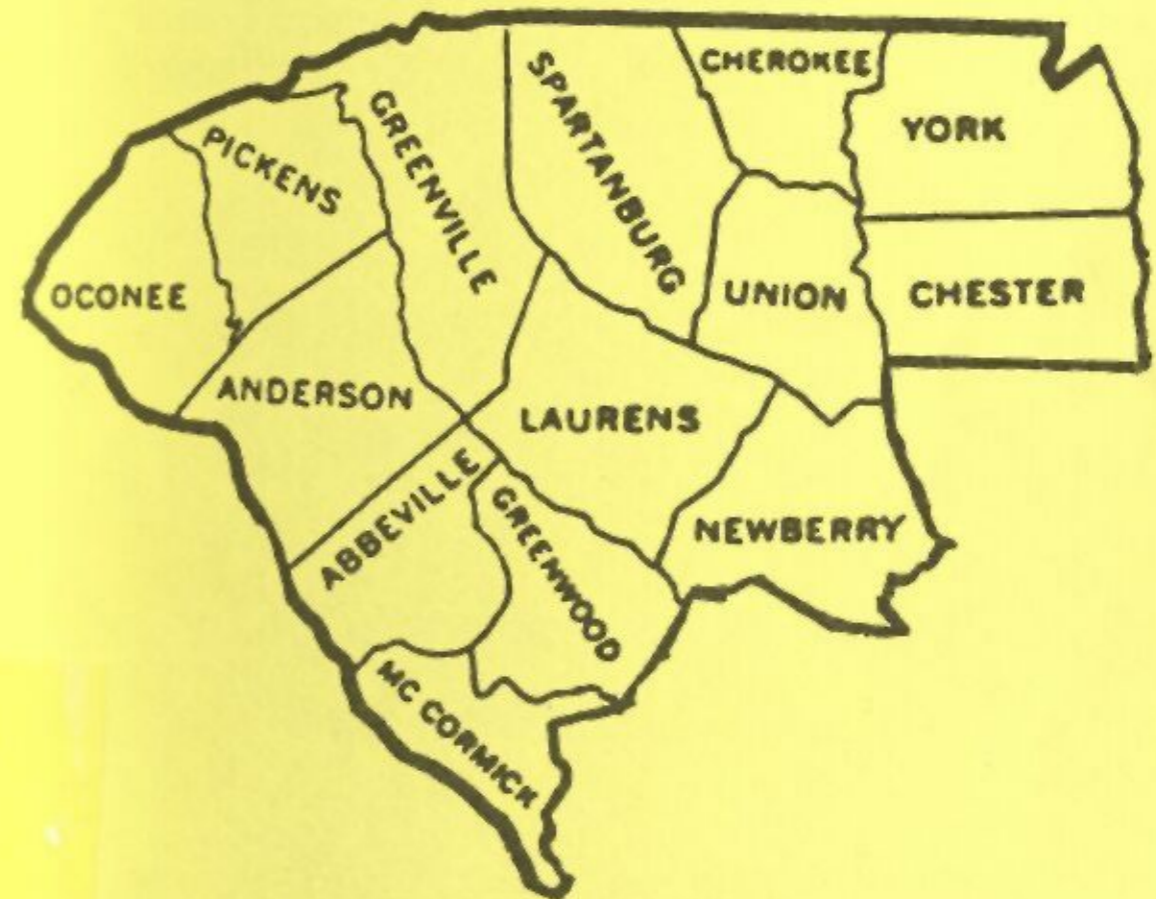


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We at Piedmont Historical Society welcome our members, both new and renewing, to read, profit from, and contribute to this quarterly during the remainder of this year of 2011. Send contributions and queries to the editor, whose addresses appear on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

On Thursday the 19th, the day of our May meeting, complications due to a mix-up in reservations for the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom at the Spartanburg County Headquarters Library were averted by a library staff member, who (once again) secured the library's Board Room for our meeting place. Our speaker was Mrs. Elsie Fields, who gave us a most interesting and entertaining presentation on the history and development of the Newberry County, SC area. Elsie will be fondly remembered for her own inventive "Power Point" method (photos, maps, etc held by cloth pins on paint paddles).

Dr. Tony Zeiss, President of Piedmont Central Community College in Charlotte, NC, was our speaker at the June 9th meeting, redeeming the cancellation of his presentation in January due to snow and icy roads. Dressed in the apparel of the 1820's, Dr. Zeiss assumed the person of Thomas Young and recounted in the first person singular his service and exploits in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Young, born in the Laurens County area, was a 16 year old volunteer and was promoted to captain shortly before the battle of Cowpens. His final rank was major in the militia. Dr. Zeiss has published a book centered on Thomas Young entitled *Backcountry Fury. A Sixteen-Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War*, Parkway Publishers, Inc, Boone, NC (2010).

Our August 11th meeting was held as scheduled in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom of Spartanburg County Headquarters Library. Our own Jeanne Tucker, she who sends out the email reminders of our meetings, was the speaker. Jeanne told a large crowd of attendees how DNA help her to resolve a road block in one of her ancestral lines. She interspersed generous helpings of humor in her presentation. Jeanne had Dr. Dan Olds to field technical questions from PHS members and guests about DNA testing and interpretation. A photographer/reporter from Home Town News was present.

Schedule for next PHS Meeting

Thursday September 8, 2011

Speaker: Dr. Deno Trakas, Department of English, Wofford College

Topic: The Greek Community in Spartanburg

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

Check our website for details, when they are secured, for the two remaining PHS meetings in 2011.

Space did not allow publication of the details of the death of Robert Ligon, whose obituary appears on p. 92 of this issue. We will post on our website the surprise verdict of the Lumpkin County, Ga Superior Court (February Term, 1834) along with detailed testimony of witnesses called in the trial.

Your humble editor announced at the August Meeting that he was resigning from the position of Editor of this quarterly and of the position of Treasurer at the end of this year.

Note: Membership dues for 2011 are \$25.

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FAMILY RECORDS OF ZIMRI CARTER (1773-1843) AND SON WILLIAM OF LAURENS DISTRICT, SC

Contributed by Cecilia Anderson Caton, 4510 NW 15th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32605
Source: Names with dates of births and deaths from professional genealogist; probably a Bible record

ZIMRI CARTER

Born: 6 July 1773, South Carolina

Died: 7 August 1843, Laurens District, South Carolina

His parents: Robert and Elizabeth —?— Carter (See Nov. 2010 issue of this Quarterly, pp 164-166.)

Married: Abt 1795, Laurens County, South Carolina

MARY CROSSON

Born: 5 September 1773, South Carolina

Died: 8 November 1845, Laurens District, South Carolina

Her parents: Thomas and Martha —?— Crosson (See Nov. 2010 issue of this Quarterly, pp 166-167.)

Their Children

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

[1]	Jane "Jennie" Carter	born: 9 November 1797
[2]	Cornelius Carter	born: 22 March 1799
[3]	Thomas Carter	born: 15 September 1800
[4]	Elizabeth Carter	born: 8 October 1802
[5]	James Carter	born: 2 January 1805
[6]	William Carter	born: 26 May 1806 – died: 23 November 1845
	(See his family below.)	
[7]	Robert Carter	born: 5 July 1808
[8]	Richard Carter	born: 27 October 1810
[9]	John Rainey Carter	born: 6 February 1813
[10]	Henry Newton Carter	born: 17 June 1815 (His stone lists June 14, 1814; p. 114.)

Source: Laurens Co., SC Probate Court Box 100, Pkg 1: Will and Estate File of William Carter (See this Quarterly Vol. XXV, No. 1, February 2011, pp. 35, 36.)

WILLIAM CARTER

Born: 26 May 1806 – Died: 23 November 1845

Married: 1830s, Laurens District, South Carolina

MARTHA "PATSY" LIGON

Born: 23 February 1805, Laurens District – Died: 20 March 1876, Laurens County

Her parents: probably William and Martha Wright Ligon

Martha Ligon Carter had a brother Daniel Ligon (William Carter's Will). After William's death, she married his brother James Carter; see Laurens Co., SC Equity Court Bill 9-21 (1848), James Carter *et al* vs Daniel Ligon *et al*.

Their Children

(All were born in Laurens District, South Carolina; birth dates from 1850 Laurens Co., SC census.)

[1]	James Henry Carter	born: 1835
[2]	Mary C. Carter	born: 1837
[3]	Richard C. Carter	born: 1841
[4]	Elizabeth W.	born: 1844
	...	

MAJOR WM. HOY'S ACCOUNT OF MERCHANTS, LAWYERS, AND POLITICS
IN SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC IN 1826

Source: The Carolina Spartan, issue of August 26, 1891, p. 1, col. 4

MERCHANTS AND LAWYERS OF SPARTANBURG SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

CLEVELAND AND BRANNON — GOLDWAITE AND GOODMAN

BY WILLIAM HOY

As I gave in my last some facts about your town, as it was 69 years ago, [1822], I will give some sketches of merchants, postmasters and lawyers. I will ask the indulgence of your readers to excuse my being a little scattering. At that time I recollect two stores — Mr. Cleveland's and Colonel Brannon's. I have never known a more orderly man than Mr. Cleveland. Later on in life he was made commissioner of the poor, and he certainly made a good one. He had the location of the poor house changed, and the management that he applied to his own affairs he put in practice for the benefit of the paupers. There was a man that said in his store, they called him "Black Jesse Cleveland." He was the second man that I had then seen behind a counter. I never forgot his keen eye. He went to Georgia and was a member of Congress from that State.

Colonel Brannon had taken a fine artillery company to the coast for the defense of Charleston. He afterwards commanded the famous 80th Regiment and had the honor of its being adjudged the best of the State. He was elected to the Legislature and was the first man in the State that was not allowed to take his seat on account of being postmaster at the time of his election. He afterwards removed to Georgia, joined the old Whig party and was defeated by Dr. J. Lewis, who had been a member of the Legislature from this county. Mr. Michael, his successor as postmaster, was a very intelligent man. He was dreadfully annoyed by country school-masters reading aloud in the office. Major Trimmier, hearing of his dislike told a joke. He said that a country school-master that moved to town to fill an office would go to the office to pick up the *Greenville Mountaineer*, or whatever other paper he got hold of and, if nothing else intervened, he would read on indefinitely until he had read all over the paper.

I will speak of the lawyers. There was one, that I never knew, by the name of Pucket. His enemies called him "Dogfennel Pucket". The way he got his name was that his advent in Spartanburg was simultaneous with that obnoxious weed. Report said that he did not succeed as a lawyer. Nuckolls, another member of the bar, was considered one of the most promising young men in the State. He was elected to Congress when only twenty-five years old, and was then the youngest member that had ever been elected, except Randolph. So the newspapers of that day stated. His health early failed. He was re-elected, but his health caused him to go into retirement. Two other lawyers, Goldwaite and Goodman, were the most uncompromising politicians that I ever knew or heard discuss politics. One was a Jackson man and the other an Adams man. Goldwaite was, as far as I ever heard, the only Adams man in the county. If he ever had a law case I never heard of it. In his unceasing attacks on Jackson he had a catalogue of Jackson's resignations. The first of all was a solicitor's office in North Carolina; then the same office in Tennessee; then he had on his list member of the Legislature of Tennessee, member of the convention of that State; that of a delegate to Congress; then a member of Congress and then a judge; next Major General of the Tennessee Militia; Major General of the Southern division of the United States Army; Governor of Florida; Senator in Congress. In his catalogue he separately took up his array of resignations and criticized them severely on one occasion. At last he found his own battery turned on himself. He drifted over an exhibition at Concord, now Switzer's, and commenced his charge on Jackson. Captain Bill Anderson was the politician of the senior Andersons. He was no lawyer but

a man of a high order of common sense. He reminded Mr. Goldwaite that Jackson's resignations pointed to higher positions. Resigning one office was only an advance to a higher one. Anderson's theory took the crowd and his lawyer opponent, no doubt, would have been glad had he left his list at Spartanburg. His meeting with Anderson was in 1826. Mr. Goldwaite left the county not long after that. If he was alive in 1833 he would have seen that the old *Globe Newspaper*, Jackson's organ at Washington, when defending Harvard for making Jackson LL.D., he would have seen that Jackson had held one office that he failed having on his list — Secretary of War pro tem for one year.

Mr. B. L. Goodman, the Jackson man, dyed in the wool, was a very different man from Mr. Goldwaite. He was a successful lawyer, planter and banker. His farm was on Ferguson creek, now owned by D. A. Chamblin. His family spent all their time there. He had a fine office in Spartanburg, where on certain days he met his clients. The balance of his time he spent in superintending his farm and brokerage business. The only office he ever held in the county was first sergeant in the old Cashville Militia Company. He would have been a good one if he had taken a little pains in calling the roll. Where two names commenced with the same letter he would call them wrong. Wm. Beacham he would at all times call William Baukem, and never failed to be set right by Andrew Westmoreland. He was called on to deliver an oration at Cashville July 4, 1828. He promptly complied with the call. His speech differed from any I have ever heard. He never mentioned Washington, Jefferson, Bunker Hill, or Yorktown. But his well-written speech was a complete refutation of all the campaign charges against Jackson. Mr. Goodman must have a good memory as he got the pages of his speech mixed up, one page having fallen to the ground. He warmed up and while engaged in rearranging it, he thundered invectives against Jackson's traducers. He was a candidate for the Legislature in 1834. Cashville gave him a bold start. Half the votes cast he received, 411 in the county came from the Cashville box. It was the only time that I ever knew where a man ran ahead at that box, was not elected.

Mr. Goodman was the first to see the great advantages that were shortly to take place in middle Georgia. He moved his interests there, running one time for the Legislature. [Some text appears to be missing here in the original.] This caused the young Georgian to miss a payment, but he had taken the precaution to have it in the contract, in case of resale, the property was to be put up on a credit of two years, interest ten per cent. When the sale commenced any chunk of a negro of these terms would bring from \$2,500 to \$8,000 dollars. He stopped the sale and gave the Georgian time to go on. Mr. Bosque, for that was the name of the man he sold to, had a valuable plantation of his own and 25 valuable negroes that Mr. Goodman's enemies said he expected to gobble up in the final settlement of the trade. When I called at his house in 1860 he treated me in the style of a real gentleman. He asked about all his old neighbors at Cashville, and offered me letters of introduction to any part of the State I wished to visit. He was fond of talking of farming. He had heard of his old neighbor, John D. Williams acclimating spring oats to winter oats. He had then planted corn, the 20th January, and in 1861, planted the seed of that corn in December and one month earlier every year until he fully acclimated it. In regard to money, he probably was the most successful lawyer, Judge Smith excepted, that ever practiced law at the Spartanburg bar. Smith, according to O'Neal's Bench and Bar, made or accumulated a million. If Goodman's stream of good luck stuck to him through the war he might perhaps be worth as much as Smith. He told me when at his house that since he had removed from his country home to Tyler, Smith County, that he had mainly gone out of the stock business. He still owned 200 head of cattle and 600 hogs. He said that he never fed his old hogs on corn. He fixed his pens so that none but the small ones could get in. He always kept plenty of cotton seed in the swamp for his old ones and they were always fat. I am told that he died about ten years ago.

A RESPONSE TO MAJOR HOY FROM JOSEPH JOHNSTON OF TEXAS

Source: Carolina Spartan, Wednesday October 7, 1891, p. 1, col. 3

FROM TEXAS

Editor Spartan — Being a subscriber, I see Mr. William Hoy writing in regard to Ben Goodman who was a citizen of Spartanburg District, of whom I may now say something. His wife was Edith Liggon, a half sister of my mother. I was just old enough to recollect his marriage. His wife, was a daughter of Robert Liggon*, who moved from Spartanburg to Hall County, Ga., about 1830. Also Ben Goodman moved 1836 [sic, 1830]. Goodman moved to Lafayette, Ala, in 1833. He then moved to Tyler, Texas, where he died. My aunt, his eldest daughter [sic, This makes sense if restated as "My aunt's and his eldest daughter"], married Judge John Robberson [Robertson], of Tyler. His next daughter, Ellen, married George Chilton, since dead. His son Harris Chilton is Governor Hogg's appointment to the United States Senate in lieu of Senator Ragan. He is a young man, a thorough Democrat, died in the wool and said to have brains. ***[See the obituary of Robert Liggon/Ligon on this page below.]**

I have no recollection of Goodman being a representative in Alabama. He was a candidate for Congress about 1848 or 1850 against McCarral and White but he was on the wrong side to win in Alabama. He belonged to the Whig party. There was a little laughable incident during the canvass. As all the candidates were riding through the district, McCarral, a very large man, proposed they fight and the winner take the field. Goodman, being not much of a Christian, said if that was proposed he would fight both of them at once.

My mother was a half sister of Robert and James Alexander; also a half sister of the Liggon children. My father left South Carolina in 1833. Old Gorman Liggon, my father and mother and young Robert Liggon are buried at Rome, Ga., in the first cemetery started there about forty years ago. I have lived here between thirty-five and forty years in two miles of where I first settled. It is a good country. Luling, Texas, Sept. 28. [1891] [Luling is in Caldwell County, Texas.] Joseph Johnston.

OBITUARY OF ROBERT LIGON (1774-1833)

Source: Charleston Courier, issue of Tuesday July 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 6

OBITUARY

DIED, on 10th June, ROBERT LIGON, sen. Esq. aged 59, a native of Virginia, but until a few years back a resident of South Carolina. Mr. Ligon for a long time has been known to our community, and distinguished in all his dealings as a strictly honest man. And whilst frugality and economy marked his character, and enabled him to place himself and family in ease and affluent circumstances, his purse was always open to the needy, and the stranger and penniless at his house always found a home. The circumstances attending the death of this, our worthy and useful citizen, are truly heart rending, though we forbear to comment on a deed which has so outraged a community, and tortured the bosoms of an affectionate family. Whilst in this place, on Tuesday the 3d instant, engaged in business here, he was attacked by one Jesse M. Brown, of this county, who struck Mr. L. a blow with a heavy rifle gun upon the left side of the head so violently, as to fracture the skull bone, for some considerable extent; of which wound he languished until Monday, the 10th when on his way from this place to his residence, at New Bridge, on the Chestatee — whither the physicians had recommended his removal, that he might breath his last in the home to which his affectionate care had so much endeared, his immortal spirit winged its flight to that bourne, from whence no traveler returns. *Aurora (Geo.) Herald*

[Editor's Note: The Courier has the name of the Georgia paper misspelled. It should be the *Auraria Herald*. See our website for Lumpkin County, Ga Superior Court verdict against Jesse N. Brown for death of Robert Ligon.]

FAMILY OF ALEXANDER ALEXANDER (1753-1806) AND FIRST WIFE

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Alexander Alexander

Born: 1753, Belfast, Ireland

Died: 22 April 1806, near Woodruff, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

His father: possibly John Alexander [See p. 126 below.]

Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Married 1: ca 1775 probably in Ireland [See p. 97 below.]

Anna McCrory

Born: 1852, Belfast, Ireland

Died: 5 April 1796, near Woodruff, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

Her parents: John McCrory and first wife (her name unknown to us) [See p. 101 below.]

Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

[Anna's surname appears as McCrory, McCrory, McCrory, *et al*; we elect to use McCrory. [The foregoing vital dates are from tombstones in Bethel Cemetery. See the note on p. 97 below.]

Their Children:

As reconstructed from Alexander Alexander's Estate File (see pp. 119-123, particularly p. 122) below and from other references noted after each child.

- [1] **Elizabeth Alexander** **Born:** 2 June 1776 in Ireland? or in South Carolina?
Died: Before 31 March 1857 in Spartanburg District, SC
Burial: Probably in Spartanburg District, SC; grave not located.
Married: Ebsworth Moore, in the 1790s; three children under 10 in 1800 Spartanburg census; **born:** 12 September 1774 in South Carolina; **died:** before 12 June 1857, date his will was proven in Spartanburg District, SC; **burial:** no record found, probably in Spartanburg District; **son of Abraham and Mary — Moore** [The birth dates above and the Moore-Alexander connection were provided to one of us, BJD, by Randall Brown in personal communication in 2001; the limiting date for the death of Elizabeth is the date that her husband signed a codicil to his will, indicating that his wife Elizabeth had died since the signing of his will on 14 April 1854. She died between this date and the codicil date, probably rather close to the latter. See Spartanburg County, SC Probate Court Estate File 2527 (12 June 1857), William Moore, Executor.
- [2] **John Alexander** **Born:** 16 April 1777 in Ninety Six Dist. (Spartanburg area), SC
Died: 28 June 1848 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio ({3} below)
Burial: Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio {3}
Married: Isabella Adair, 12 November 1798 {3} in Laurens County, SC {2}
born: 21 March 1778 in Ninety Six District (Laurens Co. area), SC; **died:** 24 September 1844;
Burial: Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio {3}; **daughter of James Adair and his wife Rebecca (Montgomery) {1}** [There were three sources providing us with the foregoing information: {1} SAR application of Karl P. Alexander, great grandson of John Alexander, {2} SAR application of Coke Alexander, great great grandson of John Alexander, and {3} tombstone inscriptions (from Find A Grave). The death date of John Alexander was 18 July 1844

as given by sources {1} and {2}, while source {3} stated 28 June 1848. We opted for the latter. The death date of Isabella is vacant in {1} and is given as 24 Sept 1844 in {2}. The image of her death date on her stone shows only 24 September; the year of death was given as 1841 in a separate statement. We opt to accept source {2}. Source {1} and source {2}, respectively, show Isabella born 30 July 1777 and 21 March 1778. A statement accompanying the image of Isabella's tombstone states that she was born in 1783; however, the stone is broken and does not show her birth date. The 1840 census of Greene County, Ohio shows Isabella listed in the age bracket 60 to 70, indicating that she was born in 1780 or earlier. We select 1778 from {2}, because we deem his SAR application more reliable with respect to dates.

- [3] **William B. Alexander** **Born:** ca 1780, Ninety Six Dist. (Spartanburg area), SC
Died: after 1830 Spartanburg District, SC census

Burial: No record; probably in the Woodruff area of Spartanburg Dist., SC, where he lived.
Married: Alice (Asey) Chesney after 1810 in Spartanburg District, SC; **born:** ca 1793 (was 57 in 1850 census of Calhoun Co., Ala); **died:** after 1860 census of Calhoun Co., Ala; **burial:** probably in Calhoun Co., Ala; **daughter of Richard Chesney and his wife Esther (also called Hester) -?-** [The 1830 Spartanburg census shows William B in the 40-50 age group, which indicates a birth year between 1780 and 1790. He was a bondsman for the guardian application for his brother James in 1809 (see p. 123 below), implying that William B. was born before 1788. The known birth years of his siblings places William B.'s birth near 1780. A deed in 1818 (see p. xxx below) reveals that he is an heir of Richard Chesney. The latter mentions a daughter Alice Alexander in his Will (Spartanburg Co., SC Probate Court File 604), dated 18 July 1816. Hester Chesney, widow of Richard, in her Will (Spartanburg Co., SC Probate Court File 790) dated 29 August 1835 gives 30 acres of land "to my Grand Son John Alexander-Son of Asey Alexander." Asey was living with son Rufus Alexander in Calhoun Co. Ala in 1850.]

- [4] **Robert Alexander** **Born:** ca 1783, Ninety Six Dist. (Spartanburg area), SC
Died: January 1857 in Spartanburg District, SC

Burial: Spartanburg District; probably in Unity or Bethel Cemetery (no marker found)
Married 1: Sarah -?-before 1810 census in Spartanburg District, SC; **born:** 18 March 1778 probably in South Carolina; **died:** 18 March 1851 in Spartanburg District, SC; **burial:** Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Dist. Her grave marker says "departed this life on the 18th of March 1851 aged 72 years & 8 months", from which her birth date was calculated.
Married 2: Penelope Copeland in early 1850s (after death of first wife) in Spartanburg Dist.; **born:** ca 1822 in South Carolina; **died:** after 1860; **daughter of James and Sarah Copeland** [Robert Alexander and his first wife Sarah appear on the 1850 Spartanburg census; his age was 57 and hers was 72. He signed his will on 5 Jan 1855 and it was proven on 6 Feb 1857. We infer that he died in January 1857. He left a large estate which is recorded in Spartanburg Dist. Probate Court File 2719. In his will Robert identifies his second wife as Penelope. She subsequently appears on the 1860 Spartanburg census as Penelope Alexander at age 38. We find her maiden name from Spartanburg Probate File 551, wherein Mrs. P. Alexander identifies the "handwriting of J.H. Copeland, he is her brother"; she was listed with her parents in the 1850 census of McMinn County, Tennessee.]

- [5] **Alexander Alexander, Jr** **Born:** 22 February 1786 in Spartanburg County, SC
Died: 10 April 1839 in Spartanburg District, SC

Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, Spartanburg County, South Carolina
[We have found no indication that Alexander Jr ever married or left an estate.]

- [6] **Nancy Alexander** **Born:** ca 1787 in Spartanburg County, SC
Died: before 1860 census of Gordon Co., Georgia

Burial: no record; probably in Gordon County, Georgia
Married: James Wright Reynolds before 1810 in Spartanburg District, SC; **born:** ca 1785 in Stokes Co., NC; **died:** 1830s in Spartanburg Dist., SC; **burial:** no record, probably in Spartanburg Dist., SC; **son of Justice Reynolds**, who was listed on 1790 census of Stokes Co., NC. [Nancy was living in the household of her son Justus in the 1850 Gordon Co., Ga census, her age being given as 64. She died in the 1850s, probably in Gordon Co., Ga. Sarah, the widow and children of Nancy's son Justus, returned to Spartanburg County, and they are enumerated in the household of William Thomas in the 1860 census of Spartanburg Dist., Southern Division, P.O. Woodruff. James Wright Reynolds was in the 1820 Spartanburg census. The 1840 Spartanburg census shows that Nancy Reynolds would be the third member of the household of son Justus and his wife, indicating that James died before the 1840 census. For proof that James Wright Reynolds married Nancy Alexander, see p. 123 below.]

- [7] **James Alexander** **Born:** 1789 in Spartanburg Co., SC [obit. on this page.]
Died: 30 June 1860 in Spartanburg Dist., SC [obituary]

Burial: Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, near Woodruff, in Spartanburg District, SC
Married 1: Mary Rogers about 1810 in Spartanburg Dist., SC; **born:** ca 1787 in Spartanburg Co., SC; **died:** 17 Sept. 1820 in Spartanburg District, SC; **burial:** Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Dist., SC [Her grave marker reads: In memory of Mary Alexander, wife of James Alexander, who departed this life Sept. 17th 1820, aged 33 years.]; **daughter of Robert T. and Sarah Adams Rogers** [See *A History of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church 1858-2002*, Vol. 2 (2002), pp. 334 and 343.]
Married 2: Mary Reynolds about 1820/21 in Spartanburg Dist., SC; **born:** 14 January, 1802 in Spartanburg Dist., SC; **died:** 27 April 1889 in Spartanburg Co., SC; **burial:** Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg Dist., SC [Her grave marker reads: Mary Alexander, wife of James Alexander, Jan. 14, 1802 - April 27 1889. SC death certificate #5502 in 1915 shows the parents of Lucinda Willis to be James Alexander and Mary Reynolds. Parents are unproven.]

OBITUARY OF JAMES ALEXANDER (1789-1860) OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Thursday, July 12, 1860, p. 2, col. 7

OBITUARY

Departed this life, at his residence, in the lower part of this District, on the 30th June last, Mr. James Alexander, a very old, wealthy and influential citizen. The deceased was born in the year 1789; within a short distance of the place where he died. He was no member of the church, but in his long life recognized the supremacy of that Divine law, which enforces and sanctions the principles of honesty, justice and truth. In planting he was eminently successful. His diligence, industry, and assiduity to all the interests to that grand department of practical life were crowned with a magnificent estate, which he enjoyed to the full to that day on which he was gathered to the Fathers. In his social and civil relations he was true to the claims alike of friendship and patriotism. Kind as a neighbor, indulgent as a father, peaceful as a citizen, his death has produced in the circles in which he moved much lamentation and grief.

FAMILY OF ALEXANDER ALEXANDER (1753-1806) AND SECOND WIFE

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Alexander Alexander

Born: 1753, Belfast, Ireland

Died: 22 April 1806, near Woodruff, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

His father: possibly John Alexander [See p. 126 below.]

Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Married 2: ca 1795 in Spartanburg County, SC

Esther Rogers

Born: 2 December 1775 in Ninety Six Dist. (Spartanburg area), SC

Died: 10 June 1859 in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia

Her parents: Robert T. Rogers and his wife Sarah Adams

[Documentary evidence not been found, but circumstantial evidence is compelling.]

Burial: Old Seventh Avenue Cemetery (Oak Hill) Cemetery, Rome, Georgia

(Her grave marker provides her vital dates above.)

Their Children

[Documentation for the parents and names of the two children is found on p. 123 below.]

- [1] **Anna Alexander** Born: 2 May 1797 in Spartanburg Co., SC
Died: 25 June 1852 in Rome, Floyd Co., Georgia

Burial: Old Seventh Avenue Cemetery (Oak Hill) Cemetery, Rome, Georgia; vital dates from p. 629 of *History of Rome and Floyd County, Georgia*. Her obituary states that she died June 25, 1852, age 55 years, one month, two days, which would give the birth date of 23 May 1797.

Married: Joseph Johnston, Sr 13 December 1812 in Spartanburg District, SC

born: 22 September 1780 (in Virginia by 1880 census enumeration for son Joseph in Caldwell Co., Texas); died: abt Sept. 1854 in Rome, Floyd Co., Ga. (Inferior Court minutes); burial: same cemetery as wife in Rome, Georgia; His parents: as yet unproven

Acknowledgement:

[The marriage date and the vital dates for Joseph Johnston, Sr. were provided by James Johnston (at jdjohns74@bellsouth.net) used here with his permission. His birth date for Anna is 2 May 1797 differs slightly from the one calculated above.]

- [2] **Sarah (Sally) Alexander** Born: 11 June 1799 in Spartanburg County, SC
Died: before 1 September 1837 in Greene Co., Ala

Burial: no record; probably in Greene County, Alabama

Married 1: Elisha Thornton 20 February 1817 in Spartanburg District, South Carolina

born: 2 October 1792 in Spartanburg Co., SC; died: 25 October 1852 in Greene Co., Ala

Married 2: Elizabeth H. Burroughs 1 Oct. 1837; burial: probably in Greene Co., Ala

His Parents: John Thornton and his wife Elizabeth Crowe

[The source for the data here is the Bible record of John Thornton in the book *Morrow Cousins* (p. 114) by Ophelia M. Phillips, published by Drake Printers, Tuscaloosa, Ala (1972).]

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TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS FOR ALEXANDER AND ANNA ALEXANDER

Source: *Woodruff An Historical View* by Hannah Barton Irby (1974), page 50

Alexander and Anney Alexander. We don't know much about the couple, Irish immigrants, who came to South Carolina in 1778. They eventually settled in the Woodruff vicinity and had one son, Alexander Alexander, Jr. [sic: He was one of five sons.] Evidently the struggles of this family to survive in the period following the Revolutionary War were hard ones, for both parents died before reaching an advanced age. First to pass was Anny Alexander in 1796 at the age of 44. Her husband, Alexander Alexander, Sr., died in 1806 at the age of 53. Their graves can be seen today [1974] in the old Bethel Cemetery off Church Street. An unusual marker stands guard over the gravesite – it is the headboard from the couple's four-poster bed. It is said to have been an Irish custom to place a bed frame around a couple's grave. The old wooden headboard now standing at the Alexander graves is splintered and weatherbeaten. But it has not been destroyed by time and the elements. Tradition says the Alexanders brought the same bed with them across the Atlantic when they left Ireland. Inscriptions on the tombstones are simple:

"In Memory of Anny Alexander, wife of Alexander Alexander, Sr., Born in Belfast, Ireland, 1752. Emigrated to South Carolina 1778 -- Died April 5th, 1796" ; and

"In Memory of Alexander Alexander, Sr., Born in Belfast, Ireland, 1753. Emigrated to South Carolina 1778 -- Died April 22nd, 1806."

Nearby is the grave of the couple's son, who died in 1839 at the age of 53. [He was Alexander Jr.]

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A RECORD OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE OF ALEX. ALEXANDER

Source: The S.A.R application of Karl P. Alexander (Jan. 11, 1865–Nov. 11, 1910)

Great Great Grandfather: Alexander Alexander, Sr. of Scotch parentage, was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1753. He emigrated to S. Carolina landing at Charleston in 1778. The South Carolina State Historical Commission records, **Indent No. 137 Book U**, shows payment to him of L5-856d, July 7th 1785 for his service as private under Colonel Anderson subsequent to the fall of Charleston, and his request [sic: receipts?] thereafter signed "Alex Alexander."

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OBITUARY OF MRS. ANNA ALEXANDER JOHNSTON (1797-1852)

Source: *The Courier* (Rome, Floyd County, Ga), issue of Thursday June 10, 1852, p. 3, col. 3

OBITUARY

Departed this life on Friday, June 25th 1852 Mrs. Anna Johns[t]on, aged 55 years, one month and two days.

Mrs. Johns[t]on died at the house of her ... [next line enfolded in crease] The deceased was an humble and pious follower of Christ; she united with the Baptist Church in Spartanburg district S. C. nearly 40 years ago. From this time she was a consistent Christian to the day of her death. The blessing of the Lord was with her. The mother of fourteen children, she lived to raise twelve of them to years of reflection. Eight of those children see in the Church of Christ; seven of them being in the same Church with herself. Two more of them, she had reason to hope, were converted before her death; and out of eleven sons, not one is regarded as immoral. . . . [Quarterly Editor's Note: Unity Church minutes show that "Joseph Johnson, his wife Ann & son Samuel & servant Carline dismiss'd on Sep 13 1833", in accord with Joseph Johnston's account on p. 92 above. The "t" was widely omitted from the name "Johnston" in records.]

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FAMILY OF ROBERT LIGON, JR (1774-1833)

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Robert Ligon, Jr

Born: 1774 in Amelia County, Virginia

Died: 10 June 10 in Lumpkin County, Georgia

[See obituary (p. 92 above) for dates above.]

Burial: Lumpkin County, Georgia

His parents: Robert Ligon and Edith Watkins Ligon of Amelia County, Virginia

[Source: National DAR Application #495100 supplied by our iResearcher Ted Zajac.]

Married: on or before 16 July 1807 in Spartanburg District, South Carolina [See pp. 121-122 below.]

Mrs. Esther Rogers Alexander, widow of Alex. Alexander

Born: 2 December 1775 in Ninety Six Dist. (Spartanburg area), SC

Died: 10 June 1859 in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia

Her parents: Robert T. Rogers and his wife Sarah Adams

Source for parents: [Documentary evidence not been found, but circumstantial evidence is compelling.]

Burial: Old Seventh Avenue Cemetery (Oak Hill) Cemetery, Rome, Georgia

(Her grave marker provides her vital dates above.)

Their Children:

[1] Edith Ligon

born: 1809 in Spartanburg District, SC

died: 8 April 1871 in Smith County, Texas

burial: no record; probably in Smith County, Texas. Edith's date and place of death is supplied by SAR Application #495100. Her age is 42 in 1850 census Chambers Co., Ala; 51 and 60 in 1860 and 1870 census, respectively, of Smith County, Texas. The 1820 Spartanburg census for Robert Legon shows one female 10 to 16 and two females under 10; Edith's year of birth seems secure as 1809. **Married:** Benjamin Lewis Goodman on or before 8 Dec 1826 in Spartanburg District, SC [See p. 124 below.]; **born:** 1 July 1798 in Laurens County, SC; **died:** 12 Feb 1866 in Tyler, Smith Co., Texas; **burial:** no record; probably in Smith Co., Texas; **his parents:** Claiborne Goodman and his wife Sarah Banton. [That Laurens County, SC was the birth place of Benjamin L. Goodman is verified by a 1794 Laurens County deed (p. 123 below) and the 1800 Laurens County census. **Acknowledgement:** The source for the parents of Benjamin L. Goodman and his vital dates is the DAR Application of Elizabeth (Henry) Jester DAR #451486, supplied by George Rice of Nelson, New Zealand, gbr@actrix.co.nz. The date and place of death for Edith Ligon Goodman were taken from DAR Application #495100 mentioned above.]

[2] Robert Ligon

Born: 26 February 1812 in Spartanburg District, SC

Died: 23 October 1841 in Floyd County, Georgia

Burial: Old Seventh Avenue Cemetery (Oak Hill) Cemetery, Rome, Floyd Co., Georgia

[Dates from tombstone inscription in *Floyd County Georgia Cemeteries*, p. 304.]

Married 1: ca 1835 in Georgia, probably in Floyd Co.; no record in Floyd nor in Lumpkin Co.

Burial: a grave inscription for Mrs. ___e Ligon in the Seventh Avenue Cemetery shows her born 10 Jan 1811, died 21 Nov 1838. She would be the first wife. The inscription for infant Edith Virginia Ligon in same cemetery reads Nov 1838 age 1 month. Mrs. ___e Ligon lived only 21 days after the death of the said infant. Another infant was also buried here, her

inscription being Esther Elizabeth Ligon Aug 31 1837 age 11 months. The 1840 Floyd County, Ga census shows R Ligen in the 20-30 age group, with female in same age group and a male in the under 5 group. It appears that Robert had remarried.

Married 2: probably early in 1839 to Ann -?- , who was named in Floyd County Deed Book G, p. 588?: D. R. Mitchell, admr of estate of Robert and Ann Ligon, deceased. Recorded April 9th 1850 by A.B. Ross, clerk. Another deed in the grantor index has Daniel R. Mitchell, admr of Robert and Jane Ligon, dec'd to Robert Mitchell of Chambers County, Ala.

Burial 2: no record found. The cemetery mentioned above has the marker for Robert Wesley Ligon, which reads Sep 27 1840 age 10 mos. His date of birth would be about Nov 1839, a year after the death of Robert's first wife. It is very likely that Robert and Ann were the parents of another son, whom they also named Robert. It is likely that the Robert Ligon (age 18, born in Ga, listed with \$10,000 real estate and \$51,000 personal estate) who appears in the 1860 Smith County, Texas household of B.L. and Edith Goodman would be the son of Robert and Ann Ligon. He would be a nephew under the guardianship of his uncle, coming into an inheritance from his parents' estate. No probate record was found in for the estate of Robert and Ann.

[Starting with Robert Ligon of Va, this Robert would be Robert III and his son would be Robert IV.]

[3] Jane Ligon

Born: 22 December 1813 in Spartanburg District, SC

Died: 6 February 1874 in Tuskegee, Macon Co., Ala

Burial: Tuskegee Cemetery, Tuskegee, Ala [from Find A Grave, which has birth date 22 Dec. 1812]

Married: Robert Mitchell before 28 March 1831 in Georgia, probably Lumpkin County [See p. 124 below.]; **born:** 4 January 1801 in Georgia; **died:** 1 July 1868 in Chambers County, Ala;

Burial: no record; probably in LaFayette, Chambers County, Alabama

His parents: James Mitchell and his wife Mary Moulder

Acknowledgment

[The parents of Robert Mitchell and vital dates, except death date of Jane Ligon, are from the website jamisonsofsc-washingtondc.com/, p. 13; printed here with permission of owner.]

[4] Nancy Ligon

Born: ca 1815 in Spartanburg Dist., SC

Died: after date of mother's will [See p. 100 below.]

Burial: no record found

Married 1: John D. Chappell before 26 Feb 1835, inferred from an entry in her father's estate papers. A later entry shows John D. Chappell a legatee of Robert Ligon's estate, implying that he was the husband of Nancy Ligon (see p. 125 below). We have found no further information.

Married 2: -?- Williams, no record of when. Esther Ligon made bequeaths to her daughter Nancy Williams and to her grandson James Williams in her will dated 1 June 1859.

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DEATH NOTICES IN 1833 OF TWO UPSTATE REV. WAR VETERANS

Source: The Charleston Courier

Issue of Tuesday July 30, 1833, p. 2, col. 5

At Pickens District, (S. C.), a few weeks since, the Rev. George Vandicer, a soldier of the Revolution, and for many years a respectable clergyman of the Baptist persuasion.

Issue of Wednesday August 28, 1833, p. 3, col. 1

In York District, 16 th instant, Walter M'Carter, a soldier of the Revolution.

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WILL (1859) OF ESTHER LIGON (FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA)

Source: Esther Ligon's Estate File in Floyd County, Georgia Probate Court office; also in Will Book A, pp. 458-460. The more legible copy is in the estate file, which contains very little additional information of genealogical value.

Will of Esther Ligon

State of Georgia, Floyd County} In the name of God Amen I Esther Ligon widow of the State and county aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, as much so as most persons are at my advanced age, and Knowing that it is appointed for all to die, and revoking all other wills heretofore made by me, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all, I give and commend my soul to God who gave it. My body I recommend to earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors. And in touching the worldly Estate with which God has blessed me, I give and dispose of in the following manner—

Item 1st I give and bequeath to John, Esther Anna, James, Mary Jane, Sarah Frances, and Edith Thornton my grandchildren (the offspring of my deceased Daughter Sarah Thornton) one thousand and fifty dollars to be equally divided between them

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Edith Goodman one Negro man named Zach, one Feather Bed & furniture, and one hundred dollars in money to be by her possessed as her separate property, under her sole and separate control, to be disposed of by her during her life by gift, will or otherwise as she may think best, and should my daughter die making no dispensation of said property, then and in that event, I will it be equally divided amongst her surviving children.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Mitchell one negro man by the name of Pete & one Negro woman by the name of Hannah, one feather bed and furniture, one small sett of Drawers, and one ward Robe, and one hundred fifty dollars in money to be by her possessed as her sole & separate property, under Her separate control during her life, to be disposed of by her by will or otherwise as she may think best, but if said property be undisposed of at her death, I will that it be equally divided amongst her surviving children.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Williams one Negro Woman named Nicey and one negro Girl named Mary about twenty years of age, and their future increase, one Feather bed and furniture, my trunk, and one set of large Drawers, one ward Robe, and one hundred dollars in money, to be possessed by her as her separate property, under her separate control during life, and to be disposed of by her by will or otherwise as she may think best, and if the same is undisposed of at her death, I will that it be equally divided among her children (except James Williams to whom I have made a separate bequest).

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Samuel Johnston one Negro woman named Adaline about Twenty three years old and her future increase, also one Negro boy George about 4 years old, and also fifty dollars in money.

Item 6th I will and bequeath all to my Grand son Jehu Johnston a note I hold on him for Twenty five dollars.

Item 7th I will and bequeath to my Grand son Nimrod P. Johnston one Negro man by the name of Jim about twenty six years old.

Item 8th I will and bequeath to my Grand son Andrew J. Johnston one Negro boy by the name of Dave between seven and eight years of age, provided my said grandson shall continue to live with me and attend to my business until my death and if he should die or fail to be living with me at the time of my death then and in that event said boy shall go to and be the property of the grandson that may be living with me at the time of my death.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my Great Grand daughter Edith E. Johnston (Daughter of Samuel Johnston) one mulatto girl by the name of Lara about ten months old to be held in trust for her by her Farther Samuel Johnston, and if she should die leaving no issue, then said property shall become the property of her sister Sarah Francis Johnston.

Item 10th I will and bequeath to my Grand son James Williams one Negro boy by the name of Tobe, (Mary's son) about Two years old.

Item 11th I will and bequeath to my Grand daughter Esther Ann Johnston (Daughter of Samuel Johnston) one Negro girl by the name of Dicey (Adeline's child), about five years old to be held in trust for her by her Farther Samuel Johnston, and if said Esther Ann should die leaving no issue then said girl Dicey shall become the property of her sister Mary Jane Johnston.

Item 12th I will that all the residue of my property not otherwise disposed of in this will be sold by my Executors, and after paying my Just debts and the expenses of a due and legal Administration of this will and the money legacies herein set forth, should there be any surplus in money left after complying with this item of my will I give the same to my Great Grand son Josiah Johnston.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint my Grandson Samuel Johnston and my friend and neighbor Absalom B. Ross, Executors to my last will and Testament.

"all interlinations made before signing"

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1859 Esther Ligon {LS}
{Signed Sealed and published by the Testator in our presence each of us attesting the same in the presence of each other at the special instance and request of the Testator.

John M. Jack A. E. Ross M. A. Ross}

Esther Ligon's Will Proven

State of Georgia, Floyd County} Before me Jesse Lamberth, Ordinary, (at chambers) personally came Samuel Johnston one of the nominated Executors of the last will and Testament of Esther Ligon late of said county deceased and produced before me the last will and Testament of the said Esther Ligon deceased and two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, John M. Jack and Adolphus E. Ross, who being duly sworn deposeth and say that they saw Esther Ligon the Testator sign seal and devise and publish the instrument now presented as her last will and Testament freely voluntarily and of her own accord, without compulsion or influence whatever That at the time of the writing of said Will said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory Deponents signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at her special instance and request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of June 1859.

WILL (1787) OF JOHN McCrory

Source: Spartanburg County, SC Probate Court File 1434, Estate of John McCrory, Deceased

Will of John McCrory

In the name of God Amen I, John McCrory of Jamie's Creek in the State of S^c Carolina and County of Spartanburgh being of sound and Disposing mind memory and understanding Do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament of the Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to Bless me with in manner and form following First — after all my just Debts and financial charges are fully satisfied and Paid I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Earnest One English shilling Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Alexander one English Shilling also I give and Bequeath Daughter Rachel Ernest one English Shilling Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Agness Doeg one English Shilling Item I give and [bequeath] unto my Beloved wife Martha and her Heirs and assigns forever all the remainder of my Estate Real and Personal whether in this State or elsewhere out of which

my said Wife Martha must Take care to keep and Provid my son John in Clothes and Victuals She having the benefit of his labor and at her Decease to have what may be judged Sufficient maintenance of my said son John appointing who she may think Proper to have the care of my said son and the Discretion of what she may be able to leave for his maintenance Also I nominate and appoint my aforesaid Wife Martha the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and Do declare this to be my last and only Will Dated in Spartanburgh County aforesaid this 12th Day of April A.D. 1787 and the Eleventh year of the Independence of America
s/ John McCrory

Signed Sealed & Published and Declared by the above named John McCrory }
To be his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request and in the Presence of each other did Subscribe our names as Witnesses thereunto: s/ James Clayton s/ Thos Tod

Will of John McCrory Proven

The last Will & Testament of John McCrory Proven in open court 12 th April 1791
Copied the 4 th June 1791 W Lancaster (Clerk of Court)

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WILL (1793) OF MARTHA McCrORY, SECOND WIFE OF JOHN McCrORY

Source: Spartanburg County, SC Probate File 1435, Estate of Martha McCrory, Deceased

Will of Martha McCrory

So Carolina} In the name of God Amen I, **Martha McCrory Relict of John McCrory**, Deceased of Spartanburgh in the State aforesaid Being of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory and understanding, Do make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament of the Worldly Estate of which it hath Pleas'd God to bless me, In manner and form following Vizt: After all my Just Debts and Funeral charges are fully paid and satisfied, I give and Bequeath unto **my nephew Anthony Wilson** his Heirs and assigns forever, my Bay Mare which I purchased of W^m Earnest, also my own Bed with a Double proportion of linen and other clothes for the same. **Item** I give and Bequeath unto my Executor hereafter named and his qualifying and acting [on] all the Remainder of my Estate both real and Personal for the Purpose of keeping clothing victualing and Lodging **my Step Son John McCrory** (my said Executor having the Benefit of my said Step Son John McCrory's Labour), and at the Decease of my said Step Son John if **my Brother William McConnell** come into this country my said Executor shall then deliver unto my said Brother whatever may remain as my Personal as also [the] [w]hole as my Real Estate [to] my said Brother William [to be?] his and his Heirs forever, But if my Said Brother William do not come Personally and Receive my Estate as mentioned aforesaid at the decease of my aforesaid Step Son John or Soon after then my Will is that my Said Executor his heirs and assigns do hold occupy and enjoy my aforesaid Estate forever and lastly I give and Bequeath all my wearing aparel to two **my sisters Jane and Isabel** And lastly I nominate and appoint my aforesaid Nephew Anthony Wilson Executor of this my last Will and Testament **Dated 2^d Oct^r 1793** and the Eighteenth of the Independence of America

Martha (her 9 mark) **McCrory** {LS}
Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Above named Martha McCrory to be her Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at her request and in the Presence of each other did Subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto} s/ Richard Young Richard (his 9 mark) Chesney s/ Samuel Bell

Will of Martha McCrory Proven

South Carolina, Spartanburgh County} This the last will and testament of Martha McCrory was proven^{in open} Court by the Evidence of Richard Young, Richard Chesney and Samuel Bell on the 13th January in the present year [Note: Estate sale was on 6 June 1794].

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IMAGES OF TWO EARLIER CAMPOBELLO LANDMARKS

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322
Source: The files of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Payne of 501 Depot Street, Campobello, SC 29322



Campobello School Building, where Principal and Boys Lodge.

These two images were taken from loose pages of a booklet of unknown provenance. On the page opposite the picture above was the statement that I. W. Wingo was the principal of the Campobello School. Since Rev. Wingo removed to Furman University in 1906, these two pictures were taken in that year or before. The upper picture show the assembly of faculty and students at that time. The building in the lower picture is still in use as a private home



Building for Girls, Lady Teachers and Matron, where all take their meals.

UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1833 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

- Issue of Tuesday January 1, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—At St. Marks, (Florida) Dr. Benjamin P. Winn, aged 40, for many years an inhabitant of Edgefield District, (S. C.) [Date not stated.]
- Issue of Monday January 14, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Laurens District]
 DEATH—In Laurens District, 30th ult. Rev. Alexander Kirkpatrick.
- Issue of Monday February 4, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Spartanburg District]
 DEATH—On the 11th ult. Miss Louisa Eleanor, daughter of George Jones of Spartanburg District, (S. C.), aged 22 years and 6 months.
- Issue of Tuesday February 12, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Greenville District, (S. C.) on 14th Nov. last, Mr. William Moffat, A. B.
- Issue of Monday February 22, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—In Edgefield District, John Catlett Garrett, aged 71.—At Hamburg, 4th inst. Mrs. Parmelee E. Fair, consort of Mr. John H. Fair.
- Issue of Monday February 22, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—At Camden, 11th inst. Mr. John M'Donald, aged 59 years.
- Issue of Tuesday March 5, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—In Edgefield district, 18th ult. Mrs. Catharine Long, consort of the late George Long, aged 75.
- Issue of Friday March 18, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Greenville District, (S. C.) 15th inst. Mr. George Russel, Esq. age 54.
- Issue of Monday April 8, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Kershaw District]
 DEATH—At Camden, (S. C.) 3d inst. Mrs. Eliza A. Cook, consort of Mr. Henry R. Cook.
- Issue of Tuesday April 16, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Fairfield District]
 DEATH—On Broad River, Fairfield District, (S. C.) 13th ult. Mr. James Ashford, aged 56.
- Issue of Tuesday April 16, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Pickens District]
 DEATH—In Pickens district, (S. C.) 30th ult. Elihu Creswell, Esq. formerly of Abbeville.
- Issue of Thursday, May 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Pendleton (sic) District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton District, 7th inst. Andrew Liddell, aged about 83.
- Issue of Thursday, May 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Abbeville District]
 DEATH—In Abbeville District 13th ult. Edward Ware, Major General of the 1st Division S. C. Militia.
- Issue of Thursday, May 16, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Abbeville District]
 DEATH—At his residence in Abbeville District, on the 13th ult. Maj. Gen. Edward Ware, commander of the 1st Division S. C. Militia.
- Issue of Thursday, May 16, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In St. Clair County, Alabama, on the 12th ult. Mr. Winn D. Gowan, former a highly respectable citizen of Greenville District, S. C.
- Issue of Tuesday, June 25, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Anderson District]
 Departed this life, on the 12th May, in Anderson District, S. C. Mr. ANDREW YOUNG, aged about 80 years.
- Issue of Tuesday, June 25, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Abbeville District]
 Departed this life, at the residence of her father, Col. B. H. Saxon, near Abbeville, S. C. on the 13th inst. in the 20th year of her age, Miss JANE N. SAXON. [See August 16 below.]

- Issue of Tuesday, July 9, 1833, p. 2, col.5 [Edgeville District]
 DEATH—In Airville, Edgefield, (S. C.) 27th ult. Thomas G. Lamar, Esq. aged 46.
- Issue of Thursday, July 18, 1833, p. 3, col. 1 [York District]
 DEATH—In Yorkville, (S. C.) 4th inst. Mrs. Nancy Mann, aged 76.—Same place, 9th inst. Rev. James J. Richardson, of the Methodist Church, and one of its brightest ornaments.
- Issue of Friday, July 26, 1833, p. 3, col. 1 [Greenville District]
 DEATH—In Carlisle, (Ky.) of Cholera, Mr. Milton W. Thurmond, formerly of Greenville.
- Issue of Tuesday, July 30, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Pickens District]
 DEATH—At Pickens district, (S. C.) a few weeks since, the Rev. George Vandicer, a soldier of the Revolution, and for many years a respectable clergyman of the Baptist persuasion. He was esteemed as a christian, an honest man, and a patriot.
- Issue of Wednesday, July 31, 1833, p. 3, col. 1 [York District]
 DEATH—In Yorkville (S. C.) 14th inst. John J. Barry, aged 17.
- Issue of Wednesday, August 7, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [York District]
 DEATH—In Yorkville District [sic], 29th ult. Gen. R. D. M'Lean, aged 45.
- Issue of Wednesday, August 14, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Abbeville District]
 DEATH—At the Orchards, the residence of Col. B. H. Saxon, near Abbeville, (S. C.) 27 ult. Samuel Daniel Saxon, son of the late B. T. Saxon, aged 18. [See June 25 above.]
- Issue of Wednesday, August 28, 1833, p. 3, col. 1 [York District]
 DEATH—In York District, 11th inst. Mr. Wm. Rowell, an aged and respectable man—16th [inst.], Walter M^cCarter, a soldier of the Revolution.
- Issue of Friday, August 30, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—Near Edgefield Court House, (S. C.) 22d inst. Capt. John Simkins.
- Issue of Thursday, September 5, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [York District]
 DEATH—In York District, 27th ult. Mrs. Martha M^cCollough, consort of Wm. M^cCollough, aged 55.
- Issue of Thursday, September 17, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Anderson District]
 DIED, at Pendleton, on the 1st instant, in the 78th year of his age, Mr. THOMAS OGIER, one of the soldiers of the Revolution, and for more than half a century an inhabitant of this city. [See p. 107 below for obituary.]
- Issue of Friday, September 20, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Pickens District]
 DEATH—Near Pickens Court House, (S. C.) 12th August, Mr. Thomas Blackburn, a young man of excellent character, and much esteemed.
- Issue of Wednesday, September 25, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Anderson District]
 DEATH—In Pendleton, (S. C.) 13th inst. Capt. James Thompson, age 64.
- Issue of Tuesday, October 1, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Edgefield District]
 DEATH—In Jefferson county, (Florida) 5th ult. Mrs. Margaret Skennal. She was a native of Edgefield (S. C.) and moved to that Territory but a few years since.
- Issue of Wednesday, October 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Anderson District]
 DIED, on the 25th ult. at the residence of Col. John E. Colburn, near Pendleton, Mr. JOHN SCHULZ, of Charleston. Mr. S. had recently recovered from an attack of bilious fever, which had occurred soon after his arrival from the low country, and when it was supposed his health was nearly restored, he was seized with apoplexy, which terminated his existence in a few hours. He was an exemplary and very estimable man.
- Issue of Wednesday, October 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Anderson District]

Melancholy Casualty—On Thursday morning last EDWARD OGIER, a very promising youth, aged about 16, son of Thomas Ogier, of Charleston, whose death near this place was announced a few weeks since, was accidentally shot by a gun going off in his own hand. [See Sept. 7 above & p. 107 below for obit.]

Issue of Friday, October 4, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [York District]

DEATH—In York District, on the 20th ult. William Gazaway, a resident of that District, and for many years a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Issue of Wednesday, October 9, 1833, p. 2, col. 6 [Anderson District]

DEATH—In Pendleton, (S. C.) 30th ult. Mr. E. Bennett, sen, aged 67.

Issue of Tuesday, October 29, 1833, p. 2, col. 3 [Union District]

DEATH—At Silver Bluff, Edgefield, (S. C.) Mr. I. N. Pearson, of Union District, (S. C.) aged 21.

Issue of Wednesday, October 30, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Kershaw District]

DEATH—In Camden, (S. C.) 18th inst. Mr. T. Warren, aged 51, a native of Newport, R. I.) but for the last 25 years a resident of Camden.

Issue of Friday, November 8, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Abbeville District]

DEATH—At Abbeville, (S. C.) Mrs. M. Wardlaw, relict of Hugh Wardlaw, Esq. aged 78.

Issue of Friday, November 8, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Fairfield District]

DEATH—On Dumper's Creek, Fairfield District (S. C.) Mr. J. Carlisle, aged 68, a native of Ireland, but for the last 12 years a citizen of this State.

Issue of Friday, November 15, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [York District]

DEATH—In York district, 3d inst. Mr. J. Postell.

Issue of Saturday, December 7, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Pickens District]

DEATH—In Pickens district, 30th ult. Mr. S. Earle, aged 73

Issue of Saturday, December 7, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [Edgefield District]

DEATH—In Edgefield District, (S. C.) on 7th ult. Mr. F. Coleman, aged 68, and on the day previous, his daughter Miss C. Coleman, aged 17.

Issue of Saturday, December 7, 1833, p. 2, col. 4 [York District]

DEATH—In Yorkville, (S. C.) 25th ult. Mr. J. L. Halsey, merchant of that place, of the firm Halsey & Co. late of Rahway, N. J.

Issue of Thursday, December 19, 1833, p. 2, col. 5 [Abbeville District]

DEATH—In Columbia, (S. C.) 2 d inst. Mr. J. B. Huey, of Abbeville, a native of the District of the Waxhaws, (S. C.)

Issue of Saturday, December 28, 1833, p. 2, col. 3 [York District]

DEATH—In Yorkville District [sic], 10th inst. Mrs. C. Ferguson, aged 67.

DEATH OF GEORGE REESE, REV. WAR VET. OF ANDERSON DISTRICT, SC

Source: The Pendleton Messenger, issue of Friday November 24, 1837, p. 3, col. 1

OBITUARY

Died at his residence near Pendleton village on the night of the 11th inst., GEORGE REESE in the 85th year of his age. The deceased served in many expeditions and skirmishes during the Revolutionary war, and was an active, ardent, and devoted patriot in the "times that tried men's souls."

Notwithstanding the defects of an early education, his mind was richly stored with historical, literary, and religious information. . . . For nearly sixty years he was a regular member of the Presbyterian Church, and during the greater part of that time, exercising the duties of a rating elder. . . .

An aged widow and nine children survive to mourn their loss.

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OBITUARIES OF THOMAS OGIER (1755-1833), REV. WAR VET, AND SON (ANDERSON DISTRICT, SC)

Source: Charleston Courier, Thursday September 12, 1833, p. 2, col. 6

OBITUARY

DIED, at Pendleton, on the 1st instant, in the 78 th year of his age, Mr. THOMAS OGIER, one of the soldiers of the Revolution, and for more than half a century an inhabitant of this city [Charleston].

Mr. Ogier was a native of London, where he was born 25 th April, 1755. He came out at an early age to this city, and has maintained a walk of usefulness, integrity and honor, as a merchant, to the last hour of his protracted life.

In recording the merits of the dead, the living, for whose example the record is made, are apt, from partiality or delicacy, to make use of the language of exaggeration. And thus we daily see characters blazoned forth in pompous panegyric, in which it would defy the most partial friend to trace the least resemblance to the lineaments of the departed. But ours is another task—for the stern simplicity of a man will best depict the character of him who hath left us, who was, throughout his whole life, a rare example of an unaffected simplicity, moderation, and probity.

His was that of high sense of honor and integrity that shrinks instinctively from whatever is selfish and base. His was that scrupulous morality, without lastidiousness—that cheerful temperance, without pretension—that large liberality, without excess. His, in a word, were the virtues which spring from right affection guided by clear principle, which dignify human nature and throw a lustre and an ease on the society around.

His were the clear, calm, well sustained views of religion, which while they prompt the heartfelt secret aspiration to God, and give rise to a fervent, active and unobtrusive piety—contract no alliances with the reveries of the enthusiast or the intolerance of the fanatic, but are intimately blended with an ever-growing benevolence to men. His was the piety that in life made him resigned to the disposal of an all-wise Providence; that in the anguish of bodily suffering, even in death, cheered and consoled him with hope, sure and steadfast, of a glorious immortality.

As a Citizen, Mr. Ogier was a true and ardent lover of the country of his adoption—devotedly attached to her interests and keenly sensitive of her Republican glory. As a father, he was indulgent—as a husband, affectionate—as friend, the writer can testify, he was warm, generous and true.

Need it be said that his manners corresponded with those dispositions and habits of his soul, and that by benevolence, courtesy and unassuming conversation he was endeared to a large circle of friends? Need it be said that his memory will be embalmed in their esteem and love, and that the life of such men is a picture which even the good may contemplate with advantage?

Melancholy Casualty

Source: Charleston Courier, Wednesday October 2, 1833, p. 2, col. 5

On Thursday morning last, EDWARD OGIER, a very promising youth, aged about 16, son of the late Mr. Thomas Ogier, of Charleston, whose death near this place, was announced but a few weeks since, was accidentally shot, by a gun going off in his own hands. He had just loaded it, and standing with his gun almost perpendicular, and the muzzle very nearly in contact with his body, when it went off, from what cause is unknown. It was loaded with small shot, and the whole load entered below the right nipple, and came out on the same side, at the top of the shoulder, just behind the collar bone, having passed through the right lobe of the lungs. He lingered until 2 o'clock P. M. on Monday [September 23 1833], when expired in his perfect senses and entirely resigned to his fate. *Pendleton Messenger, 25th ult.*

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MURDER (1833) OF WILLIAM PATTON (NATIVE OF ABBEVILLE DIST., SC)

Source: Charleston Courier, Monday, July 8, 1833, p. 2, col. 4

An extract of a letter, dated Asheville, Buncombe County, (N.C.) June 28th, had the following:—
“Mr. PATTON, of Abbeville, was robbed and *murdered* about two weeks since, by a man named DOOLY, who was travelling with him in Tennessee. From a memorandum found on the body, it is supposed that he had about four thousand dollars with him at the time, with which he intended to purchase land in Alabama. The body was found near Winchester, and from its situation it is supposed the received the fatal blow while drinking from a spring of water. The murderer mounted Patton’s horse and made off; he was pursued, but at the last accounts was not yet apprehended. I have these facts from Mr. Patton of this place [Asheville], his cousin.”

Another letter, dated Noah’s Fork, (Tenn.) 20th June, says that the murder took place on the Cumberland Mountain, about 60 miles from that place, on the 10th June. Dooly, the murderer, lived at the head of Elk River; he went home and remained one night, and then started for Texas.

After the above was in type, we received a letter from the Post Master at Abbeville C. H. enclosing the following copy of a letter received by him the preceding evening. Mr. Patton was a merchant in Abbeville District, and is said to have left an amiable wife and a young family to deplore his loss.

“JASPER, (Marion County, Tennessee,) June 14.

“To the Post Master, Abbeville, C. H.

“Sir—A most horrible murder has been committed in the vicinity of this place on the 10th inst. as supposed from the circumstances. The deceased is supposed to be of the name of **Wm. Patton**, from your district, on his way to the Western country, as appears from letters and papers found near where he was concealed. The circumstances of the case are these as far as ascertained. On Sunday night he staid at Col. Dalts, a few miles from this place, in company with a man by the name of Bennett Dooly; they left Col. Dalts together, and called at Mr. A. Kelly’s, where Mr. Patton, as we suppose his name to be, endeavored to get some change, he seemed to have a large amount. They were seen at other places passing along the Road. Two miles from this place they would have to ascend the Cumberland Mountain, near the top of which he, Patton, was discovered yesterday, by some young men among the rocks, who were attracted by the Buzzards. His face was shockingly mangled, having been beat to death. Patton was well dressed, riding a good bay horse. Dooly has been pursued by our Deputy Sheriff, and other citizens. He lives in an adjoining County, and we have just heard that he went home the same day, Monday, and left early Tuesday morning, where he is, is yet unknown. Our citizens are greatly excited, and will do every thing that can be done to apprehend the villain. His horse and all his money is missing. Dooly was seen on his horse the same day.”

The Tuscaloosa *Intelligencer* contains an account of the circumstances pretty much as detailed above, but states that the gentleman murdered was supposed to be a Dr. HENDERSON, from South Carolina, near Charleston.

Charleston Courier, Thursday, August 1, 1833, p. 2, col. 4

Dooly the Murderer.—We have been informed by a gentleman from Abbeville, South Carolina, that this desperado has confessed himself guilty of the murder of Mr. Patton. He is supposed to belong to the association of miscreants, known on the borders of the Cherokee Nation as “The Pony Club;” into whose hands the money he robbed Patton of, has probably fallen, as Dooly is unable to produce it. It is thought possible that his associates in villainy may attempt his rescue. [*Athens (Geo.) Banner.*]

THE FATAL BOBO-RICE CONFRONTATION (1833) IN UNION DISTRICT

Source 1: Charleston Courier, issue of Monday July 8, 1833, p. 2, col. 4

Excerpt of a letter received in this city, dated Chesterville, July 3, 1833:

“We have news here of a *killing* at Union Court House on yesterday or Monday. A young gentleman of the name of Bobo, has been shot dead by a son of Wm. Rice, Esq., Senator from that District. There had been some dispute or quarrel between them for some time past and meeting on Monday, it was said Bobo undertook to cane Rice, when he drew a pistol, but was disarmed by a bystander, when Bobo attempted to continue the assault, he drew the second pistol and shot him dead. It is also said there was another pistol discharged about the same time at a Mr. Rodgers, which however, happily took no effect. Rodgers was the man that disarmed Rice with the humane design of preventing bloodshed, and had nearly paid for it with his life. Rice is expected here this day in the custody of the Sheriff, on a writ of Habeas Corpus, to obtain bail.

Source 2: Charleston Courier, issue of Thursday July 25, 1833, p. 2, col. 4

UNION C.H. July 11

To the Editor of the Columbia Hive—

Dear Sir— I was very much surprised in looking over your paper of the 6th inst. to discover an erroneous account of a rencontre that took place at Union Court House on the first day of this month, between Mr. Samuel F. Rice and Mr. Barrum F. Bobo. You must be aware of the impropriety of publishing any thing in relation to an affair of so much importance, without being certain that justice had been done to those concerned; and I have no doubt you will regret exceedingly having said any thing on the subject without first learning the truth and the *whole* truth from impartial witnesses.

I now proceed to give you a correct account, and refer to disinterested gentlemen, who witnessed the rencontre, for the truth of the statement, leaving out some particulars about which there is a difference of opinion. Mr. Samuel F. Rice crossed over the street from B. H. Rice’s office and was proceeding on his way to Dr. Dogan’s when Mr. B. F. Bobo stepped out of his store piazza and was advancing on Mr. Rice with a large turned hickory stick in his hand. Mr. Rice drew a pistol, presented it at Bobo, and told him not to approach or he would shoot him, (or words to that effect.) Mr. Bobo halted. Then Rice said to him “I will give you honorable satisfaction if you will desist.” Bobo asked what satisfaction, or what kind of satisfaction, or something of that kind. Rice replied, and that honorable men would say or sanction. The pistol was then wrested from Rice by some person present, and Col. Martin, the brother-in-law of Bobo, took hold of Rice with his arms clasped around him in such a manner that he was unable to defend himself. In this situation Bobo struck Rice one or two severe blows on the head with his stick, above mentioned, one of which cut him to the skull bone. As soon as Martin was disengaged from Rice, he (Rice) drew a second pistol (which was the only one he had left) and shot Bobo in the side, (not “back”) which caused his death. I have forbore saying any thing of the situation of Bobo when he was shot, or the distance Rice went before he shot, after he was disengaged from Martin, not because I am ignorant of the fact, but because these are matters about which there is a difference of opinion, and they will be investigated by a judicial tribunal.

A SPECTATOR

[Editor’s Note: A more complete account of the Bobo-Rice affair and its aftermath is contained in *The Narrative History of Union County, South Carolina* (1987) by Allan D. Charles, Chapter VII (Unionville in Anti-Bellum Times, p. 12). Another book on this subject is Vernon Foster’s *Spartanburg Facts & Reminiscences & Folklore* (1998), Chapter 12 (Crime & Punishment), p. 123.

**FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN M. HARMON (Abt 1808-1844)
OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC**

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Sources: United States Census, Will and Estate File Research, Death Certificates, Obituaries, Tombstone Research, Civil War Death Rolls, and Cemetery Transcriptions.

John M. Harmon

Born: About 1808 probably in SC but some records indicate Ireland

Died: 28 Nov 1844 in Spartanburg, SC

Burial: Fairforest Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County, SC

His Parents: John and Margaret Harmon

Married: about 1827 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC:

Lucy Gossett

Born: About 1795 in SC

Died: About May 1870 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC

Her Parents: John and Anna Lemaster Gossett

Their Children:

- [1] **Nancy Harmon** Born: Oct 1828 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: 23 Oct 1905 in Waxahachie, Ellis, Texas
- Married:
Nathaniel Easterwood Born: About 1829 in SC
"Nathan" Died: 1875 Calhoun County, AL
His Parents: John B. and Jemima J. Easterwood
Issue: Louisa, Jane, Junetta, Joseph F., John Forest, Bella, Samuel, Charles, and Hughston.
- [2] **Margurete A. Harmon** Born: on 2 Oct 1829 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: 2 Mar 1913 in Gastonia, Gaston, NC
- Married:
Holden J. Thomson Born: about 1829 in SC
"Holman"
Issue: Caroline, Nancy, Atlanta, Lucy, James F., John R., and Anna
- [3] **Samuel Harmon** Born: About 1830 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: 3 Jul 1863 Battle of Gettysburg Company I 13th SCV
Served: Company I, 13th SCV
- [4] **Elihu Harmon** Born: 1830 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: Probably AL; Released 11 Mar 1862 for medical reasons
Served: Co. C, AL 55th Volunteers
- [5] **John Eliphus Harmon** Born: 1831 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: 17 Sep 1862 Battle of Antietam
Served: Co. K, 3rd Battalion SC Infantry
- Married:

Penelope Susannah Quinn Born: on 20 Mar 1832 in SC
Died: 6 Feb 1926 in Gaffney, Cherokee, SC
Burial: Lemaster Family Cemetery, Cherokee County, SC.

Her Parents: James S and Ity Tolleson Quinn
Issue: Emily Caroline, John Samuel, James Thomas, Rosanna Eliphus, Edward Robert, and William Edward

- [6] **Caroline Harmon** Born: 1836 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: Feb 1856 in SC
- [7] **Clark Harmon** Born: 1836 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: Battle of Gettysburg .
- [8] **Wade Hampton Harmon** Born: about Jan 1838 in SC
Died: 2 Sep 1901 in Cherokee, SC
Served: Cavalry Battalion, Holcombe Legion, SC
- Married:
14 Oct 1866 in SC
Rachel Elizabeth Gossett Born: about 1844 in SC
Her Parents: James M. and Patsy Harvey Gossett
Issue: Elma, John Samuel, James Thomas, George C., Eliphus Elihu, Della, Lillie, Lester Boyd, and Forest Horace Wilson
- [9] **Thomas Harmon** Born: about 1839 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
- [10] **Jane Harmon** Born: 4 Apr 1843 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC
Died: 20 Jan 1925 in Big Creek, Sebastian, AR
- Married:
About 1859
John M. Lemaster Born: About 1839 in SC
Died After 1910 Census in AR
- His Parents: Ralph "Rafe" and Elizabeth Coleman Lemaster
Issue: Louise "Lucy"

DEATH OF CHARLES A. PETTY OF GAFFNEY, CHEROKEE COUNTY, SC
Source: The Spartanburg Herald, issue of Saturday January 10, 1903, p. 1, col. 4

DEATH OF C. A. PETTY

Gaffney Ledger.

Chas. A. Petty died after a long illness on the 7th inst. at the home of his brother, Thomas C. Petty, near here, and was buried today at 11 a. m. at the Petty graveyard about two miles west of the city.

Mr. Petty was fifty six years old and had never married. He was born and raised near here, and while he had been engaged in business in this state and North Carolina, his home was always at and near Gaffney. He was a man of genial nature, fine natural abilities and rare business attainments. He had for number of years been engaged in the cotton business and bought cotton in several cities but always returned to Gaffney after the season was over, where he received a hearty welcome from his relatives and friends who always looked anxiously for his return.

**FAMILY RECORD OF JAMES HARMON (About 1810 – Before 1870)
OF UNION DISTRICT, SC**

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James Harmon

Born: about 1810 in SC

Died: before the 1870 Census

His Parents: Unknown to the contributors

Married: About 1845

Rosannah "Rose" P. Williams

Born: about 1826 in SC

Died: 1883 in Union County, SC

Her Parents: Unknown to the contributors

[1] Golden Harmon

Born: 17 Dec 1846 in SC

Died: 10 Nov 1914 in Jonesville, Union, SC

Burial: New Hope Cemetery, Union County, SC.

15 Mar 1878 in Union County, SC

Married:

Hettie H. Pickens

Born: 27 Jul 1861 in SC

Died: 27 May 1910 in SC

Burial: New Hope Cemetery, Union County, SC

Wiley and Nancy Shell Pickens

Her Parents:

Issue: Annie, Lula, Jepha P., Katie, Ruben, Hettie Mae, and Golden Hayden

[2] Samuel Harmon

Born: 17 Jan 1848 in SC

Died: 6 Jun 1900 in Union County, SC

Burial: Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery.

Abt 1875

Married:

Mary Jane Campbell

Born: 25 Jul 1856 in SC

Died: 15 Jun 1935 in

Burial: Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery

Leonard and Mary C. Gossett Campbell

Her Parents:

Issue: Minnie C., Maggie R., James, Sally, Lelar, Jesse S, and Addie

[3] Jane Harmon

Born: 10 Jun 1849 in SC

Died: 12 Mar 1923 in SC

Burial: Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

Abt 1871

Married:

William Allen Vinson

Born: 24 Nov 1835 in SC

Died: 22 Feb 1904 in SC

Burial: Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

His Parents:

Wiley and Priscilla Vinson

Issue: James Edward, William Wiley, Samuel W, Bossie, Rosa, Theodore M, Perry D, and John Paul

[4] Elizabeth Ann Harmon

"Betsey"

Married:

William Harper Vinson

Born: Abt 1852 in SC

Died: 16 Oct 1928 in SC

Abt 1870

Born: Abt 1849 in SC

Died: 24 Jul 1907 in Union County, SC

Wiley and Priscilla Vinson

His Parents:

Issue: Azariah R., Carrie A., Elizabeth, William Wallace, Robert Littleton, Grover C, Susie, and George B.

[5] Pinkney H. Harmon

Born: 23 Feb 1853 in Union County, SC

Died: 18 Dec 1932 in Spartanburg County, SC

Burial: Inman Methodist Church.

Married:

Lura Dean Hart

31 Jan 1879 in Union County, SC

Born: about 1861 in Union County, SC

Died: 16 Jun 1944 in Inman, Spartanburg, SC

William and Martha Jane Hickey Hart

Her parents:

Issue: Lettie, Bessie, Eunice Ora, Mamie, Hester, Casper H., Lola E, Viola, Grace, Melvin Bryan, Pearl, Bertie, Ruby, and Blanche

[6] Louissa Elizabeth Harmon

Born: about 1855 in SC

[7] Louis Calvin Harmon

Born: about 1855 in SC

Died: 13 Aug 1907 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, SC

Burial: New Hope Cemetery, Union County, SC.

[8] Caroline Harmon

Born: about 1856 in SC

Died: after 1880 Census

Married:

Charles Hames

Abt 1849 in SC

Born: about 1849 in SC

Died: before 1880 Census

His Parents:

Joshua and Salina "Selena" Hames

Issue: Henry J.

[9] John Sumter Harmon

Born: 31 Dec 1858 in SC

Died: 15 Dec 1926 in Spartanburg County, SC

Burial: Union County, SC.

Married:

Lizzie L. Hall

Abt 1888

Born: in Feb 1871 in SC

Died: 15 Jun 1942 in Inman, Spartanburg, SC

Her Parents:

Thomas J. and Mary Hall

Issue: Thomas Buford, Willis Clyde, Beula M, James Arthur, Pauline, Joyce R, Floy E. and Lucille

[10] James H. Harmon

Born: 15 May 1862 in SC

Died: 17 Feb 1896 in Jonesville, Union, SC

Married:

Sarah Sallie A. Bullington

New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery, Jonesville, SC
 28 Jul 1860 in SC
 Born: 28 Jul 1860
 Died: 11 Apr 1953 in Union County, SC
 Burial: New Hope Methodist Church Cemetery, Union, SC
 William Marion and Sarah K. Bullington

Her Parents:

Issue: Augustus Hugh, Boyd L., James A, and Annie

[11] Charles H. Harmon

Born: June 1868 in SC
 Died: 9 Apr 1936 in SC
 Burial: Rosemont Cemetery, Union County, SC
 abt 1890 in SC

Married:

Myra Bishop

Born: 11 May 1879 in NC
 Died: 10 Nov 1949 in Union County, SC

Her Parents:

George and Frances Davis (Hall, per Myra's d/c) Bishop
 Burial: Rosemont Cemetery, Union County, SC

Issue: Eva Lea, Fannie, Lewis C., Russell Tresfer, John, Dewey

FIRE IN 1879 DESTROYS THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC IN GREENVILLE, SC

Source: Atlanta Constitution, Wednesday, December 10, 1879, page 4

DISASTROUS FIRE IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, S.C., December 7. — A disastrous fire occurred in our city this morning at 3 o'clock which resulted in the total loss of the academy of music, a splendid and costly edifice recently completed and furnished in the handsomest style, together with the drug stock of Sloan Bros., and the grocery stock of Sloan, Lee & Taylor, occupying two of the stores under the academy. The third store was occupied by F. W. Poe & Co., clothiers, who saved all of their stock, except the many goods stolen in removing. Mr. W. E. Speir, the manager, and family, who occupied rooms in the rear end of the second story, narrowly escaped, losing everything. The fire originated in one of the cellars and burnt with wild fury, threatening the entire block, of which the academy of music was the corner building, but the prompt effort of our efficient fire department kept the flames contained to the one building. The academy of music was the pride of upper Carolina, and was not excelled in beauty and finish by any building of the kind in the state. We keenly feel the loss, but owners of the building being gentlemen of considerable means announce that they will at once replace it with one even more costly. The total losses, so far as can be ascertained at this writing, are as follows: Building and furniture, \$35,000, insurance \$18,000; Sloan Bro's stock \$7,000, insurance \$3,000; Sloan, Lee & Taylor's stock \$8,000, insurance \$5,500; F. W. Poe & Co., damage & stealing \$500., fully insured; W. E. Spier, furniture, wardrobes, etc. \$1,000, no insurance. Total loss \$51,000, insurance \$27,000; total net loss \$24,500. Merchants occupying adjoining stores suffer considerable loss by the water from the engines and the removal of goods, but it is impossible to estimate with certainty beyond what is stated above. The origin of the fire is unknown, though many believe it was the work of an incendiary.

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION FOR HENRY NEWTON CARTER

The grave stone for Henry Newton Carter in Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church cemetery in Cross Hill, Laurens County, SC, lists his dates as b. June 14, 1814 d. May 26, 1884. (See p. 89 above.)

REMINISCENCES OF YORK BY A SEPTUAGENARIAN

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[Contributor's Note: A hole in the original newspaper affect the first five lines of print at the beginning of this article, and a second hole in the first column affects fourteen lines. The title is about a neighborhood in early York District, SC., which from the context seems to be the Turkey Creek area.]

... NEIGHBORHOOD

... partly by families from ... South Carolina. Among ... Williamses, Palmers, Marions, ... —mans, Pierces, and Cotruiers. [Some of] these came up prior to the Revolutionary war — some after is close. They were wealthy, and brought with them into the district a large number of negroes. Being *high livers* and poor managers, they soon scattered among their thrifty up-country neighbors, a number of their slaves, as it was a common rule with them, to sell one or two negroes each year, to bring in a revenue for next year's expenses.

Although they were not enterprising and money making citizens, these families were a valuable accession to York district. They were people of high tone of character, warm hearts, genial hospitality and courtly manners. This mingling with the earlier settlers had a softening influence on social life, and introduced a gentler element of modes and means. I distinctly remember old Capt. Joseph Palmer, the very embodiment of an old-school gentleman—always wearing the beautifully plaited ruffled shirt, well blacked topped boots, and riding a fine horse; with a bow of grace and elegant dignity, old Sir Charles Grandison could not have surpassed. During the war he was, part of the time, Commissary for Colonel Lacey's Regiment of mounted Infantry. After peace was restored, he held, for many years, the office of Magistrate. He was a Surveyor by profession, and one of the most accomplished of his kind. His plats were models for their accuracy of measurements and neatness of execution. He was universally looked up to and respected; even a stranger was bound to feel the power of his finished manner and courtly address. It was really an advantage to the youth of his vicinity to enjoy the opportunity if imitating such accomplishments. These, too, held him a good deal in awe, for they well knew a *gaucherie* or rudeness, would not pass in his presence uncorrected. Over the broad mantel-board in the hall of his house, during the Christmas holidays, in plain letters, easily deciphered, he would chalk the following quaint distich:

"Pray stand aside, sirs, 'tis every one's desire

As well as you, sirs, to see and feel the fire."

And the shivering little urchin who would thoughtlessly plant himself in front of the blazing logs, to the exclusion of others, would hang his head abashed, and step deftly to one side, when his attention was pointed "to the writing on the wall."

Some of these families, after a few years, sold their purchases and returned to the low-country. Others made York their permanent home, and their descendants still reside in the district. When I was a boy, numbers of the Huguenot families of Pineville would every summer travel up in their carriages, spending the season in our more salubrious climate with their relatives and friends, who were settled here.

To a Septuagenarian, nothing is more striking than the change of social customs within his recollection. A young man wanting to address a girl, in the olden time, would ask of the father or guardian of his inamorata "*for the liberty of the house.*" This being granted him, whether the attentions were

agreeable or otherwise to the young lady, she was bound by respect to her father and every sense of politeness to receive the swain's attentions with courtesy, till he came directly to the point with her; when she could give him a decided refusal or acceptance.

I recall a practical joke played by a gay and beautiful young widow, Mrs. M., and her niece, Miss Betsy M., who was not far inferior in attractions. It would be now deemed a jest unrefined beyond fastness—in those days a merry humor; though I cannot say I would not question its propriety if committed under my tutelage. But those who perpetrated it, would have shrunk with blushes from the indelicacy of a round dance.

It was Christmas week and hog-killing time. Two young gents—Jimmy M. and Mansfield G.—concluded to go a *sparkling*, and the charming widow and Miss Betsy M. were to each an attraction. The cheery blazing fire inside was a pleasant contrast to the snow on the ground outside. So cozily did the day roll round, they concluded they would remain during the night. About the hearth the circle gathered; told stories, asked riddles, and the evening passed right merrily. When the hour for retiring came, the ladies made an excuse that the candles were out and they had not yet another supply—the fire light must serve the gentlemen in their stead, and by it they hoped they could make their way to the bed. Jimmy M. said he knew their quarters, having occupied them before. Mr. G. was equally complacent. Good-nights were exchanged, and all went to their different apartments. G. disrobed first before his bed-fellow and ran and jumped into bed. As he slipped in, he hastily drew up the covering to exclude the frosty air. Out he bounced, crying at the top of his voice. "Snakes! snakes!—snakes in the bed." "SNAKES!" exclaimed the astonished Jimmy. "*Snakes, and snow on the ground?*" And seizing a blazing pine knot, he ran to the bed threw down the covering and discovered, lying in the middle, a coil of—expanded *bog-entrails*.

There had been a larger amount than was needed prepared for the sausages, and the surplus was seized by the girls to blow up, and with them, to perpetrate the joke. A burst of smothered merriment from the next room—the domicile of the ladies—explained the affair to the young men. Jimmy M. was badly in love—to the trick in good part, laughed heartily at the counterfeit and G.'s unseasonable snakes. The latter, more sensitive, re-dressed, declared himself insulted and would leave. The ladies, who were still in full toilet, came out and met him as he starting, begged his pardon, assured him it was but a jest of the season, etc., etc. He could not *blow them up*, as they had the entrails, so he went away in cold dignity. [The beginning of the next paragraph suffers from a hole in the original copy.]

Now ... Nat. Marion, took his mortification ... He escorted home one Sur-?- ... -?-ting-house, one of old Col. ... -?-s. There were, beside, ... -?-table house, several you[th?] ... escort, and the young man ... -?-tation of the old gentleman ... the night. After tea a serv[ant?] ... the boots of the gentlemen ... of slippers for each to assume ... -?-king the boots for the morrow, ... was customary, although the lad[ies] were] present, the beaux, without hesitancy, submitted to the pulling of their boots and the comfortable substitute offered, until Nat's turn came. He declined. "His boots were not much muddied;" "were very hard to get off," he said, and the servants need not black them." "Oh!" replied the Colonel, "this boy can pull off any boot I ever saw—let him take them off for you." "No, I thank you," returned Nat, urbanely, "I'm sure he could not succeed with them. I have always to use the boot-jack or get to the crack of the door. Old Colonel Beckham's pride in Caesar's efficiency was aroused, and he insisted on his being allowed to try. Nat was in for it, and the stout negro laid hold. Nat was a small man; but, just then, a very determined one. He held a stubborn foot and rigid toes, but the burly strength of the black was too much for him; his foot gave way, the boot slipped off, and there in full view of the ladies and all lay the gist of the matter. Poor Nat boasted no foot to his stocking—a leg and heel was all—the rest completely torn off; and to use the oft-repeated pun, "each toe spoke its

perfect health, for they were all *able to be out*."

At weddings, quiltings, or parties of any kind, where there were enough assembled together the young people would always have a dance. No one ever made any religious objection, and I've seen an Elder, of pure piety as any man who ever lived, lead off the reel. Our minister used to look on and say he much preferred it to games sometimes introduced to vary the entertainment. When pawns were forfeited by some *faux pas*, by an unlucky individual in the game, a frequent penalty in paying—the offender being a young man—to kiss some designated girl through the rounds of a chair placed on his head for the purpose. I must agree with him. It is a far more ... well-taught feet, keeping ... [a small hole in the original. The author seems to be saying that he preferred dancing to the antics of games.] ... which are instituted as a vent for the exuberance of spirit that youth, health and untried hearts are given by Dame Nature.

When a few young persons accidentally met at a friend's and would gather in the long winter evenings around the huge fireplaces, which took up almost the half of the end of the good sized hall, they would agree, alternately, to tell a tale, ask a riddle, and sing a song. The rule compelled each to contribute their share to the evening's amusement. All would comply, and those whose attempts were failure, stood being laughed at good naturedly; feeling in that way, if not the other, they had given their quota to the evening's fun. Those who sang well were called on repeatedly for songs, and there is a ballad much admired sixty years ago which I have never seen in print; but my memory serves me so well as to enable me to recall all but about four lines. It is, I think, a pretty sequel to the always popular Scotch song of "Auld Robin Grey," and I cannot refrain from giving it. It was called

THE DEATH OF AULD ROBIN GREY

[Stanza One]

"The summer it was smiling
All nature was gay;
And Jeannie was attending,
On auld Robin Grey
For he was sick at heart,
And had no friend besides,
Save only Jeannie,
Who newly was a bride.
'Oh! Jeannie, I shall die,' he cried,
'As sure as I had birth;
Then see my poor old bones, I pray,
Laid decent in the earth;
And be a widow for my sake,
A twelve-month and a day;
And you shall have what e'er belongs
To poor auld Robin Grey.

[Stanza Two]

I laid poor Robin in the earth
As decent as I could;
And shed a tear upon his grave
For he to me was good.
I took my Rockall in my hand,
And to my cot I hied;
Crying was in me! What shall I do,
Since poor auld Robin died?
Search every land, throughout the world,
There is none like me foddorn:
I'm ready e'en to ban the day,
That ever I was born.
I tried to laugh, I tried to sing,
To pass my time away,
For father was dead, mother was dead,
And e'en auld Robin Grey.

[Stanza Three]

At length the merry bells rang out,
I could na guess the cause:
But Rodney was the man they said,
Who gained so much applause.
I doubted if the tale was true,
Till Jamie came to me,
And showed me a purse of gold,
Said Jeannie 'tis for thee:
Auld Robin Grey is dead I find,
And still your heart is true,
'Oh! Jeannie take me to your arms,
And I will be too!
Pres' John shall join us in the kirk,
And we'll be blythe and gay.'
I blushed, consented and replied,
'Adieu! auld Robin Grey!'

The air was a sweet, plaintive one—that suited well the simple tenor of the tale, and the voice now silent that poured forth the melody—untaught though it was, but by all a true ear and fine taste—than many a one I've heard since, trained under masters to trill Italian Sonatas and French Rigolettos, not one word of which could the listeners understand, to add interest to notes my old-fashioned ear deemed mere torturing than pleasing.

As the witching hour of midnight drew near the tales would increase in horror and mystery. Each one of the circle drew their chairs nearer to one another and the sinking fire, and excited imaginations all aglow, made even the boldest half afraid to look behind them on the gloaming darkness.

Vehicles of all kinds were scarce. Ladies, as well as gentlemen, usually rode on horseback, many a

well-to-do farmer hauled up his corn crop on sleds. The said corn [sic, sled?] was made without a trace-chain, for they used as a substitute laths made of white oak. As they know no better, these did excellently well except at the end of the row, as in consequences of the stiffness of the laths, they had to lift the plough clear round. It was a great improvement when raw cow-tugs, made out of green cow hides were introduced. The *stretching* and contracting properties of these gears were exemplified—overwell, perhaps—by the tale told by a countryman, who was swapping lies with an old acquaintance.

He said he cut down a bee tree about a half-a-mile from his house, on the creek. The tree broke as it fell, and out gushed a stream of honey into the creek, that made metheglin of its waters for a matter of twenty-five yards. He ran directly home for his cart, and yoked up his oxen, the gears for which were green cow hides. He drove back to his bee tree, loaded his cart heavily, and drove off for home. The oxen went well, but the cart never moved a step, for the cow-tugs kept stretching till they stretched all the way to his house. He turned the oxen loose when he got there, threw the yoke over the limb of a tree, and in the evening the cart came screaming up to his home, for sun had drawn the cow-tugs to the right length again.

At the period of which I speak, there was but one glazed house in the district outside the limits of Yorkville. That was built by old Col. Bratton. It boasted two or three windows, filled by one sash, each composed panes not more than six by eight inches in size. I am under the impression the building is still standing at Brattonsville. I often think those primitive times were very happy ones. The very absence of elegance and luxury stifled envy and extravagance, and encouraged sociability and hospitality.

Bacon was almost invariably out by harvest, and from that time on till winter there would be slaughtered, alternatively, a pig, beef and sheep to furnish meat. Boned turkeys, *eggs la crain*, &c, were unknown efforts; and a roasted fowl, baked pig, or big chicken pie were the *chef d'oeuvre* of our *cuisine*. The low-country families of Turkey Creek usually had, as daily diet, the luxuries of coffee and sugar; and I remember an instance of a gentleman of the Scotch-Irish stock marrying into one of those families. On his next trip afterward to market—Charleston—he brought home for his new wife's *menage* a full sack of coffee and a barrel of sugar. His relatives looked on this as unparalleled extravagance. It was the amount of such stock usually laid in by a store! With foreboding they prophesied "that woman would surely break Alec." Their habit was a cup of coffee for breakfast on Sunday mornings, and this, with its invariable accompaniment, was a feast worthy a *laird*.

Practical jokes were much in vogue and usually taken in good part, though occasionally an irascible disposition felt like resenting them. Old Mr. Jamie Mc— was an Irishman born, and a perfect gentleman. He, though rich, never owned slaves, but had a family of free negroes in his employ, and a man-of-all-work—Jim Downs—an Emerald Islander, [blotted word]. He always ate and slept in the kitchen, and was a dirtier specimen of the *genus homo* than most of the blackamoors.

One day Gen. Lacey went to Mr. Daniel Williams on Turkey Creek. The compliments of the day being passed, Mr. Williams naturally inquired if there were any news afloat.

"Yes, Jim Downs is dead."

"Jim Downs dead? Poor old fellow! I had not heard that he was sick. Well! What a life he led at Mr. Mc—'s; as bad as a negro. In fact Mc— kicked and cuffed him about worse than a negro. When did he die, and what was the matter?"

"Old Mc— came home in a frolic the other night, took a notion and made Downs wash himself right clean all over, put on clean clothes out and out, and, to top all, put him to bed. Next morning they found old Downs dead."

A good laugh followed the exposition of the hoax. It was repeated from one to another until it came to old Mr. Mc—'s ears. He did not relish the sarcasm, and laid up a good tongue basting, at least, for

Lacey when he met him. A vendue in the neighborhood not long after afforded the opportunity. A drink or two taken, however, drowned malice and they were soon together, merry as boon companions. Parson McCarra joined the group, and took more than one social glass. The whole party felt their liquor. Mc—, stupefied, fell dead drunk. Lacey's merry mischief in the ascendant, with the parson's help, lifted the prostrate Mc— on some plank, then composed his limbs like those of a corpse for burial, placed on each eye a silver piece, and paid McCarra a silver dollar to preach Mc—'s funeral sermon over him, which the latter did. When Mc— returned to consciousness, and learned the sport he'd been for others his wrath was loud and strong, and for weeks after he carried a gun to kill Lacey. However, anger died out before he met the General, and it all at last passed, in its proper light, as a drunken humor.

I cannot say that I commend this scene above [to?] the doings of the present generation. It will, perhaps, be hard for my readers to credit me that two of the prominent actors were of the highest respectability — in fact, among the leading men of their community— considered themselves as gentlemen and were deemed so by every one. With McCarra it was different. His had been a higher vocation, and this he had forfeited by his own weakness. Not preserving the elevated standard of morals usually practiced by the clergy, which raised them up so far above common men, they were revered as those to whom "it was given to be called the sons of God;" while he was deemed fit to give zest to an inebriate's gleeful fancy. He was a talented reprobate, and had he been true to himself and his calling, the record of his name might have been one of merit and honor, instead of the mournful memoriam, "An unfaithful Shepard."

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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.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg District, SC, Probate Court, File 357, Estate of Alexander Alexander, deceased (1806), Administratrix Esther Alexander (his widow); later Robert Ligon and Esther Alexander Ligon, his wife

No Petition For Letters of Administration Found in This Estate File

Public Citation to Kindred and Creditors of Alexander Alexander Deceased (May 1, 1806)

South Carolina, Spartanburg District} By Gabriel Bumpass, Esqr, Ordinary {Seal}— Whereas Esther Alexander made suit to me to Grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate & effects of Alexander Alexander Dec^d. These are therefore to all & admonish all & singular the kindred & creditors of the said Alexander Alexander Dec^d. that they be & appear before me in the Court of Ordinary at my own House on the last Saturday in May to show cause if any they have why the said administration should not be Granted. Given under my hand & seal that 1st day of May Anno Domini 1806 and in the Thirty first year of American Independence.

I do hereby certify that the within Citation was publicly read in Unity Church before the Congregation

May 22^d 1806

by James Gilliland ? P. M.

Administration Bond Set (May 31, 1806)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} Know all men by these presents that we **Esther Alexander, Richard Willis, Matthew Patton & John Williams** — are sworn & firmly bound unto Gabriel Bumpass Esq^r ordinary for the District of Spartanburgh in the full & just sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars** to be paid to the sd Gabriel Bumpass or his successors ordinary of this District or their certain attorney or assigns. To which payment will & truly to be made we bind ourselves & every of us, our & every of our heirs Executors & administrators for the whole & in the whole jointly & severally firmly by these presence sealed with our seals & Dated **31st day of May 1806.**

Appraisors of Estate of Alexander Alexander Appointed (May 31, 1806)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} Gabriel Bumpass, Esquire Ordinary

These are to authorize & empower you or either of you whose names are hereunder written to repair to all such parts & places within this District as you shall be directed unto by Esther Alexander administratrix of the Goods & chattels of Alexander Alexander late of this District Dec^d . . . and there view and appraise all & every of said Goods & chattels, Being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to make a true & perfect inventory and appraisalment thereof & to cause the same to be returned under your hands to the said Esther Alexander on or before the **1st day of August now next** ensuing — . . . Dated **31st day of May at my office Anno Domini 1806** and in the Thirty first year of American Independence.

Gab^l Bumpass, O. S. D.To Mess^{rs} **Jonathan Crow Nathaniel Burton Daniel Bragg Capt. M. Patton** } or either three

MEMORANDUM. This **11th Day of June 1806** personally appeared before me John Dean one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in Spartanburgh District, Jonathan Crow, Nathaniel Burton, Daniel Bragg & Matthew Patton being the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and Chattels of Alexander Alexander, deceased, who being duly sworn, mad oath, that they would make a just and true appraisalment of all and singular the goods and chattels (ready money only excepted) of Alexander Alexander, deceased, as shall be produced by Esther Alexander Administratrix of the Estate said Alexander Alexander, deceased; and that they would return the same certified under their hands unto the said Esther Alexander, within the time prescribed by Law — Given under my hand the Day and year above written

John Dean, J. P.

First Appraisalment of Estate Of Alexander Alexander (June 12, 1806)

[The details of this appraisalment will be omitted here. The final appraised value appears to have been \$5381.86, obtained by adding three separate sums.]

Order for First Estate Sale (June 25, 1806)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} By Gabriel Bumpass, Esq. ordinary—To Mrs. Esther Alexander

You are hereby authorised & strictly enjoined that on the **16th day of July next** ensuing at the House of Alex^r Aledander Dec^d you sell at public out cry to the Highest bidder all the goods of the s^d dec^d as stands on this memorandum, Advertise the intended sale Twenty one days in three or more public places most convenient to give general information in the Neighborhood. Give Nine months credit. Take notes with sufficient security.

Dated at my office this **25th Day of June 1806.**First Estate Sale (July 16, 1806)

[The pages of the original account of this sale are badly faded and unreadable for the most part. The dollar amount of the sale is not available. The following persons were among the buyers:

Gideon Rennolds Robert Alexander William Calvert John Hobby Thomas Price
William Chumblor Thomas Alexander (Jun?)

Order for Second Estate Sale (November 1, 1806)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} By Gabriel Bumpass, Esqr Ordinary — To Mrs. Esther Alexander

You are hereby authorized & strictly required that on the **25th or 26th day of instant** at the House of Alexander Alexander (Dec^d..) between the hours of Eleven & five o'Clock on them Days you sell at publick out cry to the highest bidder all the Goods & chattels of the s^d Dec^d which ware not sold at the former sale agreeable to the usages & customs in this state. Give Twelve Months Credit. Take notes with sufficient security. Advertise the intended sale Twenty-one Days in three or more publick places most likely to give information in the neighborhood.

Given under my hand this **1st Novr 1806**Gab^l Bumpass, O. S. D.Buyers at Second Estate Sale (November 25, 1806)

[Widow Alexander	John Dean Esqr	Jane Crow	Wm. Clark	Elias Carder
Sail Beason	John Wright	Wm. Rogers	Samuel Enocks	John Ward
Nathaniel Burton	Robert Alexander	John Martin	Goodian -?-	Richard Brown
Paul Casselberry	Nancy Alexander	Wm. Shurly	John Lanford	Robert Rogers
Wm. Landford	Wm. Alexander	Wm. Harrison	Charles Burton	Thomas Doagg
Alex. Thompson	Henry Marlour	Geadean Ronels / Gideon Reynolds		

The specific items of purchase are omitted here. This sale netted \$5776.63 and was examined by Christopher Johnson, Ordinary of Spartanburgh District, on 14 Sept 1807. As will be seen, a change in the administration of the estate of Alex. Alexander followed the marriage of his widow Esther to Robert Liggon/Ligon, who apparently assumed a dominant roll. New bondsmen and disputes ensued.]

Second Citation on the Estate of Alex. Alexander (July 16, 1807)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist}

By Christopher Johnson, Esq^r Ordinary

Whereas Robert Alexander made suit to me, in the administration of the estate of Alexander Alexander with the administratrix of said Estate the then Ester Alexander by now ,by marriage to Robt Liggon, Esther Leggon: These are therefore to site all and Singular the kindred and creditors of the said Alexander Alexander Dec^d. that they be and appear before me in the Court of Ordinary at my own house on the first Thursday in August now next ensuing to shew cause if any they have why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand & seal this **16th July 1807** & in the thirty second year American Independence .

The **19th of July 1807** I have this day read the within Citation to A numerous Congregation at Unity Meeting House.

(Signed) George Brewton

Second Administration Bond (August 6, 1807)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh Dist.} Know all men by these presents that we **Robert Liggon, Charles Moore, Edith Liggon, Edith Berry, Henry Brown** are held and firmly bound unto Christopher Johnson, Esquire, ordinary of said District or to his successors . . . in the full and Just sum of fifteen thousand Dollars to be paid unto the Said Ordinary or his successors in office to which payment. . . . Dated this **Sixth day of August 1807**

The Condition of the above obligation that wharas two of the Securities of Esther Alexander, Administratrix of Alexander Alexander Dec^d, viz, **Richard Willis & Matthew Patton** — hath petitioned the Court of Ordinary to be released from their recognizance wherein they stand bound for [the] faithful administration of the said Esther Alexander, and whereas : **Robert Liggon, who has since Intermarried to the said Esther Alexander** hath voluntarily acknowledged the due service of a regular citation, and hath accordingly to the due order of this Court produced the above named Charles Moore, Edith Liggon, Edith Berry, & Henry Brown to replace the said Richard Willis & Matthew Patton.

Now if the above named Security shall duly truly & faithfully save and keep Harmless the said Richard Willis & Matthew Patton & also if the said **Esther Liggon and her husband Robert Liggon** shall duly and truly and faithfully administer upon the said Estate according to a former bond given for that purpose as appears of record, Then this obligation to be void, else remain in full force and virtue In Law ~-~ Robert Ligon {L.S.} Charles Moore {L.S.} Edith Ligon {L.S.} Edith (her ∂ mark) Berry {L.S.} Henry Brown {L.S.} [All signed their names except Edith Berry.]

Advancements Made to Heirs of Alex. Alexander (August 13, 1807)

Thursday the 13 August 1807

Advancements - We the appraisers have convened at Mr. Thomas Sheatley in order to ascertain the amount of property that the Legatees of Alexander Alexander Dec^d had when they left thare farther [their father] or claimed at his Death & held.

John Alexander has had property to the am't	\$ 309.75
Robert Alexander has had property to the am't	75.00
Alexander Alexander has had property to the am't	75.00
William Alexander has had property to the am't	66.00
Nancy Runnels [Reynolds] has had property to the am't	20.00
James Alexander has had property to the am't	55.00

Appraisers: John Thornton Daniel Bragg Nath^s Burton Matthew Patton

[The foregoing list must suffice to document the children of Alexander Alexander and his first wife Anna McCrory, since final settlement papers are not the estate file. It may not be complete.]

William Alexander's Complaint to the Ordinary (October 27, 1808)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} By Chirst^s Johnson ordinary To Robert & Esther Leggon adm^r & Administratrix of Alexander Alexander Dec^d Whereas **William Alexander, one of the heirs of said Dec^d** complained to me that you do refuse to pay him his Legacy in equal partitions of his Dec^d fathers Estate therefore you and Each of you are hereby strictly required and firmly Enjoined that all business laid aside the (excuses?) Ceasing, that you be and appear before me In the Court of Ordinary at my own house on the Third day January now next ensuring in order to fully settle up your administration or show Legal cause why you delay the same. Given under my hand & Seal this 27th Oct 1808 and in the thirty year of American Independence Christopher Johnson, O. S. D. {L. S.}

The within Summons was Executed by me on the 29th of December 1808 - Robt Alexander

James W. Reynolds' Complaint to the Ordinary (January 8, 1808)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} By Chistopher Johnson Esq. Ordinary To Robert Liggon & his wife Esther Liggon Administrator & Administratrix of Alexander Alexander Dec^d Whareas James W. Reynolds one of the Legatees of said Dec^d Complains to me that you the s^d Robert & Esther Liggon refuse to pay his Legacy due him from said Dec^d Estate, these are therefore to Cite you the said Robert & Esther Liggon to be and appear before me in the Court of Ordinary to be held at my own house on Monday, the 18th Instance, to Settle up your administration. Given under my hand & seal this 7th January 1808, and in the thirty second year of American Independence. Christopher Johnson {L.S.}

This is to certify that I did this day shew the within citation to Esther liggin the wife of Robert Liggon Citation Excepted [sic, accepted?] by Rob^t Liggon. January the 14th 1808.

[Contributor's Note: In a list of legal expenses is the entry: "1 Day to Defend Wright Renals citation before the ordinary \$2". The fee was struck off, but it helps to provides the full name of Nancy Alexander's husband: **James Wright Reynolds.**]

Robert Alexander's Petition For Guardianship of His Brother James (March 20, 1809)

Guardian Bond of One Thousand Dollars, signed by Robert Alexander, William Alexander, and James

W. Reynolds, . . . bound & obliged unto Christopher Johnson, . . . Letters of Guardianship of James Alexander have been granted to Robert Alexander This 20th day of March Anno Domini 1809

Robert Ligon's Petition For Guardianship of His Wife's Alexander Children (May 15, 1809)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} To Christopher Johnson Esq^r: Ordinary

Sir: Wharas **Anna & Salley Alexander infants under fourteen years of age are my Step daughters** and are now Living with me and they have a Legacy coming to them from **their Father's estate Namely Alexander Alexander Decd**, and as its necessary, there should be a guardian appointed to take care of them and their personal Estate therefore I petition your Honor to appoint me their Guardian to take care of their persons, & personal Estate until they arrive to the age of fourteen years and your petitioner as in duty bound will Ever pray &c. Rob^t Ligon 15th May 1809

Guardianship Bond: Anna & Salley Alexander (May 15, 1809)

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} KNOW all Men by these presents, that we Rob^t. Liggon, Edith Liggon, & Edith Berrey of the aforesaid State & District are firmly bound and obliged unto Christopher Johnson Ordinary for the district of Spartanburgh and state aforesaid, or his successors in office, in the full and just Sum of five thousand dollars . . . signed with our hands and Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 15th day of May 1809. Robert Ligon Edith Ligon Edith (her ∂ mark) Berry

[Note by Betty Jean Dill: Edith Liggon (died 1821) is widow of Robert Ligon, Sr. (died 1806), who are parents of Robert Ligon Jr., husband of Esther (Rogers) Alexander Ligon, administrators of Alex. Alexander's estate. Edith (Ligon) Berry (died in 1821, widow of George Berry who died in 1806), is daughter of Robert Sr and Edith, and sister of Robert Ligon, Jr.]

[The following deed abstracts are taken from the book *Spartanburgh County/District South Carolina Deed Abstracts Books A - T 1785-1827 (1785-1827)*, (1988) by Albert Bruce Pruitt

Spartanburgh County, SC Deed Book A, pages 230-232, May 7, 1785 (Pruitt, page 11)

Alexander Alexander and Ann McCorry, his wife, (Craven Co, 96 Dist) to John Nicoll (same); for 4 pounds 10 shillings sterling sold 100 acres on North side of Middle Fork of Tygar River; Border: John Nicoll, Nathaniel Miller, and John Barry; grant Oct. 15, 1784 Gov. Benjamin Guarrard to Ann McCorry. Witness Richard Nally and Andrew Thomson. Signed Alexander Alexander and Ann's mark

Spartanburgh County, SC Deed Book T, pages 310-311, Dec 8, 1826 (Pruitt, page 775)

Robert Ligon to daughter Edith Goodman, formerly Edith Ligon; for love and affection give four Negroes (not named) value \$1,200 and "other property" valued at \$750 for a total of \$1,950; and to put children on equal footing in division of his estate give to son Robert and daughters Jane and Nancy Ligon for love and Affection—give to Robert Ligon four Negroes—man George, \$750 (to be given when Robert becomes of age); to Jane Ligon give four Negroes—boy Sam, Phebe (his wife), Kitty, and her youngest child Kitty and \$750 (to be given when Jane marries or comes of age); to Nancy Ligon give four Negroes—a boy Charles, girl Betsey, girl Dianna, and girl Judith and \$750 (to be given when Nancy becomes of age or marries; property remains with Robert Ligon (grantor) until he dies or children become 21 years old. Witness William Bomar and William Trimmier. Signed Robert Ligon. Wit. oath Dec. 18, 1826 William Trimmier to E. Bomar. Rec. Dec. 18, 1826.

Spartanburgh County, SC Deed Book S, pages 329-330, Nov. 13, 1821 (Pruitt, page 713)

Joseph Johnston (Spatanburgh) to Mathias Rush (same); for \$791 sold 155 acres on West side Tyger River and part of waters of South Tyger River; sold by Samuel Burton to Joseph Johnson. Wit. oath (blank), 1824 Robert Ligon to E. Bomar. Recorded April 6, 1824. Dower renounced Apr. 3, 1824 Anna Johnston to John Brewton.

LAURENS COUNTY

(The following deed abstract is from the book Laurens County, South Carolina, Deed Abstracts, Vol. 2, 1793-1800, (2006) by Larry Vehorn

Laurens County, SC Deed Book E, page 226, 17 March 1794 (Vehorn, page 33)

Mary Goodman (Laurens Co.) Sold all my rights of a certain piece of land containing, as supposed, 40 acres. Border: Vaughn, Calweld, Caldwell Branch, Nicholas Vaughn. Sold unto **Clabourn Goodman** in consideration of £9 Sterling. Witness George Anderson, Stephen Wood, John Hazlet. Signed Mary Goodman. Witness oath. By Stephen Wood 5Apr 1794 George Anderson, J.P. Laurens Co. Recorded 13 May 1794.

LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Lumpkin County, Georgia Probate Court, Estate of Robert Ligon, Deceased (1833), Robert Mitchell and Robert Ligon (III) Administrators. This is very first estate file (no number) in Lumpkin County.

From p. 8 of Estate Papers: Transfer of Slaves Stipulated by Robert Ligon in His Spartanburg Deed of Gift Above

I have this day Received the four negroes as is Specified in a deed heretofore given to **Jane Ligon now Jane Mitchell** to wit Sam Pheby Kitty and little Kitty of Robert Ligon also four hundred and fifty dollars in cash and one waggon and the Pick of horses that the said Ligon has at two hundred dollars in part of the Sum of Seven Hundred and fifty. Received the above **this 28 March 1831 [by] Robert Mitchell**

Recorded 11 Jan'y 1834 M P Quillian C C O

From p. 11 of Estate Papers: Heirs of Robert Ligon (11 October 1833)

Georgia, Lumpkin County} We the Legatees and distributees of the Estate of Robert Ligon, deceased, To wit: B.L. Goodman, the husband of Edith Goodman late Edith Ligon; Robert Ligon, Jr.; Robert Mitchell, the Husband of Jane Mitchell, late Jane Ligon & the said **Robert Mitchell** as the **Guardian of Nancy Ligon**, and Esther Ligon the consort of the said Robert (deceased) being the proper Heirs of the said Robert (decd) do hereby for the purpose of Expediting the distribution of the said Estate &c agree that the administrators of said Estate may procede to Sell all the Negroes and personal property that belongs to said Estate on the 18th day of November next & the days following at the Late Residence of the said Deceased, and also that they sell on said day the place and mills where the Said (deceased) died and we do hereby wave all requirements of the Law previous to Sale in such cases. Witness our hands and seals, this the **11 day of October 1833**

B.L. Goodman {Seal} Robert Ligon {Seal} Robert Mitchell {Seal} Esther Ligon {Seal} Robert Mitchell guardian of Nancy Ligon {Seal} Witness A K Blackwell, J.L.C. Recorded 13th Jany 1834

From pp. 26-27 of Estate Papers: Annual Returns of Administrators

{Entry 1} Esther Ligon's election to take a child's part of the estate (4 April 1834)

Georgia, Hall County} M^r Robert Mitchell and Robert Ligon Administrators of the estate of Robert Ligon deceased, these are therefore to Notify you that I make my election and choice and chose a child's part of the estate with the other legatees and require my equal division in a fair and peaceable manner at your hands with out any further trouble or confusion this April 4th 1834. Esther Ligon

{Entry 2} Robert Mitchell Guardian of Nancy Ligon (19 Nov 1833 - 25 Dec 1834)

19 Nov 1833: Cash received from the administrators of the Estate of Robert Ligon, decd \$650.00 Two feather beads Steads and furniture One small walnut Table One set of Silver Table and Tea Spoons
1 July 1834: One Negro fellow named Charles, one Negro woman named Betsey, One Negro girl named Dinah one Negro girl named Judah, One small Negro girl named Silva **Left Negro girl Dinah, Juda & Silva with Nancy Ligon at Mrs. Ligons to wait upon Nancy Ligon & work for their Board and their clothes &c.** A note on Robert Ligon due 4th January 1831 for Two thousand dollars payable to Nancy Ligon. [Contributor's Note: This entry shows that Nancy Ligon was a minor and single on this date.]

25 Dec 1834: [On this date there was a net cash payment of \$644. 63 due Nancy Ligon consisting of \$650 and interest at 8% from 28 November 1833 of \$778.75 less \$134.12 for expenses.] Received of Robert Mitchell Guardian of Nancy Ligon the above stated Sum of Six hundred and forty four Dollars and Sixty three cents also the above mentioned Two feather bed steads and furniture walnut table Silver Table & Tea Spoons also Negro fellow Charles Negro woman Betsey Negro girl Dinah Negro girl Jude and Negro girl Silva also the note on Robert Ligon due 4th January 1831 for Two thousand dollars payable to Nancy Ligon this **19th day of February 1835** (Signed) **John D. Chappell** [Contributor's Note: We are entitled to conclude that Nancy Ligon married John D. Chappell on a date between 1 July 1834 and 19 February 1835.]

From p. 33 of Estate Papers: Two Selected Receipts (28 September 1835)

{Entry 21} A Note to Jane Ligon Retained by Robert Mitchell, Her Husband

Twelve months after date I promise to pay Jane Ligon the Sum of Two thousand dollars for Value received as witness my hand & seal this the **4th day of June 1830**. Robert Ligon {seal} [Jane's father] Retained **September 1835** principal & Interest to February 1835 \$2657.75 **R. Mitchell**

{Entry 23} Esther Ligon's Child's Part of Note

Received of Robert Mitchell one of the Administrators of Robert Ligon Deceased Two Thousand one hundred and thirty four Dollars as part of my interest as one of the Legatees of said Estate this 28th September 1835 which is in consideration of and to make me Equal with the Rest of the Legatees for a Two thousand dollars note made by Robert Ligon to each of the other Legatees to said Estate which were deposited for their benefit in South Carolina

From p. 35 of Estate Papers: Selected Receipts in Final Settlement (28 September 1835)

{Entry 37} Receipt of Benjamin L. Goodman

Received of Robert Mitchell one of the Administrators of Robert Ligon Deceased Nine Hundred & Sixty three dollars & forty nine cents being in full of my Interest Claim and Dividend of the Estate of Robert Ligon Deceased which is my full dividend of all the property of said Estate both real & personal on a final settlement in full this day this 28th September 1835 **Benj^m L. Goodman**

{Entry 38} Receipt of Esther Ligon

Received of Robert Mitchell one of the Administrators of Robert Ligon Deceased Nine Hundred & Sixty Three Dollars being in full of my Interest right Claim & dividend in full of the Estate of Robert Ligon Deceased Both real & personal upon a final & full settlement this day this 28th September 1835 Testators: James Law Sam^l Tate J. P. **Esther Ligon**

{Entry 39} Final Receipt of John D. Chappell [Husband of Nancy Ligon]

Received of Robert Mitchell Administrator of Robert Ligon Deceased Nine Hundred & Sixty three dollars & forty nine cents being in full of my Interest & Shear & being my dividend of said Estate in full for of all the property belonging to said Estate both real and personal upon final settlement this day this 28th September 1835 Testators: James Law Sam^l Tate J. P. **John D. Chappell**

{Entry 40} Final Receipt of Robert Ligon

Received of Robert Mitchell Administrator of Robert Ligon deceased Nine Hundred & Sixty three dollars & forty nine cents in full of my Interest Shear & dividend as a legatee of said Estate in full for all the effects of said Estate both real & personal upon final settlement this day this 28th September 1835 Testators: James Law Sam^l Tate J. P. **Robert Ligon**

{Entry 41} Receipt of Final Court Cost of the Estate of Robert Ligon Dec'd (26 October 1835)
Dahlomaga [seat of Lumpkin County, Ga] 17th Octo 1835. Robert Mitchell Admr of the Estate of Robert Ligon, Deceased To M.P. Quillian C.C.O. to recording Sundry receipts & settlement of the heirs \$3.62 ½. Rec'd payment of R. Mitchell this 26th October 1835 **M.P. Quillian C.C.O.**

NINETY SIX DISTRICT (SPARTANBURG COUNTY AREA)

Abbeville County, SC, Probate Court, Box 2, Package 28, Estate of John Alexander, deceased (1784)
Alexander Alexander, Administrator

Petition to Administer Estate Missing From File**Letters Appointing an Administrator of the Estate Missing From File
Administration Bond (February 25, 1784)**

South Carolina, Ninety Six District} Know all men by these presents that we Alex' Alexander, John McCrory & William Earnest of Jemmies Creek are jointly & severally holden & firmly bound & obliged unto John Thomas Jun' Esquire Ordinary of Ninety Six district in the state aforesaid in the sum of Two thousand Pound Sterling . . . this 25th day of February 1784 . . .
Signed, Sealed and Delivered} Aleck Alexander {Seal}, John McCrory {Seal}, William Earnest {Seal} in presence of John Tollison} [See p. 101 above to identify the area as Spartanburg County.]

Authorization by Probate Court to Qualify Appraisers of Estate (February 28, 1784)

South Carolina, Ninety Six District} By John Thomas Jun' Esquire Ordinary of the district aforesaid To Ralph Smith Esquire Imposing Special trust & confidence in your Care & integrity have by these presents given unto you full Power and authority to qualify three freeholders to appraise the goods & chattels of John Alexander Deceased . . . given under my hand & seal this 28th day of February 1784

Three Appraisers Qualified (February 28, 1784)

This 28 day of Feb' 1784 personally appeared William Earnest John McCrory Tobias Bright, Being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods & chattels of John Alexander deceased, Before me and made oath that they would make a Just & due oath of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said deceased as shall be directed by Alexander Alexander administrator of the estate of John Alexander . . . within the time prescribed by Law. I Do hereby certify unto . . . John Thomas Jun' Esq' Ordinary &c that I have Lawfully Sworn the above appraisers
Ralph Smith JN' ?

Appraisal of Estate of John Alexander (April 17, 1784)

April 17th 1784 A true appraisal and Inventory of the Estate of John Alexander Deceased appraised by William Earnest John McCrory & Tobias Bright:

[The specific items and their respective values of the appraisal will not be recorded here. The first total of the Estate was £ 9:11:9. There were four additional entries under the heading of "made use of Belonging to the above estate" (could not decipher first words) whose total value was £ 1:16:0, making a total value of £ 11:7:9. No real estate was specified in the appraisal.]

Record of Estate Sale and Buyers Missing From File

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SNIPPETS FROM UNION COUNTY HISTORY

Source: 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 start with the beginning sequence in the Herald.]

**Issue of Sunday March 24, 1946, Section D, p. 1, col. 2
THE FIRST COURTHOUSE**

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Union County's first court house, "a log house with a rough cabin 24 by 17 feet, a rough plank floor with doors, windows, etc," was built in 1786 by Maj. John Birdsong, at a cost of 253 Pounds, 6 Shillings, and 11 Pence. Prior to the erection of this public building the "Worshipful Court," as it was then called, held their sessions in the private homes of the citizens.

The temple of justice, was painted with "yellow ochre and white lead," was located near the site of the present \$75,000 brick and stone court house, on 2 acres given to the county by Col. Thomas Brandon as a "site for the public buildings."

On March 27, 1788 the new court house was used for the first to hold court.

Issue of Monday March 25, 1946, p. 10, col. 4

FIRST TAX LEVY

The first tax levy made on the residents of Union County was formulated by the Worshipful Court and imposed on Dec. 29, 1785 by the Sheriff as follows: Each Negro slave, 8 pence a head. First quality of land 13 Pence half-penny per 100 acres. Second quality, 7 Pence. Third, 5 pence and Fourth, 3 pence.

The Clerk was ordered by the Court to deliver a copy of the Tax Ordinance to the Sheriff and the Sheriff was directed "to collect same as soon as possible." This tax was necessary, the Court said "to defray the expenses of the County."

Issue of Tuesday March 26, 1946, p. 12, col. 4

HORSE STEALER HUNG

The West was not the only section where horse stealing was a hanging crime. It was done in Union County. As late as 1827 horse thieves were hung in this county.

An entry in the Minutes of the Court show that on March 6, 1827 John Harrison was charged with horse-stealing. A jury with Moses White, as foreman, found Harrison guilty on March 14 of the same year and Judge Thomas Waters sentences Harrison to be hung on June 1, 1827.

Issue of Wednesday March 27, 1946, p. 10, col. 4

ORIGIN OF COUNTY'S NAME

The City and County of Union got its name from the old Union Church that stood not far from the Monarch Mills. For a long time the town of Union was known as Unionville and it was later shortened to Union. The early settlers of near Brown's Creek built a church where those of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian faith held religious worship and called it the Union Church.

There are no ruins to show exactly where the edifice was built but it is thought to have been just below Monarch Mills near a cemetery where many Revolutionary soldiers are buried.

Issue of Thursday March 28, 1946, p. 12, col. 5

CLOTH USED AS MONEY

"Linen Cloth" was used as the medium of exchange in the early days of our people in Union County, and was accepted as money by the Court of Union County, in part, for payment of a Negro slave.

For we find a record in the Minutes of the Court saying, in the case of John Hampton vs. David Adams heard on December 28 1785: "Tabitha Pearson summoned as a garnishee says on her oath that she has in her hand 9 Pounds, 8 Shillings, Two Pence, Half Penny Sterling and 48 yards of brown linen, being the balance of consideration money due to the said David Adams for a Negro boy named Bob."

Issue of Friday March 29, 1946, p. 12, col. 2

COUNTY GOVERNMENT FORMED

The Union County government was formed in a dwelling house—the home of Zachary Bullock on June 26, 1785. It was here that 6 Justices of the Quorum, Zachary Bullock, William Kennedy, John Henderson, John Birdsong, James Harrison and Charles Sims, forming the first court, met by

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appointment, and named the first county officials. These included a sheriff, clerk of court, treasurer, deputy sheriffs, and several road overseers.

Issue of Saturday March 30, 1946, p. 8, col. 4

PEOPLE PUT IN STOCKS

New England was not the only section of the United States where violators of the law were put in stocks as punishment. In Union County this method of paying the penalty was practiced during the early history of the county.

"On March 27, 1786 the County Court ordered its treasurer to pay 7 Pounds to John McCool for building the stocks and pillory," according to an entry in the old court records.

Issue of Sunday March 31, 1946, p. 23, col. 3

THE JOHNSON RIFLES

Company "E," the Johnson Rifles, the county's oldest military company, was organized April 19, 1846 for service in the Mexican War, and named in honor of Gov. David Johnson of Union.

Later the outfit became officially known as Co. "E," 118th. Infantry, 2nd. Battalion, South Carolina National Guard. John Wesley Goss was the first captain. He was succeeded by Capt. Christopher Beaty, who was killed at Deep Bottom, Va. in The War Between The States. Richard C. Johnson was then named commander, succeeding Capt. Beaty, and served until the surrender.

In the Spanish-American War. 1897, Capt. Jas. E. Hunter was in command, serving until the outfit was mustered out Nov. 10, 1898. Capt. J. Frost Walker was company commander during its service on the Mexican Boarder in 1916. When the unit was mustered in Federal Service for World War 1 Capt. Walker was in charge. The company served under Cap. Richard A. Fulp.

Capt. R. C. Jeter was commander when the old company left Union for World War 2.

Issue of Monday April 1, 1946, p. 10, col. 4

COTTEN BOATED TO CHARLESTON

As early as 1801 cotton was boated to Charlesyon by way of the old Santee Canal. On May 26, 1801 William Buford, who lived on the banks of Broad River near Pinckney Courthouse, Pinckneyville, arrived in Charleston with his own boat, built on his own land and loaded with his own cotton crop.

The old "Charleston Times" of that date, announcing the arrival of Mr. Buford, predicted that "with further improvements of the tributaries to the Santee, the superabounding products of the upper country would flow into Charleston." Pinckneyville of this time was the District Court Town of Union, York, Spartanburg and Chester. It was named in honor of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.

Issue of Monday April 2, 1946, p. 10, col. 4

REVOLUTIONARY HEROINE

Mrs. Anne McJunkin of Union successfully defended her father's home, Colonel John Thomas Sr., with the aid of her mother and brother-in-law against the attack of 300 Tories. The band of Tories was under the impression that arms and ammunition sent by Governor Rutledge were stored in the Thomas home, thus the reason for the attack.

Mrs. McJunkin is buried in the old McJunkin graveyard off the Union-Whitmire highway. Her monument bears this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Ann McJunkin, wife of Major McJunkin and daughter of Col. John Thomas who departed this life March 17, 1826, aged 69."

"The deceased was an intrepid heroine of the Revolution, who with the aid of her mother, brother and brother-in-law defended her father's home with success against an attack of 300 Tories."

Issue of Tuesday April 3, 1946, p. 10, col. 6

WOMAN BUILDS LIBRARY

The Union Carnegie Free Library, located in spacious oak grove at the corner of South and South Mountain Streets, at Union, was the idea of the late Mrs. B. G. Clifford, prominent educator and civic leader. It was largely through her efforts and that of Allan Nicholson that the library was secured.

The one-story brick \$15,000 building was erected in 1905. Of this amount \$10,000 was donated by Andrew Carnegie and \$5,000 by public subscription. The City of Union gave the grounds. A board of nine trustees including the Mayor of Union, by virtue of his position, govern the institution.

The library has a total of 10,000 books. Also a large collection of relics of the War Between The States and the Spanish-American War and World War I

Issue of Thursday April 4, 1946, p. 14, col. 4

EARLY PRICE CEILINGS

Ceiling prices were on commodities in Union County 161 years ago. Keepers of shops and taverns had their prices fixed by law. The rates for the year 1785 were:

Warm dinner, 1 Shilling, 9 Pence; Breakfast with chocolate, tea or coffee, 8 Pence; Cold breakfast, 6 Pence; Lodging, 4 Pence. Sablage for one Horse per night, 4 Pence; Corn, per gallon, 6 Pence; Oats, per gallon, 4 Pence.

Good West India Rum, 2 Shillings per quart; Wine, 2 Shillings a quart; Toddy with loaf sugar, 1 Shilling, 2 Pence a quart.

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EDGEFIELD DISTRICT, SC BRIDE AND FLOYD COUNTY, GA GROOM

Source: The Rome, Georgia Courier issue of Thursday June 10, 1852, p. 3, col. 3

HYMENEAL

On the 18th ult. by the Rev. Iverson L. Brooks at his residence in Edgefield District, South Carolina, his daughter SARAH VIRGINIA and Mr. WILLIAM F. AYER of Floyd County, Georgia.

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