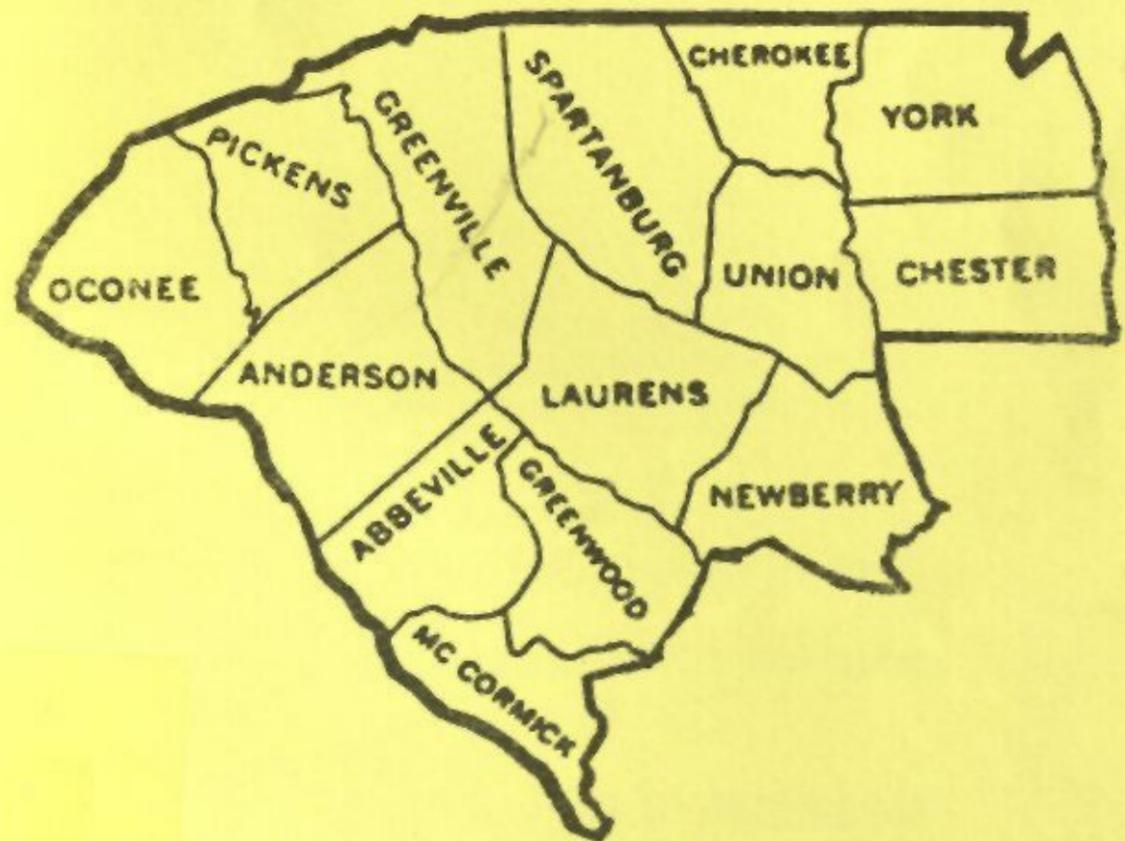


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We at Piedmont Historical Society welcome our members, both new and renewing, to read, profit from, and contribute to this quarterly during the coming year of 2011. Send contributions and queries to the editor, whose addresses appear on the inside cover

Mr. Dean Campbell gave the crowd of attendees at our March meeting, in the 10th, an informative and entertaining presentation on the history and development of the area of upper Greenville County, SC known as the "Dark Corner". He skillfully interspersed commentary with images and pictures projected on a screen. Thanks to the initiative of a staff member, we were allowed to meet in the Board Room of Spartanburg County Headquarters Library. (Mr. Campbell's website is: SquireofDarkCorner.com.)

Dr. Deno Trakas, initially scheduled for our April meeting, was forced to cancel his appearance due to an unforeseen conflict. We were fortunate to have Mr. Rodger E. Stroup, Curator of the South Carolina Railroad Museum, to fill the speaker vacancy. The change in speakers necessitated both a change in the meeting time and the place. We met on the third Thursday, April 21, at the Westside Branch Library in Spartanburg, where Mr. Stroup gave us a slide and lecture presentation on the history of railroads in South Carolina. He noted that South Carolina was first in the US for five events in the history of railroads.

Schedule of future PHS meetings through August 2011:

Thursday May 19, 2011

(Please Note that this is the third Thursday.)

Speaker: Mrs. Elsie Fields, a native of Newberry County, SC

Topic: The Garden Spot of the World

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

Thursday June 9, 2011

Speaker: Dr. Anthony Zeiss, Ed. D.

Topic: Thomas Young, A Sixteen Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War

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

(Note that the meeting place named above for the June meeting is now confirmed.)

Thursday August 11, 2011

Speaker: Jeanne Tucker

Topic: DNA Broke Through Our Genalogical Brick Wall

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

There is no meeting scheduled for July.

Note: Membership dues for 2011 are \$25.

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FAMILY OF JOHN LEWIS BALLENGER (1790-1851) UPDATED

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Sources: Will of John L. Ballenger; probate court records from Oconee County, SC and Spartanburg County, SC; US censuses; death certificates; tombstone inscriptions; newspaper death and marriage notices; CSA service records; (Reference 1) The Long Journey, A Family History 1687 to 1991, (1992) by Thomas Lee Hair; (Reference 2) Ballengers of Tryon and a Ballenger Genealogy, (1996) by Bruce Ballenger; (Reference 3) The Ballenger Family of Oconee County, South Carolina (1956) edited by John Ballenger Knox, published by Grady Woodfin Ballenger, (available at the Special Collection Room of the Strom Thurmond Institute, Clemson University); Register of Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Who Died in Federal Prisons and Military Hospital in the North (1912) [Note: There are several variations of the spelling of this family name in the records. We have elected to use the spelling in the title above.]

John Lewis Ballenger

Born: 29 November 1790, Spartanburg County, South Carolina
Died: 1851, Pickens District (Oconee County in 1868), South Carolina
Burial: Pickens District (Oconee County in 1868), South Carolina
His father: Edward "Neddy" Ballenger of Virginia
His mother: M. Pleasant Lewis of South Carolina

Married: ca 1819, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

Mahala Foster

Born: ca 1802, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Died: after the 1870 census of Oconee County, South Carolina
Her father: Richard Foster probably of Virginia
Her mother: Tabitha Ballenger of Amelia County, Virginia

Their Children

Names are from John L. Ballenger's will. (See p. 72 below)

All were born in Spartanburg District, SC with possible exception of youngest child.

- [1] **James Alexander Ballenger** Born: 6 November 1820
Died: 4 May 1893, Oconee County, South Carolina
Burial: Retreat Presbyterian Church Cem., Oconee County, SC
- Married 1:** ca 1845/6, no record of place; probably in North Carolina at home of his bride
- Wife 1: Eunice Maria Woodfin** Born: 9 March 1814, Asheville, Buncombe County, NC [Ref. 3]
Died: 11 June 1883, Oconee County, SC [p.48 below for tribute.]
Burial: Retreat Presbyterian Church Cem., Oconee County, SC
- Issue 1: Elbert W., William H., John James, Nicholas Grady**
Her parents: John and Mary Sammons Grady Woodfin of Asheville, NC [Reference 3]
- Married 2:** 1880s, South Carolina
- Wife 2: Aletha C. McFall** Born: 17 April 1840, Anderson District, South Carolina
Died: 29 March 1925, Anderson County, South Carolina
Burial: St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Walhalla, SC
- Issue 2: None**
Her parents: Samuel R. and Anna Warnock McFall of Anderson District, SC

- [2] **Frances M. Ballenger** Born: ca 1822/3
 Died: after the 1880 census of Douglas County, Georgia
 Burial: No record; probably Douglas County, Georgia
 Married: ca 1838/9; no record of place; probably in Pickens District, South Carolina
 Issue: **Elizabeth, Martha, Thomas, Zachariah B., Lewis D., Fanny**
 Husband: **John Crawford Hurt** Born: ca 1818, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
 Died: 9 February 1865, near Columbus, Ohio in Federal prison camp
 Burial: Grave No. 1155 Camp Chase, Ohio; was private in Co. D 19th Ga Inf., CSA
 His parents: Thomas and Elizabeth -?- Hurt; he of Virginia, she of SC.
- [3] **William D. Ballenger** Born: 10 August 1824 (tombstone has 10 August 1827)
 Died: 14 February 1869, Oconee County, SC
 Burial: Retreat Presbyterian Church Cem., Oconee County, SC
 Married 1: ca 1849/1850; no record of place; probably in Pickens District, South Carolina
 Wife 1: **Martha M. Dickson** Born: 1828, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Died: 14 July 1858, Pickens District, SC [See p. 48 below]
 Burial: no record; probably in the Oconee County, SC area
 Issue 1: **James F., Rebecca E., Nancy A., John L., Mary A.**
 Her parents: Simpson and Sabra Perkins Dickson [See p. 74 below.]
 Married 2: 22 April 1859, Pickens District, South Carolina [See p. 48 below.]
 Wife 2: **Sarah A. Holly** Born: 30 March 1837, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Died: 24 July 1919, Oconee County, South Carolina
 Burial: Westminster, Oconee County, South Carolina
 Issue 2: **Thomas H., Daniel R., James D.**
 Her parents: Thomas and Mary Banks Holly
- [4] **Edward Lewis Ballenger** Born: 25 February 1825 (Reference 1, p. 80)
 Died: 12 May 1864 (killed in battle at Spotsylvania Court House, Spotsylvania County, Va. He was a sergeant in Co. F, 1st (Orr's) South Carolina Rifles, CSA.)
 Burial: probably in Spotsylvania County, Virginia
 Married: 5 October 1848 (Reference 1, p. 83), probably in Pickens District, South Carolina
 Wife: **Lousia Jane Ward** Born: 3 June 1824, Union District, SC (Reference 1, p. 83)
 Died: 21 August 1890, Oconee County, SC (Ref. 1, p. 83)
 Burial: no record, probably in Oconee County, SC
 Issue: (Ref. 1, p. 83) **Susan Melvina, Mary Cornelia, Harriet Josephine, Emily C., Amanda Jane, Anna E.**
- [5] **Pleasant Elizabeth Ballenger** Born: 2 May 1828
 Died: 24 July 1879, Spartanburg County, SC [See p. 49 below.]
 Burial: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., SC
 Married 1: 23 August 1860 (Reference 1, p. 80); no record of place, probably Pickens District, SC
 Husband 1: **Lamar Miller** (Refs. 1 & 2) Born: abt 1825 (Reference 2, p. 227).
 [We have not been able to verify these entries nor find any other record pertaining to Lamar Miller.]
 Married 2: after 31 August 1862 (death date of Paschal Wingo's first wife), probably Sptg Co, SC
 Hus. 2: **Paschal Charles Wingo** Born: 8 September 1803, Spartanburg District, SC
 Died: 18 November 1869, Spartanburg District, SC
 Burial: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., SC

Issue 2: None

Editor's Note: [See this Quarterly Feb 2011, Vol. XXV, No. 1, pp. 12,13 for the first family of Paschal Wingo, and see p. 75 below for the heirs of Pleasant E. Wingo from her estate file, the Rosetta stone for the last five.]

- [6] **Tabitha Priscilla Ballenger** Born: 6 March 1834
 Died: 21 March 1910, Spartanburg Co., SC [See p. 49 below.]
 Burial: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., SC
 Married: 23 December 1858, Pickens County, South Carolina [See p. 48 below.]
 Husband: **William Willis Pollard** Born: 9 February 1829, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
 Died: 5 May 1862, Summerville, SC died of disease, CSA camp
 Burial: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Co., SC
 His parents: Hezekiah and Jessie? Isabella Gilreath; he of Spartanburg District, SC and she of Greenville District. Hezekiah's parents were William and Keziah Seay Pollard.
 Issue: **Boyce Roland** (only child)
- [7] **Judith Ann Ballenger** Born: ca 1835/36
 Died: after 5 March 1855, when as a legal minor she received her share of her father's estate. No later record has been found for Judith Ann.
 [See p. 73 below for the guardian records of the Ballenger minors.]
- [8] **Lucinda Angeline Ballenger** Born: ca 1838
 Died: after the 1880 census of Wagener Twp, Oconee Co., SC
 Burial: no record
 Married 1: ca 1855/56, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Issue 1: **Joseph F., James Warren, Margot M.**
 Husb. 1: **Robert Wilkes Gilbert** Born: ca 1830, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Died: 21 July 1862, of fever at home on leave from Co. K, 22d Regiment of SC Fifth Infantry, CSA
 Burial: Pickens County, South Carolina
 His parents: Reuben and Sarah -?- Gilbert
 Married 2: ca 1866, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Husband 2: **Andrew Smith** Born: ca 1836-1838, Pickens District, South Carolina
 Died: after the 1880 census of Wagener Twp, Oconee Co., SC
 Burial: no record
 Issue 2: **Missouri M. (or L.), Mary F., Elbert S., Henry W., Eugenia P.**
 His parents: Two possibilities: -?- and Betsy Smith & Stephen & Mary Smith (1850 Pickens census)
- [9] **John Richard Ballenger** Born: ca 1840/42
 Died: 15 April 1862, of disease, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
 Burial: South Carolina
 He was a private in Co. F, 1st (Orr's) South Carolina Rifles, CSA with his brother Edward. A letter in his service files addressed to his mother states that he "had neither wife nor child".
- [10] **Jane Mahala Ballenger** Born: ca 1845, either Spartanburg or Pickens District, SC
 Died: after the 1880 Oconee Co., SC census, wherein she was listed a servant in the household Reuben Gilbert as single and of age 30 (instead of 35). She was named as an heir of her sister Pleasant E. Wingo in 1879 as Janie M. Ballenger. [See p. 75 below.] We have found no other records for Jane Mahala

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARIA E. BALLENGER (1814-1883)

Source: Keowee Courier, issue of Thursday July 23, 1883, p. 3, col. 3

A Son's Tribute

My mother, Mrs. Maria E. Ballenger, wife of Capt. J. A. Ballenger, was born and reared in Henderson County, North Carolina, and came to South Carolina in 1816, where she lived until her sudden death on the 13th of June, 1883, in her seventieth year. She was a pure and mature Christian. Converted in childhood, she gave all her life to the service of the Master. Her consecrated service, her life-long devotion to God and His cause, and her patient submission to the Divine will, had crystalized into a character sublimely radiant with the beauties of holiness. Her children do rise up and call her blessed. She spent a large part of her life in prayer and communion with her God. All her life it was her custom to work with her open Bible at her side, reading the words of life, as she went on with her work. The Bible was her daily, lifelong companion. Few persons were more familiar with the sacred writings. In her declining years religion was the "rod and staff" which comforted her; neither did she fear any evil, though walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

In her last letter to the writer she said: "I feel that my work on earth is about ended. I am waiting the Lord's will. Whenever He says come up higher I feel that I am ready." Only a few days after this last letter reached its destination these sad words were telegraphed: "Your mother is dead." Being fatigued with the exercises she had taken that warm June morning, she lay down to rest, and woke up amid the songs of the redeemed in the glory world. May the voyage of life end "as peaceful and serene" with us all is the prayer of her son, E. W. B. [Editor's Note: Henderson County, NC was formed in 1838 from part of the southern section of Buncombe County, NC.]

BALLENGER MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE KEOWEE COURIER

Issue of Saturday August 14, 1858, p. 3, col. 2

OBITUARY

Died, on the 14th ult., Mrs. Martha M. Ballenger, consort of Wm. D. Ballenger, in the 30th year of her age. Although she had never attached herself to any religious denomination, yet from her exemplary walk through life, patient resignation and christian-like fortitude which she bore in her last illness, left a well-grounded hope with her friends that she has gone to inherit eternal rest. She left a large circle of relatives and friends, who sympathize with her bereaved husband and children for their irreparable loss.

F.

Issue of Saturday January 8, 1859, p. 2, col. 5

HYMENEAL

Married, on the 23d ult., by Rev. A.W. McGuffin, Mr. W. W. Pollard, of Spartanburg, to Miss T.P. Ballinger, of Pickens.

Issue of Saturday, June 4, 1859, p. 3, col. 2.

HYMENEAL

Married, on the 22d ult. by E.P. Verner, Esq., Mr. Wm. D. Ballinger to Miss Sarah Ann Holly, all of Pickens.

SKETCH OF MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SC

Source: The Spartanburg Herald, Thursday February 27, 1913, p. 2, col. 5 (excerpt below)

MOUNT ZION

Mount Zion— Perhaps some of the people of the county would be interested to know something of this community. It is situated nine miles west of Spartanburg, on the historical old Blackstock road, and is an industrious and law-abiding community, having well cultivated farms. Everybody lives in a land of peace and plenty. There has been built a handsome and commodious school building within one mile of the Mount Zion Baptist church and the community usually has a good school, lasting from five to seven months each year. We have a beautiful brick church with modern improvements, built about 14 years ago. We have as our pastor the Rev. J. L. Ouzts, who has served the church faithfully for 16 years.

There is a large cemetery here in which a great many of the forefathers of the surrounding country are buried. We learn from the history of the church that they were all, or least most of them, pillars of this church and lived pure, simple, unselfish lives and left as an inheritance to their descendants a stainless name. The Rev. John Gill Landrum, a prominent Baptist divine, is buried here. The four churches — Bethlehem, Boiling Springs, New Prospect and Mount Zion — which he loved and served so long and faithfully erected a handsome monument which marks the grave of this good man. His labors are well remembered here and there. His son, Dr. J.B.O. Landrum, a writer is buried here.

The first person buried in the cemetery was Joshua Hawkins, a revolutionary soldier. Through the untiring efforts of the late lamented Cheves Chapman, with the aid of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a handsome monument was erected to his grave, which was unveiled a few years ago with impressive ceremonies. Cheves Chapman was reared near Mount Zion church, the church ground being given to the church by one of his ancestors, but for many years he made his home in California and Texas. He died a year ago at his home in Texas at the age of 87. His friends learned of his death with great sorrow. He spent several months here with his brother, P. E. Chapman at the time of the unveiling of the Hawkins Monument. We could mention many others prominent in the history of Mount Zion, but space forbids. This is a sacred spot, not only to those who live here, but to others who have moved to distant states and have loved ones buried in this 'Silent city of the dead'. The site of old Fort Prince is only three-fourths of a mile from Mount Zion church. This old fort was built in the year 1763. Twelve years ago the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a fine monument on the grounds where the old fort stood.

THREE BURIALS AT MT. ZION

Source 1: Spartanburg Herald, Wed., March 23, 1910, p. 8, col. 3.

Mrs. Tabitha Pollard, mother of Boyce R. Pollard, died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the 76th year of her age, at the home near Mt. Zion, after an illness of about two weeks of pneumonia. The funeral and interment will be held at Mt. Zion this afternoon. The deceased is survived by one child, Boyce R. Pollard. She was a daughter of John Ballenger, of this county, and was the last of her family. She married Willis Pollard, who died during the civil war at Summerville, S.C. Mrs. Pollard was a most highly esteemed Christian lady. She is said to have taken the brighter view of every phase of life, and to have scattered sunshine wherever she went.

Source 2: Carolina Spartan, Wednesday, Aug 6, 1879, p. 2 or 3 (page torn), col. 1.

Mr. Coleman Wingo died at the advanced age of 84 Thursday the 24th of July. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He quietly passed away with the esteem of all of his neighbors.

On the same day Mrs. Pleasant Wingo, wife of Paschal Wingo died. She was a daughter of Capt. John Ballenger. These two persons were buried the same day at Mt. Zion Church.

COWPENS REVISTED IN 1938

Source: *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, Sunday Morning, January 16, 1938, p. 3, cols. 1-7.

AMERICANS ROUTED BRITISH IN BATTLE OF COWPENS 157 YEARS AGO MONDAY GENERAL MORGAN SAID HE PRAYED IN TREE ON TRYING NIGHT IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR Three Important Monuments to Commemorate Victory Have Been Erected

By E. F. Kennedy

January 17 is Cowpens day, a proper time for recalling some of the traditions that have gathered about the famous Battle of Cowpens, fought January 17, 1781, at Saunders' Cowpens in upper South Carolina. The place itself was, from the earliest days of colonial settlement, an old drovers' stop. It had been the place of rendezvous for the American forces pursuing Patrick Ferguson. From it, after sleeping the night before on this field, they had ridden in a drizzling rain, October 7, 1780, to fight, at Kings Mountain, one of the most picturesque as well as important battles of the Revolution.

Vivid stories have come down of the wild gallops to and fro of General Morgan's scouts bringing to his headquarters at Grindal's Shoals on the Pacolet River, news of the movements of his pursuer, and carrying messages to his scattered detachments. Joseph McJunkin, a major in Colonel Brandon's Fairforest regiment, told in his old age of how, January 14, 1781, he rode into Morgan's camp from the camp of General Andrew Pickens in the Plumber settlement* — in what is now Union county — bearing the message that "Benny" was on the way to give him a blast." Pickens' scouts had learned that Tarleton had set out from a stop with the British garrison at Wintnsboro promising Cornwallis and Rawdon to return in a few days to dine, bringing as his guest "the Old Wagoner" — Morgan's nickname. * (See p. 56)

The Kennedy family of Union county have a tradition of how Anne Kennedy — who later married David Hamilton and became a pioneer settler in Anderson county — rode courageously to carry Morgan information of his danger. She is said to have reached him at Gentleman Thompson's — almost on the site of Thicketty Station of the Southern Railway — January 16, and to have swum her horse over the foaming waters of Pacolet river at Hurricane Shoals.

Preparations for Battle

Colonel Thomas Brandon and Colonel Benjamin Roebuck with a picked body of scouts kept close tab on all the movements of Tarleton. These two officers sat on their horses, concealed in the undergrowth beside Pacolet river on Eastwood Shoals, and made a count of Tarleton's forces, as he crossed it, close on Morgan's tracks.

The beating of Morgan during these anxious hours was puzzling to his men. They did not relish the idea of running from Benny Tarleton, and one old soldier said long afterward that there was much grumbling and cursing as they moved from Grindal Shoals to Gentleman Thompson's, on which point Morgan had ordered his scattered detachments to converge.

Americans Assemble

Here the Americans gathered January 16, 1781. Andrew Pickens led the forces he had assembling in the Plumber settlement. Pickens had been one of the Americans paroled at the time of the fall of Charleston, and he then honorably withdrew from all military activity until his home was burned Tories. But he considered that the burning of his place by Tories absolved him from his parole, and served the British notice of his decision to re-enter the field.

He was warned by friends on the British side that if he were captured, he would be hanged, and so at Cowpens he fought "with a halter around his neck." In the battle his rank was second only to that of Morgan, and likewise his services. It was the militia under Pickens which provoked and met the first onslaught of the impetuous Tarleton, and after retiring in good order re-formed and joined Howard's and Triplett's men.

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The detachments poured into camp all day during the 16th Colonel Billy Washington was at Wofford's Iron Works on Pacolet having his horsed shod, when he got from Morgan the laconic message, "Tell Billy to come to Gentleman Thompson's. Benny is coming." A detachment of Washington's cavalry led by Lieutenant Simons had just destroyed a Tory rendezvous at Hammond's Store — the site today of Young's Cross Roads, a few miles south of Clinton. From a prisoner, Simons had learned of Tarleton's plans, and he had hastened to join Morgan with the news.

Three companies of Georgians, commanded by Major Cunningham, swelled the ranks of the militia. Major James Jackson, commanding one group of Georgians, had served with distinction at Blackstock's, November 20, 1780, and he was to have the honor of capturing the colors of Tarleton's 71st Regiment at Cowpens. In the words of General Pickens, "he ran the utmost risk of his life" in this exploit. He rendered brilliant service throughout the Revolution, and served Georgia subsequently as governor and as United States senator. Jackson County was named for him. Another of these Georgia captains in the front line at Cowpens was George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was also to have a county named for him, and to serve Georgia as governor and as judge of the superior court.

Major Joseph McDowell and his North Carolinians were there, still glowing with pride over their achievements at Kings Mountain and elsewhere. The Spartan regiment, led by Colonel John Thomas Junior, was there. Brandon, Roebuck, and Steen, and other partisan leaders were there, each with his followers. Altogether, there were more than 300 Maryland regulars under Col. John Eagar Howard, 200 seasoned Virginia militia under Major Triplett, 125 cavalry under Colonel William Washington, 45 volunteer cavalry and more than 300 Carolina and Georgia militia.

Morgan's Bearing

Morgan's good nature and the cheerful note of his messages and instructions did much to inspire courage and high spirits in his men. He laughed and joked about "Benny," referred to Colonel Washington as "Billy" and jollied the men about their sweethearts.

Tarleton recorded that upon arriving at Morgan's camp, he found half-cooked provisions abandoned by Morgan in his haste. Yet Morgan remained calm, as he led his men to the site selected, gave them their places, and made his plans for the battle.

All night long he passed through the camp cheering his soldiers, inspecting weapons, helping to repair them when necessary, assuring the men that they could sleep and dream of seeing their sweethearts again, for in the morning the Old Wagoner would crack his whip over Ben Tarleton as sure as they lived.

"Just hold up your heads three fires," one of his old soldiers quoted him as saying, "and you are free. And when you return to your homes, how the old folks will bless you and the girls kiss you for your gallant conduct." The old soldier who reported this, commented: "I don't believe they slept a wink that night."

Morgan Not Confident

Morgan said, in his later years, that he was far from feeling self-confident that trying night, and that at one time, to secure privacy, he climbed a tree and there poured out his soul in prayer.

To enter upon the enterprises of life with a serene confidence in an over-ruling Providence and in one's own right to draw from the reservoir of its inexhaustible power strength for every immediate need as it arises — that is dynamic living.

In the dawn of January 17, 1781, in cold so piercing that the soldiers had to slap each other's hands as they formed in line, to warm up. Morgan drew up his men, ready to fight what has been characterized as the most skillfully planned and executed battle of the Revolution.

Account of Participant

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In the very front were placed picked sharpshooters from the militia, and in the array back of them the rest of the militia under General Pickens. A most vivid account of this phase of the battle was given by the only surviving participant on the ground at the Cowpens celebration in 1842 – Major Joseph McJunkin of Brandon's regiment. The old gentleman, then in his 87th year, said:

"Boys, my dear sons, I call you all. It has been 61 years since I stood right here upon this field, with my rifle in my hand fighting for my rights – for your rights, too, my sons, and you must preserve them too. Old Morgan had picked out 11 of us who were to fire as a signal for opening the ball, and placed us in front several paces. He walked behind and through the ranks everywhere, all the time cracking jokes and encouraging the men, and said, 'Boys, squinney well, and don't touch a trigger until you see the whites of their eyes', and many a Briton fell before the execution of that order.

"Now, the sun was just rising when the enemy swept along the road. They halted and began taking off their knapsacks and all useless accouterments, and at the command they advanced upon us at a slow, steady march. It was a beautiful line, and their uniforms and shining muskets glistened in the sunlight. When they came near enough to us to distinguish plainly their faces, we picked out our man and let fly. Then a sheet of flame soon followed. After the second fire, our orders were to fall back behind Howard's Continentals and form again. The Britons thought we were running, and rushed forward just in time to receive the deadly fire of Howard's Continentals. Then Billy Washington's calvary, on our left, charged upon their right, upon Tarleton's Legion. The whole line was thrown into confusion, a general rout took place, and the day was ours before we knew it. Oh, it was a glorious day for us!"

One of Colonel Farr's men, John Savage, of the old Brown's Creek settlement in Union county, always claimed the honor of firing the opening shot.

Colonel Thomas Brandon

Colonel Brandon was everywhere – he helped round up forces, he reconnoitered for Morgan, and he took his place with his militia in the front skirmishing line. Then, as the militia, according to their instructions, withdrew to the rear to re-form, he attached himself to Washington's cavalry in their impetuous charge.

His nephew, Thomas Young of Union, a boy soldier of the Revolution, was one the 45 militiamen who had volunteered under Major McCall to reinforce Washington's 80 cavalrymen. It was this body that Brandon joined, and Young in his memoirs reported that within a few minutes his uncle had killed three of Tarleton's dragoons.

Young's Dramatic Story

The Battle of Cowpens was fought on Thomas Young's 17th birthday, and it was indeed to him a memorable day. His own account of the day reads like a medieval romance. Lying in his blanket on the ground, watching the burly Morgan moving through the camp; taking his own place in the ranks as a cavalryman with McCall's volunteers, and soon exchanging the "tackey" he was riding for the superb charger of a slain dragoon; killing, seeing men killed, capturing prisoners and being himself in turn captured by their rescuers; riding for an hour or more by the side of Tarleton – whom he described as a haughty but good-natured gentleman; making his escape on the road, holding on to some of his booty; finding a refuge under a friendly Whig roof, and at last falling asleep there, fed and with his wounds cared for, and dressed in a fine ruffled shirt found in his British plunder. Not often does a 17-year old pass such a birthday. [See p. 56 below for a memoriam to Major Thomas Young.]

Complete American Victory

Within an hour after Tarleton's 500 dragoons and 500 trained and uniformed infantrymen had advanced with proud confidence against the Americans, Tarleton was in headlong flight. Fourteen officers and 40 dragoons, whose regard for their commander he highly commended, accompanied him.

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This is believed to have been the only organized body of British to escape, about 100 others scattering pell-mell over the country-side in panic.

Dead on the field lay ten British officers and 100 non-commissioned officers and privates. Twenty-nine officers were prisoners, along with 502 non-commissioned officers and privates. In addition 200 were wounded. The total British loss as reported by Morgan approximated 841. The Americans lost 12 killed and 62 wounded.

Besides the prisoners, the equipment captured was most welcome to the Americans. Tarleton had used effectively, in his activities, two small cannon, called "grasshoppers." These little guns had been taken from Burgoyne at Saratoga, brought south by Gates and captured from him by the British at Camden. The Americans were to lose them again at Guilford. Besides these cannon, the Americans captured 800 much-needed muskets, 100 cavalry horses, 35 wagons, and "all the enemy's music."

Tarleton's Disgraceful Flight

His cause lost, and his men in panic, Tarleton's one idea seem to have been to escape capture himself. A final episode of the battle was a personal encounter between Col. William Washington and Colonel Tarleton. Washington, seeing Tarleton apparently in flight, dashed after him at top speed, out-distancing his own men. Suddenly Tarleton and two of his aides wheeled on him.

Sergeant-Major Perry dashed up in time to disable the sword arm of one assailant with a pistol ball. Washington himself parried Tarleton's thrust and gave him a wound in the hand, which left a lasting scar.

Sometime later a witty woman of Halifax, N.C., was to refer to his incident at a dinner party. Lossing tells the story that Tarleton remarked sneeringly that he had been told William Washington could not even read and write. The woman replied, "He proved to you at Cowpens that he could make his mark."

Tarleton, however, shot Washington's horse from under him, and escaped. His flight lay through a sparsely-settled country, well-watered and with much uncleared woodland. It has been estimated that a body of men considerably outnumbering Washington's entire command, straggled along the line of Tarleton's flight toward Hamilton's Ford on Broad River.

The testimony of both sides in that the pursued and pursuers soon scattered over the country-side in small squads, the British hoping to elude capture by following side-roads, and the Americans eager for booty even more than prisoners.

Thomas Young was one of seven or eight who joined Major Jolly in pursuit. They rode 12 miles before overtaking any British, and then captured two soldiers, two negroes, and two horses laden with portmanteaus, one containing a paymaster's gold. Major Jolly sent Young back to camp with these prisoners, while the rest of the party continued the pursuit of others they had sighted.

Riding along in pleasant chat with his prisoners, Young saw in front of him and approaching party of British. He cut into a side-road, but they saw him. He was surrounded, and after a heroic fight, was made their prisoner. He suffered five wounds, one leaving a scar on his forehead that was noticeable all his life. His wounds were bound up and he rode on. Such skirmishes seem to have been frequent. Many wounded men on both sides were left at homes along the way, to be cared for.

The Goudelocks

On the road traversed by Tarleton lived Adam Goudelock. The exact site of that pioneer Goudelock home is today occupied by a comfortable frame house owned by Adam Goudelock, a descendant five generations removed from the Adam Goudelock of Tarleton's day. This house has what is known as a "log core," and it is a justifiable surmise that this very log core was that which sheltered the Goudelock family during the Revolution. At this home, then, Tarleton stopped to demand safe guidance to Hamilton's Ford, which was 13 miles distant. Adam Goudelock went to show him the roads.

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A tale reared its head in the community in later years — one contradictory to other well-authenticated traditions. This story is that Washington's party appeared at the Goudelock place in hot pursuit, within a short time after Adam had gone off with Tarleton, and that Adam's wife, Hannah, told them the British had been gone several hours. She is said to have deceived them thus out of fear for her husband's safety.

Hundred Straggling Prisoners

Several considerations render this account improbable. For one thing, Washington returned to camp, according to the same tale, with 100 straggling prisoners. The necessary delay involved in taking and protecting these prisoners makes it seem probable that Tarleton easily outdistanced Washington in traversing the 18 miles between Cowpens and the Goudelock home.

But the most decisive reason for rejecting a tradition which reflects so little credit on the patriotism and courage of Mrs. Goudelock is that it is completely at variance with the recollections attributed by reliable informants to her daughter, Sallie who became Mrs. Thomas Murray.

When John H. Logan was gathering data for his "History of the Upper Country of South Carolina," he interviewed a leading citizen of the Grindal Shoals community, Colonel Joseph Starke Sims. Among the stories told by Colonel Sims was the following:

"Old Mr. Adam Goudelock, father of Mrs. Sallie Murray, and several grown children at the time of these events, lived at the fork of the roads, two miles north of Grindal's Shoals. Mrs. Murray has been sent by a British officer, with a paper of protection to her sister, Mrs. Saffold, whose husband was in the British service and whose family lived near Cowpens.

"She heard a great part of the battle and got home to Adam Goudelock's before Colonel Washington arrived in pursuit of Tarleton, who had taken the old man Goudelock along with him to pilot him to Hamilton's Ford on Broad river, about two miles above the mouth of the Pacolet. She was sitting in their piazza when Colonel Washington rode up. Some inquiries were made and answers given, when the old lady said to him, 'You will not attempt to go any further, so late as it is.' He replied, 'No, madam, this is as far as I expect to pursue when I started; but if I desired to do so, my horse could not carry me, for look here' — pointing his sword to a severe wound in his horse's shoulder.

"He then engaged the family to nurse and take care of several wounded prisoners that he had with him, and returned to his troops. This is old Mrs. Murray's account."

This "Old Mrs. Murray" quoted by Colonel Sims was at the time of the Revolution — and for many years afterward — Miss Sallie Goudelock, the belle of the country-side. She lived into her 94th year, according to local tradition, and was a noted character. The date of Logan's interview with Sims was September 8, 1858, when Mrs. Murray had been dead only a few years.

Historic Spots

It may have been at the Goudelock home that Tarleton's party is described by Thomas Young as making a stop to arrange for the care of prisoners. It was a noted gathering-place. At it, in 1775, Drayton and Tennent, commissioners from the council of safety in Charleston, made an appeal to the people to support the American cause.

Miss S.A. Sims, daughter of Col. J. S. Sims, wrote her reminiscences of what she had heard from her elders and known herself, under the title, "Annals of Grindal Shoals."

In this account, she says, "Miss Sallie was then (referring to 1784), had been, and continued to be the acknowledged leader of society. . . . She had passed through the war an ardent Whig, giving aid and all her sympathies to the cause. She had known many notable characters of the time, both Whig, British, and Tory; for her father, Adam Goudelock, was a lame man, a noncombatant; so it followed that his house was frequented by all parties. She had visited Morgan at his camp at Grindal's Ford in company

with her father and sister Prudence, and was escorted home by Col. William Washington and Col. John Eager Howard. . . . It was delightful to hear her relate her experiences during the Revolutionary War."

The old Goudelock home is, thus, indeed a historic spot — a place where, beyond any doubt, on the retreat from Cowpens, both Tarleton and Washington stopped and where Washington abandoned his pursuit; a place visited by Colonel Howard, and maybe General Morgan.

If this house were in some sections of the country, it would have a flag flying in its yard, and a bronze marker in front of it, proclaiming its historical associations. As it is, travelers over State highway 11 pass it every day in serene indifference — or maybe stop to ask if the boxwood in its yard is for sale!

Col. Washington's Flag

What is claimed to be the only battle-flag of the American Revolution still in use by a military company is the crimson banner carried at Cowpens by Col. William Washington's calvary.

This flag had been made for Washington by his fiancée, from a fringed silk curtain. It was among the most treasured relics left Washington's widow, and was presented by her to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston.

This company conceived the brilliant idea of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, of commemorating the hardships endured by their forefathers by making a military expedition, 100 miles [sic] of it afoot, from Charleston to the battleground. This they did in April, 1856, and they planted the historic flag again on the exact site — as nearly as they could ascertain it — occupied by Washington's cavalry in the battle; and they erected there a memorial shaft.

Twenty-five years later, the sacred flag, displayed at the unveiling of the centennial monument, served as the theme of the fervid peroration of Wade Hampton, the principal orator on that occasion.

Three Cowpens Monuments

Three important monuments have been erected to commemorate the Cowpens battle. The first — that erected by the Washington Light Infantry in 1856 — was unpretentious in size but rich in meaning and of great importance historically because it was "the first memorial in honor of the battle fought on southern soil."

Twenty-five years later, under the joint auspices of the Washington Light Infantry and a committee of citizens of Spartanburg, the Centennial of the Battle of Cowpens was celebrated by the erection in the public square of Spartanburg, of a stately column surmounted by a statue of General Morgan. It was placed at the county seat because of the inaccessible location of the battleground.

No patriotic American citizen can gaze on the Morgan monument in Spartanburg without a thrill of joy and pride, not merely in the battle it commemorates, but the realization that the act of commemoration, in 1881, was consciously the first cooperative enterprise after the War Between the State, of all the Original 13 colonies. All of them and Tennessee contributed to its purchase.

It stands for the brotherly clasp of hands, also, of the up-country and coast. And the statue surmounting it, placed there at a cost of \$20,000, by a unanimous vote of Congress, speaks eloquently of the restored Union, which victory at Cowpens did so much to bring into existence.

In 1931, the sesqui-centennial of Cowpens led to the plans for another monument. By this time, the portion of Spartanburg county in which the battlefield lay had been taken for formation, in 1898, of Cherokee county with its courthouse at Gaffney. The patriotic women of Gaffney formed a Daniel Morgan chapter, D.A.R., and raised \$1,000 to buy an acre of ground on the battlefield. This they presented to the federal government for a third monument — a stately one — directly on State highway 11, and a few hundred yards from the Washington Light Infantry shaft.

There it stands to remind every passer-by of the Battle of Cowpens and its heroes.

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MEMORIAM TO MAJOR THOMAS YOUNG (1764-1848) OF UNION COUNTY, SC

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Source: Scrap Book/Diary of Rev. James Hodge Saye on microfilm roll R1333a (12350) in manuscript room at South Caroliniana Library, Columbia, SC: 66th frame from end of roll, right hand page.

Major Thomas Young, a soldier of the revolution, died at his residence in Union District S. C. November 7, 1848 - Mr. Young was born January 17, 1864 [sic, obviously should be 1764] - entered the service of his country in the summer of 1780 - was in the battle of King's Mountain, Cowpens &c - resided 5 miles from Unionville near the road from that place to Adams ford on Tyger river - became a communicant of the Presbyterian church at Unionville a few years before his death. He was born on Brown's creek & was buried at the old burying ground of the Brown's creek church.

LOCATION OF THE PLUMBER SETTLEMENT IN UNION COUNTY, SC

Source: Union County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Vol. I, Deed Books A-F (1785-1800) by Brent H. Holcomb, Copyright 1998

~~ page 11. Deed Book A, p. 141-144: Lease & release. 1 & 2 Jan 1785, Daniel Plummer of St. John's River in East Florida, to William Plummer of Ninety Six District, for £70 sterling, 220 acres on Fairforest being a part of a tract of 520 acres granted to said Daniel Plummer by SC, 28 July 1775, on south side of Broad River on Fairforest Creek below the Buffalos lick, that is below James Means. Daniel Plummer {Seal}, Wit: Renney Belue, Shadrack Landtrip. Proved in Ninety Six District by the oath of Renney Belue and Shadrack Landtrip 1 March 1785 before Thomas Brandon, J.P.

~~ page 51. Deed Book B, p. 65-67: April 14, 1773, Daniel Plummer and Mary his wife of Craven County, North Carolina, formerly, to Stephen White of same, black smith, for £750 SC currency, 200 acres in Craven County in the fork of Mitchels Creek and Fairforest Creek adj. Joseph Breed, land claimed by Samuel Jackson, adj. lands granted to said Daniel Plummer. Daniel Plummer, Mary (x) Plummer. Wit: Robert White, Mark Goodwin, John Steel. Proved by oath of Robert White 7 March 1786 before Thos Brandon, J.P. Proved by the oath of John Steel 27 April 1786 before John Birdsong.

~~ page 95. Deed Book C, p. 4-5: May 1, 1789, Samuel Jackson to Mark Jackson, for good will, tract of 200 acres on both sides Fairforest Creek adj. Mitchell's, Plummer's, Joseph Breed, conveyed to said Samuel Jackson from James Vernon 27 July 1777. Samuel Jackson {Seal}; Wit: Mark Jackson Sen'r, David Hart. Proved in Union County by the oath of David Hart 17 July 1789 before Hugh Means, J.P. Recorded 5 Sept 1791.

~~ page 115. Deed Book C, p. 186-192: Lease & release. 24 & 25 Oct 1792, Samuel Jackson the elder of Union County, District of Pinckney, SC, to John Blasingame and George Harlan, Hatter, of same county and district, for £70 sterling, paid by the friend of Jane Harriot Darby and Elizabeth Mary Darby, two minor sisters, tract on waters of Mitchells Creek and Fair Forest on the main road reading to Charleston, formerly property of Daniel Plumber, 260 acres to said Harlan and Plumber in trust for Jane Harriot Darby and Elizabeth Mary Darby, the two minor sisters, until they attain the age of 21 years or marry. . . Saml Jackson {Seal}, John Blasingame {Seal}, George Harlan {Seal}, Wit: Andw Torrence, Saml Simpson, James Darby. Recorded 3 Jan 1793.

UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1832 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 Tuesday January 3, 1832, p. 2, col. 4 [Abbeville District]
DEATH—Near Cambridge, (S. C.) 7th ult. Col. Lewis Mathews, aged 68.
- Issue of Monday January 9, 1832, p. 2, col. 4 [Chester District]
DEATH—At Chesterville, (S. C.) 13th ult. Capt. Alexander Quay, aged 86, a native of Ireland, but emigrated to this country a short time after the close to the close of the American Revolution.
- Issue of Monday January 16, 1832, p. 2, col. 3 [York District]
DEATH—In York district, 30th ult. Rev. Wm. Dickson, aged 73, a native of Ireland—31st, Rev. James K. Kerr, aged 35, for some times a worthy Clergyman of this the Presbyterian order; Mr. J. Dicky, aged, an active, able citizen of that district.—1st inst. Mr. Archibald Tomlinson, aged 22.
- Issue of Thursday January 19, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]
DEATH—In Pendleton [sic] District, 24th ult. Mr. Wm. Abney, sen., aged 91. Mr. A. served faithfully in the Militia in the Revolutionary War.
- Issue of Tuesday January 24, 1832, p. 2, col. 3 [Kershaw District]
DEATH—At Camden (S. C.) 7th inst. Mrs. Frances Sophia, wife of Mr. Wm. Applewhite, aged 22.—17th, Mr. Wm. Shiver, aged 69. Mr. S. was one of the gallant men who served with Marion in the War of the Revolution.
- Issue of Saturday February 11, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Chester District]
DEATH—Near Landsford, Chester [District], Mr. Wm. C. Young, of this city [Charleston], former Editor of the Greenville Republican, age 36.
- Issue of Thursday March 15, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]
DEATH—Near Greenville 2d inst. Mrs. Elizabeth T. Williams, wife of Dr. Thomas B. Williams, aged 22.
- Issue of Friday March 16, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Kershaw District]
DEATH—At Camden, 11th inst. Mr. Durham T. Hall, a resident of the city of New Orleans.
- Issue of Monday March 15, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]
DEATH—In Conley, (Florida) 2d inst. Col. Edmond Bacon, of Edgefield, (S. C.) co-editor of the Edgefield Carolinian.
- Issue of Tuesday March 27, 1832, p. 2, col. 4 [Kershaw District]
DEATH—In Columbia, 20th inst. Dr. Alexander M'Dowell, aged 34, late practitioner in the neighborhood of Flat Rock, Kershaw district.
- Issue of Thursday April 19, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Abbeville District]
DEATH—Near Willington, Abbeville District, (S. C.) 3rd instant Ebenezer Gibert, M. D. a young gentleman of great promise.
- DIED, in Camden, 17th inst. Col. John Taylor, of Columbia, aged 63. An aged father and mother, a devoted wife, seven affectionate children, and a very numerous train of relatives and friends are left to mourn in grief this dispensation, by which they have been deprived of one most dear to their bosoms.
- Issue of Thursday April 19, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Anderson? District]
DEATH—At the Thirty-Two Mile House, 22d instant Mrs. Elizabeth Bufkin, consort of Mr. H. F. Bufkin. [The contributor is uncertain as to which SC district this place is located.]
- Issue of Tuesday May 1, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Fairfield District]
DEATH—At his residence in Fairfield District on the 3d ult. Mr. Thos. Dawkins in the 68th year of his age.

- Issue of Tuesday May 1, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton District, 12th ult. Mr. John Brownlow, a soldier of the Revolution
- Issue of Thursday May 17, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Greenville district, 1st inst. Mrs. Nancy Austin, wife of Mr. Wm. Austin, aged 92. A few months more would have completed the seventieth year since this couple were married. Mr. A. is about two years older than the deceased.
- Issue of Thursday May 17, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—[On the] 5th [instant], Tyre Glenn, Esq. aged 64. The deceased came to his death by accident. He left Col. Brockman's, and on his road home, was drowned in a small branch near Brockman's. An inquest was held, and the Jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by falling from his horse and drowning.
- Issue of Tuesday May 22, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Fairfield District]
 DEATH—At Columbia, on the 18th inst. Mrs. Mary Player, daughter of Gen. Hampton, and wife of Col. Player of Fairfield.
- Issue of Tuesday May 29, 1832, p. 3, col. 1 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—In Augusta, (Geo.) on the 20th instant, Col. Samuel Warren Mays, Late of Edgefield District, in this State.
- Issue of Monday June 11, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—At Camden, 4th inst. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, consort of Mr. Ralph Johnson, the 30th year of her age.
- Issue of Monday June 25, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—At his residence in Kershaw District, 12th inst., Mr. Jacob Champion, aged 82 years.
- Issue of Thursday July 12, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—At Greenville, 1st inst. Mrs. Anna J. Folker, wife of the Rev. P. H. Folker.
- Issue of Monday July 16, 1832, p. 3, col. 1 [Fairfield District]
 DEATH—In Fairfield District, 17th ult. Mr. Willis Whitaker.
- Issue of Wednesday July 25, 1832, p. 3, col. 3 [York District]
 DEATH—At Yorkville, (S. C.), 15 th inst. Mr. Robert Mitchell, age 70.
- Issue of Tuesday July 31, 1832, p.3, col.1 [Fairfield District]
 DEATH—In Fairfield District, (S. C.) 21st inst. Mr. Mark Wooten, aged 53; he had been 41 years afflicted with severe bodily infirmities, for 19 years a member of the Baptist Church, and at all times a peaceable and honest man.
- Issue of Tuesday July 31, 1832, p. 3, col.1 [Anderson District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton, 23d inst. Miss Rebecca Whitner, aged 31, daughter of the late Joseph Whitner, Esq. of that District.
- Issue of Thursday August 2, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Greenville, 23d inst. [sic. This cannot be 23 August; read 23 July 1832] Mrs. Martha Goodlett, wife of Spartan Goodlett, of that district.
- Issue of Wednesday August 8, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—In Edgefield, (S. C.) 23d ult. Mr. Seaborn Mims, aged 23.
- Issue of Thursday August 16, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Greenville District, (S. C.) 7th inst. Captain Thomas Edwards, sen. aged 70. [See p. 59 for the full notice of this Revolutionary War veteran.]
- Issue of Tuesday September 18, 1832, p. 3, col. 1 [Anderson District]
 DEATH—At Pendleton, (S. C.) 8th ult. Mr. John Mills, aged 67.

- Issue of Tuesday October 18, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Anderson District]
 DEATH—At Pendleton, (S. C.) 20th ult. John T. Lewis, aged 45, a native of North Carolina.
- Issue of Friday November 2, 1832, p. 2, col. 4 [York District]
 DEATH—At York Village, 23d ult. Robert Davison, Esq. aged 68
- Issue of Saturday November 10, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—In Camden, 31st ult. Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Humphreyville, age 31, wife of Mr. Joseph D. Humphreyville and daughter of Mr. Eliphalet Seely of Morristown, (N. J.).
- Issue of Friday November 2, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—At Pendleton, (N. C. [sic]), 24th ult. in the prime of life, Harvey Drake of Edgefield, (South Carolina).
- Issue of Thursday November 27, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Fairfield District]
 DEATH—In Fairfield District, 18 th inst. Mr. Andrew Bradford, age 20.
- Issue of Friday December 14, 1832, p. 3, col. 1 [York District]
 DEATH—In York District, (S. C.) 31st ult. Mrs. Harriet B. Moore, wife of Dr. Wm. Moore, and daughter of Mr. Richard Springs, of Charlotte, (N. C.).
- Issue of Wednesday November 19, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Anderson District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton, (S. C.) 8th inst. Mr. Robert Hackett, aged 50, a citizen of Anderson District, and an orderly member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ebenezer.
- Issue of Friday December 28, 1832, p. 2, col. 4 [Greenville District]
 DIED, at his residence near Greenville, on the 21st inst. Mr. RAWLINS W. LOWNDES, son of the late Hon. Wm. Lowndes.

DEATH NOTICES IN 1832 OF FOUR UPSTATE REV. WAR VETERANS

Source: The Charleston Courier

- Issue of Thursday January 19, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton [sic] District, 24th ult. Mr. Wm. Abney, sen., aged 91. Mr. A. served faithfully in the Militia in the Revolutionary War.
- Issue of Tuesday January 24, 1832, p. 2, col. 3 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—At Camden (S. C.) on the 17th, Mr. Wm. Shiver, aged 69. Mr. S. was one of the gallant men who served with Marion in the War of the Revolution
- Issue of Tuesday May 1, 1832, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton District, 12th ult. Mr. John Brownlow, a soldier of the Revolution
- Issue of Thursday August 16, 1832, p. 2, col. 6 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—Greenville District, (S. C.) 7th inst. Captain Thomas Edwards, sen. aged 70. The deceased entered the army at the age of 16, and served as a soldier of the Revolution during the whole war. He was at the battle of Camden, under De Kalb, and fired the first gun in that memorable action—was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York; and engaged in several battles in North-Carolina, Virginia and this State. He was a member of our State legislature fourteen years.

TWO DEATHS IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC IN 1832

Source: The Charleston Courier, issue of Saturday November 17, 1832, p. 2, col. 5

- DEATHS—In Rutherford county, (N.C.) 7th inst. Russell Twitty, aged 27.—On Second Broad River, (N.C.) On the 6th instant, Major William Green, aged 81 years. He was taken at the Court House, during Court week, which settled into a fever. He was for many years a member of the State Legislature.

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

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Note: Equity files frequently, but not always, contain specific family information. Equity bills for partitions and petitions for guardianship, in particular are of great genealogical value. Any of the equity files listed below can be ordered from the Reference and Research Division, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223-4905

Name(s) of Parties	Record Cause of Action	Date	Roll
Mc Carroll, W ^m M vs David Swicord	Bill To establish heirship for account & discovery	1836	81
Mc Carroll, Mary vs David Swicord	Bill To establish heirship for account & discovery	1836	81
Mc Carroll, Elizabeth vs David Swicord	Bill To establish heirship for account & discovery	1836	81
Mc Carroll, Washington vs David Swicord	Bill To establish heirship for account & discovery	1836	81
Mc Carroll, Mary Jr vs David Swicord	Bill To establish heirship for account & discovery	1836	81
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Marshall, Elizabeth et al vs B. Chick	Bill For partition &c	1841	102
Marshall, Ed W et al vs B. Chick	Bill For partition &c	1841	102
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**FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN HARMON (1760s – 1830)
OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC**

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Sources: United States Census, Will and Estate File Research, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Cemetery
Research and Tombstone Transcriptions, NSDAR GRS Database.

John Harmon

(Brother of Andrew and Samuel M. Harmon)

Born: 1760s in Ireland

Died: between 5 September and 1 October 1830 in Spartanburg District, SC

Married: place uncertain to the contributors; probably Ireland

Wife: Margaret --?--

Born: 1770s, probably in Ireland

Died: after 7 January 1832 (date of estate sale of husband) in Spartanburg District, SC

Their Children:

- [1] **Margaret Harmon** Born: about 1788 in Ireland
Died: after 1860 Census of DeKalb County, GA.
Married:
--?-- Kilpatrick
Issue: None Known
- [2] **Elizabeth Harmon** Born: 8 Jun 1798 in Spartanburg County, SC
Died: 11 Feb 1867 in Spartanburg County, SC
Burial: Bethesda Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC
Married:
William F. Lee Born: 12 Jan 1800 in Spartanburg District, SC
Died: 2 Aug 1875 in Spartanburg County, SC
Burial: Bethesda Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC
His Parents: John Watts and Elizabeth Lands Lee
Issue: John A., Martha, and William Richard.
- [3] **James Harmon** Born: before(?) 1800
Died: after 20 Jan 1849 (annual return in Samuel M. Harmon's estate)
- [4] **John M. Harmon** Born: About 1808 in Spartanburg District, SC
Died: 28 Nov 1844 in Spartanburg, SC
Burial: Fairforest Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County, SC
Married:
Lucy Gossett Born: 1795 in Spartanburg County, SC
Died: about May 1870 in Spartanburg County, SC
Her Parents: John and Anna Lemaster Gossett

Issue: Nancy, Margurete A., Samuel, Elihu, John Eliphus, Caroline, Clark, Wade Hampton, Thomas, and Jane.

- [5] **Samuel M. Harmon** Born: about 1810 in SC
Died: after 1880 Census of DeKalb County, GA.
Married: After 1830 census of Spartanburg District, SC
Cansada --?-- Born: about 1816 SC
Died: after 1880 Census of DeKalb County, GA.
Issue: John T, Robert, James, Josephus, Samuel, Thomas, William, Sarah A., George, and Laura.
- [6] **Martha Harmon** Born: 1812 in SC
Died: 10 Jul 1884 in Newton County, GA
Married: Married on 16 Dec 1837 in Newton County, GA
James Christian Chesnut Born: 1 Sep 1813 in SC
Died: 11 Jul 1848 in Newton County, GA
His Parents: David II and Jane Gaston Gladney Chesnut
Issue: John A., David E., Margaret A., Jane M., and James Strong.
- [7] **Jane "Jennie" Harmon** Born: about 1814 in Spartanburg District, SC
Died: after 1880 census of DeKalb County, GA.
Married: After 17 December 1831 (date of her father's estate sale)
Hardy Sellars Died: before 1850 Census, probably in GA.
Issue: Francis, Margaret A., John, Samuel, and Jane E.

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A DESCRIPTION OF GOWENSVILLE IN 1860

Source: The Carolina Spartan, issue of Thursday August 23, 1860, p. 2, col. 6

GOWENSVILLE

This place is located at the northeastern part of Greenville District, about twenty-four miles from our village. We had the pleasure of spending a few hours there a short time since. We visited the flourishing school of our friend, Rev. T. J. Earle, and were highly pleased with the exercises of his school, so far as they progressed during our stay. The Gowensville Academy has about eighty scholars in attendance, and has advantages which are possessed by few and surpassed by no other in the country. The teacher is a gentleman of finished education, of polished manners, and withal a christian. Parents need not be afraid to place their children under his instruction. He not only educate the mind, but the heart—the most important of all things to be looked at in training the young—but [they] will be properly cared for. Mr. Earle has recently procured the services of Miss Mary Fleck, who will take charge of the Music Department and will also assist the Principal in the instruction of scholars in the Literary Department. We cheerfully commend the Gowensville Academy to the patronage of parents who desire to send their daughters and boys to a first class School in the country. Board can be obtained in excellent families near the School upon very reasonable terms.

Should the effort to make a Judicial District out of portion of Spartanburg and Greenville succeed, Gowensville, from its location, will become the capital of the District. The movement is much talked of in that section. How far it will succeed before the Legislature remains to be seen.—*Greenville Enterprise*.

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BIBLE RECORD OF WILLIAMINGTON LAFAYETTE TURNER OF LAURENS DISTRICT, SC

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Source: Photocopy of original family pages of Bible; publisher and publication date not available
[Editor's Note: This Turner family was located in the Waterloo, Cross Hill area of Laurens County. In census records his name is Lafayette and variations thereof.]

Williamington Lafayette Turner was born September the 17, 1833
Catherine Candins Turner was born April the 24, 1830
Williamington Lafayette Turner and Catharine Candinn Coats was Married January the 11, 1853

William Samuel Andrew Turner was born October the 20, 1853
Alpheus Cealer Martean Turner was born September the 9, 1855
Francis Isabellah Turner was born May the 4, 1858
Richard Blackwell Turner was born May the 7, 1860
Martha Susan Turner was born October the 15, 1862
Wade Hampton Turner was born September the 10, 1864
Allie Ellizziebeth Turner was born August the 10, 1873

W. L. Turner died March the 5, 1890
Catharine C. Turner died June the 4, 1885

W. H. Turner and A. E. Hitt was Married march the 5, 1890
Jessie Estelle Turner was born July the 14 1891
Thomas Richard Turner was born January the 21 1893 and died October the 31 1893
Henry Cook Turner was born March the 28 1895 and died July 29th, 1906
Walter Fate Turner was Born the 28 of March 1897
Willie Hames Turner Was Born June the 14 1899
Luis Johnson Turner was Born the 26 of April 1902
Larry Ben. Turner was born the 23 1904 and died Feb the 13, 1906
Nancy Margrette Turner was born July 23, 1907 & Died July 10, 1908
Rosa Coleman Turner was born July 1, 1909
Allie Jewel Turner was born August 10 1913

S. S. Boyd and Jessie Estelle Turner were married Oct. 19, 1913
James Hampton Boyd was born Oct. 1, 1914

Willie Hames Turner died 9th of August 1918. (War)
Wade Hampton Turner died June 10th 1936 at Age 72

WHITNER-SLOAN MARRIAGE IN ANDERSON DISTRICT

Source: *The Keowee Courier*, issue of Saturday August 14, 1858, p. 3, col. 2
MARRIED, on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., by Rev. Albert A. Morse, at Rivoli, the residence of Col. John T. Sloan, in Anderson District, W. R. WHITNER, Esq., to Miss ESSIE M. SLOAN.

RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY SPARTANBURG VILLAGE (1827-1835)

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, Wednesday July 15, 1885, p. 1, col. 3 & 4

[For the Spartan]
THE OLD TIMES

Mr. Editor - Sir: - When I came from North Carolina to Spartanburg in 1827, I found no cotton factories, rolling mills, nail factories, telegraph wires or railroads in the county. I went to school to Robert Moore, some few families north of the Pacolet Springs. He was a brother of Governor John Moore, as he was called, whom no doubt you well remember, as he, for many years, was in the habit of calling court in your county. I once attended a camp muster at Gaffney's old field, when there was no town there and only one store kept by Mike Gaffney. In 1830, I went to Charleston with one of my neighbors with a load of cotton and brought back a load of dry goods for Daniel Wallace of Union Court House. I saw this trip for the first time a railroad in operation, running out six miles north of Charleston. While spending my time near the Pacolet Springs I made the acquaintance of Jeff Hughes, Len. Hughes, Wm. Giles, Henry Long, Rev. Thos. Ray and family from Union and many other from Union, Laurens, Newberry, &c., who spent their summers at the Pacolet Springs. About this time there were but few stores at Spartanburg Court House.

I recollect Jesse Cleveland, Thos. Poole and his maiden sister, George Jones, Joseph Michael and Adam Cooper, who were selling goods there at that time. There was a vacant space between Jones' store and the Court House, which, on public days and court weeks, was filled with carts and wagons with cakes and beer for sale. It was also the case at all the muster grounds throughout the county, where ladies would turn out by the hundreds to witness the military parades, where the young men would treat them to cakes and beer. I was once at a battalion muster at John Wilkins, on Goucher creek, where one of the Dawkins, (Ben I believe) and Dr. Lancaster fell out and to settle the difficulty they locked themselves up in a room and fought it out. No pistols were used in those days.

Col. Wm. Harris then lived at the head of the street, the *ultima thule* or the town in that direction. A man by the name of Suddeth kept a hotel on the southern part of the town, where the young folks would frequently meet in a social capacity and "trip the light fantastic toe."

On one of those occasions I recollect dancing with a charming young widow, Mrs. Crump, sister of Thomas and Berry Moore. There were several high toned young lawyers practicing at the bar at Spartanburg about this time, such as Hosea J. Dean, Simpson Bobo, Jas. E. Henry, Wm. Trimmier, Henry H. Thomson, Eliphas Smith, T. O. P. Vernon, Thos. Moore, Thos. F. Smith, Jack Farrow, &c. Thomas Moore was of the most promising young lawyers at the Spartanburg bar, with brilliant talents and would have made his mark in the world, but died in early life. Dr. R. M. Young and Dr. James Vernon were both eminent in their profession as physicians.

Wm. Trimmier had a sister who married Oliver Clark and settled in Winston County, Mississippi, where they resided for many years. In 1868, a tornado passed through the county and swept away all their houses and everything except the clothes they had on, leaving only the floor of the dwelling house, under which was a cellar and into which all his family had taken refuge, except himself and one daughter. Mr. Clark was knocked down by the falling timbers, his daughter found herself, unhurt, standing by the piano, in the horse lot, some fifty yards from the dwelling house. A churn that was full of milk on the hearth was found standing upright in the yard with all the milk in it. After the storm had passed over, the family all met upon the floor, where once the house had stood and knelt in prayer with naught over head, but the blue vault of heaven. In this humble attitude, a holy invocation was ejaculated by the father of the family, which in point of fervidness, deep earnestness and gratitude to the "Disposer

of Events" for the preservation of his family, was scarcely ever heard fall from the lips of mortal man. The house of one of his neighbors was also swept away and his child killed. Behold the difference between the two men. His neighbor swore that God was an unjust being thus to have his house blown away and his child killed.

The neighbors met and constructed a small cabin for Mr. Clark's family, out of the debris. The family soon after left for Texas, where both of the old people soon died.

When I came to this country fifty years ago it was a very rare occurrence for a tornado to pass through, but of late years it has become so common that almost every family has dug storm pits either under their houses, or in their yards, as a place of refuge during storms.

During my early life coffee as a daily beverage was not used except by some of the wealthiest families of the country.

There were two men living in Spartanburg by the name of Bob Thompson. One was called Thickety Bob, and the other Corn Bob Thompson. Corn Bob lived on the east side of the Pacolet river, below the Rolling Mill. He was illiterate, hoarded up his money and sent his children into the world, like himself, without education. He indulged in provincialism and his common asseveration was: "I d-m." His wife, Nettie, had on several occasions urged him to purchase some coffee as some of the neighbors were using it. So one day as he was about to start to town, she reminded him of the coffee, when his reply was: "I d-m I'll buy a pound today and give you all a gorge." He bought the coffee and it is said, his wife boiled it in a pot with bacon. When his wife died, he remarked to one of his neighbors: "I d-m, I had rather lost the best cow in my pen than Nettie."

During my trip to Charleston in 1830, after camping one night in Union, I called at a house by the wayside next morning, for the purpose of obtaining a cup of coffee for breakfast, and found T. Jeff Hughes there. The lady made some excuse, but finally brought me something which she called coffee. After drinking it, I thanked her very kindly and remarked that: "That was what I was raised on." Jeff Hughes informed me afterwards that the lady told him after I left, that she had no coffee and that she warmed the dish water, put some sugar and cream in it and give it to me. During my stay in Spartanburg I saw a man hung by the name of **Wm. Anderson** for murder and was informed by old John Poole, who owned Pacolet Springs, that there had been a man, by the name of Burkett, hung there many years before, for horse stealing. While a student at Spartanburg Court House and boarding at a hotel kept by Jas. Hunt, in November or December, 1883 [*sic*; The great meteor shower occurred in November 1833], that remarkable phenomenon occurred, known as the night when, "The stars all fell." Some persons viewed this meteoric shower calmly, while others became very much alarmed. Some thought the day of judgment had come. Geo. Jones, after he had called up all his family, except George, Jr., who was sleeping above stairs, mounted the stairs and called George up and remarked that he expected that Christ would appear upon the earth that morning. George, Jr., raised himself up on the bed, rubbed his eyes with an air of nonchalance and replied: "I would like very much to see the gentleman." The first man that I met on my arrival in Mississippi, with whom I had been previously acquainted, was T. Jeff Hughes, of Union. He told the boys what brought me to Mississippi. He said that I had been raised in North Carolina where they used only two wheel carts and that I had never seen a four wheeled wagon until I was a grown young man, when a family moving to Mississippi passed through my neighborhood with a four wheel wagon and that my curiosity was so excited about it, that I expected every moment so see the big wheels overtake the little ones and run over them, that I started in pursuit and followed it with a view of realizing my expectations until I arrived in Mississippi.

Being susceptible to the tender passions in early life, as the most of young men are, I became enamored with one of the fair daughters of Spartanburg and meeting with ill requited affection, I

resolved to seek my fortune in Mississippi, so when I started in pursuit of the four wheel wagon, expecting to see the big wheels run over the little ones, I gave vent to my disappointed feeling by singing the following impromptu lines to the

AIR OF MARY BLANE.

I once did love a gentle girl,
Of her I grieve my loss;
She lived way up in Spartanburg;
They call her Betty Moss
Oh, farewell! Oh farewell
Oh farewell Betty Moss,
No more, I'll hear thy syren voice,
As o'er life's waves I cross.

Yea, fairer than the lily bright,
With all its gilded gloss,
More lovely than the "grace, I do"
Is charming Betty Moss.
Oh, farewell &c.

While passing o'er this world I never
Expect —
Another one so dear to me,
As Lovely Betty Moss,
Oh, farewell &c.

This world to me would be a blank,
And all is gold be dross,
Were I forever doomed to live
Without my Betty Moss.
Oh, farewell &c.

No chilling winds or burning sands,
Would be too great a cross,
For me to brook, could I but win,
A smile from Betty Moss,
Oh, farewell &c.

I'd scale Mount Etna's burning heights,
Or through its lava cross,
Could I but claim that precious boon,
The hand of Betty Moss.
Oh, farewell &c.

WM. T. LEWIS, Louisville, Mississippi.

*[Editor's Note: The Wm Anderson who was hanged (named above) could be the Willey Anderson involved in the killing of Mr. Berry mentioned on p. 71 below.]

**THE FAMILIES OF WILLIAM TOLLESON HARVEY (1826-1915),
NATIVE OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC**

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Sources: United States Census, Will and Estate File Research, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Cemetery Research, Tombstone Inscriptions, and The Autobiography of William T. Harvey (published in this Quarterly Vol, IX, No. 3, July 1995, pp. 95-96)

William Tolleson Harvey

Born: 1 Nov 1826 in Spartanburg District, South Carolina

Died: 30 Aug 1915 in Los Angeles, California

His Father: John Harvey Born 1790 in Virginia, Died: 1840 Trezevan, Carroll County, Tennessee

His Mother: Elizabeth "Betsy" K. Bryant Born: 1790 Spartanburg District, South Carolina,

Died: 1850 Trezevan, Carroll, Tennessee

His paternal grandparents: John and Goodspring Kirby Harvey

His maternal grandparents: Reuben and Nancy Tolleson Bryant

Married First on 1 Jan 1854 in Contracosta, California:

Jane P. Walker

Born: Missouri

Died: 1855 in California.

Their Child:

[1] Daughter

Born: Abt Dec 1854 in California

Died: Abt Aug 1855 in California

Married Second in 1859 in California

Hannah Farnham

Born: abt 1827 in Maine

Died: 1879 in California

(Note: Her 1st Marriage to Joseph Lawrence

Born: abt 1821 Maine - Died: bef 1860 Census in Maine

Issue with Joseph Lawrence: Evelyn A.)

The Children of William Tolleson Harvey & Hannah Farnham:

[2] Edward E. Harvey Born: Abt 1861 in California

Married: Abt 1890 in California

Cora L. Born: Abt 1870 in California

Issue: None Known

[3] Lillian Janette Born: Abt 1863 in California

"Nettie"

Married:

Charles C. Modie Born: Abt Mar 1853 in California

Issue: Edna Zyl and Ethel

[4] William F. Harvey Born: 3 Dec 1865 in California
Died: 11 Jul 1944 in Tulare, Tulare County, California

Married:

Helen A. -?- Born: Abt 1874 in Illinois

Issue: None Known

Married Third Abt 1881 Contra Costa, California

Elizabeth Snider

Born: 15 Sep 1845 in Indianapolis, Indiana

Died: 12 Oct 1902 in Salinas, California

(Note: Her 1st Marriage to William Henry Polk

Born: 24 Mar 1848 in Springfield, Illinois - Died: 22 Oct 1879 in Watsonville, California

Issue with William Polk: Caroline Elizabeth, Rhoda Florence, Charles William, Maud Lula

The Children of William Tolleson Harvey & Elizabeth Snider:

[5] Walter Tolleson Born: Abt 1882 in California

Died: Abt 1889 in California

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A MR. BERRY OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT SHOT AND KILLED IN 1832

Source: The Charleston Courier, issue of Wednesday March 7, 1832, p. 2, col. 4

RUTHERFORDTON, (N. C.) FEB. 25.

Villain Secured.—A respectable gentleman informs us, that two brothers, named Jesse and Willey Anderson, lately broke into a store in Georgia; and while they were being apprehended for the crime, the villain Jesse shot an individual engaged in securing him; that they then made their escape into Spartanburg District, (S. C.) to which place they were followed, and when they were again about to be taken, Jesse shot a Mr. _____ Berry, who survived but a short time. The villain was, however, secured, and is now lodged in Spartanburg jail; but the other brother succeeded in making his escape, and has not yet been taken, to the knowledge on [word blotted by spot in original] man. [See p. 68 above.]

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BRITISH RIFLE FOUND IN 1858 NEAR CEDAR SPRING

(SPARTANBURG DISTRICT)

Source: The Keowee Courier, issue of Saturday August 14, 1858, p. 3, col. 1

A REVOLUTIONARY TROPHY

Mr. Robert White, living near Cedar Spring, exhumed upon his farm a veritable British Yager, found on Clark's track, when pursued by Ferguson. Considering that the several parts of the old gun have been subjected to the corrosive action of all weather for eighty years, it is really surprising to see them in such preservation. The wood-work is all gone, but, with the exception of the loss of the trigger guard, the belt rings, and a fractured main spring, it is complete. It is the purpose of Mr. White to have the piece restocked, and try how the old arm will shoot, with the identical flint that once ignited powder that propelled leaden messengers to destroy the lives of free men.

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FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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Contributor's note: The intent and purpose of this contribution is to expose family groups and family connections from the various types of court records from the upstate counties of South Carolina. The county and the type of record will be carefully identified. The wording, sentence structure (or lack thereof), and punctuation (or lack thereof) of original documents will be followed as closely as possible. Information within a document that is not essential nor relevant to the genealogical content will be elided, as indicated by successive dots, i.e., ... Statements, 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.

PICKENS DISTRICT/OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County, SC, Probate Court, Apt 67, file 705, Estate of John L. Ballinger, deceased (1851), James A. Ballinger and Edward L. Ballinger, Executors

Last Will and Testament (1851) of John L. Ballinger

[Editor's Note: This will is also on file in the Pickens County, SC Probate Court, Apt 27, No. 323. After 1868, estate files pertaining to persons in the western section of old Pickens District were transferred to the newly formed Oconee County.]

State of South Carolina, Pickens District} In the name of God Amen:

I, John L. Ballinger of the State and District aforesaid, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will, in manner following, that is to say: I desire that immediately after my decease that **my wife Mahala Ballinger** shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses. After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I desire that my wife Mahala Ballinger remain on the premises whereon I now reside. I give the property hereinafter mentioned to her my Said wife Mahala during her natural life or widowhood. **In the first place** I give unto her my land houses tenements and all pertaining to the premises of which I am now legally seized and possessed. I also give unto her a **Negro boy named Augustus**. I give unto her three head of horses, Seven head of cattle and their increase, fifteen head of hogs and their increase. Also all of my household and Kitchen furniture and all farming tools and utensils and all the property that I am now in possession of. I desire in case of her (said Mahala Ballinger) death or marriage, that all of the herein before mentioned be sold on a credit of twelve months with note and approved Security, and that the proceeds of the Sale be distributed in the manner following. I desire that **my daughter Pleasant Elizabeth** shall receive seventy five dollars, to **my daughter Tabitha Priscilla** seventy five dollars. To **Judith Ann** seventy five dollars, to **Lucinda Angeline** seventy five dollars, to **my son John Richard Ballinger** seventy five dollars, to **Jane Mahala** seventy five dollars. And the residue to be equally divided among **my other children**, namely, **James Alexander Ballinger, William D. Ballinger, Edward L. Ballinger, and Frances M. Hurt** formerly Frances Ballinger.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my Sons James Alexander Ballinger and Edward L. Ballinger executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **third day of February** in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one and in the seventy-fifth year of the

Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America. (signed) **John L. Ballinger** (Seal)
Signed, Sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the within named John Ballinger in the presence of us: T. Holly, Robert Fullerton, Daniel Fullerton.

Will of John L. Ballinger Proven (2 April 1851)

State of South Carolina, Pickens District} Personally appeared before me Robt Fullerton and made oath that he was present & did see John Ballinger sign the within last Will & Testament that T Holly & Daniel Fullerton were with himself subscribing Witnesses to the Same. Rob' Fullerton
Sworn to before me 2^d of April, 1851. W. D. Steele, O.P.D.

Recorded in Will Book 1, pages 146 and 147, Pickens County Probate Court, Pickens, South Carolina.
[Editor's Note: Apparently many of the records in the original file of this case were lost in the transfer from old Pickens District to Oconee County. In particular there were no final settlement papers nor any other records of genealogical interest.]

PICKENS DISTRICT/OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County, SC Probate Court, Box/Label 1, No. 38, 1853, Mahala Ballenger, Guardian

Mahala Ballenger Petition For Guardianship (November 1, 1853)

Pickens District, South Carolina} To the Ordinary of Said District
Whereas I **Mahala Ballenger** mother of the within named Minors — **Judith Ann, Lucinda Angeline, John Richard** and **Jane Mahala Ballenger** having an interest in their father's estate, I do hereby petition your court for letters of Guardianship for the above named minors. Witness my hand & seal
Nov. 1st 1853 Mahala (her X mark) Ballenger Attest: Tho. R Brackenredge

Mahala & Wm C Lee Bond for Guardianship (November 1, 1853)

Pickens District, South Carolina} In the Court of Ordinary. Know all Men by these Presents, that we Mahala Ballenger, W C Lee and George M Phillips of Pickens District in the State aforesaid, are joint and severally held and firmly bound unto W J Parsons Esquire, Ordinary for district aforesaid . . . in the full and just sum of **four hundred dollars** lawful money of said State . . . dated this first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three . . .

Letters of Guardianship Granted to Mahala Ballenger (November 1, 1853)

[Mahala Ballenger became the guardian for her minor children Judith A, Lucinda A, John R, and Jane M on the above date.]

Mahala Ballenger's Annual Return For 1854 (March 5, 1855)

In account with Judith Ballenger, Minor — Due minor on 5 th March 1855	\$24.10
In account with Lucinda A Ballenger, Minor — Due minor on 5 th March 1855	\$31.02
In account with J R and Jane Ballenger, Minors — Due minors on 5 th March 1855	\$87.15

[It appears that each minor was due \$45.00 from the estate of their father with interest earned on this amount for four months. The amount paid to Judith Ann and Lucinda Angeline were different because different amounts were paid out to them in the preceding year, which in turn resulted in different amounts deducted for the Ordinary's commission at 2 ½ %. An additional fee of \$1.80 was deducted from the account of each minor. The accounts of the two younger minors were combined.]

Mahala Ballenger, Guardian
W. J. Parsons O. P. D.

Examined and passed by me 5th March 1855

OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County, SC Probate Court, Box/Label 10, No. 114, 1870, Simpson Dickson, Guardian

Petition For Appointment of Guardian (November 18, 1870)

Ex Parte James E(?), Rebecca E., Nancy A., John L. & Mary Ballinger, minors
On hearing the Petition in the above stated case, and finding the facts as set forth substantially true, it

is ordered that **Simpson Dickson** be appointed Guardian of the said Minors, upon entering into Bond in the penalty sum of Two Thousand Dollars for the faithful execution of said trust.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th of November 1870 Richard Lewis, Judge of Probate
Oconee County

A Revealing Note Found in This File (January 24, 1880)

\$44.41 Received of J A & J L Dickson Executors of will of Simpson Dickson Dec'd Forty Four Dollars 41 cts in full of my Distributive Share of the Estate of my Father W. D. Ballinger deceased received by Said Exors January the 24 1880 [signed] M A Whistenant W. L. Whistenant
[M A Whistenant was Mary A. Ballinger, daughter of William D. and Martha M. Dickson Ballinger, and W. L. Whistenant was her husband. This Note proves that Simpson Dickson was the father of Martha M. Dickson. The death certificate for Jos. L. Dickson shows Simpson Dickson's wife to be a Perkins.

OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County, SC Probate Court, Box/Label 11, No. 130, 1870, Sarah A Ballinger, Guardian

Petition For Appointment of Guardian (November 18, 1870)

The State of South Carolina, Oconee County, In Probate Court} Ex Parte: Estate of **Thomas H. Ballinger, Daniel R. Ballinger, James D. Ballinger**, Minors

To honorable Rich^d Lewis, Judge of Probate Court for said County & State The humble petition of **Sarah A Ballinger widow of W. D. Ballinger** dec'd late of said State & County, respectfully sheweth that the said W. D. Ballinger was at the time of his death the husband of your petitioner & that your petitioner applied for and received letters Testamentary as Administratrix of her said husband's Estate, that she has fully performed her duties as said administratrix & upon a final accounting as such that she has in her possession about two hundred & sixty five dollars belongs to the **eight children**, Heirs of the s^d intestate, that three of those eight children to wit Tho^s W. - David R. - James M. are minors under the age of fourteen years & are from their tender age incapable of managing their said Estate derived from the Estate of their said Father & are also under the age which qualifies them to choose a guardian to receive & control the Estate thus due to them. Your petitioner therefore prays that she may be appointed the guardian of the minor Heirs above named & that after complying with the Law in such cases that she be authorized to receive & receipt for the same. **Sarah A Ballinger**

[Contributor's Note: The middle initial of the first minor changes from H to W and the first name of second minor switches from Daniel to David throughout this file. The 1870 Oconee census seems to favor Daniel. The will of their mother, Sarah A. Ballinger, in 1914 has his name as Daniel.]

Guardianship Bond (November 18, 1870)

Ex Parte: Estate of Thomas W., David R., & James D. Ballinger, minors

The State of South Carolina, [Oconee] County} KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Sarah A. Ballinger are holden and firmly bound unto Richard Lewis, Judge of Probate for the County of Oconee in the full and just sum of one Hundred and twenty Dollars . . . SEALED with our Seals, and dated the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy and in the 95th year of American Independence

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the above bounden Sarah A. Ballinger, Guardian of the person and Estate of Thomas W Ballinger, Daniel R Ballinger & James D Ballinger do and shall carefully and handsomely bring up the said [minors] during their minority and Nonage . . . then the above obligation to be void and of none effect, or else remain in full force and virtue.

Signed in the presence of Daniel Holly}

Sarah A Ballinger . . .

Letters of Guardianship (November 18, 1870)

The State of South Carolina, Oconee County} BY Richard Lewis, Esquire JUDGE OF PROBATE

TO Simpson-Dickson Sarah A. Ballinger Whereas **Thomas H. Ballenger, David R. & James D. Ballenger** children of James[sic, William] D. Ballenger late of Oconee County deceased, are minors entitled to a small estate \$ Sarah A. Ballinger has applied to appoint her to be their guardian . . . I do hereby commit the tuition, guardianship, and education of the said Minors to you, the said Sarah A. Ballinger charging you to maintain them . . .

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy and in the 95th year of American Independence. Richard Lewis Judge of Probate

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg County, SC, Probate Court, File No. 2907, Estate of Pleasant Elizabeth Wingo, Deceased (1879), Tabitha Priscilla Pollard, Administratrix

Petition to Administer Estate (August 11, 1879)

South Carolina, Spartanburg County} In the Probate Court To the Hon George W Nichols Judge of Probate for Spartanburg County —

The petition of **Tabitha P Pollard** of said County and State respectfully represents — That **Mrs. Pleasant E. Wingo** of the aforesaid County and State departed this life intestate on 24 day of July 1879, leaving an estate of about the value of one thousand dollars consisting entirely of personal property. That the distributees of said estate are her brother and sisters and the children of deceased brothers, and that your petitioner is a sister of said deceased —

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the usual citation may be issued and that letters of administration upon the estate may be granted to your petitioner, and your petitioner will ever pray etc

J M Elford J. S. R. Thomson, attorneys for Petitioner

[Contributor's Note: All the papers in this file preceding the final settlement of this estate will be omitted here.]

Settlement of the Estate of Pleasant E. Wingo (September 29, 1879)

[The final dollar amount of the estate was \$967.66 which, after deductions for legal fees and taxes, was reduced to \$800.04. There being seven distributees, the share of each was \$114.21 4/7.]

Distributee:	Amounts Paid:		
[1] James A. Ballenger	\$114.31 ^{4/7}		
[2] Frances M. Hunt [sic, Hurt]	114.31 ^{4/7}		
[3] M ^{rs} T. P. Pollard	114.31 ^{4/7}		
[4] Angeline Smith	114.31 ^{4/7}		
[5] Janie M. Ballenger	114.31 ^{4/7}		
[6] Heirs of Edward L. Ballenger to wit		[7] Heirs of W. D. Ballenger to wit:	
(1) Susan Ballenger	\$19.05	(1) Franklin Ballenger	\$16.33
(2) Mary K. O'Kelley	19.05	(2) Nancy Ann Sanders	16.33
(3) Harriet J. Ballenger	19.05	(3) Rebecca E. Tannery	16.33
(4) Esly K.T. O'Kelley	19.05	(4) Mary A. Whisanant	16.33
(5) Amanda J. Ballenger	19.05	(5) Thomas Ballenger	16.33
(6) Anna Kilburn	19.05	(6) Daniel R. Ballenger	16.33
		(7) James D. Ballenger	16.33

[William D. Ballenger's son John L. does not appear in the list above.]

**WILL (1853) OF THOMAS GASSAWAY OF PICKENS DISTRICT, SC
PICKENS COUNTY**

Pickens County, SC, Probate Court, Box 31, No. 359 (1853), Estate of Thomas Gassaway, deceased,

(1853), James D. Gassaway and Henry L. Gaines, Executors

Last Will (1853) and Testament of Thomas Gassaway

[Editor's Note: This will was cited, but not published, in the February 2011 of this Quarterly. See page 4 of the February 2011 issue for the family of Thomas Gassaway and his wife Dorcas Smith Gassaway.

In the name of God Amen — I Thomas Gassaway of the State of South Carolina & Pickens District, being of a sound mind and memory and aware of the uncertainty of the direction of my life, and desirous of disposing of such worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me —

First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. **Secondly** I will and bequeath unto my beloved and cherished wife **Dorcus** during her life or widowhood, a **negro woman named Juliet** and her future increase. Also the use and possession of my Dwelling and other building where I now live, together with the use and possession of so much of the Lands which I own on the east side of 12 Mile River (together with the mills) as are necessary for the comfortable support of her self and negroes. Also So much of my household and Kitchen furniture as She may Select for her use, together with Such Stock as She may desire for use, to be Selected from what I may own.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my Son **Samuel F** a **negro boy William**.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath unto my Son **James D** a Feather bed & furniture, and a Bureau, and the tract of land on which he now lives, containing about one hundred and fifty acres.

Fifthly, I will and bequeath unto my daughter **Lucinda** the wife of **Allen C Harbin** during her life time a **negro girl Amy**, and her future increase and after death to the heirs of her body if any, if not then the Said woman Amy and her increase to revert to the Surviving children of my deceased Son **John W Gassaway**.

Sixthly, I will and bequeath unto my Son **Thomas H** a **Negro Boy Elijah** and book case.

Seventhly, I will and bequeath unto my son **Joseph Smith** all the lands of which I may die possessed lying on the East Side of the road leading from Pendleton to Mauldins Ford on 12 Mile River being composed of the place and a Small part of the homestead, whereon are the mills, Said lands being Subject to the provision as Stated in my Second bequest. Also a tract of land containing about two hundred acres on the West Side of 12 Mile River Known as the Todd lands, also a **Negro Boy John**, together with a feather bed & furniture, Bed Stead, and Walnut Bureau and a Sorrel horse Known as **Charlie**.

Eighthly, I will and bequeath unto my daughter **Dorcus Ann** a **negro girl Mariah** and her future increase a cow & calf two feather beds & furniture & bedSteads and all the land I may die possessed of lying on the West Side of the road leading from Pendleton to Mauldins ford on 12 Mile River Known as the home place, Said land being subject to the provision expressed in the Second bequest of this mt Will. In case my daughter **Dorcus Ann** Should die without any heir of her own body, I will that Said land Shall revert and be equally divided among all the heirs of my body.

Ninthly, I will and Bequest unto my son **Enoch B.** a **Negro Boy Henry**.

Tenthly, I will and Bequeth unto my Son **James D** in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter **Elizabeth** the wife of **Jesse C Crenshaw** a tract of land containing about Eighty acres on which She now lives, being the same for which I have this day paid J T Sloan the Sum two hundred and fifty dollars, and I will unto the said **James D** in trust for the use of Said **Elizabeth** the Sum two hundred and fifty dollars, with interest, from this date and I hereby empower Said **James** after my death to Keep Said amount at interest and pay the interest annually to Said **Elizabeth** or to invest Said amount in other

good property with her consent for her use & benefit. Said lands & money or its proceeds after the Death of Said **Elizabeth** to be divided among the heirs of her body.

Eleventhly, I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter **Matilda Gassaway** (the daughter of my deceased Son **Wesley**) a **negro girl Rebecca** Said girl to remain in possession of my wife **Dorcus** during her life.

Twelfthly, I will that after the death of my wife the woman **Juliet** be permitted to choose which of my children She desires to go, together with her future increase and that whichever She may choose Shall become the owner of her and her future increase.

Thirteenthly, I will and that my property of which I may die possessed not herein disposed of be immediately Sold and the proceeds be equally divided among my heirs.

Fourteenthly, I desire that if my brother **Daniel** Shall directly or indirectly present any claim or demand against my Estate, my Executors to take counsel and if advisable to prosecute my claim to the Real Estate which my father **James Gassaway** died Seized & possessed.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son **James D. Gassaway** and my friend **Henry L. Gaines** Executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed Sealed and Executed this the **eighth day of November 1853** — Tho' Gassaway {Seal}

In the presence of **John T Sloan** **Dennis Sullivan** **M R Boggs**

Will of Thomas Gassaway Proven (13 December 1853)

South Carolina, Pickens District} Personally appeared **Dennis Sullivan** and made oath in due form of law that he was present and did see **Tho' Gassaway** late of Pickens District deceased Sign and publish the within to be his last will and testament and that **John T Sloan** and **W R Boggs** were together with himself Subscribing witnesses to the Same
D Sullivan

Sworn to and Subscribed to before me the **13th day of December One thousand eight hundred and fifty three**
W J Parsons O. P. D.

South Carolina, Pickens District} I **W Holcombe** Ordinary of the District of Pickens hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last Will and testament of **Thomas Gassaway** Deceased on file in my office. Given under my hand and Seal of office at Ordinary Office Pickens District South Carolina this 3^d day of April A D 1860.
W. E. Holcombe O. P. D.

[Editor's Note: The remainder of this estate file will not be reproduced here.]

**DEATH NOTICE OF RUSSELL T. AND IDA SUNIE GOOD
OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC**

Source: The Baptist Courier, issue of Thursday August 5, 1886, p. 3, col. 1

The death of Mr. Russell T Good of this city, has been received with sincere regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Only a few weeks ago he was in the enjoyment of excellent health, when he was attacked by fever, resulting in his death on the 27th ult. in the 34th year of his age. He was a native of Greenville county, and for a number of years he was engaged in mercantile life, in which he was successful, not only in accumulating considerable means, but in securing the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, by whom he was greatly esteemed as an honest, upright man. . . . He leaves a wife and three children, who have the sympathies of numerous friends in this sad bereavement.

Miss **Ida Sunie Good**, a sister of Mr. R. T. Good, died at the residence of her father, **Henderson Good**, on the 30th ult. surviving her brother by only three days. The afflicted father, who lives near **Manetta**, has lost his wife and four grown children within the last four years.

CHURCH FOLKLORE AND THE NAME OF ERSKINE COLLEGE

Contributed by Lorene Fisher, 22 Goose Trail, Taylors, SC 29687

Source: Erskine College Bulletin Alumni Newsletter, Spring 1964, Vol. IX, No. 1, p. 4.

DID GRAVE-ROBBER PLAY ROLE IN CHURCH, COLLEGE HISTORY?

According to a fantastic though persistent legend, a grave robber may have unknowingly played a part in the founding of Erskine College.

According to the legend, early in 1680 Mrs. Henry Erskine passed away in Dryburgh, Berwickshire, Scotland. Making her passing doubly sad was the fact that she was to become a mother in a short time.

Since embalming was not practiced in those days, she was interred within a few hours after death. Following the services Mr. Erskine, relatives and friends retired to the residence a short distance from the graveyard.

It had been broadcast around the countryside that an expensive ring had gone to the grave with Mrs. Erskine. So as soon as darkness covered the land, a grave-robber slipped into the silent resting place of the Erskine dead. Quickly he had the casket lid off and reached for the ring. The swollen condition of Mrs. Erskine's hands and fingers made it impossible for him to remove the ring, however, so he whipped out a knife and started hacking away at the ring finger's joint, next to the knuckle. To his complete mortification, the supposed corpse rose and cried out in pain. The would-be grave-robber beat a hasty exit while Mrs. Erskine slowly made her way back to her home.

Footsteps on the front porch of the mansion where family and friends of Mrs. Erskine were grieving soon thereafter led Mr. Erskine to comment, "If I didn't know my dear Margaret was dead, I would swear those were her footsteps." The door opened, and there, to the shock and amazement of the grievers, stood Mrs. Erskine, holding her bloody hand in the other.

From that night, according to the legend, Mrs. Erskine resumed normal life and within six months gave birth to a healthy boy. The date was June 22, 1680, and the son was named Ebenezer Erskine. On attaining manhood, Ebenezer entered the ministry of the Church of Scotland.

Later, because of his "rebel" beliefs and doctrines, he was dismissed from the church. Helping to bring his dismissal was his stand against the Heritor's Act, which decreed that no member of the church could vote or have a voice in the church unless he was a property owner.

Ebenezer Erskine gathered around him a few followers and in December, 1733, helped found the Associate Church of Gairney Bridge, near Kinkross, Scotland.

It was the same church, founded in opposition to the undemocratic practices of the Church of Scotland, that later joined in America with the Reformed Church to create the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. In 1839, when the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church formed the first four-year denominational college in South Carolina, it was for Ebenezer Erskine and his brother Ralph, another leader in the Associate Church, that the new college was named.

Is the story far-fetched truth or mere legend? It is doubtful whether anyone will ever know. Its colorful telling and retelling for as far back as anyone can remember, however, seem to have it made a permanent part of the church and college folklore.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF "DUE WEST" IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SC

Contributed by Lorene Fisher, 22 Goose Trail, Taylors, SC 29687

Source: Erskine College Bulletin Alumni Newsletter, Spring 1964, Vol. IX, No. 1, p. 4.

DUE WEST HAS INTRIGUING NAME, ABSORBING HISTORY

The small and unusually named little town in which Erskine College is located played an important role in the early history of the state of South Carolina.

Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History, May 2011, Vol. XXV, No. 2

Soon after the English settled Charleston, traders started branching out and as a result established trade relations with the Cherokee Indians. These trade routes took them from Charleston, to Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. One of the main routes led from South Carolina's major port to Keowee, a Cherokee Indian village in what is now Oconee County.

The English traders would leave Charleston with various objects like guns, red paint, mirrors, and cutting tools, trading these to the Indians for animal skins. The skins in turn were sold to shoe craftsmen back in Charleston, since there was no manufacturing of such items in those days.

The route running from Charleston to the Indian Territory was known as the great South Carolina Interior trade route. As more people migrated to South Carolina, the land covering this trade route up to the Piedmont section became more populated. The settlers started killing the animals for food. As the Cherokees depended upon the fur and skin trade as a means of livelihood, this sparked a war between the whites and Indians in 1759 which was finally put down with help from England.

The Indians asked for peace and a boundary was fixed between the Cherokee Indian nation and South Carolina, almost to the point where the Abbeville and Anderson County lines are now.

At this point where the trading paths crossed, almost on the boundary line, a French trader named Du Wett established a trading post. He made his settlement near the banks of a stream which is now named Little River.

During the Revolutionary War, the Cherokee Indians sided with the British. In 1777, at the site of Du Wett's settlement, the Indians were forced to sign a treaty with the state of South Carolina, in which it surrendered the area which is now Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, and Anderson Counties to the state.

Du Wett and his family disappeared from the settlement, but when the area was resettled a short time later by the Scotch-Irish, at a site six miles southeast of the original settlement, they attempted to retain the original name. Thus the settlement came to be called DeWitt's Corner or Due West Corner.

In 1839, when Erskine College was founded, the village was still known as Due West Corner, as the "Corner" was not to be dropped from the name for several years. Strangely enough, however, when the town was incorporated, in 1845, it was under the name "Selma," a name which never became popular and was later discarded.

The marker in honor of the town, church, and college, unveiled at Homecoming, compactly explains this early history of Due West:

"As early as 1765 the site 6 miles NW known to the Indians as Yellow Water, where the Keowee Path crossed the Cherokee line, was called DeWitt's Corner. In 1777 a treaty between S.C. and the Cherokee Indians was signed there. The present town was first called Due West Corner. Here in 1839 Erskine College, the state's first four-year church college, was founded by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church."

In the mid-18th century, Scotch Irish settlers, many of them Associate and Reformed Presbyterians, settled in the Mecklenburg area of North Carolina and spread down through the South Carolina piedmont. Along with French Huguenot settlers, they were chiefly responsible for settling the Abbeville district of South Carolina, and by the early 19th century their interest and belief in education had made this the seat of learning in the upper country. It was also in this area, at Long Cane, that the Associate Reformed Presbytery of the Carolinas and Georgia was organized in 1790.

ERSKINE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT IN 1854

Source: Independent Press (Abbeville, SC), Saturday, August 12, 1854, p. 2, col. 4.

Erskine College Commencement

Upper South Carolina Genealogy & History, May 2011, Vol. XXV, No. 2

We attended the commencement exercises of Erskine College, which were brought to a close on Wednesday evening last, and were so highly pleased and entertained, that we cannot refrain from publicly expressing our high appreciation of the performances.

On Tuesday night we heard a very admirable address to the alumni of the College, by the Rev. H. Thompson Sloan. The Elements of American Literature constituted the theme of his discourse, which bore marks of deep thought and learning, and was delivered in such a manner as highly to please and entertain a popular assembly. Mr. Sloan is a rising man, and we predict for him a lofty round in the ladder in coming time.

On the same evening the Society diplomas were delivered to the graduating class, both Societies being represented by a speaker; to each of which there was a response. These exercises were deeply interesting. The young men discharged their respective duties assigned them with credit to themselves. The subject of Mr. Nance's response to one of the speakers – the Constancy of Woman – we thought rather inappropriate upon the occasion, but not out of tune with his feelings and the circumstances which surrounded him, he having been married at 5 o'clock that evening to a young and blushing bride, who sat within the sound of his voice. The audience assembled to witness these exercises was said to be much larger than usual. Lindsay Hall, which is large and spacious, was well filled, and yet there were many in the campus below.

On Wednesday, commencement day proper, a number of young men, selected from the graduating class, delivered speeches, upon various subjects, to an immense audience, which reflected credit and honor upon themselves, upon their professors, and upon the Institution from which they were just parting. We will not attempt a notice of each speaker with an analysis of his speech. Suffice it to say, that from the character of the oratory displayed upon the occasion, it was inferable that this important art received a due proportion of attention in the College.

After recess, Dr. Palmer, of Columbia, the anniversary orator of the two Societies, ascended the stage and delivered one of the most profoundly interesting discourses, upon the subject of Truth – the Incentives to and the Difficulties in the way of investigating the Truth – in which it was our good fortune to listen. The address exhibited all the graces of style, the varied uses of imagery, had great profundity of thought. We will not detract from its merits by endeavoring to present its most important points and leading features – it will be published, when all can read and judge for themselves. Of its kind, it was one of the great things of the age.

We were sorry that certain adjuncts, with which we were encumbered, forced us from the Hall before the exercises were quite concluded. We did not hear the Valedictory or Baccalaureate, and cannot speak of them upon our own responsibility, but can say that they were very flatteringly alluded to in our presence.

SPECTATOR.

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TWO 1858 MARRIAGE NOTICES FROM ABBEVILLE, SC

(Continued from Vol. XXIV, No. 4, November 2010, p. 154)

Source: The Independent Press (Abbeville, SC)

issue of Friday April 30, 1858, p. 2, col. 7

MARRIED, on the 29th April, by the Rev. A. W. Ross, J. W. LIVINGSTON Esq., of Abbeville, to Miss CLARA KILPATRICK of Pendleton.

issue of Friday April 30, 1858, p. 2, col. 7

On the 4th inst. by the Rev. J. C. Williams, J. W. PERRIN Esq., to Miss MARY J. LIVINGSTON all of this Village.

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YORK DISTRICT GUARDIAN BONDS

Source: York District Court of Equity 1820-1841, Bond Book A

Continued from November 2010, Vol XXIV, No. 4, p. 150 [None of the following bonds involve guardians.]

No. 59, p. 35

South Carolina, York District} Know all men by these presents that we John L. Bratton and George Steel are held and firmly bound unto John M Ross Commissioner in Equity for York District . . . in the full and just sum of Five hundred dollars . . . dated this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. And the condition of the obligation is such that if the above bound John L. Bratton shall . . . pay . . . John M Ross Commissioner on or before the first day of January two hundred and twenty three dollars being purchase money of a tract of land sold by order the Court of Equity to make partition among the heirs at law [of] Elias Davidson dec'd then this obligation to be void and of no effect . . .

Recorded April 1836 John L. Bratton {Seal} Geo Steele {Seal}

No. 60, p. 35

South Carolina, York District} Know all men by these presents that we James Moore and John M Lindsey are held and firmly bound unto John M Ross Commissioner in Equity for York District . . . in the full and just sum of fourteen hundred dollars . . . dated this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound James Moore shall . . . pay . . . John M Ross Commissioner . . . six hundred and sixty dollars and thirty cents on or before the first day of January next being purchase money of a tract of land sold by order the Court of Equity to make partition among the heirs at law of Elias Davidson dec'd then this obligation to be void and of no effect . . . Jas Moore {Seal} John M Lindsey {Seal}

Witness: A McWhorter

Recorded April 1836

No. 61, p. 36

South Carolina, York District} Know all men by these presents that we George W. Williams and William C Beatty are held and firmly bound unto John M Ross Commissioner in Equity for York District . . . in the full and just sum of four hundred dollars . . . dated this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Wm C Beatty shall . . . pay . . . John M Ross Commissioner . . . ninety six dollars sixty two and a half cent one year after the date hereof with interest from the date and ninety six dollars sixty two and a half cent two years after the date hereof with interest from the date being the purchase money of a tract of land sold under a decretal order the Court of Equity made in the case of Wm C Beatty & others vs G W Williams & wife then the obligations to be void . . .

Witness: A McWhorter

Recorded 2 Aug't 1836

WC Beatty {Seal} GW Williams {Seal}

No. 62, p. 36

South Carolina, York District} Know all men by these presents that we William C Beatty and George W. Williams are held and firmly bound unto John M Ross Commissioner in Equity for York District . . . in the full and just sum of nine thousand seven hundred dollars . . . dated this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Williams shall . . . pay . . . John M Ross Commissioner . . . twenty four hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents one year after the date hereof and twenty four hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents two years after the date hereof with interest on the whole or each sum from this date being the purchase of lots 7 & 8 with the back lands thereto attached in Yorkville & a tract of land Known as the Boggs tract sold under a decretal order the Court of Equity made in the case of Wm C Beatty & others vs G W Williams & wife then the obligations to be void . . .

Witness: A McWhorter Recorded Aug't 1836

GW Williams {Seal} WC Beatty {Seal}

No. 63, p. 37

South Carolina, York District} Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Bradley and George W. Williams are held and firmly bound unto John M Ross Commissioner in Equity for York District . . . in the full and just sum of five thousand dollars . . . dated this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Samuel Bradley shall . . . pay . . . John M Ross Commissioner . . . the sum of five thousand dollars six months after the date hereof then the obligation to be void

Signed & sealed in presence of Sam'l W McWhorter} Sa'l Bradley {Seal} G W. Williams {Seal} Recorded August 1836

OBITUARY OF MRS. ELIZABETH BALLARD OF CAMPOBELLO

Source: Carolina Spartan: issue of Wednesday July 22, 1885, p. 2, col. 4

Mrs. ELIZABETH BALLARD, wife of Solomon Ballard, died at Campobello, S. C. on the 11th of July, 1885, in the 69th year of her age. She had lived in the neighborhood where she died all her life and was the mother of eleven children, all of whom are living. For more than thirty years she had been a member of the Methodist church and was consistent in her Christian walk to the end of life. She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother. In disposition, she was mild and gentle and always one way towards all with whom she was associated. For many years she had been occasionally prostrated with severe illness, which she bore with a Christian patience and resignation, always relying and calling upon the Savior in every time of need. She passed away surrounded by her family and friends, peacefully and triumphantly, with a full assurance of a blessed immortality beyond the tomb, leaving behind her good name and spotless character, which is better than riches or gold. She had as few enemies perhaps as any woman that ever lived in our neighborhood, as was shown by the very large concourse of friends and relatives her remains to their last resting place.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." A FRIEND Campobello, S. C., July 16th 1885

OBITUARY OF MRS. CLARINDA W. VAUGHAN

Source: Carolina Spartan, issue of Wednesday July 22, 1885, p. 2, col. 4

Died at her residence, near Wellford [Spartanburg County] of a lingering illness, on the morning the 2d of July, MRS CLARINDA W. VAUGHAN, wife of B. K. Vaughan and sister of James, William, and Thomas Thaxton, of Greenville, in the 62nd year of her age.

Mrs. Vaughan died in the outward communion of the church, and, as we believe, "in the confidence of a certain faith in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, in favor with God and in perfect charity with the world."

A good woman, a good wife, a good mother, a good friend left this world when our good sister ceased to breathe. Suffering, at intervals through many years, and chiefly in her last sickness, had done its work, and a soul was ripe for the garner when the sickle was thrust in and our sister was gathered to her fathers. It was a quiet life, a retired life she led, but it was not without influence, its happy moulding influence. Husband, children, brothers, friends are ready rise up and attest the truth of this, and in their hearts, their memory deeply embalmed. Her life is ended but her works do follow her.

E. C. L.

Greenville papers please copy.

SNIPPETS FROM UNION COUNTY HISTORY

Source: The Spartanburg Herald

[Note: In the year 1946 the Spartanburg Herald published a daily feature written by William C. Lake entitled "Know Union County". These were short items about the history of Union County, SC from its formation in 1785 (with some dates even earlier) into the twentieth century. The following entries were selected at random from the month of May.]

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EXTINCT FAMILY NAMES

Many of the family names found in this district in 1777 to 1848 whose wills appear on record over this period are now extinct in Union County. Among these are:

Birdsong	Cotter	Covenhoven	Cozry	Clanton	Develin
Dadds	Easter	Filpeck	Fairbarn	Guyton	Gilkey
Huckila	Hazelwood	Kingsborough	Jasper	Kilbar	Lipman
Lockhart	Mayhew	McFeterick	McGarity	Nuckels	Nowell
Narvel	Nott	Nedarman	Nogar	Paulk	Pair
Souter	Spiva	Tindle	Tranium	Thickpenny	Van Lew

[These names were not in columns in the original item.]

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EARLY WILLS

Residents in this section began making their last wills and testaments in 1777. In them, testators included practically all their possession. Let's look at some of them.

Here is **Jesse Jenkins**, dated Jan. 10, 1810: "To my beloved wife and the rest of the young children, the use of the flock of geese one year, also the cotton crop to be picked and sent to Charleston to be sold"

James Bankhead, Oct. 27, 1805: Allows his girls a bed when they marry. His boys are to have a "horse and saddle if they will stay with their mother until they are 21."

George Harland gives his son, Samuel Harland, his "Bay Horse called Hard Times, also 50 pounds sterling." This instrument is dated Sept. 9 1798.

The 3 Negro children belonging to **John Jasper**, according to his will, were to be "taught to read and the expense for said tuition taken out of my estate. That the girl, Ann, at 18, and the boys, Peter and George, at 21, should be liberated if the law will admit."

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THE FIRST COTTON MILL

Thomas C. Duncan built the county's first cotton mill at Union in 1893. With this initial venture in the manufacture of cotton cloth, Union has become the fourth largest textile center in the state.

Within a few years after the successful operation of the Union Cotton Mill the 31-year old Methodist Bishop's son organized and built what is now the Buffalo plant of the Union-Buffalo Mills at Buffalo.

In those days Union was a struggling sleepy village entirely dependent on agriculture for its existence. Many of its leaders were resting in the eventide of a glorious past.

Col. Duncan was living in the present with dreams of the future. He visioned a bigger Union Cotton mills — to change the raw cotton from the nearby fields to cloth — mill villages and a railroad. All became realities.

Later the Lockhart Mill was built. Monarch, Aetna, now Ottaray, and a cotton mill at Jonesville. After these came a plant for the making of ladies rayon hose, then nylons and a woolen mill.

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YANKEE BALLOONIST

On April 20, 1861, Prof. T. S. C. Lowe landed in a balloon near where now stands Kelly-Pinckney School, after a flight from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Yankee balloonist made the trip of 800 miles in 9 hours. He was thought to have been experimenting in flying and had no intention of coming to Union.

A marble slab with this inscription on it marks the spot where the famed aeronaut landed:

"Spot where Prof. T. S. C. Lowe, famed aeronaut, landed April 20, 1861, in Union County, S. C. after balloon flight from Cincinnati, Ohio, 800 miles in 9 hours. Died, 1913, at Pasadena, Calif."

Out of the sky came the professor into a field where farm hands were working. Thinking he was a Yankee spy, so goes the story, they took after him with hoes and rakes. He might have been harmed had it not been for a Brother Mason who recognized the distress sign.

The professor and his balloon were brought to town on a 2-horse wagon.

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FIRST ROAD OVERSEERS

At the organization meeting of the Union County government, called the Worshipful Court, held Sunday, June 26, 1785, at the house of Alexander McDougal, the court appointed the following road overseers:

Capt. Thomas Blasingame	Turner Roundtree	Benjamin Johnston	Matthew Potter, Esq.
Benjamin Woodson	James Bogin	John Goodwin	Joseph Little
Capt. James Crafford	John Clark	Joseph West	William White
John Beckham	John Brandon	Jeremiah Gregory	George Little
William McCulloch	Major Miles	William Kennedy	Joseph Gault
Joseph Hughes	James Thomas	Phillip Anderson	Joshua Palmer
James Bankhead	Henry McGuire	Peter Renfers	(Columns not in original.)

The court ordered Capt. Terrell and Capt. John Thompson to "clear and cut out a road from the Cherokee Ford the nearest and best way to Grindal Shoals on Pacolet."

Robert Lusk and Samuel Tolbert were named to build a road from Skull Shoals on Pacolet River to Fannens Creek.

Says John Haile, clerk of court, in recording the deliberations of this body: "The Worshipful Court met according to law and by appointment."

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THE PALMETTO REGIMENT

Gov. David Johnson of Union organized the Palmetto Regiment of South Carolina during his term as governor of South Carolina from Dec. 10, 1846 to Dec. 14, 1848.

The honor of naming the regiment was given to another Union County man, Col. James Gadberry.

A monument in the shape of a palmetto tree to this distinguished regiment stands on the grounds of the state capitol at Columbia.

It is said that Gov. Johnson accompanied the outfit to borders of the state when they left for service in the Mexican War.

Several Union countians served with the regiment, which was one of the first 2 to enter the Mexican capital. Our state flag was the first to float over the walls of the City of Mexico

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SECOND COURT HOUSE

Capt. C. Humphries built the county's second court house in 1827 of rough stone blocks quarried near the old Abasohnon Humphries Farm near Lover's Lane. It was a handsome compact 2-story structure and served until the present temple was erected in 1911.

At the 1827 spring term of court, the grand jury said: "After a complete inspection and investigation of the new court house we find the appearance not equaled anything that we have seen. The materials are imperishable except the roof."

The huge blocks of stone were hauled from the rock quarry on sleds with oak runners covered with steel. The sleds were used after several unsuccessful attempts to convey the heavy rocks by wagons.

James G. Long Jr. quotes Sheriff Robert Macbeth as saying that he "played Andy Over around the old stone house when he was boy."

A grand jury reported that they had learned that Capt. Humphries had "lost money on the contract and ordered an audit made and that the builder be amount covering his loss."

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FIRST JURORS DRAWN

The first petit and grand jurors to serve the Worshipful Court of this county were selected Sept. 26, 1785. Petit talesmen were:

Thomas Shockley	James Woodson	Richard Tweed	Thomas Vance	Dan Jackson
William Edmondson	William Buckham	Joseph Hughes	Isaac White	John Still
William McJunkin.				

Fourteen were named as grand jurors, as follows:

Alexander McDougal	John Montgomery	Adam Goudelock	John McCool	James Savage
John Henderson	John Thompson	Job Hammond	John Salter	Berry Savage
William Williams	Thomas Stribling	John Gregory	Job Hammond [sic]	

The drawing was in court assembled and it was the court's second session, the first having been held June 22 of the same year. For a time the court met every two months

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OLD STATE LAWS COMPILED

Judge John Foucherand Grimke, associate judge of the Supreme Court [of SC], A. B. and L. L. D., compiled the public laws of the State of South Carolina near Union. Judge Grimke, of Charleston, completed this legal work while living at his up-country plantation, "Belmont", in Union County.

The laws covered in this work are from the establishment of South Carolina as a British Province to the year 1790, inclusive.

Included in the volume are to be found acts creating Spartanburg and Union counties and the lines determining their boundaries, passed in 1785.

The author dedicated the work to "The freemen of the State of South Carolina" "I am," he wrote, "My friends and countrymen, with sincerest esteem and most affectionate attachment, your most obedient and ever devoted humble servant" John Foucherand Grimke, Belmont, (Union County) Enoree, South Carolina. July 10, 1790

A copy of this work is owned by Judge A. G. Kennedy of Union.

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