEAL—the Representatives are BENJ. F. WALDO, HENRY SUMMER and MATTHEW HALL. The Hon. ARMISTEAD BURT is the representative in Congress of the united Districts of Newberry, Lexington, Edgefield and Abbeville—in which last he resides.

NEWBERRY DISTRICT

was settled chiefly by emigrants from Pennsylvania, and tradition has preserved the names of many of the early settlers. In the year 1752, 3 years previous to BRADDOCK's defeat, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, named JOHN DUNCAN, removed from Pennsylvania to this section of the country and settled on a creek, which still bears his name. At that time, he was the highest settler, by 10 miles, on the Fork between the Broad and Saluda Rivers—his nearest neighbor was JACOB PENNINGTON, on the Enoree River below—who is said to have been the only man, in the District, at that time, with negro, waggon, or still.

"JAMES DUNCAN," says MILLS, in a note, "the son of the first settler, is the gentleman, who communicated many of the interesting particulars connected with the first settlement of this district. He was a young man when he came to the province, was through the whole of Col. Grant's war with the Indians, the war with them in 1776 and 1777, and in the revolutionary war. In the early settlement of the country, he followed hunting for seven years. His grounds embraced the whole country, between

the Catawba and Saluda Rivers, up to and among the mountains. This venerable and interesting character is still living." (1826.)

In a few years, the emigrants from Pennsylvania multiplied, and occupied what was called the Duncan Creek settlement, on the creek above DUNCAN's. Among the names of these adventurers were those of M'CREEERY, GREEN, HANNAN, ABERNATHY, MILLER, BEARD, KING, MITCHELL, WELLS, COFFEE, GRISHAM, BARTON, YOUNG, M'CLURE, ADAMS, and M'DAID.

About 8 miles, higher up the Enoree, clustered another body of settlers, bearing the names, among others, of PRATER [or PRIESTER], BRIGHT, BARNES, OGLESBY, HOSKINS, and STEPHEN HOLSTEIN or HOLSTON. The last named is said to be the individual, who, on a hunt, discovered the Holston river, in Tennessee, bearing his name, and who, afterwards, with some of his neighbors, removed to and settled on it. "They constructed canoes," says MILLS, "and were the first white people that ever descended the river" – passing through the Muscle Shoals and proceeding down as far as Natches, several years anterior to the Revolution.

The Fork between the Broad and Saluda were settled, a little earlier, mostly of Germans. Bush river was chiefly settled by Pennsylvania Quakers – thence called the Quaker settlement. Of these settlers the following names have been preserved, viz: BARR, CROMPTON, KELLY, O'NEALL, PEARSON, PUGH, BROOKS, ELMORE, GANTT, PEMBERTON, SUMMER, WATERS and KIRK. Most of the Quakers moved, many years ago, to Ohio and Indiana, but few remaining behind. Another body of settlers occupied the Turner settlement, near the Saluda and Little rivers – their names were TURNER, DAVENPORT, MAXWELL, CURRINGTON, POTTS, SPEARMAN, GOODMAN, TOLES, and CALDWELL – the last named, of the family of CALDWELLS to whom our illustrious statesman JOHN CALDWELL CALHOUN is allied by birth.

Newberry district lies in the granite region, between the Broad and Saluda rivers. It is bounded southwest by the Saluda, which divides it from Edgefield; northwest by an irregular line following the road, from Island Ford on the Saluda, to ODELL's Ford on the Enoree river, dividing it from Laurens district; north and east by the Enoree river as low down as AVERY's Ford, thence by the road over to Crenshaw's ford on Tyger river; and down that river to its junction with Broad river – which lines divide it from Union district; east, by Broad river, down to Ruff's ferry, dividing it from Fairfield district; and southeast by a straight line, from Ruff's (formerly Sherie's) ferry, until it intersects the Saluda river, (opposite Rocky creek,) which separates it from Lexington district. The area of the district is equal to about 24 miles square [Quarterly Editor's Note: This number of 24 square miles is wildly in error; it should be 732 square miles to match the stated number of acres.], and it contains 468,640 square acres. By the census of 1840, the population of the district was 18,350 – 8,446 free, 9,904 slaves – an increase of about 1000 in 10 years.

The face of the district is undulating and the soil is productive of Indian corn, wheat and cotton. In both Newberry and Laurens, the corn crop, this year, is very exuberant – some planters being willing, I learn, to take 90 cents a bushel for their surplus product. The cotton crop will not realize more than half the usual average. Wheat is raised in abundance and of excellent quality. Columbia is thence largely supplied with flour and Charleston is beginning to be so likewise – and, when the projected Rail Road shall pierce these districts to Greenville, our city will largely export the article.

THE RIVERS

of Newberry are the Saluda, navigable, along the whole southwest border of the district, for boats carrying 50 bales of cotton; the Broad river, on the opposite side, of like navigable extent and capacity; Tyger river, navigable 7 or 8 miles to Glen's formerly Hawkins' Mill, where the falls commence; the Enoree, flowing through a fine farming country; and Bush and Little rivers, two beautiful streams,

extending upwards into Laurens, both 90 ft. wide and navigable for some distance – and both studded with fine mill seats. The creeks are almost innumerable, dividing the land into an infinite variety of figures; and contributing to its fertility. The Indian name of the Broad River in Es-waw-pud-de-nah or Line River.

There are two mineral Springs in the District; one about a mile below FLANNAGAN's Mill, and the other six or seven miles above the same mill, on the north side of DUNCAN's creek, on a branch called the Lick Run; both of which appear to be strongly impregnated with salts, sulphur and iron, and curative of sore eyes, cutaneous disorders, chills and colds.

Newberry District was once famous for the Bald Eagle, native there, and very destructive of pigs and lambs. It was an immense size, measuring 8 feet from point to point of the wings. It has now disappeared. The geology and mineralogy of the District present granite, free-stone, soap-stone, besides scattered beds of iron ore, and a variety of vitreous and silicious substances. On this head, the following passages from MILLS may be appropriately introduced

"The rocks in the falls of the rivers are composed of granite. A curious appearance is observable in a mass of it on Enoree river, at Dr. FLANNAGAN's Mill; which seems to convey the idea that the granite was once in a soft state; for there were discovered in three different places on the rock, three prints of a human foot, with a moccasin on; all three were the left foot, and going from the south to the north. One of the tracks was broken up by Mr. Flannagan, in building his mill; another was covered by a piece of a dam; the third is still to be seen, when the river is low, and is called the Devil's moccasin, from the peculiarity of its fitting every person's foot that is applied to it. These phenomena are doubtless the result of the action of the waters from time immemorial, under peculiar circumstances. On the Table rock mountain, similar appearances, resembling horses' feet, are found on the rock, evidently the effect of the same causes.

There are two shoals on Bush river, a few miles apart, where a mineral substance, very ponderous, and as yellow as the best gold, is found, which, when in fusion, emits a smell similar to that of garlic or arsenic. This is, no doubt, either the arsenate of sulphur, or sulphate of iron."

"Some silver ornaments, in black marble, which had been wrought by Indians, were found here. Where they got the marble from I cannot tell, (says Dr. Flannagan,) except from beyond the mountains, as I have seen a large quantity of the black and white marble on Tennessee river, above COLBERT's ferry. Before Newberry was settled by the white people, the Indians might probably have brought pieces of marble from thence, and the silver also, as there is a very rich mine of it in the Cherokee nation, near in a town called Shainrach, which the Indians never would discover to any white man unless they have done so lately to some of those whites that have married among them. I was upon the point of making the discovery by means of an Indian, in the year 1815, as we were near the place, if it had not been for a mixed blooded man by the name of Johnson, who was a leading character among them. By some means he found that this Indian was about to discover the mine to me, and soon put a stop to it, for I never could get another word out of him concerning it."

REVOLUTIONARY WORTHIES AND EMINENT MEN.

One of the first settlers of Newberry was Major JOHN CALDWELL, a man of great public usefulness – a deputy surveyor, and a member of the first Provincial Congress, that met in Charleston. He was afterwards a Major in one of the S. Carolina Regiments, and was murdered by the tory partisan officer, WM. CUNNINGHAM. He left no issue, but his brothers WILLIAM and JAMES inherited his estate, and were the ancestors of the present families of the name. WILLIAM CALDWELL was an officer of the American army, and underwent a long imprisonment in the castle of St. Augustine, during the Revolutionary war – JAMES who was an active and devoted patriot, who fought and received several

severe wounds at the battle of the Cowpens; and was sheriff of the District from 1808 to 1812. The Hon. P.C. CALDWELL, late member of Congress, is a descendant of this family; and so also is Chancellor CALDWELL.

Col. PHILEMON WALTER, [Quarterly Editor's Note: This may be Philemon WATERS] an emigrant from Virginia, and an old campaigner, under WASHINGTON, against the French and Indians; and was actively engaged in the American service during the whole revolutionary war. He was a very successful partisan officer, who was wont to remark, "that he never was in any pitched battle, but what he had to retreat, and never in a skirmish or partisan affair, in which he was not victorious." He was in the battles of Stono and Eutaw, in the latter of which he ranked as major; was subsequently colonel in the militia, and died in 1799 or 1800.

According to MILLS, "JAMES MARION was also one of the worthy patriots. He served in GRANT'S war with the Cherokee Indians, in 1760-1; and afterwards as one of the Judges of the County Courts, together with JACOB B. BROWN and General LEVY CASEY."

Newberry boasts, too, her eminent men among the living. She has furnished to the Judiciary of the State several fine intellects and brilliant ornaments. To the Law Bench she had given the

HON. JOHN BELTON O'NEALL,

not only the able and upright Judge, but the apostle of the Temperance Reform, and active and efficient in every field of public usefulness. He was a graduate of our State College in 1812, taking the second honor of his class, of which the Hon. H. L. PINCKNEY took the first, and the Hon. WM. C. PRESTON, a third honor. His career at the Bar was eminently successful, and won for him, a reputation, which preceded him in the halls of legislation. In 1824, he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of this State; in 1828, was elevated to the Law Bench, and, in 1839, called, simultaneously with Chancellor HARPER, to the Court of Appeals in Law and Equity, consisting of three Judges, and of which Gov. JOHNSON was the President. Under the present organization of the Judiciary, as fixed in 1836, he is a circuit Law Judge, Judge of the Law Court of Appeals, and Judge of the Court of Errors, the Court of Dernier Resorts, in both Law and Equity, consisting of all the Law Judges and Chancellors of the State. He also fills at present the office of President of the Columbia and Greenville Rail-Road Company, and has embarked in important enterprise of which he is now the head, with all his characteristic zeal and energy. Judge O'NEALL is a native of Newberry District, and so was his father before him, the venerable Mr. HUGH O'NEALL – and "the old man is yet alive," doubtless comforted in his old age, by the multiplied honors justly won, and worthily won by his distinguished son. The Judge is probably about 54 years of age, and promises a long career of efficient service to his State and country.

Newberry also claims

CHANCELLOR JOB JOHNSTON,

not by birth, for he was born in Fairfield District, but as being the field of his legal career, and the place of his residence. Chancellor JOHNSTON is the son of the late JOHN JOHNSTON, of Fairfield District, one of six worthy brothers, who migrated from Ireland – the Hon. SAMUEL JOHNSTON, his uncle, is yet alive in Winnsborough. He was a graduate of the South Carolina College, of the class of 1810, of which the Hon. JAMES DELLETT, of Alabama, took first honor, and of which the Hon. WARREN R. DAVIS, and the Hon. WM. BUTLER, were members. In 1827, he was elected Clerk of the Senate, in place of the Hon. WM. D. MARTIN, elevated to the Law Bench, and in 1830, was elected Chancellor, in which high office he is largely adding to his reputation by his able and luminous judgments.

Newberry has also given to the Chancery Bench,

THE HON. JAMES J. CALDWELL,

who has been too recently robed with the ermine, to warrant any critical estimate of his character and abilities as a Chancellor, but whose reputation at the Bar, and initial course on the Bench, augur well for his own fame and the service of his State. He is a native of the District; and also a graduate of the South Carolina College of the class of 1817, along with the Hon. A. P. BUTLER. He formerly filled the office of State Solicitor, and, in December, 1847, was elected Chancellor, in the place of Chancellor JOHNSON, transferred to the Executive Chair.

Newberry lately laid claim, not by birth, but by adoption, to another gifted and now deeply lamented son,

CHANCELLOR HARPER,

but yesterday, the judicial luminary of our State. The Hon. WILLIAM HARPER was born in the Island of St. Christopher, in the West Indies, and migrated, in early boyhood, with his father and younger brother, JOHN WESLEY HARPER, to Charleston. His father was sent to South Carolina as a missionary, by a Society of Wesleyan Methodists, when that sect was in its infancy, in this country. The Rev. Mr. HARPER lived and preached in Charleston, and also kept a book-store there, for several years. He afterwards removed to Newberry District, where Chancellor HARPER received part of his grammar school education at the Mount Bethel Academy. In 1808, Chancellor HARPER graduated at the S. Carolina College, in the same class with the Hon. JAMES GREGG of Columbia, who took first honor, and Governor JOHN MURPHEY, of Alabama, who took second honor, and also with the Rev. Dr. WM. T. BRANTLEY, the Hon. S.D. MILLER, and Judge EVANS. A third honor was awarded to Chancellor H., who, at the commencement, instead of an oration, delivered a poem of 300 lines, on the death of MONTGOMERY. He studied and commenced the practice of law in Columbia, (keeping school at Cambridge, in Abbeville District, during part of his period of preparation for the bar), and afterwards removed to Missouri, where he was soon made the Chancellor of the state. Yearning, however, after South Carolina, as the home of his friends and also of his heart, and as socially more congenial to his character and habits, he returned to Columbia, and resumed the practice of law, with distinguished reputation as one of the profoundest and most philosophical of its disciples and votaries. He was then elected State Reporter, and has given to the profession a volume of Law and a volume of Equity Reports. In 1826, he was appointed, by Gov. MANNING a Senator in the Congress of the United States, temporarily to supply the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. JOHN GAILLARD, President *Pro Tem* of the Senate. At the instance of his friends, to enlarge the field of his practice, in a measure commensurate with his ability and reputation, in 1828 he removed to Charleston, and, the same year, he was elected a Representative to the Legislature, from that city – and was forthwith placed in the Speaker's Chair. His career as Speaker was, however, very short-lived, for, a vacancy having occurred on the Chancery Bench, he was elected Chancellor on the 20th Dec., 1828; and in 1830, simultaneously with Judge O'NEALL, he was called to the Appeal Court of Three Judges, two vacancies having occurred in that high judicatory, one by the death of Judge NOTT, the other by the election of Judge COLCOCK to the Presidency of the Bank of the State. Under the Judicial organization of 1836, he became and continued, to the time of his death, one of the four Chancellors, a Judge of the Equity Court of Appeals, and a Judge of the Court of Errors. For several years past his health has been so seriously impaired, as almost to disable him the discharge of Judicial functions – and, after spending the past summer at Glenn's Springs, he returned to his residence in Fairfield District, and there breathed his last, on Sunday, the 10th instant. [October 10, 1847]

I have neither time, nor space, to pen the fitting eulogy of Chancellor HARPER – but the frequent, the universal tribute of honor and lamentation will swell from every part of the State. He was an able and learned lawyer, and a profound jurist, versed in the principles and the philosophy of every

department of jurisprudence – as was said of ARISTOTLE in philosophy, may be said of Chancellor HARPER in reference to his profession – “he scorned the conquest of particular provinces, but boldly invaded the whole empire of law.” But he was not only a lawyer and a jurist, he had a ripe and cultivated intellect, enriched with philosophical and adorned with literary studies – and familiarized with all the best models of English literature, in prose and verse – the fruits of which beamed in his own chaste and elegant writings, and constituted the charm – nay the spell of his conversation. He took a deep interest in political concerns, and displayed a potency of logic in the maintenance of his views, rarely, if ever, surpassed, and rendering refutation difficult to the ablest adversary, if not always producing conviction. On our slave institution, he probed the very depths and philosophy of the subject, and has based it upon a rock, against which the fanatic winds and waves of abolitionism will henceforth blow and dash in vain – thrown back in dishonorable recoil. As a Chancellor, he was a model of patience and courtesy, no one, more pure and free from the alloy of human passion, ever wore and honored the ermine; and his earned arguments and luminous judgments place him among the most eminent judges of ancient and modern times – and his written and printed decisions will at once serve as land-marks to his successors and an undying monument to his fame. As a man he was full of gentle and kindly virtues – that high sense of equity, which so signally qualified him for the Chancery Bench, seeming to be the instinct of his nature, imbuing, refining and softening his character, and at once converting his own heart into a fountain of benevolence, and winning from the hearts of others an ample return of attachment and love. But I must forbear any further effort, at a portraiture to which I am so unequal, as well as any further trespass on your columns – and leave the companion of his youth, the friend of his maturity, the generous cherisher of his talents and promoter of his fame, to close, with fitting climax, the obituary tribute to the illustrious Chancellor – the loved and lamented HARPER. At the recent meeting, in Columbia, on receiving the sad intelligence of this great man’s death, JAMES L. PETIGRU, Esq. (the bosom of the deceased Chancellor,) thus eloquently poured out the feelings of his heart.

“Mr. Petigru observed, that his mind was weighed down by a sense of the loss which we had just sustained, and, in the sadness of his feelings, it was painful to speak; yet he desired to say one word before the Resolutions were adopted. He had been longer united with Chancellor Harper, in the ties of friendship and intimate intercourse, than any person present, and, on the solemn occasion, he wished to bear testimony to the moral worth of the deceased; the gentleness of his heart, and the purity of his principles. He could, in his mind, recall, as it were yesterday, the distant day, many years ago, when he saw him for the first time, returning to the South Carolina College, after the interruption of his studies and a long absence in the Country. He remembered the glad friends by whom he was surrounded as soon as it was known that William Harper had returned, all eager to take him by the hand, and to evince the feelings which his great talents and the kindness of his nature inspired. Such as he was then, he continued to the last; conciliating esteem and affection by the goodness of his heart, and commanding attention and deference by the superiority of his genius. It would be, he said, among his recollections as long as he lived, as a source of the most grateful reflection, that he had enjoyed the friendship of such a man. To him, the void created by his removal, could not be supplied at all, and to the State, the loss of his services was a great privation, which would be most lamented by those most capable of appreciating great and uncommon excellence.”

From Columbia, I passed on to this place, on my way to “Home, Sweet Home,” which I expect to reach tomorrow – and, as I have already paid my respects to both Columbia and Orangeburgh, in your columns, I here close, at once, my rambles and my correspondence, and relieve you and your readers of all further trespass upon your limits and your patience.

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JOHN GRUBB (1652-1707/08): LAST WILL & TESTAMENT AND FAMILY GROUP

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Sources: as noted in the text and others on file

John Grubb, and his brother Henry Grubb III, were the first of the family on these shores, coming to America at the age of twenty five, sailing from London in the ship 'Kent' in 1677. He arrived at Burlington, West Jersey, after a lengthy voyage and received 340 acres of land on Chester Creek. As early as 1682, Grubb's Landing, Brandywine Hundred, Delaware was known to fame. John Grubb became the possessor of a tract of land 600 acres in extent, was made one of the Colonial Justices in 1693 and was twice elected to the Colonial Assembly. The historian says of him, "He came from that stock of men second to none on the face of the earth - the English Country Gentleman". He was the first manufacturer of leather in Penn's Province. In 1703, he left Grubb's Landing and located in Marcus Hook, Pa., where he presently invested heavily in land. He died there in March of 1708. SOURCE: Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pa; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina; obtained June 26, 1999.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT:

I John Grubb of the county of Chester of the province of Philadelphia, Tanner, being at present weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner following. That is to say, First my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged. Also, I give unto my daughter Charity, the wife of Richard Beeson, the sum of five pounds. Also, I give unto my daughter Pheobe Grubb the sum of fifteen pounds to be paid when she attains her age of eighteen years, or is married, which shall first happen. Also I give unto my dear wife Frances Grubb one third part of all my personal estate and her choice of one of the best cows upon my plantation besides. And also all ye rest and residue of my estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath unto my sons, Emanuel, John, Joseph, Henry, Samuel, Nathaniel, and Peter, to be equally divided between them share and share alike and to their heirs and assigns forever as Tenants in Common, and not as Joyntenants. And lastly I make and ordain my son John and my said wife Frances, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye twelfth day of the month called February in the sixth year of the Reign of Queen Ann over Great Britain & Anno Dm. 1707-8. John Grubb (seal)

Will probated on March 26, 1708, Will Book C, page 81, Philadelphia.

SOURCE: The Grubb Family of Pennsylvania and Delaware, by Gilbert Cope. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina; obtained 6-26-1999.

[Contributor's note: John Grubb was buried in St. Martin's Churchyard, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. His wife's maiden name is thought to be Frances Vane.]

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN GRUBB AND HIS WIFE FRANCES

1. EMMANUEL GRUBB, b. Jul 19, 1679, Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware; d. Aug 09, 1767, Marcus Hook, Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware.
2. JOHN GRUBB, b. Nov 11, 1684, Wilmington, Delaware; d. Mar 15, 1758, Wilmington, Delaware; m. RACHEL BUCKLEY, Abt. 1712.
3. JOSEPH GRUBB, b. Abt. 1685, Wilmington, Delaware; d. Mar 14, 1747/48; m. SARAH ELIZABETH PERKINS. He was a Yeoman.
4. REV. CHARITY GRUBB, b. Sep 29, 1687, Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware; d. Nov 22, 1761, Guilford Co., North Carolina. [See her letter to her sister Phebe below.]
5. SAMUEL GRUBB, b. 1691, New Castle, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. May 17, 1760, New

Castle, Chester Co., Delaware; m. MARY BILLARBY, Jul 26, 1745, Concord Meeting Society of Friends. He was a mason.

6. PHEBE GRUBB, b. Mar 04, 1690/91, Upland County, Pennsylvania; d. Mar 04, 1769, New Castle, Delaware. [See her reply letter to her sister Charity below.]
7. HENRY GRUBB, b. 1689, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. Jul 20, 1771, Wilmington, Delaware; m. PATIENCE CLAYTON. He was a carpenter.
8. NATHANIEL GRUBB, b. 1693, Upland, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. Sep 1760; m. ANN MOORE, Oct 23, 1725, Concord Meeting Society of Friends. He was a carpenter.
9. PETER GRUBB, b. 1700, New Castle, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. Aug 02, 1754.
10. HANNAH GRUBB, b. 1702, Delaware.
11. RICHARD GRUBB, b. 1704, Delaware.

LETTERS BETWEEN TWO GRUBB SISTERS WRITTEN IN 1758

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Letter From Charity to Phebe

(Richard Brown sent this wonderful letter to the Beeson Family Homepage.)

Loving Sister, This is to let thee know that we have received three letters from ye and three presents therein I sent thee no letters; I had not freedom last winter was a year. I had a long time of sickness which brought me very low in body, and mind and now, I am troubled with short breath so that I think I am going home softly. I thought it would trouble thee more to let thee know my condition than send no letters. I goes to meeting sometimes; we have a meeting every other fifth day at our house, my husband grose weakly; the Lord who lited our candle hath not put them out. Our children remember their loves to you all. I have sente two presents to thee as a toacon of love and youenity. We donte know that thear heath bene any mischif done in the government as yet by the Indins, but don't know how soon thear may be for some is doubtfull thear my be before the truble some times be over. I desire thee to remember oure kind loves to all our neare relations and friends. We understand that oure brother John Grubb is desosed, but we have no cartunty of it. I desire thee to let me know what is become of Peter Grubb's widow,. Remember my love to brother Henry Grubb in particular. So we ad no more at present but remembering our kind loves to thee and thy family the 28th of ye fifth month, 1758.
Richard Beeson Charity Beeson the tocons which i sent wa love and youenity.

[Contributor's note: Rev. Charity Grubb was born Sept 29, 1687 in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware, and died Nov 22, 1761 in Guilford County, North Carolina. She married Rev. Richard Beeson, Sr. Oct 24, 1706 in Nottingham Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The son of Edward Beeson and Rachel Pennington, he was born Oct 06, 1684 in Chester, Newcastle, Pennsylvania and died Jan 1, 1777 in Guilford County, North Carolina. Richard and Charity Beeson were Quaker missionaries who later settled in Guilford Co., NC. Richard and Charity are buried at Center Friends Cemetery, Guilford Co., NC.]

Phebe's Reply to Charity

(The letter was submitted by JoDell Koelling Stuever, daughter of Nixie Beeson Koelling, a ggggggg grand-daughter of Charity Grubb Beeson; it was published in THE GRUBB FAMILY, by Gilbert Cope, 1893.)

Ye 9th of ye 9th mo; 1748

West Bradford, Chester County

Loving Brother and Sister;

I received your letter this day, dated ye 5th month 1758, in which I had great satisfaction to hear of you, except that impediment and stopage in my sister's breath and my brother's weakness for which I am ready to sympathise with, still hoping that light, the Grace of God, may be your instructor until it may please Him to call us unto Himself which is my desire both for and myself. It gives me great satisfaction to hear of your keeping to meeting knowing by experience the benefit of waiting upon the Lord of help in this time of trouble. I have at this time no child at home but I acknowledge for myself on behalf of my children the love my cousins has remembered to us. The present you have sent to me I acknowledge and hope to keep as a sure token of friendship. My desire is that you may be still kept from the merciless hand of the enemy (Indians) and above the fear of them by trusting in the god of all strength. We have frequently heard of their doing mischief in the Province. According to your desire I shall let our relations know the contents of your letter as soon as possible; the time being so short I have not as yet had no opportunity but I shall carefull. Brother John Grubb is certainly deceased this life he died with the gravel and was decently buried at Chichester in Friends Buring Ground, the Corps accompanied by Brothers Emanuel, Samuel, Nathaniel, and myself, with a great company of others. Brother John has set his two oldest Negroes free and the rest to be set free at twenty five years of age. Sister Hanna Grubb lives at Wilmington and among her children. I saw her lately. She lives exceeding well full and plenty. My children and family is at present in health as usual and their families. My son Nathaniel and Isaac is out at work at the mason trade. Joseph is at John Wall's. John Wall, my son in law has a daughter about nine months old and calls her name, Charity. Our brothers is all in good health except our living and beloved brother Samuel; he is at this time in Kingwood in Hunterton County in West Jersey or was there lately to be cured of a cancer in his under lip which is very painfull. Brother Richard, I have heard lately of Joseph Gregg and his family they are all in reasonable good health. I have heard nothing to the contray from thy cousins by the river. So I conclude still remembering that love and Unity which ought to subsist among brethern and sisters in the fellowship of truth. Please to remember my love to my children and grand children by my late husband and to William Cox and his wife, Rachel Wright, with all other enquiring friend. Do not neglect writing to me as often as possible and the circumstance of your affairs and condition if you please, concerning these troublesome times.
This from your sister Phebe Hadly

[Contributor's note: Phebe Grubb was born Mar 04, 1690/91 in Upland County, Pennsylvania, and died Mar 04, 1769 in New Castle, Delaware. She married (1) Richard Buffington, Jr. in 1711, son of Richard Buffington and Ann. He was born about 1690. She married (2) Simon Hadley on July 22, 1752.]

[Editor's note: Gladys White Lankford contributed to this Quarterly (Vol. XVI, No. 2, May 2002, p. 52) the family record of Joseph Buffington, who was one of the younger sons of Richard and Phebe Grubb Buffington. Joseph Buffington and family migrated to the Spartanburg, South Carolina area before the onset of the Revolutionary War. He was an iron master, and he erected an iron works on Lawson Fork Creek near the present village of Glendale in Spartanburg County.]

WEATHERS-KIRBY MARRIAGE IN 1874

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Thursday, March 12, 1874, p. 2, col. 2

MARRIED: On March the 8th instant, at the home of the bride's mother by B. F. Bates, MR. JOSEPH WEATHERS to MISS SALLIE KIRBY, all of Spartanburg.

MARY WHITTED GWINN OF YORK DISTRICT

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Sources: Estate records of Gideon Whitted (microfilm ordered from Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, film 409,880: Campbell Co., GA Will Book A, p. 6 - 8) and of Richard Gwin as provided by the South Carolina Archives at their website www.archivesindex.sc.gov, and various United States Census records.

Maiden Name Confirmed

Gideon Whitted was most probably born in the border area of Chester and Fairfield Counties. He is listed in the 1810 and 1820 Chester County census. By 1830, he had migrated to Butts County, GA. Various records place him in Butts and Cobb Counties prior to his will being filed in Campbell County on May 4, 1835. The family Bible of his son, Davis C. Whitted, lists his death as Jan. 11, 1835. In his will, Gideon named each of his children, first and last names. For the six daughters, he gave their married surnames—Elizabeth Gwynn, Mary Gwynn, Nancy Gwynn, Margaret Neal, Jennima King, and Julia Smith. From census records, I knew that the two youngest daughters migrated with their parents. Their marriage records were found in Georgia and their families documented. Elizabeth, the eldest, was also traced, also migrating to Georgia prior to 1850. For several years, the remaining three have been a mystery.

With the addition of the images of wills on the South Carolina Archives website, a recent search provided the image of the will of Richard Gwinn, of York County. His will was signed in 1839 and probated in 1845, leaving his entire estate to his wife, Mary. This quote is from the will of Richard Gwinn:

"I also give my wife my negro boy named Peter which last named negro she will receive at the death of her stepmothe" (spelling from WPA transcription)

And this quote is from the will of Gideon Whitted.

"ITEM THE THIRD: I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Gwynn a certain negro fellow slave by the name of Peter but my said daughter Mary is not to receive said negro nor his services until after the death of my wife Mary Whitted unless my wife should in time marry again and in that event my daughter Mary Gwynn should take said negro fellow Peter into possession as soon thereafter as may be convenient for her. So to say after the intermarriage of my wife, Mary Whitted."

And so, Mary Gwinn, wife of Richard Gwinn whose will was probated in York Co., SC in 1845, is confirmed to be Mary Whitted, daughter of Gideon Whitted and his first wife (first and last names unknown).

[Editor's Note: See this *Quarterly*, August 2008 (Vol. XXII, No. 3), p. 105 for the family of Gideon Whitted.]

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OBITUARY OF GEORGE T. SLOAN (1850-1920) OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Source: *The Greenville Daily News*, issue of Wednesday, January 14, 1920, p. 3

Was Father of 18; Grandfather of 59

George T. Sloan died Friday at his home at Greenville R. F. D. No. 2, and was buried Saturday afternoon at Mt. Lebanon cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. R. B. Vaughn, assisted by Rev. Porter Bailes. He was 69 years old and was the father of eighteen children, fifteen of whom are living. There are fifty-nine grandchildren.

[Note: He was the son of Richard E. and Catharine Page Sloan. His vital dates are July 16, 1850 - Jan 10, 1920.]

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SOME ABBEVILLE DISTRICT DEATH NOTICES IN 1857 & 1858

Continued from Vol. XXII, No. 3, August 2008, pp. 103-104

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville, South Carolina)

DIED

issue of Friday October 9, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

At her residence in this District, the 20th of September ult., Mrs. MARY C. ROBINSON, wife of Capt. Hugh Robinson, aged 30 years. She united with the Baptist Church at Little River some years ago, of which she was an exemplary member. . . . She called her children and relations to her bedside a short time before her departure and bid them farewell. . . . [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

issue of Friday October 23, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

On the 13th inst., FLORIDE A. H., infant daughter of Wesley Cromer, aged one month and nine days.

issue of Friday October 23, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

At the residence of her father, J. W. Penney, in Abbeville District, S. C. 24th Sept., 1857, MISS SARAH J. PENNY, in the 23 d year of her age. . . . a member of the *Methodist Episcopal Church*, since early youth.

issue of Friday October 23, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

On the 2 d of September, WM PENNEL, aged 57 years. Mr. Pennel was a kind and affectionate husband, an indulgent parent, an excellent neighbor, and emphatically an honest man. He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for 25 years, and it is hoped that he died in the faith of the gospel.

issue of Friday November 13, 1857, p. 2, col. 7

Mrs. PERMEALIA SMITH, consort of ?[name obliterated] departed this life, on the morning of November 1st, in the fifty-fourth year of her age. . . . For the past twenty-five years, she has been a pious and consistent member of the Baptist Church. . . . [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

issue of Friday November 27, 1857, p. 2, col. 7

October 27th 1857, at the residence of her husband's near Gainesville, Ala., Mrs. AMANDA J. HALE, wife of Wm. H. Hale. Mrs. Hale was born May 21st 1830, and married in 1846. [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.] From the Gainesville (Ala.) Independent.

issue of Friday December 25, 1857, p. 3, col. 1

On Monday the 7th inst., Mrs. MARY ADAMS, in the 20 th year of her age, at the residence of her father, T. Chatham, Esq., Greenwood, Abbeville District, S. C. . . . united with the Baptist Church of Christ. . . . [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

issue of Friday January 8, 1858, p. 2, col. 7

Of Pneumonia, at his residence in this District, on the 31st ultimo, after a short but severe illness, Mr. JOSEPH LIGON, in the 46th year of his age, leaving an affectionate wife and nine children to deplore his loss. . . . For a number of years previous to his death, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Lebanon, under the charge of Rev. James F. Gibert. . . . [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

issue of Friday January 22, 1858, p. 2, col. 6

At her father's residence in this District on Friday the 15th instant, of Typhoid Pneumonia, Mrs. Barbary Ann Cynthia Lomax, consort of George W. Lomax, in the 21st year of her age. . . . She united with the Methodist Church some years ago. . . . [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

issue of Friday February 12, 1858, p. 2, col. 7

In Abbeville District, S. C., January 17th 1858, Mrs. CATHARINE C. BLACK, wife of J. Ramsey Black, Esq. in the 32nd year of her age, leaving a husband, 6 interesting children, relations and friend to mourn her departure from earth in the very prime life. . . . For several years she was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. [Remainder of eulogy omitted here.]

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FAMILY RECORD OF HIRAM W. KIRBY (1821-1864)

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Sources: United States Census, Death Certificates, obituaries, tombstone research, WWI Draft Registrations, and cemetery transcriptions.

Hiram W. Kirby

Born: about 1821 in South Carolina

Died: 26 May 1864 in Virginia

His Father: William B. Kirby Born about 1790 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

His Mother: Charlotte (Charity) Born about 1790 in South Carolina

Married:

Susan Lee

Born: about 1829 in South Carolina

Died: after 1920 probably in South Carolina

Their Children:

- [1] **Lucinda (Nancy) Kirby** Born: about 1847 in South Carolina,
 Died: 21 Dec 1915 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
 Burial: Pacolet 1st Bapt Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC (unmarked)

Married:

James William Puckett
 (Bud, Bird)

Born: 15 Jul 1849 in South Carolina

Died: 17 Oct 1916 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC

Burial: Pacolet 1st Bapt Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC (unmarked)

His Parents: Jackson and Lucinda Knox Puckett

Issue: John Wesley, Giles Hiram, James Washington, Louella, Andrew, Robert Baxter, Lula Belle

- [2] **Giles Hiram Kirby** Born: 9 Nov 1848 in South Carolina
 Died: 21 Jan 1896 at age 47
 Burial: Putman Baptist Church Cemetery, Union Cty, SC

Married:

Medora C. Lawson

Born: 11 Feb 1852 in South Carolina

Died: 17 Jul 1906

Burial: Putman Baptist Church Cemetery, Union Cty, SC

Her Parents: Jasper and Sarah A. Nix Lawson

Issue: James Dudley, Hiram Jasper, M. Alice, James Monroe, Giles Landrum, Rev. Clarence A., Columbus C., Broadus Eugene, A. Judson Kirby, and two infants

- [3] **John M. Kirby** Born: 12 Jan 1851 in Pacolet, Spartanburg, SC
 Died: 20 May 1930 in Pacolet, Spartanburg, SC
 Burial: Pacolet 1st Bapt Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC
- Married 1st:**
 Nancy Zipora Gossett
 (Elizabeth) Born: 24 Jun 1856 in White Stone, SC
 Died: 16 Apr 1892

Her Parents: Pleasant and Elizabeth Steen Tolleson

Issue: Hiram Washington, Victor Hamilton, Walter Edgar, Giles Evan, John Earl, Martha Elizabeth (Bessie)

Married 2nd:

31 Dec 1893

Mary Edna Harmon

Born: 6 Feb 1869 in Cherokee County, SC

Died: 24 Jul 1948 in Columbia, Richland, SC

Buried: Pacolet 1st Baptist Church Cemetery

Her Parents: Thomas Claud and Mary Jane Hammett Harmon

Issue: James Claudious, Nann Elizabeth, Wister, Florie Marjorie, Infant Girl, Infant Girl, Nathan Thompson

- [4] **James Judson Kirby** Born: 28 Sep 1853 in South Carolina
 Died: 1 Jul 1925 in Reidville, Spartanburg, SC
 Burial: Ebenezer Methodist Church Cemetery, Pelham, Greenville County, South Carolina.
- Married:**
 Deborah Hammett About 1873
 Born: 28 Apr 1853 in South Carolina
 Died: 25 Apr 1925 in Reidville Township, Spartanburg, SC
 Burial: Ebenezer Methodist Church Cemetery, Pelham, SC
- Her Parents: Elijah and Elizabeth (Betsy) LeMaster Hammett
- Issue: William Dexter, John Hiram, Rev. James T., Sallie S., Minnie, Javan Bryant, Mary Ethel, Annie Mae (Belle), Fred Lee Kirby

- [5] **Sarah Frances Kirby** Born: about 1855 in South Carolina
 Died: 10 Sep 1940 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
 March 8, 1854, Spartanburg County, SC [See p. 103 above.]
- Married:**
 Joseph C. Weathers Born: 22 Jun 1850 in South Carolina
 Died: 13 Sep 1932 in Union, Union, SC
 His Parents: William and America Land Weathers
- Issue: Mary Susan, William Simpson, Jane, Hiram, Lucy, Amanda, Columbus Calhoun, George Land, Emma Viola

- [6] **Amanda C. Kirby** Born: 16 Jan 1858 in South Carolina
 Died: 3 Apr 1924 in Union, Union, SC
 Burial: Pacolet 1st Baptist Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC

Married:

Hamlet H. Goudelock

Born: about 1848 in South Carolina

Died: 10 May 1909

His Parents: Dr. Hamlet and Harriet Goudelock

Issue: Joseph E., Rennie, Hattie B.

- [7] **Javan B. (J. Van) Kirby** Born: 21 Apr 1860 in South Carolina
 Died: 3 Jan 1923 in Monarch, Union, SC
 Burial: Pacolet 1st Baptist Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC
- Married 1st:**
 8 Mar 1885 in Union County, SC

Mary Ann Alexander Born: about 1868 in South Carolina
 Her Parents: Joshua II and Nancy Lawson Alexander
 Issue: William Franklin (Willie), Herbert Milton
Married 2nd: About 1886
 Malinda Rebecca Burgess Born: 10 Apr 1870
 (Sissey) Died: 17 May 1942
 Burial: Pacolet 1st Baptist Church Cemetery, Pacolet, SC
 Her Parents: Petry and Margaret Tiffin Burgess
 Issue: Anna Kirby, Paul Eugene, Giles Perry, Arthur Lee

- [8] **Martha Jane Kirby** Born: 10 Dec 1861 in Spartanburg County, SC
 Died: 16 Mar 1936 in Union, Union, SC
 Burial: Rosemont Cemetery, Union County, SC

Married 1st:

Thomas Nuckolls Goudelock Born: 15 Feb 1849 in Spartanburg County, SC
 Died: 18 Nov 1890 in Spartanburg County, SC
 His Parents: Dr. Hamlet and Harriet Belle Huson Goudelock
 Issue: Clyde Huson
Married 2nd: About 1893
 John Wesley Gilbert Born: 26 Oct 1857 in Spartanburg, SC
 Died: 29 Feb 1940 in Union, Union, SC
 Burial in Rosemont Cemetery, Union County, SC
 His Parents: J. W. and Mary (Polly) Quinn Gilbert
 Issue: Floy Eulaia, John I., Eugene Pinckney, Eula

**POLLARD BROWN, LAST REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER
 IN ABBEVILLE DISTRICT, SC**

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday March 19, 1858, p. 2, col. 7

DIED,

On Thursday, 11th inst. [March 11, 1858], at the Poor House, Mr. Pollard Brown, the last Revolutionary War soldier in Abbeville District.

How sad to think a soldier brave,
 Who fought his country's battle long,
 Should die and fill a pauper's grave—
 "Unwept, unhonored, and unsung."

Had he been rich what great display;
 How many tears of sorrow shed.
 But few did wipe his tears away,
 And none to cheer his dying bed.

Soldier, farewell! Rest, rest in peace;
 Your deeds of valor are forgot.
 But there's an hour when sorrow cease,
 Though pain and suffering were here thy lot. M. M. A

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION RECORD OF GEORGE T. SLOAN,
 RESIDENT OF LAURENS DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322
 Source: Revolutionary War Pension File W22231/BLWT 31713-160-55

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} On the 22nd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before J S Richardson one of the Judges of the court of common pleas, now setting for the District aforesaid, George T. Sloan a resident of the District aforesaid, George T. Sloan a resident of the District of Laurens District of So. Carolina aged 76 years the 3rd Dec last, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. He entered the American Naval service in the following named ships and officers. Soon after a cruise of the Fair American was out, to wit the 16th September 1778, he entered on board on the Trumbull Frigate Captain Nickolson commander then lying in the Harbor of Boston, as sergeant of marines, bound for a cruise, in company with the Dean Frigate. In latitude of Cape fell in with and scattered a fleet of transports and critically bound for New York, made seven prizes and brought the whole safe into Boston Harbor. This cruise lasted 8 months. So soon as the Trumbull reached the Harbor this Declarant was first ashore in company with and under the command of Lieut. Tho^s Allen on this recruiting service until the return of the Trumbull from a second cruise which it made and return^d the 20 August 1779, making in the whole 11 months & 10 days Shortly afterwards to wit the 1st Sept this Declarant repaired on board the Trumbull for another cruise as sergeant of marines, and started again in company of the Dean Frigate from which Frigate we soon parted in a squall. We soon afterward fell in with and engaged the Watt a letter of mark from Liverpool. In this engagement which lasted about 21 minutes, we ran under her larboard quarter to board & here this Declarant was wounded by a boarding pike severely

This action was not successful. Both vessels hauled off to refit & did not resume the fight. While on this cruise we captured a ship and Brig bound from Hallifax to New York and this Declarant, being a practical navigator, was ordered on board the prize Brig Hannah with 8 hands Tho^s Wilson master with orders to run her safe into the port of St. Eustacia in the W. Indies, but being drawn off by contrary winds before the port could be reached, we were so closely chased by two of the British cruisers, the prize was run ashore on that Island, however, and by taking to our boat, escaped on shore. This was between the 20th Dec^r [sic, Sept^r] 1779 & 21 Jan'y 1780 making a cruise of three months and three weeks. From this place this Declarant & crew soon sailed for Boston on a merchant vessel. And having no more of the Trumbull, supposed from the leaky condition in left her that she was lost. This declarant on the 20th Jan'y 1780 entered on board the Ranger Sloop of War, Capt. Simpson, commander, as gunners mate, bound on a cruise to the Southward, in company with the Frigates Boston, Providence & Queen of France. In the Gulph stream we were chased by a British fleet of 10 sail into Charleston Harbor. And there surrendered with the city the 12 May 1780. From which place he escaped in a short time into the country and had no more an opportunity to join the service. This last was a service of 3 months and 20 days-making the whole of my service in the Revolution over 3 years 8 months & 22 days.

This Declarant was born in the city of Cork Ireland—has a record of his age taken off his Father's Family Bible when he left Ireland since entered his own Family Bible. Joined the first American vessel at sea the ^{next} in Boston—after the war was over he followed the sea for a number of years, then settled in Spartanburg District So Carolina where he lived 25 or 30 years, then removed into adjoining District, Laurens, where he now lives & has lived for the last 15 years—never rec^d a discharged—Knows no one

who can testify to his service from their personal Knowledge.

This Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except this present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the Agency of any State.

Parson Joshua Gilbert and Gen^l Thomas Wright can testify as to Declarants character for veracity and their belief of his service as a Revolutionary seaman (Signed) George T Sloan
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court John Garlington Clk}

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} Mr Joshua Gilbert Clergyman residing in the District and State aforesaid and Thomas Wright residing in the same State and District do hereby certify that they are well acquainted with George T. Sloan who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and that we believe he is 76 years of age; that he represented and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Seaman of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court} Joshua Gilbert

John Garlington, Clk Tho^s Wright

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation prescribed by the War Department of the matter and after causing the interrogations prescribed by the War Department to be put that the above named applicant was a Seaman of the Revolution and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Joshua Gilbert who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the State and District aforesaid and that Thomas Wright who also signed the same is a resident in the District and state aforesaid, are creditable persons and their statement is entitled to credit.
J S Richardson Judge

I, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of George T. Sloan for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal of office this 22d day of October 1833.

John Garlington Clk Laurens Dist

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} Personally appeared R T Simpson and made oath that he drew the declaration that was originally sent in for George T Sloan a Revolutionary Seaman—that he drew the appended one for him, and not being apprised at the time the amended one was drawn that the Department required the original Declaration to be returned with the amended one he directed the said Sloan that the original one was of no further use. It was thrown in the fire and destroyed. This deponent believes the last to be no wise differing from the first except in being more particular in setting forth the times of service
R. T. Simpson

Sworn to and subscribed the 25th October 1833 John Garlington Clk

War Department Pension Office December 2d 1833

Sir

The declaration of George T. Sloan has been examined, and is herewith returned, that the applicant may be enabled to furnish due evidence which shall go to sustain his claim for service on board the Trumbull. The other service set forth is inadmissible.

I am, respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant, J. L. Edwards Comm^r of Pensions

[Editor's Note: George T. Sloan was enrolled on the South Carolina Pension Rolls as No. 23662 (Book E Vol. 6 Page 80) for his service as a Sergeant of Marines on the Frigate Trumbull at the rate of \$56.66 per year. He received a lump sum of \$169.98 for arrears from June 7, 1832 to March 4, 1834. We will learn that he died 9 June 1836 from his widow's pension application below.]

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS OF MARY SLOAN, WIDOW OF GEORGE T. SLOAN

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

Source: Revolutionary War Pension File W22231/BLWT 31713-160-55

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} On this the 3d day of June 1844 personally appeared before me Job Johnston one of the Judges of the Court of Equity of the said State in open Court Mary Sloan the deponent who now resides in Laurens District and is in the Seventy first year of her age who being first duly sworn according to law doth the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay to certain widows" That she is the widow of George T Sloan who was a private in the army of the revolution [sic, He was sergeant of marines in the Navy of the Revolution] and a pensioner at the time of his death, and that the proof of his service is on file in the proper office at Washington.

She further declares that she was married to the said George T. Sloan on the twentieth day of November One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three and that the said George T. Sloan her husband died on the Ninth day of June One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Six that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January One thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four, viz at the time above stated. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before

before me J Johnston

Mary (her x mark) Sloan

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Dianah Smith makes oath before me that she was present at the marriage of the within named declarant Mary Sloan with her late husband George T. Sloan. That the marriage was celebrated by W^m Smith Esqr then an acting Magistrate but she cannot remember distinctly the date of the marriage. I further certify on satisfactory representation to the credibility of the deponent Dianah Smith

Sworn to and Subscribed

Dianah (her x mark) Smith

before me June 4, 1844 J Johnston}

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} Martha White makes [oath] that she is the sister of Mary Sloan the declarant and is about four years older. That the said Mary was born in May 1774 according to the family understanding and was married about the eighteenth year of her age The deponent was present at the marriage with Mary Sloan then Mary Smith to George T. Sloan. That the ceremony was performed by W^m Smith Esqr an acting Magistrate. I further certify on satisfactory representation to the credibility of the deponent Martha White

Sworn to and Subscribed

Martha (her x mark) White

before me June 4, 1844 J Johnston}

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} I do certify that I have long been acquainted with Mrs. Patsey White the wife of Hugh White and with Dianna Smith the widow of Elijah Smith. That Mrs. White is the sister of Mrs. Polly Sloan and Mrs. Smith is the sister in law. That these ladies are of the most undoubted good character are entitled to full faith and credit

Given under my hand Nov^r 1844

W. W. Harris

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Personally before me, Job Johnston one of the Judges of the Court of Equity for the State aforesaid, Rachel Page, who makes oath that she was present at the marriage of George T. Sloan and the within declarant, Mary Sloan, the widow of George T. Sloan, that said marriage was solemnized about or before the 20th Nov 1793, by W^m Smith Esqr. in Spartanburg

District. I further certify on satisfactory representation to the credibility of the deponent Rachel Page. Sworn to and Subscribed before me June 3, 1844 J. Johnston}

Rachel (her x mark) Page

I certify that I have long been acquainted with Mrs. Page, the wife of James Page, who is a sister of Mrs. Sloan now applying for a Pension and that Mrs. Page is of the most undoubted good character and is entitled to full faith and credit, equally with any body in this district.

Given under my hand Nov^r 1844

H. J. Dean

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Mrs. Martha White personally makes oath before [me] in addition to her former deposition that she well remembers that William Aylmer Sloan the oldest son of Geo T Sloan and Mary his wife was born about eight months after the marriage at which Deponent was present and that the said William was always considered in the family as a seven month child

Sworn to & subscribed before me

29th Sep^r 1845 H. J. Dean Not Pub}

Martha (her x mark) White

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Mrs. Rachel Page personally makes oath before me in addition to her former deposition that she remembers that William Aylmer Sloan the oldest son of George T Sloan and Mary his wife was born in a little over Eight months after the marriage of said Thomas [sic] and Mary and that the said William, who is still living, was always considered in the family as seven months child. She also further states that she was married in June 1803 and that from that time she has always so held and believed that she was married short of ten years of her sister Mary Sloan, from June till the next November

Sworn to & subscribed before me

29th Sep^r 1845 H. J. Dean Not Pub}

Rachel (her x mark) Page

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Alfred Sloan makes oath before me that his father George T Sloan died the 9th June 1836. That he lived in the family and is well satisfied that his memory is correct to the time of the decease

Sworn to & subscribed before me

29th Sep^r 1845 H. J. Dean Not Pub}

Alfred (his x mark) Sloan

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Alfred Sloan makes oath before me that the record of the marriage of Geo T Sloan and Mary Sloan and the births of a part of the children is a leaf from the family Bible and he believes in his fathers hand writing This deponent says he has seen the record in the Bible and knows it was torn out and it was supposed to be lost. But upon being informed of its importance he made a thorough search for it and found it among some loose papers crammed into a hole in the Wall of the House

Sworn to & subscribed before me

29th Sep^r 1845 H. J. Dean Not Pub}

Alfred (his x mark) Sloan

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} Personally came before me Isaac Smith & Ralph Smith & made oath in due form of Law that they were personally acquainted with George T. Sloan deceased and that they were well acquainted with his hand writing & that they believe the within notions^s to be his hand writing

Sworn to & Subscribed before me

this 6th August 1845 GWH Legg, magistrate}

Isaac Smith

Ralph Smith

I certify that Rachel Page Alfred Sloan and Martha White are persons of good character and entitled to credit on oath Given under my hand 29th Sep^r 1845

H. J. Dean Not Pub

[Editor's Note: The recovered family record mention in the second deposition of Alfred Sloan above was

included in these pension papers. This leaf had suffered some dark splotches and some severe fading. An effort has been made below to transcribe this record. Words and letters that were supplied by context are enclosed by square brackets and unreadable letters and dates are indicated by empty square brackets. This record will be used in a reconstruction of the family of George T. and Mary Smith Sloan on p. xx below.]

George Th[] Sloan and Mary his wife w[ere] married t[he] 20th day of November [in the] year of our Lord [year obliterated] [The next line has a couple of clear words but the whole is unintelligible.] Edward Thomson Sloan their Son was born the 28th day of May in the years of our Lord 1809 William [] Sloan their Son was born the 26th day of July in the year of our Lord [] George Allen Sloan their Son was born the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord [] Catherine Sloan their daughter was born the 24th day of December in the year of Lord 1798 Thomas Sanford Sloan their Son was born the 21st day of October in the year of our Lord 1800 Jean Sloan their Daughter was born the 7th day of Nov^r 1802

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} On the Fourth day of June 1855 personally appeared before me, a magistrate within and for the District and State aforesaid Mrs. Mary Sloan aged Eighty years a resident of the District and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of George T. Sloan who was a sergeant of marines in the war of the Revolution and on account of whose services she is on the receipt of an annual pension of fifty six (\$56) dollars. She further states that she married to the said George T. Sloan in Seventeen hundred 74[sic] the Twentieth day of November and that her name before marriage was Mary Smith that her said husband died at her present residence on the 9th day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty six that she is now a widow.

She now refers for the particulars of her said husband's services and for the proof of her marriage, upon which she obtained a pension as above stated.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining bounty land to which she may be entitled under Act of March 3^d 1855, never having receiving nor applying for bounty land under this or any other Act of Congress except as above stated.

William Hunt of Washington City D. C. is hereby authorized as my Attorney to prosecute this claim and to receive any warrant or certificate which may be issued hereon. Mary (her mark) Sloan

Personally came the two persons, whose names are herewith subscribed, residents of Laurens District in the State aforesaid, who upon oath declare that they are personally well acquainted with Mrs. Mary Sloan and saw her Sign the foregoing declaration, that they knew her to be the identical person therein represented, and that she is now a widow and that we have no interest in this claim.

T. B. Snow {Seal} M A L Snow {Seal}

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to before subscribing before me, this 4th day of June 1855, and I certify that I believe the claimant to be identical person she represents herself to be, that the witnesses are credible persons and that they have no interest in this claim

Seaborn Parks magistrate

[Editor's Note: A record in her file indicates that Mary Sloan was awarded 160 acres of bounty land, but it does not disclose the location of the land.]

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} On this 29th day of May A. D. 1866 personally appeared before me Daniel Fowler a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid Richard E. Sloan age 54 years before me Daniel Fowler a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid Charles S. Sloan aged 47 years and Martha Sloan aged 60 years residents of Greenville So. Ca. near Buena Vista P. O. who being duly Sworn by me according to law declare that they are the children and

heirs at law of **Mary Sloan** dec'd who was a pensioner of the United States from Laurens District S. Ca. on the roll at the agency at Charleston So. Ca. and whose pension certificate returned No. 4616 dated 28th March 1844 recorded page 303 rol 2. and that their mother **Mary Sloan died on the 19th March 1864** near Buena Vista P. O. at the residence of her daughter Martha Sloan and that from the first day of January 1861 She resided with Martha Sloan her daughter up to the time of her death near her place of residence above mentioned and that at the time of her death She was to the best of her knowledge and belief 91 years of age and that She was Supported during the rebellion up to her death by her grand Son Thomas B. Snow and further swears that their mother was bitterly opposed to the rebellion and they often heard her express her opposition to the war, and spoke of Washingtons Farewell address advising the States to remain in Union and always Said that Secession would invoke ruin. And that they cannot be positive in regard to when She last drew her pension that her son Alfred Sloan managed the matter for her and that he is Since dead and that they do not believe that She drew any of her pension after 1859. That about 1860 her vouchers were made out and forwarded by B. T. Brockman of Reidville or Cashville So. Ca. who reported to them that the papers were lost on it that they would never get anything more for the old lady and that if anything was drawn for their mother after 1859 they do not believe She ever got it and that B. T. Brockman is now dead. And they further swear that they all were opposed to the Secession of the South from the Union and that they never encouraged the rebellion or manifested any Sympathy for the cause and that they further swear that two of them Martha Sloan and Charles S. Sloan live twelve miles from Greenville C. H. and that Richard E. Sloan lives fifteen miles from the C. H. and that it would be very inconvenient for them to go there to appear before a court of record to make this application and that they have no acquaintances about there who could give evidence in regard to their case and that they hope this application made before a magistrate who is their neighbor will be Satisfactory to the Pension office. And they further swear that they make this application for themselves and for **Catherine Westmoreland a widow 68 years** of Spartanburgh District and **Mary Ann Reignolds [sic, Reynolds] aged 50 years** also of Spartanburgh **their Sisters** and the **daughters of Mary Sloan**

This application is made for the purpose of Securing a restoration of their mothers name to the Pension rolls of drawing all the arrears that may be due from the time of her last payment up to the time of her death and of obtaining a new Pension certificate for Such amounts may be due to their mother reference being made to the proof heretofore filed in the Pension office to Substantiate her original claim

Richard E. Sloan Charles S (his x mark) Sloan Martha Sloan

Also appeared Mary Fowler and Mary Ann Snow residents of Greenville District So. Ca. persons whom I certify to be of the highest respectability and entitled to full credit and who being duly sworn by me Say that they were present and Saw Richard E. Sloan Charles S. Sloan and Martha Sloan Sign or make their mark to the above declaration and they further [state?] that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicants and from long personal acquaintance with them that they are the identical persons they represent themselves to be and they know the applicants to be the children of Mary Sloan and that Mary Sloan was pensioner of the United States and Mary Ann Snow Swears She often saw her papers made out to draw her pension and that Mary Sloan did die on the 19th March 1864, and that She continued the widow of George T Sloan up to the time her death and that she was very old when She died and Mary Ann Snow was present at her burial in Laurens District and Mrs. Snow Swears that She often heard [her] express her opposition to the war and Mrs. Fowler who is a near neighbor never heard her encouraging the rebels or manifesting a Sympathy with their cause and that Mary Sloan lived from the first of January 1861 and for years before with Martha Sloan her

daughter and was supported by T. B. Snow and that they are neighbors of the present applicants and never heard that they manifested any Sympathy with the Rebels or encouraged them in any way, and that they are of good character and that they do live the distance Stated from the C. H. and they further Swear that they have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim

Mary Fowler Mary Ann Snow

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 29th day of May 1866 and I hereby certify that the declaration was read over to the applicants before Signing & I certify that I am personally acquainted with the applicants and know them to be children of Mary Sloan and I certify that She was a pensioner and that she executed her papers before me as a Magistrate for Several years before the war and I believe she died the time stated in the declaration and I further certify that I have always understood that Mary Sloan and the applicants were opposed to the war & I certify that I have no interest whatever in this claim

Daniel Fowler M G D

[Editor's Note: On May 29, 1866 (the same date as the depositions above), Richard E., Charles S. and Martha Sloan were required to sign an Oath of Allegiance to the United States. On the same date these Sloan siblings appointed A. S. Wallace of York District their attorney to prosecute their claim against the United States for arrears of pension due to their mother. On August 17, 1866 Richard E. Sloan, whose age on this date was stated as 55 years, appeared before Robert McKay. The latter was Judge of the Court of Ordinary of Greenville District, SC, a court of record. Richard E. Sloan declared that he was the duly appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Mary Sloan, and in this court of record he appointed A. S. Wallace of York District to be his lawful attorney to prosecute the claim for pension arrears due his mother. Mary Sloan was indeed restored to the United States pension roll. The following is quoted from a paper from the Pension Office: "Claim is allowed at the rate of \$56.66 per An[num] to commence Sept 4 1860, and to end March 19 1864, when pensioner died, the arrears to be paid to Richard E Sloan, Administrator, for the use and benefits of the surviving loyal children of Mary Sloan, and to the loyal grandchildren by a deceased child, if any."

Name and residence of Agent: A. S. Wallace, Esqr, Yorkville, S. C."

EDWARD YEARGUIN AND WIFE KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN PENDLETON DISTRICT

Source: Charleston *Courier*, issue of Thursday, July 14, 1825

BETHESDA, (Pendleton District, S. C.) June 23 [1825]

Awful Catastrophe.—On Saturday the 18th inst. EDWARD YEARGUIN and RACHEL, his wife, were both killed by a stream of electricity, or lightning. The cloud rose in the North-west, between 2 and 3 o'clock P. M. and came with great velocity, while awful thunder rolled across the atmosphere incessantly, and vivid lightnings flashed from pole to pole with impetuous velocity, and seem to threaten destruction wherever it should it come. Near the close of the rain, the lightning struck the top of Mr. Yearguin's house, and shattered it through and proceeded on the inside of the roof to about the middle, thence it turned down the roof, until it struck the wall, and down the wall to the door, where he was standing—observing the rain fall. He fell, alas! He fell to rise no more! His lady was sitting in a chair, near the back end of the house, and their children were betwixt them. He fell backward on the floor, and she sat a corpse in her chair, both silent witnesses of the power of God. I arrived at the house in about 15 minutes, and when I entered the door, I was almost petrified with astonishment. There lay the slain! there lay their affectionate children, all (except the one who ran to tell the news) hurt so as to be unable to tell the news. 'Twas the amazing mercy of God that they were not all killed. There was a house of mourning! There truly was the mansion of sorrow!

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, Bundle 67, Package 9, Estate of George T. Sloan, deceased (1837), William A. Sloan, Administrator

Petition for Letters of Administration

[Contributor's Note: No petition papers for Letters of Administration were found in this estate file.]

Citation to Kindred and Creditors of George T. Sloan

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} By W. D. Watts, Esquire Ordinary of Laurens District

Whereas William A Sloan has applied to me for *Letters of Administration*, on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of George T Sloan late of the aforesaid district, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Ordinary's Court for the said district, to be holden at Laurens Court House on the second Thursday in this month, to shew cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and Seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and in the Year of American Independence, Sixty first

William D. Watts J. C. O. L. D [Judge, Court of Ordinary Laurens District]

Published By me this Day February the 4th 1837 W [?] Gilbert

Published by me this 5th of February 1837 Elijah Ray

Administration Bond on the Estate of George T. Sloan (February 11, 1837)

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} Know all men by these presents, that we William A Sloan, Zadoc F. Smith, and John Hughs Sen are holden and firmly bound unto William D. Watts, Esquire, Ordinary for the District of Laurens in the full and just sum of six hundred Dollars, lawful money of this State ... dated this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven ...

William A Sloan Zadoc F Smith John (his mark) Hughs

Order For the Sale of Personal Property of George T. Sloan (February 11, 1837)

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} By W. D. Watts, Esq. Ordinary of Laurens District

Whereas William A Sloan Administrator of the Goods and Chattels of George T Sloan deceased has petitioned the Court for liberty to sell the personal property of said estate; and it appearing proper, upon due investigation, to grant the prayer of said petition.

These are therefore to permit and empower the said William A Sloan to expose to sale at public outcry the property of said estate, which may have come into his hands, ... Given under my hand and seal, this Eleventh day of February Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

William D. Watts J. C. O. L. D

Warrent of Appraisement of Personal Property of George T. Sloan (February 11, 1837)

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District}

By W. D. Watts, Esq. Ordinary of said District

These are to authorise and empower you, or any three of you, whose names here underwritten, to repair unto all parts and places within this State, as you shall be directed unto by William A Sloan Administrator of the goods and chattels, credits of George T Sloan late of said District deceased, wheresoever ... shown unto you by said William A Sloan ... to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and cause the same to be returned under your hand, or three or four of you, unto the said William A Sloan. Witness William D Watts Esq. O L D [11th day of February 1837]

[The men named to be appraisers were Joseph Brown, Zadoc F Smith, John Hughs Sen', Moses Hughs and William Gilbert. In a memorandum dated 13th of February 1837 Zadoc F Smith, John Hugh and William Gilbert were sworn by Joseph Brown, one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in Laurens District, to appraise the personal property of George T. Sloan.]

Appraisement Bill

[No appraisement bill was found in this estate file.]

Sale Bill For the Personal Property of George T. Sloan (undated)

[The total amount brought by the sale was smudged on the copy but appears to be \$372.67 3/4. The sale clerk was Z. F. Smith, who alphabetized the buyers' names. Those names will be listed below, but the items bought and their purchase price will be omitted here. These people were likely near neighbors.]

Joseph Brown	Brinkly Clifton	Thomas Edwards	John Edwards
Westwood Ford	Beverly B Garrett	William Gilbert	Lacy Griffith
Samuel B. Hill	John Hughes	William Hasten	Durham Johnson
Jacob Pennington	W. G. Roberts	Thomas H Roberts	Thomas Roberts
George A Sloan	Alfred Sloan	Mary Sloan	Thomas Sloan
Martha Sloan	Mary Sloan Jun'	John Smith	Z. F. Smith]

Final Settlement of Personal Estate of George T. Sloan

[No final settlement papers and no listing of distributees were found in this estate file.]

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County, SC} Probate Court, Real Estate Book 1826-1868, p. 263, Box 4, Binder 13, George Sloan (1859) *Ex Parte* Richard E. Sloan Petition to Sell Real Estate

[State of South Carolina] Laurens [District]} In the Court of Ordinary To Wm. H. Langston Esq' Ordinary for the District aforesaid The petition of Richard E. Sloan respectfully sheweth that George T. Sloan of the district and State aforesaid departed this life about twenty years ago intestate seized and possessed in fee simple of a small tract of Land situate in said district bounded by lands [of] Jones Edwards Sterling Hughes & others containing one hundred and forty acres more or less and does not exceed one thousand dollars in value; that the deceased left the following persons as his distributees to wit: Mary Sloan wife of the said George Sloan William A Sloan Catharine the wife of Robert Westmoreland George A. Sloan Jane the wife of Durham Johnson Thomas Sloan Henry B. Sloan Mary the wife of Richard Spander[*sic*, later Sparrow in this same document] Martha F. Sloan Edward T. Sloan Alfred B. Sloan and Charles S. Sloan children of the said deceased amongst whom said land is subject to partition one third to the widow of said deceased and the remaining two thirds to the children share and share alike; wherefore your petitioner prays that said land may be partitioned according to law between him and the parties in interest above named And your petitioner will ever pray & so forth [petition was undated] Richard Sloan

The State of South Carolina, Laurens District} To Dr. W. M. Hunter Spurgeon Cox and Moses Hughs You are hereby required with a surveyor if necessary to go upon the land described in a writ of Summons where in Richard E. Sloan is applicant and Mary Sloan & others defendants and divide the

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same between the parties in interest . . . Given under my hand and Seal 5th Aug. 1859 W. H. Langston
State of South Carolina, Laurens District We the commissioners M. A. Hunter, Spurgeon Cox &
 Moses Hughs named in the writ to divide the Land between Mary Sloan Richard Sloan et al . . . think
 it not will be in the interest of all parties interested to divide the same. We value the aforesaid land at
 \$2.00 per acre and recommend it be sold in one tract on the first Monday of Oct next on a credit of
 twelve months with interest from day of sale.

Given under our hands and seals August 16th 1859 M. A. Hunter Moses Hughs I. S. Cox
State of South Carolina, Laurens District In Ordinary To Mary Sloan Catharine Westmoreland
 wife of Robert Westmoreland Marth Sloan Alfred B. Sloan Mary wife of **Richard Sparrow** Charles
 S. Sloan & Richard Sloan Legal heirs and Representatives of George T Sloan who departed this life
 intestate You and each of you are hereby required to be and appear at the Court of Ordinary to be
 holden at Laurens Court House on the 20th day this inst. to shew cause if any you can why the real estate
 of George T. Sloan . . . should not be divided or sold . . . 5th August 1859 W H Langston O. L. D.

I accept the Service of the within Summons[.] R E Sloan M A Snow Martha C. Sloan Mary (her mark)
 Sloan Charles S Sloan, Alfred B Sloan **Mary Runnels, Willis Runnels** [sic, Mary's name has changed
 again! Willis Runnels will be both Richard Reynolds and W. D. Reynolds (p. 119 below) in the final settlement
 of Mary Sloan's estate.], Robert Westmoreland, Catharine Westmoreland
 [Order for sale was set for 2nd Sept 1859.]

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville County, SC} Probate Court, Apt 21, File 1, Estate of Alfred B. Sloan, deceased (1862), T.
 B. Snow, Administrator

[Contributor's Note: It is not my purpose here to display the entire file for this case. I want only to document
 the date of death of Alfred B. Sloan. Said date will be used to identify his place of burial and his date of birth.
 See page 122 below.]

Petition for Letters of Administration (January 31, 1862)

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District} To Robert McKay Ordinary Greenville District
 The humble petition of [left blank] sheweth that **Alfred B. Sloan departed this life** the 27th day of
January inst. Intestate, as your petitioner believes leaving some personal property subject to decay and
 waste and many Debts

Your petitioner prays Letters of Administration in said Estate. And your petitioner will ever pray
 etc This 31st Jan. A. D. 1862 T. B. Snow

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville County, SC} Probate Court, Apt 27, File 8, Estate of Mary Sloan, deceased (1864), Richard
 E. Sloan. Administrator

Petition for Letters of Administration (August 2, 1866)

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District} To Robert McKay Ordinary Greenville District
 The petition of Richard E. Sloan Sheweth that **Mary Sloan** departed this life on the 19th day of
March 1864 intestate, as your petitioner believes, leaving a personal estate of considerable amount, to
 wit: the value of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars, and owing debts Your petitioner therefore prays that
 you will grant him Letters of Administration on all And Singular the goods and chattels, rights and
 credits of the said deceased. And your petitioner will ever pray, etc

This 2nd day of August A. D. 1866 Richard E Sloan

[Contributor's Note: Not all the papers that appear in this file will be used here. I will select papers of the final
 settlement of her estate in order to disclose the disposition the heirs of Mary Sloan in 1867 and 1868.]

Petition for Final Settlement of Estate (October 9, 1867)

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} To S. J. Douthit Ordinary of Greenville District

The humble petition of Richard E. Sloan Sheweth that he is the administrator of the Estate of Mary
 Sloan, that he is desirous of making a Final Settlement of said Estate as soon as practicable and prays
 that you will take such steps as the law requires to effect said Settlement

The following are the heirs of said deceased

who live in the State	[and those]	Living beyond the State
1 Catharine Westmoreland	6	The heirs of George A Sloan, deceased
2 Martha Sloan	7	The heirs Henry R Sloan, deceased
3 Mary Reynolds & husband Richard Reynolds	8	The heirs of Edward T. Sloan, deceased
4 Charles Sloan	9	Thomas S Sloan
5 William A Sloan deceased heirs	10	Jane Johnson & Durham Johnson

[Note: Richard E. Sloan did not include himself in this list.]

Your Petitioner prays that you will cite the above to appear on some stated day for Final Settlement.
 This 9th day of Oct A. D. 1867 R E Sloan

9th Oct 1867, on hearing the above it is ordered that the above parties be cited to appear on the 9th day
 of January next to show cause if any they can why a Final Settlement of the Estate of Mary Sloan,
 deceased should not be had S. J. Douthit O G D

Citation of Heirs to Appear in Court for Final Settlement of Estate (October 9, 1867)

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} In Ordinary. In the Matter of a Final Settlement of the
 Estate of Mary Sloan, deceased, To Catharine Westmoreland, Martha Sloan, Mary Reynolds, Richard
 Reynolds, and Charles Sloan You are hereby required to appear at a Court of Ordinary to be holden
 for Greenville District at Greenville Court House, on the Ninth day of January next, A. D. 1868 to shew
 cause, if any you have why a Final Settlement of the Personal Estate of Mary Sloan deceased should not
 be had, and a Decree given thereon; or your consent, in failing to attend, will be entered of record.
 9th day of October A. D. 1867 S. J. Douthit O G D

[Contributor's Note: The heirs of William A Sloan were not cited, though they were living within the state.]

Receipt of Service of Citation by Some of the Heirs (January 9, 1868)

Mary Sloan's Estate, Citation for Final Settlement
 Richard E Sloan Admr, Applicant, vs Catharine Westmoreland, Martha Sloan, Mary Reynolds, Richard
 Reynolds, Chas Sloan Defendants [These names were written by the Ordinary, S. J. Douthit.]
 We hereby acknowledge the service of a citation for the 9th of January 1868: Charles S. Sloan, Martha
 C Sloan, Mary Reynolds, W D Reynolds, Catharine Westmoreland
 [Note that Martha signed her name with the middle initial C, and also note that the given name of Mary's
 husband is signed as W D and not Richard. These names would be signed by the individual.]

Final Settlement of Mary Sloan's Estate (January 9, 1868)

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} In the Court of Ordinary
 This was the day appointed for final settlement. Non residents were cited by paper, residents by
 personal citations. The Admr appeared and made the above Return, showing his indebtedness to be
 after deducting all necessary expenses and commissions Eighty Six 68/100 Dollars. Ordered that he
 pay the said amount as the Law directs. This 9th day of January A. D. 1867 [sic, 1868].
 S. J. Douthit O G D

[Contributor's Note: A detailed account of Richard E. Sloan's Final Return will be omitted here, except
 for the following excerpts:

1868 Jan 9

To due Estate this day among 11 heirs [\$]86.68
each ones share [\$]7.88

paid W. D. Reynolds his share	7.88
paid Martha Sloan her share	7.88
paid Catherine Westmoreland her share	7.88
paid Charles S Sloan his share	7.88
retained by Richard E Sloan his share	7.88
paid Heirs of Elizabeth Sloan share	7.88

These were the heirs residing in South Carolina. Comparing this list with the in-state heirs above, one is entitled to conclude that Elizabeth Sloan would be the widow of William A. Sloan.]

LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens County, SC} Probate Court, Real Estate Book 1826-1868, p. 298, Box 4, Binder 28 (1866)
Alfred B. Sloan

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} In Ordinary Richard Sloan vs Charles Sloan and others
To Charles Sloan Catharine Westmoreland wife of Robert Westmoreland Mary wife of Richard [sic]
Runnels [See the list below.] Martha Sloan children of you are hereby required to appear in the Court
of Ordinary to be holden at Laurens C. H. on the 18th day of December next A D 1866 to shew cause
if any you can why the real estate of Alfred B. Sloan situate in Laurens District on the waters of Enoree
river bounded by lands of Stephen Griffin John Todd & others containing one hundred & fifty acres
be the same more or less should not be sold and the proceeds divided between the legal heirs of Alfred
B. Sloan dec'd Given under my hand & seal of office 18th day of Sept 1866 W A. Langston O. L. D.

We accept the service of the within summons and consent to the sale of the said land[.]

Richard E. Sloan Charles S. Sloan Martha Sloan Catherine Westmoreland W. D. Reynolds, Mary
Reynolds J. S. Sloan, Tho^s G. Sloan, A. B. Sloan, M. C. (her mark) Sloan, G. T. W (his mark)
Sloan

[The last five distributees here would have to be children of William A. Sloan, whose heirs (unnamed)
were listed as living in state in Mary Sloan's estate papers above.]

OBITUARY OF MAJOR MICHAEL DICKSON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN AND RESIDENT OF PENDLETON DISTRICT

Source: Charleston *Courier*, issue of Wednesday, September 14, 1825, p. 2, col. 5

DIED, on the 19th ult. [August 19, 1825] at his residence in Pendleton District, after a short and
painful illness, Major MICHAEL DICKSON, in the ninety-fifth year of his age. Major Dickson was a
native of Ireland, and came to America with his father at the age of five years, to the State of
Pennsylvania. Previous to his settling in South Carolina, he had been one of the opposers of the Stamp
Act, and amongst the foremost to resent his country's wrongs. In the year 1777, he received a captaincy
for his service of Georgia, and on his return to South Carolina, was promoted to a majority. He was in
many battles, had several shot passed through his clothes, but never received a wound. Major Dickson
was a humble christian, a member of the Presbyterian Church, in full communion about seventy five
years, and a ruling elder sixty years.—His character through life was exemplary, and died hoping for a
glorious resurrection.—*Pendleton, (S. C.) Messenger*

FAMILY RECORD OF GEORGE T. SLOAN (1756-1836) RECONSTRUCTED

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Sources: Revolutionary pension application for George T. Sloan and for his widow Mary Sloan
(W22231/BLWT31713-160-55); see pp. 109-115 above, Probate Court records from Laurens and
Greenville Counties, SC; see pp. 116-120 above, federal censuses, other specific sources and references
noted in the text below.

GEORGE T. SLOAN

Born: 3 December 1756, Cork, Ireland

Died: 9 June 1836, Laurens District, South Carolina

Served as Sergeant of Marine in American Revolutionary War

His parents: Unknown to this contributor

Burial: (no record; most probably Laurens District, South Carolina)

Married: 20 November 1793, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

MARY SMITH

Born: May 1774, Virginia (See p. 124 below)

Died: 19 March 1864, near Buena Vista P.O., Greenville County, South Carolina

Her parents: Charles Smith and Catharine Rhodes Smith

(See pp. 124-125 below for the Charles Smith family record.)

Burial: Laurens District, South Carolina (See p. 114 above.)

Their Children:

1. **William Aylmer Sloan** Born: 26 July 1794 (p. 112 above, testimony that he was born a little
over eight months after his parents' marriage)
Died: after 17 Sept 1847 (Laurens District land deed to William Smith for
147 1/2 acres on Enoree River) and before the 1850 census)

Wife: Elizabeth Rector, born abt 1803, probably Greenville District, SC—died after 1870 census,
probably in Oconee County, SC. She and her family of children were enumerated in the 1850
Greenville District, SC. Her age was given as then as 47, and the age of her youngest child, Simeon, was
3 years. The family removed to Pickens District, SC and appeared there in the 1860 census. Elizabeth
made her last census appearance (under the abbreviation Elis Sloan) in the 1870 Oconee County
enumeration. She is probably buried in Oconee County. Her maiden name was provided by the death
certificate (#13848, year 1925, Greenville County, SC) of her son S. G. Sloan. [See this *Quarterly*, issue of
February 2004, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, pp 25-27 for the family of Rev. Lewis Rector, whose daughter Elizabeth was
the wife of William Sloan.]

2. **George Allen Sloan** Born: 23 February 1796 (the last digit assumes single births)
Died: before 9 October 1867 (p. 119 above)

A search of the federal censuses of 1850 located George A. Sloan in Paulding County, Georgia, the
986th District, where he was listed as a 52-year old farmer from S. C.

Wife: Rebecca, age 47, SC. His daughter Jane, age 12, was the oldest child born in Georgia

3. **Catharine Sloan** Born: 24 December 1798
Died: after 1880 census of Spartanburg County, SC

Husband: Robert Westmoreland, born: abt 1795, per 1850 Spartanburg District, SC census; abt 1798,
per 1860 Spartanburg District census—died: between 5 November 1862 (date he signed his will) and 21
April 1865 (date will was proven in Spartanburg District, SC Probate Court).

4. **Thomas Sanford Sloan** Born: 21 October 1800
Died: after the 1870 census of Hall County, Georgia
A federal census search found Thomas S. Sloan enumerated in the 1870 Hall County, Ga census, age 69, SC. Back tracking to the 1860 census, he would be the T. S. Sloan, age 59, SC in Hall County, Ga. **Wife: Malinda** was age 59 in 1860, age 60 in 1870, and age 70, in the household of her son James P. Sloan in the 1880 Hall County, Ga census. It appears that her husband had died before the 1880 census. The family of Thomas Sanford Sloan was not found in the 1850 censuses.

5. **Jean (Jane) Sloan** Born: 7 November 1802
Died: after 1880 census of Cobb County, Georgia
Her husband **Durham Johnson** was identified in the Real Estate settlement in 1859 (p. 117 above) for George T. Sloan and in the petition for final settlement of his wife Mary's estate in 1867 (p. 119 above). This couple was enumerated in the 1850 Cobb County, Ga; both then being listed as 47 years old. They appeared in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses for Cobb County. They very likely died there.

6. **Henry B. Sloan** Born: about 1804
Died: after 1859 and before 1867
No trace of Henry B. Sloan was found in thorough searches of the 1850 and 1860 censuses. He was reported as one on the distributees of George T. Sloan in 1859 (p. 117 above), and his heirs (unnamed) were listed in the final settlement of the estate of his mother in 1867 (p. 119 above).

7. **Martha C. Sloan** Born: 1806
Died: after 1880 Greenville County, SC census
Martha's year of birth is inferred from a deposition (p. 113 above) given on 29 May 1866 that she was then 60 years old. It appears that Martha was the mother of Mary Ann, who married Thomas B. Snow. The 1860 Greenville County, SC enumeration for the household of Thomas B. Snow (age 42) includes Martha Sloan and her mother Mary Sloan (age 87) and her brother Alfred Sloan (age 47). See deposition of Mary Ann Snow on p. 114 above. Martha was probably buried in Greenville County, SC.

8. **Edward Thomson Sloan** Born: 4 May 1809
Died: after 1859 and 1867
He was reported as one on the distributees of George T. Sloan in 1859 (p. 117 above), and his heirs (unnamed) were listed in the final settlement of the estate of his mother in 1867 (p. 119 above). He and family were located on the 1850 St. Francois County, Missouri. His wife **Mahala** was listed at age 37, born in South Carolina.

9. **Richard E. Sloan** Born: Aug 2, 1811
Died: Jan 2, 1883, Greenville County, SC
[Erected by O. P. Sloan]
Wife: C. Sloan w/o R. E. Sloan Born: Oct. 12, 1816
Died: Apr 24, 1884

These tombstone dates are from *Greenville County Cemetery Survey, Volume One*, p. 120; the graves are located in the Clear Springs Baptist Church cemetery in the lower part of Greenville County. The given name for Richard's wife was **Catharine** (from census records). Her surname, **Page**, was provided by the Greenville County death certificate No. 793 (year 1920) of her son George Thomas Sloan. (It was Page on the death certificate. See p. 104 above for death notice this George Thomas Sloan.)

10. **Alfred B. Sloan** Born: Aug 6, 1813
Died: Jan 27, 1862
These tombstone dates are from the same source cited just above for Alfred's brother Richard. His date of death here coincides with that stated in his Estate file (p. 118 above). He was unmarried.

11. **Mary Ann Sloan** Born: 1816 (She was age 50 on 29 May 1866, p. 114 above.)
Died: after 1880 Spartanburg County census

Aside from her listed age (25) in the 1850 Spartanburg census, Mary's age in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 Spartanburg censuses is consistent with 1816 as her year of birth. Her age recorded in 1850 is off by about 10 years. The identity of Mary's husband(s) is muddled, as noted on pages 117 and 118 above. Her husband in the 1850 census was named Richard Sparrow, age 30, and there were children named Richard (13, highly improbable), Martin, (7), Sanford (5), Levi (3). In 1860 Mary's husband is Willis Runnels (a known corruption of the surname Reynolds), age 40; the Sparrow children of 1850, with Richard missing, now bear the name of Runnels along with three later additions. The 1870 house-hold is still headed by Willis Runnels, age 51. In 1880 Mary's husband was then named **Richard Reynolds**, age 61. They were living next door to Levi Reynolds, age 32, earlier Levi Sparrow. Despite all the name changes, Mary Ann Sloan was very likely married to one and only one man.

12. **Charles S. Sloan** Born: 1819 (He was age 47 on 29 May 1866, p. 113 above.)
Died: after the 1870 Greenville County, SC census

Charles S. Sloan was the youngest of the twelve children of George T. and Mary Smith Sloan. The 1820 census of Laurens District, SC indicates that all twelve children were still at home at that time. His wife was buried at Ebenezer Methodist Church cemetery. This contributor is familiar with this cemetery and he recently read the following inscription:

Margaret Ann Mahaffey
wife of Chas. S. Sloan
Sept. 20, 1831 - Feb. 4, 1913

There is a grave with head stone and foot stone marked only by field stones between her grave and the grave of her daughter, Maggie Sloan Kirby. This grave is for an adult; it could be that for Charles S. Sloan. (See p. 126 below for the obituaries of mother and daughters.)

DEATH OF THOMAS L. YOUNG, MEXICAN WAR VETERAN OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Independent Press*, (Abbeville), issue of Friday February 26, 1858, p. 2, col. 6

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT

We regret to announce, says the Winnsboro Register, the death of Mr. Thomas L. Young, a mechanic in the Gin shop of Mr. Jas. McCreight. It appears that on Sunday last, while descending the stairs at the Winnsboro Hotel, he lost his balance and fell, striking the back of his head against the floor, causing a concussion of the brain of which he died the next morning.

THE BURIAL OF A PALMETTO

In our last issue we mentioned the death of Mr. Thomas L. Young. On Tuesday the remains of the deceased were buried with military honors by the Winnsboro Rifle Guards.

Mr. Young, when the call was made for volunteers to the Mexican war, was quite young, not more than sixteen, yet at that age, so full was he of the war spirit, that he ran off from Mr. McCreight, to whom he was apprenticed, and accompanied the Regiment to Mexico. From beginning to end, in all the trials, dangers and hardships, to which that ill fated but noble Regiment was exposed, he bore himself ever at his post, and all bear testimony that when the services of his regiment were required there was no member of that responded with more alacrity than Tom Young. What an illustration of the uncertainty of death! That he who had passed through so many dangers, should at last lose his life by so light an accident.—Winnsboro Register.

FAMILY RECORD OF CHARLES SMITH (1742-1824)

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Sources: John Belton O'Neal Landrum, *History of Spartanburg County*, pp. 208-212; William Pinckney Smith's family record dated Feb. 26, 1885; details from correspondence and notes on file but too numerous to list here.

Charles Smith

Born: 15 June 1742, Bull Run Creek, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: 7 April 1824, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Commissary duty in Revolutionary War due to defective eyesight
Burial: Possibly Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery, Pauline, Spartanburg County, SC;
he was a member and a deacon at Philadelphia Baptist Church.
His parents: Thomas and Elizabeth Fleming Smith
Married: circa 1760, Stafford, later Fauquier, County, Virginia

Catharine Rhodes

Born: 15 June 1842, Fairfax? County, Virginia
Died: 1824, Spartanburg District, SC
Burial: Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery, Pauline, Spartanburg County, SC
Her parents: Thought to be John and Ann Rhodes of Stafford County, Virginia

Their Children:

1. **William Smith** Born: circa 1765, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: 1804, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Burial:
His occupation was that of a gunsmith. His wife was Sarah "Sallie" Trail, who was born circa 1799 and died 15 August 1864
2. **Elijah Smith** Born: 19 April 1767, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: 17 January 1834, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Burial: Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery, Sptg County, SC
His wife was Dianna Hamm, b. 16 Dec 1776-d. 1 April 1854.
3. **Sanford Smith** Born: 31 October 1768, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: 21 June 1822, Dutchman Creek, Spartanburg County, SC
Burial:
His occupation was that of a gunsmith. He married Mary Morrow on 15 Jan 1800 in Spartanburg District. Mary was born 13 September 1782 and died 21 December 1853.
4. **Martha Smith** Born: abt 1770, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: after 29 Sept 1845
Her year of birth was deduced from her deposition in behalf of her sister Mary Smith Sloan's pension application wherein she stated that she was about four years older than Mary (p. 111 above). She made an additional deposition on 29 Sept 1845 (p. 112 above) and died after that date, most likely in Spartanburg District, SC. In the same application it was certified that her husband was Hugh White (p. 111 above). Hugh and Martha lived in the Philadelphia Baptist Church community of Spartanburg District.
5. **Mary Smith** Born: May 1774, Prince William County, Virginia
Died: 19 March 1864, Greenville District, South Carolina

Burial: Laurens District, South Carolina

Mary married George T. Sloan on 20 November 1793 in Spartanburg County, SC. George T. Sloan was born 3 Dec 1756 in Cork, Ireland and died 9 June 1836 in Laurens District SC. See the Sloan family group compilation on pp. 121-123 of this issue of this *Quarterly*.

6. **Daniel Smith** Born: late 1770s, Virginia
Died: March 1815, South Carolina (War of 1812)
Burial: Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
He married Elizabeth Trail, who was born about 1782 and died after 1866. This couple lived in the Philadelphia Church area of Spartanburg District, SC
7. **Rachel Smith** Born: October 1781, Virginia or South Carolina
Died: 1865, Woodruff, Spartanburg District, SC
Burial: Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Rachel Smith Page, in support of her sister Mary Sloan's application for a pension, stated that she married in June 1803 (p. 112 above) about 10 years after the marriage of her sister Mary. It was certified that her husband was James Page (p. 112 above); James Nelson Page was born 10 January 1780 and died in 1857 in Spartanburg District, SC
8. **Abigail Smith** Born: 1880s, Virginia or South Carolina
Died: 1845, Pope County, Illinois
She married about 1802 Joseph Golightly at Philadelphia Baptist Church, Spartanburg Dist., SC. Joseph was born 20 November 1781 and died 30 March 1856
9. **Aaron Smith** Born: 1786, South Carolina [per 1850 census of Boone County, Mo]
Died: no record
According to Landrum's *History of Spartanburg County*, p. 279, Aaron Smith removed to Missouri and he married Lucretia Stribling. The 1850 census of Boone County, Missouri, District No. 8, household 1558, shows Aaron Smith, age 64, Farmer, \$250, S. Carolina, with Lucretia, age 51, born in SC and two children Matilda, 21, and James, 18, both born in SC.
10. **Anna Smith** Born: 15 May 1788, Spartanburg County, South Carolina
Died: 24 January 1855, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Anna Smith was married 17 November 1811 in Spartanburg District, SC to William Page, who was born 1 May 1790 and died 17 March 1869 (both events in Spartanburg County, SC. They were members of Antioch Baptist Church near Enoree, Spartanburg County, SC. See this *Quarterly*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, February 2009, pp. 32-34 for the family record of William and Anna Smith Page.
11. **Moses Smith** Born: no record (likely born in Spartanburg County, SC)
Died: circa 1813, Spartanburg District
From J.B.O. Landrum's *History of Spartanburg County*, p. 279: "Moses Smith drowned while a young man, unmarried."
12. **Elizabeth Smith,** Born: 29 May 1793, Spartanburg County, South Carolina
Died: 6 October 1852, Hamilton County, Illinois
She was married on 2 November 1807 to Robert Page, Jr., who born about 1784. James Nelson Page, William Page, and Robert Page Jr. were sons of Robert Page Sr. and Rachel Brockman Page.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. MARGARET MAHAFFEY SLOAN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC

Source: *The Greenville Semi-Weekly News*, issue of Tuesday, February 11, 1913, p. 8

Dies at Pelham in Her 83d Year — A Direct Descendant of Washington

Pelham, Feb. 6. — Mrs. Margaret Sloan, widow of the late C. S. Sloan, died here yesterday at the home of her son, Geo. Washington Sloan. She was in her 83d year, was born and raised in Austin township [Greenville County, SC] had lived at Pelham for a number of years. She was the mother of five children, three of whom survive her, namely: George Washington Sloan, Mary Greer, wife of Thos. Greer, Pelham, S. C., and Margaret Kirby, near Pelham. Mrs. Sloan had been a member of New Liberty Baptist Church from early childhood and had lived a concentrated Christian life. She had made her home with her son, G. W. Sloan, since his majority and he was faithful in his care and comfort of her.

Mrs. Sloan claimed to be a direct descendant of George Washington, his mother being Mrs. Sloan's great aunt [sic]. Mrs. Sloan was a Mahaffey before her marriage. Her husband, who died several years before, was a Confederate soldier and gave four years of service for his country.

The funeral of Mrs. Sloan will be held at Ebenezer [Methodist] church today, conducted by Rev. E. G. Ross, pastor of the Baptist church of this place.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. MARGARET ANN SLOAN KIRBY

Source: *Greenville Daily News*, issue of Wednesday, August 22, 1923, p. 2

Mrs. M. A. Kirby Dies At Batesville

GREER, Aug. 21 — (Special) — Mrs. Margaret Ann Kirby, aged 51 years, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at her home at Batesville, after a three days illness of paralysis. Before her marriage Mrs. Kirby was a Miss Sloan. She is survived by one son, Walter Kirby. The funeral was held at Ebenezer Methodist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. F. Farr, of Greer. [Note: Her husband was Mabry R. Kirby, son of Sylvester and Canzada Crocker Kirby of Spartanburg County, SC.]

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OBITUARY OF MRS. MARY SLOAN GREER

Source: *Greenville News*, issue of June 17, 1939, p. 7D

Greer, June 17—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sloan Greer, 73, widow of the late Thomas Greer, will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Ebenezer Methodist church near Pelham, and will be conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Edd Harrison, assisted by the Rev. Howard Wilson and the Rev. Walter Harrison. Burial will be in the family plot in the church cemetery.

The death of Mrs. Greer occurred at 8:20 o'clock Friday night, at a Spartanburg hospital, and followed an illness of six months. She had been a resident of this section 40 years, and was a faithful member of the Franklin Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Varias Wood; two sons Henry Greer and Luther Greer, also 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will be the pallbearers, Daniel and Paul Greer, Alton, William, and Charles Wood and Clarence Sloan. The body is at the home of her son, Henry Greer, Pelham.

[Note: She was the daughter of Charles S. Sloan and Margaret Mahaffey Sloan. According to their tombstones, she was born May 30, 1866 and her husband, W. Thomas Greer, was born May 17, 1863 and died Sept 4, 1913.]

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FARMING IN PICKENS DISTRICT IN 1858

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday March 19, 1858, p. 2, col. 4

Farming in Pickens

A correspondent of the *Southern Cultivator* writing from Pickens furnishes the following account of the increased productiveness of lands in the lower part of that District, and of the improvements of the country generally in the arts and education:

Having seen the account from various parts of the South on agriculture, suffer us to offer you one from the Southern part of Pickens District, S. C. In this part of the District twenty years ago some of the best farmers made from 50 to 100 bushels of wheat, and from 200 to 300 bbls. corn and a few bales of cotton. In the present manner of farming, the same men make from 500 to 1700 bushels of wheat, and from 400 to 800 bbls. of corn—cotton and other things in the same proportion; the soil has improved by the sowing of peas and manuring. The yield of wheat, on our best acres, is from 32 to 44 bushels; formerly 10 was an extra yield, and much talked of. Some of our farmers have made this year, 20 bushels to one sown. Some of best fixed farmers can house a large crop of wheat while they finish their other crops; then, at their leisure, get it out and sun their entire crop of wheat.

We witness the threshing out and cleaning of two bushels of wheat in three minutes, and have no doubt that a bushel a minute could be threshed. Double gearing is used to the Spike Thresher, on an improved plan, by the Messrs Mason's four horse power. The machinery is simple, and the advantage is that the straw is carried out of the barn, the wheat is nicely cleaned without the aid of any one to rake as formerly—all done by the men of our own district.

The inhabitants some years ago, when it rained, would take their dogs and guns, and, instead of looking after their washed down fences and obstructed ditches, as they now do, would spend their time in hunting. Instead of gun and dog, it is the spade and shovel, ditching out the branch and creek bottoms, hauling in leaves and making manure on all leisure occasions.

We have one of the best markets for produce in the up country. The line of the Rabun Gap Railroad, a German settlement (their town, Walhalla) and Tunnel Hill, Making a fine market for all kinds of produce, lumber, &c. Last, and best of all, we have fine schools, thought by classical teachers, throughout the whole District. Why should anyone leave for a new country, or abuse and deride Pickens District, because of its nearness to the mountains?

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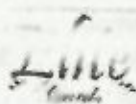
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This house was built by Walter S. Montgomery, who lived here until 1911, when he sold it to Mrs. M. E. Vandiver. In 1914 the resident was S. J. Ramage. Then it was purchased by the Levi Moffitt Cecla, who lived here until around 1936-37, when it was purchased by Oren Brady, Sr. The Bradys lived in the house for many years and passed it on to their daughter Mrs. Una May Brady Lowry and her husband John D. Lowry, who lived here until the 1980s.

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