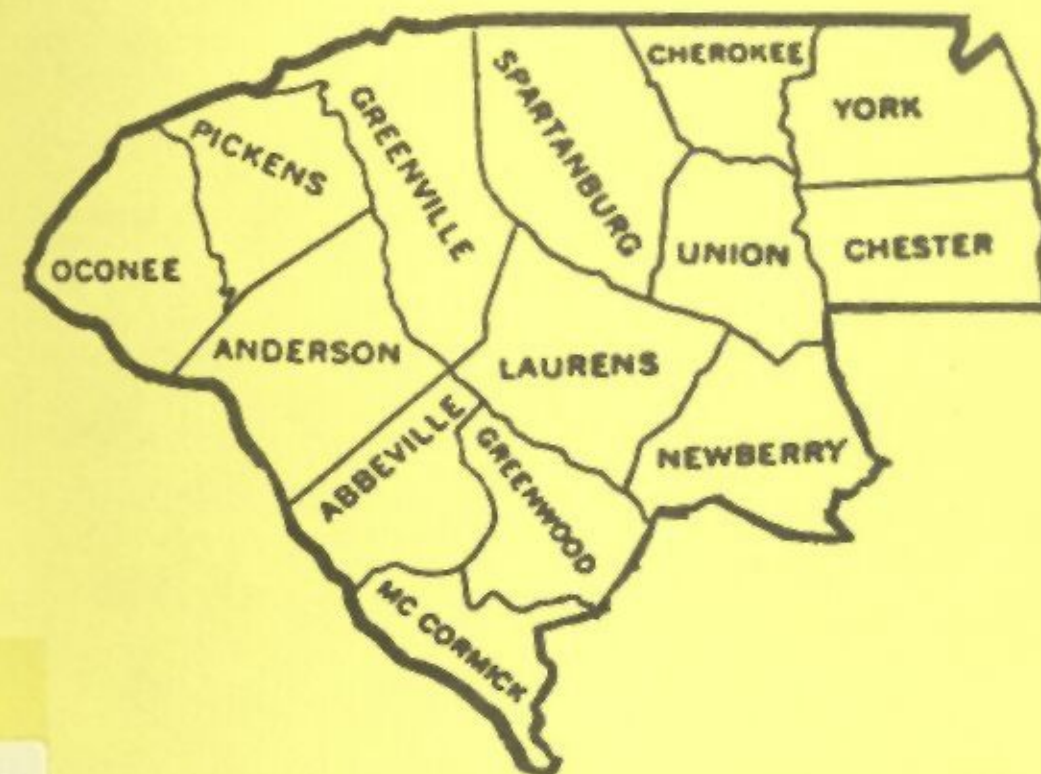


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FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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Contributor's note: The intent and purpose of this contribution is to expose family groups and family connections from the various types of court records from the upstate counties of South Carolina. The county and the type of record will be carefully identified. The wording, sentence structure (or lack thereof), and punctuation (or lack thereof) of original documents will be followed as closely as possible. Information within a document that is not essential nor relevant to the genealogical content will be elided, as indicated by successive dots, i.e., ... Statements or individual words not in the original document will be enclosed by square brackets []. Names and places in boldface type are inserted by the contributor for purposes of highlighting and emphasis.

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Fairfield District, Deed Book Z, page 82

State of South Carolina, Fairfield District} Know all men by these presences that I **Elias P Muse** of **Darlington District** and state aforesaid for the Love and good will and affection that I have and do bare unto my beloved **Father Thomas Muse** do give unto him during his natural life & **Mother Elizabeth Muse** the negros Viz **Charles Agnes & Burrell** under this positive consideration that my Father Dispose of said negros at his & my mothers Death in the following manner One negro boy to my **Brother Humphry Muse** (upon this proviso) that the said Humphry Muse shall come to me & acknowledge that he will be a friendly & affectionate Brother & will continue to be unless causes different from our present expectations shall hereafter take place. The other two negros to be given to my **Brother Thomas Muse** at my mother & Fathers Death with this expectation to the disposal of the whole [of] the above stated negros that they shall be disposed of by neither of my brothers for debt contract or otherwise but to become the property of their lawful heirs if they themselves shall come forward to receive them and deferring Brothers Humphries Muse & Thomas Haas[?] Muse should never return to my Fathers house agreeable to the conditions stated at my fathers and mothers Death said negros to return back to myself or my heirs as will be hereafter stated.

Witness my hand & Seale this 23rd Janry 1818

Thos Wilson

E. P. Muse

Grohaway Godbold

South Carolina, Fairfield District} Grohaway Godbold maketh oath that he with Thos Wilson saw Elias P Muse sign, seal, and deliver the within **Deed of Gift** to Thomas Muse for the purposes therein mentioned
grohaway GBold

Sworn before me 13th February 1818 G.W. Yongue (Recorded 13th February 1818)

LAURENS DISTRICT

Laurens District, SC, Probate Court, Box #11, Package #7, Estate of John Bell (1826), Zachariah Sparks, Administrator

A citation on the Estate of **John & Martha Bell** his wife deceased, by David Anderson, Ordinary South Carolina, Laurens District} Whereas Zachariah Sparks made suit to me to grant Letters of Administration on the Estate of **John Bell Jun'** and **Martha Bell** his wife deceased these are therefore to cite and admonish all & singular the kindred & creditors of the said deceased that they be and appear before me in the Court of Ordinary to be holden at David Anderson Esq'r on the 28th instant after the publication hereof to show cause if any they have why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and Seal this 23rd day of October 1826 ...

David Anderson Ord'y

I do hereby certify that the within was read by me in public the 23rd [blank] 1826

Henry S Neel

Read inpublic at the house of the within before a goodly number of family and neighbors of both the deceased on the 24th day of October 1826

Washington

Meadows

I do hereby certify that the within was read by me publick at **John Henleys** in a public [illegible word] in the naborhood of the Decst October 26th 1826

W^m W May

Admini^m Bond on the Estate of John Bell Deceased

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} Know all men by the presents that we **Zachariah Sparks Joseph M^cConetha Washington Meadows** are holden and firmly bound unto David Anderson Esquire Ordinary of Laurens District in the full and just sum of fifteen hundred dollars ...
Signed & Delivered in the presence of
David Anderson Ord'y

Z. Sparks

Washington Meadows

Joseph M^cConathy

Petition of Zachariah Sparks Administrator of John Bell Deceased for an Order of Sale

To David Anderson Ordinary of Laurens District Whereas you have granted to the administrator on the Estate of John Bell Deceased and as the said deceased did depart this life indebted to sundry persons and to prevent waist also for the purpose of making a division amongst the legatees [he] prays ... that you grant [him] an order of Sale on the goods and chattels of the said deceased to be holden on the plantation of the said John Bell Deceased ... this 4th day of November 182[?]

Z. Sparks Adm

Warrent of Appraisement on the Estate of John Bell Deceased

By David Anderson, Ord'y These are to authorize and empower you or any three of you whose names are underwritten ... [to] appraise all and every the said goods and chattels ... this fourth day of November Anno Domini 1826 ... To M^{rs} Richard Bonds, John Dillard, Henry S. Neel & Henry Burns also fielden Callimees

Memorandum this the 20th day of Nov 1826 --

personally appeared before me **Thomas Owens** Esq one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the district of Laurens aforesaid Richard Bonds John Dillard and Henry Neel Being the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of John Bell Deceased ...
Thomas Owens J.P.

A return of the Praise Bill Amount of the Praise Bill of the personal property of John Bell Junior Dec'd appraised the 20th day of November 1826

Negroes: Clary \$400 Lett \$300 Nance \$125	\$825.00
Stock of horses \$ 40, Horned cattle \$50, Hogs etc \$32.48	\$122.48
Plantation tools & etc	\$ 47.52
House hold and Kitchen furniture	\$142.25
Crop of corn, fodder, and Wheat \$126.07. Cotton \$ 77.28	\$203.95%
Lot of wearing apparel of said deceased	\$ 44.00
One note on Joseph McConathy \$ 29.07 one on James Burns \$1.75	\$ 30.82
	\$1416.02%

A true Return of Appraisement Assigned by us the Appraisers---

Henry S. Neel Richard Bonds John Dillard

A memorandum of the sale bill of John Bell Deceased Junior commenced November the 22nd 1826 [No buyers were named. The total amount of the sale was \$ 1506.71%.]

Return for the year 1827 of monies rec'd & paid by Zachariah Sparks Administrator of John Bell Dec'd

Examined and approved of and filed in my office by me this 7th day of January 1828 D Anderson Ord'y

Cash received in time of the sale		\$ 6.40
Received of Samuel Young Nov 22 nd		13.93%
Rec'd of Robert Burns " "		12.62%
Rec'd by the hand of John Bell Senior 23 rd		50.00
Rec'd by Claxton Ray the 27 th		120.00
Rec'd by Joseph Burns the 27 th		25.06%
Rec'd by David Bell	Decem the 18 th	12.56%
Rec'd by John Horton and others	"	8.93%
Rec'd by John McClure and others		9.56%
" by Thomas Prather and other	24 th	21.32%
" by Joseph McConethy	the 25 th	65.40%
" by James Gordon	the 28 th	15.56%
Rec'd by John Harp	the 31 st	10.00
Rec'd by John Dillar and others		6.63%
		583.18%

Contra		
Funeral Expenses		\$ 13.22
Family Land Sail Expenses while on the premises		44.96%
Doctors bill and fee for probating		28.31%
Cash for the [illegible word] tax for 1826		2.87%
Cash paid John Prather December the 6		3.93%
Cash paid Mary Bell on a probat/act [sic]		4.43%
paid John Dillard on " "		4.94%
paid Henry S. Neel on " "		1.56%
paid Robert Bell on " "		1.81%
paid Joseph McConethy Decem 25 th on a note of hand		165.47%
paid David Boyce Jan'y 4 th "		10.56
paid the ordinary		9.69%
		228.10 1/2

Return for the year 1828 Filed in my office this 4th day of August 1829 D'd Anderson Ord'y

A Memorandum of Cash Received and paid out for the Estat of John Bell Deceased for the year 1829

Cash Received		\$717.93%
1. January the 5 th paid Joseph Green senior on a note of hand		11.31%
2. March the 9 th paid Joseph McConathy on probate		4.93%
3. Sept the 20 th paid James Caid on a probate		1.31%
4. Oct the 13 th paid Washington Meddors		3.81%
5. Oct the 17 paid Dr William McMorris		8.56%
		30.43%

Return for the year 1828 [sic] filed in my office this 4th day of January 1830 D. Anderson, Ord'y
Zachariah Sparks Administrator of John Bell Jun' Dec'd amount current [illegible word] the said Estate for the year 1829

September the 26 th day 1829 paid William Gambell guardian of Samuel M Bell minor	\$224.25
Paid D. Anderson his fee for this return	1.07
The above amounts of money paid by Zachariah Sparks ... have this day been Examined and approved of	

... this 4th day of January 1830

December the 6th 1833 paid Thos Wier garden [sic] for Ruthy Ann [and] Martha S Bell three hundred Dollars \$300 — May the 10th 1834 paid one Hundred Dollars — December the 26th 1834 paid two hundred and fifty one Dollars 52 cents in full their distributive shares of the Estate of John Bell Deceased — \$651.52.

February the 10th 1834 paid William Gamble guardian for James M^r Bell Three Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars and 4 1/2 cents in full of his distributive share of the Estate of John Bell deceased Also twenty five Dollars 75 1/2 cents for Samuel M. Bell through a mistake in first receipt in full his distributive share of said Estate

Settlement on the Estate of John Bell dec'd made 19 July 1843 with Z. Sparks the Adm'r ... & J.D. Bell the only legatee who has not been paid, he being [now] of age. The parties differ as to the [illegible word] on the settlement. The legatee John D Bell admits that he went to live with the Adm'r at six years old and that he resided with him until he was of age [.] that the Adm'r has given him a common English Education [.] board[ed] and clothed him[,] that he has also given him a home saddle and bridle worth eighty dollars. The adm'r admits that the said J.D. Bell when not going to school since he has been of size to labor in the farm has worked as one of his other labors until he was of full age

The assets of the Estate of John Bell dec'd which came into the hands of the administrator 22nd Nov^r 1827 and to carry in hand from the 1 Jan'y 1828 amount to

	\$1504.96
deduct comm ^r @ 2 1/2 percent	37.60
	1467.36
1827 paid cash	258.00
add comm ^r @ 2 1/2	6.45
	1202.81
1828 paid debts	31.50
add comm ^r	.75
	1170.56
deduct comm ^r for paying out @ 2 1/2	29.25
	1141.31
deduct ordinary's	3.00
	1138.31
5 children, the wife being dead	227.66
The share of J.D. Bell on the first of Jan'y 1828 is	\$227.66
add interest to 1 Jan'y 1834, 6 yrs	95.58
	\$323.24
deduct for Board Clothing etc	95.58
add interest from 1 Jan 1834 to 19 July 1834, 9 yrs 6 1/2 mo	144.03
	\$ 371.69

... the Ordinary is of the opinion he has a right to decree in this case and according[ly] it is decreed that the Adm'r pay J. D. Bell the sum of three Hundred seventy one Dollars & 69 cents. But that the matter of accounts between the parties so far as relates to teaching board clothing labour etc is left with the parties from the time John D Bell arrived to the age of twelve years to wit 1 Jan'y 1834

Given under my hand and seal this 19 July 1843

W.D. Watts O.L. D.

Laurens County, SC, Deed Book L, page 50

South Carolina, Laurens District} Whereas **James McConnathy** of the District and State aforesaid departed this life intestate being at the time of his death possessed of a tract of land containing Sixty seven acres leaving a widow **Martha McConnathy**, a mother **Margaret McConnathy**, a brother **Joseph McConnathy** & four sisters to wit, **Anna** the wife of **James Scott**, **Martha** the wife of **John Bell**, **Margaret** the wife of **David S Wilson**, who hath since departed this life without issue leaving a husband mother brother & sisters, **Ruth McConnathy** between whom the said tract of land & premises is subject to division & partition pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly in such case made & provided, and whereas the said parties have agreed among themselves & have caused to be laid off by **Thomas McCrary** one half of said tract of land containing thirty three & half acres to **Martha McConnathy** the widow as her distributive share of the said tract of land, and have sold the other half of the same to **Margaret McConnathy** ... have set our hand & Seal this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight twenty one & in the forty sixth year of the American Independence
In the presence of **Henry S Neel** Washington Meadows

Laurens County, SC, Deed Book L, page 228

South Carolina, Laurens District} Whereas **Samuel McConethy** by his last will and testament devised to his wife **Margaret** during her widowhood, and in case she did not marry again, during her life the tract of land which he purchased of **Adam Arick** [or, **Amick**] and after death to be divided by her two sons **Joseph** and **James McConethy** which tract contains one hundred twenty acres more or less and is at this time bounded by lands belonging to **Richard Bonds**, **Alfred Braddock**, **Jason Meadows**, the heirs of **Jno Bonds**, and whereas the said **James McConethy** departed this life intestate during the life of his mother who is now dead leaving a widow **Martha McConethy**, one brother **Joseph McConethy**, & four sisters **Anna** the wife of **Ja^s Scott** and five children to wit **Martha**, **Sarah Ann**, **Patrick**, **Thomas**, & **Margaret**, **Martha** the wife of **John Bell**, **Margaret** the wife of **David S Wilson** who is sinmce dead leaving a husband and no children, & **Ruth McConethy** between whom the said tract so devised to the said **James McConethy** is subject to division ... [They sold this tract of land to **Joseph McConethy** for \$24.00.]
Witness our hands and seals this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand twenty three...

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presense of us

Henry S Neel **Stephen Braddock**

YORK COUNTY

York District, SC, Probate Court, Will Book A, pages, 75-76

Michael Rogers' Last Will and Testament, Recorded January 16, 1802

I **Michael Rogers** of the District of York & State of So. Carolina ... [of my] worldly goods... do dispose in the following manner Viz

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Alice Rogers** the one half of my estate to her & her heirs forever. And grant her the loan of the other half during her natural life, to dispose of at her pleasure.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved brother **Jonas Rogers** the one half of my estate at the decease of my wife, to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly, I do hereby ordain & appoint my brother **Jonas Rogers** & trusty friend **John Rooker** Executors and my beloved wife **Alice Rogers** Executrix of this my last will and testament ... this **first day of December Anno Domini One thousand Eighteen and One**

Signed and sealed in the Presence of

Michael Rogers

John Smith

her
Elizabeth x Weathers
mark

Michael Rogers' Will Proven

So. Carolina, York District} John Smith came before me and ... saith that he was present and saw **Michael Rogers** sign seal and deliver the written Instrument ... and that **Elizabeth Weathers** was a subscribing witness to the same Sworn before me this **8th Day of January 1802** **Alex^r Moore** Ordinary Y D

Inventory of Michael Rogers' Estate

[The details of the inventory will be omitted here. The estate was valued at \$1472.37.]

January the 16th 1802 The article of the above inventory was appraised by us

John Harris
Alex^r Scott
Thos Barnett

Alice Rogers' Affidavit

State of South Carolina, York District} to all whom it may concern be it known That I have received all the property in full devised to me by my former husband **Michael Rogers** from his Executor **Rev^d John Rooker** the one half of which property was will'd to **Jonas Rogers** after my death, and this may farther certify that I have enjoy'd all said property since the death of my said husband and, that there remains no property as devis'd by him in the hands of the said Executor, and being about to remove to a distant State and being called on by said Executor I have given this receipt that it may be seen and known in whose hand the property is.

Given under my hand this **16th Febr 1822**

Test. **John Springs**

her
Alice x Grover
mark

York County Deed Book F, p. 186

S.C. York District} Know all men by these presents that I **Alsey Rogers** for the good will I have to sons **Willson Weathers** and **William Weathers**, I bequeath or give to the said **Willson Weather** a sorrell Horse colt one year old, also to my son **William Weathers** I give and bequeath a Bay Horse colt one year old ...

Given under my hand and seal this **18th day of April 1803**

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Will Petties

Tho's Barnett **William Glover**

her
Alsey x Rogers
mark

To be continued.

**HISTORY OF LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
ABBEVILLE COUNTY**

Source: History of the Saluda Baptist Association

The records of the church for the first eighteen years of its existence having been lost, it will be impossible to give anything like a full history of the church. Having had access to the records of Turkey Creek, of which it was originally an "arm", we have been able to glean a few facts therefrom, which, together with reliable tradition, prevents the period from being entirely blank.

The church is located near Due West, in Abbeville county, and was constituted August 27, 1791, with thirteen members, dismissed from Turkey Creek church for that purpose. Elders **Moses Holland**, **Joseph Redding** and **M. Beardin** composed the presbytery on the occasion. Tradition says that **George**

Tillman was the first pastor; Brethren Joseph Culp and _____ were the first deacons, having been elected in September, 1791.

On the 10th of February, 1798, Deacon Thomas Shirley was dismissed from Turkey Creek. Tradition says he joined the Little River Church as a deacon.

On December the 11th, 1802, there is a request from Little River for Benjamin Northcut to attend that church on Saturday before the first Lord's day in February, 1803, to assist them in settling a difficulty that had arisen in the Little River Church, not stating, however, the nature of the trouble. Tradition says that party spirit was strife in the church—the Armstrong party sustaining Pastor Tillman, and the Gant party opposing him; party spirit causing one William Ball to carry his gun to the church to shoot the pastor. About this time Elder Tillman resigned the care of Turkey Creek and Little River churches, and left the State.

In August, 1807, the Little River Church united with the Saluda Association, having been dismissed from the Bethel Association.

Some time during the year 1808, Elder Arthur Williams transferred his membership from Providence to Little River church, and, in 1810, became pastor of the church, there having been services held here during the six or seven years prior to his call only at intervals. The little church, hitherto torn by party spirit, is now to enter upon a career of usefulness under the pastoral care of Brother Williams, whose ministrations were to last for fifty years.

On the 17th of February, 1810, two brethren stated they had settled a difficulty which had existed between them—an example worthy of imitation at present. In July, 1811, two dollars were sent to the Association, the first record of any moneys forwarded for any purpose.

The July minutes of 1812 say that the 31st instant was the day set apart to repair the meeting-house, the first intimation in the records of any building. Tradition says the first building was a small log house, which stood about one mile south from the present site, on the road leading from Donalds to Antreville near the residence of Mr. J.R. McWhorter, and was [illegible word] the Hog-Skin meeting-house.

In September, 1828, it was resolved to meet on every first Sunday for prayer in addition to their regular meetings on the third Sunday and Saturday before. The brethren seem to have felt the need even then of meeting oftener than once a month. It was also agreed to celebrate the Lord's Supper three times a year, instead of twice a year as formerly.

On January 17, 1829, it was resolved to have the church incorporated. In August following a resolutions was adopted concurring with the Charleston and Saluda Associations in regard to instructing the colored people. At the October meeting the question of "communing" with the Pedo-baptists was taken up and discussed with the following result: "We think *not*, according to the Word."

On February 19, 1831, the following query was discussed: "Is it right for church members to attend and pay out their money at false shows?" Answer: "We think it not right, according to divine truth." In 1832 they felt the need of a larger and better house of worship. A large frame building was then erected and weather-boarded, but never ceiled.

It was agreed, September the 14th, 1833, that all white male members should contribute of their means to the support of the pastor and to the defraying of the general expenses of the church, the clerk to act as treasurer. In October of this year the question of establishing a Sunday-school was laid on the table until the next meeting, at which time a committee was appointed to devise a plan for conducting a Sunday-school, which report was referred until the January meeting, 1834, when it was rejected. On the 28th day of May, 1836, Cadon Gant was ordained to the gospel ministry, Elders A. Williams, B. Burton, R. Gaines, J. Fant, and William Ray constituting the Presbytery. About this time Thomas Fisher and Thomas Crawford were elected deacons.

On July 16 the request of the Association, that each church say whether or not it was willing for

that body to become a member of that Baptist State convention, was answered in the negative. The church having built a pool and dressing rooms, was accused by a brother of having a spirit of pride, whereupon he was promptly excluded.

On March, 1837, it was determined to deal with members who attended valentines, or permitted members of their family to do so. On September 16, a committee was appointed to examine strange ministers before allowing them to preach in the pulpit. One of the brethren having been drunk the third time was excluded. A query as to whether or not a reformation is needed in the church was answered in the affirmative.

The church held its first protracted meeting in October, 1839, which resulted in six additions. This seems to have pleased the brethren so well they held another in November, with five additions. In 1840 brethren Reuben Kay, Richardson Tribble, John Pratt, Jr., and William Clinkscales were ordained deacons, and Thomas Crawford set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry. In July of the following year, William Clinkscales was elected treasurer of the church. In 1842 the delegates to the Association were instructed to vote as they saw proper on the question of the Association's uniting with the Baptist State Convention. Another meeting of days was held in July of this year with thirty additions. The brethren let their love and admiration of their pastor get the better of their sober judgment at their meeting in October, when they resolved that Brother Williams bear the title of "D.D." in future, which action they rescinded in January following, "believing that the Scriptures do not authorize the churches to confer such appellations on any person."

In 1844 Hugh Robinson was received as a deacon from Broadmouth Church, his letter also stating that he had been licensed to exercise in public prayer and exhortation, which privileges were granted him by the Little River Church. The action of the Saluda Association, in employing brethren to travel as missionaries in the bounds of the Association and in the mountain regions of the State was disapproved. However, about this [illegible word] the church became an auxiliary of the American Bible Society, for the purpose of aiding in the distribution of Bibles, tracts, &c.

There was for several years, embracing the years 1843-49, and perhaps longer, a total abstinence society, which held its sessions in the meeting-house, and was composed largely of the members of the church, with Elders A. Williams and James Kay, and brethren William Pratt, L.W. Tribble and John R. Wilson as officers.

To be continued.

OBITUARY OF LAWSON H. WILSON

Source: *Spartanburg Herald*, issue of December 31, 1944

Funeral service for Lawson H. Wilson, 85, one of the county's best known citizens, who died at his home in Cross Anchor Friday afternoon after an illness of several weeks will be conducted at the residence in Cross Anchor at 3 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. D. S. Lee and the Rev. J. G. Huggins. Burial will be in the Cross Anchor Methodist church cemetery. Mr. Wilson had been in declining health for several years.

He was born in Rutherfordton county, N. C., on Feb. 2, 1860, moving to Cross Anchor while a young boy about 70 years ago. He was actively engaged in all community and county activities. He was an active member of the Cross Anchor Methodist church, a Mason and a Shriner.

Until several years ago Mr. Wilson operated a large general store and the Cross Anchor bank in Cross Anchor, and one of the county's largest farms. He owned the Cross Anchor House, which was

borned several years ago and which was known by all old settlers in this part of the state.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. St. Lawrence Irby and Mrs. C. M. Workman, both of Cross Anchor, and Mrs. Gene Garrison of Anderson; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. His wife, the former Miss Fannie DeShields, died in 1935.

Active pallbearers will be Vernon Harris, Horace Parham, Grover Templeton, Roy Simmons, Warren Dillard and Collier Poole.

The body will remain at the M. W. Bobo funeral chapel until 11 o'clock today, at which time it will be taken to the home and remain there until services.

The family asks that flowers please be omitted.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND FREEHOLDERS COURT RECORDS

The Magistrates and Freeholders Court was the body which tried slaves and free persons of color for various legal offenses ranging in severity from minor misdemeanors to serious offenses such as murder and insurrection. The surviving records of this court for Greenville District are obviously very incomplete. Less than 50 cases survive covering the 70 years slavery existed in that county. The earliest of the extant records is dated 1854. The complete text of each case is being presented here. The editor has retained (as far as is possible) the orthography and arrangement of the records. However, a few editorial intrusions have been necessary such as rearrangement of the order of the documents in chronological order. The original records are at the S. C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, SC.

CASE 1

Greenville
In the matter)
of)
Martin a run)
away slave)
C J Elford
M. G. D.

Magst. fees
Oath 32
Comt 21\$-53

Apprehending
Arrest \$2.14
14 miles 98
1 day 50 3.62

State of South Carolina)
Greenville District)
says that he belongs to Col Benjamin Hagood, that deponent apprehended said slave fourteen miles above Greenville Court House, and has been engaged this day in bringing him to Jail
Sworn and subscribed)
before me May 11th 1852) A. Robinson Jr.

C J Elford M. G. D

To the Jailer of said District

You are hereby required to receive the said slave Martin into the custody of your Jail and him safely keep until discharged by law

Given under my hand and seal this 11th May 1852

C J Elford)
M. G. D) (LS)

Received July 19 [overwritten on 12] 1852 of W A M^d Daniel Three dollars & Sixty Two cents in full for Taken up Hagoods Negro

A. Robinson Jr.

CASE 2

Greenville SC

The State)
vs)
A Slave)

Recd of W^m Stewart

May(sic) fee 43
Files 21* [or 11] augt 1852

D Hoke
C G S

R. P. Goodlett
M. G. D

State of South Carolina)
Greenville District)
Be it Remembered that of the 19th day of August in the year of Lord, one thousand eight hundred Fifty Two personally appeared William Stewart & T A Campbell before me R P Goodlett magistrate in & for the said State, who acknowledges themselves indebted to the State of South Carolina, that is to say the said William Stewart,—in the sum of Two hundred Dollars & the said T A Campbell in the sum of One hundred Dollars, like money, to be leved of [on?] there separte lands, & Tenaments, goods, & chattles, respectibly, to & for the use of the said State, if the above mentioned William Stewart shall fail in performing the conditions underwritten

The condition of this recognizance is such, that if the said William Stewart shall pearsonally appeare before W^m S^r Shaw magistrate at Rock mills in Anderson on the 7th day of September next at 12 Oclock .M.(sic) and told & record what shall be required by the court give testimony in A case, & not depart the court without leave of said court then this recognizance to be void or else to remain in full fource & virtue

Taken and acknowledge[d] in [the] presents of day & state above

R P Goodlett
M G D

William Stewart (LS)

T A Campbell (LS)

CASE 3

South Carolina) Personally appeared before me Robert Jones Jun of Dallas County
 Greenville District) Alabama. And made oath that the runaway slave now confined in the walls
 of Greenville Jail by the name of Anthony is the property of L G Weaver of Dallas County in the State of
 Alabama And that he is fully authorised and empowered by the said Weaver to demand the said slave from
 the Jaelor of Greenville District

Sworn to and Subscribed)
 before me the 23rd september 1853) Robert Jones Jr
 D Hoke c ct)
 M Ex off)

Renters? bill \$3.00

CASE 4

Greenville

The State)
 vs) Retailing
 Fred, Alfred-)
 & Nelson Slaves)

Commitment of the Defendants Feb 18th 1854

J. W. Stokes
 m. G D

State of South Carolina) To the Jailor of Said
 Greenville District) District
 Fred, Alfred, and Nelson Slaves, having been Sentenced by a Magistrate and Freeholders [Court] to be
 imprisoned until Monday next. You are therefore required to receive them and to keep them secure in your
 Jail until discharged according to law

Given under my hand and Seal this 18th day of Feb 1854

John W Stokes (LS)
 m g D,

Greenville

The State)
 vs) Retailing
 Fred, Alfred)
 & Nelson Slaves)

Release of defendants Feb 20th 1854

J. W. Stokes
 m. G D

State of South Carolina) To the Jailor of Said
 Greenville District) District
 Fred, Alfred and Nelson, having Staid in Your Jail the time for which they were imprisoned by the Sentence
 of a magistrate Freeholders [Court].

You are therefore required to discharge them from further Confinement in your Jail for the cause
 aforesaid.

Given Under my hand and Seal the 20th day of Feb 1854 John W Stokes (LS)
 m. g. D.

CASE 5

Greenville District

In the Matter)
 of) Runaway
 Stepney) Slave
 Commitment

D Hoke
 C Ct
 & M Ex Off

South Carolina) To The Jailor of said
 Greenville District) District

Whereas Lewis Holder appears before me the Subscribing Magistrate and makes oath that he has
 brought to Jail a runaway Slave who says that his name is Stepney and that he belongs to Dav[jid] Charles
 and that he took him up about fifteen miles from Greenville Court House and has been engaged this day
 in bringing him to Jail his

Sworn to and subscribed) Lewis x Holder
 before me 1st day Of January 1854) mark

D Hoke C Cp & M Ex off

You are therefore hereby required forthwith to receive the said Slave Stepney(sic) into your custody of your
 Jail; and hime safely keep until discharged by Law

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of January 1854

D Hoke C Ct
 & Mag' Ex off

Arrest \$2.10
 15 miles 1.05
 1 Day 50 \$3.65

The following is written vertical to the figures presented to
 the left:

Oath 32
 Commt 21 53
 \$4.18
 Jail fee 1.00
 \$5.18

Receivd the above
 Bill of David Charles
 in full of the Claim
 of his negro 2^d Jan
 1854 W A M'Daniel
 S.G.D.

Rec'd of Sh[eriff] M'Daniel Three Dollars & Sixty five cents for taking up negro
2nd Jan 1854 L. Hoilder

Rec'd per W A M'Daniel 50/ my fee
D Hoke cct

CASE 6

Duglass[partially erased]

Greenville

Green \$230

Stokes 30

In the matter
of) Runaway
Peter a Slave

Commitment

J W Stoke[s]
m g D

State of South Carolina)
Greenville District)

To the Jailor
of Said District

G W. Green appears before me and makes oath that he has this day arrested a negro man who Says that he belongs to David T Cureton— that he believes(sic) Said negro to be a runaway— and that he has been this day engaged in bring[ing] him to Jail

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 2 March 1854

J. W. Stokes)
m g D)

G W. Green

To be continued.

JOHN SEXTON BIBLE RECORD AND MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS

Submitted by Betty Jean Dill, 168 Bullington Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29306, and Lynn Sellers, 302 Mt. Zion Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29303. The Bible is in the possession of Lynn's cousin, Jane Bright, who allowed it to be submitted for the quarterly. The Bible has no surviving information about the date of printing or the name of the printing company.

Marriages

John Sexton and Harriett Wingo was married on the 10th day of February 1821

John Sexton and Hannah Fortenbury was married the 13th May, 1838.

Emeline E. Sexton and Jeremiah C. Landford was married on the 18 day of September 1856

Lurinda Caroline Sexton & D.H. Elder was married July the 31 1862

M.W. Sexton was married to M. Jane M^{rs} Murry February [very unclear]

H.T. Sexton was Married To Nancy A. Lynch May the 7 1867

Family Record**Births**

John Sexton was Born the 17th day of October
1799

Harriet Sexton was Born the 16th June 1800

Elizabeth W. Sexton was born the 14th day of
may 1823

Sally Sexton was Born the 26 June 1824

Rebecca ann Sexton was born the 26th day of
march 1826

Emeline Elizabeth was born Aprile The 28th
1828

William Sexton was born December The 30th
1830

[Bottom name and date illegible]

Deaths

Sally Sexton died The 6th December 1826 Aged
17 months & 10 days

Harriet Sexton died the 11th June 1837 aged 36
years 11 month and 11 days

Nancy Jane Sexton Died the 24th day of
November 1848

Susanna Died the 15th January 18[??]

Frances Jane Died the 10th day of May 185[?]
aged 2 years and 26 days

William James Elder Died the 27 [no month]
1865

[Only the top few lines are left of the page below]

Marriages

Elizabeth W. Sexton was married to Martin Armstrong the 7th December 1848

Births

Sarah mahulda Sexton was Born the 16th day of July 1851

Frances Jane was Born the 2[tear] day of aprile 1853

Anne Frances Sexton [page torn] the 25th day of Aprile [page torn]

Margaret Snoddy Sexton Was [page torn and rest of page missing]

[Only the top few lines are left on the page below]

Family Record**Births**

Malaly Harriet Sexton was born the 9th
February 1836

[page torn] nah Sexton was

[page torn] the 5 day of may [torn]

[page torn] was born [torn] 1840

Deaths

John Sexton was borned the 17 th day of
October 1799

died 22 of March 18[too dim to read]

[remainder of page missing]

[NOTE: Crawfordsville is now Fairmont; Vernonsville is now Duncan.]

Envelopes found in the Bible:

Across top of envelope (return address):

Crawfordsville, S.Ca.

Augt 3 Paid 3 (Rubber stamped in ? Tex, Aug 31

To:

Mr. William Sexton

Marshall Texas

Clarksville Tex (written in different handwriting)

[Evidently, the above envelope was forwarded from Marshall, TX, to Clarksville]

[Note: Date on envelope below is illegible can't be read: stamped Spartanburgh, S.C.]

W.C. Sexton

Marshall, Texas

Mr. W.C. Sexton

Clarksville P off Red
River Co Texas

Woodruff's S.C.

1 Mar

One envelope is addressed in the upper left corner:

To William Sexton

Red river County Texas

Clarksville PO

Diagonally written from the bottom left corner to the top right corner of the envelope, ending on the embossed Three-Cents stamp, apparently written to indicate the place of origin:

Vernonsville, S.C. March 24th

Across top of another envelope:

Vernonsville, S.C. paid 3

Addressed to:

Mr. William Sexton

Harrison County

Marshall Texas

Letters found in the Bible:

[7 March 1859, John Sexton, Spartanburg, to his son William, with a note added from R. Ballenger on 11 March 1859]

March the 7th 1859

South Carolina Spartanburgh District

Dear Son with pleasure I received your letter and was glad to here from you and to here that you had gone there Safe and was well I received your leter on the 18 of Feb and I will only say to you that mySelf and and{sic} my family is all well a this time the Children and all there familys is all well as fare as I can tell at this time Elizabeth had a fine Boy a few days ago the[y] are doing Verry well and I hope when these lines comes to you[r] hand, the[y] will find you well and doing well I have nothing of importance to rite to you at this time we have a great deal rain this winter it keep so wet that the[re] will be nothen planted in due time this Spring I have nothing new to Send to you I have not been to the Village Since you left here I understand that the Female College is entirely Broken up For a while at any rate I will give you the reason of this one of the teachers a Mr Cross it appeares became too friendly whitt the girls in School and Cosequence was that Six of them was Sent to there homes Fat enough I will tell of 2 wedding that pased By the first was mr. Nolly or he was you old Boss to Miss Abbet, Henrys daughter and it said that old Thomas Finch and Thomas hanes daughter is married there is nothing Strange taken place Since you left here

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on Tuesday night last mr E. Hendrixs Daughter luisa was married to Mr. Bonum as I have had the first side rote on the 7th to day I will Close and mail it Phillip Munroe is about the place Cald washington

Alexandria McMillen is gone to Missiscippy not fare from greenwood I must Close We are all well to day and I hope this will find you well right to me as Soon as this Comes to hand and let me know how you are doing So Fare well may god Bless you

this the 11th March 1859

John Sexton

Mr. William Sexton as your Farther has not filled his Sheet I will write you a few lines there has nothing took place of much importance Since you left that I know of the the{sic} Neighbours are generally well as far as I Know I saw the letter you wrote your Farther and I dont think from looking at the map of Texas that you are more than 25 or 30 miles From my Brothers They live in Rusk County Near Henderson Ville Thur Post office is by the name of Millville if you have the Chance I would like you would go and See them. they would be glad to See you Write to me assoon as you get this Nothing more

yours Rest [respectively?] R. Ballenger

[16 Oct 1859, from J.J. Vernon, Spartanburg S.C., to William Sexton]:

Spartanburg S.C. Oct 16th '59

Dear William

The other day I saw a letter from you to your Sister Armstrong, in fact I went to see it. I desired to write you some time ago, but learnd you had married and could not tell whereabouts ~ I think you should have remained at your first location as I considered that first and of the best in that portion of Texas and as for as health all about the same, chills and Fever is a constant visitor in all the Southern Country ~ you seem to advise all your friends to beware of the Texas fever, you ____ emigration, first visit to then act ~ Billy a man cant win[?] his condition, this is the poorest county on the face of the Earth & if a man will stay here, he will get poorer & poorer, till he dies ~ things changes every year, the place changing daily the rich are swallowing up the poor & them that are in debt --

2.

never can get out, I speak for myself - all my bottoms nearly destroyed by Bensons Mill dam & one or two [years?] men I can't support on the place ~ the old neighborhood looks gloomy, sad and were you here in this section would weep for the changes, I do, the happiest period of my life when we all lived together up there & Frank with his fiddle - and my Irish dancing for me, life then tuned(?) up, but now my feelings are all changed depressed ~ R.Road will soon be here, but I am inclined to think its evils will out weigh its good ~ Kern, Fowler & Foster & Judd, bought out Jno. Pooles old place & united in the Carriage business, Kern & Fowler, had better look sharp ~ the other men advances money(?) - and money(?), will drive many to the walls - David Moore holds up barely seles more ink than they have done so far, he has best workmen and turns off some of the neatest jobs --

3.

They made me pay for your lot at Reidville, I sold it for the same, on a credit got no money yet for it ~ They are trying to make it ____ but never can much of a place - I wouldn't live there, if they were to give me the best house and lot in the place ~ property has fallen here in the village 50 per cts - since you left - I mean all that has been sold - for instance John Earle Bomar Once sold the lot where Col. Watters lived & died - for \$2500 - at his death bought it \$1400. Mrs Mullinaxs place 4 years ago would readily have sold for 2500 or 3000 dollars, it was purchased at her death for \$750. - Now the Rail Road whistle is about in hearing - how is this - everybody thought it would pop up tremendously but sir, no sales can be made, I was offered the Tucker brick house[,] which cost him \$5000, for \$3000 & I can get it for \$2500. So you see how it is - and my dear sir, you are there and my advice to you stay there, where you are a free unnumbered page, should be 4:

man and respected by your own good conduct, you are young - grow with the county, take a stand about all dissipation whatever - never drink one drop swear to that - & my word for it you will be a man which I hope to see some day ~ I always felt an interest in you and desired you should do well I often took you up into my family as one of its members & endeavored to do the best I could in promoting your happiness There is nothing here now to make you stay in this county desirable ~ Martin Armstrong has disgraced

himself and family most shockingly - steeling his neighbors cattle and selling them to the village in open day light ~ confesses the crime & is now and has been Scouting about for two months to evade the officers - I was there three days ago they will move shortly to N. Carolina on the plantation **Frank Vernon** once owned - Your father talked to me with great grief & swears he never shall darken his door - he could have done well but never will he be countenanced any more in this county - I advised them to leave for Texas to amend his conduct, where no person ever heard of it - and now **Billy** on the account

4. _____ [part of top line missing] I would aid them next fall to move from this county with proper management he can make enough to do it with some aid from you - I can assist him for now & you give me credit for it - They have sold him out and he now wants a home(?) and ask me one for him - I have no confidence in him, but he has a good industrious wife ~ and **Martin** has been sober ever since & looks badly, but he is so _____ I think he will be caught yet ~ I can't assist him unless you say so, it is hard for me to live ~ his wife wanted me to write to you about how they stand & C. -

The **Wingos** and some of the **Turner** boys left with their family for Texas last Wednesday - and from appearances this whole country will be changed & filled up with different population

5. Every body wants to sell their lands for Texas & Arkansas - the roads are lined Constantly with moves from N. Carolina & S. Carolina ~ D' Oeland we know has moved his negroes and bought him a plantation last fall & advertized his place for sale - I think I shall cut negroes and land next fall, if not will move to Texas ~ I think some where down near Indianola or Goliad on the coast, where **John Vernon** lives, **Alex^d Vernons** son - I cant live this way - the trial with me is selling my negroes that is the only thing in the way, I find it hard to consent, as I have raised many of them - **Richard Ballenger** you have heard months ago was dead and all his property will be sold 26th Inst to the highest bidder - his children can't agree to a division. contrary as the devil

6. I know if I move, that at my age of life, I never can be happy, I don't expect it, no man at any age ever will be, but I am activated from a sense of duty and of family - I never want my children to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for "Yankee Nabobs" =

Were I single man two _____ would not hold me in this place - I know no man ever made a change but what he felt unhappy in his feelings for the first year or two - Stay away for 4 or 5 years & come back friends and all have changed and makes a man content with his new home - **Wilds Vernon** said he thought all the time about things as they seemed when he left & for four long years he felt the strongest attachment & when he came[,] 4 years had produced such a change that he was perfectly content to go back & now says that he would not live here for the best tract

7. of land in S. Carolina - so that is the ways of the world, I[t] will not do for us all to stay here. write me all the evils & greatest only you have - then your advantages, the best country you have seen for farming - whereabouts- and can I reasonably expect to raise my children any where free of sickness - in all that country- what I can buy first rate lands at, improved and unimproved - My wife **Mary** and the little boys - sends their best love to you & **Ann** says I do hope **Billy** will do well - I have 4 smart children, **May** is grown, my youngest a little girl is the most sensible child I ever had in fact I don't know any her superior - My blacks are all well, **Christina** is married to **Simpson Tollison** two weeks ago - no deaths in the village - I guess it will take all day Sunday to read this hurried letter - as I wrote it as you say as fast as thought - this is Sunday I am chilly - low back ache[,] pain in my head with _____ cold -

Goodby boy - take my advice your friend **J.J. Vernon**

[Added vertically in the left margin]:

Mrs. By _____ the widow left short time after you & is living in Union at that same old trade

[15 January 1860, Elizabeth Armstrong & Mahala Sexton, to their parents]:

January the 15 1860

Gainesville Haul Co Georgia

Dear father I now seat my self for the purpose of dropping you a few lines to let you now where we are and that we are all well at this time hoping that few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing We have got a chance of a making a good crop this year beter than I ever had before and provisions is quite cheap you must come to see us soon you could live hear and not work half your time wagons are very high hear one horse wagons are worth from forty five to fifty Dollars and cant get them at that I want you to write to me what conor corn is Seling at and a bout all the particulars Since we lef Yo[u] write just as Soon as this come to hand as we want to hear from yo all We have sent two letters out there and has got now answer yet and when you write direct your letter to Gainesville postoffice and let me now whether you have heard from **William** or not and if he has come tel him to be Certain to come as wee want to See him very bad and if he did not you can let him now where we are but do not let every one now where we are living. [Page 2]

I have sold one _____ wagon for thirty seven dollars and could sell Sixty if I had them **mr[?] Montgomery** is our blacksmith hear he says the last time he saw you was at **mr Ballengers** Mill he favurs you very much and chaimes kin with us he is **Alexandrew Montgomery** son the people hear are not like they are there they are all friendly and assist each other and this is the place for pore people they ant now drinking and quarling hear I do not any thing nor neither Do I intend to Soon nor i have not ^ _____ house^ So no mote at presant only I remain your loveing Daughter until Death **Elizabeth Armstrong**
Dear mother I wil say to yo that i am very well satisfied and had much rather live hear than there if i was as well fixed we have good [something left out?] a heap of them and as healthy country we live in three miles of town and hears the church bell every Sunday morning before we go to church give my best love to all the children and tel howdy for me **Elizabeth Armstrong**

[The next lines were probably written by the same person who wrote above]

I can not write to yo all now but i will write to yo again as nit is a getting late give my best love to Mother and all the children and tel them howdy for me
your loveing Daughter until death **Mahala W. Sexton**

[26 Feb 1860, to brother, probably **William Sexton**, from **J.C. Lanford**, **E.E. Lanford**, **W.C. Sexton**, from Spartanburg]:

["M" was almost always "N" and "N" was almost always "M" in first part of letter, before the handwriting changed]

Fe 26 1860

South Scarolina Spartan ^Burg^

Der Brother I take mi pem in ham to wright you a few lianes to im forn you that wee are all well at this tin and hope when thes few lins com to ham tha tha will fim you well I resive your leter the twenty Seond of February and was glade to her From you I have nothing to wright of impotans wee heard that you was com^ing^ out her But I Did not Sea you I will Bee vary glad to Sea you one more [time] and be[a]r you tell Somthing a Bout yore cantry and tell uss how you live you rogt in your leter that you was makin nomey and I was glad to her that part I hant herde from you but wonce sem you left I thawt you had for got me and I wood have rowte if had mo [known] wh[ere] to Dercted mi leters wee hant had much cold wether her But a good [bit] of reign Sence Crisus [Christmas] our wheat look vary Bad and cone [corn]

is a seling very high

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it is worth \$1.25 per Bushel and flower is worth \$4 Dollars a hundrad and poarke is worth seven sent [handwriting below may be different]:

bacon is worth from fifteen to twenty cents per pound and we was at Fathers the ninth of February at a weding and Amanda was married to **Mr. Eber Baley** and they was about sixty people at the weding and they are a going to live at the old popular Spring School house and we have not heard from them since **E.E.L.** Dear Brother I would like to see you and talk with you and tell you all that has past since I saw you and the children is agoing to school and school and I am so lonesom sad(?) and ___ing tha I do not Know wictch way to look if I could see you a coming it would be a great deal of pleasur to me I was glad to hear that you was adoing as well as you are and was glad to hear that you have had your health as well as you have for I hav expected every time that I heard from you to hear that you was dead I want you as you are a making mony so fast to send me your degary type the girls all laugh whe[n] I tell them what you said about marying [maedsie?] [macanie?] and go to texas to live I would Supose you have herd that Mahala had gone to georgia with **Matan** [Martin?] and **Elizabeth** and it was agaist the

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will of all the kindred and strangers to **Mrs. [T. or L.]** and I was up there when it first broke out and we tryd ^to^ perswade her to leave there then and to come with us or to go to **Mr. Baley** or find her a good home some where Ive hunt [learned?] **Eliza** would like to have had her but she ^said^ had promised you to move to never leave E I went to **Mr. Baley** and came to Father and wrote to her to come and go home with for every person I saw requested me to perswade her away for she was ruined if she stayed there any longer I supose Some persons has wrote to you all about it - **Martan** I forgot to tell you that **Rebeca** had a fine son and its name is **William Henry** [Note: William Robert in John Sexton's letter, above] My health is beter than it was when you saw me and if you had sene me the Knite of the wedding you would have thought that I was about sixteen when I got with all my old acquaintences and beaus. I thought that I like to forget that I was married.

I must come to a close by saying to you to excuse my foolishness and bad wrighting

wright as soon as this come to hand

yours truly until Death

J.C. Lanford E.E. Lanford W.C. Sexton

[24 March 1860, John Sexton in Spartanburg, to his son, probably William]:

South Carolina Spartanburgh District

Dear Son I received your letter dated the 9th of Sept last I was glad to here that ^you^ was well and doing well myself and all my family are all well at this time Thank you fer mercery and hope that these lines will find you the same the Children From home and Family ^is all well^ heard from them last they was all together at my house on the 9th of Feb last but **Elizabeth** and you and **mahala** **J.J.** was happy to have them and there family. the[y] met together to see **mandy** married that wedding to **mr Eber Baily** Since that she have ^moved^ down to the popler Spring by **J Anderson**. **mr. Baily** about 20 years old a Stout young youn man while Speaking of the wedding I will say to you that **James Burnet** and **E. fleming** is married and **Charles McMillin** is to be married about the 15th of the month to a girel at ^the^ Village and **Elijah** his Brother the 16th to a **miss murry** Daughter of **Robert murry** by **McElrath M.H.** John Baiswell was washed out of a Buggy and Brok his neck and ^died^ in a few minits (turn over)

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your Sister **Rebecca** has a fine Son on 23rd of December last and She

Calls his name **William Robert** [Note: William Henry in E.E. Lanford's letter] Recently you rote to me about your things that **martin** has but it was it was too late he was gone to georgia The[y] are living in hall County georgia near the Cort house I did right to you after last Cort about **martin** myself and **Charles Mc** together and then I expected you here about Christmas and I waited to here from you The above was up after two weeks or mor I received you letter dated the 4th of Feb. I was glad to here that you was well mySelf and Family are all well this morning and the Children are well and neighbors Since I began this letter **Charles** and **Elijah Mc** was married as I stated above and three more at the Factory **linsey ralph** and **Thomas dobbins**, and **John davis** was all married to **Mrs. yants** all at Croffordsville My Son [I] Saw things I never witnessed before now Called in to move some ded boddys at the Factory [Note: Factory may be Fairmont Mill] I took up five boddies four were Children for **J.J.D. Bivens** and old misses **Dobbin** about 50 years old

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I opened three of them two of them was nothing but the bons, the[y] had been Beroud about 12 years and lieing near together Two of them was full of water the rest was dry the old lady was Covered in watter that Coffin was partly rotten but the boddie was in perfect Shape and was as hard as a rock and a full Shape as ever So that any person that ever Saw her would of known her the Clothes was hard like the[y] were made of Plaster parris all became _ Sollid the Boddy had been berried 9 years you understand the Case fore moveing this Boddies the[y] was Berred before the meating house was built on the other side of the river and they took them there

On Thursday evening last there was a young Cman Came to reidville and pay Some mene made a plot with one [of] **James Gaston** negroes to Steel a horse and runaway and go meet him that knight the negro told his master what he Said the neighbors and **gaston** told [him] what to do and the[y] went to plase[the place] and found all so the[y] took him to gaul yesterday this three names the names I do no recollect The[m]

Dr. J.J. Vernon has Sold your lot at reidville and has the pay for it and the house **Brockman** has for that big lot of **Snoddys**

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Give my Best respects to **mr. P[arum?]** and Family I [am] glad to see your image one time more and I hope to see you again face to face my Son be sure to right to me as soon as this comes to hand and let me know when you are Coming I want to see you as Could not get your [things] From **martin** he has taken then off with him rite to me about your things and **mahala** She wants to Come Back I want to go to **martins** this Summer and I will Bring your things if [he] will give them up to me neither will be let **mahala** Come without you Send her what to do

You must excuse my missed words and Bad Spelling For was in hurry for mail is at hand I Forgot to tell you **philly** arrived and **Rrellons** has ___ at canses [Kansas?] on little red river **Sarah** and mother with them Presently has got well again moved **Pettis** R.[Railroad?] Stopped neare mempfres I must Close By Farewell your mother Send her love [to] you.

The Children the Same	}	this the 24 th
John Steven and wife the same	}	of March 1860
Frank Guin and wife the Same	}	John Sexton
The ___ just returned from allabam [Alabama]	}	
and living at J. Sterlins(?)	}	

[30 postmarked May 1860, to William Sexton, Red River Co., Texas, from Miss M.A. White. Envelope d Glenn Springs, S.C. Jun 1- envelope and letter in same handwriting]:

Spartanburgh Dist So Car May the 30th 1860

my Dear Sir

I take my pen in hand with a great deal of pleasure, to inform you that I am well at present; hoping these few lines will find you enjoying good Health. I have been expecting ^an^ answer to my letter that I wrote the 19th of March last, but have not received a line; I thought perhaps you did not receive it. I have waited very impatiently for to hear from you, ever since I thought you had time to get the letter. If you did not get the letter you did not get my answer. I would feel myself, the happy ^happiest^ creature that ever was to live the remainder of my Days in your Delightful compaⁿy^ & will be your wife. I anticipate the day with the greatest pleasure when I shall call you Husband.

If you ever would like to see you, in Spartanburgh the 4th July next. There will be a pic nic here then.

Mr Oeland's scholars got his consent to have one then.

Do come if it be possible for you to come.

I will bring this short letter to a close. excuse haste

write soon

yours forever.

M.A. White

P.S. the glenn Springs and Spartanburgh mail has stope^d

it will be uncertain about getting your letters unless they come by laurens.

[4 June 1860, letter to "Friend William," possibly William Sexton, from C.B. McMillan, in Spartanburgh]:

Spartanburgh S.C. June 4th /60

Friend William

I recd ours a few days ago and can say that I was Glad to hear from you and that you was well and doing good for your Self. I have nothing of interest to write you more than the common occurrences that is incidence to a Community Like this. we have preaching Sunday School Just like we had when you was hear. Some is getting married and a moving that number my Self and to your inquires Respecting who I married her name was Kate Gray and like her name the Prettiest Girl that the auld north State Ever had. She is Seting next me now Sewing and I am writing She was Raised ner Charlotte north carolina and Came to this place to live Something over a year ago and I became acquaintted with her like the appearance of this Bird So I Thought that I would Sea what I could do. I did So and found all things right So we had to call for the priest

[on back of first page]:

You spoke Something of coming Back to this country I hope not to live for I tell you of a truth William, that prices heare is Exceedingly low in So much that I think over half the workmen will be compelled to leave hear. I know that there is Some workmen that is my Superiors in workmanship that can Scarcely live and that has not Sunday cloths to go to Church in. I mean those men are men of families. I am not Saying this to keep you away But that I think you can do better or as well Ennywhere Else. Where you can have helth. We have Some very good workmen hear now. Moor Sent off for them and these are the men that I had Refference to. we are putting up Some very fine work. Large 6 Seted family Carriages Coaches and Rockaways of various Stils [styles?] and Buggys by the quntity. I am Boarding this year with mr. Prichet the Trimmer foreman. I in tend going west a bout Oct next I Shal Since(?) for Hunstsville Ala

I have not seen Enny of your people in Some time write to me Soon again nothing more. your friend C.B. McMillan

[20 Nov 1860, from unknown female from Glenn Springs, S.C. Handwriting is not the same as in the letter from M.A. White on 30 May 1860]:

Glenn Springs, Spartanburg
Nov 20, 1860

Mr Sexton

After tendering my respects to you and hoping you are well, your letter dated Nov 8 - came safe to hand. I was quite pleased to hear that you were enjoying good health but was sorry to that that you could not come soon as I am very anxious to see you as I have a thousand things to tell you, but I hope this weather may be more pleasant so that enjoy your visit better. I can[tear in paper, could be 'can't'] write my mind but I will tell you all when I see you. I was quite pleased to receive your pretty present and Ella has kissed[?] it a hundred times. I will take good care of it for your sake & look at [it] every day until I see you. you must be sure to make it convenient to come before Christmas as I have so much to tell you. let me know in a few days before hand when you are coming. At this time there is a great excitement relative to cesession and all the many [who] are in favor of it cockcades on their hats and if you are in favor of it you must wear one when you come. all that I care about is I fear it will bring about war as I am such a coward. I will close by saying what you say that you want to see me & that I want to see you as had. If you can't come before Christmas please to make it convenient to spend the Christmas with me. Yours truly
oc

[22 March 1862, one sheet of paper, looks like two different letters to M.W. Sexton, one on front & one on back, believed to be from Frances Margaret McElrath & his sister Mahala H. McElrath]:

Front:

Spartanburgh Dist SC. March the 22 the 1862

My Dear cousin. I do Seat my Self to drop you a few lins to inform you that I am well at this time and I doo truly hope when these lins reach you the[y] may find you well. I recevid you[r] kind letter on the 21 and was truly glad to hir from you. I have no nuse to writ to you mor than W.H. Gaston starts to morow to B.F. Brockman compeny. I wood like to see you now and hir you talk. com up Satterday nit week me and Mahala is goin down to you father that nit if we can and I wood like to see you then. you must excuse my short letter for I cant git no paper up hir but these lins is but few. reed them often and think of me when you cant see me. When this you see oh think of me tho many miles a part we bee. writ sun.[write soon?] F.M. McElrath to M.W. Sexton

[William H. Gaston was brother-in-law of Mahala H. & Frances M. McElrath. W.H. Gaston married their sister, Mary Elizabeth McElrath]

Back of page:

[Written across the top]:

you friend, M.H. McElrath

Dear cousin I Seat my self to tell you now that I am well at this time and truly hope these lins may find you [sentence incomplete?] I recevd you[r] kind letter and was glad to hir thet you was [gaby?] I want to see you mor than I ever did in my life. you must cum up sun time and we will play dubel quilt ____ for you me and you[r] brother John and John Davis and another girl ____ it one nit. you Just at[ought] to a been here and seed us. you may look out for my Sweet heart he is a coming to that compeny. he will start in a few days so I must seem lose. you must escuse ^my^ short letter for this time. cum up Sun nit and stay all nit with us we ar lonsome now. you must writ sun as you can. yours truly

M.H. McElrath to M.W. Sexton

[9 April 1862, from M.H. McElrath, Spartanburg to cousin, M.W. Sexton]:

Spartanburg Dist April the 9 1862

My Dear cousin I seat my Self to drop you a few lins to inform you that I am well at this tim hoping when these lins comes to you[r] hand it may find you well I receved you[r] kind letter and was glad to hear you was well oh my Dear couson I was at you[r] hos las Satera nat I hopt to see you ther but did not but I hope to see you sun you dont now how bad I want to see you and talk with you one tim mor but I feer it will bee along tim bee for we meet a gin I wood tell you a heep that I can't writ

Page 2:

but you said that you was a coming home the first of May I hope you will and if you doo you must cum up and see me I saw **Mary Mcclrath** a Sunday she told me give you hir best love and ses she has not forgotten you if you have hir I am looking for her now I want you to git you[r] likness taken and send it to me if you ples for I want it so bad you must writ to me sun as you can So I close for this tim writ

M.W. Mcclrath To

M.W. Sexton

[Apparently to **John Sexton** from son **J.C. Sexton**, very dark and very stained letter. Many words not legible in this letter]:

Page 1:

you must not think hard of mea for not riting to you before now I would have rote but I new that I could get _____ bout ever day and I was Sick and Sad _____ I belonged to the palmetta Sharp Shooters I am in Co that **Jackson** _____ **Richard ballantine** I got to the regiment _____ letter from **Mark** _____

Page 2:

I heard from them _____ **Mark** _____ that he hadent heard from **E.E. Baley** since the Richmond fight. I have bin detailed Since I cane lear[n] to work in the Shop to make horse shew nails I have now[no] nuse of importance to right the weather is very cold here their is a big battle gowing on at federricks Burg [Fredericksburg] but I do not now[know] how it have come off yet. I must Come to a close for this time Give my love to all inquiring friends I remain your Son until Death **Jo C. Sexton**

Page 3:

Direct you letter to South Carolina Hospital
Manchester VA tell Sister **Manda** to not forget mea and to right to mea nothing
more But

Remain

Your affectional Son untill Death

J.C. Sexton [Possibly John, age 15 in 1850 census]

[Note: Eber E. Bailey is John C. Sexton's brother-in-law who died in the Civil War. See the letter, page 10 above, from John Sexton to his son William, in which he mentions the marriage of Amanda Sexton to Mr. Eber Bailey.]

[31 May 1864, written in pencil, hard to read, from Spartanburg Dist]

1864

Spartanburg Dist, So Car, May the 31

My dear & faithful friend i do sett my self to drop you a letter being to let yo no that your friend is well and my hope being that it will find you well i have nothing of interest to rite more than i received your cind[kind?] letter and i was glad to noe _____ but I was sorrow to hear that you was sick i hope that you ar better i wish that you wood com home i want to see you [line on fold of

letter hard or impossible to read] i want you to bee shore to tell me what my fortune was let it bee good or bad i want to no[know] what it is and i will tell you now about **lilly Miller** I don't think you can say any thing for a i think that i have

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don as all rite as you have i think that insted of me a fooling you you are afooling me but i ant foold yet) i heard from you last week & **Miss Mary** _____ com down and sed that she got a letter from you and you was well i am all rite) i am sorrow to no[know] that you are so foold i want you to bee shore to tell me about it and dont fule dont bee so hard on me i want on[only?] you and i love you as well as i love myself i cant ples you if i dont quit **lilly** god nose i told you anuff **lilly** is a good friend of mine and that is all so you can do as you ples my feelins is hurt at you and i will tell you more about it next time So good by i will rite more next time

Also found in the Bible:

A printed form for appointing Overseers of Public Road, undated:

To _____ **Mr John Sexton**

Your are hereby appointed Overseer of the Public Road from
_____ **Snoddies Bridge** _____ to **the ^fork^ of the Road** _____
below the Bilgrog old field with all hand liable to do Road duty.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1st. All Market Roads are to be opened *twenty feet* wide, and the roads crossing the country must be open *sixteen feet* wide, clear of drains or ditches, and all stumps, bushes, stones and roots must be entirely removed.

2nd. On all wet grounds, and grounds subject to wash, so as to injure the roads, ditches must be formed, and the earth thrown on the middle of the road, so that it be regularly elevated to the centre — and on all hilly grounds, water passes or breaks, must be constructed to turn water from the road.

3rd. All swamps and marshes must be causewayed or elevated, and made firm with rock or timbers, with water breaks left at proper intervals.

4 th. W[fold in center of page] the roads [can?] be improved by cutting _____ bends it must be done.

5th. All roads leading from the Court House, must be measured, and posted, and numbered, from the Court House to the District line — And all roads crossing the country, to be measured, posted and numbered from the District line, or other noted places — Posts to be made of stone, post oak, or other durable timber.

6th. Sign boards must be placed at the forks of all public roads, giving the direction and distance to the most noted places to which they lead — Sign boards will be furnished by me for my Division, on application of the Overseer.

All Overseers failing to keep the roads as required above, will be subject of the penalty of the Law.

Sam'l N. Evins _____ Commissioner _____ Division

OLD NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENCE TELLS OF DEVELOPMENT OF WELLFORD AS NEW SETTLEMENT ON RAILROAD BACK IN 1873

Editor's Note: The following item is an undated newspaper clipping that was found among the Sexton papers by Lynn Sellers. She believes it was probably printed sometime during the 1930s or 1940s.

Wellford, located about 11 miles from Spartanburg on the Greenville highway, had its beginnings

in 1873. It is now one of the most progressive towns in the county. Located on paved roads, it has Baptist and Presbyterian churches, and its children attend Wellford grammar and Wellford-Lyman-Tucapau high schools.

Important mills are located near the town. Numbers of the residents are employed in Jackson, Tucapau and Lyman mills. In 1930 the population was 400.

Some of Early History

Letters printed in the Carolina Spartan beginning in April, 1875, recount some of the town's early history. "Wellford," the correspondent writers, "is a new place on the airline railroad about 11 miles west of Spartanburg. It has grown up since its location about 18 months ago with marvelous rapidity. There is a depot here, three stores, a blacksmith shop, two shoe shops, a broom factory and 12 private residences. A lodge of Good Templars hold meetings in Mumford hall. We also have a school under way. It was opened in February and is well attended." The school was under the supervision of P. J. Oeland.

Preaching was done twice a month, the correspondent wrote, by Mr. Reid of Reidville and Mr. Wood, one of the Wellford merchants, who was a minister.

In another letter a short while later, a large building for a chapel and high school was reported being erected. It was located on the railroad and had a fine mountain view. The building was to be two stories in height, measuring 50x26, with a portico in front and "with steps something after the style of the courthouse," the correspondent added. Plans were contemplated, he said, to establish a collegiate institute of the highest standing.

Small Happenings

Smaller happenings were reported from time to time.

A. M. McElrath planted a large amount of cotton. Dr. A. L. Moore was reported to have some "fine fields of wheat."

Col. P. S. Whisenant established a steam saw mill in the community to engage in the manufacture of tobacco boxes and do a general sawing business.

In the spring of 1875 Mr. Coan and Mr. Zimmerman of Reidville purchased a store from R. L. Taylor. Mr. Taylor in turn bought a store lot and dwelling from the Rev. J. A. Wood.

On May 10, 1875 a "May day picnic was given by Miss Hattie Vernon and Miss Nettie Benson on the gressward near Benson's mills between two streams which form the North Tyger."

Mentioned as members of the lodge of Good Templars at that time were: R. L. Taylor, Miss Minnie Oeland, Miss Mollie Hammond, Miss F. M. Moore, L. H. Peebles, James H. Howe, Miss Lizzie Oeland, C. C. Bearden, Miss Lizzie Moore, Miss Lizzie Hadden, J. L. Howell, P. J. Oeland and J. A. Wood.

New Settlers

In a letter May 31, 1875 it was reported that Mr. Roberts of near Cashville had purchased land. He "intends moving up to educate his family."

Dr. DeBard, whose early days were spent at Woodruff, was reported to be living at Wellford and active as a physician.

On June 14, Maj. J. S. Hammond was said to have bought lands adjoining the town. About this time Dr. Jones of Asheville purchased a water power business on Penny Shoals adjacent to Ballenger's mills. He expected to operate mills and a factory.

Manly Bright, former superintendent of Ballenger's mills, began operating a blacksmith shop at Wellford.

On Aug. 17 a squirrel barbecue and farmers dinner took place at Jordan's spring, near Ballenger's mills. Speeches were made by J. B. Williamson, Capt. Alvan Dean, P. J. Oeland and Jerry Burnett. The subject was "The No Fence Law."

On Sept. 20 Capt. J. A. Hammond was reported to be putting up a large and commodious residence

at the lower end of the town, and W. D. Howe another at the upper end.

In the fall John D. Smith repainted and refitted his store and laid in a new stock. A wholesale and retail grocery was to be operated by Jacob Zimmerman.

By No. 22, the correspondent reported there were seven stores, and 25 families residing in the community.

MOUNTAIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Continued from Volume XIII, No. 3, August 1999.

January Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Br William Hays Made report that Alexandre Stevenson had been Encourageing his Son to put the law in force against him which he did not consider was his duty after he had the other meeting Said that he Expected his Son was altogether in fault & gave his vote with the Church in behalf of William Hays so after some investigation they give each other the right hand of fellowship Adjourned

February Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up the Matter of Br Cooper Bennett Mentainance (sic) & after Several propositions they concluded to Make up a Certain Sum which was Sixty Dollars For one year for a trial & think it was the best Method they could take Adj

February Term 1806 [Two entries for February]

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Br John Traynor Acknowledged his wrong in being in a pashion and the Church Rec^d it and restored him to fellowship The Allegation of Jesse Davis against David Tate for sin in the practice of playing Ball and he made Acknowledgment of his wrong and the Church restored him to Fellowship Received by Experience Elizabeth Sanders Adjourned

March Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up the Matter of John Gibbs concerning his being Drunk & Swearing & for Stealing of a Ho'se & it was Laid over until the Friday Following & the Church appointed Br Bishop & Br Samuel Stevenson to Cite him to our Meeting on that day Br Harmon Commons Made Acknowledgement of his being Drunk he also Acknowledged that he was not in a right Spirit at that time And the Church restored him There was also an Alegation Laid against Br Tho^s Commons & the Church apponted Tho^s Hays & William Hays to Cite him to our next Meeting in Course Also the Church appointed James Butress, Thos M^cgregor, Jesse Davis, William Leonard & Alexandre Stevenson to settle a matter of Dealing between Benjamin Chamblee & Zadock Chamblee Received William Armstrong by Letter Adjourned

March Term 1806 [Two entries for March]

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br John Gibbs Aquisition [accusation?] was taken into Consideration for which he was Excommunicated Also Tho^s Commons was Excommunicated for the Sin of Drunkenness & non Complying with the Church be it remembered that Br James Stevenson has missed two or three Meetings & the Church has appointed Thomas M^cgregor & Br Bishop to Cite him to our next meeting & the Church trial was Laid over to next Meeting Adjourned

April Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Stevenson** told his reason for not attending our Church Meetings & they heard them. Also **Tho^s M^cgregor** Made report to the Church that he had been Made & for the space of one day out of his senses which was Supposed to be occasioned by Liquar but he had a hope that his redeemer pardoned the Transaction the Church restored him. Also **M^cforson** Laid in a complaint against Br **Moore** in Case of Debt that **Moore** was owing & was not able to pay & after some investigation they Concluded to lay it over one Month & that would prove the prospect of a Crop Ensuing.

Also the case of **Joanna Gee** was taken up about her Marrying of a man that had another Living Wife by report not inadvertently done & she was Excommunicated. April the 25th Day 1806 Dear friends I take the opportunity to inform you that I cannot conveniently attend your Meeting today. Neither do I Ever expect to attend again as a Church Member therefore my friends I wish you to receive these few lines as though they were [were?] Spoken with my Mouth to you for they are written with my own hand & the full Consent of My Mind for these nine or Ten Months past therefore I wish you not to trouble yourselves nor Me any More about it for this may Declare to you all that I am not any Longer in Fellowship with you so no More But I remains your humble Servant. **William M^cGregor**. A true Copy Sent by **William M^cgregor** to the Church at Bethesda Meeting House. And the Church appointed **Ja^s Burress & Jesse Davis** to Cite him to our next Meeting. Received **Sandford Vandiver** by Experience Adjourned.

May Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Fullers** Aquisition [accusation?] that he had against the Church was Finally Settled & never to be rehearst again & Br **William M^cgregors** Trial Came Forward and it was laid over untill next Meeting in Course at this place & in the Case of Br **Moore** & Br **William M^cForson** agreed wait untill his Corp was come to perfection that is untill his Cotten or Corn was fit for Market. Received Old **Mr^s Waters** by Character & confession of her Miss Conduct. **William Ledbetter** Clk. Adjourned.

June Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & took up the case of **William M^cgregor** and it was Terminated in his Exclusion. And be it remembered that **Abraham Moore** has been Drinking to Excess & the Church appointed **Benjamin Chamblee & Thomas M^cgregor** to Cite him to our next Meeting. And Br **Samuel Stevenson** does not attend our Church Meetings & Further Br **Ja^s Stevenson** has been in Disorder for which the Church appointed **Jonathan Gibbs & Sandford Vandiver** to cite him to our next Meeting. Rec **Martha Gibbs** by Experience. Also **Margaret Knewbary** [?] & **Elisabeth M^cGaughey** by letter. Adjourned.

July Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **David Tate** made Acknowledgment of his doing wrong for which the Church put him under censure untill next meeting & the case of Br **Moore** was taken into consideration & the Church laid it over untill next Meeting & **Samuel Stevenson & James Stevensons** Case was taken into Consideration & **Samuel** would not attend & they Excluded him & the business of the day would not admit of **Ja^s** attending & the Church laid it off untill next Meeting & Sister **Mary Gibbs** Pertook of the Lords Supper with the Methodist for which they Dealt with her & wanted to join then and Seemed Altogether Stubborn to her own Church for which they Excluded her. Also **Elender M^cgregor** Said She had rather go with her than to stay in the Church & they Excluded her Also. Adjourned.

August Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up Br **Moors** case & restored him to Fellowship again & Br **Sandford Vandiver** applyed for a Letter of Dismission and it was granted & then took up Br **David Tates** Case and he did not attend and it terminated in his Exclusion. **Ja^s Stevenson** Aquisition was taken into Consideration and the Church put him under Censure untill next Meeting & the Church appointed **Br Cooper Bennett & Tho^s M^cgregor** to cite him to our next Meeting Adjourned.

Sept Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up the case of Br **Ja^s Stevenson** and being investigated terminated in his Exclusion. The Charge of Br **M^cgregor** against Sister **Catherine Armstrong** is brought forward and She was put under the Censure of the Church. Be it remembered that at a Conference held at Mountain Creek Meeting House on the 24th Day of October 1806 That a Statute Specifying all things to be done by a unanimity is Now Repealed & no more in force. And be it further Enacted by the Authority of the Church that all things in Church Government is to be determined by a Majority & if there be any Member grieved and Makes his grievance known & the Church think his reason good then the Church shall take it into Consideration and labor with them for their information & if their reasons are made appear to be good by a Majority they Shall have redress. Adjourned.

Oct Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **Catherine Armstrongs** Case was taken into consideration & she Restored to fellowship again. Received **Hannah Hall** by Experience Adjourned.

November 1806

The Church Met no business of record. Adjourned.

December Term 1806

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **William Armstrong** made Acknowledgment of his Drinking too Much and that he was sorry for his conduct and the Church heard him. Also Br **Joshua Pritchard** Made known to the Church that he had got mad with a man occasioned by his aggravation and he took the Lords name in vain and he has a hope that the Lord has forgave him and the Church heard his Confession & be it Remembered that **Tho^s M^cgregor** Made report to the Church that **Catharine Armstrong** had been talking very unbecomingly about Members of the Church and they thought proper to cite her to our Meeting following for which they appointed **Joshua Pritchard & William Ledbetter** an act of the Church concerning Interest is now appealed and no More to be in force. Adjourned.

January Term 1807

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Case of Sister **Catherine Armstrong** was taken into Consideration and the Church put her under their Censure untill next Meeting in Course at Mountain Creek. Adjourned.

February Term 1807

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Tho^s M^cgregor** made report to the Church that he had been Drinking too Much & in the time of his Drinking he took a Penknife off of the counter & put into his Pocket & then denied that he had it untill search was made & it found in his Possession but he Made Acknowledgment and the Church restored him. Also **Abraham Moore** has not attended our Church Meeting for which we appointed **Tho^s M^cgregor & Benjamin Chamblee** to cite him to our next Meeting. **Easter Commings & John Traynor & Sarah** his wife applied for letters of Dismission and the Church

granted them Adjourned

March Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Harmon Cummons** Made a report to the Church that he had been Drunk for which he seemed to repent & the Church restored him & after **Abraham Moore** Citation he had not attended & the Church Excommunicated him Adjourned

April Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Church had information that **Benjamin Chamblee** had been Drunk but he denied it & it was dismissed in his behalf & also the Church Considers that **John Burress** is not fit for the place he is in for which they desire it to Come to a hearing Next Meeting Received **Rachel Gary** by Letter restored **B Hall** to fellowship again Adjourned

May Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the Commission that **John Burress** had is taken from him & the Church appointed **William Jolly & Alaxandre Stevenson** to act in such Cases & be it Enacted that the Church does to all intents Consider Unlawful Interest not to be right Agreeable to Scripture & the Laws in which we reside therefore any trade Colour or Matter of that sort shall not be justified in a Member Adjourned

June Term 1897

Nothing Done in Conference

July Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Br **William Armstrong** Made Acknowledgement of his wrong in being angry & Speaking bad words & the Church bore with him The Case of Br **John Burress** was taken into Consideration & after some Labour with him it was Laid over untill next Meeting & The Case of Br **Tho^s Burress** was taken into Consideration and after some investigation he acknowledged his wrong in that of usury and agreed to take a Note for his own money with the lawful Interest & the Church Restore him to fellowship again Then the Case of Br **William Armstrong** was taken up on that of usury and he agreed to take no more than the lawful interest on a note he has in hand The Case of Dealing with the Brethren for Selling Corn at [price not clear] 10²&2/? Per Bushel came into consideration and after a very large investigation it was laid over untill next Meeting Be it known that the Church had Delegated Br **Ja^s Burress** & Br **William Leonard** for their representatives to the Association Adjourned

August Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **John Burress** Case Came forward & he complied with the Requisites of the Church by Making restoration for what he had taken unlawfully & the Church restored to fellowship again And be it known that **John Miller** Declared that he had no fellowship with the Church and went off in a pet[?] for which the Church Excluded him The Church Delegated **Benjamin Chamblee** & **Ja^s Burress** to **Jane Burrell** to our next Meeting Adjourned

Sept Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Case of **Jane Burrell** was taken up and She did not attend & The same Two Members was reointed to cite her to the following Meeting Adjourned

Oct Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Case of **Jane Burrell** Came forward and the Church bore with her **Kize [Kizzia] Prewet** Case Came forth & put under the Censure of the Church untill next Meeting & **Lacy Waters** made acknowledgement of her wrong & the Church restored her to Fellowship again Adjourned

Nov Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **Ellinson Galbreath** sent a letter to the Church the amount of which was that she did not intend to live with the Church & the Church appointed **Jonathan Gibbs** & **Alaxandre Stevenson** to Cite her to our next Meeting in Course Adjourned

Dec Term 1897

The Church Met & Proceeded to business nothing done Adjourned

January Term 1898

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up the case of **Elenson Galbreath** & Excluded him for the same Sister **Keze [Kizzia] Prewet's** Case Came forward and the Church restored her to fellowship again & there was report Made to the Church that **Thomas M^gregor** had been Drunk & had sworn & wanted to Fight & the Church appointed **William Armstrong** & **Benjamin Chambee** to cite him to our next Meeting Adjourned

February nothing done

March Term 1898

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & appointed a Committee to Settle a controversy Between **Jesse Cordial** and **Zedack Chamblee** Adjourned

[No date entered but must be April Term 1898]

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Committee that was appointed to settle a controversy between **Cordial** & **Chamblee** after a large Investigation Br **Cordial** was restored & Br **Chamblee** *(sic.)* Excluded Adjourned

May The Church Met & Done nothing Adjourned

June The Church Met & Done nothing Adjourned

July Term 1898

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Case of thire being Stakes found in Br **John Burress** Field Supposed to be put their to kill his neighbors Horses Came against him and he said he done it and further sayeth he has been a great deel Dissatisfied and sorry for the same for which the Church Restored him to fellowship again Br **William Leonard** was appointed a delegate to the Association beginning on the 15th of August 18108 Adjourned

August Term 1898

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **M^gregor** made report to the Church that Sister **Gibbs** had said untruths about him and his wife for which the Church appointed Br **Jolly** & **Alaxandre Stevenson** to cite her to our next Meeting Br **Benjamin Chamblee** & **Catharine Armstrong** Case

Came forward & the Church appointed a committee to Settle it Br **Leonard** made Complaint to the Church that Old Br **Van Davis** was still threatening to sue him concerning the Estate of old **Brimer** Deceased & further saith he cannot fellowship him for his conduct in Sundray respects & a large investigation the Church could not fellowship him neither & he said he Could not fellowship the Church & The Church Excluded him for the same Adjourned

Sept Term 1808

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The case of Sister **Gibbs** came up & she was sick & could not attend & the Church laid it over untill next Meeting Sister **Gary** acknowledged she had done wrong in Case of her holloweing and throwing of Mobby upon people & other Fight Conduct Adjourned

Oct Term 1808

The Church Met & Prayed did nothing Adjourned

November Term 1808

Nov Term, The Church Met & Proceeded to business & old Sister **Rogers** & Sister **Mary Hix** applyed for Letters of Dismission from this Church & they was granted & further Sister **Seleter? Miller** for a letter of Dismission & the Church granted it Adjourned

Decem 1808 Church Met & done Nothing

1809 January Term - Feb 1809 and March Term 1809 Church Met and Done Nothing

April Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business The Church appointed Br **Hammon Commins** & Br **William Jolly** to cite Br **Jonathan Gibbs** to attend our next Meeting Adjourned

May Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Br **Jonathan Gibbs** attended the Church laid in his excuse the[n] laid it over untill next Meeting Adjourned

June Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the case of **Gibbs** Came forward and he was Sick & could not attend & the Church laid it over untill next Meeting & report was Made to the Church by **Tho* Burress** that **William Armstrong** had been Drunk and Swearing for which the Church put him under their Censure Adjourned

July Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **Jonathan Gibbs** could not attend being on urgent business for Br **M'forson?** & the Church laid it over untill an appointed Meeting to be on Thursday the Third of August Adjourned

August Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the Case of **Jonathan Gibbs** Came forward & the Case fully investigated & the Church Excommunicated him Adjourned

August Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & There being a Charge against **Ja* Burress** by his Br **John** Concerning his Executorship by his not paying the orphans there respective Shares and the Judicators is to settle it before our next Meeting Br **Jesse Cordial** and his wife applyed for Letters of Dismission and they it was granted to his wife but could not [grant] him one untill he came back & give the Church satisfaction about his going off and not paying **Mr Murphy** some Money he owed him & **Ja* Burress** laid in a Charge against **John Burress** in case of his Detaining of Money in his hands belonging to **Mr Oains?** & **John** Justifys himself saying that it was **Judah Woodall's** Money & that he had a Particular Charge to keep as Much of the Money as will satisfy a note that the said **Burress** had on the said **Woodall** & after some investigation the Church laid it over untill next Meeting & appointed **Alaxandre Stevenson** & **Tho* M'gregor** to request her to come to our next Meeting & Report being out and grievences against **Kizzah Prewett** The Church appointed **W^m Ledbetter** & **Tho* Burress** to Cite her to our Meeting & the Church put **Harmon Communs** under Censure for lending his Sons Money and not having of it in place when he was Called upon Adjourned

Sept Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **John's** Case Came forward and the Church voted it out admonishing them to have Christian love for each other The Church Restored Br **Harmon Commins** to fellowship Adjourned

Oct Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the Case of Sister **Kezzah Prewett** came forward and after some investigation it was laid over untill next Meeting & **John Burress** said he would not be under the subjection of his Br **Ja* Burress** that is not suffer the admonition from him as he would from others in the Church & the Church Laid it upon him to be to him as others in the Church Adjourned

Nov Term 1809

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Sister **Kizzah Prewetts** Case Came forward & after some Investigation the Church Excommunicated her for sin and Disorder & **John Burress** Case Came forward & he said he would try to be to his Br **Jas Burress** as to others in the Church & it was settled between themselves Adjourned

December Term 1809 & January Term 1810 Church Met and nothing done Adjourned

February Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Received **Rhoda Heaver** By Letter Also Received **Sarah Putnam** by Letter Adjourned

March Term 1810 April Term 1810 Church Met and Nothing Done Adjourned

May Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Received **Ja* Drenon** & his wife **Amelia Drenon** by Letters & Also **John Milford** by Letter Adjourned

June Term 1810 Church Met & did Nothing Adjourned

July Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Tho^s McGregor** reported to the Church that he had Drank too Much Spirits at harvest and that he was Sorry for the same & the Church forgave him Appointed **William Jolly & William Ledbetter** To Represent them to the Association Adjourned

August Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **Jonathan Gibbs** Request a bill of faults & the Church granted his request which is as Follows

South Carolina Pendleton District The Church of Christ belonging to Shockley ferry now siting in Conference a[t] Bethesda Meeting House when as **Jonathan Gibbs** Requests a bill of Faults for his Excommunication which we Assent a[s] Follows It was saying and forsaying in Different Cases given under our hands this 26th of August **Cooper Bennette** Moderator **W^m Ledbetter** Clk

Sept Term 1810 Church Met and did Nothing Adjourned

Oct Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Took up the contradiction between **William Ledbetter & Alexandre Stevenson** & after some Investigation the Church laid it over Adjourned

Nov Term 1810

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Tho^s McGregor** made Report that he had been Drunk at different times for which the Church Excluded him & Report being made **William Armstrong** had been Drunk The Church appointed Br **Bennette** & Br **Tho^s Burress** to cite him to our next Metting & The difference between Br **Ledbetter** & Br **Stevenson** was Investigated & They agreed to leave it to a Committee from Knells Creek Church to set on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in December Sister **Mary Jemimah & Martha Gibbs** applied for Letters of Dismission they was granted Adj

December Term 1810 The Church met & the Case of Br **Armstrong** was laid over untill next Meeting Adjourned

January Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Armstrong** Restored & Br **William Hays** Excluded for Drinking to Excess & Br **Ja^s Hembree** from Salom Reported to this Church that they had put **Jesse Davis** Under Censure for speaking Defamatory of him Concerning his witnessing his Fathers will & the Said **Davis** trying to prove the witness not to be true &c our Church Received the Charges after some Investigation Believing the said **Hembree** to be just & Faithful in his Proceedings & that the former had Positively spoke Slanderously of his Character and said & forsaid for which the Church Excommunicated the said **Davis** The December Record is now full the Committee met from Kneels Creek Church according to Appointment to settle the Difference between Br **Stevenson & Ledbetter** & after a large debate they found **Stevenson** in sin for Speaking Slanderously of his Bros Character & left him to the Rebuke of the Church the said **Ledbetter** Justifiable Adjourned

Feb Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business Received Sister **Harriet Marquis** by Letter and **Edward & Rebecca Wood** by Letter also **John Gentry**, **Mary & Winyford Gentry** by Letters Adjourned

March Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **William Hays** Case Came forward and the Church Restored him to fellowship again & The Case of **S. Garys** Came forward and after some Investigation was laid over Untill next Meeting Received **Hiram Howard** by Letter Restored **Tho^s M^cgregor** to Fellowship again and he & **Elizabeth** his wife & Daughter **Sarah** Applied for Letters of Dismission and the Church granted them Adjourned

April Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Case of **Zilpha Davis & Rachel Gary** came forward & **Zilpha Davis** Made her Declaration against Br **Ja^s Hembree** saying that he said **Van Davis** Dec^d told him that he need not Mind **Jesse Davis** & his wife for they were always running about hunting of Clash? & **Ja^s Hembree** Denied saying so & they tryed to prove it by the Salom Members & could not & for their false Aquisition [accusation?] & Disobedience to the Church they Excluded them Received **Mary** [corner of page missing] by Letter also **Philip Mulkey & Mary** his wife & **Eli Hunnicut** Received **Margaret Stevenson** by Experience **Elisha Bennett** applied of the Eldership of the Church to Examine into his Excommunication at Kneels Creek Church as he considers it was Illegally Done in which Case the Church appointed the Eldership (viz) **Cooper Bennett**, **Ja^s Burress & Rheuban Dollar** to go to thir June Meeting at Kneels Church Adjourned

May Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & Br **Cooper Bennett** reported that he was hurt with **Alexandre Stevenson** & Could not fellowship him Untill things were Straightened & it was Moved that a Moderator be Chosen & Br **Dollar** Occupied the place & it was Moved that a vote be Called whether the Church was hurt with Br **Bennett** **Rheuben Adams** or **William Ledbetter** Forgiving what they had **Alexandre Stevenson** say in a writing in order to have the Matter Settled between him & **Jonathan Gibbs** & the Church Unanimous was not hurt then they Received Br **Cooper Bennets** Charge & laid it over untill our Meeting in Course Received by Experience **Minda M^cElhany** Negro woman Also **Labon Massey** by Experience Recd by letter **Mary, Peter, Hector, Fanny, Williby** The Slaves of the said **M^cElhannys** Adjourned

June Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & The Case of Br **Bennett** against **Alexandre Stevenson** Came forward & Br **Bennett** Said that the Said **Stevenson** had often said that **Jonathan Gibbs** Forged A Letter and after **Gibbs** had put the Law in fore Against him for Charging him with Forgery for fear of it he had given a Clearance to **Gibbs** of All these Charges in order to stop the Rigour of the Law which was so Contradictory to what he had said that he could not put up with it & in the time of Investigation he turned & shifted & could be brought to know [no?] point and the Eldership of the Church was divided in Centiment [sentiment?] in which Case She [the church] couldnot determine it for which reason it was laid over untill next Meeting & Br **James Hembree**, **Sollomon Rainwaters & Stephen Fuller** was to be appointed to set with the Church to Settle it Adjourned

July Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the Case of Br **Alexandre Stevenson** Came Forward & A Letter from Br **Gibbs** was read which said the Certificate which the said **Stevenson** give to him acquitted him of all forgery & the said **Stevenson** Vindicated himself & the Church Disproved his saying & forsaying & Quivocating [equivocating?] from time to time & they Excluded him. There being had report upon

Phillip Mulkey not fully known in the Church it was thought advisable to Appoint **Benj Chamblee, Ja^s Burrese, B. Fuller, Sollomon Rainwaters & Tho^s M^gregor** to Examine & determine the Case if Possible **Jesse Davis** applied for a copy of his Exclusion **Br Ja^s Drennen** was appointed to go to the Association & **Br Edward Wood** Alternate & **Br William Ledbetter** to write the Corresponding Letter
Adjourned

August 1811 September 1811 & October 1811 Church met & Nothing done

November Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & **Br Wily Bishop** Made Acknowledgment that he had been in a riot & that he was very sorry for what he had done & the Church heard him Church laid **Br Rhuban Adams** under suspence Untill our Meeting in course for having a riot with **Ja^s Driver** The Church took into their consideration the Constituting of this branch of the Shockley Ferry Church & they called a vote & they Unanimously agreed to send a petition to the body at Shockley Ferry for a Letter of Dismission & the Church appointed **William Jolly & Edward Woods** to be their Messengers Appointed **William Jolly** Deacon Adjourned

December Term 1811

The Church Met & Proceeded to business & the Case of **Br Adams** Came forward & after his Confession they received him to Fellowship again Received a Letter of Dismission from the Shockley Ferry Church & appointed **Br Edward Woods & Tho^s M^gregor** to be thir Messengers to Carry a petition to Rocky River Church for **Br Crouther** to attend our February Meeting as one of a Presbytery to Examine and see if we are Calculated to be a Constituted body Adjourned

To be continued.

SOME CHESTER COUNTY CHURCH CHARTERS

Source: 1910 Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly, pp. 1080, 1082.

Corporate Name: *The Second Wilson Baptist Church.* Location: Chester. File Number: 762. Date of Charter: April 16, 1909. Nature of Business: Religious. Officers: Levi Wilson, President; Jno. McLure, Secretary.

Corporate Name: *Shiloh A. M. E. Z. Church.* Location: Chester. File Number: 775. Date of Charter: May 26, 1909. Nature of Business: Religious. Officers: Bailey Johnson, President; Henry Johnson, Sec.

Corporate Name: *Williamsville A. M. E. Zion Church.* Location: Chester. File Number: 777. Date of Charter: May 26, 1909. Nature of Business: Religious. Officers: G. W. Evans, President, T. S. Lewis, Secretary.



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WILSON

Allen Wilson, 316 S. Lanford Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Need information on Abraham, Sarrett, Thomas, John and Mathew Wilson. Are these men brothers or related some other way? Would like to make contact with anyone researching the surname Wilson. The Wilsons lived in Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties in the late 1700's and early 1800's. The counties I mentioned are near Polk Co & Cleveland Co, NC as well as other NC Counties. I have Wilson information and will gladly exchange. Any and all correspondence will be answered. You may call me collect at 864-576-0453.

MARTIN MCNEES RODGERS

Helen B. Smith, 4275 Owens Rd. #507 Evans, GA 30809-3071

Seeking information on the above families who were found around 1767 in Charlotte Co., VA and shortly thereafter in the Little River area of Laurens Co., SC as neighbors.

SOUTH STEWART BOX

Jimmie Nell Powell, 13106 Oakwood Lane, La Mirada, CA 90638-2306

My ancestor, Joseph South, b ca 1786, Bedford Co., VA, wed Mary Mollie Box and they moved from VA to Laurens Co., SC where they lived along the Saluda River (Ware Shoals). Their son, Elijah "Liga" married Rhoda Anders who was d/o Ezekiel and Elizabeth Abercrombie Anders. Need the names of any other children of Joseph & Mary Box South. Also would like to know when "Liga" and Rhoda married and names of their children. Would like contact with any South or Box families still living in Laurens Co.

BRYSON CLAYTON DAVIS FRASHER GASH HADDEN HEFNER JOHNSON LYNDZEY MILLER MURRAY PATTON RHODES SHUFORD TRAMMEL WEESE WHITZEL

Sara H. Kellar, 512 Stone Dr, Brevard, NC 28712 rkellar@citcom.net

Seeking information on the following charter members of the Davidson River Presbyterian Church in what is now Transylvania Co., NC, in 1828: Daniel & Matha Bryson; Susannah Clayton, Ann Davis, Rev. Daniel Davis, Ethan Davis, G. D. Davis, Polly Davis, Rhoda Davis, Selina Davis, Sophia Davis, Catherine Frasier, Elizabeth Gash, Ann Hadden, Rebecca Hefner, Samuel Johnson, Margaret Patton, Hannah Rhodes, Mary Shuford, Sally Trammel, Sarah Weese and Margaret Whitzel. Any help appreciated.

HOWIE SPRINGER

Sandra Howie, 1827 Summey Av, Charlotte, NC 28205-7964

Searching for any information on Robert Howie and family buried at Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cemetery in York Co., SC. Also, John and Dennis Springer family of York Co., SC.

FIFER PHIFER FEIFFER PFEIFER

Kenneth B. Jaggers, 1001 Padenreich Av, Gadsden, AL 35903-2903

Need information on Samuel Phifer, 1788-1858; died GA where he shows as early as 1830. Before that he lived in Laurens and Newberry Counties in SC. He was born in SC, probably Newberry. His 2nd wife was Nancy Walker. His father may have been John Fifer who was in Newberry 1790-1800 and in Laurens in 1810. The surname is found with many spellings. Also need the name of the 1st wife of Samuel Phifer. Will gladly exchange information or pay for any proof, information or suggestions.

DUDLEY

June Novick, 3670 S.W. 150 Loop, Ocala, FL 34473

Seeking information on Ambrose Dudley, Revolutionary Soldier; born March 15, 1760 on the New River in North Carolina. He served tour of duty in Ashe Co., NC; lived in Pendleton District, SC 1790-1800; moved to Kentucky; moved to Carroll Co., TN and died there November 1844. Any help appreciated.

MILLER

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Researching the family of John Adam Miller who was born in Germany and died in SC about 1818. His wife was Selete, and her maiden name is not known to me. They had several children born in SC. Their 5th child, my ancestor, was Asa R. Miller, 1798-1879; who married Ludicey Holly. This family moved to Franklin County, GA in 1808. Any help appreciated.

STEVENSON

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Need information on Henry J. Stevenson of Pendleton, SC. His wife was Phebe. Need her maiden name. Henry J. was a Methodist who, in 1829, moved the family to Gwinnett County, GA. He was born ca 1795. His 2nd child was my gr-gr-grandfather, Wm. Thompson Stevenson, 1820-1863. He was born in SC and died in the Civil War. Will gladly exchange information.

POOR

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William Poor, Sr, lived in SC on the Saluda River in Pendleton District in early 1800's. His wife was Mary Gresham. William died in 1822, and in his will, he left land to his daughter Delilah. He had several children but Delilah is the one I am researching. It appears Delilah did not marry but did have a son named Harper. I will appreciate any help.

Notice: New Email address for Rickey B. Campbell:

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GLEANINGS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Source: *Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina Passed in December, 1843*, page 284.

No. 2918 - State's interest in Estate of Emsly Beale.

AN ACT TO VEST IN MARY WOLF THE RIGHT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That all the right, title, and interest of the State already accrued, or hereafter likely to accrue, in and to the personal estate of Emsly Beale, deceased, late of Abbeville District, be and the same is hereby nested in and transferred to Mary Wolf, the mother of the deceased.

In the Senate House, the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and in the sixty-eighth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

ANGUS PATTERSON, President of the Senate.

W. F. COLCOCK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

No. 2919 - AN ACT TO VEST IN THE ADMINISTRATOR OF JOHN YOUNG, THE INTEREST OF THE STATE IN CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That all the right and interest of the State in a lot of land and buildings thereon, in the village of Monticello, in the District of Fairfield, purchased and possessed in common, by one Ephraim Morris and the said John Young, an alien, since deceased, be vested in the administrator of the said John Young, an alien, since deceased, be vested in the administrator of the said John Young; in trust, that he may sell the interest hereby released in the said lot of land and buildings, and from the proceeds thereof pay the debts of the said John Young; and if any surplus remain, after paying the said debts, in trust, that he pay such balance into the State Treasury. And the Bond of the administrator shall be extended, so as to include within the condition thereof, the application of the proceeds of the sale hereby directed.

In the Senate House, the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and in the sixty-eighth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

ANGUS PATTERSON, President of the Senate.

W. F. COLCOCK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Source: *Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, Passed At The Regular Session of 1886*, page 776-777.

CERTIFICATES OF CHARTERS DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

State of South Carolina)

Anderson County)

To the Honorable the Secretary of State:

In obedience to the requirements of the Acts of the General Assembly, I beg leave to report that I have granted a charter of incorporation to Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A.F.M. That the date of said charter of incorporation is June 10th, 1886. The name of said corporation is Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A.F.M. The names of its corporators are John E. Breazeale, W.M.; R.R. Todd, S.W.; James M. Payne, J.W.; A.P. Hubbard, Treasurer; and J. B. Clark, Secretary. Its principal place of business is at Anderson Court House, and the amount of its capital stock is five thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[seal]

M. P. TRIBBLE

Clerk of Circuit Courts for Anderson County, S. C.

Filed and recorded June 18th, 1886, in office Secretary of State.

State of South Carolina)
Pickens County)

To the Honorable the Secretary of State:

In obedience to the requirements of the Acts of the general Assembly, I beg leave to report that I have granted a charter of incorporation of The Educational Joint Stock Company of Central. That the date of said charter of incorporation is 10th July, 1886. The name of said corporation is The Educational Joint Stock Company of Central. The purposes for which it is incorporated are educational. The names of its corporators are S.W. Clayton, President; W.H. Hester, Vice President; M.W. Folger, Secretary; J.R. Williams, Treasurer; H.D. Rowland, James H. Gains, T.C. Martin, E.H. Lauriner, Directors. Its principal place of business is Central, and the amount of its capital stock is three thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[seal]

J. J. LEWIS

Clerk of Circuit Courts for Pickens County, S. C.

Filed and recorded July 15th, 1886, in Secretary of State's office.

State of South Carolina)
Pickens County)

To the Honorable the Secretary of State:

In obedience to the requirements of the Acts of the general Assembly, I beg leave to report that I have granted a charter of Incorporation to New Hope Baptist (colored) Church. That the date of said charter of incorporation is 7th August, 1886. the name of said corporation is New Hope Church. The purposes for which it is incorporated are religious. The names of its corporators are Joseph Mays, David Johnson, Richard Hadden, Norris Hamilton, Jeff. C. Calhoun, Willis Hill. Its principal place of business is Liberty, and the amount of its capital stock is five thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[seal]

J. J. LEWIS

Clerk of Circuit Courts for Pickens County, S. C.

Filed August 10th, 1886, in Secretary of State's office.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES

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1876

January the 15th 1876

Servises by the Pastor

Received by letter Sister Nancy Thomas wife of Judd Thomas from the Poplar Springs church dated Jan. 1st 1876

Mary Wilder charged with purloining taking money from Bro. S. Brewton She was Excluded It was resolved that the treasurer be requested to make a return annully of all money received by him and disposed of and that he make for the last year next meeting gave letters of dismission to Sisters Penolpe

Alexander, Hattie Copeland and to the following Colored persons James Rogers and his wife Winnie and Nancy Ferguson

February

Pastor Absent no conference

March 18th 1876

Servises by our Pastor

Minutes of last meeting approved

The treasurer to make his anual report next meeting. Bro. E.F. Davis charged with drinking ardent Spirits to an Excess Excluded for the same Gave a letter of dismission to sister Fannie E. Castleberry

It was resolved to have a centinial sermon in May at our regular preaching time

April 15th

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved

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April 15th 1876

Treasurer made his report for last year and year before accepted —

Elected a committee of Inquiry to serve one year form this time Viz

F. Walden, J.C. Lanford, B.J. Johnson, W.T. Thomas, S.H. Crow, E.M. Calvert and W.H. Willis

Delegates to the union meeting to be held at Antioch on the fifth Sunday in this April and Saturday before N. Nesbitt, S.H. Crow, S.H. Crow, J.C. Lanford, M.J. Scott and F. Walden

agreed to meet tomorrow morning to organise a Sunday School

May 20th 1876

Pastor had servises

Minutes of last meeting approved Received by letter from Green Pond church Enoch Stephens and his wife Nancy A., from Abners Creek Church Casander Hendrix

June we had no conference

July 15th

Servises by our Pastor

Minutes read and approved

Received a circular from A.W. Lamar, general agt. state mission board Bro M.J. Scott to receive contributions for the same delegates to the union meeting to be held at Cedar shoal church on the 5th Sunday next J.C. Lanford, F. Walden, M.J. Scott, J.L. Willis and N.P. Gentry the clerk to prepare a letter to the association delegates to the association Rev. John S. Ezell, Wm P. Hoy, Marion J. Scott and N.P. Gentry alternate

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1876

continued July 15th

Bro Hoy to receive contributions for minutes of the Association

Instructed our delegates to go for the formation of the Spartanburg Association appointed the Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in August to meet to work the grave yard gave a letter of dismission to Emma Smith (Col) dated in June

William Critendon T. Gentry

was drowned at Marses Shoal on north Tyger River July 2nd 1876.

aged [not filled in]

Mary Jane Lanford daughter of John Thomas

died July 9th 1876

Statistical report for 1876

Baptized 2 — Received by letter 4 — Restored 00 — dismissed 8 — Excluded 3 — Dead 2 — Whites 128 — Colored 14 — Total 142 —

1876

We had no conference in August on account of the association

The Spartanburg Association formed

September 15th 1876

Servises by our Pastor

Minutes of last conference confirmed Protracted meeting commenced today on Sunday servises by the our(sic) Pastor. Monday servises by our Pastor, Rev M' Dudley and L.C. Ezell on Tuesday 18th by the same Wednesday 19th by J.S. Ezell and Dudley Received by Experience Ella Hoy Thursday 20th servises by Rev. Dudley, L.C. Ezell and J.S. Ezell Received by Experience Mattie Hoy, Mira Brown, Margaret J. Gentry, Perches Turner and Restored T.H. Turner Friday 21st servises by our Pastor. after Preaching repaid to Pearson's Mill Pond the ordinance of Baptism administered to the above named canidates(sic) gave a letter of dismission to Mary E. Skinner meeting closed

Oct 14th

Servises by our Pastor minutes of last approved Gave letters of dismission to L. Pauline Nesbitt and Susan Bass Instructed the Committee of Inquiry to investigate a difficulty between N. Nesbitt and W. Alexander on motion agreed to add to said committee W.P. Hoy, M.J. Scott, N.P. Gentry, M.S. Vise, W.A. Thomas and

[new page] 1876 continued

John Thomas to meet here on Friday before the 5th Sunday Oct. ten oclock Delegates to the union meeting S.H. Crow, N.P. Gentry, M.S. Vise, J.C. Lanford and T.H. Turner Posponed the call for Pastor to next conference the meeting closed

Nov 17th

Pastor Absent Bro E.M. Calvert Moderator pro tem minutes of last meeting agreed to. made a call for supply for next year 1877. Bro Simpson Drummond unanimously called Bros Hoy and Willis to confer with him on the subject

The committee of on the difficulty between Nesbitt and Alexander have untill next conference to make their report. N. Nesbitt brought a balance of accounts against the church for repairs done in 1870 appointed a committee consisting of M.J. Scott, F. Walden, Hoy, W.T. Thomas and T.H. Turner to confer with an old committee on repairs There being no other business the church was dismissed.

December 16th

Servises by our Pastor Minutes approved Bro S. Drummond informed the church through Bro M.J. Scott that he would serve the church next year. The committee on difficulty between Nesbitt and Alexander that the committee met Oct 27th 1876 present F. Walden, B.J. Johnson, W.P. Hoy, J.C. Lanford, M.J. Scott, W.T. Thomas, W.A. Thomas, John Thomas, N.P. Gentry

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M.S. Vise and W.H. Willis [organized?] by appointing F. Walden Chairman and W.H. Willis clerk heard from the parties Nesbitt & Alexander

2nd we think that Nesbitt did rong in charging Alexander of swearing a lie

3rd that Alexander's threat to whip Nesbitt was unchristian like but we consider he was provoked on motion Nesbitt was Excluded on the above charge

Alexander requested his name taken off which was granted.

The committee on Nesbitt's claim reported as follows after having conferred with the old committee on repairs find that there was a contract that was not complied with Report adopted.

gave a letter of dismission to Martha A. Lanford Willis it was

delegates to the union meeting S.H. Crow, F. Walden, M.J. Scott, J.C. Lanford and T.H. Turner there being no other business the church adjourned

January 20th 1877

Bro S. Drummond attended had servises no conference

Sunday 21st was a rainy day

Feb 17th Servises by our Pastor minutes of December meeting confirmed The matter of Nesbitt's claim was presented by the old committee on repairs recommending the church to pay him Nesbitt ten dollars laid over

1877

March 17th 1877

was a bad day no conference

on Sunday Bro L.C. Ezell had servises Br Drummond was present.

April 14th

Servises by Pastor minutes of last conference confirmed

Nesbitt's claim laid over

The clerk to record the preamble and resolutions adopted in regard to the Death of Bro William B. Scott on next Page appointed delegates to the union meeting to be held at Poplar Springs church on the 5th Sunday of this month and Saturday before, Viz, W.S. Scott, J.L. Willis, J.C. Lanford, W.T. Thomas, and M.J. Scott

Elected a committee of Inquiry to serve untill our meeting in March next. S.H. Crow, J.C. Lanford, E.M. Calvert, W.T. Thomas, F. Walden, M.J. Scott and W.H. Willis dismissed

Louis Wilder Died April 29th 1877 aged [not filled in]**

May 19th

Servises by our Pastor minutes of last meeting confirmed

dismissed by letter Nancy Thomas wife of Judd Thomas

Nesbitt's claim lies over There being no other business Dismissed

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W.B. Scott

Since we last met in conference it has pleased an all Wise God To reprove by death our highly Esteemed Friend and Brother William B. Scott. He died March the 2nd 1877 in the Sixty first year of his age.

Brother Scott Joined this Church by Experience 29th Sept. 1837, was ordained Deacon July 19th 1852 As an officer and member of the Church he discharged his duty faithfully.

We hope [he] has received that welcome Well done thou good and faithful Servant &c. Therefore be it Resolved

1st That in the death of Bro Scott this Church has lost one of her most faithful members.

2nd That with respect to his memory the Clerk is instructed to record the foregoing on a blank page of our record book

1877

June 16th 1877

Servises by our Pastor minuits of last conference read and confirmed Posponed the election of delegates untill to morrow

Sunday servises by J.S. Ezell Elected Delegates to the association W.P. Hoy, M.J. Scott, W.T. Thomas and N.P. Gentry [blank] Trail Alternates

July 14th

Servises by our Pastor minutes of last conference confirmed

Received by letter from Friendship church Bro Rufus Thomas read a letter to the Association Instructed the clerk to record notice of the death of Bro B.J. Johnson read two circulars one from Executive board of the Spartanburg Association the other from A.W. Lamar agent for state board.

M.J. Scott, W.S. Scott, Rufus Thomas, R.M. Thomas, J.B. Trail delegates to the union meeting to be held at Bethel Church

State of the church returned to the Spartanburg association August 1877

Baptized 5 — Recd by letter 1 — Restored 1 — Dist by letter 5 — Excluded 2 — Dead 3 — Whites 125 — Colored 14 — Total 139.

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In memory of B.J. Johnson

Brethren since we last met in church conference it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our Brother B.J. Johnson he died June 22nd 1877 in the Sixty Sixth year of his age

Brother Johnson joined this church August the 17th 1833. Our Bro. for near 44 years has has (sic) been a member of this and other Baptist churches a deacon a portion of the time

during these long years it has seemed to be his aim to do right We humbly hope he is Infinitely Happy to day.

Resolved That we miss our Bro in our midst but that we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father

2nd That with respect to his memory that the clerk inscribe the foregoing on a blank page of our record

1877

August 18th

Servises by S. Drummond minutes of last meeting confirmed On motion it was agreed to Elect two Brethren to serve this church as deacons in our October meeting Agreed that we protract our meeting in Sept

Sept 15th

Servises by Brethren Drummond and D.C. Hardin minutes of last meeting confirmed gave letters of dismission to Rev. John S. Ezell and his wife M.M. Ezell

appointed delegates to the union meeting to be held at this place in Sept N.P. Gentry, M.J. Scott, J.C. Lanford, S.M. Scott and W. Thomas agreed to appoint one delegate to the Sunday School convention at Mt Zion church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Sept next. S.H. Crow

Sunday 16th servises by Drummond, Hardin and Alen Sunday night by the same Monday 7th [17th ?] servises by the same Received by letter James Hendrix from Abner Creek Church at night servises by the same received received [by] Experience C.L. Thomas Tuesday 18th Servises by Bros Drummond, Hardin, Alen and J. Robertson Received by letter Elizabeth Shehan from Bethlehem church by Experienc E.A. Thomas, Mary Brown and John Alexander the meeting was very interesting

Wednesday 19th Servises by Robertson, Hardin, Alen and Drummond

[new page] 1877 continued

Received by Experience Albert McAbee

Thursday 20th Servises by the same Received by Experience Adele Rook, [Sula? or] Lula P. Willis, Louisa Chumbley, Sammie Crow, Miles Hendrix and Austin Hendrix. the meeting closed

Sunday Oct. 14th

Bro Drummond preached the Funeral of Bro B.J. Johnson

Received by Experience S.M. Pearson and Emeline Crow

Oct 3rd gave letters to the following colered members Jerry Alexander, Jane Alexander his wife, Simpson Alexander, Pinckney Alexander, Mary Alexander and Mary Shands

Oct 20th 1877

Servis by Bro Drummond

Minuits confirmed on motion made a call for next year Bro S. Drummond called unanimously Rec^d by Experience Victor Littlefields went into an Election for two Brethren to serve the church as deacons Brethren M.J. Scott and W.T. Thomas Elected Agreed that the ordination take place on the 3rd Sunday in Nov that Bro. Robertson be invited also the officers of Bethel, Antioch, Cedar Shoals and Friendship and that Bro Drummond invite such other helps as he sees fit Aley Alexander and Mary Hill colered members Excluded as they have Joined the Methodist Bro. Drummond agreed to serve next year

1877

November 17th

Servises by Pastor minuits confirmed

Oct continued

on Sunday 21st Received by letter Mary C. McAbee from Bethel church Ordinance of Baptism administered by Bro Drummond to all of the above named canidates

Nov 17th

Servises by Pastor Minuits of last meeting read

On Sunday 18th W.T. Thomas and M.J. Scott ordained Deacons by a presbytery consisting of our Pastor and Deacons from Bethel, Antioch, Cedar Shoal and Friendship Churches

December 18th

had Servis by our Pastor Minutes confirmed

January 19th 1878

Servis by Pastor Very few persons. no conference

February 16th

Servis by pastor minutes confirmed Received a communication from A.W. Lamar State Agent missions agreed to appoint two males W.P. Hoy and W.T. Thomas and two females E.S. Mason and [Mimmie? or] Minnie Scott to solicit aid for the same

1878

March 16th 1878

Servises by S. Drummond Delegates to the union at Cedar Shoals J.C. Lanford, F. Walden, W.S. Scott, N.P. Gentry & J.B. Trail agreed to meet commencing in April at two oclock untill October on Saturday

April 20th

Servises by Pastor no conference

May 18th

Servises by Bro. Drummond minutes of last meeting confirmed went into an Election for a

committee of Inquiry of Seven to serve one year **F. Walden**, **N.P. Gentry**, **E.M. Calvert**, **W.P. Hoy**, **M.J. Scott**, **S.H. Crow** and **N.H. Willis** Elected

June 15th

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved Elected delegates to the Association to be held at the Limestone Springs **W.P. Hoy**, **J.B. Trail**, **N.P. Gentry** and **M.J. Scott** alternates appointed delegates to the union meeting to be held with the New Hope church **J.B. Trail**, **Rufus Thomas**, **N.P. Gentry**, **G.W. Chumbley** and **W.S. Scott**

July 20th

Servises by **S. Drummond** minutes of last meeting read and confirmed read a letter to the association

1878

Mary S. Ward Died July 31st 1878 in the 66th year of her age

1878 return to the Spartanburg association

Baptized 14 — Rec^d by letter 3 — restore 00 — Dist by letter 8 — Excluded 2 — Dead 1 —
Whites 139 — Colored 6 — Total 145

Rebecca Hobby Died August the 11th 1878

1878

August 17th Servises by our Pastor minutes of last conference confirmed agreed to protract our Sept meeting

September 14th

Servises by our Pastor minutes confirmed **Nancy Crow** restored to the fellowship of the church on her acknowledgement. gave her a letter of dismission **Elizabeth Shehan** dismissed by letter.

Sunday the 15th Bro. **Drummond** preached to a large and attentive congregation

Monday 16th Brethren **Drummond**, **J.G. Landrum** and **L.C. Ezell** was with us Tuesday the same ministers present Received by letter **Caroline Findly** Dist. by letter **E.M. Calvert** and his Daughter **R.J. Calvert** meeting closed

October 19th

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved Called Bro. **Drummond** to supply the church next year 1879. appointed Bro **J.B. Trail** to serve on our committee in place of **E.M. Calvert** dismissed by letter appointed **W.P. Hoy** to assist Brethren **W.S. Scott** and **J.B. Trail** to procure funds to buy a stove for the church

Sunday 20th Received a letter from **Elias Rogers** Col. asking to be restored to the church and a letter of dismission Granted

The Nov meeting day it rained no conference Servises on Sunday

1878

December 14th 1878

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved Dist by Letter **Amanda Harrison**, **Miles Hendrix**, **Enoch Stephens** and wife **Nancy Stephens** Stove put up

1879

Jan. 18th 1879

But very few out no conference Servises by our Pastor on Sunday Servises by the same Bro **Crawley** from the Excutive board Spartanburg Association presented the claims of Bro. **J.W. Brown** for

help to pay Board and Tuition appointed a committee of Two Males and Two females to try to raise funds for the same **B.Trail**, **J.B. Alexander** and **E.L. Mason**, **Annie b. Scott**

Hetty Chesney died 1879

February 18th 1879

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved no other business

March 15

Servises by our Pastor minutes approved gave a letter of dismission to **Leah Drummond** (Col) Received a communication from Executive board state convention S.C. appointed the clerk to see what he could do for he object therein Set fourth delegates to the union meeting at Cedar Grove **W.S. Scott**, **J.C. Lanford**, **Rufus Thomas**, **B. Trail** and **John J[?]. Willis**

1879

April 19th

Servises by Pastor minutes adopted Agreed to revise the rule requiring the male members to give their reasons for not attending conference The letter of **Miles Hendrix** not called for

April May 17th 1879

Servis by our Pastor minutes confirmed Elected committee of Inquiry to serve one year **F. Walden**, **B. Trail**, **J.B. Alexander**, **N.P. Gentry**, **W.P. Hoy**, **W.T. Thomas** and **M.J. Scott**

June 14th 1879

Servis by Pastor minutes read and approved The committee of inquiry report recommending that the name of **M.W. Davis** be dropped for non attendance agreed to. Received by our Pastor a request with an acknowledgement from **N. Nesbitt** asking to be restored to the fellowship of the church agreed to.

Delegates to the Association **W.P. Hoy**, **N.P. Gentry**, **M.J. Scott** and **B. Trail** Alternate To the union meeting **J.C. Lanford**, **W.S. Scott**, **N.P. Gentry**, **W.A. Thomas** and **F. Walden** Agreed that the Election of Clerk be allocated(?) to next meeting

o Meeting day in August was the time of the meeting of the Spartanburg Association no conference

Sept 20th 1879

Bro. **W. Alexander** sent a request asking the church to restore him to the fellowship of the church. Agreed to. The committee of Inquiry recommend after hearing his acknowledgement his restoration to the fellowship [next page] of the church namely **Nimrod Nesbitt** the church gave him a letter of dismission It was resolved that the present clerk hold over the balance of this year he agreed to do so

July 19th 1879

Omitted to state in the proper place that **W.P. Hoy** was duly Elected Clerk of this church which took place at the July conference a letter was read to the association

August Sept continued

It was resolved that the clerk make a financial report and hand it to the committee of Inquiry next meeting Rev **M' Yarborough** was with us and preached Sunday 21st servises conducted by Brethren **Drummond** and **Yarborough** Monday 22nd servis by the same and Rev. **W.M. Foster** also at night. Tuesday 23rd servises by the same day and night Received by Experience **Columbus Hindman** Wednesday 24th servises by the same named Brethren a goodly number of mourners Received by Exerience **R.M. Floyd** The Preachers all left continued to have prayer meetings untill Friday night.

Oct 18th 1879

October it rained on Saturday no conference On Sunday servises by Pastor received by

Experience **S.M. Thomas** The ordinance of Baptism administered to the above named candidates
Nov 15th 1879

Servis by our Pastor minuits read went into a call for a supply for the next year Bro **Drummond**
[next page] 1879

unanimously called appointed delegates to the union meeting at Antioch **W. Alexander, N.P. Gentry, J.C. Lanford, S.M. Thomas and R.M. Floyd**

December 20th 1879

Servis by our Pastor minuits read Received by Experience **Martha Nighton Jones** on
Sunday the ordinance of Baptism administer to the above named candidate

[Handwriting is different]: Sent to the Spartanburg Association
in Aug 1879 \$ 9.40

To be continued.

Death Notice of a Member

Condolences are extended to one of our long time members, Mrs. Gladys Lankford, 67 Magnolia Dr, Piedmont, AL 36272. We are saddened to learn of the death of her son, Dwight Lankford who was also a member. Dwight had been ill for some time before his death. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Gladys Lankford ("Granny" to me) made several trips to Spartanburg over the years, and we always enjoyed seeing her. She is age 83 now and loves her genealogy research. We know that this hobby and God's grace will sustain her during this difficult time.
Joey Gainey

BOOK REVIEWS

Sketches of the Dabneys of Virginia with some of the Family Records by William H. Dabney. Paperback, 206 pages including errata and index. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price \$21.50 post paid. For telephone orders call 1-800-398-7700. This volume may also be ordered from Heritage Book's website at www.heritagebooks.com

In 1685, two French Huguenot brothers John and Cornelius d'Aubigné fled from France to Wales where they lived until ca. 1715-1720 when they removed to Virginia establishing one of the most well connected families in the Tidewater. (Along the way, the name was Anglicized to Dabney.) Among the old, established families with whom the Dabneys intermarried are Armistead, Barrett, Carr, Carter, Gregory, Harris, Hill, Jennings, Lee, Lewis, Madison, Nelson, Page, Pope, Stuart, Todd, Wiley, and Winston. Robert d'Aubigné's son, Charles, located in Massachusetts and established an equally prominent branch of the family. Mr. Dabney chronicled both the male and female decedents of all Dabneys about whom he could find any information. At the time of the writing of this volume (1887), the author admitted that much was unknown about the family's history and much had been lost. However, he certainly did posterity a big favor by recording and publishing what information he knew. The "Observations" both biographical and anecdotal are especially valuable. (The latter are often easily lost to the ravages of time. How many of us know family stories which tell of the adventures and character of our third great grandmother?) After being unavailable to the general public for 112 years, it is a pleasure to see the Dabney family history once again in print.

The Founding of Harman's Station with an Account of the Indian Captivity of Mrs. Jennie Wiley and the Exploration and Settlement of the Big Sandy Valley in the Virginia and Kentucky by William Elsey Connelley. Paperback, 177 pages including a full name index. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place,

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This reprint of this 1910 title is a must for the eastern Kentucky researcher. If this book isn't a classic, it should be. Harman's Station is in eastern Kentucky and its early settlement is filled with all the danger and trepidation of frontier life. Among the many adventures recounted in the first part is the captivity Mrs. Jennie Sellards Wiley by the Shawnee. The second portion is devoted to the genealogy of the Connelley family in the area. This family initially settled in South Carolina and migrated westward to Kentucky via Virginia after the Revolution. The author has included detailed documentation on many family members from the earliest times in this country until the publication of this volume. Mr. Connelley included much information on this area which will not be found elsewhere. It is presented in a highly readable format. Maps, line drawing, and photographs provide the illustrations.

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This first portion of this original publication traces the descendants of Thomas Roberts, one of the founding fathers of New Hampshire who settled in the area in the 1620s and died in Dover, NH ca. 1673 and his wife Rebecca (whose maiden name might have been Hilton) while the second chronicles the progeny of George Roberts (b. ca. 1640-1650 d. 1691-1692) of the Exeter, NH area who married one Mary Jones. (Due to the lack of records from this era, the parentage of George Roberts is uncertain and it is possible that these two groups are totally unrelated.) Mr. Jacobsen, who descends George Roberts traces both these families from the 1600s to the present. He thoroughly documents his text and with the exception of the presentation of dates in a numeric form (which can be open to misinterpretation) rather than the standard format is a model for fledgling authors. Although I have absolutely no genealogical interest in this area, I found this an interesting and enjoyable volume to peruse.

Genealogical History of the Stuarts by Andrew Stuart, Esq., M.P. Paperback, 468 pages. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price \$39.50 post paid. For telephone orders call 1-800-398-7700. This volume may also be ordered from Heritage Book's website at www.heritagebooks.com

In 1798, Andrew Stuart published this title tracing 22(!) generations of the Royal House of Stuart of Scotland starting in the twelfth century. The author presents many rare and important documents in full. He pays special attention to the Stuarts of Darnley, Lennox, and Aubigny and those of Castelmilk. This is an absolute must for those researching this royal house or interested in Scottish history. The complete text of the 1798 edition has been issued in facsimile reprint. As useful as this book is, it would have behooved the editor to include a full name index. Unfortunately, one must depend on the contents to serve as a pseudo index and it includes only the major personages. Still, this is a major work and despite the lack of an index, it is a must for the library of any Stuart enthusiast.

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