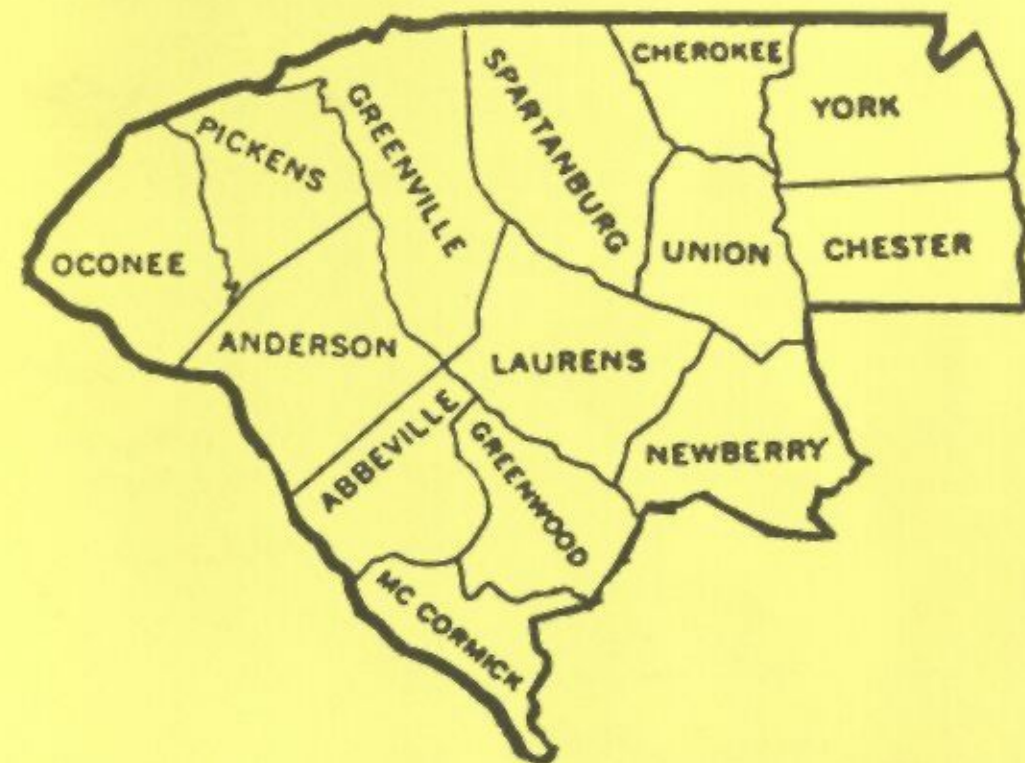


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## BELL-NABORS FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

Contributed by Jo <email: JR41107@aol.com>

Contributor's note: Samuel Marshal Bell, his family, and other kinsmen emigrated from Laurens District, South Carolina to Tallapoosa County, Alabama in the 1840's. The following family information is from Samuel Marshall Bell's family Bible, augmented with additional family information from the Bible of his son Samuel Hilliard Bell and from the Bible records of his granddaughter Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth Bell Nabors. Annotative words or statements made by me are enclosed by square brackets, [ ].

Editor's note: The parents and siblings of Samuel Marshal Bell are reported in this *Quarterly*, Volume XIII, No. 4, November 1999, pages 156-160. His Grandfather Bell's family is reported in this *Quarterly*, Volume XIII, No. 1, February 1999, pages 19-24. We are grateful to Jo for sharing the following family records. She can be reached at the email address listed above.

### [FIRST MARRIAGE]

Samuel Marshal Bell was married to Martha Louisa Dillard the 18th of Dec. 1838

### BIRTHS

Samuel Marshal Bell was born in the year of our Lord Feb. 25, 1815  
Martha Louisa Dillard was born in the year of our Lord January 31, 1822  
James William Madison Bell was born in the year of our Lord Aug. 26, 1839  
Sarah Elizabeth Bell was born in the year of our Lord September 15, 1841  
Samuel Hilliard Bell was born in the year of our Lord June 26, 1848 [printed in margin—died Jan 23, 1904]

### DEATHS

Martha Louisa Bell wife of Samuel Marshal Bell departed this life on the 12th day of January AD 1861, age 39 years and 19 days [months had been crossed out and days written in]  
James William Madison Bell departed this life on the 27th day of June 1862 on the Battlefield before Richmond Virginia at the battle of [illegible] [next page] a wound received from a bomb shell or grape shot. He was buried on the battlefield. He was first lieutenant in the Confederate Service [14th Alabama Infantry, Company G]. age 22 years—10 mos and 1 day  
Sarah Elizabeth Bell departed this life on the 14th day of February 1863 age 21 years 4 mo & 29 days

### FAMILY SERVANTS

Young was born on the 30th May, 1853  
Marion L. was born July 25, 1854  
Elbert & Ellen Levins was born May 16, 1857  
Laura was born Oct 12, 1858  
Alabama was born June 30, 1860  
Young died Oct AD 1854  
Marion L. died [illegible] 1855

### [SECOND MARRIAGE]

Samuel M. Bell was married to Mary Catherine Dillard—nee Mary Catherine Hancock daughter of Samuel and Mary B. Hancock on the 22nd day of August AD 1861 [I recently found that Mary Catharine had been earlier married on Sep. 22, 1853 to one James M. Dillard.]



## BIRTHS

Mary Catherine Hancock was born in the year of our Lord October 5, 1832 [printed in the margin--  
-2nd wife of Samuel Marshal Bell]

John Jefferson Bell was born the 6th day of December, 1862

## DEATHS

Mary Catherine Hancock 2nd wife of Samuel M. Bell departed this life on the 14th day of Jan. 1863  
age 30 years 3 mo 9 days

John Jefferson Bell departed this life on the 19th day of March 1863 age 4 mos 17 days

## [THIRD MARRIAGE]

Samuel M. Bell was married to Margaret Ann Wolfe the 31st day of November AD 1863 his third  
wife

## BIRTHS

Margaret Ann Wolfe was born the 10th day of June AD 1842

Robert Gamble Bell was born on the 5th day of October 1869

Martha Susan Bell was born on the 1st day of January 1875

## DEATHS

[Samuel Marshal Bell died April 28, 1911 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama. He, along with Martha  
Louisa Dillard Bell, is buried in the Dillard Cemetery in Alexander City, Tallapoosa County,  
Alabama.]

## [FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF SAMUEL HILLIARD BELL]

Samuel H. Bell and Martha E. Dark were married October 12th 1871

## BIRTHS

Samuel H. Bell was born June 27th 1845 [Note the date here compared to his birthdate recorded  
above from his fathers's Bible.]

Martha Emma Dark Bell was born Oct - 28th 1849

James M. Bell was born Sept - 11th 1872

John D. Bell was born Sept 14th 1874 [typed as in the Bible]

Samuel R. Bell was born March 27th 1877 died Saturday 12:45 AM at age 58 1935

Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth Bell was born March 6th 1879.

Willie D. Bell was born January 31st 1882.

Lillian P. Bell was born October 31st 1885.

Emma Louise Bell was born March 22nd 1891.

## MARRIAGES [OF THE CHILDREN]

James M. Bell and Willie G. Madden were married February 25, 1897

John Daniel Bell and Minnie Bell Mitchum were married April 7, 1901

William F. Nabors and Sallie Elizabeth Bell were married March 21, 1904

## DEATHS

Samuel H. Bell departed this life Saturday at 11:55am Jan 28, 1904

Martha E. Bell died Saturday Feb 6th 1904 6:05 PM

Lillian P. Bell departed this life Friday at 8:20 A.M. June 28 - 1907

## [William Franklin Nabors Family Bible Record]

## BIRTHS

William Franklin Nabors was born Nov. 18 Wednesday 1874

Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth Bell Nabors was born March Saturday 6, 1879

Francis Murrel Nabors was born Thursday December 15, 1904

Marrion Bell Nabors was born Tuesday November 13, 1906

William Ralph Nabors was born Saturday May 22, 1909 5:45 o'clock A.M.

Helen Elizabeth Nabors was born Friday July 7th 1911 5:20 A.M.

Paul Edward Nabors was born Thursday May 21 1914 12:45 A.M.

Marvin H. Nabors was born Oct. 28 1917 (Sunday) 2:15 A.M.

## MARRIAGES

William F. Nabors and Sallie E. Bell were married March 21, 1904

Francis Murrel Nabors and Dora Nabors [nee Naylor, my notation] were married January 1, 1925

Murrel married Mary Elizabeth Hale 2nd wife

## DEATHS

Marrion Bell Nabors Departed this life thursday November 28 - 1907

William Ralph Nabors Departed this life Monday July 25 - 1910 - 2:15

William Franklin Nabors departed this life - Monday November 3, 1924

Francis Murrel died [blank]

Sarah Elizabeth (Bell) Nabors died May 21, 1960

## [James J. Nabors Family Bible Record]

## MARRIAGES

Jas. J. Nabors of Shelby Co. Ala and Mary F. Naish of Shelby Co. Ala on the 11th day of August  
1867

## BIRTHS

J. J. Nabors Dec 25-1836 [James J. Nabors]

Mary F. Nabors Sept 13 - 1841 [Mary F. Naish]

Virginia T. Nabors Aug 22 - 1862

E.W. & Eler Nabors April 24 - 1866 [Elbert W.]

Robert Nabors July 24 - 1867

M. E. Nabors May 29 - 1869

Alabama Nabors Nov 7 - 1870

Mary A. Nabors Oct 10 - 1872

W. F. Nabors Nov. 18 - 1874 [William Franklin Nabors]

James W. Nabors Oct. 6 - 1879

John W. Nabors June 3 - 1881

## DEATHS

Eler Nabors - Nov. 11, 1866

Robert Nabors - Feb. 12, 1868

M. E. Nabors - June 8 1869

Mary A Nabors - Feb 17 1882

Mary F[rances Naish] Nabors - Dec 22, 1901

J. J. Nabors - Jan 12, 1902 [James J.]



E. W. Nabors - Jan 20, 1902  
 Alabama Nabors Crim - Sept 23, 1905  
 W. F. Nabors - Nov 3, 1924 [William Franklin Nabors]

[I include the following information found in one of the above Bibles. I am uncertain if the greats and grands are Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth Bell's or her daughter's, Helon Elizabeth Nabors'. Unfortunately, all are gone who could tell me. Editor's Note: The entry for Grandfather Bell favors Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth Bell.]

#### NATIONALITY

Great-Grandfather Bell born in Cork, Ireland.  
 Great-Grandmother Dillard born in Wales.  
 Great-Great-Grandfather Dillard born in England.  
 Great-Great-Grandfather Dark born in France.  
 Great-Grandmother Dark born in England.  
 Great-Great-Grandfather Johnson born in Ireland.  
 Grandfather Bell born in or near Spartanburg, South Carolina

#### DEATHS

Grandfather Dark died of pneumonia in 1882  
 Great-Grandmother Dark died of liver trouble in 1887 at age 70 years. Her name was Nancy Johnson Spradling.

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#### FAMILY GROUP OF ERVIN SANDERS AND HIS FIRST WIFE LUCINDA BARNETT

Contributed by Mrs. Bobbie Joe Parker, 2 Behan Street, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.  
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**Ervin/Irvin Sanders** was born 1814, SC, died 1897; he is buried in the Clifton Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC. He was the son of Cpl. John Sanders, War of 1812 soldier who died in Charleston, SC in February 1815, and Nancy Griffin, a daughter of Ignatius Griffin and his wife Marvell, whose maiden name is unknown to me. He married first

**Lucinda Barnett**, born 1815 in Spartanburg District, died about 1856. Her burial place is in Greenville County or in Spartanburg County, but yet to be located. Her parents were Randolph (aka Randal) Barnett and his wife Pherebe/Phereby Dillard. [See Randal Barnett's and Phereby Barnett's probate records elsewhere in the current issue of this *Quarterly*.]

#### Children of Ervin and Lucinda Barnett Sanders

1. **Marcus L. Sanders**, born 1837 SC, died after the 1880 US census of Carroll County, Arkansas. His first wife was Arah Bella C[F], born 1845 in Virginia, died before 1893 in Arkansas. Marcus is listed in the 1900 Carroll County, Arkansas with second wife Susan E[F], born April 1866 in Arkansas. The children from both marriages were born in Arkansas. I don't have the record of his death. Marcus joined CSA Co. B Rg 12 SC, Captain John Miller's Company, Dunovant's Regiment, SC Volunteers on August 13, 1861 in Yorkville, York District, SC.
2. **Jonas Sanders**, born 1845, SC. He was listed as an heir of Phereby Barnett in May 1863, and nothing later is known of him.
3. **John Simpson Sanders**, born September 18, 1847, SC. He is listed in the 1880 US census for Lamar County, Texas with no wife but with two sons, John and Joseph B. (The latter son was known later as Banks Lyles Sanders. After the death of his father, Banks Sanders was brought

as a six year old child to Spartanburg to live with his Uncle James Scott Sanders, who was a twin brother to his father. Banks Sanders married Elizabeth Sanders, who was a descendant of Simpson Sanders (a half brother of Ervin) and Lucy Bogan Sanders. Banks has many descendants, and he is buried at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, SC.)

4. **James Scott Sanders**, born September 18, 1847, SC, died July 23, 1923. He is buried at Providence Methodist Church Cemetery in Spartanburg County, SC. He was twice married. His first wife was Samantha Murray, born September 16, 1845, died May 19, 1894. She is buried at Cannons Campground Methodist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC. Samantha was a daughter of William Murray and his wife Elizabeth Bogan. Elizabeth Bogan was a daughter of Isaac and Keziah "Kizzy" Gullede Bogan. Elizabeth married second Dudley Mullins. James Scott Sanders' second wife was Leanna Allen, born October 1849, died July 3, 1932. She was a daughter of W.C. and Minerva Allen. Leanna is buried (unmarked) at Graceland Cemetery, Greenville, SC.
5. **Amelia Ann Sanders**, born 1849, SC. She was listed in the 1860 US census of Spartanburg District, SC, and she also appears as an heir of Phereby Barnett in May 1863. No more is known of her.
6. **Jesse Jeremiah Sanders**, born February 5, 1852, SC, died April 21, 1921 Cherokee County, SC. He is buried at Sardis United Methodist Church Cemetery, Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC. Jesse Jeremiah married Nancy Jane Dorman who was born February 5, 1852 in Spartanburg District and who died July 4, 1923 in Gaffney. She is likewise buried at Sardis United Methodist Church. Nancy Jane's parents were Felix and Mary "Polly" Murray Dorman. Six children were born to this marriage.

A common law wife of Jesse Jeremiah Sanders was Virginia Madora Dorman, who was born September 15, 1864, Union County, SC, died May 30, 1916. She was a sister to Nancy Jane Dorman, and she too is buried at Sardis beside Jesse and Nancy Jane. There were also six children of this union. They all lived in the same house, and all the children called Virginia Madora Dorman "Aunt Dora".

7. **Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Sanders**, born July 30, 1854, SC, died March 3, 1937 in Clifton, Spartanburg County, SC at the home of her daughter Carla Wright Kirby. She is buried at Sardis United Methodist Church Cemetery, Gaffney, SC. Polly married in 1870 to Gad Berry "G. B." Wright, born February 2, 1850, died February 18, 1918. "G. B." is buried at Sardis. He was a son of Henry and Canzada/Keziah Fowler Wright. Six children survived to maturity.
8. **Thomas Luther Sanders**, born September 15, 1856, died April 15, 1946. He is buried at El Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, SC. His marker shows his birth year as 1858; however, I think this date is an error. He married Sarah Agnes Coyle, born October 17, 1862, Union County, SC, died February 27, 1920. Seven children survived to maturity. She is buried at El Bethel beside her husband. Sarah Agnes was a daughter of James W. and Sallie Ann Scott Coyle. Thomas is the last of the Sanders siblings named in the list of heirs of Randal and Phereby Barnett.

Ervin Sanders' second marriage was to Nancy "Nanie" Griffin. She was his cousin, according to family lore. Nancy was born in 1842 and died in 1898. She is buried beside Ervin in the Clifton Cemetery, Spartanburg. This marriage produced eight children who lived to maturity, the oldest having been born in 1858.

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# WILLIAM H. McCaw OF ABBEVILLE

Contributed by Sara Anderson, P O Box 1076, Jonesville, SC 29353.

Source: *The Abbeville Medium*, issue of Wednesday February 25, 1874

William H. McCaw, Esq., was so severely burned by a kerosene lamp explosion last Wednesday night that he died on Thursday. This brief sentence will convey to our readers a tale of horror, and will cause them to shed tears of regret over the untimely demise of the noblest Roman in our midst. Mr. McCaw was well known to the people of this state, and had reached a wonderful degree of eminence and usefulness for one so young in years. His death will be deeply felt and universally lamented.

Mr. McCaw was born in Abbeville county, South Carolina, on the 25th December, 1845, and was a little more than twenty-eight years old at the time of his death. When only a week old, he had the misfortune to lose his mother, and when six weeks of age, his father. His training then devolved upon Mrs. Witherspoon, his grandmother, who faithfully discharged the responsibilities resting upon her. He received his early training in the celebrated school at Willington, (which was founded by the great Dr. Waddell) under the tutorship of the late Rev. O. T. Porcher. In his studies young McCaw was quick and took the highest stand in his classes. He studied with the energy and perseverance of a man, and gave brilliant signs of promise, the fulfillment of which we can establish.

During the second year of the late war McCaw joined the second South Carolina regiment of cavalry, and on the field as elsewhere, proved himself a valiant champion of Southern rights and independence. He fought with the valor of a veteran, and was always ready and eager to obey the calls of duty. When, by the inscrutable providence of God, the Southern armies were forced to lay down their arms and nominal peace had been established between the discordant sections of our country, Mr. McCaw sheathed his sword and resumed his studies which had been so violently interrupted by the opening of hostilities. Under the guidance of James L. Leslie, Esq., he was prepared for the South Carolina University in which he acquired a high reputation for his scholarship.

In 1868 Mr. McCaw began the study of law in the office of the Hon. Armistead Burt of Abbeville. Shortly after beginning the study of law, he was married to Miss Pelham of Columbia. In 1869 Mr. McCaw was admitted to practice law in the courts of this State, and was associated for some months with Mr. Burt in the practice of his profession. In 1870 he went to live in Columbia and, in connection with his father-in-law, Mr. C. P. Pelham, began the publication of the *The Guardian* which, from the meagre support given to it, was published for only a short time.

With his entrance upon journalism, Mr. McCaw's public career began. His influence for good was felt and the sum of his glory and power ascended to the zenith casting upon all sides the warmth and magic of its rays. Last Thursday it had a fearful setting. After suspension of *The Guardian* Mr. McCaw became associated with *The Phoenix*, which he conducted with ability. When *The South Carolinian* was started more than a year ago, its proprietors looked around for some able man to take charge of it. McCaw was chosen. As editor of the *The Carolinian*, he added new lustre to his laurels. He upheld virtue and denounced vice. Then, as always, he worked for the good of his country, and did much to stem the torrent that was threatening to overwhelm us. After the suspension of *The Carolinian*, he became connected with the *Charleston News and Courier*, as Columbia correspondent. In recognition of his eminent service in behalf of honesty, he was elevated to the position of associate editor of that paper, resident in the capital.

In the service of the people he died. Like a gallant soldier he fell at his post. Right in the home of his family, upon the theater of his greatness, at the capital of his native State, steadfast in his aim to make virtue and honesty felt, he was translated.

"He died as sets the morning star,  
which goes  
not down behind the darkened West;  
Nor hides obscured among the tempests  
of the sky  
But melts away into the light of Heaven."

A great man has fallen. William H. McCaw—the hardy patriot, the accomplished scholar, the cordial gentleman, the friend of honesty, the polished writer and the eloquent journalist—rests from his labors. Death has claimed another victim from the ranks of the true, the beautiful and the good. But, McCaw is not dead. Until truth falls, until history is blotted out, "until the tides of oceans cease to ebb and flow", his name will be lisped and his memory revered as the champion of truth and the defender of the right. His remains rest in Elmwood Cemetery at Columbia. The storms will beat upon his grave, the zephyrs kiss the tall grass that will wave upon "the sepulchre where sleeps the sacred dust," and the future historian of our impoverished State will at eventide visit the tomb of the lamented dead and crown his glory and exalt his name by a suitable tribute to his worth. McCaw fought a good fight. "May he rest in peace!"

## SIX PICKENS DISTRICT MARRIAGES IN 1849

Source: *The Kennesaw Courier*

Issue of Friday, May 25, 1849, p. 3, col. 3

On the 15th inst. by W. S. Gresham, Esq., ANDREW DORSEY to NANCY ISABELLA COLHOUN, all of this District.

On the 17th inst. by the Rev. John Owen, Mr. Wm W. GASSAWAY to Miss JANE McWHORTER, all of this District.

Issue of Friday, June 2, 1849, p. 3, col. 3

On the 24th ult., by the Rev John Owen, Mr. THOMAS NIX to Miss ELIZABETH GASSAWAY, daughter of Mr. W. W. Gassaway, all of this District.

Issue of Friday June 9, 1849, p. 3, col. 4

On the 31st ult., by W. C. Lee, Mr. WILLIAM BOLLES to Miss ELIZABETH, daughter of Andrew Gordon, all of this District.

At Earle's Furnace, Cass co., Ga. on the 10th ult., by Rev. John W. Lewis, Col. E. M. FIELDS to Miss CORNELIA M. HARRISON, formerly of Greenville County, S. C.

Issue of Friday July 7, 1849, p. 3, col. 2

Near Oconee Station, on Thursday evening 28th ult. by L. N. Robins, Esq., Mr. JOHN H. REID to Miss SUSAN MORGAN, all of this District.

## OBITUARY OF MRS. ELIZABETH HEADDEN OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Source: *The Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Friday September 26, 1846, p. 3, col. 2

DIED—in this town on Tuesday the 15th instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH HEADDEN, wife of Mr. Joseph Headden, in her 71st year. She had been for 22 years an orderly member of the Baptist Church, and in her protracted illness she manifested an entire resignation to the Divine will. She has left behind an aged husband and many children and grandchildren.



# OBITUARY OF RANDAL BARNETT OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

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

Source: (Greenville) *Southern Patriot*, Thursday December 4, 1851 p. 3, col. 2

At his Residence, in the upper part of this District, on the 1st instant, Mr. RANDAL BARNETT. The deceased was born in Spartanburg District, but for the past 23 years had been a resident of this district. At the time of his decease he was in the 66th year of his age. Few men have labored under greater disadvantages, through more affliction, or in any way have been surrounded by an equal number of difficulties. At a very early age, he lost the entire use of one of his arms, yet, by his untiring industry, he was enabled to raise up, and comfortably support, 13 children, mostly daughters, all of whom are now living. His children, grand children, and great great grand children number 87. He has been for the past 31 years, a devoted and pious member of the Baptist Church, honoring his profession by a godly walk and a pious conversation. He was afflicted for the last two and a half years with a most fatal malady, the consumption, and twelve months prior to his death, was unable to speak above a whisper. He bore his afflictions with extraordinary fortitude and christian resignation. He has left an aged widow, a numerous progeny, and large circle of acquaintances to mourn his exit.

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"Lo, the prisoner is released,  
Lightened of his fleshly load,  
Where the weary are at rest,  
He is gathered unto God.  
Lo! the pain of life is past,  
All his warfare now is o'er  
Death and hell behind are cast  
Grief and suffering are no more."

[Contributor's Note: The name "Randal" appears to have derived from the name "Randolph", probably from "Randol", a natural, shorter rendering of Randolph. The basis for this line of thought is that Randolph Barnett was a member of Goucher Baptist Church in Spartanburg District, and he called for his church letter of dismissal in 1828. This date is in accord with the stated term of Randal's tenure in Greenville District. In addition, the 1810 census of Spartanburg District reveals a Randolph Barnett.]

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## SOME YORK DISTRICT MARRIAGES IN 1825

Source: The Yorkville *Encyclopedia*, issue of Saturday October 29, 1825, p.63

### MARRIED

On Thursday last, by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, XERXES H. CUSHMAN, Esq. one of the Editors of this paper to Miss JANE DINKINS, of Mecklenburg, N. C.

In Rutherford, N.C., on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Moore, Dr. EDMUND JENNINGS, of this village, to Miss MARY BURCHETT.

In Mecklenburg, N. C., on Thursday evening 18th inst., by Rev Mr. Roper, Mr. WASHINGTON MORRISON to Miss MARY DINKINS.

Source: The Yorkville *Encyclopedia*, issue of Saturday November 5, 1825, p. 79

### MARRIED

In Salisbury, N. C. on Tuesday the 1st inst., by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. WILLIAM C. BEATTY, of Yorkville, to Miss NANCY YARBROUGH, of the former place.

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# THE FURMAN INSTITUTION BURNED IN FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Camden Commercial Courier*, Saturday May 13, 1837, p. 2, col. 5

FURMAN INSTITUTION BURNED—Letters received yesterday, by Express Mail, bring the melancholy intelligence that the destruction of this valuable institution, situated near Winnsborough, Fairfield District, S. C., by fire on the evening of the 1st instant, and it is thought that one of the students has been burnt to death, as he has been missing since the conflagration, and some bones were found in the ashes. The fire, we understand, broke out about six o'clock in the morning, and notwithstanding every exertion that was made, could not be arrested before the building was totally destroyed. Loss estimated at 30,000. We could not learn whether there was any insurance on the property.

The letter from which we get the above intelligence intimates that the school will not be broken up, as the professors have instructed the students to write home for clothing, and that some building in the vicinity will be made use of until another can be built.

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## OBITUARY OF JOHN ELDRED SIMKINS OF THE PALMETTO REGIMENT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, June 6, 1858, p. 4, col. 5

Died at his brother's residence, near Silverton, on the 17th December, Mr. J. ELDRED SIMKINS, in the 39th year of his age.

Mr. Simkins was one of that family of old Edgefield, which have long been noted for high tone as gentlemen, for social virtues, and for intellectual gifts. His own character and performances have added lustre to his distinguished name, and reputation to his State. Mr. SIMKINS was among the earliest to tender his services in the Mexican War, and was enrolled in Company "D" (Brooks' Company) of the Palmetto Regiment. Vigorous and hardy, he marched and fought throughout the campaign, mingling in all the scenes of hardship and suffering, and participating in the heroic combats and splendid victories in which his gallant Regiment was engaged. The march hence to Mobile—the concentration at Lobos Island—the debarkation and capture of Vera Cruz—the dreadful tramp over burning sands to Alvarado and back, which destroyed more of the Palmettos than the enemy's balls did—the struggle at Contreras—the unequal and bloody, but glorious battle of Churubusco (Portalis)—in all these SIMKINS bore an unshrinking and uncomplaining part. Cheerful *en route*—joyful and genial in bivouac—intrepid amid the blaze of musketry—and withal, most unassuming and modest, he exerted the best influence on the drooping spirits of the weary, and aided to stimulate in his comrades, that display of lofty courage and indomitable tenacity, which won the admiration of the Army, and is now inscribed imperishably on the page of history.

When General Quitman called on the Palmettos for volunteers to join in the forlorn hope in his attack on Chalpultepec, SIMKINS was the first to step out of ranks, and called to friends to "come on," who promptly followed the example. Among the seven Palmettoes who united in that desperate charge, through showers of balls and to the cannon's mouth, SIMKINS alone escaped unhurt. Walking about while the enemy was still firing, he was asked what he was after, and to seek cover. "No," said he, "I am looking for my friend Watson [see the next article below], who is wounded, to give him a drink, and I'll find him if I am killed for it." He was at the causeway, at the Garita, and through the concluding drama. His Commanding General pronounced him the best soldier he had ever seen. Such commendation from Gen. Quitman, speaks the discerning officer, and the meritorious subordinate, and speaks too, an eulogium of which any soldier should be proud.

To the bravery of the soldier—and no one was ever more fearless, Mr. SIMKINS united those noble, social



traits which touch the sympathetic chord of his kind, and command an unfaltering attachment. He was amiable, generous to fault; true in his friendships, playful and entertaining in his intercourse, and sterling in his integrity. The frankness of his nature disarmed hostility, while the qualities of his heart endeared him to a circle of ardent friends.

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[On the same page of this issue of *The Advertiser* is a short note by the editor, Arthur Simkins, who states the full name of the deceased as John Eldred Simkins and identifies him as "our relative".

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### DEATH OF ANOTHER PALMETTO

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, February 16, 1859, p. 4, col. 2; copied from *The Abbeville Banner*

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Richard Watson, of this District, after a short illness.

The deceased was son of Mrs. Dr. J.P. Barrett, and leaves an aged mother, two sisters, a brother and three little children to mourn his loss, in connection with numerous friends and relatives.

In 1846 when the call was made upon Abbeville District to furnish a company of volunteers for the war with Mexico, Richard and his brother Edward, were among the first to volunteer from the White Hall neighborhood, in Captain Marshall's Company. During that brilliant Campaign no private in the Volunteer or regular service, displayed more undaunted heroism and courage than Richard Watson. When Col. Gladden, the day before the storming of Chapultepec, called upon each company of the Palmetto Regiment to furnish one for the *forlorn hope*, Richard Watson was the *first* man to step out, and offered to become one of that devoted band. In the storming of Chapultepec he was shot down at the base of the fort, and although severely wounded, he still kept cheering on his comrades to the assault. For his gallant services, and the wound he received in the *forlorn hope*, he received a handsome pension from the Government.

He will long be remembered by his comrades as the brave Dick Watson, who never deserted a friend nor feared to face a foe. His name will be cherished in Abbeville as long as the gallant services of the Palmetto Regiment will be remembered, and his name handed down as one of Carolina's bravest sons.

A FRIEND.

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### A PROPOSED HISTORY OF THE PALMETTOES

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of April 7, 1858, p. 1, col. 5

—B. Lane Posey, of the Marion (Ala.) American, in his issue of the 18th, says:

This is probably the last chapter of the "Palmettoes in Mexico" that will be published in the newspapers. I am too busy to write them now, and I discontinue them for another reason. I am satisfied, from assurances that I have received, from South Carolina, that I can make both reputation and money (the latter a particular desideratum) by writing the history of the Palmettoes, and I have determined to do it. The chapters I have written were crude and careless, dashed off at a heat for an ephemeral existence, and their style is not a fair specimen of my merit as a writer of history. Still, they were received with high commendations from the press.

It is my intention to visit South Carolina during the present year, in the prosecution of this work. I may be delayed in it, but it is a fixed fact that the history of the Palmettoes shall be written, not only for the present, but for future generations.

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### HISTORY OF THE MEXICAN WAR—A BOOK REVIEW

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, February 17, 1892, p.1, col. 3, from Charleston's *News and Courier*

Miss Rachel Wilcox, the niece of Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox, has published a history of the Mexican War, prepared by her gallant uncle. It is from the presses of the Church News Publishing Company, of Washington, and fills a most important place in the history of the United States.

A complete and authoritative narrative of the war between the United States and Mexico has long been a desideratum, and for practical purposes Gen. Wilcox's work may be considered to have supplied this want. The literary merit of the book is not very great, Gen. Wilcox's fingers being evidently better suited to the sword than the pen, but the style is clear and simple, and the author having been an eye witness of most of the scenes which he describes in his narrative has the merit of sincerity and reality.

The history begins with the annexation of Texas and the popular agitation growing out of that event in 1844. Texas had achieved its independence in 1836, after a series of desperate conflicts with Mexico, and had been recognized by the United States and the leading European powers, but Mexico still refused to recognize it as an independent State. James K. Polk was the Democratic nominee for President of the United States, and he advocated the annexation of Texas, claiming it to have been an integral part of the territory of the United States from the purchase of Louisiana from France, in 1793 [sic] to the purchase of Florida from Spain, in 1819; while Henry Clay, the nominee of the Whig party, though he agreed with Mr. Polk in the claim of the United States to Texas from 1803 to 1819, opposed its re-annexation, urging that to annex Texas would [be] to invite war with Mexico, and would be a violation of national faith. Polk was elected President mainly upon this issue; annexation followed in March, 1845, and the war with Mexico was the immediate consequence.

Gen. Wilcox gives a very full and interesting account of the progress of the war, and describes the campaigns and battles with spirit and clearness. Many names familiar to our ears as household words found their first echo to the tramp of fame on the plains of Churubusco, under the walls of Vera Cruz and Monterey. R.E. Lee, Beauregard, J.E. Johnston and T. J. Jackson may be said to have begun their military careers in the Mexican War. The part borne by the Palmetto Regiment in the war is well known, and a fine portrait of Col. Pierce M. Butler is among the many handsome illustrations of this volume. He was killed at the battle of Churubusco on August 20, 1847. In the same battle Lieut. Col. Dickenson was mortally wounded, and Adj. James Canty was shot through the jaw. When Lieut. Col. Dickenson was wounded he was bearing aloft the Palmetto flag. Lieuts. Abney and Sumter were wounded early, but continued with their companies until the last shots were fired.

Gen. Wilcox's account of the planting of the Palmetto flag on the ramparts of the city of Mexico will interest our readers. He says:

"The General immediately directed that a flag be displayed from the aqueduct in order that those of his command not up yet may see where we were. Gen. P. F. Smith arrived at this time and with watch in hand remarked, 'General, it is twenty minutes after 12. As soon as ordered I ran back from the gate, thirty or forty yards to the South Carolina regiment and requested Lieut. Frederick W. Selleck, of that regiment, to bring his flag forward to be waved as signal from the aqueduct. Inside the Garita, on the south side, was a plank scaffold resting against the aqueduct; using this as a banquetta the Mexicans could fire over it, having their bodies well protected. Selleck soon appeared with the Palmetto flag, accompanied by several men of the regiment and mounted the scaffold by the aid of his men; he then gave me his hand, and with his assistance I was soon by his side."

"The flag was handed up to us, but it was inconvenient for two to hold; it was then waved alternately, first by Selleck, then by myself. Upon the display of the flag there was cheering among the men near the gate;



the firing had been lively all the time, but the waving of the flag and the cheering of the men caused a concentration of both artillery and musketry upon the Garita. After the flag had thus been displayed several minutes Gen. Whitman remarked: 'That will do, get down!' I jumped from the scaffold instantly, and as I reached the ground was considerably shocked, almost turned around, by a musket ball striking a pistol at my left side, worn under the sash and sword belt. The ball flattening itself, fell to the ground and was picked up. Selleck did not leap down when told, but replied, "Once more," meaning one more wave of the flag; but before it was finished fell upon the scaffold shot below the knee by a musket ball, breaking both bones; one of the men helping him down was killed and two were wounded. There were not many men inside the gate at the time, Gen. Whitman being one of the few."

Gen. Wilcox's book is a narrative rather than a criticism, and he passes but few judgments. The chief defect in this book is the lack of a good index. The appendices contain full rosters of the army, volunteers and navy officers serving in the war.

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### BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS FOR MEXICAN WAR SERVICE

Source: *The Knoxville Courier*, issue of June 23, 1849, p. 4, col. 5

Ninety Thousand Land Warrants have been issued to soldiers who serve in the Mexican War, giving them as a bounty thirteen million eight hundred thousand acres. Estimating the value of this land at one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, we have an aggregate of seventeen million two hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT OF *THE CHRONICLE* ON RED BANK HISTORY

Source: *The Edgefield Chronicle*, November 6, 1889, p. 2, col. 2

Our second chapter of Red Bank history keeps up in interest with the first. The names of the thirteen male members in 1826 sound very natural. There are three names, however, of which we know nothing in these days: Culpeper, House and Goodwyn. As regards Rudolph, our old grandmother told us often in her lifetime that many people believed him to be Marshal Ney, of the first Napoleon's army, who, instead of being shot, as history says, escaped to go to America, and lived in obscurity in the Mt. Willing section. She believed it firmly.

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### A HISTORY OF RED BANK CHURCH

(Concluded from Volume XV, Number 2, May 2001)

Source: An article by Dr. S.S. Knight in *The Edgefield Chronicle*, issue of Wednesday, November 6, 1889

The church sustained a great loss about this time (1820) by the death of brother Perryman an "active member," "a bright and shining light," and "the clerk of the church." Benjamin Watson was selected to succeed to the office, and the records were faithfully kept by him until the 19th of January, 1826, at which time Zebulon Rudolph was elected clerk.

In 1820 the Charleston Association sent a petition to the church, but the characteristic meagerness of the minutes of those days fails to inform us of the nature of the appeal made by that body. About the same time, the church, feeling the need of another deacon, sent out an invitation to "Bro Manly" to aid in the ordination. It is believed that this was the Reverend Doctor Basil Manly, who was probably living at that

time in Edgefield village. He was the distinguished father of two sons who have done so much to encourage, and, by their personal labors, to further the educational interests of the Baptists of the State. I allude to Dr. Basil Manly, junior, for a long while a Professor of a Department in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary first located in the city of Greenville, and subsequently transferred, for the sake of larger accommodations, and on account of its more central position, to Louisville, Ky.; and a younger brother, Rev. Chas. Manly, at present, and for many years, a Professor in, and now the President of the Furman University, the only Baptist College of high grade, for the instruction of males, in the State. To have been the father of two such sons is an honor, it would seem, to gratify the worldly ambition of any man, but when that is coupled with the distinguished services that Basil Manly, Sr., rendered the cause of christianity in general, and the Baptist denomination in particular, his cup is full to overflowing.

In 1821 the Edgefield Association met with Red Bank Church, and the brethren bestirred themselves to do something handsome and worthy of the distinguished occasion. The Association had undertaken to create an *Educational Fund*, and appeals were made to the liberality of the churches. Red Bank could not afford to be left behind in a work of such high import, and a contribution was made amounting to five dollars, a sum counted liberal at that time. The purpose of this fund can only be ascertained by inference, but a large number of facts collected, bearing on it, lead us to suppose that the contributions were expended in helping indigent young men to acquire an education; young men who had "an eye for the ministry." Anyway, we find John Landrum solemnly depositing with the clerk of the church, to be preserved in its archives, a receipt for five dollars, signed by "A.B. Blocker, treasurer." Blocker was a functionary of the Edgefield Association.

The meeting of the Association with the church did not prevent trouble among its members, whatever good, otherwise it may have accomplished. Two brethren, named respectively Attaway and Gilder, had fallen out and the church had failed to effect a reconciliation. After frequent attempts and consequent failures, the good offices of a neighboring church, Good Hope, were invoked, and the brethren were happily restored to each other's favor, and the church rejoiced again in being able to write to the next Associational meeting: "We are enjoying perfect peace amongst ourselves." [page creased]... manly piety urged itself upon the attention of the church, and great zeal was manifested in organizing prayer-meetings in almost every family. The members would gather at a house, previously designated, at night and read scriptures, singing songs; and a number of the brethren would pray, interposing their prayers and songs with talks and celebrations. The efficiency of the church is apparent in the increased activity of its members in every good work which engaged their attention.

No complete roll of members had ever been made till August 19th, 1826. The church was small at that time, and consisted of thirteen males and twenty-six females. To gratify the curiosity of the reader, the names of the male members are as follows: William Little, Thomas Dozier, Prior Dozier, William Rogers, Benjamin Culpeper, Jas. Ruston, Thos. Little, Eli House, John Mobley, Benjamin Watson, Preston Gilder, Julius Goodwyn and Zebulon Rudolph.

Besides the thirty nine white members, eleven negroes held their membership in the church. [Note: See an article below for a complete listing on the membership roll.]

Rev. Rob't Corley first appears in the records. Was he pastor? The clerk fails to make any note from which we can deduce any probable notion as to the relation Rev. Corley sustained to the church. He possibly was a visitor, for in a few months Rev. Z. Watkins began to preach regularly, and Rudolph to act as clerk.

March 15th, 1828 was a day pregnant with events destined to place Red Bank in the front rank for doing good.

The great success of Missions engaged the earnest attention of the brethren. The spirit of Adoniram Judson was now making itself felt all over the South. Since the year 1812, that greatest of all missionary



pioneers had been laboring in Burmah, first at Rangoon, and successively at various other points, made famous and sacred to Baptists by the extreme sufferings he underwent, in company with his wife, Ann Hazeltine, and after her death with Sarah Boardman, his second wife. Luther Rice had not at this time made his memorable horse and buggy tour through the State, preaching the cause of missions. It was nearly ten years anterior to the death of Luther Rice, who, at the time of his last illness, was in the vicinity of Pine Pleasant Church, where his remains were interred, about the 15th or 16th September, 1836. But Corley and Watkins, and likely Manly the elder, and N.W. Hodges, perhaps, had proclaimed the cause of the heathen and the self denying missionaries, and great zeal is to be discovered in the recorded efforts that were made about this time. Revs. Landrum and Roberts are called to the church to ordain deacons, or some one to preach, we are not informed which, and Rev. Hodges comes on a Missionary visit. He preaches on 19th April, 1828, and on the following day Zeb Rudolph rose in his place and stated that he had attended a meeting at Little Stevens Creek in March, and that nine churches had met by their delegates and had organized a Society to be known as the "Edgefield Domestic Missionary Society."

The churches entering this laudable institution, and the respective delegates, were viz: Red Bank, Zeb Rudolph; Little Stephens Creek, Jesse Blocker; Edgefield C.H., A.B. McWhorter; Good Hope, Robert Bryant; Antioch, Henry Huffman; Sardis, R. Corley; Cloud's Creek, R. Williams; Gilgal, Jordan Holloway. The Society elected Zeb Rudolph, Chairman; Jordan Holloway, Treasurer; and A. W. McWhorter, Clerk.

For some cause this society, destined to have accomplished so much good, died even before the first meeting came around. The interval was too great. No institution can thrive with meetings just once a year. The church which appears to have been most active in organizing, was the first to draw out; but in 1831 another attempt was made to "start the Missionary Society up again." Let us hope the fruits were better, but we are left to conjecture. Rev. Watkins resigns the pastoral care of the church, and a Bible Society was started but failed. The Church is without a pastor, but brother Rudolph is appointed to read a sermon to the congregation on the second and fourth Sundays. Members were requested by special rule to attend church service, but if they can show that they went to some other church worship "they were excused."

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### OBITUARY OF MRS. ELIZABETH JOLLY, REV. WAR WIDOW, OF ANDERSON DISTRICT

Source: *The Anderson Gazette*, issue of Friday June 28, 1844, p. 3, col. 3

"In the midst of life we are in Death."

Departed this life on Thursday 20th inst., Mrs. ELIZABETH JOLLY, aged about 90 years; she was indeed "old and well stricken with years," and had been long & patiently waiting for the time to come, when her feeble body should be consigned to its mother dust, and her immortal spirit wing its way to the bosom of her saviour. She had seen many privations in life—being the mother of a family of small children during the Revolutionary War, and her husband being in the service of his country. She had to provide for the wants of her little ones, and was often robbed of her little all and driven to the swamps by the ruthless bands of Tories. She had been for many years an exemplary member of the Baptist Church and by her orderly walk and conversation, she evinced to all that her "treasure was not of this world," but that she had a "home not made with hands, eternal and in the Heavens."

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Communicated

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### MEMBERSHIP ROLL OF RED BANK CHURCH IN 1826

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

Contributor's Note: Red Bank Baptist Church was originally founded in 1784 on the eastern edge of old Edgefield County/District in the area that was later annexed to form Saluda County in 1896. Source: The original Red Bank Church minutes books on microfilm in the Special Baptist Collection of the James Buchanan Duke Library, Furman University, Greenville, SC

August 19<sup>th</sup> 1826

Names of the present Members viz

White Males		White Females	
William Little	1	Catherine Dozier	1
Thomas Dozier	2	Ferubah Deloach	2
Prior Dozier	3	Lucy Leopard	3
William Rogers	4	Jemimah Lewis	4
Benjamin Culpeper	5	Sarah Rowland	5
James Ruston	6	Elizabeth Weaver	6
Thomas Little	7	Selah Carver	7
Eli House	8	Christiana Jay	8
John Mobley	9	Elizabeth Rayford	9
Benjamin Watson	10	Joice Culpeper	10
Preston Gilder	11	Milly Holmes	11
Julius Goodwin	12	Hannah Rabourne	12
Zebulon Rudolph	13	Lucrecia Mobley	13
Colored Members viz			
Sandy	1 restored	Mary Wattson	14
Nanny	2	Fanny Richardson	15
Isabel	3	Elizabeth House	16
Jane	4 Dismissed 1828	Sarah Wells	17
Edy	5 Dead	Mary Gilder	18
Betty	6	Rebecca Rogers	19
Lewis	7 Excom	Mary Little	20
Moses	8	Susanna Brannun	21
A. Doziers woman	9	Patty Bowler	22
Summerset	10	Lucy Jones	23
Ned	11 Excom	Elizabeth Dozier	24
		Abigail Rudolph	25
		Eliza Y. Peay	26

Since Last Letter to Association one restored, 3 rec<sup>d</sup> by Baptism, one dead, none dismissed—  
whole number 39 white

10 colored

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Omitted Mary Little Jun'

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## OBITUARY OF DAVID B. RICE, ESQ., OF YORK DISTRICT

Source: *The Yorkville Pioneer and Weekly Advertiser*, Saturday September 13, 1823, p. 2, col. 4

Departed this life, at his residence in this district, on Monday morning, about nine o'clock, DAVID B. RICE, Esq. for several years a respected citizen of this village. In the death of Mr. Rice, society has to lament the loss of an amiable and very respected citizen, the correct course of whose conduct gained him the esteem and confidence of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He leaves behind a wife and three children to deplore the loss of an affectionate husband and parent.

## DEATH NOTICE OF JOHN BARNETT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of May 16, 1883, p. 3, col. 1

—John Barnett, near Holly Springs, died Sunday the 6th instant. He was about 70 years old.

[Editor's Note: He was the oldest son of Randolph (Randal) Barnett. His first wife, and mother of all his children, was Nancy Peace.]

## DEATH NOTICE OF ELIJAH HENSON OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday March 16, 1892, p. 3, col. 1

—Elijah Henson, near Gowensville, died last week.

[Editor's Note: Elijah Henson was the husband of Elvira Barnett, daughter of Randal Barnett.]

## FELONS DETECTED

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

Contributor's Note: I, James Reid, on advice of attorney, still deny all the allegations set forth in the following report.

Source: *The Pendleton Messenger*, issue of Wednesday April 8, 1821 p. 2

Yesterday *Allen Williams* and *James Reid* were brought before Justice Russell, under, and by virtue of a Proclamation of Governor Bennett, of South Carolina, offering a reward of Two Hundred Dollars, for each of the said Felons, who had broke the gaol of York district, South Carolina. Williams had been committed for horse stealing, and Reid for passing counterfeit money, knowing it to be such. Upon the examination, it appeared, that they had but recently arrived here. Williams made no defence—Reid denied being the person named in the Proclamation, and called his name Thomas Balk, and said he came with Williams from Union district, South Carolina. Evidence was produced against him, which went to prove, that he had been in Augusta, about two years since, and went by the name of James Reid; that he used at that time, to follow card playing. They were both committed, to await the interference of the proper authorities.

*Savannah Georgian*, March 22.

## SOME UPSTATE MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE NEWBERRY RISING SUN

Source: *The Newberry Rising Sun*, issue of March 10, 1858, p. 3, col. 1

### HYMENIAL.

Married on the 11th ult., by the Rev. M. M. Boyd, Mr. **Wm Henry** to Miss **Sophia Boozer**, both of Newberry Dist.

On the 27th ult., by Rev. T. Raysor, Mr. **H. H. Tillery** to Miss **N. E. Lark**, all of Newberry District.

On 23d February by Henry White, Esq., Mr. **James H. Cunningham** to Miss **Margaret Williams**, all of Spartanburg.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th of February, by Rev. Simpson Drummund, Mr. **John S. Perry** to Miss **Sallie Walker**, all of Spartanburg District.

On the 25th Feb. by Henry White, Esq., Mr. **William Owens** to **Mary Pack**, all of Spartanburg District.

On the 28th February, by J. Bankston Davis, Esq., Mr. **James McCarter** to Miss **Mary Jane Andrews**, all of Spartanburg District.

On the 8th ult., by Rev. J. G. Landrum, Mr. **Theron E. Montgomery** and Miss **Sarah**, third daughter of Maj. **William Ballenger**, all of Spartanburg District.

On the 25th ult., by Rev. Joseph Gilbert, Mr. **E. F. Power** to Miss **J. C. Giles**, all of Abbeville District.

On the 24th ult., by Rev. A. Rice, of Anderson, Dr. **J. W. Thomas** and Miss **Mary M. Cheatham**, daughter of B. M. Cheatham, both of Abbeville District.

On the 3rd inst., by D. W. Hawthorn, Esq., at the residence of Jas. Wier, Mr. **Lorenzo Dow Wright** and Miss **Lucinda Burnett**, all of

Abbeville District.

On the 25th February, Rev. C. B. Betts, Mr. **John Huey**, of Abbeville District, to Miss **Mary C. Bell**, of Fairfield District.

On the 23rd ultimo, at the residence of Joel S. Barnett, Esq., by Rev. J. G. Richards, Mr. **Reece W. Workman** and Miss **Martha A. Barnett**, all of Yorkville [sic] District.

On Thursday the 25th of Feb., by Rev. D. Efird, Mr. **D. Miller** to Miss **Mary Ann Stoudemire**, all of Lexington District.

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## LETTERS REMAINING IN THE CHESTER POST OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 1824

Source: *The Pioneer and Yorkville Advertiser*, Saturday, January 17, 1824, p. 3, col. 4

## A LIST OF LETTERS,

Remaining in the Post-Office, at Chester Court-House, So. Carolina on the 1st day of January 1824

A. Messrs Anderson & Cherry.	Head, Peter Hardin, Heath and Russell, Robert Harten, Jacob Hogg, Thomas Hall.	[sic] Dorcus O'Brien, James Oliver, Smith Only or T. Lewis.
B. Henry Brakefield, Wm. C. Beecham, John Bell, Robert Boyd, Ja's S. Brooks, Jesse Banderwinckle.	K. Daniel Key, Henry Kingsbury, James King, Samuel Kilpatrick.	P. Robert Parks, David Parks, Thomas Palmer.
C. Jeremiah Crook, Nicholas Colvin	L. James M. Lowery, Noah Lyon, John Lee, Hugh Lackey, William Liviston, Richard Long, 2.	R. Hugh Reid, Jacob H. Riley, William Rowland.
D. Thomas Duncan care Jno. Bahd, Allen Degraffennied, Robert Dunn.	M. Mrs. McGee, William McCulloch, John Moody care of Hugh Simpson, Margaret Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy MDaniel, 2, Charles Morrison, Elsha Mayfield, Edward Meador, Senior, John MDaniel.	S. Doctor Ira Scott, John Smith for Thomas, Mary Smith, Geo. Street.
E. Thomas Eves, Robert Eccles.		T. Henry Y. Turner, 2, David Taylor.
F. Newton Foote, Edmund Frank.		W. David Weir, Jr. Charles Walker, John Walker, P.M.P. Wylie, Esq. Tho's. White John Wallis, Richard Wilson.
G. Wm Gassaway, Middleton Gladden, Robert Gibson, Marian Green a man of color, belonging to Allen J. Greene.	N. Ely Nance	
H. Isaac Hughes, Jacob Hughes, George	O. James Oliver, C. Orr, John Orr, Mr.	

## A PUN

Source: *The Newberry Rising Sun*, Wednesday, March 10, 1858, p. 4, col. 3

A Pun—An exchange [newspaper] notices the marriage of Miss Angeline Braham, daughter of the great vocalist, and adds: 'We congratulate the bridegroom upon his privilege of reposing, even on earth, upon A. Braham's bosum'.

## DEATH OF JOHN HAMMETT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *the Carolina Spartan*, May 26, 1886, p.3, col.1

—John Hammett, one of our old citizens, died the 12th of May, 1886, at his home a few miles from Wellford. He was in his 75th year. He was born in this county, on the head waters of Chincapin and married a Brannon, who survives him. He was the oldest member of Mt. Zion church. He spent all his life in his native county with the exception of one year, long ago, when he went to Tennessee. He leaves ten children behind, two having gone before him.

## SAMMY DARBY'S COURTSHIP

Source: *The Pioneer and Yorkville Weekly Advertiser*, Saturday August 23, 1823, p. 3, col.2

Good afternoon Squire Jones.

Good afternoon, friend Darby, come walk in.

Well squire, how is your darter, Sal, today, and the rest of the family.

Why, they're all up and about, particularly Sal; she is very hearty, has a good appetite, and eats a right smart chance; and the way she smokes her pipe is the right way, and sing—Lord man she sings like a martingale.—O she is a buster!

Well Squire, I'm glad to hear so much in praise of Sal, for I love her mightily, and mean to court her too.

Why thats plain, honest and clever—I'll go and call Sal.

Sure enough he did, and she soon made her appearance.

How are you Sal, says I.

Oh, sorter middling. How do you feel Mr. Darby?

Why, Sal, I aint well—I'm love sick.

Oh hush, you don't say so—well do tell me who she is!

With that I sorter sidled up to Sal, and Sal then kinder sidled off [to the side. ? Line smudged.]

Says I, Sal, don't be so darnation skittish, for

you are the very gal I'm after.

Geet out, you don't say—

Yes I do, and I'm in as hard earnest as ever my old dog Lion was at a coon.

That pleased her mightily, and she kinder tossed her head and look as proud as some of your town gals do when they git in a ball room.

Says I, Sal, will you have me?

I reckon as how I will—you don't catch this child refusin to do that thing when she has a good chance.

So off we went to the parson's, and Sal and I got married, and now we live as kinder happily together as can be, only some times she bawls out to me,

Mr. Darby don't be spitting your tobacco juice on the fire dogs and sticking your feet on the fender. May I be burnt if I can keep any thing decent for you—plague take all tobacco chewers, I say, that are as nasty as you are about it.

And the way she raps my toes with the tongs, when she sees my feet on the fender, is no way common, I tell you—however, I live as happily as I can with a woman—that's the fact.

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## FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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

## GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville District, SC, Probate Court, Real Estate Book 1841-1863, pages 478-483, Real Estate of **Randal Barnett** (1861)

[Petition to Sell the Real Estate of Randal Barnett]

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District]

To Robert McCay, OGD.



The humble Petition of James Barnett and T. A. Campbell sheweth that Randal Barnett departed this life, seized and possessed of a tract of Land, situated in Greenville District, on branches of Middle Tyger River, adjoining Lands of John Campbell, T. B. Reid, Oharra Barton and others, and containing Eighty acres more or less. Your Petitioner prays that you will cause the said land to be sold, in order that the parties interested may receive their distributive shares. The following is a true list of the heirs, viz,

- Phereby Barnett, widow**
1. Heirs of Martha Reid, dec'd
    - 1 Thomas B. Reid, Greenville, S.C.
    - 2 Randell Reid " " "
    - 3 Heirs of Mary Ross, dec'd.
 

Goshan Ross, Husband		
William Ross, minor,	Greenville	S.C.
Elizabeth Ross, Do.	Do.	"
Hoke Ross, Do	Do.	
Benj. Ross, Do	Do	
Sophronia Ross, Do	Do	
Ananias Ross Do	Do.	
Jain [Jane] Ross Do	Do.	
Joseph Ross Do	Do	
    - 4 William Reid heirs, out of State
    - 5 Lucretia Wooten's heirs
 

Elizabeth Wooten, Greenville, minor	
William Wooten " Do.	
    - 6 Alfred Reid " "
    - 7 Lucinda Moon & Jas T. Moon, her husband, Greenville
    - 8 Charlotte Balew and Mathew Balew her husband, State
    - 9 Joseph Reid, out of State
    - 10 Madison Reid
    - 11 Rebecca Reid and John Rochester, husband, Greenville
  2. Priscilla Reid & Alexander Reid "
  3. John Barnett, Spartanburgh
  4. Jemima Campbell & Thomas Campbell, her husband, Greenville, S.C.
  5. Heirs of Lucinda Sanders Dec'd
 

Irvine Sanders, Husband,	Spartanburgh
1 Marcus Sanders minor	Do.
2 Jonas Sanders minor	Do.
3 John Sanders minor	Do.
4 James Sanders minor	Do.
5 Amelia Sanders minor	Do.
6 Jesse Sanders minor	Do
7 Mary Sanders minor	Do
8 Thomas Sanders minor	Do
  6. Sarah Dobbins & Fielding C. Dobbins, her husband, Greenville
  7. Mary Griffin & Elihu Griffin, her husband, Alabama
  8. James Barnett, Petitioner, Greenville
  9. William Barnett Do.

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|-----|---|--------------|
| 10. | Agnes Moon and John P. Moon, her husband,     | Greenville   |
| 11. | Deliley Peace and William Peace, her husband, | Spartanburgh |
| 12. | Elvira Henson and Elijah Henson her husband,  | Greenville   |
| 13. | Elinder Farmer and Calvin Farmer her husband  | Greenville   |

Your petitioners pray that you will cause the above Parties to appear at a Court of Ordinary to be holden at Greenville Court House for Greenville District on some stated day to show cause, if any they can, why the said Land should not be divided or sold, according to law.

And your petitioners will ever pray etc.

This 28th March a D. 1861

James Barnett  
T. A. Campbell

#### [Citation to Appear]

Ordered, that Citations do issue, requiring parties interested to appear at a Court of Ordinary to be holden at Greenville Court House on the 24th day of June next, to show cause why said Land should not be Sold, etc

Robt McKay, OGD.

#### [Second Citation for Residents to Appear in Court]

The State of South Carolina.

To the legal heirs and representatives of Randal Barnett, who died intestate—Greetings: You are hereby required to appear at the Court of Ordinary, to be holden in Greenville Court House, on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February A. D. 1862, to Shew cause, if any you can why the Real Estate of Randal Barnett, deceased Situated in the Same District, on waters of South Tyger River [note change here], bounded by Lands of John Campbell Thomas Reid and others, and containing Eighty Acres more or less, originally granted to \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] should not be divided and sold, allotting to the said Phereby Barnett one third, and the remaining two thirds in equal portions to the other heirs.

Given under my hand and Seal, the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January A. D. 1862 Robt McKay, OGD. {Seal}

22<sup>d</sup> Jan. 1862. The consents of Non Residents having been taken as confessed, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June last, and the Ordinary being in the Army at that time. It is ordered, that Residents be cited to appear on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February next, to Shew cause, if any they can, why the Lands described in the Summons in Petition in this Case should not be Sold or divided, and the proceeds distributed according to Law, in their consents, of failing to appear and object, will be entered of record. Robt McKay, OGD

#### [Consent of Heirs to Sell land]

We the undersigned do hereby consent that the Lands described within, belonging to the Estate of Randal Barnett, dec'd, may be sold according to Law, and we acknowledge the Service of a Citation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1862. Witness our hands and seals this 23<sup>rd</sup> January A. D. 1862

James Barnett {LS}	Thomas A. Campbell {LS}	J. T. (x) Moon {LS}
Ferby Barnett {LS}	Jamima (x) Campbell {LS}	Lucinda (x) Moon {LS}
	Elender (x) Farmer {LS}	W <sup>m</sup> Barnett {LS}
	Calvin Farmer {LS}	
Priscilla (x) Reid {LS}	Sarah (x) Dobbins {LS}	T. B. Reid {LS}
Alexander a Reid {LS}	F. C. Dobbins {LS}	
Reubin (x) Reid {LS}	Charlotte (x) Balew {LS}	Rebecca(x) Rochester{LS}
	Mathey Balew {LS}	John Rochester {LS}
Goshan Ross {LS}	Elvira Henson {LS}	Agnes Moon {LS}
	Elija Henson	John P. Moon



Randel Reid {LS}  
Marison Reid {LS}

John Barnett {LS}  
Alfred Reid {LS}

Delila Peace {LS}  
William (x) Peace {LS}

Filed 3<sup>d</sup> March, 1862 Consents of Non Residents having been obtained by advertisement in paper, and no objections, and Residents having filed their consents, It is ordered, that the Land be sold Sale day in April next. 3<sup>d</sup> March 1862 R. McKay, OGD.

#### [Petition of Thomas Reid]

State of South Carolina Greenville District}

To Rob' McKay OGD.

The Humble petition of Thomas Reid sheweth that there are several minor heirs of Randal Barnett, and who have no Guardian in fact to represent their interests in the Real Estate aforesaid to be Sold, and your Petitioner would recommend James Barnett as a fit and proper person to act as Guardian ad litem for said minors. This 3<sup>d</sup> March, A. D. 1862 T. B. Reid

I do hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem for the minor heirs of Lucretia Wooten, dec<sup>d</sup> 2 in number - the minor heirs of Lucinda Sanders dec<sup>d</sup> 7 in number. This 7<sup>th</sup> April, A. D. 1862 James Barnett

#### [Sale of Randal Barnett's Land to John Campbell]

Sheriff's Office, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1862 Pursuant to orders I exposed the Land described in the Summons in Petition in this case, to the highest bidder, this day, when the same was purchased by John Campbell, for the Sum of Five hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars, he being the last and highest bidder, with B. J. Stewart in Security. Shff cost \$2. J. T. McDaniel S G D

#### [John Campbell's Security Bond]

\$598.00 Greenville, S. C., 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1862. Twelve months, after date, We or either of us promise to pay Robert McCay Ordinary of Greenville District, his successors in office or assigns the full and just sum of Five Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars value received, with interest from date, as witness our hands and Seals, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D. 1862

Witness

D. Stokes

John Campbell {LS}

B. J. Stewart {LS}

Rec<sup>d</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1862 on the within Bond, Forty Two Dollars 88/100 Dollars Cents Rob' McKay OGD

#### Bill of Costs

Ordinary - Case	12.00
Guardian	1.00
1 per ct	5.98
Sheriff Sale	2.00
Printer - 3 mo. notice	8.00
adv Sale	1.90
James Barnett - Consents	12.00
	\$42.88

See Cash Book, page 101 for disposition of proceeds of Sale etc.

#### GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville District, SC, Probate Court, Apt 25, File No. 27, Petition for Sale of Land, Randal Barnett, Deceased (1861)

[This file contains the same petition, and thus the same family information, as the Real Estate Book record above. However, there are four small items of interest recorded in this file that did not appear in the Real Estate book. Those items are set forth below.]

#### [The appraisal of Randal Barnett's Land By R. P. Goodlett]

South Carolina, Greenville District} Personally came R. P. Goodlett and [blank] and [blank] and made oath that they are acquainted with the Lands of Randal Barnett, deceased, situated in Greenville District, on Waters of Middle Tyger River, adjoining Lands of John Campbell and others, and containing Eighty Acres more or less, said Land is not worth one thousand dollars, and that they know of no other Lands belonging to said Estate in this State. Sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1861

#### [Consent of Ervin Sanders to Sale of Randal Barnett's Land]

South Carolina, Spartanburg District} June the 3 1861 To all whom it may concern that this is to certify that I give my consent to Sell the Said tract of land belonging to Mrs Feraba Barnett and heirs. [Witness] M. L. Summers Ervin (x) Sanders

#### [Letter from Joseph Reid to His Uncle James Barnett]

Feb the 6 1862

Adams Run P. O. Dear unkle I seat myself to day to let you no that I am well at this time hoping these few lines will find you all well you stated that you was going to sell Grandmothers land if I had no objection which I have not the least objection in the world Sell it as quick as you please. and you wanted me to rite back by B. J. Stewart but I did not get to see him I want you to rite back to me and let me no where Mark Sanders is unkle James I would like to see you and family but I cant see you now you stated that my family was well and I was glad to hear from them I would have rote sooner but I never got the letter in time to rite so as you could a got it again the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February. tell Billy and family howdy for me and tell him to rite to me and rite your self as soon as you get this letter. Direct your letters to Adams Run P O in care of Capt. Hodges Co K 16 Regt S. C. V Sai no more at present good by [signed] Joseph Reid to James Barnett

#### [Final Payment For Randal Barnett's Land]

April 7, 1868 Rec<sup>d</sup> Five Hundred and Ninety Four Dollars in full

Rob' McKay OGD

#### Request of Priscilla Reid

[This little note is out of place in this probate file; it is presented in the file just below, where it belongs.]

#### GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville District, SC, Probate Court, Apt 22, File No. 34, estate of Phereby Barnett (1863), James Barnett, Administrator

#### Petition of James Barnett For Letters of Administration

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} To ROBERT MCKAY, ORDINARY GREENVILLE DISTRICT The petition of James Barnett sheweth, that Phereby Barnett departed this life on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1862, intestate, as your petitioner believes, leaving a personal property of considerable amount, to wit: of the value of Three Hundred Dollars, and owing debts. Your Petitioner therefore prays that you grant Letters of Administration on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights, and credits of the said deceased. And your Petitioner will ever pray &c This 17<sup>th</sup> day of april A. D. 1863 James Barnett



ON HEARING THE ABOVE PETITION, it is ordered that Citations do issue, requiring the kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear at a Court of Ordinary to be holden at Greenville Court House, for Greenville district on the 4th day of May A D 1863 to shew cause if any they can why letters of Administration should not be granted as prayed for.

This 17th day of April A. D. 1863

Robt McKay OGD

#### Letters of Administration

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District} BY ROBERT MCKAY, ORDINARY OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

To James Barnett. WHEREAS, Phereby Barnett late of Greenville District, deceased, lately died intestate, ... I, desiring the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered, converted, disposed of do hereby grant unto the said James Barnett ... full power ... to administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased; and ... to make a true and perfect inventory thereof ... on or before the 4th day of July now next ensuing ... IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and in the 87th year of American [sic] the Independence of South Carolina.

Robt McKay OGD

#### Petition for Sale of Phereby Barnett's Estate

To Robt McKay OGD I desire a sale of all the Personal property of Phereby Barnett dec'd to Save from decay and waste, and pay costs 4th May 1863

James Barnett

#### Order for Sale of Personal Property

South Carolina, Greenville District} By Robt McKay, Esquire, Ordinary. On due consideration of the petition of James Barnett qualified Administrator of the estate of Phereby Barnett deceased: It is hereby ordered that he have leave to sell all the Personal Property of deceased, on Saturday the 23rd day of May inst. for cash ... Given under my Hand and Seal this 4th day of May A. D. 1863

#### Warrent of Appraisement

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} By Robt McKay Ordinary of Greenville District THESE are to authorize and empower you or any three or four of you, whose names are underwritten to repair to all such parts and places within this State, as you shall be directed by James Barnett, Administrator ... of Phereby Barnett, deceased, ... and there view and appraise all and every the ... goods and chattels, ... to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof ... on or before the 4th day of July next

... To Messrs B. J. Stewart Esq John Dill Thomas Reid L. D. McMakin  
MEMORANDUM—That on the 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord eight thousand and sixty three personally appeared before me B. J. Stewart one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for said District B. J. Stewart John Dill Thomas Reid being three of the Appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of Phereby Barnett late of Greenville District ... on or before the 4th day of July next Sworn to, the day and year above written,  
before me B. J. Stewart M.G.D. B. J. Stewart John Dill T. B. Reid

#### Appraise Bill [Filed May 25, 1863]

South Carolina, Greenville District} This is a True Appraise Bill of the goods and chattels rights and credits of the Estate of Phereby Barnett deceased shown to us by James Barnett, Adm and appraised by us ... B. J. Stewart John Dill T. B. Reid [The estate was appraised at \$100.75.]

#### Sale Bill [Filed May 25, 1863]

[The total amount of the sale came to \$156.55. The names of the buyers were not given, unless James Barnett was the sole buyer.]

#### Second Sale Bill [Filed June 13, 1863]

[The buyers at this sale are listed below:

James Barnett	Sarah Dobbins	Elvira Henson	Elinder Farmer
William Barnett	Nancy Dobbins		

The total amount for this second sale was \$14.55.]

#### Final Settlement & Decree [Filed August 24, 1863]

1863, Aug 24	To 1st Sale Bill sold 23rd May 1863	\$ 156.55	
	To 2nd Sale Bill 13 June 1863	14.55	
	To Mrs Phereby Barnetts Share of, received from R. McKay Ordinary this day from Est of Randal Barnett	<u>197.99</u>	
		369.09	
1863, Aug 24	To Due Estate, 13 heirs		\$159.75
South Carolina, Greenville District} Personally came James Barnett and T. A. Campbell Adm and making oath state the above account is correct - they have received and paid all debts- This 24th day of Aug A.D 1863			
Robt McKay O G D			James Barnett
	Aug 24 By paid John Campbell, coffin	5.00	T. A. Campbell
" "	" " " " B. J. Stewart a/c	2.95	
" "	" " " " " " " "	.32	
	John Dill a/c	1.00	
	James McMakin a/c	7.95	
	James Barnett Notes & Int	122.55	
	Printers Bill 3 mo	10.00	
due	Ellen Barnett a/c	6.61	
	Ordinary's Fee	24.50	
	Citing parties	<u>10.00</u>	189.86
	Comm [P] \$369.09 " 27-	9.22	
due	Mary Griffen's for Cow		5.00
	Comm paying \$ 72.30 " 27-	1.81	11.03
	" " \$138.10 " 27-	3.45	
	Due Estate to balance		<u>159.75</u>
			369.09

South Carolina, Greenville District} In Court of Ordinary The Admrs appeared this day for a Final Settlement. After deducting [all?] expences Debts commissions &c there remains due the Estate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Nine 25/100 Dollars. Ordered that they pay the Same as the law directs This 24th Aug 1863 Robt McKay O G D.

[The heirs of Phereby Barnett were exactly the same ones listed in 1861 as the heirs of her husband Randal. Even the name "Phereby Barnett, widow" had been copied, but was lined out.]

#### [Request of Priscilla Reid]

August the 22nd 1863 M R. McKay pleas send me my part of the Money of the Estate of Phoebe Barnett deasease by the Barer and oblige yours  
Prisiler Reid



### NEWBERRY COUNTY

Newberry County, SC, Probate Court, Box 3, Estate 21, Estate of Ann Coate, Dec'd (1805), George Johnson and David Cannon, Ex'ors

#### The Last will and Testament of Ann Coate Dec'd

In the Name of God Aman I Ann Coate of the State of South Carolina in the District of Newberry am weak in body but of perfect memory thanks be to almighty God calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing it is once appointed for all men to Die, Do make Ordain this my last will and Testament. First I Recommend my Sole into the hands of almighty God and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Exec<sup>rs</sup> hereafter Named. 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will & Desire that all my Lawful Debts should be paid 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and Desire that my three daughters Jean Verdeman, Nancy Cannon & Sarah Cannon Shall have all my wareing apperal to be equally divided amongst them. 3<sup>rd</sup> by my will is that the Heirs of Bartholomew Johnson shall have the sum of five Shillings Sterling to be paid them out of my Estate when they marry or come of age. 4<sup>th</sup> by I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Mary Coon the sum of 1 Shilling Sterling. 5<sup>th</sup> by my Desire is that the remaining part of my Estate Shall be equally divided amongst my five children & my Grandson Daniel Johnson (that is) Georg Johnson Levy Johnson Jean Verdeman Nancy Cannon & Sarah Cannon Lastly I make my son George Johnson & David Cannon Sole executors of this my last will & Testament In trust on purpose herein mentioned in witness whereof I the said Ann Coate have Set my hand & Seal this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & Five & in the Twenty ninth of American Independency.

Signed Sealed published pronounced by the  
s<sup>d</sup> Ann Coats as her last will and Testament

(Signed) Ann Coats

in the presense of us in her presence & and in  
the of Each Other have hereunto subscribed  
our names as witnesses

her  
Samuel Cannon William Cannon Sarah x Cannon  
mark

#### [Will of Ann Coats Proven]

The within will was Duly Executed in the Ordinaries office in Newberry District proved and allowed by the Oath of Sarah Cannon one of the Subscribing witness to the said will and was ordered to be Recorded Nov<sup>r</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> 1805

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lindsey O. N. D.

[The following was written just above the foregoing but was marked through:]

South Carolina, Newberry District} Personally appeared before me Fred<sup>h</sup> Gray one of the Justices of the Quorem Samuel Cannon who being duly sworn as the Law Directs and Sayeth that he was personally present and Saw Ann Coats Sign Seal and Acknowledge the within will to be her last will and Testament and that he himself with William Cannon & Sarah Cannon Subscribed their names to the within as witnesses to the same Sworn to before me this Nov<sup>r</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> 1805

Fred<sup>h</sup> Gray

Samuel Cannon

#### Warrent of Appraisement on the Estate of Ann Cote Dec'd

South Carolina, Newberry District} By Samuel Lindsey Esquire, Ordinary of Newberry District. These are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are here underwritten to ... view and appraise ..., to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of your unto ... George Johnston & David Cannon on or before the fourth Monday of December now next ensuing Dated the Eleventh day of November

Anno Domini 1805.

To Messrs. John Priester Michael Dickert Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cannon Joseph Caldwell Jun<sup>r</sup>  
MEMORANDUM. This Eighteen day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five personally appeared before Micheal Dickert—Esquire, one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in Nrwberry District John Priester Michael Dickert and Samuel Cannon being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of Ann Cote deceased ... Sworn to Before me the day and year first above written.

Mich<sup>l</sup> Dickert

Samuel Cannon

Micheal Dickert

John Priester

#### A List of the Personal Estate of Ann Coats D<sup>d</sup>

[The estate consisted of household items and one horse, saddle, and bridle (the latter items valued at \$88). The entire estate was valued at \$177.]

Appraised the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1805 Samuel Cannon John Priester Michael Dickert

Recorded Book G page 61 Ap<sup>l</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1807 J. F.

#### The Sail Bill of the Estate of Ann Coats

[The buyers were the following persons:]

Nancy Cannon

John Cannon

Dan Workman

David Cannon

Jean Verdeman

Sam<sup>l</sup> Cannon

Sarah Cannon

The total amount of the sale amounted to \$165. 85<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>]

The Sail Bill of the personal Estate of Ann Coats Dec<sup>d</sup> Sold the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1805 David Cannon

#### Receipts

Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> George Johnston one pound four shillings on account of his administration on the Estate of Ann Coate Dec'd Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1805 Sam<sup>l</sup> Lindsey O N D

Rec<sup>d</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1805 of George Johnson & David Cannon Exec<sup>rs</sup> of Ann Coate Dec<sup>d</sup> the sum of one Dollar & 25 Cents I say rec<sup>d</sup> by me Michael Dickert

Rec<sup>d</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> December 1805 of M<sup>r</sup> David Cannon Executor of the Estate of Ann Coate the sum of four & eight pence for writing & swearing the appraisers &c p<sup>r</sup> me Mich<sup>l</sup> Dickert Sen<sup>r</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup> William Goings Publick & Poor Tax for 1800 [sic]

C. Crenshaw

### THREE DEATHS FROM THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Issue of Thursday, December 16, 1926

Evans

In memory of Mrs. S. B. Evans and the work which she did for her church and community in which she lived; the Parsonage Aid Society of the Monaghan Methodist church adopts the following resolutions:

First-That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Secondly-That we the members of the Parsonage Aid Society mourn the loss of our departed friend and sister.



Thirdly-That we forget not her faithfulness as a Christian worker in our church and community and her gentle spirit and devotion to her children and her home.

Fourth-That we dedicate a page to her memory in our minutes and send a copy of these resolutions to her bereaved husband and children, a copy to the Parker Progress, and one to the Southern Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. W. McElrath

Mrs. D. P. Greer

Mrs. E. E. Mitchell

Jackson

Mrs. Mary Pruden Rich Jackson, daughter of L. O. and Rebecca Taylor Rich, was born at Advance, N.C., March 7, 1870. Her mother dying when she was but an infant, she was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses McDonald of Lynchburg, S.C., who later moved to Landrum, S.C., where she was reared. After her marriage to Mr. John M. Jackson, May 10, 1894, she lived at Campobello, S.C., till the day of her death on October 10, 1926.

Funeral services were held from her home by her pastor assisted by Dr. M. L. Carlisle of Spartanburg. She was laid to rest in the Campobello cemetery by the side of her husband who preceeded her to the other side just four years ago. Five daughters and one son blessed her home all of whom remain to cherish her memory, Mrs. Marion Jackson Stevens, Campobello, S.C.; Miss Margaret Jackson, Campobello, S.C.; Mrs. Anna Jackson Darby, Walhalla, S.C.; Miss Mary Pruden Jackson, Campobello, S.C.; Miss Louise Jackson, Columbia College, Columbia, S.C.; and Mr. John M. Jackson, B. M. L., Greenwood, S.C.

Mrs. Salina Gowan

A real mother in Israel fell in sleep Sunday night, November 21, 1926, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cook, at Whitney, S.C. Her body was placed in the Mt. Zion church cemetery at 2:30 Monday afternoon, Brother D. W. Smith, B. H. Tucker and R. G. Cudd jointly officiating.

The deceased is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. J. H. Cook, J. E. Gowan, and B. D. Gowan, Mrs. J. W. Sizemore, Mrs. R. L. Cothran and J. M. Gowan. Also surviving her are 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sister Gowan was left a widow about thirty years ago and she proved to be father and mother to her children, and every person who came under her touch was greatly influenced. She was loved by the entire community of Tucapau, her home for many years. She was a faithful and beloved member of the Tucapau Methodist church.

B. H. Tucker,  
Preacher in Charge.

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# LETTER TO MR. BAYESDEN DAVIS

Cypress Inn P.O., Wayne Co., TN, 27 Nov 1858

From Pleasant Mound, Laurens Co., SC.

Contributed by Edna Westmoreland, 1412 W. Georgia Road, Woodruff, SC, 29388.

In 1858, in Laurens District, SC, James M. Riddle was not a very good speller, but his penmanship was very good. There is no doubt about what he intended to say to his sister and her husband, Elizabeth Riddle and Bayesden/Baysden Davis in Wayne County, TN.

This letter was folded in thirds and addressed on the outside:

Mr. Bayesden Davis, Tennessee, Wayne County, Cypress Inn, P.O.

November the 27th 1858

{ South Carolina }  
{ Laurens District }

Pleasant Mound. P O

Dear Brother it is with plesure that I take my pen inhand to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well and truly a hope ing when this few lines cums to hand that tha will find you enjoying the same lick blesings

I will inform you also that the rest of the conecion are all well as fair as I know knot withstandig I have nothing of eney great importens to right to you at present only I roat you a letter last April and I have got no anser from you yet I would have roat to you sooner but I kep waiten for a anser from you til I have got out of all pation of geten eney ther four I take the plesur of righten you a nother Epistel as it is posible that letters air miss sent some times and it may be poseble that the letter I roat to you hear to fore may have ben miss sent and you never got them but I hope you will get this few lines & when you get them I want you to Right to me as soone s it is convinient for you to Do So Dear brother I will know tell you a bout the produce of our Cuntry corn is seeling from 50 cts to 55 cts per bushel, wheate \$1 a bushel bacon is seelen form 12-1/2 cts to 14 cts per lb cotton in the first of the fall at Laurens C. House brot \$12.85 cts it has ben cumen a littel bit by Degreas tel it [bottom of paper folded over one or two words] worth \$9.75 cts per lbs. [fold - one word] So turn over

Page 2.

Ellis Riddle Started from this cuntry aming to go to texas and he arned to stoped at your hous as he was going on but he was in co with Samul Martin & M.J. Martin & O.H.P. Martin & John Power & family Simpson Hucheson & family and tha went two fur a south Derection from your hous for him to call & see you I got a letter from Ellis the 2 Saturdy in November which he roate to me the 5 of November & he was in Mississippi Marshal County at colnel Moasleys at that time he roat to me that he had seed a heap scens he had left home he seed he had seed moore big hills & Rocks & poore land that I woud not bleve was in the cuntry nuthen els to that Efect Dear brother I will also informe you that father & the girls is living at the same place tha was when you was at ther hous the last time ther at [F.P] Martin the air all well, or was a day or two a goo Sir we have cloddy and coald Disagreeable wether at this time the pepel air knot dun sowen wheat yet in our cuntry Sir I will also inform you that James DeLong loaded his wagon and started to gorgia the 21 of November inst as for my seelf I Will Inform you that I am a Singel man yet So turn over

Page 3.

Dear Sister it is With plesur that I drop you a few lins to let you know that I have knot for gotten you yet Dear Sister I would be glad to see you I had rother see you then to see eney boddy els in this World It has ben a long time seenst I have seead you but I hope it will knot be so long again but I don't know when or Ever we will get to See one or nother in this world or knot But if we dont it is to be hoped that We will meat in Heven wher partin is no moore Wher trobble can knot Disterb and Wher we can scing the praises of the Dieng lamb for every

Dear brother I would be glad to see you all one time moore but I dont know when it will be but when I



can mak et convient I intend to cum and see you I want you and sister to right to me every opper  
tunity you get to do so I want to be remembered by you all So nuthen els at present  
onley Remands yours truly until death

James M. Riddle to Baysdn Davis  
& Elizabeth Davis ~~~~

<><> 1850 Laurens District, SC, 25 Nov 1850, page 307, Hb#1635, all in the household were born in SC:

Basding Davis, 35, male, Farmer;  
Elizabeth, 28;  
[Berry? or Benj.?, 10, male;  
Matilda, 8;  
Melmoth, 5;  
Jane, 3;  
James, 1.

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### FROM THE PIEDMONT HEADLIGHT NEWSPAPER

Contributed by Betty Jean Foster Dill, 168 Bullington Road, Spartanburg, SC 29306-6308.

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#### GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY

Those Who Will Serve for the Special November Court.

The following is the list of jurors for the sessions court, which convenes in this city on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 1897. Judge James ALDRICH will preside:

J.R. PADGETT, Pooles.	T.J. LITTLEFIELDS, Greens.
W.T. BOBO, Cross Anchor.	C.C. WEST, Roebuck.
W.J. SHERLEY, Whitney.	G.S.K. KINNER, Roebuck.
J.R.D. MASTER, Whitney.	G.W. DANIEL, Spartanburg.
G.W. CUDD, Parris.	B.F. BEASON, Woodruff.
J.W. CALDWELL, Fair Forest.	W. MULLINS, Spartanburg.
W.T. CRIM, Crim.	J.J. VERNON, Wellford.
Robt. L. GASTON, [nothing entered]	R.C. BENNETT, Hobby's.
W.T. HENDRICKS, Reidville.	G.W. WILLIS, Fair Forest.
H.A. BENNETT, Reidville.	A.G. BRANNON, Campobello.
J.H. BRYCE, Roebuck.	Joseph LEE, Landrum.
J.R. CRAWLEY, Roebuck.	A.W. FOSTER, Rich. [Hill?]
R.V. KELLING, Woodruff.	Warren FARMER, Spartanburg.
L.M. HARRISON, Walnut Grove.	R.M. STRIBLING, Hebron.
W.J. CLEMENT, New Prospect.	W.K. BRAMLETT, Pacolet.
S. KIRBY, Clifton.	B.I.B. VABER, Poole's.
G.W. FINCH, Ardella.	Jas. H. ANDERSON, Moore.
B.F. WEST, Reidville.	W.G. HIGH, Campton.

On same page:

Mr. M.T. LAWSON, of Cross Anchor, lost his barn and stables on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4 a.m. He lost all his fodder and roughness, wagon and buggy. He saved his horses with quite an effort. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was from three or four hundred dollars.

#### THE DEATH ROLL:

Mr. E.H. TORK, a successful merchant of Greenville, died last Tuesday.

Miss Melissa FLINN died at Tucapau last week and was buried at Greens Saturday.

Mrs. Mary C. ALLEY, wife of R.H. ALLEY, aged 47 years, died at her home on Allen street Sunday, and was buried in the old cemetery. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss.

Mrs. C.T. HUMPHRIES, of Pacolet, died on Sunday, in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She leaves a husband and six children. Her remains were interred at Pacolet.

The twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. HARRISON, of Rich Hill, died Sunday and was buried at Cedar Springs.

Mr. Richard SCRUGGS died last week at his home near Martinsville, in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age. His remains were interred at the family burial ground, near Cash's store.

The eighteen months old son of Prof. and Mrs. H.B. KEENEY, of Brannon's, died Friday morning of diphtheria. The remains were interred at Cannon's Camp Ground cemetery.

Mr. Oscar DUNCAN, a young man originally of Duncan's, who went to Birmingham, Ala., several years ago, died a few days ago at Birmingham. His remains were shipped back to his old home at Duncan's for burial.

David COPELAND, the three-year-old son of Mrs. R.S. FERGUSON, who lives on Alabama street, died Friday morning of diphtheria. The remains were taken to Clinton, S.C., for burial.

Mrs. Sarah Ann DONAHUE, the mother of Mrs. J.C. MITCHELL, died at the home in Highland township in Greenville county. Mrs. Donahue was also an aunt of Supt. W.F. WALKER, of Piedmont.

#### LISTS OF MARRIAGES

Mr. Riley MOORE, of Poe's cotton Mill, and Miss Amy GILBERT were married in Greenville.

Mr. Bob PITTS and Miss SMITH were married near Richardsonville in Laurens.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Willie SMITH, of Glenn Springs, and Miss Daisy ALLEN, daughter of Capt. E.C. ALLEN, Rev. W.T. DERIEUX, officiating.

At Cherokee Falls: Mr. R.W. GORDON and Miss Ada PENNINGTON

Mr. Wm. PEELER and Miss Minnie GREEN

Mr. Chas. HALE and Miss Alice ROLAN

At Grover: Mr. M.R. HARTNESS and Miss R.M. RUMFELT

Mr. J.C. SMITH, of Waterloo, a recent graduate of Wofford College, who played on the city baseball nine this last season, will be married to Miss Genieve WHARTON, of Waterloo.

Miss Eunice PRINCE and Mr. Henry HAYNES, both of whom live near Ardella, were married by Rev. D.P. MONTGOMERY on Friday.

#### MARRIAGES AT PIEDMONT:

Miss Alta GROVER and Mr. JONES, of Anderson county.

Mr. Robert ORR and Miss Susan HALL, both of Piedmont.

Mr. Robt. ALSTON, of Tryon, N.C., and Miss Mamie Brannor, of Flat Bluff, N.C., at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Alston is well known in this city. He is proprietor of the Chicora vineyard situated near Tryon.

Mr. Woodward FANT, one of the popular salesmen at CHAPMAN's, the grocer, left the city



Tuesday for Hendersonville, N.C., where he will wed **Miss Carrie Lee SPANN**, of that city.

Dots From Duncan

Oct. 18.- **Mr. George MORROW**, who was run over by the train and killed in your city, lives [sic] a few miles above this place.

**Rev. Mr. BLACKMAN** has moved into **Bud WOOD**'s house. He will teach school at Middle Tyger next year.

**Miss Sally WINGO**, who has been very sick, is much improved.

New Prospect

Oct. 18.- **Mrs. John SHORES**, of Spartanburg, visited our town last week.

School will open at this place the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. **Mr. John CALHOUN**, of Clemson College, will teach for us.

**Mr. George HICKS** is clerking for **Mr. R.V. McMillin**.

We have had a glorious meeting at this place for the past two weeks. Twenty-three were added to the church. The baptizing will take place the fourth Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. **Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS**, of Greenville, assisted **Mr. Ouzts**.

*The Piedmont Headlight*, Spartanburg, S.C., July 29, 1987:

#### Notice to Delegates.

Delegates attending the union meeting of Southern Division of the Spartanburg Association, will find homes with the following named persons:

Cedar Grove — **B.K. O'SHIELDS**.

Abner's Creek — **T.S. THOMAS**.

Green Pond — **L.E. PETTIT**.

Antioch — **R.M. STRIPLIN**.

Cedar Shoal — **J.B. WOFFORD**.

Bethel — **H. GWIN**.

New Hope — **W.D. ALLEN**.

Unity — **R. THOMAS**.

Poplar Spring — **C.T. PETTIT**.

Enoree — **J.J. WILLIAMS**.

Switzer — **T. AIKEN**.

Bellevue — **A. SHANDS**.

Philadelphia — **R.M. STRIPLIN**.

Oak Grove — **T.S. THOMAS**.

Fair Forest — **A. AIKEN**.

Selma — **J.M. O'SHIELDS**.

Bethlehem — **Mrs. N.L. SMITH**

**J.M. SMITH**, Chairman Committee.

#### A Card.

Editors *Piedmont Headlight*: Please allow me space in your valuable columns to return thanks to my neighbors and friends who have so freely contributed to my assistance in the way of corn, fodder and oats, together with some money — in all very near, if not quite enough to make good my entire loss sustained by the recent burning of my stables and corn crib together with their contents. Many away over in the fork of the Tygers contributed. I did not know so much the need of friends, nor did I know I had so many until this calamity befell me. And I will just say I wish I could speak words that would convey a true expression of my gratitude to each and all, but the name of each contributor, and this their noble deed of giving, will be ever held in grateful remembrance by me.

**J.M. LANFORD**.

#### Obituary.

Died, on last Monday morning, the 25<sup>th</sup>, after a painful illness, **Mrs. Ida**, wife of **J.M. LANFORD**, aged 37 years.

The life of **Mrs. Lanford** from childhood marked her as being above the average woman,

possessing a gentle, sweet disposition, with a smile and pleasant word for all with whom she came in contact.

She leaves a husband, who is at this writing quite sick of fever, seven children and a large family circle of brothers and sisters, together with many other relatives and numerous friends, to follow her.

In the death of **Mrs. Lanford**, her bereft husband and children lose a most affectionate and devoted companion and mother; the neighborhood a kind and obliging friend and neighbor, who was ever ready with willing hands, to bestow a favor where and when a favor was needed, while her church loses a devoted and consecrated Christian. But they mourn not as those who have no hope, for in early life, at eleven years old, she was converted and joined the Baptist church, in which she lived a consecrated life until called away.

Deceased was buried in the afternoon of the same day she died, at Antioch. **W.H. BARNETT** conducted the funeral exercises. The long line of vehicles that followed the hearse in solemn procession from the home to the church marked the esteem in which she was held by those around her.

**W.W.C.**

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### 1907 SPARTANBURG DAILY HERALD NEWSPAPER ITEMS

Contributed by Lynn Hicks Sellers, 302 Mt. Zion Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

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#### Young Man Cut to Pieces By Saw

Joseph Plumbly aged about 24 years old died at his home near Landrum Saturday as the result of an accident which he met Thursday. It seems Plumbly was riding on a carriage of a saw mill while it was in operation and somehow got caught in the machinery. His body was terribly mangled before the machinery could be stopped and he was released. Both his arms and legs were cut off and his chest and nose which came in contact with the saw which was cut open. The wound on his chest was a terrible one the cut being nearly 1 foot long and very deep. Immediately after the accident the young man was moved to his home where he gradually sank until his death. The young man was well known in that area and had many friends who were shocked at his death.

He was the son of George Plumbly, a prosperous farmer of that section. Funeral services were held Saturday.

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#### Mr. A. P. Clement Died

A. P. Clement age 57 years died at his home on North Church Street yesterday morning at 7:30 after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Clement is from Boiling Springs and moved to the city about ten years ago. The funeral services will be held this morning at 11:00 o'clock at Boiling Springs, the services conducted by Rev. L. M. Roper.

Mr. Clement is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. T. G. Cooksey of Saluda, N.C., Mrs. Sidney Cantrell of Boiling Springs, S.C., Mrs. F. E. Bruce, Mrs. R. A. White, Miss Ida Clement of Union, Mrs. Elliott of Ros, Ga., D. E. Clement of Council Grove, Kas, A. E. Clement of Greenwood, Miss Anna Clement of Memphis Tenn and Miss Lola Clement of Greenwood, S.C.

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## Order for Cement Brick

An order for 10,000 cement brick was received by J. T. Harris yesterday from Jonesville Mfg. These brick are of the cement kind that he recently began to make. Several new machines for the manufacturing of the bricks on a larger scale will be installed soon. The Jonesville Mfg. were using these bricks to build their new mill.

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Cross Hill, S.C.

The people of Cross Hill are soliciting subscriptions for a Confederate Monument. Thus far they have met with much success.

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## Unclaimed Letters at Spartanburg Post Office

J. Armstrong-American Trust Imp. Co.; Mrs. Brison, John Bramet, Evelin Bowers, Rev. C. Billings, Mrs. Stella Bitters, Miss Julia Beach, Mrs. Bertha Cohen, Annie C. Copeland, West Conner, J. C. Cannon, Alex Drummond, Sleave Edwards, Madan Garcia, R. Gaines, Miss Adeline Griffin, Miss Nettie Frost, Wade Goodlett, Lelia Gilbert, Will Hawkins, Anna Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hutchins, S. F. Hines, W. Y. Holland, Jas. L. Justice, Rev. Edward L. Kucney, Gedy Kiney, Boss Fowler, Frank Lewis, H. Leitman, Hartie McBeth, Dr. McJunkin, J. T. Morgan, Robert McGowen, Willie McCoy, D. B. Montgomery, Midy Moody, Delia McKezzie, W. A. Meadows, Perry McMillan, George McClintie, A. S. Nicklson, Mary Nicklson, Lue Owens, Mary Pressley, Mary Posey, B. C. Posey, Jonas Pelliran, Mrs. Eliza Parker, H. H. Rollins, C. M. Rogers, C. H. Rembert, R. C. Revish, Sarah Revish, Douglas Billow, John Riley, Wm. Judson Sarratt, John Swindler, Blanch Syneal, Bob Shelton, Mary F. Trail, Dude Toney, Joe Toney, C. B. Tinsley, Flex Thompson, L. L. Waddell, Mrs. Leaneur Will, Ida Waters,

S. T. Pointer, P. M. (Post Master)

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## Death of Mrs. Howard

Mrs. Mary Howard died yesterday at her home at #146 Duncan Street after a short illness of pneumonia. The remains of Mrs. Howard will be sent to her former home in Newport, Tenn. where funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Mrs. Howard was in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of her life and she leaves a family.

## Giles Foster Dead

Giles Foster was a brave Confederate Soldier. He had been ill for sometime. Mr. Giles Foster died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Chester, S.C. where he had gone for treatment. His health had been failing for over a year.

Mr. Foster was an old Confederate Veteran, a brave soldier and always at his post as orderly Sargent, which duty he performed most satisfactory. He leaves a wife and other relatives to mourn his loss.

## Wedding at Whitney

Married in the office of Whitney Mfg. Co. January 1. Mr. John Richards and Miss Lonie Long both of Whitney, S.C. C. M. Bessell, N. P. Officiating.

## Webber and Hedgepath Wedding

Married on the 30<sup>th</sup> December at Pacolet by Rev. A. A. James, Mr. Jas. Hayes Webber and Miss Myrtle Hedgepath of Jonesville, S.C.

## McKane and Melton Married

Miss Rosa Melton of the city and Mr. D. W. McKane of Bishopville, S.C. were married yesterday at the home of the brides parents on North Church Street. The ceremony being performed by Rev. W. A. Massebeau pastor of the Central Church. The wedding was attended by a large number of out of town friends of the bride and groom. Miss Melton is the daughter of Rev. N. K. Melton of the city. The couple left last night on a wedding trip and will live in Bishopville.

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## West Spartanburg

## Saxon and Arcadia Addition to the City of Spartanburg

## The Trimmer Place

This tract of 508 acres lying near the city, Saxon Mills and Arcadia Mills known as the Trimmer Place, will be sold in lots as shown on this plat, on salesday in January 1907 on terms of 1 - 3 cash, balance on 1 & 2 years time, credit portion to be secured by bond of purchasers and mortgage of lot purchased.

This is the largest tract of land, subdivided and put on the market at one time on the suburbs of Spartanburg. No such chance for home seekers and investors will likely occur again. Cut into lots and small farms, it's nearness to the city, to the large cotton mills, it's elevation overlooking the city, make it most desirable for homes and truck farms.

No higher or more beautiful location near Spartanburg.

H. L. Bomar

Plat by R.O. Sams Attorney in fact Surveyor

## Water Power

A fine water power known as the Adair Place, the only undeveloped water power on the outskirts of the city. It will be sold as laid out on the plat, with 30 2-3 acres. Water rights fully protected.

## Fairmont:

Mr. J. E. Scurry, our popular book keeper for the Company Store has just returned from Newberry where he spent the holidays with his family and friends.

Mr. Lanford and family just returned from Antioch, S. C. after spending the holidays with parents there.

Mr. B. W. Johnson just returned from Lanford, S.C.

Mr. H. G. Jennings, Manager of the Company Store, spent yesterday in Spartanburg.

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## Holly Springs:

Mrs. Bud Gordon died last Tuesday night and was buried at Holly Springs on Wednesday.

Mr. I. N. Morgan has moved to Spartanburg. He expects to work at the carpenter's trade for another year. [Contributor's Note: Isaac N. Morgan is Butler Morgan's great-grandfather. The contributor descends from these Morgans.]

## City Clock Out of Whack

Last night as the city clock was sticking ten, something went wrong and it could not be stopped until it struck several hundred times. It afforded considerable amusement for the people on the street.

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## Death of Mrs. Golden

Mrs. R. W. Golden died at her home at Duncans December 20, 1906 after an illness of two years in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She leaves a husband and nine children to mourn her.



and Grandmother Jennings were born and reared in Spartanburg County near Roebuck, S.C. She said that grandfather had a good education and attended Converse College, although Converse College was not established at the time he went to school, records show that St. John's College and St. John's High School, operated on the same site now occupied by Converse College. This school was operated by William Irwin from 1854 to 1862 when the school was closed and Irwin joined the Confederate Army. Aunt Eva said that grandfather borrowed \$600.00 from his father and was on his way to Georgia when he stopped near Westminster, S.C. and bought some land at fifty cents per acre. She said that he served in the war between the states and fought by side of two brothers, one of which was killed in the war. She said that grandfather became ill while in the war and was never well after. She said the Jennings came from England. She said her grandfather on her mother's side was named Louis Foster.

John West of Roebuck, S.C. has the old family bible of grandfather Jennings in which is recorded the births and deaths of the family, copies of which have been made. Other information has been secured from newspaper clippings.

The following is a record of the children of this family:

Martha Jane Jennings (known to her nieces and nephews as Auntie) was born in Spartanburg County on August 31, 1854. She was the eldest daughter, and came to Oconee County with her parents when she was one year old. She was married to States L. Hunter in 1887 and they resided near the old Jennings Home Place. After suffering two years or more, of cancer, she died on August 12, 1936 and was buried in The Old Westminster Baptist Church Cemetery, where she was a devoted member. As children we enjoyed visiting Auntie and Uncle States. They had a lovely place which was surrounded by branches, trees, and a flower garden with all kinds of old timey flowers. We enjoyed wading in the branches and drinking water out of an old gourd dipper at the spring. There were white fences and little bridges crossing the branches and we were especially interested in all of the out buildings, such as the barns, stable, corn cribs, and a ride in a wagon or buggy behind a horse was enjoyed to the utmost. Many family reunions were held at Auntie's place where a very nice place at the springs existed for spreading the food brought by each member of the family. They had no children.

The next oldest child was Mary L. Jennings, who was born on January 4, 1857 in Oconee County. No other information is known.

The third oldest was Laura Alice Jennings, who was born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on February 1, 1858. She was married to J. B. Simpson, who preceded her to the grave some 20 years. She died on Tuesday, April 17, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mamie Hunter. Buried in cemetery of the First Baptist Church, Westminster, S.C., the Rev. M. J. Stensell officiating. Children: Mrs. Mamie Hunter, Miss Lovie Williams, T. Walter Simpson.

The fourth member of the family was Emma F. Jennings who was born in Oconee County on November 16, 1861. No other information known.

The fifth member of the family was William E. Jennings, born in Oconee County, on July 2, 1863, near Westminster, S.C. He made his home at Landrum, S.C. for 30 years and was a carpenter by trade. He died suddenly at his home on Saturday, February 15, 1936. He was married to the former Miss Mattie Jane Wingo, who was born in 1866 and died in 1957. Member of Landrum First Baptist Church. Both buried

Landrum Cemetery, Landrum, S.C. Children: Mrs. Irene Lyda, Flat Rock, S.C. (Deceased as of 7-4-1966), Mrs. Pearl J. Brown, Walhalla, S.C., Paul Jennings, Columbia, S.C.

The sixth member of the family was Sallie A. Jennings, born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on October 23, 1865. Married to Robert Symmes and lived at Mountain Rest above Walhalla, S.C., near Stump House Mountain. Died September 7, 1907. Children: Hugh, Prue, Annie, Maude, Crate (deceased). As a child I can remember visiting Aunt Sallie and Uncle Robert. We went from Westminster, S.C. to Mountain Rest, a distance of twenty miles, in a covered wagon. It took about all day to make the trip which was up the mountain most of the way. In later years I visited the tunnel nearby which was started before the war. My mother said this used to be courting grounds for young couples during her times. In recent years the tunnel has been used by Clemson College in experimenting with the storage of cheese.

The seventh member of the family and my mother was Lula Rebecca Jennings, born in Oconee County, near Westminster, on May 1, 1868. I remember the old home place which I understand still exists. I remember sleeping on the second floor which was not ceiled and you could see out through the cracks in the shingles on the roof. I also remember a one room log cabin which was separated from the house in which my mother said that the family all lived, slept, and ate in this one room until the other house was built. There was a grove of trees in front of the house which was used during family reunions. The spring was some distance from the house and down hill. The washing would be done at the spring and the clothes would be laid on a table and beat with a paddle. My mother was married the first time to John Lanford, who was born near Campobello, S.C., on August [blank] 1865 and died suddenly at his home on Wolfe Street in Spartanburg, S.C., on October 11, 1902. Member of Magnolia Camp, Woodmen of the World and buried at Oakwood Cemetery with the honors of that order. His monument was unveiled on Sunday, March 8, 1903, 3 P.M., with the Rev. R. L. Holroyd, a member of Magnolia Camp, delivering the oration. He was a merchant, clerk in a store on Magnolia Street and also was a Mail Carrier of rural delivery to Church Street [rest of sentence illegible]. My mother was married the second time to John M. Hadden who was born and reared near Fairforest, S.C. and a member of one of the oldest families in the county. She was a seamstress, by which she made a living for herself and three boys, from the time of death of my father and her second marriage. She died at age 87 in the Mary Black Hospital, Spartanburg, S.C., on July 21, 1955, funeral at J. F. Floyd's Mortuary, the Rev. C. O. Lameraux and the Rev. N. E. Hendrick, buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, Spartanburg, S.C. Children: Guy Ravenel Lanford, J. Carl Lanford (deceased), and John Horace Lanford. Grandchildren: Guy Ravenel Lanford, Jr., Paul Lynn Lanford, Mary Evelyn Lanford McCrary. Great Grandchildren: Clyde Robert McCrary, Marsha Elaine McCrary, Guy Ravenel Lanford, III, and Ann Rebekah Lanford.

The eighth member of the family was Eva W. Jennings (Evie), born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on August 18, 1870. Married the first time to a man name Harbin. The second marriage was to Lester Hancock. No children, one stepson: Lennis Hancock. As of this date she is the only surviving member of her generation and will be 96 on her next birthday.

The ninth member of the family was Etta I. Jennings, born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on February 18, 1873, married to Linder Goforth, who preceded her to the grave five years. Lived close to the Jennings old homeplace. Died on Sunday morning about 12:30, January 8, 1926, after an illness of cancer of the stomach, lasting six months or more. Devoted member of the First Westminster Baptist Church since a young girl. Buried in that cemetery. Children: Mrs. Theo Martin and Mrs. Eva . . .



The tenth member of the family was John L. Jennings, born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on April 1, 1875. Died November 8, 1947 and buried at Rock Hill, S.C. He was a mechanic by trade, working at Glendale, S.C., Converse, S.C. and Rock Hill, S.C. Children: May, Lula, and several others whose names are unknown. [Note: following this has been written the following names: Susie, Ruth, Martha, Ernest, Frank.]

The eleventh member of the family was Addie C. Jennings, born in Oconee County, near Westminster, S.C., on June 13, 1879. Married to Arch West. Died on July 24, 1924 in Cordele, Ga. Children: Harry, Roy, Cecil, Woodrow, John and Mildred.

Great Grandmother was Lovey Watson Miller (Teacher). Probably buried at Bethlehem Church near Roebuck, S.C.

Editor's Note: After reading the Jennings history, I searched the files of Piedmont Historical Society to see if there was any material that related to the families above. I found the following on a single sheet of paper with "W. H. Jennings - Feb. 25, 1892" written at the top. Also on the sheet of paper was: "Eva Jennings Watson; the name Lester Hancock which was circled; William E. Jennings Landrum 72 years old Uncle Will; Harrison Jennings Father; Eva Hancock sister; Mrs. States Hunter of Westminster sister; Mrs. Clyde Brown dau, Mrs. Irene Lyda Flat Rock N.C. dau; Mrs. Pearl Brown Walhalla. His wife was Miss Mattie Wingo; John L. Jennings bro. Mrs. Lula Hadden sister." On the reverse side of this paper was written "caught close to Olando, Fla."

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#### ORANGE COUNTY VIRGINIA RECORDS SELECTED BIRTHS FROM BACK OF DEED BOOK 17

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Contributor's Note: The information given below is not complete. They are selected family names who are connected to upstate SC.

Andrew & Elizabeth Shepherd

Sons:

George, born October 23, 1766

William, born May 14, 1768

Alexander, born January 4, 1770

Andrew, born October 8, 1775

Daughters:

Helen, born December 27, 1771

Mary, born November 12, 1773

Elizabeth, born September 11, 1777

Erasmus & Jane Taylor

Sons:

John, born April 26, 1760

Robert, born ( ? ), 29, 1763

Daughters:

Milly, born December 10, 1751

Frances, born ( ? ) ( ? ), 1753

Elizabeth, born September 28, 1755

Lucy, born October 26, 1757

Jane, born March 2, 1766

William & Margaret Turner

James, born September 21, 1767

Thomas Howard & Grace Beeks married September 16, 1723

Children:

Grace Howard born October 15, 1725; died 1728

John Howard born March 13, 1727; died July 31, 1809

Johanna Howard born October 11, 1731

Grace Howard born October 29, 1733

Mary Howard born March 11, 1735

Thomas Howard born December 25, 1748

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#### ALVIN M. DEAN FAMILY

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Alvin M. Dean born 1822, married Ann Smith Parks in 1840

She died in 1854.

2nd wife Ruth Bell of Texas

Children:

Mary Parks, married Robert H. Manning; Thomas Melford, died 1864; Frances Elmira, born 1846; Charles, Henry, Claude and Ruth.

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## THE OLDEN TIMES

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Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, August 19, 1885.

Wm. Kennedy, Esq., Col. Thomas Brandon, Miss Ann Kennedy, A Heroine of the Revolution, Samuel Clowney and Others.

I had published some time since in the *Pickens Sentinel*, S.C., a brief sketch entitled, "Miss Ann Kennedy, a heroine of the Revolution." in which there were a few errors. I now propose to write it and correct these errors and add a few additional items.

William Kennedy, Sr., father of Miss Ann was born in Virginia where his father had settled on his arrival from Ireland. On reaching majority he emigrated to South Carolina where he married Mary Ann, a sister of Colonel Thomas Brandon of Union County, S.C. who was a revolutionary soldier, to be mentioned hereafter.

After the marriage of Wm. Kennedy he settled on Brown's Creek about three miles east of Union C.H., S.C. where he died at an advanced age. When the revolutionary war began, he espoused the cause of the colonies and joined the rebel army as a private soldier, and never would, during the war, accept office, although he was regarded as one of the leading men of his country during the war. He was in all the principal battles and skirmishes fought in the northern part of South Carolina and in North Carolina. He was wounded in the wrist and thigh at Stallion's in York County, S.C. and was in the battle of Ninety Six, Cowpens, Black Stock, King's Mountain and many others. He was regarded as the best shot with a rifle of any man in that section of the country, and whenever the well known report of his rifle was heard it was generally remarked "there is another tory less." During the war, while on a visit to his family, the tories attempted to capture him. He was at work in his shop when they approached and endeavored to surround him. They got his hat, but he successfully made a precipitous flight to the nearest thicket amid a shower of bullets, that whistled around his head. After the tories left he returned to view his pillage of house and bid his family a hasty adieu and returned hatless to the army. Wm. Kennedy, Sr. lived some years after the war was respected and honored by his countrymen with a seat in the Legislature, and equally respected as a member of the Presbyterian Church by being chosen Elder in said church. On one occasion he was grossly insulted after the war by a Tory at Union C.H. He put one of the smaller boys on his horse and said to him: "Go home and tell Thomas B. my son, to come here quick." Thomas B. leaped on the horse bareback and coatless and rode to town to know his father's wish. "Thomas" said the old man, "I want you to whip that rascal," pointing him out to Thomas at the same time. No sooner said than Thomas entered on the job and finished it up in good style to the satisfaction of the old man, not however, without suffering in the flesh himself, for during the fight Thomas received a severe wound on the forehead which left a scar for life.

Mr. Kennedy was an industrious, intelligent and devoutly pious man. His fellow citizens had unlimited confidence in him and trusted him in every capacity as long as he was able to serve them. The Edler Sims of Union said: "He was the best man that ever lived in the county."

Thomas Brandon was of Irish descent and was born in Pennsylvania in 1741, and emigrated to Union county, S.C. about the year 1754. He married a Miss McCool and settled on Brown's creek three miles from where Union C.H. now stands, in the Vicinity of Wm. Kennedy, His brother-in-law, where he was residing during the revolutionary war. Col. B. was over six feet in height very active and of great muscular strength. When the revolutionary war commenced, he had a broad sword fashioned out of a saw mill blade, with which he could cleft the head of a bullock. At the battle of Musgrove's Mill, Thomas Young, one of Col. Brandon's men, was in a hand to hand fight with a tory, who was about to prove too much for Young. Col. Brandon discovered the critical condition of his friend, rushed to his aid, with his

broad sword in hand, and with one fell swoop, he severed the Tory's head from his body. During a skirmish on Enoree river Col. B. came in contact with a tory by the name of John Houston from Chester Co., S.C. and aimed a blow at his head with his broad sword, but the sword glanced cutting out one of his eyes and leaving a deep wound in his face. Houston fell bleeding profusely and was left on the battle field apparently dead. After the contest was over and each party had retired, one of Col. B.'s men visited the battle ground and found Houston still alive weltering in his own blood. He was cared for and recovered from his wound, and was known during the balance of his life as "one eyed John Houston." In his old age he emigrated to Mississippi with his two sons, Thomas and Samuel, and finally died on Noxapater creek in Winston County. Col. Brandon bent his broad sword when he struck John Houston on the head and had to straighten it before he could use it again.

Lyman C. Draper in his "King's Mountain and its Heroes" says that "On the retreat after the battle of King's Mountain Col. Brandon discovered that one of the tories who had been carrying two of the captured guns and dodged out of the ranks into a hollow sycamore tree by the road side, and the Col. dragged him from his hiding place and completely hacked him to pieces with his sword."

Judge O'Neal in his "Annals of Newberry" says: "Capt. Philemon Waters captured a tory who was peculiarly obnoxious to Col. Brandon. After the skirmish, when the prisoners were presented to Col. Brandon, he, on seeing Water's prisoner, drew his sword and was in the act of running upon him to slay him, when Waters threw himself between them and announced to his superior (Col. B.) that the prisoner was under his protection and "should not be harmed." The purpose of vengeance was not abandoned, and Captain Waters was peremptorily ordered to stand out of the way. "Africa," said the Colonel to his servant, "bring me my rifle." No sooner said than done. Waters with his rifle in his hand and an eye that never quailed, said to the Colonel, "now strike the prisoner-the instant you do I will shoot you dead." The blow was not struck, and the prisoner was saved.

Col. Brandon served under Sumter and Williams as Colonel and fought in the battle of Ninety-Six, Eutaw, Cowpens, Musgroves, Blackstocks, King's Mountain Stallions, etc.

After the close of the war, the home of the Tory Fletchall, at Fair Forest Shoals, was confiscated and sold, when General Brandon became the purchaser to which place he moved and spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the Justices of the Court; County Ordinary; General of the Militia and member of the Legislature. He died on Fair Forest on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1802 and was buried with military honors two miles Northeast of Union Court House. Africa, his faithful servant, who accompanied him through all the hardships, trials and privations of the Revolutionary War, was during the funeral procession, mounted on horseback, dressed in the General's military uniform, and accompanied his remains to its final resting place amid the beating of drums and the firing of guns.

Col. Thomas Brandon had three sons and two daughter. His sons were: William, James and Thomas, Jr. William died single in Union, S.C., James emigrated to Florida, and Thomas Jr. married Cassandra Humphries, a sister of Amos Humphries, of Winston County, Miss. and died in Green county, Ala. He had in his possession the broad sword that his father wielded during the revolutionary war.

Miss Ann Kennedy, the oldest daughter of Wm. Kennedy, Sr., had nearly all the business of the farm to superintend during the absence of her father and older brothers while in the army. She heard that the Tories were prowling around through the neighborhood, expected any day to be visited by them. The oats being ripe she hired a young man of the vicinity to cut them-she following as binder until all were cut, bound and stacked. Sure enough, only a few days elapsed after cutting the oats, when a squad of Tories unceremoniously approached the house in search of her father and brothers. They tore down the stack of oats and scattered them to their horses. Not finding her father and brothers, they discovered two young men in the yard by the name of Watkins, whom they shot down, and with their sabers hacked off their fingers and toes and mangled their bodies in a most shameful manner. After the Tories left she hired some



Quakers of the neighborhood to bury their mutilated remains.

In November of the same year, 1780, the battle of Black Stocks occurred, when Wm. Kennedy, a cousin of Ann was badly wounded. He was conveyed to the house of Wm. Kennedy, Sr., to be taken care of. It was not long after this event, that the tories again visited their house; but not Wm. Kennedy, Sr. or his sons at home they commenced searching through the house for plunder, when they found Wm. Kennedy, the cousin of Ann, in bed. The tories held a consultation to decide whether or not they would kill the wounded soldier. One of them remarked: "Let him alone, he will die in a few days any how." The tories were so exasperated at not finding the father and brothers of Ann at home, that they soon began plundering the house. They cut a web of cloth out of the loom, ripped open the feather beds and scattered the feathers to the four winds and made saddle blankets of the cloth and bed ticks. They robbed the ladies of their finger rings and other jewelry. They had taken nearly all the bed clothes except a blanket which Ann's mother had folded up, placed in a chair and was sitting on it. A tory seized hold of it and attempted to draw it from under the old lady. She begged him not to take the last blanket she had for herself and children. Ann could brook the insult no longer. She seized the tory by the arm pushed him out of the door and gave him a kick as he went. This so provoked him that he snatched a gun from the hand of one of his comrades and swore he would shoot her, but the captain interposed and prevented him from committing the rash act and advised him never to kill as brave a woman as she was. The tory then ran into the house picked up a fire brand from the hearth, swore he would burn the house and attempted to set fire to a pile of flax in the corner of the house; again Ann interfered and threw him out of the house. The captain then requested him not to burn the house as they had got everything that was worth taking; so the tory threw the fire brand at her with all vengeance, which struck her on the hand breaking the bones thereof, which made her a cripple for life. Fearing that other tories might not prove so lenient to her wounded cousin, should they make another visit to their house, she made a litter and with some of the family, placed him on it and carried him to the forest where she made him a bed in a fallen tree top where she dressed his wounds and waited upon him until he recovered, which was some three or four weeks. Not long after this the neighborhood was so annoyed by the tories that a few resolute Whig women assembled together and wrote a note to General Morgan who was then stationed near the Pacolet Springs in Spartanburg, to send a company to Union to subdue the tories, but no one manifested a willingness to be the bearer of the note, until Miss Ann Kennedy stepped up and volunteered her services to carry it. She concealed the note in her stocking—pinned a sunbonnet around her head—mounted a pony—rode about sixty miles—delivered the note to General Morgan and returned home in safety.

When not in the regular army, the whigs had to keep themselves concealed in the woods to avoid being killed by the tories. A British and tory party came into the settlement and commenced robbing the whig families. A runner was sent to the hiding place of Wm. Kennedy, Jr., Christopher Brandon and Richard Brandon to meet other whigs at a certain place of rendezvous. They mounted their horses and dashed off at half speed along the bye-ways until they came to Fair Forest Creek, where they were fired upon by a squad of tories in ambush, scattering the brains of Richard Brandon upon the clothes and in the face of Christopher Brandon, the ball grazing the heel of Christopher Brandon also. Brandon and his friend put spurs to their horses when they were fired upon by the tories, and they fortunately made their escape without an injury, and soon arrived at the place of rendezvous, where they met Wm. Kennedy, Sr., and a dozen or more gallant whigs, all of whom set out in pursuit of the tories. They soon overtook them while robbing a house. The tories fled and scattered. Wm. Kennedy, Sr., singled out Neal the leader and pursued him and when he got within a hundred and forty yards of him he fired and brought him to the ground. They killed over half the tories and took no prisoners.

Lyman C. Draper in his *Kings's Mountain and its Heroes* says: "On the heights at Fair Forest Shoals was an old stockade post or block house. Many tragic incidents occurred there, and in its

neighborhood. A tory whose name has been forgotten, had with his own hands done much mischief in that region, and among other unpardonable sins, had killed one of Wm. Kennedy's dearest friends. The latter learned that the culprit was within striking distance and he called his friends together, who went in search of him. The two parties met some two or three miles from the block house, where a severe contest ensued. The tories were routed and the leader, who was the prize Kennedy sought, fled. Kennedy, Hughes, Sharp, McJunkin and others pursued. The chase was one of life or death. The tory approached the banks of Fair Forest at a point on a high bluff, where the stream at low water was twenty or thirty yards over and quite deep. The fleeing Loyalist, hemmed around by his pursuers on the bluff, just where they aimed to drive him out, hesitated not a moment, but spurred his horse and plunged over the bank and into the stream below—a fearful leap. His pursuers followed, and on the opposite bank they made him their prisoner. Their powder being wet by its contact with the water, they resolved to take their captive below to the clock house and hang him. When they arrived there, the officer in command would not permit to be disposed of in that manner, but ordered him to be taken to Colonel Brandon's camp, a considerable distance away, to be tried by a court martial. Kennedy was placed at the head of the guard, but the tory begged that Kennedy might not be permitted to go, as he apprehended he would take occasion to kill him on the way. Evidently intending to make an effort to escape, he did not wish the presence of so skillful a shot as Kennedy. His request, however, was not heeded. He took an early occasion to dart off at full speed, but Kennedy's enerring rifle soon stopped his flight, and his remains were brought back to the foot of the hill near the block house and there buried.

Wm. Kennedy, Sr., raised eleven children, viz:

1. Rev. John Brandon, was a revolutionary soldier. He married Rebecca, daughter of Dr. Ross of Laurens county, S.C. where he died leaving posterity.
2. William, Jr., was a Revolutionary soldier and died soon after the close of the war.
3. James was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Mary Snowden, and died in Charleston, S.C. leaving posterity.
4. Ann, the "Heroine of the Revolution, married Thomas Hamilton, a Revolutionary soldier, after the close of the war. They were both members of the Presbyterian church and both died near Pendleton, S.C. She on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1836, and he on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1853. She was in her 76<sup>th</sup> year, and he in his 94<sup>th</sup> year.
5. Elizabeth married Samuel Clowney, a native of Ireland. He first settled on the Catawba river, in N.C. and finally located in Union county S.C. where he died in 1824. He was a resolute whig of the Revolution and joined Col. Thomas at Cedar Springs in Spartanburg. He and a negro captured a squad of eight tories on Kelsey's creek near the Cedar Springs in Spartanburg and drove them before them across Fair Forest bridge to the camp of General Morgan who inquired of Clowney, how he happened to capture so many tories. He replied: "Please your honor I surrounded them." He fought through the war, but never received a wound. He was a kind hearted, benevolent man, much beloved by all who knew him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and engaged in family worship every night. One night after the conclusion of a lengthy prayer the family all resumed their seats except his wife who still remained in her attitude of prayer. He walked up and called out to her. "Betsy Clowney! Betsy Clowney! get up you have prayed long enough." She had dropped off to sleep. She raised up and replied "Ah Sam Clowney, you are too tedious in your prayer." Wm. K. Clowney his son was a member of Congress from Union, S.C. While a student at college he would frequently write home for more money. One day they received a letter from him, and Rebecca, his sister read it. After she got through, her father made the following inquiry: "Well, Rebecca, what does William say?" she replied, "He wants more money." Ah, replied her father, "Wm. Clowney will never scratch a rich man's head."
6. Mary Kennedy married Wm. Hamilton, a brother of Thomas and died on Bullock's Creek, York



county, S.C. leaving posterity.

7. Thomas Brandon Kennedy married Elizabeth Potter, and died in Green county, Ala., 98 years of age. He raised ten children, viz: Mrs. Jane Means of Union, S.C., Mrs. Mary A. Walker, of Green county, Ala., Dr. Wm. Kennedy, of Enterprise, Mrs. John P. Kennedy, of Winston county, Miss, Letitia Norton of Winston C. Miss, Miss Elizabeth Price, of Green county, Ala, Mrs. Ellen Steele, of Green county, Ala, and Mrs. Rebecca McLean, of Kemper County, Miss.

8. Letitia Kennedy married her cousin, George Brandon and died in Union county, S.C., leaving posterity.

9. Ellen Kennedy married John Brandon, a son of Christopher, and died in Union county, S.C. leaving posterity.

10. Jesse Kennedy married Mary, daughter of Col. Jo. Hughes, on Broad River, Union county, S.C., and died in Pickens county, Ala, leaving posterity.

11. Benjamin Kennedy married Lucy Gilbert, and was Sheriff of Union County, S.C. where he died leaving posterity.

Issue of Mrs. Ann and Thomas Hamilton:

1. Mary Ann married John Duprees. 2. Jane died single. 3. Wm. K. married Jane McCann. 4. Elizabeth married Crosby Miller. 5. Letitia married William Boggs. 6. David K. married Jane Walker. 7. Eleanor married Thomas G. Boggs. 8. Rebecca married Chs. Miller. 9. Ann married Josiah Gillard. 10. Thomas W. died single. 11. Cynthia married Geo. Miller.

For further information relative to the Kennedy family, the reader is referred to Dr. George Howe's History of the Presbyterian Church of S.C., published in Columbia, S.C. by Duffie & Chapman. Wm. T. Lewis Louisville, Miss. 1885

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#### SPARTANS MADE SOME FINE KENTUCKY RIFLES IN 1800's

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The information below was taken from an article written by Carl May for *The Spartanburg Herald-Journal*. The article was published in October 1966.

Two Spartanburg County brothers made some of the finest Kentucky rifles in America during the first half of the nineteenth century.

They were Patrick and J. W. Hoy. One of the rifles with a full curly-maple stock is a high prized addition to any gun collector's specimens.

The rifles were made at "Millville" located on S. Tyger River east of Switzer. A flash flood about 1845, the dry year, completely washed away the mill. It was never rebuilt.

Descendants of the Hoy's still reside in the Switzer area. The mill site has remained in the family. Only a few rocks and cinders denote where it was located.

Two of the Hoy rifles are among a display of South Carolina made guns in Regional Museum [in Spartanburg]. One of them is stamped "P.H." and is believed to have been made by Patrick Hoy at Millville. The other is stamped "P. and J. W. Hoy, Millville, S.C." on the barrel.

The Kentucky rifles were popular when Daniel Boone settled Kentucky. Most of them are made in Pennsylvania, although some very fine ones were made in small gun factories in both North and South Carolina.

The Hoy's made both flintlock and ball and cap type rifles. The ball and cap firing mechanism was beginning to replace the flintlock during the time they operated their gun factory.

Other scarce rifles made in South Carolina or for South Carolina Militia are displayed, including

samples of D. Boyd and J. R. Boyd, who made rifles in the same shop as Thomas Peden in lower Greenville County on Reedy River.

Peden, born in 1799 was a locksmith by trade but also made rifles. His son, David born in 1840, was also a gunsmith.

The valuable rifles and other weapons were loaned for display by Dr. H. L. Sutherland of Union.

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#### LOVING LOVIN BURNETT

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Need information as to the parents and siblings of Nancy Loving/Lovin. She was born May 17, 1830 and died June 30, 1907 and is buried at the Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Reidville, Spartanburg County, SC. Nancy married Pinckney "Pink" Burnett who was born September 5, 1833 and died July 10, 1914.

#### SHERFIELD MORGAN

Lynn Hicks Sellers, 302 Mt. Zion Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

Need any information on Lillie Mae Sherfield, born about 1878, died May 3, 1922, buried at Fairmont, Spartanburg County, SC. She was the daughter of Wm. Sherfield born 1825 and Rebecca Morgan Sherfield, born 1850. Need parents and siblings of Wm. and Rebecca Morgan Sherfield.

#### WESLEY CHAPEL C.M.E.

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Need information on Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church which was formerly on Blackstock Road. That road is now called Mt. Zion Road. The church is located above Mt. Zion Church, Spartanburg County, SC.

#### HAMMETT

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Seeking any information on William Hammett who was born about 1771. About 1798 he wed Martha "Patsy" whose maiden name is unknown to me. Their son Thomas was born about 1799. William died February 1841 and Martha "Patsy" died February 14, 1863. Both are buried in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Boiling Springs, Spartanburg County. Any help appreciated.

#### BULLINGTON FOREST LOWE FREEMAN BROWN

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Searching for descendants of Martha Bullington and William M. Forrest. In the 1860's they were living in the New Prospect area of Spartanburg County. He died in the Civil War sometime after 1864. Children: Selena, wed Morton Freeman of Pickens; Talulah wed William Bartow Lowe of the John Wesley Lowe family and Victoria Elizabeth who remained single. Selena's children were Myrtle, who wed Earl Brown; Forrest, Joe R. and Thomas Earl. They lived in the Greer area. Also need information on a Mr. Bullington who wed Cynthia Hammett. I think he died before 1848 when the brother of Cynthia, Thomas Hammett,



died. Children: John and Martha Bullington, both born in the 1830's. Any help appreciated.

#### CASH THOMAS

Marion McGaha, 5600 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC 28209 MarionGeorgem@aol.com

Searching for information on "Tennessee" Cash, wife of Newton, born 1836. They lived in the Cooley Springs area. Newton is the son of William Thomas who was born 1790. Thanks for any help.

#### BURNETT BARNETT

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I am researching the Burnett (sometimes spelled Barnett) family that lived in Spartanburg County. I am particularly interested in the J. W. and wife Julian that sold land in September 1851. This land was located on William's Creek. Also want a plat map of the county from the 1850's. Thanks for any help.

#### MAYNOR REYNOLDS

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I am searching for someone who may know where I can find photos of John J. Maynor and his wife, Mary Reynolds Maynor. Also their children, Marnie, Boyd, Johnny, James Arthur, Essie, Julia, Lillie, Alma and Ola. Any information on them or any "Maynor" families from Gaffney, SC would be helpful.

#### DEMPSY DEMPSEY

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Would like to hear from any descendant of Nathaniel "Nathan" Dempsey/Demsey, born ca 1790's and his wife Elizabeth Seay Dempsey who was born ca 1799-1800. Will gladly exchange information.

#### Publication Wanted

Would like to find a publication that includes the cemetery of the Old Fields Presbyterian Church that is located south of Ora, SC. Any help on this will be appreciated.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS

*Spartanburg District, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Book U-W (1827-1839) and Books X-Z (1839-1848)* compiled and abstracted by Larry Vehorn. The volume covering books U-W contains 541 pages books X-Z has 525 pages. Each volume has a full name and place index. Available from Southern Historical Press, P. O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267. Price \$50.00 per volume plus postage/handling charge of \$3.50 for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. South Carolina residents, please add 5% sales tax. For telephone orders, call 1-800-233-0152. I might add here that Southern Historical Press has a great number of new books and reprints. If you do not already have their latest catalog ask for one, it has over 1,000 genealogies titles.

Larry Vehorn has provided an excellent addition to the available resources on Spartanburg District in the mid-antebellum era. The deed abstracts presented here cover two periods poorly represented in published historical and genealogical resources. The 1827-1839 volume covers the time period when the

second generation of settlers is dying out and transferring their holdings (land and otherwise) to the next generation. The volume representing the years 1839 to 1848 recounts a time of great change. More territory in the west is opening up and the exodus from this area which started about twenty years earlier was exacerbated by a severe drought which devastated the state during the mid-1840s. (A perusal of the "Places" index entries in either volume will show how dispersed the residents of this area had become as early as 1827.) Indeed, for Spartanburg District, as well as the rest of the Piedmont, this was a time of great change. Although not reflected in the deed records, this was also a time of increasing sectionalism here—and throughout the South.

Given the absolute absence of methodical vital records keeping in South Carolina, deeds rank very highly in the pantheon of genealogical sources for this region. (Any researcher worth his/her salt will consult them early—and often—during the research process. They rank right up there with estate files and census records as essential tools for Southern genealogy well into the twentieth century.) Like all records, deed books have problems a researcher must overcome. One major problem is that they are copies of the original documents made by clerks and errors can, and do, occur. (Chances are the signature in the book is NOT four times great-grandfather James Cannon's actual signature but a clerk's transcription.) Perhaps the greatest obstacle to their adequate and profitable use has been the lack of good indexing. South Carolina law since 1839 has required clerks to keep alphabetical indices of items recorded in the deed books. During the 1900's, many clerks—especially after the typewriter became standard in the office—prepared new indices. Perhaps in an effort to save time, most omitted slave sales (after all, slavery is abolished), personal property transactions (would the property exist after a century? Probably not.), old mortgages (those not satisfied in the books were so old as to be uncollectible), and marriage contracts from the new indices. If the original volumes survived (most didn't), they were no longer made available for use by researchers. Most researchers didn't (and some still don't) realize this and take it for granted that the index books they use reflect the complete contents of the deed books. (Although I had used Spartanburg County's deed books since 1973, I was not aware of this omission from the current Spartanburg deed book indices until Albert Bruce Pruitt's volume covering Spartanburg deed book abstracts from 1785 until 1827 appeared in 1988 and contained a personal property transfer documenting a maiden name, parentage, and place of origin I had never found in the index. Subsequent checks of the actual deed books and indices in other counties prove, unfortunately, that this problem isn't unique to Spartanburg.) Therefore, one has a better chance of finding relevant, useful information using Vehorn's abstracts and index than if use is made of the indices at the Register of Deeds Office in Spartanburg or the microfilm copies of the same at any of a number of libraries. (The same can be said of the Pruitt's volume and the deed abstracts covering 1848 to 1852 compiled by Betty Jean Dill in 1999. Although a non-scientific examination of various Spartanburg County Deed Books by the editor shows that less unindexed materials appear in deed books the closer one gets to the early 1900s, there are still some unindexed items found as late as that date.) Therefore, these two volumes, their full name indices (slaves are found under that topic but owners' names aren't noted which is the only thing I wish had been done differently), and readable type (much better on the eyes than Pruitt's initial volume) make this an absolute must for any Spartanburg researcher. Each of these volumes contains over 1,500 surnames and variant spellings. To say that these volumes are indispensable for a Spartanburg County researcher during this time frame is a gross understatement.

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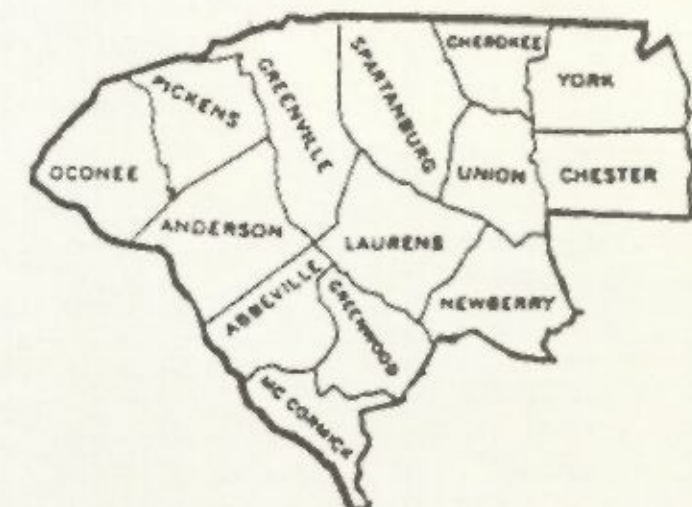
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