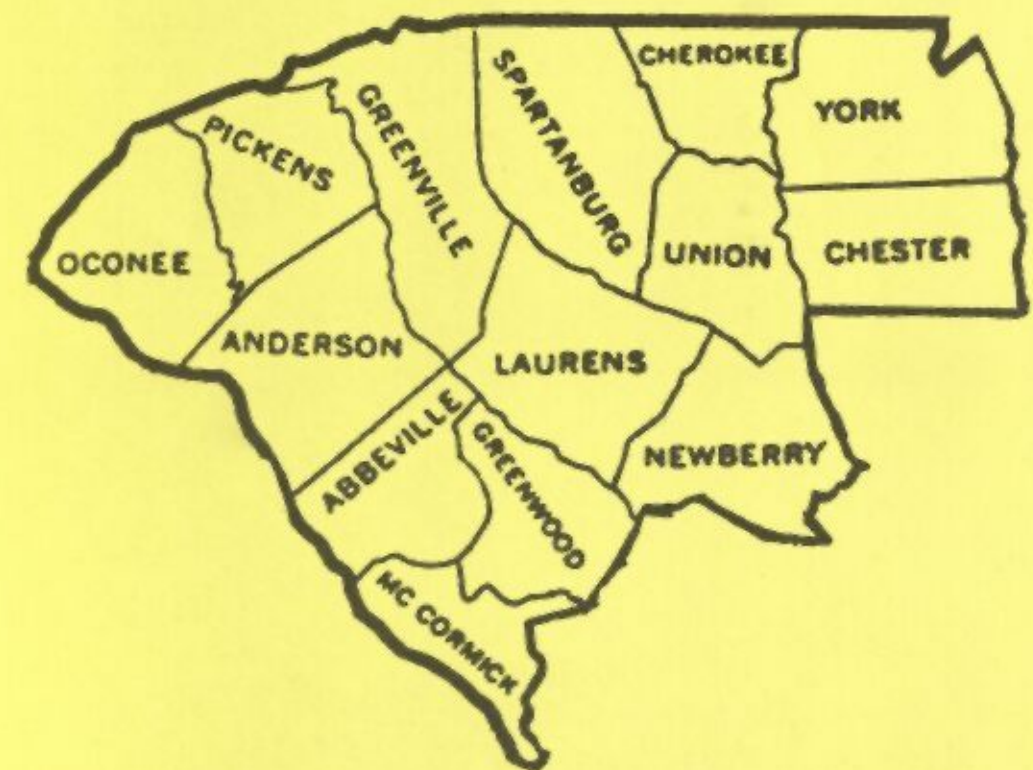


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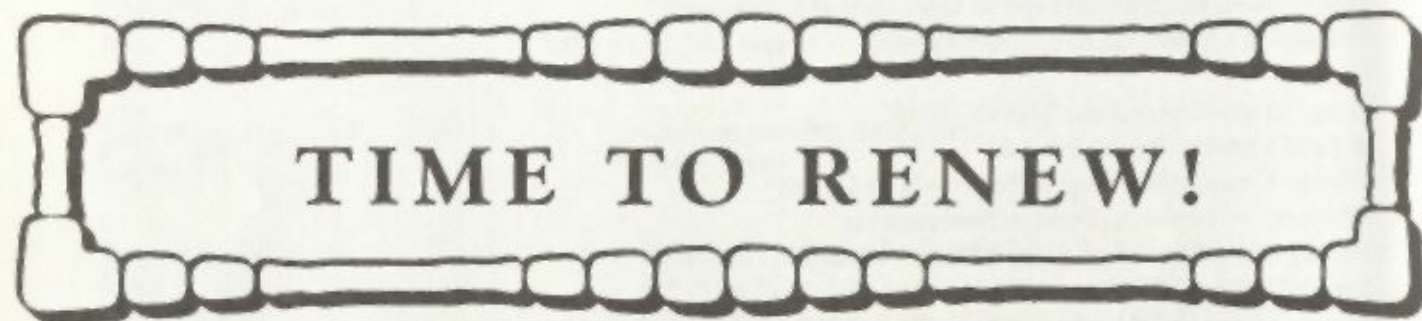
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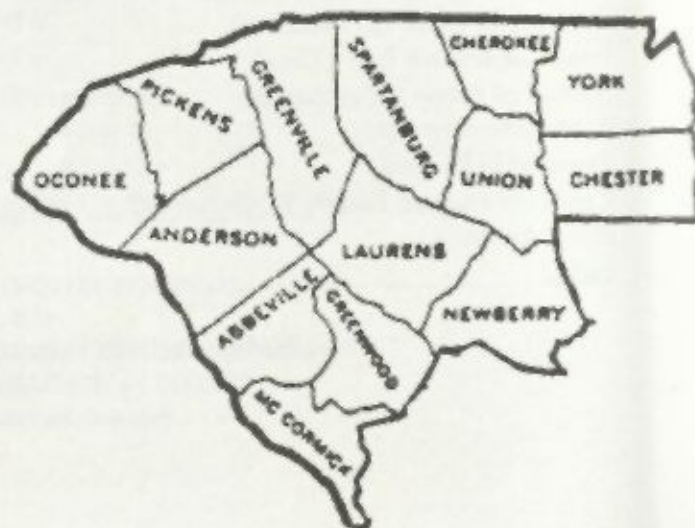
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## AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN JAMES MILLER

Contributed by John C. Williams, 409 S. Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

The following is an interview done by David Madison Simpson. Mr. F. W. Simpson, 6455 La Jolla Blvd #124, La Jolla, CA 92037, has graciously shared the interview with me. He stated that the information was given to him in the late 1920's or early 1930's by his grandfather, John James Miller, and was recorded by him at that time. He further stated that John James Miller died in 1932.

"A man named Miller (name otherwise unknown) came to South Carolina from Virginia (place in Virginia not known). They were Scotch-Irish in origin. The father and four of the sons moved on to Alabama and later further west into Arkansas. One son, William Miller, remained in Spartanburg County, S. C. William was born in 1803. William Miller was great-great grandfather Miller. He was married twice, first to Rachel Taft of near Greenville, and second, to a Miss Foster. His children were Jim, Andrew, Bob, Dave, Jane and Margaret.

Jim Miller died shortly before the Civil War. He was killed on his front porch by lightning after a summer storm. His wife was Margaret (Polly) Otts. They had one son, Phil Miller. There were two daughters, one of which was named Jane, the other name not known. The oldest of the daughters married a Meadors (possibly Meadows). They all moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. Phil married a widow there. They later moved to Arkansas, where Phil became quite wealthy.

Andrew Hill Miller married Elizabeth Hatchette. After his death, she married a McElrath. She was the daughter of Thomas Hatchette and Rachel Ott of Ott's Mill below the present Moore's Station. Andrew Miller was in the Confederate Army in Virginia. He was seized with smallpox. He was released from the hospital and sent back to his company. His brother, Bob, saw that he was not fit for service and had him remitted to the hospital. He was never heard of afterwards. It is thought that he died somewhere between camp and the hospital. He had a red beard and was a man of middle size. He was musical and led singing in local meetings. This was great-grandfather Miller.

Bob Miller was not married. He became an officer in the Confederate Army. He was shot in half with a cannon ball in the battle of Knoxville. He and Jim Anderson were buried in the same grave. Jim Anderson was a son of Enoree Jim Anderson. There were two Andersons, Enoree and Tiger, called for the rivers on which they lived.

Dave Miller was confined in Ft. Delaware prison for two years (during the Civil War). He was the only son of William Miller to return (from the Civil War). He was a carpenter and mechanic. He and ? Converse were friends in prison. He died around 1911 or 1912. He was married twice, first to a Cannon, and, second, to a Crocker. He had three sons, Carl, Will, and Dave. Dave was killed in World War I.

Tom Miller went to the War (Confederate Army). He was taken sick and sent home to recover. He died. His wife later became Tabitha Pollard.

Jane Miller married a Jennings and moved to Mississippi before the Civil War.

Margaret Miller married (name unknown) and moved to Mississippi before the Civil War. Margaret Miller went to Mississippi with her sister Jane and married someone there. The name has been forgotten. She came back once before the Civil War and visited her father for a month.

Great-grandfather Andrew Miller had four sons and two daughters: Bill, John, Doke, Jane, Margaret, and Alfred.

Bill Miller married Hallie McElrath, a younger sister of Sarah Jane McElrath Fleming, who became the mother-in-law of his brother John. He had the following children: Maggie, Andrew, ?, Lulu, Viola, Grover, and Choice.

John Miller married Frances Fleming, eldest daughter of Livingston Hill Fleming and Sarah Jane



McElrath.

Doke Miller married Mollie Fleming, eldest daughter of Livingston Hill Fleming and Sarah Jane McElrath.

Jane, daughter of Andrew, married a Christopher.

Margaret, daughter of Andrew, married Tom J. Hendrix. Died 1929.

Note: This document verbatim Nov. 1999 from old paper typed on manual typewriter.

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### FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF DAVID MADISON MILLER

Contributed by H. P. "Johnnie" Walker, 6417 Folger Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-5937.

Contributor's Note: Words and statements not in the original Bible record are enclosed with square brackets, [ ]. The publisher and the publication date of the Bible are unavailable to the contributor.

D. M. Miller Sr. & Susan R. Crocker was married Nov. 2, 1869

D. M. Miller & Elizabeth Cannon was married Dec. 19, 1880

#### Births

D. M. Miller was born Dec. 23, 1836

Susan R. Miller was born Mar. 1, 1850

[Susan R. Crocker was the first wife of David Madison Miller. She was the daughter of Wilburn and Nancy -- Crocker of Spartanburg County, SC.]

Elizabeth Miller was born June 29, 1851

[Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Cannon was the second wife of David Madison Miller. She was the daughter of Wilson and Ruth Holt Cannon of Spartanburg County, SC.]

#### [Births of Children of First Marriage]

Eddy Miller was born Jan. 30, 1870

Carl Miller was born Aug 21, 1873

Mary L. Miller was born May 17, 1876

Willie Miller was born Oct 28, 1878

#### [Births of Children of Second Marriage]

Nellie Miller Born March 12 1882

Irene Miller Born March 8 1884

L. R. Miller Born Sept 30 1885

Bessie Lindsay Miller Born November 24 1888

David M. Miller Jr Born Dec 11 1891

Robert P. Miller Born June 25 1894

#### [Marriages of Children]

Carl Miller & Lizzie Kidd Dec 1896

Willie Miller & Dola Foster [No date recorded]

Nellie Miller & W. L. Morris [No date recorded]

Lillie Ruth Miller & Furman Lewis West Nov 14, 1904

Robert P. Miller and Mamie Sue McGinnis Oct. 2, 1936

#### Deaths

D. M. Miller Sr died April 21, 1903

Mrs. S R. Miller Died March 16, 1880

Eddy Miller died March 18, 1870

Mary L. Miller Died March 16, 1880

Irene Miller Died August 18, 1886

Nellie Morris Died June 12, 1910

David Matterson Miller Jr Killed in France Oct. 17, 1918

Lewis Furman West Jan 11, 1923

David Mattison West May 23, 1926

[From a small Bible that belonged to Miss Bessie Lindsay Miller are found the following additional death dates.]

Carl Miller Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1928

Dola Foster Miller Aug 15, 1908

Will Miller [Date is unreadably faint.]

Bettie Elizabeth [Cannon] Miller Dec 22, 1941

[David M. Miller, second wife Elizabeth, and several of his children are buried at the Wellford Baptist Church Cemetery, Wellford, Spartanburg County, SC.]

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### CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. SMITH OBITUARY

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

Source: Transcribed from the Spartanburg weekly *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of February 11, 1891.

Another of the prominent men of our county has passed away. Last Friday morning, February 6, 1891, Captain William James Smith died at his home near Bethlehem Church. He was born January, 1821 and had just entered his 71<sup>st</sup> year. He had been active and vigorous until last fall when his friends and relatives saw that he was failing. He was a son of Captain Ralph Smith, who with his brothers, were leading men in the early history of this county. Captain Smith was favorably known and well-liked by his neighbors. He always manifested the greatest interest in the political welfare of his county and State. He leaves a wife, who was a daughter of the late Dr. Austin, of Greenville county, and two sons and three daughters. One son is married and living in Alabama. One daughter is married and living in Greenville. He was buried at Bethlehem Church, Rev. C.T. Scaife conducting the services. A large number of friends attested their respect for the deceased by attending the funeral.

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### MONTGOMERY-GIBBS MARRIAGE IN GREENWOOD COUNTY

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, July 22, 1891.

MONTGOMERY-GIBBS--In the Presbyterian Church at Greenwood, S. C. Wednesday, July 8, 1891, by Rev. A R Mitchell, of Columbia, Mr. Walter S. Montgomery, of Spartanburg, and Miss Bessie Gibbs, of Greenwood.

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# GREENVILLE COUNTY EQUITY COURT RECORDS, VOLUME "B" 1822-1869

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

(Continued from Volume XII, Number 1)

Note: These files can be ordered from the Reference & Research Division, South Carolina Department of Archives & History, P O Box 11669, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1669.

Name(s) of Parties	Record Cause of Action	Date	Roll
Hammonds, J R vs Ja <sup>s</sup> Bond	Bill for Injunction, Discovery & Relief	1838	86
Hammonds, Jno R vs Jas Alexander	Bill for Injunction, Discovery & Relief	1839	90
Harrison, R & B.J. Earle Ex Parte	Petition	1829	2
Harrison W T <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Appointment of Guardian	1835	22
Hughes, E G Ex Parte	Petition for Partition	1836	35
Holbert, C <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Appointment of Guardian	1841	55
Holcombe, G W <i>et al</i> vs Francis Adams	Cross Bill for Discovery	1825	3
Holcombe, Nancy <i>et al</i> vs Francis Adams	Cross Bill for Discovery	1825	3
Hartsfield, Polly <i>et al</i> vs James Jones Admr <i>et al</i>	Bill for Account, Partition and ne exeat	1827	2xx
Harrison, Jeremiah <i>et al</i> vs Owens Jenkins <i>et al</i>	Bill for Discovery and Relief	1827	26

Hammonds, Saml J <i>et ux et al</i> vs Owens Jenkins <i>et al</i>	Bill for Discovery and Relief	1827	26
Hammonds, Nancy <i>et al</i> vs Owens Jenkins <i>et al</i>	Bill For Discovery and Relief	1827	26
Hodges, Sarah <i>et al</i> vs Wheaton Merritt Admr <i>et al</i>	Bill for Account, Partition and Relief	1828	31
Hawkins, Silas R <i>et al</i> vs Hugh Bailey	Bill for Partition of Real Estate	1829	41
Hawkins, Nancy <i>et al</i> vs Hugh Bailey	Bill for Partition of Real Estate	1829	41
Hombuckle, Lydia <i>et al</i> vs Allen R Parkins	Bill for Partition	1829	42
Hawkins, Nancy <i>et al</i> vs Jane M'Llimons <i>et al</i>	Bill for Partition	1831	57
Harrison, Rich <sup>d</sup> <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Appointment of Guardian	1835	22
Harrison, James Ex Parte	Petition for Appointment of Guardian	1835	22
Harrison, M S <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Sale of Lands	1836	34
Huff, Louisa <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Partition	1839	44
Huff, Philemon <i>et al</i> Ex Parte	Petition for Partition	1839	44
Hughes, George T <i>et al</i> vs Mary M Bruce <i>et al</i>	Bill for Partition & Sale of Real Estate	1841	97



Hendrix, Lee <i>et ux et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Hendrix, Eleanor <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Mary Hendrix <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Hendrix, W <sup>m</sup> <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Hendrix, Jas <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Hendrix, Lee Jr <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Hendrix, Julietta S <i>et al</i> vs Jas M <sup>c</sup> Kinney <i>et al</i> Admrs	Bill to Appoint Trustee, for Relief etc	1841	105
Harrison, Maria Ex Parte	Petition for Appointment as Guardian	1841	66
Hightower, George & Hightower, E <i>et al</i> vs R Hightower & A Hightower	Bill for Partition, Account etc	1845	142
Holcombe, A W <i>et al</i> vs Benajah Dunham	Bill for Injunction Relief	1846	151
Holland, Robt T <i>et al</i> vs Sylvanus Baldwin Committee of C Baldwin	Bill for Account ne exeat etc	1848	(Left blank)

Holtzclaw, Ailsly <i>et al</i> vs George Holtzclaw <i>et al</i>	Bill for Account to Pay Money	1849	166
Hightower, Charlotte Ex Parte	Petition for Guardianship	1850	(Left blank)
Hightower, El vs Charlotte Hightower <i>et al</i>	Bill for Partition & Sale etc	1850	171
Hunt, John E Ex Parte	Petition for Guardian	1850	135
Hunt, A E Ex Parte	Petition for Guardian	1850	138
Hunt, Silas Ex Parte	Petition for Guardian	1850	140
Holcombe, Geo. W <i>et al</i> vs Francis Adams	Bill for Discovery & Relief	1825	2
Harrison, Thomas <i>et al</i> vs A H Thurmond	Bill for Partition & Account	1825	14
Hatcher, William <i>et ux et al</i> vs Charles Garrison	Bill to Perpetuate Testimony	1827	24
Howard, Mary <i>et al</i> vs John Howard Exr	Bill for Discovery, Account and ne exeat	1829	35
Hodges, John vs Wheaton Merrill	Bill for Specific Performance and to Execute Bills	1829	45
Hawkins, Joshua vs William Redman	Bill for Specific Performance and Relief	1830	52



Harrison, Mrs. Maria <i>et al</i> vs Sarah Buchanan	Bill for Partition, Dower and Account	1832	63
Hill, Abraham <i>et al</i> vs Susan Roark <i>et al</i>	Bill for Relief, Partition and Account	1833	71
Hefner, Alfred <i>et al</i> vs John Wetsel	Bill for Injunction and Relief	1834	73
Hightower, Euphantes <i>et al</i> vs John Wetsel	Bill for Injunction and Relief	1834	73
Henning, David <i>et al</i> vs W <sup>m</sup> A Cureton <i>et al</i>	Bill for Injunction, Relief etc	1840	94

*Here ends the H's.*

## QUERIES

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## WEST

Janice Marshall, emlan@aol.com

Seeking information on ISAAC WEST, born 1793 at Thickety District, SC. His father's name is not known to me. It is said that Isaac's mother was Indian and the two of them spoke to each other in dialect. The mother was reported in 1908 by Isaac's daughter, NANCY, as dying in Blount County, TN. On an 1820 map, I found that Thickety District is Thickety Creek which runs from Union District into Spartanburg District. Can anyone tell me more about this area and are there any records of a West family there in the late 1700's. I don't know whether to continue looking in Spartanburg or in Union. All replies will be appreciated.

## PATTY PETTY

Dorothy Allis, 5404 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Arlington, VA 22204

Need parents of FRANCES ANN PATTY, born Miami County, OH on June 21, 1821; died March 1, 1881. On November 18, 1846, she married David Curtis, son of James Curtis, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Byrkett. James, Sr. was born May 4, 1786 in Randolph Co., NC. Elizabeth was born June 1791. Frances Ann Patty's parents were Quakers who went into Ohio ca 1806. They were probably born in either Newberry or Union County, South Carolina. Any help appreciated.

## LINDSEY

Thelma Stobaugh, 3885 C R 107, Gatesville, Texas 76528-3610

Seeking information on my fifth great-grandfather, JOHN LINDSEY. His wife was named Elice. Would like to learn her maiden name. Their only known child was ABIGAIL LINDSEY who married HUMPHREY WELLS who was a doctor. John Lindsey is listed as an IP in a Newberry Court record dated December 5, 1787. His will, also in Newberry County, was dated December 24, 1813. Any help appreciated and will answer all correspondence.

## McADA/McCADA/McKADY, SANSOM, EDMISTON

Josephine Fitzhenry-Hodge, 18218 Barbuda Ln, Nassau Bay, TX 77058-3402 email: Fitz111@aol.com

Need birthplace, parents, siblings or any other documentation on JOHN C. MCADA; also on JANE (MILLER) EDMISTON SANSOM and on JOHN SANSOM, born King William County, VA, died ca 1781, son of WILLIAM SANSOM. Would also appreciate information on John's brothers. JOHN and SAMUEL SANSOM were patriots in the Revolutionary War. Jane Miller was the daughter of Rev. ANDREW MILLER who was a Presbyterian minister of Augusta County, VA. The Sansom families were living in Abbeville District, SC in 1785 and were in Tennessee by 1814. Would like to know when they left Abbeville and any other information on them. McAda has various spellings; is McKedy a variant spelling? That surname is found in areas of SC and TN where John settled. JOHN C. MCADA, 1769-1831 wed NANCY M. SANSOM, 1772-1842. She was born in Ninety-Six, SC and was the daughter of John Sansom and Jane Miller Edmiston. Other known children were: WILLIAM PATTERSON SANSOM, born 1775, died 1849, wed JANE LACKEY; SAMUEL DURRELL SANSOM, born 1774, died 1854, wed ELIZABETH LACKEY who was a sister to Jane Lackey. HANNA M. and ANDREW SANSOM, both of whom died young. All were born in SC. I have the family documented from 1837 when they arrived in Texas and will gladly exchange information.

## BURIAL OF A SOLDIER OF THE WAR OF 1812

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of July 13, 1881.

Campobello, S. C. July 4, 1881

Mr. John McDade, a very old and respected citizen, and a soldier of the War of 1812, died in the 88<sup>th</sup> year of his age, three miles west of this place on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. He lived the last forty-one days of his life without eating as much as two ounces of solid food. Mr. McDade resided in Spartanburg county, S. C. where he was born, until the year 1840, when he moved to North Carolina. After an absence of twenty-nine years he returned to Spartanburg county, and lived here until his death, spending the last few months of his life with his son-in-law, Mr. L. H. Edwards. He was a member of the Methodist Church about seven years. He was married in this county to Miss Charlotte Vaughn. Two weeks after his marriage he volunteered in Capt. Manly Ford's Company of South Carolina militia. He remained six months in the service, making a brave and gallant soldier. Returning home at the close of the war, he devoted himself to his business as a millwright. He raised ten children until grown, six of whom are now dead. He drew a pension from the United States Government for the last ten years. He received a free ticket to the Cowpens Celebration on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May last, but was unable to attend. In the war he was stationed at Beaufort, S. C., and on the coast. He died as he had lived, a patriot, and a soldier. His last request was to be buried with the honors of war. Consequently, his friends assembled and were organized into a military company under the command of Maj. John Bankston Davis for the purpose of returning to the sod the body of the old soldier. The remains of the deceased were escorted to the place of interment, strickly in



accordance with military usage in such cases.

After the burial service was over, three rounds of small arms were fired over the grave.

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### A FATAL FOWLER FAMILY FRACUS

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday February 24, 1892, page 2.

There was a fearful family quarrel in **Greenville county**, near **Fountain Inn**, last Saturday. **Moses Fowler** died several years ago. During his life he warned his children to keep away from **J.H. Pool**, better known as "Bud", as he was not a suitable man for them to associate with. Strange to say Fowler's widow married Bud Poole. This caused a family quarrel. The young children were taken from their mother by her son W.P. Fowler. The mother applied for custody of the children but Judge Norton refused to give them up. W.P. Fowler went to Poole's house on business. E.B. Martin and Rev. H.K. Ezell, brothers-in-law of Fowler went with him. Fowler went into a room with Pool to transact some business. Pool had a shot gun in his hands and fired at Fowler, who knocked the gun up. The load missed its aim. He then drew a pistol and fired several times at Pool, four of the balls taking effect.

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### FOWLER-GOSSETT MARRIAGE IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday May 22, 1889, page 2.

FOWLER-GOSSETT—On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1889, by B.F. Bates, Trial Justice, at Batesville, Mr. Joseph Fowler, of Pacolet Mills, to Miss Reuhama Gossett, of Glendale. All of this County.

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### OBITUARY OF JAMES A. FOWLER, SPARTANBURG

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, July 2, 1879

Thursday evening, the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1879, after a protracted illness, James A. Fowler died. He was buried Friday afternoon, Dr. John T. Wightman conducting the funeral services.

He was born in Granville County, N.C., January 8, 1828. Being left an orphan at an early age, he soon learned to depend on his own labor. He left the county of his birth, and came to Spartanburg in 1843, at the age of fifteen. He at once found employment with Mr. James Nolly, who had a blacksmith shop and wagon factory. He commenced doing such work as a boy of his age could accomplish, and by attention to business, he soon rose to be foreman of the shops. He remained with Mr. Nolly about nine years, after which he set up for himself. He was associated with several persons at different times as partners, and with Foster & Judd for a number of years. In 1872 he bought their interest out, and since that time he has had no partners until the first of January last, when he associated his son William, and Mr. Robison with him.

His domestic life and surroundings belong to his family and particular friends. Even if we could, we would not lift the veil that hides the home scenes in which he was the central figure....

In his Carriage factory he was the master, because he knew everything about the business from blowing and striking up to finishing the finest work. He was an excellent manager of hands, requiring full work and giving full pay....

[This obituary runs for almost an entire column long. However, the reader has the gist of it above.]

### FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF ALFRED BURTON BLANTON AND MORE

Contributed by Mrs. Virginia Fowler, 206 Grambling Ferry Road, Gaffney, SC 29341.

Contributor's Note: The following family information was taken from a xerox copy of the original Bible in the possession of Alfred Jack Blanton, now deceased. The publisher and the publication date of the Bible are not available to the contributor. The early Blanton families resided in the eastern portion of old Spartanburg County that was cut off, along with smaller portions of York and Union Counties, to form present day Cherokee County. Blanton families also lived across the state line in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

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#### Births

Alfred Burton Blanton was born September 20<sup>th</sup> AD. 1820.

Myra Green Blanton was born November 27<sup>th</sup>, AD. 1820.

Mary Ann Jane Blanton was born August 10<sup>th</sup>, AD 1841.

William Madison Blanton was born August 27<sup>th</sup> AD 1843

Margaret Elizabeth Blanton was born Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, AD 1844 and died shortly afterward

An infant Son (not named) was born Febr'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1846—And died about 15<sup>th</sup> March thereafter

#### Births

Martha Alsallene Blanton was born June 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1847—

Benjamin Franklin Blanton was born Sept 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1849 —

Annabella Lewzey Blanton was born February 24<sup>th</sup> AD 1852 —

Alice Maranda Blanton was born Apr 14<sup>th</sup> AD 1855

Whitson Marion Blanton was born May the 9<sup>th</sup> AD 1857 —

Julius Vance Blanton was born June 26<sup>th</sup> AD 1861

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#### Births

Claudas Etta Bridges was born Dec the 24<sup>th</sup> 1875

John Simpson Bridges was born July the 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Myra Mabel Bridges was born Jan the 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

Alfred Palmer Bridges was born Feb<sup>ry</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1883

Rufus Davis was born Mch 1<sup>st</sup> 1836

Berry Green was born Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1830

#### Births

Millard Lafate Davis first grandson was born August the 28<sup>th</sup> AD 1860

Hoyle Franklin Turner Second grandson was born April the 21<sup>st</sup> AD 1869

Susan Malvina Turner First granddaughter was born October the 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1870

Clarence Hadlet Turner third Grandson was born December 29<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Louvenia Rytal[?]Blanton was born October the



24<sup>th</sup> 1877

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Willie May Bridges was born Dec 29 1875

Lenox A Bridges was born Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1879Lowell Emmerson Bridges was born August 8<sup>th</sup> 1877Thomas Everett Bridges was born Jan the 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1881

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## Marriages

Alfred B Blanton and wife Myra Green Melton was married 19<sup>th</sup> Nov'r AD 1841 ———Alfred B Blanton was married in Spartin County SC to Nancy M. Cudd by Rev. J. H. Yarbrough Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Ad 1887Maryan J. Blanton Married Rufus Davis Nov' the 27<sup>th</sup> AD 1859B.F. Blanton was married to Susan E Bridges 16<sup>th</sup> October AD 1873

## Marriages

Alice M. Blanton was married to B. M. Bridges September 24 AD 1874

Anna B.L. Blanton was married to George W. Bridges Octb 16<sup>th</sup> AD 1874Mary J. Davis was married to Berry Green March 21<sup>st</sup> AD 1875Whitson M. Blanton was married to Roxanna G. Bridges Dec 21<sup>st</sup> AD 1876

There were no "Death" pages provided from the Bible. However, on a separate page were recorded the following death dates:

William Blanton Died Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1882 in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his age  
 Sarah Blanton Died Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1868 in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of her age  
 John P. Blanton Died Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1847 in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of his age  
 Sarah Melton Died Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1874 age 89 years 8 month 28 days

The following two birthdates are on a separate slip of paper:  
 Joshua Melton was Born March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1781  
 Sarah Melton was Born February the 28<sup>th</sup> 1885

On the ruled lines of a little day book, or appointment tablet, for March 1900 and 1901 is written the following family information:

A. B. Blanton[']s grandfather Claborn Blanton  
 Sons Josiah, William, Lewis, John, Jefferson, Burrell.  
 Daughters Susanna, Polly, Anna, Sally, Elizabeth, Judy.

On the page for May 1900 and 1901 is the following:

A.B. Blantons Great Uncle Jerimiah Blanton  
 Sons Rial B, Josiah B, Jessy B, Ransom, Jackson, Steavan, Elijah.  
 Daughters Tempy Blanton, Saryann B.

On the page for July 1900 and 1901 is found:

Uncle Bill Blanton  
 Sons James Blanton, William B, Clayborn, Jessy, Jefferson, Jackson.  
 Daughters Malinda, Sally

On one of these pages (page 13) whose callendar was not copied there appears the following entries:

Obadiah Blanton's  
 Sons Bill B, John, Gazaway  
 Daughters Polly, Sally, Arty [possibly Orty]

The last of these little pages (number 17) has the following information:

A.B. Blantons' Brothers John, Gilford, James

[There is no doubt that A.B. Blanton is Alfred Burton Blanton, as will be seen in a short summary apparently rendered by a grandson.]

Clayborn, Jeremiah, Obadiah, and William Blanton were brothers. Father's name not given. Clayborn Blanton's sons were Josiah, William (Grandpap), Lewis, John, Jefferson and Burrell. All these went west (Tex.) except William who was born about 1799. William (Grandpap) Blanton's son were Alfred B, John, Gilford, and James. All these went west (Ark.) except Grandpa. Grandpa Alfred was born in 1820

Jeremiah's sons were Riley, Josiah, Jessey, Ransom, Jackson, and Elijah. They lived near Oak Grove Church, the church that was once called Blanton Church.

Obadiah's sons were William, John, and Gazaway. Where they lived is not stated

William's sons [were] James William, Jessy, Jefferson, and Jackson. Nothing is stated as to where this family lived.

Dear Festus:

The above is taken from the little book and a few dates from Bibles. I think sometimes when I am at Rutherford I will try and see if I can't find some more information about Blanton Family.

As ever

Joseph

[Printed below the signature is the name Joseph Beam. There was no date on the letter.]

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# DEATH NOTICE FOR JEFFERSON RICHARDSON OF EDGEFIELD

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

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of Thursday, February 11, 1836.

DIED, in this village on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, of Pulmonary Consumption, Jefferson Richardson, Esq. in the 38<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Mr. R. has left behind him a wife and three children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his early death. It was his lot to occupy a conspicuous place in our District. He was for many years, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and for upward of a year Judge of the Court of Ordinary, which latter office, he was forced, by his ill health, to resign a short time before his death. ...

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# FAMILY RECORD OF ABRAHAM WYATT, BORN 1762

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

Contributor's Note: The following family record is from the files of Joyce Wyatt, 1230 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302. Her group sheet bears the date of August 1985. Abraham Wyatt appears in the 1800 Spartanburgh District census with the enumeration of 5-1-1-1-0 for males and the enumeration of 2-1-0-1-0 for females. He is next door to Susanna Wyatt, whose enumeration shows no males and two females, both over 45. Abraham's only census appearance in Spartanburgh District was in 1800. The following entries have not been verified by the contributor.

## Family Record

Abraham Wyatt, Born 1762	Married	Lavinia Masengale
<b>Children</b>		
1. Abraham Wyatt	married	Sarah McCormack
2. John Wyatt	married	Mary Murphy
3. Daniel Wyatt, born 1789	married	Mary Johnson
4. Susan Wyatt	married	George Martin
5. Sarah Wyatt, born 1793	married	Daniel Murphy
6. Solomon Wyatt, born 23 May 1794	married	Mary (Polly) McClanahan
7. Absolom Wyatt, born 1796	married	Sarah Henley
8. Isham Wyatt, born 21 June 1799	married	Mary Brashear
9. Samuel Wyatt, born 1800	married	Mary Johnson
10. Elizabeth Wyatt, born 1802	married	Isaac Brashear
11. Martha Wyatt, born 1803	married	William Lyod
12. Lavinia Wyatt, born 1806	married	Moses Collier
13. William Wyatt, born 1807	married	Elizabeth Brashear
14. Reuben Wyatt, born 2 August 1808	married	Mary Ellen
15. Nancy Wyatt	married	Amos Collier

## BLOODSHED IN ABBEVILLE

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

Contributor's Note: This article was transcribed from *The Carolina Spartan*, the weekly newspaper published in Spartanburg, SC, issue of May 29, 1889, page 2. The square brackets, [ ], enclosing the final paragraph were in the original copy.

ABBEVILLE, May 25--This morning between nine and ten o'clock, D. L. Mabry was shot and instantly killed by John T. Lyon. The shooting was done with a double-barrel shotgun, loaded with buckshot. Eleven shot hit him. Mabry married the stepdaughter of Lyon, and the shooting is generally attributed to some family disagreement. When he was shot, Mabry was going from his house to his law office, and just as he approached the Academy, Lyon was seen to come out of the Academy or from just in front of the building, (the testimony just here is conflicting), and asked Mabry if he was ready to fight. Mabry said nothing, when Lyon raised his gun, and Mabry said, "If you shoot you are a coward." Making an advance of a step, Lyon fired and Mabry fell, and said, "Don't shoot again, I am dead." Lyon advanced a step or two and shot the second time, while Mabry was down. Lyon then walked off and went home and

told his wife of the shooting. Lyon claims that Mabry made a movement as if to draw his pistol when he shot, but the testimony does not say anything about such a movement.

When the sheriff and town marshal went to Lyon's house he told them that he intended coming around and surrendering himself. Mabry's pistol was found in his pocket after his death. The body was carried to the residence of Dr. Mabry, an uncle of the deceased, and the coroner sent for. The coroner lives six miles in the country. The inquest has just been held and Lyon has been committed to jail. Lyon is about 62 years old. Mabry was a young man of 26 and a member of the Abbeville Bar. Bad feeling is said to have existed between the two men for some time.

The shooting created a tremendous sensation and the affair is greatly regretted by all. Mabry leaves a wife and two small children.

[Mabry was a student of Wofford College for a session or two. Both families are highly respected. Mrs. Lyon, the mother of Mrs. Mabry, was a Livingston. She first married a Wardlaw, and it was one of the children by this marriage that Mabry married. Mr. Lyon is represented as a peaceable, good citizen. There must have been great trouble, or he would not have deliberately shot Mabry.]

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## DEATH NOTICE OF THOMAS G. COLLINS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, July 6, 1892, page 2.

Thomas G Collins died Saturday July 2 and was buried Sunday at Jackson Grove in the upper part of the county. His wife, who was Miss Ella Jackson, died several years ago and left him with four little boys. He moved to town last year to send his children to school. Recently he was the night clerk at the Windsor house. His brother, Mr. Ellis Collins, will take care of the children.

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## 102 YEAR OLD WOMAN WALKS EIGHT MILES

Source: *The Keowee Courier*, issue of March 30, 1977.

"Something a little unusual for Coneross occurred the other day when an aged lady stopped at the Coneross Exchange store and when asked what her name and age was, she stated that she was Mrs. Mary Cathleen Landers, and was 102 years of age, and that she was living near Walhalla and was on her way to her grandson, Earle Thrasher, near to Westminster.

But the part that was most impressive was that she was walking that distance (eight miles) at the age of 102.

She was a good talker as well as a good walker, telling of the happenings of the days of the Confederate war.

She was accompanied by her two granddaughters, the Misses Logan."

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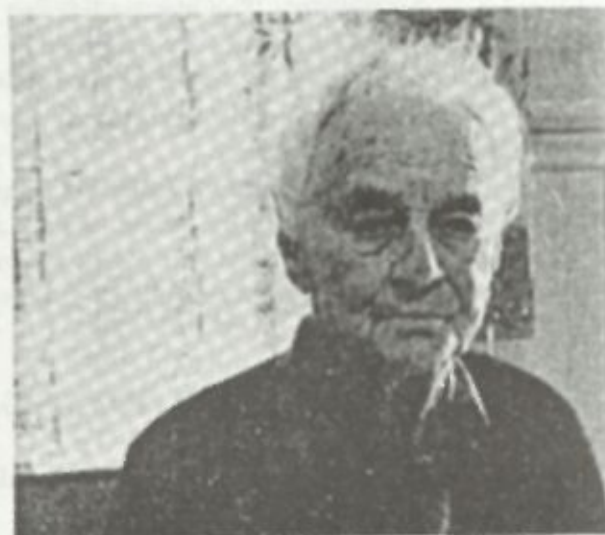


## MRS. ROGERS AND MRS. CALHOUN ONLY TWO SURVIVING WIDOWS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN OCONEE

Source: *The Seneca Journal-Talgoo Tribune*, issue of Wednesday, May 18, 1966.



Mrs. Margaret Calhoun



Mrs. Martha Rogers

WALHALLA—Mrs. John W. Rogers and Mrs. Silas Calhoun are the only two surviving widows of Confederate veterans in Oconee County, according to records in the Probate Judge's office at the court house.

Mrs. Rogers, who lives with her son and his family at 703 East Main St. in Walhalla, married John Rogers on October 16, 1898.

Both widows are near 100 years old. Mrs. Calhoun is 93, and Mrs. Rogers is about 102, but even the family doesn't know her exact age. They are good friends, and manage to stay fairly active.

John W. Rogers was born 1835, and enlisted in Orr's Regiment Company C, on July 21, 1861, and served as a sergeant during the war. Both he and Silas Calhoun enlisted under Capt. J. J. Norton, C. S. A.

When asked where her husband served during the war, Mrs. Rogers replied, "Many a mile from Walhalla; I don't know where he was but the train traveled 500 miles, and he said he slept some on the trip." She recalls that he told her that on one of the campaigns of the war, the men whittled down a large pine tree to remember the place.

She commented that her husband wasn't sure if he ever killed a man. "They drilled holes in the breastworks to shoot through, and he couldn't really tell," she explained.

Just after he returned from the four years of duty, the elder Rogers developed a leg infection, and lost his left leg some seven inches above the knee.

The veteran left 80 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren at his death on Mar. 16, 1914. He had ten children by a marriage with Mary E. Linley. The only child from his marriage with Martha Lou Taylor, his widow, was Joe T. Rogers, present Mayor of Walhalla. Rogers is buried in Moody cemetery near the headwaters of Little River.

Pvt. Silas Calhoun, C. S. A. Infantry, enlisted in the Confederate army on April 30, 1863, at Pickens

Courthouse, Pickens District, South Carolina. His discharge states that he was 35 at the time. He was 5' 11", had a fair complexion, blue eyes and black hair. This medical discharge recommends that he be relieved from further service because of a leg injury which has resulted in "partial ankylosis of the knee joint, - walks on toes when using his left foot." (An ankylosis is a stiffness in the joint caused by fibrous or boney tissue in the joint.)

His widow, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, lives at 217 North Poplar St., in Walhalla. She was married to Calhoun in 1873, and lived in Jackson County, N. C. and Tamassee before moving to Walhalla about 1925. Her husband lived in Tamassee all of his life, and died there on April 20, 1921.

Mrs. Calhoun said that Calhoun had been in the Army for about a year before he got crippled. "A minie ball hit him above the knee, and he couldn't walk after that, she said. She continued that he was in a hospital in Columbia before he was sent home. The discharge papers, now owned by his daughter, Mrs. James Taylor of Walhalla, state that he was officially discharged on June 4, 1864.

Mrs. Calhoun thought that her husband fought in South Carolina and Georgia, but could not recall any specific battles in which he participated. She remembered him telling about blacksnakes that would come to the soldiers' camp, and these were "the biggest things that he had ever seen."

Times were tough for the soldiers, she said. Her husband told her how they had to steal chickens, and parch the corn from the horses' food to have food for themselves. She commented that she was too young to remember how times were for the people who stayed at home. Sometimes the men went several days without food, she mentioned.

The tragedy of the war was brought close to Calhoun with an incident which happened when he was shot, she recalled. The young soldier who was next to him laughed heartily when Calhoun was hit. Calhoun then told him, "You'll catch it if you don't stop." The next day the young soldier and trench mate was killed.

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## BOUNTY LAND WAS A REWARD

Source: Oconee County Scrap Book, housed in the Public Library, Walhalla, South Carolina.

BOUNTY LAND - Many people suppose, and quite appropriately, that Bounty Land is so named because of its bountiful land and abundance.

Actually, however, the community owes its name to the fact that it was originally a part of the land that was divided into sections by the government of South Carolina in the late 1700's and was given as bounties, or premiums, to Revolutionary soldiers for their services in the war.

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## KEOWEE ONCE CAPITOL OF CHEROKEE LAND

Source: *The Messenger*, Clemson, South Carolina, issue in 1956.

KEOWEE - The Community of Keowee dates back as far as 1539 when we have record of Desoto and his company visiting there. The Indian Village was at that time the capitol of the eastern Cherokee Indians.

Located on the bank of the Keowee River, Keowee means "the place of the mulberry." The



Spaniards described it as the poorest country for corn. It is thought today that it was either not corn season when they visited or the inhabitants concealed their true supply of corn from the Spaniards.

In 1730, Sir Alexander Cummings traveled some 3,000 miles across the Atlantic and 300 miles across South Carolina to make a treaty providing for trade and plantations between the Cherokees and England. Sir Alexander got the treaty through his boldness only.

When told that he was not allowed to enter the council house of chiefs, Sir Alexander bounded in, nevertheless, and laid his weapons upon the table where no weapons were allowed. So impressed were the Indians that they bowed before the embassy and granted his requests.

Eight of these important chiefs accompanied Alexander to England from Keowee after the signing of the treaty and were received by King George II of England.

The village of Keowee extended from one mile above Sugaw Town on the Kulage eight or ten miles in length to the Seneca. It was about two miles in width and was one continuous settlement.

The Keowee Trail, which ran by Keowee, was the most direct route from Charleston to the Indian Settlement in Tennessee. Leaving Charleston, the trail passed through Dorchester, Four Hold Creek, Orangeburgh, Little Saluda, to Gowdy's Fort at Ninety-Six, Coronaca, DeWitt's Corners and Keowee.

Many interesting relics and tales have been discovered at and around the site of the old village. The council house, it is learned, was on a mound twenty feet above the rest of the village. The Indian burying ground can be seen on the plantation formerly owned by W. E. Nimmons. The Indians buried in shallow graves without ceremony.

It was from Keowee that Catechee, the Creek maiden who had been sold to the Cherokees, made her famous journey to Ninety-Six to warn the settlers there of the Indian raid against them.

A land of legend and history, Keowee stands quietly today, as unaware of the booming activity which used to take place there when the Cherokees ruled the land.

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## OBITUARY OF JOHN D. WOODWARD

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of August 25, 1910.

Sergeant Woodward is no more. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon one of the oldest and most reliable police officers who ever served the city of Spartanburg breathed his last at his quiet little home on South Liberty street. John Davis Woodward, aged 57 years, died yesterday. The funeral will be held at the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Dr. S. T. Hallman, pastor of the Lutheran church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Dr. L. M. Roper, pastor of the First Baptist church. The interment will be in Magnolia cemetery.

The following officers of the police force will act as pall-bearers: Lieut. R. W. Nolen, Lieut. F. N. Johnson, Sergt. Alex Fleming, Sergt. S. J. Alverson and Officers W. C. Cash and W. A. Crocker.

John Woodward was born in Fairfield county February 10, 1853. He joined the Lutheran church at Pomaria, S. C. at the age of seventeen. For nearly fifteen years he served as a member of the Spartanburg police force. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Sergeant Woodward was a quiet, unassuming man, conscientious as to his duty, and unflinching in the performance of it. A milder, kinder-hearted man never lived. He had a big soul, and though for years he had to deal with crime and criminals he always held that the world was growing better. He thought much of the children as the men and women of tomorrow. The playground idea, which has recently been agitated to such an extent that grounds will soon be ready, was a theme Sergeant Woodward talked of years ago. He looked around him and saw small boys smoking cigarettes on the street corners

and minors being arrested in pool-rooms, and would often say that the solution of the problem was to have playgrounds for the children and teach them something better. It was a great theme with Sergeant Woodward and he used to say that the day would come when playgrounds would be established.

The death of Sergeant Woodward will cause general regrets. He had been in failing health for the past few years and the last several months his condition was regarded as hopeless. He, who, with sleepless yce, guarded the peace so long, is today enjoying that perfect peace. The sergeant's off duty forever. "He sleeps well after life's fitful fever."

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## OLD STONE CHURCH ONE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S OLDEST

Source: From an article dated August 13, 1965. Name of paper not given.

CLEMSON - Old Stone Church, one of the oldest churches in the state, has been the home church of many historical personalities in South Carolina history since it was organized 175 years ago.

Known as the "Hopewell Keowee Church" when it was organized in 1790, the church completed its famous old building in 1802. Funds for the construction were obtained by public subscription, with the principal contributors being Gen. Andrew Pickens, Gen. Robert Anderson, George Reese, William Steele, Capt. McGriffin, Hardy Owens, a Mr. Whitner, a Mr. Calhoun and Gen. Farie(?). The seats and pulpit were furnished by Gen. Pickens, who was also one of the first Elders along with Gen. Anderson and Major Dickson.

The need for the church dates back as far as 1779, when the people of that section appealed to the Presbytery of South Carolina to be taken under its care. In answer to this appeal, the Rev. John Simpson of New Jersey was sent to preach one Sabbath in the month.

The first church, which was made of logs, was burned several years later either by hostile Indians or a forest fire, and the present stone church was built on land given by John Miller. The rocks for the building's walls were hauled by a Mr. Robinson, said by some to be "Horseshoe Robinson." John Rusk was the brick mason, and he and his wife are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

The first regular pastor of the old church was Thomas Reese, D.D., who was also the first person to be buried in the cemetery. A talented writer, he was the first South Carolinian to be awarded a D.D. degree from Princeton College.

Among other famous people buried there is Gen. Andrew Pickens, whose inscription reads: "A Christian, a patriot, and a soldier, his actions and character are incorporated in the history of his county."

One of the most interesting graves in the old cemetery is that of Turner Bynum, who was killed in a duel by B. F. Perry, later a Governor of South Carolina. Both newspaper men in Greenville, the two had a disagreement over nullification which ended in a duel challenge. Bynum was the victim of the duel, and his body was taken to the Stone Church the night of the duel in a terrible rain storm, and lowered into a water soaked grave. A stretcher had been made from pine saplings to carry the body from the wagon to the grave. Two poles were stuck in the ground, one at each end of the grave, and the traditions says that they grew there and became large pine trees. Only a slab marks the grave now.

Among the heroes of the Civil War who rest at Old Stone Church are Colonel F. W. Kirkpatrick, Colonel J. W. Livingston, and Dr. Oliver M. Doyle, who were all members of prominent old families of Oconee.

Other prominent members of the church during the same period were the Rev. John Livingston McBryde, missionary to China; E. B. Benson, a merchant of Pendleton; and Andrew F. Lewis, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession.

The stone wall around the old cemetery was built about 1900, when the newly formed organization,



"The Old Stone Church and Cemetery Association," made an effort to restore the cemetery. Several years later, the John C. Calhoun Chapter U.D.C. erected a rock amphitheater and pulpit near the entrance of the cemetery.

In 1954, an additional 1 1/2 acres were added to the church's cemetery.

The church building had been standing for over a century and a half before it received its major renovation in 1962. The building had been put together with field rock, lime and sand, and a little bit of water, and the symptoms of old age were beginning to be felt by the ancient walls.

The 25 inch walls had been constructed unevenly, and they were beginning to bulge with the strain.

The "Old Stone church and Cemetery Association," a body of ten men responsible for the care and upkeep of the church, took out the stones by sections and rebuilt the walls using the original stones and cement. The inside of the building was plastered with cement, and the walls were leveled.

The Old Stone Church today, newly strengthened to withstand the elements of many years to come, stands as it did in 1802, a silent reminder of the historical days gone by in Oconee County.

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#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION ABSTRACT OF JAMES CALDWELL.

Pension Claim S 8163

James Caldwell was born October 1757 about three miles from Ballymoney in county of Antrim Ireland and when age 13 or 14 was brought by his father with the rest of his family to Orangeburg, later in Lexington District, South Carolina.

While residing in Orangeburg, S.C., he enlisted and served as private in the S.C. troops as follows: from the latter part of December 1778, one month under Capt. John Kinsler and Col. Charles Ricksley; from November 1779, four months under Capt. George Drahr and Col. Thompson; in May 1780, one month in Capt. Jonathan Owen's Company; July, one month in Capt. Gabriel Friday's company and in September, another month in Capt. Gabriel Friday's company, all three tours in Col. William Thompson's regiment. Besides these definite services, the soldier served other short tours under these same officers and under others, specific dates not stated.

In 1782 or 1783, James Caldwell moved from Orangeburg to a few miles from the village of Newberry, then in Newberry County, Ninety-Six District, S. C. and lived about two years, then moved to a plantation about five miles above the village of Newberry and lived there until 1828, when he moved to Anderson District, S.C.

James Caldwell was allowed pension April 24, 1834 in Newberry District, S.C.; he resided then in Anderson District.

The soldier died October 28, 1847, survived by children; their names nor name of his wife was stated.

At the time above noted, James Caldwell made application for pension, one Joseph Caldwell, also a resident of Anderson District, S.C. stated that he lived with James Caldwell during the Revolutionary War and served with him under the same officers during seven months of his service as well as on other short tours. Also, at that time, John Caldwell, Esquire was a resident of Newberry District, South Carolina. The relationship of the two Caldwells to the family of the soldier was not stated.

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#### SOUTH CAROLINA PENITENTIARY DEATHS

Source: "Report of the Surgeon for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1883."

COLUMBIA, S. C. October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1883.

Col. T. J. Lipscomb, *Superintendent South Carolina Penitentiary.*

Sir: I herewith furnish you a statement of the sick and wounded treated within the prison, and the deaths which have occurred during the fiscal year which ended 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1883.

The health of the prison has been good and the deaths from natural causes, when the diseases were contracted within the walls, have been few. There were 2,195 applications for treatment, and 5,365 prescriptions dispensed.

In addition to my regular duties, I have visited the convict camps in the different portions of the State at least twice during the year. The prisoners returned for treatment by the different contractors were as follows:

Mr. J. C. Seegers returned	4
Mr. R. S. Pringle returned	17
Mr. J. M. Wise returned	11
Mr. A. J. Twiggs returned	10
Mr. J. F. Jervey returned	12
Greenwood, Laurens and Spartanburg Railroad Company returned	12

In addition to those returned this year there are a number of chronic cases which were returned the last two years, and they constantly increase the list of those seeking treatment. The following named convicts died within the prison this year:

Wash Dorsey died 29<sup>th</sup> January of pyaemia, the result of gangrene caused by extravasation of urine from an old urethral fistula.

Mack Richardson died 12<sup>th</sup> March, of myelitis. He came from the Sumter jail in a feeble condition. Paralysis of the lower extremities, bladder and rectum, with the formation of extensive sloughs, soon occurred, and he died in a short while.

Robert Morrison, died 20<sup>th</sup> May of consumption. He had been under treatment for several years and died from hemorrhage.

Oscar Booker died 18<sup>th</sup> June of acute consumption. He came from the Spartanburg jail sick and the disease ran a rapid course. He was not able to do work of any kind.

Henry Bell died the 15<sup>th</sup> June of dysentery. He was an old man and had been in prison a short time.

Joe Glenn died 11<sup>th</sup> July of meningitis. He had just been received from the Colleton jail and was unable to bear the heat.

John Richards died 3d July of chronic diarrhoea. He was an old man and was very much emaciated when he reached the prison.

Robert Bradley died 13<sup>th</sup> August of peritonitis. He was injured by a caving bank while at work on the canal and died in three days.

Celia Saxon died 5<sup>th</sup> September of congestive chill.

The following named convicts were returned by the contractors for treatment, many of whom were hopelessly ill when received. In two or three instances death was hastened by their removal.



Mason Booker died 12<sup>th</sup> January of Bright's disease. He was returned by Mr. J. M. Wise in the last stages of the disease.

George Lane died of enteritis 1<sup>st</sup> February. He was returned for treatment by Mr. J. M. Wise.

Robert Sessions died 11<sup>th</sup> February of chronic pleurisy. He was returned by Mr. J. M. Wise.

Peter Townsend died 10<sup>th</sup> June of chronic pleurisy. Returned from Mr. A. J. Twigg's camp and died the following day.

Tom Coulter died 22d July of typho-malarial fever. Returned by Mr. R. S. Pringle.

Preston Brown died 29<sup>th</sup> July of chronic Bright's. He was returned by Mr. R. S. Pringle.

Murphy Irby died 23d August of typho-malarial fever. Returned by Mr. Seegers for treatment.

Wm. Craft died 28<sup>th</sup> September of typho-malarial fever. He was returned by Mr. Jervey and died from hemorrhage from the bowels.

Edwin Mathews died 13<sup>th</sup> October of chirrrosis of the liver. He was returned by G., L. and S. R. R. Company.

The daily average prison population was 542. Leaving out those cases where death did not result from natural causes and the cases which were brought into the yard with the disease which caused death well advanced, would give the death rate proper for the prison yard, which is less than one per cent. Only four of the prisoners who died in the yard this year had been able to do work of any kind since their admission, and one of these died from injuries received.

I would again respectfully recommend that a room properly heated and ventilated be prepared for the prisoners to occupy during Sundays and rainy days. I have witnessed considerable suffering on account of a lack of some arrangement for the comfort of the prisoners when not at work during the Winter months.

The prison building has been too much crowded this year, and it has been only by the strictest attention to cleanliness that sickness of a serious nature has been prevented. It is barely safe for two men to occupy one cell, and it is positively dangerous for more than two to be crowded into one cell during the Summer months, and during the Winter months only two men can be made comfortable in one cell. On account of the limited number of cells prepared for occupation, I would respectfully recommend that the prisoners who are to work on the canal next year be confined in a stockade at some point convenient to the work.

I am under many obligations to the Rev. Wm. Martin for many cheering visits to the sick, and to Captain Wm. H. Sligh for his strict attention to the diet of the prisoners.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for your courteous attention to the recommendations which I have made for the comfort of the prisoner.

I am, very respectfully,

D. S. POPE, M.D.,  
Physician to South Carolina Penitentiary.

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## ITEMS FROM THE NINETY-SIX GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER

Source: *The Ninety-Six Guardian*, issue of Thursday, August 22, 1896

Personal:

J. A. Selby, Esq., of the Columbia Phoenix and Straight-Out Democrat, passed up the road last Thursday. He is travelling in the interest of his excellent papers, and we trust increasing his already large subscription list.

Mr. E. P. Aull, of Newberry, is on a visit to his relatives, the family of Mr. J. L. Aull of Edgefield County, near this place, and was in town on Monday last.

Mrs. Moore and her daughter, Mr. E. M. Lipscomb, after several weeks spent pleasantly with friends in Greenville, returned home on Saturday last.

List of Jurors: The following named persons were drawn by the jury commissioners on Monday to serve as petit jurors at the approaching term of court:

J. L. Drennan, Robert Smith, D. P. Hannah, W. Cowan Brock, Geo. A. Koy, R. H. Armstrong, John McMahon, E. H. Nickles, J. Newton Drake, James C. Lites, James M. White, W. Tell Henderson, H. M. Johnson, John W. Pratt, Henry S. Long, Geo. R. Caldwell, J. J. Ruckey, G. M. Hodges, R. H. Hughes, F. W. R. Nance, Louis A. Ramey, Geo. F. Hagin, William Johnson, W. A. McWhorter, R. J. Robinson, J. S. Gilbert, W. C. Fouche, W. P. Wardlaw, T. J. Ellis, Wm. M. Wakefield, J. F. Agnew, D. W. Jay, white; Henry Lomax, Morris Boyd, Andrew Calhoun, Jr., Sam Hawthorn, colored.

The last words heard from Wiggins, the mule thief, as he boarded the train in charge of the Chief of Police from Greenville, was "Durn Ninety-Six; that calbouse is the infernalesst hottest place I was ever in."

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## HOLLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH PRINCIPLES AND MEMBERS

Spartanburgh District S. C.

Nov 7th 1834

We the undersigned Comitte having been Called on by the Holly Spring Baptist Church of Christ to frame a Constitution in lieu of the original which is lost or misplaced have Accordingly framed and adapted the Constitution and Abstract of Principles which are recorded on the three next pages with the names of the members of the Holly Spring Church annexed

given under our hands this the 7th day of Nove 1834

Jefferson Barton	(	
Jno G Landrum	(	
Isaac Lemons	(	
Jno M Collires(sic)	(	Committe
Thompson Clayton	(	
Jno Ballenger	(	
Jas Ballenger	(	
Thomson Davis	(	
Thomas R. Tucker	(	

Constitution adapted(sic) By order of the Church in lieu of the Original which is lost or misplaced on the 7th of November 1834-----

«Preamble»

The Baptist Church of Christ at the Holly Springs Spartanburgh District S. C. Having been regularly constituted in the year of our Lord 1804 upon the ordinary principles of the regular Baptist Church of the United States of America, and having maintained the order and regulations of a Church of Christ from the date aforesaid till the present time. Find upon examination that the original Copy of her Constitution into a Body or Church is distroyed or misplaced So that it can not be found, and that we may continue to maintain the order and union of a church of Christ after the same manner that we have heretofore lived



and progressed under the kind protection of Christ our living head We the members of [the] said Church do agree unanimously to adopt the following Constitution which we are certain differs not materially from the Original one—in lieu of that which is now lost—or misplaced

Article 1st This Church shall be known by the name of the Baptist Church at the Holly Springs Spartanburgh Dist. S. C.

Article 2nd We the members of said Church do agree to give ourselves to each other that we may watch over each other for good and act in unison with each other in matters which pertain to the Kingdom of Christ and to the promotion of the happiness of each member as followers of Christ— & Strive to maintain good order harmony and fellowship, one with another and that we may have Some regular method of doing business in said Church we humbly adopt the following rules of Decorum

Rule 1st Church meeting Holly Spring Church Shall be holden on the second Sabbath in each Month and Saturdays before unless the Church shall herein after appoint some other time

Rule 2nd The Pastor in Charge shall act as Moderator and in his absence a Deacon shall act

Rule 3rd It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside and keep good order to see that matters of dealing shall not be taken up in the Church till the Gospel Steps have been taken, and in all Cases after sufficient discussion has been had on any subject if need require to take the vote of the Church and if tied give the Casting Vote—

Rule 4th Any member to speak on any subject before the Church shall rise and address the moderator & no member shall speak till the member last up shall have done

Rule 5th All questions before the Church shall be decided by a majority of the members present except in cases of Fellowship which Shall require a unanimity

Rule 6th It shall be the duty of each male member of this Church to contribute something according to what he hath to the support of the Gospel and especially to the minister in charge

Rule 7th It shall be the duty of each member as much as is them lies to attend Church meetings regular and it shall be considered a fault in a member to stay away from Church meeting without a good excuse for so doing

«Abstract of Principles»

Art. 1st We believe in our true and living God. The Father, Son & Holy Ghost three in one.

Art 2nd We believe the Scriptures of [the] Old and new Testament are the word of God and the only true Rule of faith and practice

Art 3rd We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin

Art 4th We believe in Man's(sic) in ability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and Holiness—

Art 5th We believe in the doctrine of Election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth

Art 6th We believe that Sinners are Justified in the sight of God only by the Merit of Jesus Christ

Art 7th We believe the saints shall persevere in Grace and not finally fall away

Art 8th We believe that Baptism And the Lords Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, And that true believers are the only proper subjects and Conscientiously do believe the True mode is immersion

Art 9th We believe in the resurrection of the dead and General Judgment

Art 10th We believe the Joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal—

Art 10th (sic) We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances Only such as have been Called of God as was Aaron and regularly Baptized and approved of by the Church and Come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytry

Art 11th We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lords Supper—

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### WILL OF JOHN COLLINS

The following last will & testament of John Collins was presented in open court October term 1792 and ordered to be recorded which was done this 15<sup>th</sup> January 1793.

In the name of God, Amen the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1792 I John Collins of the County of Greenville and State of South Carolina being very sick and & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God. I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Catherine Gilbert the sum of one shilling, 2 I give to my son William Collins the sum of ten dollars; 3 I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Collins the sum of ten dollars; 4<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my son John Collins the mare & fold that the mare had this spring that is called phenis; 5<sup>th</sup> I give and allow my plantation & stock both of horses & cows & all other stock & working tools of all sort that I have and every thing belonging to me, except what is above mentioned is to go to the maintenance of my wife and raising of my children and at my wife's death, what remains equally to be divided among my children, that is small & not mentioned by name my son Abner is to have the land and his share of the rest, signed sealed & delivered by the said John Collins as his last will & testament. In presence of us

John Collins (Seal)

Lewis Wells

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Elisha X Nelson

hand

Recorded in Will Book A Page 54 Apt 8 File #581

### OBITUARY OF JAMES NICHOLSON, ABBEVILLE

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of Thursday September 29, 1836, page 3.

Died, at Abbeville Court House, on the morning of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> instant, after a short illness, James Nicholson, Esq., in the 78<sup>th</sup> year in his age.

He was a native of Northumberland in England, but resided, from early manhood, in Charleston, S.C. By his good sense, honesty and industry, he accumulated a large fortune, and by his strict temperance and the extraordinary regularity of his habits, he preserved the health and strength of his body until a few days before his death. He was a highly respectable and useful citizen, and particularly devoted to the interest of his adopted City.—Communicated

### DEATH NOTICE OF J.P. PENDLETON OF EDGEFIELD

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of August 11, 1836, page 3.

DIED, at Edgefield C.H. on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, of a lingering fever, Mr. J. P. Pendleton, formerly of Strafford, Conn. aged 25.

Mr. P. was by profession a Boot and Shoe Maker, and has been residing in this place since January last. Though he came so recently among us, he lived long enough to gain the universal esteem of the community, and to bind in chords of strong personal friendship, many of our most worthy and respectable citizens. His remains were interred in the Baptist burial ground on the next day

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### FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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

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

#### OCONEE COUNTY

##### Oconee County Deed Book A, page 139

**W.D. Rochester** & wife to **Cynthia Fredericks** & others Conveyance 550 acres- 1/12 part  
This indenture made 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty-nine between **W.D. Rochester** and wife **Cornelia** of the town of Pendleton, County of Anderson and State of South Carolina of one part and **Cynthia Fredericks, Sarah A. Frederick, Martha J. Frederick, Ellen C., Frederick, Patrick Frederick, and John Frederick** of the town of Seneca, county of Oconee of the other part. Witnesseth that that said party of the one part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ... in hand paid by the said party of the other part ... sell ... unto party of the other part ... all that certain parcel or tract of land lying and being situated in the Town of Seneca county and state aforesaid lying on both sides of Martins Creek Being our interest in the Estate of our Father **George W. Frederick** and which is one twelfth part of the place whereon he resided at the time of his death adjoining the lands of **Dr. W<sup>m</sup> Cherry, John Larkins Estate, Berry Phillips, B. Earle, Stephen Baldwin and W.A. Lay** containing five hundred and fifty acres ...

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

**W.A. Lay**

**Levi I. Cox**

**W.D. Rochester** (Seal)

**Cornelia Rochester**

#### OCONEE COUNTY

##### Oconee County Deed Book A, page 140

**B.E. Frederick** to **Cynthia Frederick** & others Conveyance 1/12 part of 550 acres  
This indenture made 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty nine between **Baylis E. Fredericks** of the Town of Seneca County of Oconee and State of South Carolina, and **Cynthia Fredericks, Sarah A. Fredericks, Martha J. Fredericks, Eliza C. Fredericks, Louesa I Fredericks, Mary H. Fredericks, Ellen C. Fredericks, Patrick Fredericks and John E. Fredericks** of the same place and **Osberry Cardin** and wife **Susan E. Cardin** of Sparta Chickasaw County State of Mississippi and **W.D. Rochester** of the town of Pendleton County of Anderson and State of South Carolina of the other. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ... to him paid by the said party of the other part ... do remise release and quit claim unto said party of the other part all my interest in that ... tract of land [see above] being my interest in the Estate of my father **George W. Frederick** and which is one twelfth part

witnesses

**W.A. Lay**

**Levi I Cox**

**B.E. Fredericks**

#### GREENVILLE COUNTY



**Greenville County Deed Book G, page 181**

This indenture made the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1797 ... between **George Underwood & Sarah Underwood** of the County of Greenville & State of South Carolina of the one part and **Arch<sup>d</sup> Fowler** of the afore s<sup>d</sup> state and county of the other part *WITNESSETH* that the s<sup>d</sup> George Underwood & Sarah Underwood ... sell unto the s<sup>d</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Fowler a certain tract or piece of land lying & being in Greenville County State of South Carolina on **laurel creek of reedy river** containing one hundred and twenty acres of land originally granted to the s<sup>d</sup> Underwood by his Excellency **Charles Pinckney** grant bearing date 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1792 ... bounded by **Batte Birdsong's** land ...

Test. his her  
**William x Bonds** **William Martin** Sarah x Underwood  
mark mark

State of South Carolina, Greenville County} Personally came W<sup>m</sup> Martin before me and made oath as the Law directs and saith on s<sup>d</sup> oath that he saw George Underwood and his wife Sarah sign & as their Rail acts & deeds Deliver the within deed ... William Martin

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> July 1797--

Test **J Kilgore** J. P.

Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1804

**GREENVILLE COUNTY**

**Greenville County Deed Book G, page 267**

State of South Carolina. Know all men by these presents that I **Archibald Fowler & Wife Ede Fowler** of Greenville District of State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars to me in hand paid by **George Underwood** of the same District and state aforesaid have ... sold ... unto the **George Underwood** a part of a tract of Land granted to **George Underwood** ...

Signed in presents of Arch<sup>d</sup> Fowler {LS}  
her  
**Isaac Green** Edah x Fowler  
**Nimrod Underwood** mark

South Carolina, Greenville District} Personally came before me **Nimrod Underwood** and maid oath that he was present & saw **Archibald Fowler** assign the within deed convince ... also saw **Isaac Green** assign as a witness Sworn to and subscribed the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1805 Nimrod Underwood

**Elisha Green** J. P.

Recorded the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1805

**GREENVILLE COUNTY**

Greenville County, SC, Probate Court, Apt 3, File 161. Estate of **Archibald Fowler** Dec'd, (1840), **John W. Fowler**, Executor

**Will of Archibald Fowler**

In the name of God Amen I, **Archibald Fowler** of the the district of Greenville and State of South Carolina being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God, me calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First my will is that by beloved wife **Ede** do take a child's part of my Estate

2<sup>nd</sup> my will and wish is that my six grandchildren which is the children of my daughter **Jessy Pike**

deceased have no more than five dollars apiece (that is each of them five dollars)

3<sup>rd</sup> I do will and direct that all the balance of my Estate, after paying all just debts, be divided share and share alike between my beloved wife and my children except my son **West J. Fowler** which I only give two hundred dollars out of what I may have at my death. The names of my children which are to have equal shares, and in case they should die their heirs in law to have equal shares, is as follows **Mary Evans, Leah Mahaffey, Rachel Pike, Louise Miller, Lina Miller, Lavina Pool, John W. Fowler**, whom I constitute, make and ordain the sole executor of this my last will and testament, (West J Fowler which I only give two hundred dollars), **Lovey Waldrop, Alexander W Fowler** Deceas'd his heirs the parents share My wish is that my executor after my decease sell all my Estate both real and personal on a credit of of twelve months, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every of any former testaments, wills, Legacies and executors by me in any wise made or named, and confirming no other witness my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1839

[witnesses]

Arch<sup>d</sup> Fowler {LS}

**Lyn Walker** **Thos I. Dean** **Isaac Walker**

Probated June 1, 1840 **John Watson**

[The original will is not in this estate file. In its place is a very faint typescript copy made from the original by the Nathaniel Green and Behethland Butler chapters, D.A.R. Greenville County, dated July 18, 1933. There are no other papers in the file.]

**GREENVILLE COUNTY**

Greenville County, SC, Probate Court, Apt 8, File 158, Estate of **Alexander W. Fowler** Dec'd (1841), **Lyn Walker**, Adm'r

**Petition of Lyn Walker**

South Carolina, Greenville District} To **Jno Watson** ordinary  
 The petition of **Lyn Walker** Sheweth that his son in law **Alexander Fowler** died some time since in the State of **Alabama** and that your petitioners daughter the widow of the s<sup>d</sup> dec'd removed to this county district and brought a negro girl and some other property. Which property has never been administered on (the said dec'd dying intestate) your petitioner in order that the said property may be legally managed and the interest of the minor children taken care of craves to be appointed administrator **Jan'y 25 1841**

**Lyn Walker**

**Petition for Sale and Order Granted for the Personal Estate of A.W. Fowler Dec'd**

South Carolina, Greenville District} To **Jno Watson** Ordinary for said district--  
 The petition of **Lyn Walker** adm' of the Estate of **Alexander W. Fowler** late of **Alabama** deceased Sheweth that his intestate has a small amount of property in this state consisting of one negro girl and some other property to a small amount. And further your petitioner has paid some money and incurred liabilities on account of the debts of the said Estate and that it is necessary to sell the above named property to meet the aforesaid liabilities. Your petitioner therefore craves an order of sale.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1841**

**Lyn Walker**

Having duly considered the petition I do hereby order a Sale of all the personal estate of the above mentioned **Alex<sup>r</sup> W. Fowler** on a credit until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next for all sums of three dollars and upward. [For] All sums under three dollars the cash to be paid down fifteen days previous notice to be given at three or more public places in the vicinity of the property and one at the door of the court house of this district-- Purchaser to give notes and security before the right of property is changed. A complete bill of sale to be returned to my office within sixty days

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1841

**Jno Watson** O G D



**Warrent of Appraisement**

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} By John Watson Ordinary of said District  
 [The men named to be appraisers were **Thos I. Dean, Isaac Walker, and John H. Walker.**]  
 MEMORANDUM: That on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me **Matthew Hudson** one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in the said District Thomas I Dean, Isaac Walker and John H. Walker being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **AW Fowler** late of the said District Alabama, deceased ... return [their appraisement] under their hands, unto the said **Lyn Walker** on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April next

Sworn to the day and year above  
 written before me **M.T. Hudson J.P.**

Thos I. Dean  
 John R. Walker  
 Isaac Walker

**Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Alex' Fowler dec'd**

[The estate was appraised at \$356.62½, and it included one Negro girl named **Caroline** valued at \$300. The sale bill was dated **February 23, 1841.**]

**Sale Bill of the Estate of Alex' Fowler dec'd**

A true Report of the property Sold by **Lyn Walker** the 11<sup>th</sup> day of **March 1841** belonging to the Estate of **A W Fowler Deceased.**

		\$	¢
<b>Epply Roe</b>	1 pair hames		45¼
<b>Isaac Walker</b>	1 teakettle		68¼
<b>M' Snow</b>	1 coffee mill		31¼
<b>John H. Walker</b>	1 razor strop		06¼
<b>Anthony Jones</b>	1 carry all waggon	12	50
<b>Ja' Jones</b>	1 chest	1	12½
<b>J.H. Walker</b>	1 trunk		87½
<b>J.J. Jones</b>	1 side saddle		50
<b>D'</b>	1 Bed & furniture	11	12½
<b>D'</b>	1 slay		68¼
<b>D'</b>	3 Books 1 looking glass		87½
<b>D'</b>	Earthen ware 2 chairs 1 pot		56¼
<b>D'</b>	3 trunks		50
<b>Lyn Walker</b>	1 Negro girl <b>Caroline</b>	285	
<b>Cash brot from Alabama</b>		63	00
<b>Cash for hire of carry all etc</b>		11	00
<b>Cash for mare sold</b>		75	00
		463	70

I **Lyn Walker** adm' do certify that the above exhibits the true am' of the sale and all the assets of the above mentioned Estate in Greenville district S<sup>c</sup> Carolina as far as has come to my hand Knowledge or possession **April 12 1841** **Lyn Walker**

**First Return of the Estate of Alex' W Fowler dec'd**

Entered Jan'y 27<sup>th</sup> 1842

1838	By paid for clothing for use of family	\$8.00
1839	" " D' D'	8.42
" "	<b>O. H Wells</b> For paper	3.00
" "	" my own a/c against Estate viz a note paid	
	In Sept 1839 to <b>Willis Gear</b>	168.75
	D' to <b>A R &amp; C E Lattimer</b> [?] of Augusta	71.12

Amt for three trips to Alabama 1838, 1839 & 1841

60.00

[This is an incomplete transcription of this return. These entries above are included here to help document the year of demise of **Alexander W. Fowler**. One may reasonably infer that he died in the year 1838.]

**Third Return of the Estate of AW Fowler dec'd**

Examined & Filed Jan'y 29, 1844

1843 April 13 Cr By Paid **R.S. Prater**[?] Sherriff of **Benton Cty Ala** \$42.56

[This is an incomplete transcription of this return. This entry above is included here to help document the county in Alabama wherein **Alexander W. Fowler** resided at the time of his death. We may conclude that he lived in **Benton County**, which later became **Calhoun County**.]

**Fourth Return of the Estate of AW Fowler dec'd**

[The details of this return are omitted here, except for the concluding remarks of the ordinary.]

The adm' states that he has received all the estate and has paid it out as stated in former returns with \$131.68 over what he has received which he agrees to loose as stated above Ordered that he be discharged from accounting ... **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1848** **Jno Watson O G D**

[The estate records never reveal the name of **Alexander W. Fowler's** wife, nor the names of his children. He is clearly a son of **Archibald Fowler** and his wife **Ede**. He married a daughter of **Lyn Walker** and removed to Alabama, where he died in 1838 in **Benton County**.]

**GREENVILLE COUNTY**

Greenville County, SC, Probate Court, Apartment 3, File #159. Estate of **John Foster Dec'd (1788)**, **John Crow Foster, George Singleton Foster, Mrs. Foster Ex'ors**

**Will of John Foster**

In the name of God Amen. I **John Foster** of Greenville County and district of Ninety Six and state of South Carolina carpenter being through abundant mercy and goodness of God tho weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding in memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire to be received by all as such ... I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last days for my burial I desire it to be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with requisite prudence as to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid, and first I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife three negroes, viz, **Sam, Cole, and Sill** together with the stock and household goods and at her desire to be divided among the children I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter **Mary Hendley** one negro girl named **Silvia** which she has now in possession to her and her heirs forever which is as much as comes to her share I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **Frances** one negro girl named **Sabrina** to her and her heirs forever I give and bequeath to my loving son **John Crow Foster** one negro man named **Cain** together with two track of land I bought from **John Hambleton** and **Robert Ramsey** containing two hundred and forty six acres to be divided between the said **John Crow Foster** and his brother **George Singleton Foster** I give and bequeath to my loving son **George Singleton Foster** one negro named **Sheriff**, I give and bequeath unto to my loving son **Josiah Foster** one negro named **Carolina**, I give and bequeath unto my loving son **James Hocket Foster** one negro named **Limbrick**, I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter **Nancy** one negro named **Sall**. I give and bequeath unto my loving son **Robert Singleton Foster** two negroes named **Kitt** and **Sawyer** I give and bequeath unto my three sons **Josiah, James Hocket** and **Robert Singleton** and my daughter **Nancy** the



plantation whereon I now live consisting of three hundred acres together with forty acres of land being part of a tract I sold to **Josiah Smith** my debts to be collected as quick as possible and the money to be laid out in young negroes for the use of the children if the said children should die without heirs or any one of them their part of the estate to equally divided amongst the rest of the children or if any one of the said children's negroes should die before my wife's decease the said child or children negro dying the same to be made good out of my wife's part of the estate at her decease my will and desire is that all my children should keep their negroes together and work them together till they come of age and then every child to take their part and at my wife's decease her part and debts that is now to collect to be equally divided amongst the children at the discretion of my loving wife and sons John Crow Foster and George Singleton Foster whom I doth constitute them executors and executrix of this my last will and testament and trustees for the rest of the children In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the **ninth day of October** in the year of our Lord **one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.**

Witnesses  
**Richard Thompson** his  
**David Shedden** **John x Rabun**  
 mark

#### Proof of Will

[The date that the will was proved, and by whom, is not recorded in the estate file papers.]

#### Warrent of Appraisement

State of South Carolina } By the [?] writ of all the Justices of the county court aforesaid  
 Greenville County } To **Elias Earle William Goodlett John Rabun John Jones**  
 [This particular document, like many others in the file, is very faint and is almost impossible to read. However, its nature is familiar: The Justices authorise the four men named above, or any three of them to appraise the estate of John Foster, deceased. [With difficulty, the following date is read:]  
**Seventh day of November** in the year of our Lord **one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight**  
**Thomas Lewis** clk of Court

#### Appraisement Bill of the Estate of John Foster

[An inventory of the estate of John Foster was made and is a part of the file, but it is impossible to read it accurately. The date of the appraisement is not discernable. There is no bill of sale in the file. The bill of appraisement was signed as follows:]

his  
**W<sup>m</sup> Goodlett Jn<sup>o</sup> x Rabun Jn<sup>o</sup> Jones**  
 mark

#### [George Ross' Receipt]

1783 John Foster **Br<sup>d</sup> River** [Broad River] to George Ross D<sup>r</sup>

To medicines applications & attendance for self and Family  
 at sundry Dates from **April 19<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup> day 1788** ..... £ 6:14:0

**George Ross**

S<sup>th</sup> Carolina } Personally came George Ross and makes oath that the within account is just &  
**Laurens County** } true and that he never Received any satisfaction or pay for said acc't  
 Sworn before me this 6<sup>th</sup> Oct' 1788 **George Ross**

**James Montgomery J. P.**

[This receipt is important in that it establishes a firm estimate of the death date of John Foster. It is highly probable that he died in August, 1888]

#### [Receipt of L. Alston]

Rec<sup>d</sup> from the Estate of Mr John Foster Deceased for Mr Richard Thomson Two hundred weight of  
**Tob<sup>o</sup>** [tobacco] in full of all demands

4<sup>th</sup> October 1788

**L. J. Alston**

#### [Receipt of John Lewis DC]

Received of John Crow Foster nine shillings it being for proving [unreadable] testimony etc. I say received the sixteenth February 1789 of me **John Lewis DC**

#### [Receipt of Thomas Woods]

The Estate of John Foster deceased to Thomas Woods debtor to one Sow and pigs ..... £0:14:0  
 Appeared Thomas Woods Before me & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god that the above account as it stands is Just and True and that he never Received any part parcel security nor satisfaction for the same more than credit given

Sworn to before me **October 31, 1789**

**W<sup>m</sup> Hendley J.P.**

#### The Estate of John Foster deccas<sup>d</sup> to Robert Ramsey D<sup>r</sup>

St of south Carolina } To the Ballance of thirty Eight pounds when last settled remained due ...3-14-0  
 Greenville county } Before me **Sam<sup>l</sup> I Alston** Justice of the peace for the s<sup>d</sup> county there appear<sup>d</sup>  
**Robert Ramsey** and being duly sworn as the law dericts saith on oath that the above account is Just and true as it stands and that he Never hath received any part of the same Sworn to and sub<sup>d</sup>  
**February the 16<sup>th</sup> 1789**  
**S I Alston J. P.** **Robert Ramsay**

#### [On Back of this Receipt]

Received of John Crow Foster executor of John Foster Deceased the with in account wich is three pounds  
 Fourteen Sterling I say this **12 day of Mach 1790** **Robert Ramsay**

#### Josiah Smith Recceite

Received of John Crow Foster one of the executors of John Foster deceased fourteen Pounds sterling money for twelve & three fourths acres Land taken by **William Thompson** upon an older grant from the tract of land sold by John Foster deceased to me  
 [witnesses]

**Josiah Smith**

**Clayton Rogers W<sup>m</sup> Gaston**

#### [A Court Order]

The executors of John Foster Deceased To John Crow Foster D<sup>r</sup> To cash expended in Labour the [unreadable phrase] of a Tract of Land in Camdon District Court and his allowances & Expenses at Pinckney Court amounting to fifteen pounds fourteen shillings and Eight pence as sworn to within  
 Ordered that he the said Jn<sup>o</sup> C. Foster retain in his hands the above sum for his services as Executor for the Estate of Jn<sup>o</sup> Foster Deceased and that he account to the court from time to time in what manner he disposes of the assetts that may be in his hands—

[Back Side]

Money Paid by John C Foster in defending a suite **Abraham Smith vs Josiah Smith**

Paid Daniel Brown	£ 3 " - " 8
Paid John Brown twenty Eight shillings for appearing to cross Examine witnesses In the Deliwar state [State of Delaware]	1 " 8 " -
Paid Tailor attorney	3 " 0 " 8
Paid Smith attorney	1 " 10 " 4
For attening two Cortes at Camden	8 " 19 " 8
& three Cortes at Pinckney	7
	15 " 19 " 8

South Carolina, } John C. Foster hath this day made oath before me that the above Ac<sup>d</sup> of Eight  
 Greenville County } pounds nineteen & 8 pence is Just & true & that he attended the above mentioned



cortes Sworn to & subscribed this 6 of July 1793

J Blasingame J.P.

[Ralph Rogers' Receipt]

Received of John Crow Foster executor of John Foster Deceased twenty one dollars as on account of the said Deceased I say received by me this 5 day of March 1798 **Ralph Rogers** Executor  
[That John Foster late of Greenville county had an earlier presence in York County is proved by a deed in York County wherein the said John Foster bought a tract of land in 1777 in the region that was to become York County. See this *Quarterly*, issue of August 1998 (Vol. XII, No. 3), for details. This same issue contains records of the Rogers family of which the said Ralph Rogers is a member.]

A Receipt From William Grant and his Wife Frances Foster Grant

As the husband of **Fanny Foster** who was one of the Legatees of John Foster Deceased I acknowledge to have received of John Crow Foster Executor of John Foster Dec<sup>d</sup> six pounds & fifteen shilling & three pence paid me this 22 of December AD 1793

W<sup>m</sup> Grant

January 2 AD 1796 as the husband of **Frances Foster** who was one of the legatees of John Foster Dec<sup>d</sup> I acknowledge to have received of John Crow Foster Executor to s<sup>d</sup> John Foster Due to my part which is the one sixth of a negro boy by the name of **Daniel**, rec'd by me W<sup>m</sup> Grant

a Receipt From George Josiah James and Nancy Foster

We the undernamed Legatees of John Foster Deceased have received of John Crow Foster executors of John Foster Deceased all our parts of rail [sic, real?] indent to the amount of Sixty pounds in the hole We Say received by us as witness our hands this 10 day July 1795

[Witness]  
Robert S C Foster

George Foster Jos<sup>h</sup> Foster  
James H. Foster Nancy Foster

I acknowledge the above & appears the receipt as the husband of Nancy Foster this 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1798  
**Benj. Perry**

[A Very Faint Receipt]

As the husband of Nancy Foster one of the Legatees of John Foster deceased I acknowledge to have Rec'd of John Crow Foster one of the executors of the estate of the above named John Foster one negro wench named **Sally** together with her child **Torre** [?] which was coming to her from the estate.

I say received from us  
1795 Feby 24<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Perry  
Benj<sup>m</sup> Perry

[By the foregoing receipts of legatees we learn the names of the husbands of John Foster's two younger daughters.]

Receipt From Josiah Foster to J C Foster Executor For John Foster

March the 1 day 1797 Received of John Crow Foster executor of John Foster Deceased the Sum of Six pounds fifteen shillings and 3 pence sterling I say received by me Josiah Foster one of the Legatees of John Foster Deceased as witness my hand and Seal  
Test. J A Foster

Jos<sup>h</sup> Foster

Receipt from G.S. Foster

April the 20 day 1797 Received of John Crow Foster Deceased the Sum of Six pounds fifteen shillings and 3 pence sterling I say received by George Singleton Foster one of the executors and Legatees of John Foster Deceased as witness my hand and seal  
test: Rob<sup>t</sup> S C Foster

G.S. Foster {LS}

J C Foster

[There are about nine or ten receipts that are so faint as to be unreadable. However, John Crow Foster's summary of disbursements is quite readable, and it will serve to identify those parties whose receipts are too faint to decypher.]

Paid for the Estate of John Foster by the Executor

Joseph Lyon Administrator for Dec <sup>d</sup> William Lyon the sum of	£12 " 0 " 0
To Mary Davis paid ac <sup>t</sup>	1 " 18 " 0
To Doct <sup>r</sup> George Ross	6 " 14 " 0
A note of hand to Charles Miles	4 " 16 " 4
To Thomas Woods	0 " 14 " 0
To Clayton Rogers Executor for William Rogers Dec	11 " 13 " 4
To John Rabun paid ac <sup>t</sup>	23 " 13 " 8
To Richard Thompson p <sup>d</sup> ac <sup>t</sup>	8 " 19 " 7½
To Robert Ramsey	3 " 14 " 0
John Lewis D CC	0 " 11 " 0
To William Gilkey	2 " 3 " 3
To Rafe [Ralph] Rogers Executor for William Rogers	4 " 18 " 3
	£81 " 6 " 6½

Paid to Josiah Smith for 12¼ acres of land Sold him by John Foster Dec <sup>d</sup> and after wards Taken by older Right	14 " 0 " 0
Paid Matthew Rogers Sen <sup>r</sup>	10 " 2 " 0
Paid James Hamilton	0 " 4 " 0
Paid William Henley	0 " 12 " 10
Paid John Hope on note [of] hand	4 " 1 " 7
Paid Clayton Rogers	5 " 0 " 0
Paid for the cost at Law for the Estate of John Foster Dec <sup>d</sup> at Camden & Pinckney	10 " 7 " 8
For attending 2 courts at Camden & Three at Pinckney allowed by Judge Maxwell & Judge Wood	7 " 0 " 0
	£37 " 8 " 1

[There were two sets of disbursement to the legatees, the detail listing will be omitted here except for the sums]

The total paid out indicates that John Foster was well-off for his times:

£28 " 6 " 10  
£53 " 15 " 5  
£270 " 16 " 1

[The name of John Foster's wife is not revealed in these estate papers. However, the 1790 census for Greenville County shows an Elinor Foster next door to a George Foster.]

PICKENS COUNTY

Pickens County, SC, Court of Equity, N<sup>o</sup> 81, Robert S.C. Foster et al vs. W. Sloane Harrison et al  
Bill for Partition & Sale of Real Estate (1839)

South Carolina, Pickens District} In Equity. To their Honors the Chancellors of the said state= Humbly complaining Sheweth your Honors your orators and oratrices Robert S C Foster, James H. Foster, N J F Perry, Davis Hunt & Harriett his wife, B F Perry, Josiah Perry, John Grant, R.H. Grant, Elizabeth Harris & Richard Harris her husband, Polly Robinson, Green Grant, T.B. Foster, W E Foster, Washington Foster, Columbus T Foster that Josiah Foster, the brother of orators Robert S.C. Foster and James H. Foster and uncle of your orators and oratrices, in his life time,



on the second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight (sic) hundred and sixteen, duly subscribed and executed a will a copy of which is herewith filed [and] marked "exhibit A" in which will he gave and devised all his of his property both real & personal to his wife **Polly Foster** during her natural life and at her death or marriage one half of same to be divided between your orators & oratrices giving to each family of nephews and nieces a portion equal to that of Robert S.C. & James H. Foster and the other half to be at the disposal of his said widow Polly as she may think proper.

Your orators & oratrices further shew unto your Honors that the said Josiah Foster, who then resided in District, after wards removed to the State of Alabama and there died, leaving his said will & testament unrevoked which was properly proven in the courts of Alabama. Some time after the death of the said Josiah Foster his widow Polly Foster also departed this life leaving her portion of the property to her child **Kitty Harrison** & her grandchildren **W<sup>m</sup> Sloan Harrison** & **Polly Harrison**, children of the said Kitty Harrison.

After the death of the said Polly Foster the property or the greater part of the property in Alabama was sold and divided amongst the Legatees as directed by the will of the said Josiah Foster. There is a tract of land in this district which still belongs to the Estate and which all the parties concerned are anxious to have sold and the proceeds divided according to the provisions of the will of the said Josiah Foster.

Your orators & oratrices therefore pray that your Honors will cause a writ of partition to issue directed to certain persons herein named to ascertain whether the said land be susceptible to partition amongst the legatees & if not to report to this court whether the same should not be sold in one or two or more parcels and the terms on which the same should be sold, And that your Honors will order and decree that the proceeds when received be divided out amongst the Legatees according to the will of the said Josiah Foster, that your Orators & oratrices further pray that your Honors will cause to issue and have published the proper notification against Mrs Kitty Harrison, W S Harrison & Polly Harrison who reside without the limits of the State, requiring them to be and appear in this Honorable Court on a day therein mentioned & full & perfect answers make to all and singular the matters & things contained and that your Honors will grant such further relief as to your Honors shall seem meet & proper

B.F. Perry Comp. Sol.

[At the bottom of this petition is written:]

Sale 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Oct next 1839 on one years credit

Rec<sup>d</sup> of W L Bull the commission Fifty dollars in full of my fees and charged in this case Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1839  
B. F. Perry

#### Bounds of Real Estate of Josiah Foster In Pickens District

600= [acres] adjoining lands of Nathaniel Hull, William Abbett, Samuel Maverick, Elson Davis—  
on both sides of Coneross Creek

#### Decree & Order of Sale

RSC Foster *et al* vs W.S. Harrison *et al*. On hearing the report of the commissioners in this case it is ordered that the report be confirmed and that the land belonging to the estate of Josiah Foster be sold on the first Monday in October next or some convenient sale afterwards in one tract on a credit of one year the purchaser giving bond & Security for the purchase money & paying in cost so much of the purchase money as will pay costs of suit.

J. Johnston June 20, 1839

#### Commissioners Report on Sales June Term 1840

R.S.C. Foster *et al* vs W. S. Harrison *et al* Bill for Partition & Sale of Real Estate etc

The commissioners report that it appears from the Book and papers turned over to him by his predecessor That he sold the Tract of Land in question on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October 1839 pursuant to order of Court to N.J.F. Perry, for the sum of sixteen hundred and fifteen dollars dollars (\$1615) and after deducting the costs therefrom left a balance of \$1530.55 ct, which he secured by the Bond of

N.J.F. Foster, T.W. Harbin & Leonard Towers in the penal sum of \$3061.10 cents conditioned for the payment of the above sim of \$1530.55 cts which is due on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1840 by W.J. Keith my predecessor and for which sum <sup>^\$500</sup> he appears to have taken the bond of E. Alexander & P. Alexander due the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1840 which is turned over to the present court The amounts of the Bonds are considered secured Respectfully submitted

18<sup>th</sup> June 1840

Miles M. Norton C E P D

#### Will of Josiah Foster

In the name of god Amen. I Josiah Foster of Pendleton district being of sound and disposing mind ... do make and declare this my last Will and testament ... in manner and form following viz I desire that so much of my stock or loose property be immediately sold, after my decease as shall be sufficient to pay all my just debts. The residue of my property, with a few exceptions, I give to my loving wife **Polly Foster** during her life or widowhood to use in any necessary or lawful way to sell for valuation dispose of all or part thereof ... and at her death or marriage should it happen one half of said property or its proceeds to my friends the other half entirely at her disposal, except **W.S. Harrison** & **Polly Harrison** to have a negro each, the remaining half I desire every nephew that is named for me and actually called for me to have a little negro or two hundred dollars each, what law books I have I give to **Brown Foster**, the remainder should there be any I leave to be divided between **James H. Foster** **Robert SC Foster** & the children of the other Brothers & Sisters each family of children to have a parents share or equal to James & Robert Fosters share Should my wife marry any choice negroes she has liberty to take at valuation. And for the executing & enforcing this my last will, I authorise, appoint and ordain **W<sup>m</sup> Simpson**, **Richard Harrison**, **Col. J.C. Kilpatrick** administrators and my wife administratrix or any two of them. As witness my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and fortieth of American Independence

Witness[es]

Josiah Foster

Aaron Shannon

his

R. H. Grant Elijah Gillison J. Gillison Eli x Latta  
mark

State of Alabama, **Greene County** This day appeared Aaron Shannon in open court, and after being duly sworn Sayeth that Josiah Foster acknowledged the within to be his act and hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1821

Test. F.T. Gaines clerk

W<sup>m</sup> Murphy

State of Alabama, **Greene County** This day appeared Reubin H. Grant in open court, and after being duly sworn sayeth that Josiah Foster acknowledged the within will to be his act & will this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1821

Test. F.T. Gaines clerk

W<sup>m</sup> Murphy

[These two statements from Greene County, Alabama inform us that Josiah Foster died there in 1821.]

State of Alabama, **Greene County** I Isaac C Snedecor clerk of the county court of said county do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript contains a full & correct copy of the Last Will & testament of Josiah Foster dec<sup>d</sup> as the same is and remains recorded in my office Given under my hand and seal of office at Erie this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1838

attest

I.C. Snedecor

State of Alabama, **Greene County** I, William B. Street, sole and presiding Judge of the County Court of Greene County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Isaac C. Snedecor, whose name is affixed to the above certificate, is now, and was at the time, the same bears date, Clerk of the County Court



of Greene County aforesaid; that full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such Clerk, and said certificate is in due form of law. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1838

W<sup>m</sup> B Street Judge C.C.G.C. Ala

#### Will of Mary Foster

State of Alabama, **Greene County** } In the name of God Amen. I **Mary Foster** at present of sound mind & disposing memory, & also in good health ... do make ordain & establish this my last will & Testament that is to say. **First** I desire all my just debts to be immediately paid ... **Secondly**, It is hereby declared to be my will and I do hereby give & bequeath unto my beloved **Daughter Catharine** (otherwise called **Kitty Harrison**, & unto her eight children to wit: **Elizabeth, James, Kitty or Catharine, Harriett, Laura, Clarissa, Josiah** & the youngest child & daughter of my daughter **Kitty**, named **Florence**, equally to be divided between the said nine persons, who are to take as tenant in common not as joint tenants, all my estate, real & personal of all and every description whatsoever ...

I the said **Mary Foster** do also by these presents, nominate, constitute and appoint my daughter **Kitty Harrison** & my grandson **Slone Harrison** Executrix and Executor of this my last will & Testament ... I the said **Mary Foster** have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February AD 1831~

Subscribed sealed & executed ...

before us as witnesses

W<sup>m</sup> Van De Graaf James A Beal J.C. Phares

#### Power of Attorney

State of Alabama, **Greene County** } Know all men by these presents that I, **William S. Harrison**, Executor of the last will and testament of **Mary Foster** late of **Greene County** in said State, deceased, have made constituted and appointed **Samuel G. McClanahan** of **Greenville** district in the State of **South Carolina** to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my stead to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive from the administrator with the will annexed of **Josiah Foster** late of said state of **South Carolina** deceased ... In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September AD one thousand Eight hundred and forty W.S. Harrison {Seal}

Signed & Sealed in presence of

**William Walton Daniel R. Chiles**

#### Sarah P. Tolberts Rec' \$15.59 1 of the Heirs of Polly Hendley Dec'

Rec'd 4<sup>th</sup> April AD 1840 of N.J.F. Perry my part of the right Estate of **Josiah Foster** deceased it being and lying in **Pickens D<sup>st</sup> South Carolina**—Sold by the Court of Equity for distribution my part being one seventh of one seventh of one half as one of the grandchildren of **Mary Hendly** sister of the Deceased. I do hereby Relinquish all further write Claim & Interest to the same Given under my hand the day above written

[Test.] B.D. Foster[?]

Sarah P Tolbert

#### N. J. F. Perry's Receipt

Rec'd **Pickens C.H. SC 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1844** of **Miles M Norton** Com' in Equity for **Pickens District** Forty Six and seventy seven cents in full of the share of **H. L. Kennan & Wife, Mary F. Foster, and J.L. Hendley** to the real Estate of **Josiah Foster** dec'd for which I have filed with him orders from the two latter & a receipt from the former

N.J.F. Perry

#### J. L. Hendly's Receipt

The commissioner in Equity for the District of **Pickens** in the state of **South Carolina** will please pay **Robert C Foster** the seventh of one seventh part of the proceeds of a tract of Land sold as the property of **Josiah Foster** Deceased for distribution and to which I am entitled as the **Granddaughter** of **Polly Henley** who is sister to the said deceased and this shall be receipt and voucher from me

Attest T.T. Chiles

J. L.[?] Hendly

#### Mary T. Foster's Receipt

The commissioner in Equity for the District of **Pickens** in the state of **South Carolina** will please pay **Robert S C Foster** the seventh of one seventh part of the proceeds of a tract of Land sold as the property of **Josiah Foster** Deceased for distribution and to which I am entitled as the **Granddaughter** of **Polly Henley** who is sister to the said deceased and this shall be receipt and voucher from me

[Test.] C.D. Perry March + 15<sup>th</sup> ad 1844 Mary T. Foster her attorney RSC Foster

#### H.L. Kinnon's Receipt

Received of **Miles M. Norton** fifteen dollars it being my part of the estate of **Josiah Foster** deceased in **Pickens District South Carolina** In right of my wife

Test. C.D. Perry Alabama 14<sup>th</sup> March 1844

H. L. Kinnon

#### Grant Siblings' Receipt

Rec'd of N J F Perry all our parts of the right Estate of **Josiah Foster** Deceased Lying & Being in **Pickens District S<sup>th</sup> Carolina** we being entitled to one seventh part of one half by the will of **Josiah Foster** as the children of **Frances Grant** sister of the said deceased **Josiah Foster** by these presents we hereby Relinquish all further Right—Title Interest or Claim to same & if required will at any time give any other acquittance Given under our hands this day and date above written

J L[?] Grant Nancy Grant Richard Harris, Elizabeth M. Harris G. W. Grant

RSC Foster agent for R.H. Grant and Mary H. Robinson

#### Receipt of Three Sons of John Crow Foster

Received of **Nathaniel J.F. Perry** the amount of our three shares, being each one seventh of seventh of one half of the sale of the tract of Land belonging to the Estate of **Josiah Foster** Deceased in the district of **Pickens** in the State of **South Carolina** which said tract or piece of Land has been sold by Order of the Court of Equity for distribution—April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840

Witness RCS Foster

George E. W. Foster J.M.C. Foster J.R.W. Foster

#### On back of receipt

G.E.W. Foster J.M.C. Foster J.R.C. Foster 3 of the Heirs of **John Foster** dec Receipt \$46.77

#### N.J.F. Perry's Rec' for Nelly Kirksey daughter of J.C. Foster

Rec'd **Pickens SC 1<sup>st</sup> Feby 1847** of **Miles M. Norton** C.E.P.D. Fifteen dollars & Fifty nine cents in full of the within

Rec'd 13<sup>th</sup> Dec' 1847 all our portion of the estate of **Josiah Foster** Deceased **Pickens District** It being one seventh part of a share Rec'd for me agint for [wh?] this day

F. M. Kirksey agint for

**Nelly Foster** the wife of **John Kirksey**

#### RSC Foster's Receipt

Rec'd of B.F. Perry from the commissioner in Equity for **Pickens district** one hundred & nine dollars & Eighteen cents in full my distributive share in the estate of **Josiah Foster** from the sale of his land in **Pickens district** October 24<sup>th</sup> 1840

RSC Foster

#### S.G. McClanahan's Receipt

Rec'd of B.F. Perry one Hundred and Thirty Seven dollars and forty cents in part of the distributive share of **Polly Foster's** heirs in the Estate of **Josiah Foster** arising from the sale of his land in **Pickens district** Oct 30 1840

S.G. McClanahan

#### Maj B.F. Perry Statement & Rec' Josiah Fosters Land etc

The commissioner in Equity for **Pickens Dist** **Miles M. Norton** paid me out of the sales of land which I was to pay to the legal agent of **R Harrison's** heirs ----- \$500.00

Not finding **Sam G. McClanahan** authorized at that time to secure the money as I expected and the whole of it being in **Georgia Bills** I was anxious to get rid of it & paid it out as follows



RSC Fosters share 1/7 of 1/2 paid him See Rept	109.18
The Heirs of Mrs Grant 1/7 of 1/2 See receipt	109.18
G.E.W. Foster 1/7 of 1/7 of 1/2}	
J W C Foster do } Children Jno Foster	46.77
J B R Foster do }	
Sarah P. Tolbert 1/7 of 1/7 of 1/2 (Polly Hendley g.d.)	15.59
B.F. Perry 1/4 of 1/7 of 1/2}	
J.F. Perry 1/4 of 1/7 of 1/2} Nancy Perrys Ch	81.87
Harriet J. Hunt 1/4 of 1/7 of 1/2}	\$ 362.59
Paid Sam G McElanahan agent for Harrisons children ballance	137.41
	500.00

See also their enclosed receipts The above shows in what manner the \$500. Were disposed of which was paid me B.F. Perry

[This file makes no account of the distributive shares of the children of George Foster and James H. Foster, brothers of Josiah. The notation "1/7 of 1/7 of 1/2" implies that John Crow Foster had seven children, as did Mary Foster Henley, at the time of the distribution in 1840. The notation "1/4 of 1/7 of 1/2" means that Nancy Foster Perry had four children. Since only three Perry children are listed above; the fourth must be N.J.C. Perry, the purchaser of the Josiah Foster land in Pickens District.]

#### Anderson County

Anderson County, SC} Real Estate Book, p.37 (1828), **William May vs Philip May & others**  
State of South Carolina} To Philip May **David May Thomas Bird & Judah** his wife **William Pace & Mary** his wife and the heirs & legal representatives of **John May** deceased, devisees of **William May** Deceased. Greeting

You are hereby required to appear at the Court of ordinary to be holden at Anderson Court House for Anderson District on the first Monday of **January** in the year **1829** to shew cause if any you can why the real estate of **William May** deceased Situate in Anderson & Pickens Districts on Coneross Creek waters of Seneca river bounded by lands of **William Grant William May & Henry M'Crary** containing one hundred acres should not be divided or sold allotting to the said devisees of **William May** deceased equal portions thereof to wit To Philip May **David May Thomas Bird & Judah** his wife **William Pace & Mary** his wife and the heirs & legal representatives of **John May** deceased

Given under my hand & seal this **17<sup>th</sup>** day of **November** in the year of our Lord **one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Eight** and in the 53rd year of American Independence

**John Harris** Ordinary Anderson District {Seal}

It was suggested that the defendants in this case reside out of the State notice was [ ] & published in the Pendleton Messenger Eight week[s] requiring them to appear and object on or before the first Monday in Jan'y 1829 Afterwards (to wit) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January 1829 It appearing that defendants had not appeared according to rule published. It was ordered that their consent be entered of record.

#### Anderson County

Anderson County, SC} Real Estate Book, p.57 (1836), **James Hembree** applicant vs **Susannah Pitts & others** State of South Carolina, Anderson District} To **James Hembree, Susannah Pitts Nicholas Welch, Silas Welch Betsey Heaton Peggy Vandiver Asinith Vandiver Hetty Welch Judith Wisdom Polly Welch Sally Welch James Butler, William Butler, Hosea Butler, Absalom Butler, Hezekiah Butler, Thomas Butler, Benjamin Butler, John Butler, Elijah Butler Sally Oliver and Abraham**

**Mullinax & Jenney** his wife heirs & and legal representatives of **David Hembree** Decd Greeting. You are hereby required to be and appear at the Court of ordinary to be holden at Anderson Court House for Anderson District on the first Monday, in **January** next AD **1837** to shew cause if any you can why the real estate of **David Hembree** Decd situate in said district on the head waters of **Generostee** waters of **Savannah River** containing 120 acres more or less joining lands belonging to **Job Rainwaters Robert Gordon Elijah Brown** and others should not be sold & if sold equally divided among the heirs according to their respective interests Given Under my hand & seal this **22 September** in the year of our Lord **1836** **John Harris** O A D {Seal}

#### SPARTANBURG COUNTY

##### Spartanburg County, SC Deed Book C, page 196

**John Boley to Blake Massingale, Deed** This Indenture made this **4<sup>th</sup>** day of **February** in the year of our Lord **one thousand seven hundred, & ninety four** and in the Eighteenth year of American Independence, Between **John Boley** of the State of South Carolina **Spartanburgh County**, of the first part And **Blake Massingale** of the State and county aforesaid of the other part. *WITNESSETH*, that the said **John Boley** for and in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds Sterling, to him in hand paid ... hath sold ... unto **Blake Massingale** a plantation or tract of land containing one Hundred acres, lying and being in **Spartanburgh County** & on the waters of **Lawsons Fork** on the east side of **Shoaly Creek** ... It being part of five hundred & forty seven acres originally granted to **Boley Conner** Bearing date of the **3<sup>rd</sup>** of **October 1785** under the hand & Seal of **W<sup>m</sup> Moultrie** then governor of the said State~Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Tract of Land was granted by the said **Boley Conner**, unto the said **John Boley**, and by the said **John Boley** to the said **Blake Massingale** ... In witness whereof he hath ... set his hand & Seale the day and year above written Signed and acknowledged in the presence of

his  
**John Kelly Thomas Massingale Nathan x Bishop** **John Boley** {Seal}  
mark

South Carolina, Spartanburg County} **Thomas Massingale** came before me and made oath that he saw **John Boley** Sign, Seale & Deliver the with deed to **Blake Massingale** the ~~younger~~ for the purposes within mentioned--and that he saw **John Kelly** and **Nathan Bishop** witness the same at the same time--  
Sworn to before me this **15<sup>th</sup>** of **February 1794** **D Goodlett** J.P.

#### SPARTANBURG COUNTY

##### Spartanburg County, SC Deed Book C, page 197

**Thomas Massingale to his Son James, Daughter[s] Mary, Nancy, Sally, and Betsy** Deed of Gift This indenture made the **twenty second** day of **January** Anno Chrisly **1794** By **Thomas Massingale** of the State of South Carolina, **Spartan County**, of the one part and his children nominated as follows of the other part, (To wit) I the said **Massingale** by these presents as my Deed of Gift--Give and Grant, unto my son **James**, and my Daughters **Mary, Nancy, Sally, Betsy**, in Equal proportions and connection of Inheritance, as followeth, (Viz) In the tie and bonds of natural affection, me hereunto moving, unreservedly, truly. And voluntarily convey and deliver unto my afore mentioned children genuine Right, and title, of two Cows, and two heifers--one Black mare, two sows and pigs, marked thus, a slit in the left ear and staple fork in the Right ear, I say giving and confirming irrevokably the same afore mentioned property ... Given under my Hand and Seal the Day and year afore & above mentioned

As witnesseth his  
**John Boley Henry x Turner James Wyatt** **Thomas x Massingale** {Seal}  
mark



South Carolina, Spartanburg County} James Wyatt came personally and made oath that he saw Thomas Massingale sign and acknowledge the above Deed of Gift ... Sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1794

D. Goodlett J.P.

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### MAIDEN NAME OF MRS. JOHN FOSTER

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

As noted in my contribution entitled "Family Groups and Family Connections From County Court Records" in the current issue of this *Quarterly*, the name of the wife of John Foster was never mentioned in his estate file. The purpose of this note is to state the maiden name of John Foster's wife and to cite my source, which is the book, *Benjamin F. Perry, South Carolina Unionist*, Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1946, by Lillian Adele Kibler. The said Benjamin F. Perry was a grandson of said John Foster. The following is verbatim from page 19 of this book:

In 1798, when thirty-eight, Benjamin Perry married Anna [sic] Foster, daughter of John Foster, a Virginian of English ancestry who had settled at Pinckneyville, Union District, several years before the Revolution and there married **Eleanor Collins** [my emphasis]. While serving as lieutenant at the siege of Savannah, Foster had been forced by cancer of the eye to resign his commission. Soon after the close of the Revolution he moved to the three forks of the Saluda River in Greenville District, where he spent the remaining years of his life. Of his seven or eight children, all except Anna and Robert eventually went West. His wife remained in Greenville District and lived to be nearly one hundred. Perry remembered her with fond affection: "She was a most excellent old lady, kind, affectionate and charitable, and industrious to the last years of her life."

Lillian Adele Kibler cites as her source for the information in the foregoing paragraph the *Autobiography* of Benjamin F. Perry, 1849, p. 5. I would like to add here that Benjamin F. Perry was a very learned man. As a young man he was the editor of *The Mountaineer*, a weekly newspaper in Greenville. Later, he was appointed provisional governor of the State of South Carolina by President Andrew Johnson on June 30, 1865 and served until December 21, 1865. The mother of Benjamin F. Perry is called Nancy by her own father in his will. She was likewise designated in a York County deed and by her own son, B.F. Perry, in the partition of Josiah Foster's estate in Pickens District. So it is a bit of puzzle that she is referred to as "Anna" in the paragraph above. Perhaps her full name was Nancy Anna.

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### OBITUARIES OF MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN PERRY

(Mr. Benjamin Perry's obituary is from the *Greenville Mountaineer*, December 23, 1842, page 3.)

DIED—On the 21st of November, at his residence on Tugaloo, Pickens District, BENJAMIN PERRY, Sr in the eighty second year of his age. The deceased was a native of Massachusetts, but for more than a half century past, a resident of South Carolina. He was a lad of fourteen at the commencement of the American Revolution, and whilst leading the horse his father was ploughing, heard the first guns fired in the course of Independence, at Concord, on the 19th of April, 1775. At the early age of sixteen, following the example of an elder brother, who was one of the remnant at Valley Forge, in the Winter of 1777, he shouldered a musket and volunteered his services in defence of his country. He was in the combined attack made on Rhode Island by the French and American forces, under Count deEctaign and Gen. Sullivan, in 1788. After the termination of the war in the Northern States, he entered a store in Boston as a clerk, where he

remained several years. In 1784 he came to Charleston, S. C., and thence to Greenville District, in business for the firm of Wadsworth & Turpin. Some years afterwards, having purchased a farm on Tugaloo River, he removed there, and spent the remainder of his days in quiet and humble seclusion.—He was a man of great industry, high sense of justice, and stern, unbending integrity. In all his intercourse and dealings with his fellow man, no one ever imputed to him an intentional wrong. It was his good fortune, not only to have lived virtuously, but to have escaped even suspicion. He never interested himself in the affairs of others, or the public. During the latter part of his life he was a constant reader of the Bible, and a most sincere believer in the sacred truths, although he never associated himself with any Church.—He was a kind neighbor and a sincere friend—an affectionate husband and a devoted father. By his family, who knew him best and loved him most, his loss is deeply felt, and his unpretending virtues will be cherished and venerated.

(Nancy /Anna Foster Perry's obit is from the *Greenville Mountain*, September 25, 1846, page 3.)

Died—On the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., at her residence on Tugaloo, Pickens District, S.C. MRS. BENJAMIN PERRY, in the seventieth year of her age. As a wife, a mother and a neighbor, few, very few, possessed a warmer heart or a nature more kind, generous and affectionate. The last twelve months of her life were of painful affliction, which she bore with christian fortitude and resignation.

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### LETTER FROM JAMES BENTON FOWLER OF CASS COUNTY, TEXAS

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of May 30, 1888.

Linden, Cass County, Texas May 25, 1888

Mr. Sheriff—I ask a favor of you. I was born and raised on Middle Tyger, Spartanburg county, S. C., between Washington Church, Greenville county, and Holly Springs Church, Spartanburg county. My father's name was John Fowler. He had three sons. I was the oldest. My name is James Benton Fowler. My two brothers names were Samuel and John. One sister named Elizabeth. She married a man by the name of Ragan. Now if you will find some old settler that knew us and let me know, as I want to identify myself. I left that State in 1831. I am now 80 years old. If you will look this up for me and write to me as soon as possible you will confer a favor on an old man. Respectfully

J. B. Fowler

(If any one in the county knows any of the descendants of the Fowlers or Ragans they will confer a favor by leaving information with Sheriff Gentry, or at this office.)

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### BURGLARY IN CHESTER DISTRICT

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

Source: *The Telescope* (Columbia, SC weekly), issue of Tuesday, June 12, 1821.

Very early on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this inst, (May) the Aron School House, on Rocky Creek, built on Mr. William Bradford Junr's land, seven or eight miles southward of Chesterville, was most shamefully



abused and villanously entered, by some rascallion he or SHE!!! by beating in a window shutter with an ugly heavy negro mallet, and a handsome French watch was taken out of a small chest; she had a human likeness on her face next the handle, a doing of *something* over and leaning on an elliptical figure. Just below the hands opposite to the above, is the representation of two stands of colour in blue and red, a drum and a cannon, &c, and an S engraved on the handle, she had a very nice chain, two seals and a handsome key with a moveable ornament. Likewise, one handsome new shawl, with large elliptical figures on the border; four handsome silk handkerchiefs, three cotton ones, and a patriotic one, with a representation of George Washington in the middle: all the property of a young woman who is going to school. It is presumed that this mean action of breaking open of a school house, and leaving it open to the mercy of the world, was not done by any of the settlers or inhabitants of this place, but by some ignorant thief, exotic, unprincipled, common, he or SHE!!!, who has it in contemplation not to be long in these parts, as they could be of no service to them here. It must have been committed by some enemy of the young woman's, as there was about two hundred dollars worth of free, easy moved property lying open through the house of the teacher at the same time. A reasonable reward will be given with thanks, for any hint that may be given that would be auxiliary to lead to a discovery, by me.

JAMES D. MORRIS

### EARLY SETTLERS ON BEN'S CREEK

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan* newspaper, issue of May 20, 1891

Reidville, S. C. May 11, 1891.

Mr. Editor - I thank your efforts to collect the early history and settlement of our county should be encouraged. The incidents I obtained from the oldest citizens I will cheerfully state. The first white man that was known between Tyger and Enoree was Shattem, a Baptist preacher. He must have come before Vernon or Collins settled in the Nazareth section, as he was murdered by the Indians; not one of the next settlers ever saw him. He had commenced building a mill on a creek since called Reedy Fork. The holes he had bored in the rock can still be seen near Capt. D. O. Leonard's house, in the incorporate limits of Reidville. These facts I obtained from Mr. James Leonard, sr., when he was 85 years old. He said he got his information from the older settlers that were in the neighborhood. He came with his father about the year 1692. Mr. Leonard died in 1878. The next tradition of any white man in the settlement was Ben Peck, who gave the name to the far-famed Ben's Creek. He was a Baptist preacher and built a mill on the creek. What became of him no person now alive knows. Perhaps the creek will bear his name as long as time lasts. The creek itself has an outrageous character for sudden rises and big freshets, but there never has been a murder on it and the inhabitants on it in the past and present are no better than they ought to be. I will now connect the history of the creek with a challenge that you received near 10 years ago from Esq. J. M. Fowler, stating that he had seen 12 of his grandfathers and grandmother and great-grandparents and dared any other persons living to come up to that. I have no doubt the Squire stated the truth, for I am but little his senior in age and I have seen all of his grandparents myself. I will now state how the Squire saw so many of his ancestors. They were all citizens of Ben's Creek, or the biggest part of them, for most of their lives, and as the Squire is still alive he may safely challenge the world to produce as great longevity according to five miles in length and four in breadth of the sixty families that have lived on the creek. I mean the permanent families. There is not a single one that has not produced at least one octogenarian; many of them, six and seven, of eight at least three centenarians, three nonagenarians. Counting those who have moved off that are still living, I can count at least ten octogenarians. Of the revolutionary families on the creek there were at least five. Jeffers, Vaughan, Johnston, Moore and Gaston. Jeffers was

the grandfather of General Vaughan of the Confederate army. Jeffers witnessed General O'Hara deliver his sword to Washington at Yorktown. The same boundary sent seven soldiers to the war of 1812—two Gastons, two Gaddens, one Wakefield, one Beacham, one Reynolds.

I am afraid I may tire your readers on this subject, and some may insinuate that when I speak of the salubrity of our creek, that I may have taken lessons from Munchausen, but all I wrote on that subject can easily be verified by good witnesses. I will state that there was not a family living in the bounds mentioned, but what produced Confederate soldiers, the Burnets leading in the immediate neighborhood, and some from every State in the Confederacy. The Pearson next, with 10; Ray 6; all the others from 1 to 6. In looking over the revolutionary list, I find that I have omitted the name of some. Denny Anderson, James Leonard, John Davidson, Frances Powers, Maj. David Anderson might be added to the list as he owned the land at the mouth of the creek and lived on the opposite side, he held the rank of Major or Captain, I don't know which, in the service. Thorn was an itinerant character that lived sometimes in this neighborhood and in Tennessee. He served in the revolution and fought under General Jackson at New Orleans. He had two sons in the Confederate army. They were both over 60 when they went in and both got back to Georgia from the Mississippi campaign.

Of the school teachers of this county I think from what I have heard their students relate, I think I can reach back over 100 years.

In my next I will try to give you some reminiscences of the great union celebration of the fourth of July at Spartanburg C.H. in 1832. I am collecting items about the early teachers of the county which I will forward to you in a short time.

Yours truly, WM. HOY

### A MAN OF MANY GRANDPARENTS

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, March 2, 1887.

Mr. Editor: You know we all have twelve grand and great grand-fathers and mothers and I have seen ten of mine. I mentioned this fact to some one a few months ago and they were astonished. Since that I have mentioned it to several others and don't find any one that has seen half that many of their grand sires and mothers. So I have come to the conclusion that mine is a rare case, so I doubt whether any one in the county has seen all the twelve. I have seen grand father Moses Fowler and his wife, was a Carlton before marriage and my great grand-father Francis Fowler, and I believe I have seen his wife, but am not certain. My recollection is very dim on that point. I have seen my great grand-father Carlton and his wife, but don't recollect their given names. My mother was a Durham and I have seen her father, George Durham and his wife, who was a Hide, and I have seen my great grand-father John Durham and his wife who both died the same day and almost at the same moment and were both buried in one grave. This was about 50 years ago, and perhaps there are some old people still living that recollect the circumstance. I saw my great-grand-mother Hide, and that makes the ten. All these I saw and conversed with many times.

I know the above looks like foolishness and is not profitable to me nor any one else, but if you could see the astonishment of some people that I have talked to on the subject you would think that it is an isolated case and if any one in the country can beat it I would like to hear from them.

I wish to say a word to the school boys of to-day so they can contrast their opportunities with mine 60 years ago. I commenced going to school at seven years of age and went straight along a year or two until I got big enough to work. Then I went one or two months more or less every year for 10 or 12 years and to about that many school houses within three miles of where I was born, scattered around in the woods and old fields precariously where ever they could get up a school and I never went to but one school house



that had a plank floor in all these years, and as for glass windows-such a thing was not thought of, but we had plenty of light and fresh air through the cracks between the logs and the earth for a floor. Perhaps it was not that bad all over the country, but that is the way it was over here in these backwoods between Enoree and Tiger Rivers. The first year I went to school out of 40 or 50 scholars, I don't know of but two men living in this county now. They are David Brice and Wilson Pearson, but some moved off and perhaps some of them may be living. J.M. FOWLER.

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### A MUNCHAUSEN STORY

Source: *Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of August 11, 1836.

We copy the following rather large story from Jeremy Lewis. The narrator is one Sergeant Splint, who ought in justice to be the successor of Major Longbow: I was standing in the front rank at some confounded engagement or the other-the name has slipped my memory-when I saw a fellow among the enemy take aim at me and apply the match to his cannon. So I watched and just as the ball came skipping along I opened my legs-when it passed through, cutting off the lower limbs of three general officers who were standing behind me. "Neatly done" said my colonel, who was standing at my left hand-and, as the words escaped him, his head fell bounding at my feet. I had just time to kick it out of the way, when a huge Goliath came up on horseback with his sword drawn. he aimed a blow at my nose; but the blow was so hard that the weapon struck fire, burnt off my left whisker, and turning to one side slit open my cheek-leaving the ugly scar you see there. "Dam your nose!" cried the fellow in a devil of a rage, and drawing a pistol from his holster, shot me through the upper part of my mouth-which has given me the appearance of a hair-lip, as you see-though any fool might know by the little round hole at the top of the gash, that it was done by a pistol ball. However, I caught the bullet in my teeth, and as the enemy attempted to ride me down, spit in his face. "Don't be in such a hurry", said I, "my fine fellow!" and slipping between the fore paws of his horse, just as they were closing about my neck, I overthrew both horse and rider; then, deliberately cutting off the rascal's head as he lay entangled in the reins, I slung it round my neck, by putting a handkerchief into the mouth and drawing it through the windpipe-and mounting his horse, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," cried I, and plunged into the thickest of the battle-where I made such havoc that the enemy stopped to cry out as I passed, "there goes death on the pale horse." My colonel was so pleased that he said to me, "Splint, you rascal", says he, "if you were a gentleman, I'd give you my place on the spot. As it is, I must keep it myself-but I'll make you a sergeant." So I went to bed that night, Sergeant Splint.

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### TRUE BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Charles W. True, Jr., 508 S. Williams St., Hamilton, TX 76531

From the Holy Bible presented to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. True, Jr. by Charles W. True, III, a soldier stationed near Athens, Greece, grade SP/4.

The publishing date of the Bible is shown as 1966 for the "Clarified Edition of the Holy Bible" by Consolidated Book Publishers, Chicago, IL.

#### Marriage Record

Husband, Charles W. True, Jr., birth date July 26, 1916; wife Ellie Alice Polk, birth date January 7, 1919; date of marriage, September 15, 1940, performed by Rev. J. Leonard Rea at First Methodist Church,

Alice, Texas. Wedding attendants: John Alfred True, Jr., Evelyn Mozelle True, E. C. and Jeanette True, Morris and Leroy True and friends from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The vows were concluded 7 minutes after midnight.

#### After Marriage

Memories: John and Mozelle drove the happy couple on an exciting ride on the west side of Alice in an effort to elude the "well wishers" before finding the honeymoon car previously hidden back of the William Adams High School. The honeymoon couple travel to Corpus Christi, TX where they enjoyed the beach, boating and other activities provided for tourists and honeymooners. After three days, C. W. matriculated to Texas A&I University at Kingsville, TX where he finished his requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree and Ellie went back to the telephone company as a telephone operator.

Father's Family Tree: Charles W. True, Jr., Charles Wesley True, Charles Sumner True married Margaret Angeline Wade; Jacob Henry True married Irene C. Haynes, John Wade married Julia Ann Neely. Mother Vera Allye Hines, William Otho Hines, Thomas Jefferson Hines and Margaret Wynn; Sarah Dandridge Watts, Charles Hampton Watts and Eliza Ann Guttry.

Mother's Family Tree: Ellie Alice Polk, John Bunyan Polk, W. Franklin McPherson, ? McPherson married Alice (Allie) Pierce, daughter of Liberty Enoch Pierce and Helen Womac(K).

#### Our Children and Grandchildren:

Martha Ann True, born September 17, 1942, Livingston, TX married James Alvin Lehne, born May 14, 1943, San Antonio, TX and their children: James Kyle Lehne, born December 20, 1968, Houston, TX and Audra Michelle Lehne, born April 10, 1972, Houston, TX.

Charles Wesley True, III, born January 14, 1945, Alice, TX; married first to Shirley Ann Windham who was born March 1, 1941 in San Antonio, TX. Their child was Charles Wesley True, IV, born January 23, 1969, Garland, TX.

#### Military Records

Charles Wesley True, Jr., US Army, July 4, 1945-August 12, 1946; T-5th Gun Mechanic, 105 Howitzer and PFC Infantry. Stations Fort Sam Houston, Dodd Field, Fort Still and Fort Knox. (also Sgt TX State Guard). Marksmanship badge, Expert; Good Conduct Medal.

Charles W. True, III, Regular US Army, November 30, 1962-November 29, 1968, SP-4 Hercules Missile Crewman; Ft Polk, Bergstrom AFB, 37th USA Arty, USAREUR, Athens, Greece, Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14), Good Conduct Medal.

Jerry Alan True (adopted son, real son of brother Myron) US Navy, November 27, 1964-September 24, 1965; Cadet Engr.

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### CROCKER/VAUGHN FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

Contributed by Tommy J. Vaughan, 1079 Maryland Av, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

[Contributor's Note: Twenty-five years ago, Virginia Harris gave me two pages from the Aaron Crocker Bible record. These two pages have been transcribed below. Contributor's notes are in brackets.]

#### Marriages

James J. Crocker and Sary Crocker 27 December 1835 [or 36-paper is torn and hard to read] [Sary's maiden name was Steen.]

William J. Vaughn and Martha E. Vaughn 8 January 1856 [Martha's maiden name was Crocker.]



George Harris and Mary C. Crocker 6 September 1862 [paper torn]

[The recording of dates changes here to have the month read first.]  
William J. Crocker and Mary J. Wix January 5, 1869

J.C.S. Vaughan and E. F. Crocker June 29, 1869  
[Note that the recorder has now added an "a" to the name Vaughn.]

Charlie Ivy and Nancy Ann Crocker December 29, 1870

#### Births

James J. Crocker March 27, 1816  
Sarah Crocker March 10, 1820  
Their Children  
Martha Elmira Crocker December 10, 1838  
William J[ohnson] Crocker March 17, 1840  
James M[adison] Crocker September 21, 1842  
Lueza Jane Crocker April 11, 1845  
Mary C. Crocker June 21, 1846  
John M. Crocker November 9, 1847  
Margaret Ruth Crocker May 20, 1849  
Elender F[rances] Crocker February 25, 1851  
Neomy E. Crocker December 4, 1852  
Nancy Ann Crocker June 23, 1854

Henderson Victory Spake October 25, 1857  
Mary Josephine Spake July 2, 1861  
[The relationship of the Spakes, if any, was not recorded.]

The following are children of Wm. J. and Martha [Crocker] Vaughn

Sarow Madella Vaughn 29 September 1857  
Joseph John Vaughn 3 March 1859  
Infant daughter Vaughn 13 October 1860  
Mary Elender Cathern Vaughn 29 September 1861  
Ida Martha Vaughn 26 June 1864  
Robert Daniel Vaughn 2 March 1866  
William Ira Vaughn 28 March 1868

[Note: This couple had seven more children not listed above. They were: 1. James Leland Vaughn, 2. Winnie Vaughn 3. Carrie Vaughn 4. Annie Vaughn 5. Eveline Vaughn 6. Randolph Vaughn 7. Jefferson Davis Vaughn.]

James Longstreet Harris 18 May 1865  
Hattie Crocker September 30, 1869 [Daughter of Wm. & Mary J. Crocker.]  
Salie Francis Harris August 21, 1866  
Thomas Wheeler Harris September 8, 1868 [Second son of George & Mary Harris.]

Winnie T. Vaughn April 4, 1870 [Daughter of J[ames] C[hristopher] S[teen] Vaughn and E[lender] Frances (Crocker) Vaughn.  
Wm. Erastus Vaughn 17 September 1871 [Son of James C.S. & E.F.C. Vaughn.]

#### Deaths

John M. Crocker October 9, 1851  
James J. Crocker January 9, 1854  
Neomy E. Crocker July 4, 1854  
Aaron Crocker March 17, 1858  
Infant daughter of Wm. J. Vaughn November 5, 1860  
James M. Crocker June 15, 1862  
George Steen May 24, 1864  
Elizabeth Rochester June 18, 1864  
Niah [or Niah] Stewart October 26, 1867  
James Longstreet Harris October 19, 1870 [Son of George & Mary Harris.]  
Winnie T. Vaughn 3 November 1871 [Daughter of J.C.S. & E.F. Vaughn.]  
Mary C. Harris April 1874  
Sarah Crocker May 27, 1877

[The entry below was obviously written in later.]  
Sallie Vaughn 27 September 1886 [Probably daughter of J.C.S. & E.F. Vaughn.]  
Nancy Ann Ivy September 28, 1886  
Rebecca Spiva September 16, 1873

#### BOOK REVIEWS

*A Genealogy of Runnells and Reynolds Families in America* by Rev. M. T. Runnells. Paperback, 354 pages including a full name index. Book Number 3R855. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price \$32.50 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](http://www.heritagebooks.com)

Starting with Samuel Runnells (he may have been born ca. 1674 near Port Royal, Nova Scotia) who married Abigail Middleton and were the parents of seven sons and one daughter living in Bradford, Mass. from 1703, Job Runels (or Runals) of Durham, N. H. 1713-1765, his wife Hannah and their four sons and four daughters, and John Runels or Runals (1718-1756) also of Durham, N. H., this 1873 work traces seven generations of these families which includes a total of over 3,250 individuals. In addition to these detailed genealogies, Rev. Runnells included a roll of honor of Reynolds/Runnells soldiers and descendants who served in all conflicts starting with King Philip's War (1675) through the Civil War, appendices on the earliest Reynolds in New England as well as a few outside New England, other Runnells families in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts, "names of individuals and of small family groups not as yet certainly connected with any of the preceding." The Reynolds/Runals/Runels/Runnells researcher would be well advised to add this reprint to their collection.



*The Ellis/Luke Family and Allied Families* by Maxine Ellis Griner. Paperback, 211 pages including a full name index. Book Number 31430. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price \$25.00 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](http://www.heritagebooks.com)

Mrs. Griner's work traces all the known descendants of Wright Ellis who appears as an orphan in the 1870 Dooly County, GA census. Although she has tried for 14 years, she has been unable to document his parentage. It is her feeling that he is somehow connected with Wright Ellis (born 8 Sept. 1772 in Virginia) and his wife Sally Andrews. This couple had a son also named Wright who was born in 1818. Unlike many researchers, she doesn't make a huge leap of faith and states that this is the same family. She, with the genealogical integrity that many in a similar situation lack, gives her hypothesis and leaves the door open for future research. Her Luke line starts with William B. Luke who appears in the 1800 census for South Carolina. Very little is known of him. His documented children are Edward Luke, James Luke, Reubin Luke, Thomas Luke who married Jane O'Neal, Susannah Luke, and Daniel M. Luke (1778-1 Feb. 1863) who married Alief Barrentine and Sarah Horton and migrated to Irwin County, GA. Gaskins, Graves, Hayes, Jernigen, Merritt, Sears, Stephens, and Stevens are the allied families given detailed treatment in this volume. Additional surnames with multiple appearances include: Adams, Alexander, Butler, Carlton, Gray, Griffin, Griner, Martin, and Vick.

*Wright Family Census Records Bedford County, Virginia 1810-1900* compiled and edited by Robert N. Grant. Paperback, 261 pages including a full name index. Book Number 31429. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Price \$37.50 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](http://www.heritagebooks.com)

Unlike other books of census abstracts, this one presents all the information for each relevant entry. Many, if not most, researchers only pay attention to census information which is easily applied to one's genealogical research thereby ignoring much of the information taken each census year. Even a cursory glance at this volume leaves you amazed how intrusive even early censuses were. (Of interest also is George Wright who in 1820 refused to give any information on his family except for his name. page 12) The headings are clearly and legibly given in the order that they actually appear on the original schedule and slave schedule information is given which—unfortunately—isn't usually given either in book form or abstracts in published family histories. (More than once have I consulted this book to interpret the census headings on poor copies or nearly illegible microfilm—this luxury alone is worth the cost of the book.) Mr. Wright has appended notes identifying parentage for many of the heads of households as well as cross referencing between entries. I certainly hope that the Wright researchers of this area appreciate this carefully done labor of love which is part of a larger work entitled *Sorting the Wrights of Southern Virginia*. The series has thus far included a volume on marriages, another on land records, and one on births of the Wright family in Bedford County, Virginia and I see the potential for others such as mortality and agricultural censuses, estate records, and court records. If this volume is an example of the series as a whole, it is a well done work worthy of being emulated by others.

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**The Tie That Binds**, by Joseph R. Gainey. 135 pages, illustrated, soft cover

\$25.00

This book is a history of the Carlisle Wesleyan Church located in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. It contains many pictures and extensive genealogical notes on its early families. It also contains miscellaneous data on the community. Families included are: Acre, Brannon, Burnett, Cannon, Greene, Harmon, Horton, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Koon, McMillan, Parris, Seay, Shirley, Smith, Stephens, Turner, Williams, and Wright. Surnames included are: Aycock, Berry, Bishop, Blalock, Blanton, Brock, Bryant, Cantrell, Carson, Cartee, Clark, Cook, Cooley, Crocker, Gosnell, Hall, Hawkins, Hood, Hunnicutt, Hutchins, Johnson, McCarter, Nolen, Padgett, Parham, Petty, Piephoff, Poteat, Sellars, Solesbee, Spivey, Tinsley, Tuck, Turner, Wall, Wingo, Woody, Wyatt and others. Also included are three family cemeteries as well as the church cemetery and an extinct church cemetery.