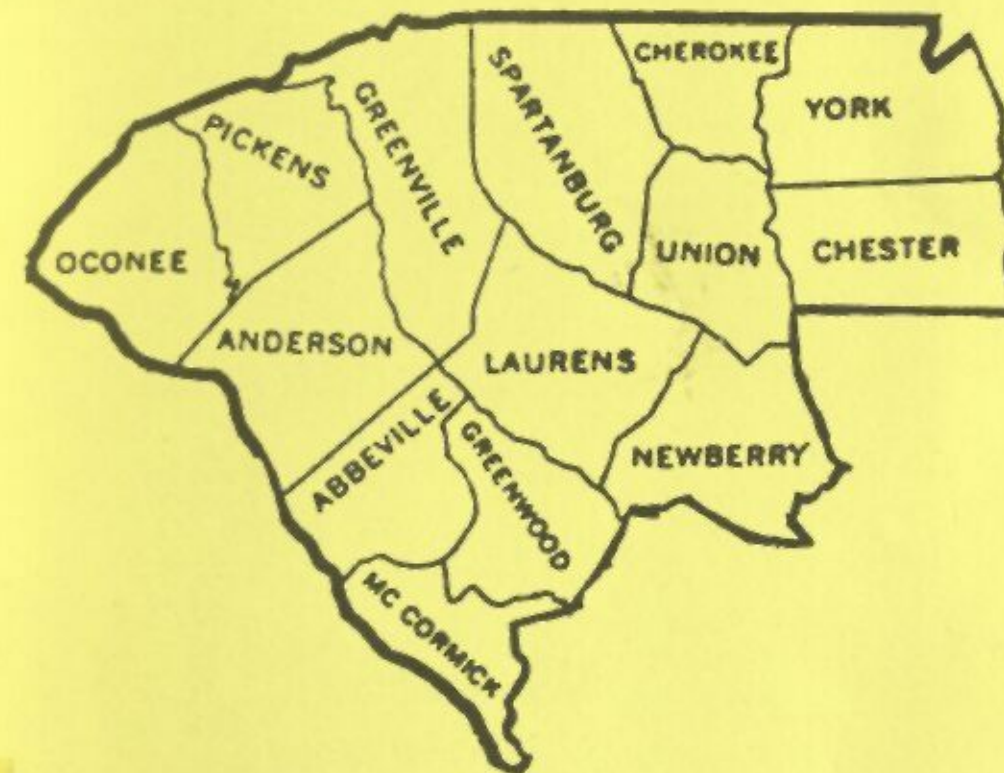


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### FAMILY RECORD OF JOSEPH BUFFINGTON

Contributed by Gladys White Lankford, P.O. Box 953, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265.

Source: Joseph Buffington's Diary in the Alabama Room of Anniston Public Library, Anniston, Al.

Contributor's Note: Joseph Buffington, son of Richard Buffington Jr. and Phebe Grubb (daughter of John and Frances \_\_\_\_\_ Grubb), was born July 2, 1737 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Aston Few, daughter of Joseph Few and Mary Aston (daughter of George Aston and Frances Hunter, daughter of Peter and Esther \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter).

Joseph Buffington and Mary Aston Few were married August 1, 1759

[Joseph died August 12, 1796 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Mary Buffington died November 22, 1807.]

#### Their Children

1. Mary Buffington b. Nov. 1, 1760 Chester County, Pa.  
married Thomas Gordon, 1777, S. C.
2. Hannah Buffington b. April 1, 1763 Chester County, Pa.  
d. Sept. 4, 1768 Speedwell Ironworks, N. C.
3. Phebe Buffington b. Sept. 29, 1764 Chester County, Pa.  
married John White, January 4, 1785  
d. October 13, 1790
4. Matilda Buffington b. Sept. 1, 1767 Speedwell Ironworks, N. C.  
married James Wood, Spartanburg District, S. C.
5. Hannah Buffington b. May 13, 1769  
[She was the second daughter named Hannah.]
6. Frances Buffington b. Sept. 5, 1774  
married Thomas Friend of Warren County, Georgia, 1792
7. Elizabeth Buffington b. July 20, 1776 Wofford Iron Works, S.C.  
married Henry Stovall in Columbia County, Ga., July 15, 1809  
by the Rev. Ignatius Few
8. Joseph Buffington Jr. b. 17\_\_  
d. April 15, 1782 Old 96 District, S. C.
9. Samuel Buffington b. 17\_\_  
married Mary Ayers Oct. 27, 1807  
Old 96 District, S. C.

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### FAMILY RECORD OF HENRY JASPER WHITE

Contributed by Mrs. Gladys White Lankford, P.O. Box 953, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265.

Sources: Family records for birth dates, personal research and personal knowledge for other information. The whereabouts of the Henry Jasper White's family Bible is unknown to me.

#### Father

Henry Jasper White

Born: November 12, 1788, Spartanburg County, SC

Died: March 18, 1875, Cherokee County, Alabama

Burial: Pleasant Gap Cemetery, Cherokee County, Alabama

His Father: John White

His Mother: Phebe Buffington

#### Mother

Elenor Beason

Born: December 10, 1790, Spartanburg County, SC

Died: September 1846, Cherokee County, Alabama

Burial: Pleasant Gap Cemetery, Cherokee County, Alabama

#### Children

1. John White Born: May 8, 1815, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: probably before 1830
2. Lecell White Born: January 1, 1817, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: Prairie County, Arkansas  
Married: May 5, 1838, Benton County, Alabama  
Wife: Hannah Minton
3. Jehu White Born: December 20, 1818, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: September/October 1881,  
Married:  
Wife: Lucy (surname unknown to me)
4. Hiram White Born: October 23, 1820, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: October 22, 1900, Cherokee County Alabama  
Burial: Pleasant Gap Cemetery, Cherokee County, Alabama  
Married: August 23, 1843  
Wife: Miss Elizabeth Jolly Lambert (May 27, 1819-Apr 28, 1893)
5. Elizabeth White Born: September 3, 1822, Spartanburg District, SC (twin)  
(No further information.)

6. Phebe White Born: September 3, 1822, Spartanburg District, SC (twin)  
Died: No Record  
Husband: William B. Griffin
7. William B. A. White Born: May 12, 1825, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: 1896  
Wife: Elizabeth (surname unknown to me)
8. Clarissa Jane White Born: June 15, 1828, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: No Record  
Husband: Isacc Teat
9. Henry Elsbury White Born: February 7, 1831, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: January 1907, age 76  
Married: December 18, 1851,  
Wife: Safronia E. Wofford

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#### LETTER FROM LECCELL WHITE TO HIS BROTHER HIRAM WHITE

Contributed by Mrs. Gladys White Lankford, P.O. Box 953, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265.

Note: The spelling and punctuation of the original letter have been maintained.

Hazen Station Prarie Co. Ark [no date]

Dear Brother I once more drop you a few lines which haves us all well as common My health is getting tolerable good again when I got here Henry put me to taking Iodide of Potassium in rain water 1 oz to the quart sweetened with crushed sugar 1 spoon full 3 times a day before eating & a teaspoon full of extract of Sassaaparilla after eating this to be continued for 4 months. It has so far cured me that I am now making a constant hand at the plow. I have wrote pirticular the pre-scription. So you can use it if any of you should have Rheumatism. Well I left Collinsville at 11 oclock the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec arrived at Hazen the 20<sup>th</sup> at Midnight. came out to John's next morning. we all got here safe and sound did not loose any or anything broke found all well and glad to see us I am well satisfied so far this is the pleasantest country I ever saw & as healthy as Cherokee County ever was There are some places that frogs could hardly have health but two bales of cotton per Acre cant induce me into them People look generally healthy & well all appear civil, so friendly & Kind more motel than there & and not half as much pride & haughtiness there [are] no country groceries here I have saw but one drunk man since I came he was at Des Arc the county cite 12 miles from here. Churches are plenty here of all sorts there except oldside Presbyterians Marketts are handy & good Des Arc is on White river Steamboats run direct to Orleans Memphis & every else. The Land produces well, from one to two thousand pounds seed cotton per Acre without fertilizer from 20 to 60 bushel corn I have in 12 Acres in cultivation that 6 made a bale pr A last year 6 in corn & 6 in cotton our cotton has 6 to 8 leaves for our corn knee high now the bads There is not a spring in this country that I have heard of not a water mill Wells are plenty & easy got There is too much water in winter & spring but it dries up early in the spring. There are holes that stand in the creek runs

that afford stock water If spring rain Keep the creeks running too late chills are apt to follow but they are easy broke unless congestion come with them I have not been here long enough to write all the particulars there are no rocks here no pine Knots no poplar no beech no linn no sourwood that is in this part there are places in the state where all may be found I must now close I will write more fully again I am as ever your Loving Brother till Death Farewell Direct Letters to Hazen Station Ark to  
L. White

Hiram White

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#### OBITUARY OF MRS. EMELINE BRYANT, NATIVE OF CHESTER DISTRICT

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

Contributor's Note: Mrs. Bryant's husband was Thomas Reid Bryant, son of Reuben Bryant and his second wife Sarah Whitby. Thomas Reid Bryant was a native of Spartanburg District, SC.

Source: *Southern Christian Advocate*, issue of December 11, 1877, p. 200, col. 4.

MRS. EMILINE BRYANT, daughter of Wm and Sarah Shaw, of Chester, S.C., was born June 10th, 1814; and died in Harris county, Ga., September 8, 1877.

She married Mr. Thos Bryant, May 15th, 1834, and the next year they moved to Georgia, and in 1849 they permanently settled in Harris county. In 1839 she and her husband joined the Methodist Church, at the same time, under the ministry of Rev. W. D. Mathews and W. D. Martin. From that time forward they walked together in the love of Christ, without reproach, to the day of her death. She was plain and practical, punctual and prompt to Church, after the style of early Methodists. She was a woman of great firmness and marked decisions of character. Hence, when she embraced religion she made no compromise with the world, and yielded no ground to the enemy. Her last sickness was protracted through four long months, with the conviction on her mind that she would not recover. But she was not alarmed, nor afraid of the approach of death. Thirty eight years' constant service in the Church had well prepared her for this hour of affliction and triumph over the last enemy. In my visits I have always found her calm and composed, trusting in Jesus, and patiently waiting her change. She gradually gave way to the disease, and gently fell asleep in Jesus. We buried her remains at Bethel Church, in hope of the resurrection from the dead.

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#### DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA M. GAGE OF UNION COUNTY

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of February 25, 1891, p. 1, col. 7.

UNION, S. C. Feb. 11.—Mrs. Martha M. Gage died at her home this evening after several days sickness, during which she suffered a great deal. She was the widow of Col. Robert Gage, who died several years ago, and was the sister of Mr. Geo. W. Williams, of Charleston, and the mother of Geo. Gage of Chester; Victor S. [?] Gage, of Birmingham; E. J. Gage, of New York, and Misses Grace and Mattie Gage, of this place. She was 73 years of age.

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# CUNNINGHAMS OF ROSEMONT CEMETERY

Contributed by Mrs. Carolyn Coggins, 994 Lisbon Road, Laurens, SC 29360. <ccoggins@prtcnet.com>

Editor's Note: Carolyn is the Editor of *The Tree Climber*, the quarterly published by the Laurens County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. We much appreciate her contribution, since it so admirably complements the Cunningham-Mount Vernon theme of the present issue of this quarterly. The person who transcribed the grave markers at Rosemont Cemetery was Mrs. Eleanor Coleman. Carolyn informs us that Mrs. Coleman is now deceased. We have closely followed her format in the presentation below.

Source: The Scrapbook—Laurens County, SC (1982).

Laurens County, South Carolina. From Laurens on Highway #221 through Waterloo. About 2 miles south of Waterloo, first dirt road after you pass a paved road on the right. Turn right on dirt road which is just on the outskirts of a pasture fence. After a few hundred feet take right at fork of road. The cemetery is enclosed in chain link fence. Beginning at southwest corner and reading towards northwest corner.

I—Mary Eliza Yancy, eldest daughter of Benjamin and Caroline Yancy, who departed this life on the 7th of October 1817, aged 8 years.

II—1. Below this monument lies the body of Patrick Cunningham, Esq. who died in the 54th year of his age on the morning of the 25th of October 1796. 2. His second son—William Cunningham who died near the end of his 25th year on the evening of December 15th 1798. 3. His only daughter—Pamela Cunningham whose vital existence terminated in her 16th year. March 15th 1795. She was a victim of fire.

III—Mrs. Ann Cunningham, wife of Patrick Cunningham esq deceased, in Charleston in the 52nd year of age, 17th September 1799. She fell victim to a fever then raging in that place.

IV—John Cunningham, the eldest son of Patrick and Ann Cunningham, deceased. Died on the 30th day of June 1817 with the prevailing epidemic, aged 45.

V—Beneath this stone lies William Patrick, eldest son of Robert and Louisa Cunningham. Died the 27th September, aged 7 months.

VI—Benjamin Yancy, son of R. and L. B. Cunningham. December 7, 1820 - May 30, 1830.

VII—1. Robert, son of Patrick Cunningham, who was a Col. in the British Service and a veteran of the Revolution, and Ann Harris, his wife of Old Augusta Co., Va., B. Rosemont, 8 October 1786—7 July 1859 Rosemont. Captain U.S. Army, Veteran of the War of 1812. 2. Louisa, wife of Robert Cunningham. Daughter of Col. William Bird of Birdboro, Pa. and his wife Catharine Dalton of Alexandria, Va. B. Alexandria 19 February 1794 - 6 October 1873 Rosemont.

3. Emily Matilda, wife of Rev. Robert Cunningham of Ala. Daughter of Col. W. and C. D. Bird. B. Alexandria, Va. 25 October 1782—D. Rosemont October 15, 1865.

VIII—1. John, son of Captain R. and L. B. Cunningham. B. Shoals of Ogeechee, Hancock Co., Ga. November 23, 1818—D. Rosemont March 10, 1893. Col. 17 Reg S. C. Militia—A Confederate Veteran. 2. Floride Colhoun, wife of Col. John Cunningham. B. Abbeville, August 7, 1819—D. Warrenton, Va. 14 August 1871.

## Second Row—South End

IX—Benjamin Dalton Cunningham. B. Charleston 28 October 1848—D. Greenwood 13 January 1898—A Confederate Veteran.

X—Robert Noble Cunningham, Abbeville 28 June 1846—Laurens 24 July 1911—A Confederate Veteran.

XI—John Cunningham, Jr.—Charleston, May 17, 1852—Waterloo, July 9, 1916.

XII—Emma Floride Cunningham—B. Abbeville, April 29, 1841—D. Rosemont, August 19, 1919.

XIII—Clarence Cunningham—B. Charleston, January 20, 1854—D. Rosemont, February 20, 1932.

XIV—Elizabeth Pickens Cunningham—B. Abbeville June 24, 1843—D. Craighead, Rosemont Manor Laurens Co., June 19, 1920.

## Third Row—South End

XV—Hugh Banks Cunningham—Born—Fauquier Co. Va., February 1871. Died—Rosemont, August 19, 1930.

XVI—Agnes Georgina Ross, wife of Hugh Cunningham—Born—Lowndes Co., Alabama, September 15, 1872—Died—Spartanburg Hospital—November 14, 1923—Her son—Hugh Ross Cunningham.

There is one grave marked only with field stones—between XIII and XIV. Most have marble slabs lying flat on the ground.

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# OBITUARY OF COLONEL JOHN CUNNINGHAM OF LAURENS COUNTY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of March 15, 1893, p. 2.

LAURENS, S.C., March 11.—Col. John Cunningham died at Rosemont, on the Saluda, last night at 11 o'clock, in his seventy-fifth year. He was the son of Capt. Robert Cunningham, a prominent officer of the war of 1812 and a distinguished citizen of this State. His mother was Miss Louisa Bird, a Virginia lady. Miss Pamela Cunningham, the famous "Southern Matron", author of the movement to purchase Mount Vernon, was his sister. He was a first cousin of William Yancy, the great Southern orator.

Col. Cunningham was born in Laurens and educated at Athens, Ga. He married Miss Floride Noble, daughter of Governor Noble, of Abbeville, where he spent his early years. He afterwards removed to Charleston and became prominent in State politics, and spent the greater part of his life in that city practicing law. He was a man of distinguished ability and strong character. As a member of the legislature from Charleston in ante-bellum days, he took a leading part in the financial question of the day. If he had devoted his great ability to the law with the same assiduity he did to politics, he would have had no superior in the South.

In early life he was involved in several affairs of honor and was on the field at least twice as principal. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters, among the latter Miss Floride Cunningham, one of the World's Fair Lady commissioners from this State.

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## ABOUT THE CUNNINGHAM FAMILY

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of April 1, 1893, p. 1, col. 3.

In the Charleston Sunday News and Courier of March 12th, the day of the funeral of my late father, Col. John Cunningham, I find the following remarkable statement regarding him in the obituary notice with which that paper honors him: "He was a grandson of Col. William Cunningham, of revolutionary fame, familiarly known as 'Tory Bill', of the revolution". As William Cunningham never married the assertion is a prostitution of history. My father was a grandson of Patrick Cunningham, a commissioned Colonel of the royal army of England, deputy surveyor general under Sir Edgerton Leigh of the province of South Carolina, and a brother of Brigadier General Cunningham, also of the British army.

"Tory Bill", [paper creased], was a cousin of Patrick Cunningham, and was the only whig member of the family. His mother and only brother, a young boy and a hunchback, accompanied him to America. William Cunningham was fond of hunting and often indulged in the sport, and when absent upon one of those occasions for several days a party of whigs, bitterly opposed to the Cunninghams, and knowing him to be away from home, made a raid upon it and burnt it during the night, the inmates being his mother and her little son. William Cunningham returned to find them homeless, thinly clad, and full of the despair of long hours without food and shelter. He discovered the names of the leaders and openly declared that he would kill them for their cowardly act, and he did. He then joined the Tories. History affirms that the Cunninghams repudiated him. This is not true. He was intimate at Rosemont always, and was of a frank, generous and affectionate nature, as exemplified by his tender love for his mother and afflicted brother. Had I been a man, and with the same provocation, I should have done likewise. I do not blush for him. I am proud of his manhood. FLORIDE CUNNINGHAM  
Rosemont plantation, S.C. March 20th, 1893

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## AN APPEAL TO SAVE MOUNT VERNON

Source: *Charleston Mercury*, issue of December 2, 1853, p. 2, col. 5.

A descendant of Virginia, and now a daughter of Carolina, moved by feelings of reverence for departed greatness and goodness, by patriotism and a sense of national, and above all, Southern honor, ventures an appeal to you in behalf of the "home and grave" of WASHINGTON.

Ladies of the South, of a region of warm, generous, enthusiastic hearts, where there still lingers some unselfish love of country and country's honor, some chivalric feelings yet untouched by that "national spirit," so rapidly overshadowing the moral of our beloved land—a moral blight, fatal to man's noblest attributes, and which love of money and speculation alone seems to survive,—to you we turn, you, who retain some reverence for the noble dead, some admiration and remembrance of exalted worth and service even where they are no more! Of you we ask: Will you, can you, look on passively and behold the home and grave of the matchless Patriot, who is so completely identified with your land, sold as a possession to speculative machinists, without such a feeling of indignation firing you? Wails as shall cause you to rush with one heart and spirit to the rescue?

Ladies of the South, can you be still with closed souls and purses, while the world cries "Shame on America," and suffer Mount Vernon, with all its sacred associations, to become, as is spoken of and probable, the seat of manufacturers and manufactories; noise and smoke, and the "busy hum of men," destroying all sanctity and repose around the tomb of your own "world's wonder?" Oh, it can not be possible!

What, such sacrilege, such desecration, while you have the hearts to feel the shame, and the power to prevent it? Never! Forbid it, shades of the dead, that the Pilgrims of the shrine of true patriotism should find thee forgotten, and surrounded by blackening smoke and deafening machinery, where money, money, only money ever enters the thought, and gold, only gold, moves the heart or moves the arm!

Once our Congressional Halls were the resort of wisdom, integrity and patriotism; where enlightened heads and upright minds sought to fulfil their official obligations, comprehending and faithfully executing the "glorious code of laws" bound us unto one common country, and also by vying with each other, who should add most to that country's weal at home and glory abroad. But all seems changed. WASHINGTON, and his principles and his spirit appear no longer to influence the City which bears his name. Oh! who that have a spark of patriotism, but must mourn such early degeneracy, when they see who fill our Legislative halls and crowd our political Metropolis! Who can restrain a pang of shame, when they behold the annual rush thither of jobbers and bounty-seekers, of office aspirants and trucklers, of party corrupters—all collecting like a flock of vultures to their prey—prowling and polluting the grave and high purpose of legislation?

Ladies of the South! Should we appeal to such as *these* to protect the grave of WASHINGTON from the grasp of the speculator and worldling! And should we appeal either to or through your Senators and Representatives? What have they done, or would or could do, in that mephitic air!

No: it is to *you*, mothers and daughters of the South, that appeal can be made with a hopeful confidence. It is a woman's office to be a vestal and even the "fire of liberty" may need the care of her devotion, and the purity of her guardianship. Your hearts are fresh, reverential, and animated by lively sensibilities and elevating purpose. With you, therefore, patriotism has not become a name. And should there ever be again "times to try men's souls," there will be found among and of you, as of old, heroines, superior to fear and selfish consideration, acting for country and its honor.

Believing this, one of your countrywomen feels emboldened to appeal in the name of the Mother of WASHINGTON, and of Southern feeling and honor, to all that is sympathetic and generous in your nature, to exert itself, and by your combined effort now, in village and in country, town and city, the means may be raised from the mites of thousands of gentle hearts, upon whom his name has yet a magic spell, which will suffice to secure and retain his home and grave as a SACRED SPOT for all coming time.

A spontaneous work like this would be such a monument of love and gratitude, as has never yet been reared in purist patriot or mortal man; and while it would save American honor from a blot in the eyes of a gazing world, it would furnish a shrine where at least the mothers of the land and their indignant children, might make their offerings in the cause of greatness, goodness, and prosperity of their country.

It is known to you that Congress has virtually declined to purchase and preserve Mount Vernon in behalf of the nation. Yet there is now necessity for immediate action, as schemes are on foot for its purchase by Northern capital, and its devotion to money-making purposes. It is, therefore, respectfully and earnestly suggested to you, and by one who, in her descent, inherited the sympathies and reverence of those who were once in the social relations of life with the "Father of his country," that the South, by general contribution, each a mite, furnish the amount sufficient for the purchase of Mount Vernon. That the property be conveyed in trust to the President of the United States, and the Governor of Virginia, to be preserved and improved in your name as a hallowed resort for all people. That for its continued preservation and improvement, a trifle be charged each visitor. And that your contributions to effect these noble ends may be gathered into the hands of the Governors of your States respectively, to be remitted to the Governor of Virginia, with the authority to make the purchase.

A SOUTHERN MATRON.

## THE LADIES' MT. VERNON ENTERPRISE

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of July 1, 1857, page 4, col. 7.

It is proposed to take up subscriptions for this enterprise all over the Union upon the approaching Fourth of July. To refresh the memories of our immediate readers, we briefly sketch the history of this patriotic undertaking:

Three years ago, a few high-spirited ladies of the South consecrated themselves to the accomplishment of the purchase of the home and grave of Washington. They formed themselves into an Association for the attainment of this end, and immediately proceeded to the duties of their hallowed enterprise. The "Southern Matron" is the only name heretofore used to designate the lady who has the honor of having instituted this noble work. Around her at once clustered a constellation of female patriotism, forming the brilliant nucleus of subsequent accessions. The Association soon grew in strength and ability, and was not long in presenting itself before the country in tangible shape and with specific aims. By degrees they aroused towns and cities, States and statesmen to the holy propriety of the task they had assigned themselves; and at length a charter was obtained from the State of Virginia, creating them into a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union". By this charter it was stipulated that upon the payment of two hundred thousand dollars into the Treasury of the State of Virginia by the said Association, the Governor of that Commonwealth should purchase from John A. Washington, the present proprietor of the Mt. Vernon estate, two hundred acres of the lands of said estate, including the Mt. Vernon mansion, the tomb, the garden, the grounds, and the wharf and landing now constructed on the Potomac. It is further stipulated that the Deed from the present proprietor shall recite that "the purchase money was paid by the ladies of the United States, acting in the name of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, and that at their

insistence the said conveyance is made to the State of Virginia." It is also covenanted that "the estate so conveyed shall be kept free from injury and desecration, and held in trust for said Association forever, sacred to the memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON whose mortal remains shall be kept perpetually thereon." To all of this Mr. John A. Washington, after some hesitation, has at length yielded his full consent, with certain conditions and reservations which in no wise affect the design of the Ladies' Association. The work is now fully in hand and may be said to "go bravely on". A large portion of the fund to be raised has already been deposited with Virginia; and in every part of our common country zealous advocates are enlisted in the cause. Mr. [Edward] Everett, by his celebrated lecture on the life and character of Washington, has been the honorable and honored instrument of contributing more than twenty thousand dollars to the fund. Other munificent contributions have been made. But one of the objects of the Association is to have enrolled, in the "Mt. Vernon Purchase Book", the names of as many patriot ladies as desire a part in this sacred achievement, and to effect this object as universally as possible, the fee for membership is fixed at *one dollar*, thus enabling every one to participate in this tribute of love and veneration to the memory of the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY.

The approaching Fourth of July is seized upon, as we have said, to consummate the means of this tribute and it is expected that every community in the land will do its part with alacrity and zeal.

In behalf of the Association, and at the request of one of its members, we now make a special appeal to the ladies of Edgefield. You are called upon by your high-toned sisters to join them in a noble tribute to the Great and Good Washington. You are invited to become accessory to an achievement which will form one of the most brilliant episodes in American History. You are offered the privilege of enlisting in one of the most remarkable sisterhoods ever known upon earth. It is an organization conceived by the pure heart of woman urged on with woman's brightest smiles, and pleaded for by woman's loftiest tones. It cannot fail. The full tide is swiftly rolling it on to success. Ten thousand hearts are beating for its advancement. Ten times ten thousand are ready to accept the earnest invitation which sister hearts are ordering them to join in this triumphal program. With its success, the Sun of our Republic will shine in a purer sky and the stars of our destiny will clasp their hands in exultant hope. Ladies of Edgefield our own true women! descendants of a noble ancestry! daughters of Washington! We appeal to you, and we feel that it is not in vain.

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### THE PURCHASE OF MOUNT VERNON

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of May 5, 1858, p. 1, col. 6.

The Regents of the Mount Vernon Association—long known as the "Southern Matron", but who now assumes her real name, as it is stated, in compliance with the entreaties of her friends—addresses the following appeal to the ladies of the Mount Vernon Association:

#### MOUNT VERNON, THE PROPERTY OF THE NATION.

It is with feelings of the highest gratification we announce to the public that the persevering efforts of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association of the Union, have been crowned with success commensurate with their sacred aims and lofty patriotism, and that they have at last secured to the American people the privilege of making the Home and Grave of George Washington *the property of the Nation!*

On the failure of the Mount Vernon bill in the General Assembly of Virginia, we renewed our overtures to Mr. Washington to sell the property to the Association. These overtures met with a favorable response, and on the 6th of April, a contract was signed by Mr. Washington, which obligated him to transfer Mount Vernon to the Association, on its compliance with the following terms, viz:

The payment of two hundred thousand dollars, for two hundred acres of land, including the mansion, gardens, landing place, and, above all, the tomb.

Eighteen hundred dollars to be paid on closing of contract, and the remainder of the sum, in four bonds payable in yearly instalments, with the permission, *after the payment of the first bond*, to pay Mr. Washington any amount of the balance due, in sums not less than five-thousand dollars, which sums will be credited to the Association; in this manner lessening the interest.

The title to the estate and possession to be given on the payment of the principle and the interest; and the privilege also granted of obtaining possession, on thirty days notice, *at any time the Association may be ready to furnish the entire purchase money.*

The price asked for Mount Vernon by its proprietor, and which has never varied, has long been known to the public, and the Ladies of the Mount Vernon Association, in offering to become its purchasers, *could not expect to acquire it upon other terms than those given as the ultimatum*, to Congress and Virginia.

Yet there is a concession made to the Association by Mr. Washington, as to the extension of time; and a very important *promise*, to save interest which can best be explained by the following letter addressed to the legal gentlemen who negotiated the purchase on the behalf of the Association:

Richmond, April 7, 1858

To Wm H. Macfarland, Esq., and Gen. A. A. Chapman

GENTLEMEN—In the negotiations you have recently concluded with me, on behalf of the Ladies' Association for the purchase of Mount Vernon, the payment of interest on the deferred instalments from the date of the contract, while I retain possession of the property, was the only serious difficulty between us. Having satisfied you that I could not yield this point you finally conceded it.

As the contract is now closed, and I believe in a satisfactory way to both parties, it affords me pleasure to say to you, that if the Association meets its engagements with me on the first of January 1859, and thinks proper to pay, and does pay the other deferred instalment on or before the 22d day of February, 1859, as you inform me they will probably be both willing and able to do so, it is my intention in that case to remit to the Association all the interests on all the deferred payments.

This I shall be willing to do, partly as an inducement to the Association to obtain possession of Mount Vernon at an early day, but more particularly, as an evidence of the motives that have actuated the Ladies' Association in the cause it has undertaken.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WASHINGTON.

More than a half century has now elapsed since Washington walked among us—a half century of neglect and ingratitude to his memory. Between broken pledges of Congress, and the apathy of his mother State, the remains of the father of his country have lain unhonored by the mausoleum voted in the hour of a Nation's grief, and his Home and Grave, left to the fate of private property, and accessible to the public only through the forbearance of its private owners!

Ever and anon, a voice was heard to protest against republican ingratitude, for, ever and anon the heart of a great nation seemed to throb with a remembrance of his virtues and the priceless legacy he bequeathed. But, during the stern struggles of a young Republic, this voice was unheeded, and since America has become a power on earth, it was either silenced by the din of party and sectional strife, or stifled by the murmurs of Mammon, until the generations which knew him not, were in danger of forgetting and departing from those principles, which are the bulwark of our greatness, and those warning counsels which can alone maintain our Union in safety. But that Providence which has so

often interposed for our rescue in the darkest days of the Republic, when the ship of State, with no master at the helm, rocked to and fro on the angry waves of sectional strife and bitterness, which threatened to engulf it; has stirred the heart of woman to revive, through the rescue of the sacred ashes of the Father of his Country, that love for his memory, slumbering, but not dead, which could be made all powerful, in regenerating and healing influences!

A call was made to the women of the South, to gather around his grave and become the Vestals to keep alive the fires of patriotism. The motives were pure—the intentions generous—but they failed! Ye, who watched the signs of the times, know ye not wherefore? *Washington belonged not alone to the South!*

Again the call was made, and this time to the women of the nation. Again it failed!—and wherefore? *The title, and all the power were to be given to a State, and Washington belonged not to one state alone!*

Devoted woman would be neither baffled nor conquered; but she only triumphs when the common homestead can be procured as a common heritage, for the estranged children of a common father, the spell of whose memory will yet have the power to re-unite them around *his* hallowed sepulchre.

Unexpected success has crowned her efforts. Our country can be saved, one and indissoluble—for woman has become her guardian spirit. In the sacred groves of Mount Vernon, she will never leave us without a *Mary*, to train a Washington for her country's hour of need.

Orators—Statesmen—the noble brotherhood of Masons—Odd Fellows—patrois, one and all, have come promptly to the aid of woman! And ye women of the North and of the South, of the East and of the West, will ye not rally to the work? Will ye not vie, one with another, which will give most and do most, that we may on the 22d of February, 1859, claim and take possession of the Home and Grave of him who loved us all, and *thus* make *his* birthday the birth day also of Republican gratitude, justice and fraternal love!

Anna Pamela Cunningham Regent Mount Vernon Ladies Association

April 15th, 1858

#### ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM OF LAURENS DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of June 9, 1858, p. 1, col. 4.

Delicacy has forbidden (says the Charleston Evening News) any *personal* allusions on our part to "The Southern Matron" and the Mount Vernon cause. The annexed account from the Marion (Alabama) American is correct, except in so far as modified by the following particulars. Mrs. Robert Cunningham, the mother of Miss Cunningham, was a Virginian, born at Alexandria, and her earliest association and warmest memories, together with a connection, attached her to the Washington family. Seeing with grief that neither Congress nor Virginia would buy and preserve Mount Vernon, and hearing with great emotion that a Northern manufacturing company had tendered to its owner, Mr. John A. Washington, \$300,000 for it, she indignantly exclaimed to her daughter then resident as an invalid at Philadelphia, that as *men* would do nothing, the *daughters of the South* should rescue it from profane Northern hands, and consecrate it as a revered shrine for the world. The exclamation suggestion to the daughter a conception of the feasibility and propriety of the idea, and *she determined it should be executed*. The two at once arranged for the movement to commence in South Carolina—their state. An article was prepared, and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, on her return to South Carolina, had it published in the Charleston Mercury, (and at the instance of *ourselves*) under the signature of "A Southern Matron," *appropriate to her*. Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham forthwith proceeded to active measures, arranged the plans, organized the Association, was made President of the general National Association of the Ladies of the United States, and conducted the correspondence and animated the efforts under the *nom de plume* of her mother. Delicacy and propriety made this fit. Two circumstances rendered it of late proper that she

should appear in her own character and name. The incorporation of the Association by Virginia, of which she was nominated Regent, an *official public* position, and the necessity of transacting legal business under real names, was the most prominent. The indelicacy of Mr. Fuller, "whose *nom de plume* is *Belle Brittan*," and who was favored by being admitted to an interview in connection with a call by the English balladist, Mr. Mackay, in expressing her name with a faceless comment, precipitated the step, which, under the advice of Mr. Everett, was promptly taken.

Injustice has been done Mr. John A. Washington. Mount Vernon was his property, a portion of a limited competency, and a man surely has a right and it is his duty to well "provide for his own household." At a sacrifice of \$100,000, he reserved Mount Vernon for Virginia or the Federal Government at \$200,000; and when they finally did not act, he sold it to the ladies of America for a hallowed purpose at that price, rejecting at such sacrifice all other offers. Yes, and *trusting their efforts*, too, for more than half the money.

The numerous mistakes of the press on these particulars have elicited this article:

THE SOUTHERN MATRON.—The name of the Southern Matron has been for years familiar as a household word among us, yet a proper feeling of delicacy and gallantry forbade the mention of the real name modestly concealed behind this *nom de plume*. It was our fortune to have known her since our boyhood, to have been a near neighbor, and to have known her connection, from the beginning, with the noble effort which will consecrate her name as immortal. Recently, at the importunity of Mr. Everett and other friends, she has been induced to drop her title of Southern Matron and sign a public document in her own proper name, Ann Pamela Cunningham. Some paper spoke of her recently as a Virginian. This is a mistake. As we are better acquainted with her and her history than any one else here, and since the matter has already assumed a publicity which justifies the freedom, we will gratify public curiosity as far as delicacy will permit. The Southern Matron, then, is Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham, a native of Laurens District, (our native District) South Carolina. The family residence now is Rose Monte, on the east side of the Saluda, in Laurens District. Her father, Robert Cunningham, is a wealthy planter and a noble gentleman. Miss Cunningham received, of course, the most liberal and thorough education. Several years ago she wrote with much spirit and ability a historical work upon some incidents of the Revolution. Though rich, beautiful and highly accomplished, and of course wooed by innumerable suitors, yet she never married. She is small in figure and a blonde.

In 1853, she conceived the noble design of arousing her countrymen to the purchase of Mount Vernon. Well do we remember her first appeal, in an elegant letter signed "A Southern Matron." We were then editor of a paper in South Carolina, and she sent us the letter to publish. It will always be our pride to remember that we were so early connected with this patriotic effort. By her influence an address was made at her home, at Liberty Springs, in the District of Laurens, for the benefit of the cause which she had adopted. On this occasion the very first dollar was contributed to the purchase of Mount Vernon.

Her eloquent appeal electrified the nation. All hearts were touched, and hosts of gallant men came to her help. A large amount was contributed, but it was "love's labor lost," for churlish Mr. Washington changed his mind, and refused to sell the estate. This was the labor of years lost at once. A great part of the money was returned to the contributors. But still this dauntless woman did not despair. She appealed to the Legislature of Virginia, and she made appeals to individuals. Then, as well as for years before, she was a hopeless invalid. Many of her splendid productions in this cause were written while unable to sit up, being propped up on pillows to write during intervals of pain. Now her work is accomplished. Mt. Vernon is purchased. True it is not paid for, but we believe it will be. Surely now

the people of this great county will not allow Mt. Vernon to revert, by forfeiture, to its sordid proprietor.

For the accomplishment of this great work, this country is mainly indebted to three people—a noble triumvirate. Ann Pamela Cunningham, Madame Octavia Walton Le Vert, and Edward Everett. These three names deserve to be inscribed on the marble slab that covers the grave of Washington. A grateful and admiring nation will not forget them.—Marion (Ala.) American.

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### THE STATUS OF MOUNT VERNON IN 1886

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of June 9, 1886, p.1, col. 3.

#### The Care of Mount Vernon.

WHAT ONE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMAN HAS DONE FOR THE PLACE

Mount Vernon is the property of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association—an association that saved it for the country, but which must inevitably transfer it to the government, as the people of the whole country, not a mere organization, should be the owners of the home of Washington. The property was left by Washington to his nephew Judge Bushrod Washington and descended finally to Colonel John Washington. In 1859 [sic] Colonel Washington, whose affairs were very much embarrassed, was forced to sell. Congress, with strange stupidity, took no account of the place, and it was left to a woman to save Mount Vernon from the auctioneer's hammer. This woman, Pamela Cunningham, was from South Carolina! She had been an invalid, well nigh bed-ridden, all her life since her eighteenth year. When the news of the proposed sale reached her she conceived the plan of rescuing the place. She applied first to Congress, but Congress would do nothing. Then from her sick bed she organized the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association and got a charter from the State of Virginia. She interested Edward Everett in it, who agreed to deliver a course of lectures as a nucleus for a fund to buy it. These lectures were brilliantly successful. Mr. Everett turned over \$68,000 to the association. Other contributions flowed in, and at last the house and 200 acres of land were bought for \$200,000. The original Mount Vernon tract, when it was called Hunting Creek estate, comprised 8,000 acres, but it had dwindled in the course of years.

The association is governed by one regent, who is appointed for life, and every State in the Union has a vice-regent. The last are selected, if possible, from the descendants of Revolutionary families. The place is maintained by a fee of 50 cents charged every passenger who lands at Mount Vernon. The association lets a contract to a steam boat company, which makes daily trips. The fare is \$1, which includes the entrance to the house and grounds. But the feeling is general and is loudly expressed that no admission fee at all ought to be charged and the government should be the owner. This will eventually work a change. The management has done much for the place, but the authority of the regent is absolute, the appointment of vice-regents arbitrary and things conducted generally in a slipshod way. Once a year, in the month of May, these ladies meet at Mount Vernon. They spend a week there and on Sunday they attend Pohick Church, which was General Washington's parish church, and sit in the Washington pew. They look over the accounts—but there is no real supervision, the regent, Mrs. Mcalister Laughton, who lives in Washington, being virtually supreme—and then go home and see Mount Vernon no more until next May. It is obvious that this plan cannot long last. Some years ago a charter was granted to a company to build a railroad from Washington to Mount Vernon. Lately the project has been actively revived. When that is built and the time of a visit brought within two hours instead of five hours, as it is at present, the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association will be a thing of the past.

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### PORTRAIT OF ANN PAMALA CUNNINGHAM



*Ann Pamela Cunningham; From a portrait by Lamb circa 1860*

### DEATH OF MISS ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM

Source: *The Laurensville Herald*, issue of Friday, May 7, 1875, p. 2, col. 2.

The remains of Miss ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM were interred in the Presbyterian Church-yard in Columbia last Tuesday. She was the daughter of Captain ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, who resided at Rosemont, in this county, and was distinguished throughout the State for his hospitality and his sterling independence of character. Miss Cunningham belonged to the old *regime* who have adorned South Carolina and whose name will ever brighten the historic page; but who, one by one, are swiftly passing away

Like clouds that take the mountain tops,  
Or waves that own no curbing hand.

The name of Miss CUNNINGHAM is forever intertwined with the sacred memories that cluster around Mount Vernon and the tomb of George Washington, and, linked with that great hero, it will go down to posterity. She was the author of the widely circulated letters, "Southern Matron," which initiated the movement to purchase Mount Vernon, and which culminated in a common and hallowed ground, where the citizens of the many sovereignties that compose this government, forgetting prejudices and passion, may meet to do homage to the Father of his country and remember the pure and better days of our Republic. Excelling in her writings, and untiring in her patriotism, she won for herself a national reputation. As a friend she was constant and faithful; as a woman, she was gentle and retiring; as a daughter, she was dutiful and affectionate; and as a Christian, she was fervent and patient. So much so, that she might have said in her dying moment, as did Madame de Stael, "I have loved God, my father, and my country."

Miss CUNNINGHAM was about 58 years of age and leaves behind her one brother to lament his irreparable loss—Col. John Cunningham, who now resides in Brooklyn, New York.

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### DEATH OF CAPTAIN ROBERT CUNNINGHAM

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of July 14, 1859, p. 2, col. 1.

DEATH OF CAPT. ROBT. CUNNINGHAM.—The death of Capt. Robert Cunningham of Rosemont, Laurens District, So. Ca., is certified to us by a Laurens friend. He was the father of Col. John Cunningham of the Charleston News, and of Miss Pamela Cunningham, the Southern Matron, through whose instrumentality the Mount Vernon estate has been secured as a monument to the memory of Washington.

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### SOME LAURENS COUNTY DEATHS IN 1873

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of October 16, 1873, p. 2, col. 1.

DEATHS.—Mrs. Louisa M. Cunningham, relict of Captain Robert Cunningham, and mother of Col. John and Miss Pamela Cunningham, died at her residence in this County, on the 6th instant.

Wm Nelson, of this County, died on the 7th instant. Thomas Owens died at home, in the lower part of this County on the 7th. Mrs. Davis, wife of John Davis, Spartanburg County, died on the 6th inst.—*Laurensville Herald*

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE COLUMBIA CENTENNIAL

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

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of March 18, 1891, p. 2, col. 1.

The city of Columbia will celebrate next May the one hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly of South Carolina in that place as the capital of the State. General Wade Hampton will deliver an oration; there will be a trade's display and probably a military encampment. The city will be decorated and illuminated at night; water will be turned into the great canal, and many other attractions will be offered to the visitor and sightseer during the three days of the celebration.

In addition to the meeting of the Legislature, there was another occurrence in the city of Columbia in

May 1791, that deserves a passing notice. During that month President George Washington made his first and only visit to this State and spent several days in Columbia—from Sunday, May 22, till Wednesday morning, May 25.

The President left Philadelphia [then the capital of the United States] on Monday April 21st, 1791. Mrs. Washington and her two grandchildren accompanied him to Mount Vernon, where they spent the time during his Southern tour. He reached Mount Vernon on his return June 12th, "having made a most satisfactory journey of more than seventeen hundred miles in sixty-six days, with the same team of horses." In his diary he says: "In this tour I was accompanied by Major Jackson. My equipage and attendance consisted of a chariot and four horses drove in hand, a light baggage wagon and two horses, four saddle horses, besides a lead one for myself and five, to-wit: my valet de chambre, two footmen, coachman, and postillion."

The route of the President through our State was as follows: Leaving Wilmington, N.C., Tuesday, April 25, 1791, he "crossed the boundary line between North and South Carolina about half-past twelve o'clock" on the following day. His course was through Georgetown and Charleston, then by Savannah to Augusta, Ga. We copy his diary for a few days, beginning at this point:

SATURDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> (MAY, 1791.)

"Left Augusta about 6 o'clock, and, taking leave of the Governor and principal gentlemen of the place at the bridge over the Savannah river, where they had assembled for the purpose, I proceeded in company with Colonels Hampton and Taylor and Mr. Lithgow, a committee from Columbia, (who had come on to meet me and conduct me to that place) and a Mr. Jameson from the village of Granby, on my route.

"Dined at a house about twenty-one miles from Augusta and lodged at one Odem's, about twenty miles farther.

SUNDAY, 22<sup>D</sup>

"Rode about twenty-one miles to breakfast and passed through the village of Granby, just below the falls in the Congaree, (which was passed in a flat-bottomed boat at a rope ferry). I lodged at Columbia, the newly adopted seat of government of South Carolina, about three miles from it, on the North side of the river, and twenty seven miles from my breakfasting stage.

"The whole road from Augusta to Columbia is a pine barren of the worst sort, being hilly as well as poor. This circumstance, added to the distance, the length of the stages, want of water and heat of day, foundered one of my horses very badly.

Beyond Granby, four miles I was met by several gentlemen of that place and Wynnesborough, and on the North side by a number of others, who escorted me to Columbia."

MONDAY, 23<sup>D</sup>

"Dined at a Public dinner in the State House with a number of gentlemen and ladies of the town of Columbia and country round about to the number of more than one hundred and fifty, of which fifty, or sixty were of the latter."

TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup>

"The condition of my foundered horse obliged me to remain at this place, contrary to my intentions, this day also.

"Columbia is laid out upon a large scale, but, in my opinion, had been better placed on the river below the falls. It is now an uncleared woods, with very few houses in it, and these all wooden ones. The State House (which is also of wood) is a large commodious building, but unfinished. The town is on dry, but cannot be called high ground, and though surrounded by piney and sandy land is itself good.

The State House is near two miles from the river, at the confluence of the Broad and the Saluda. From Granby the river is navigable for craft, which will, when the river is swelled, carry 3,000 bushels of grain; when at its usual height less, and always some. The river from hence to the Wateree, below which it takes the name of Santee, is very crooked, it being, according to the computed distance, near four hundred miles. Columbia from Charleston is one hundred and thirty miles."

#### WEDNESDAY, 25TH

"Set out 4 o'clock for Camden—the foundered horse being led slowly on—breakfasted at an indifferent house, twenty-two miles from the town, [the first we came to], and reached Camden about 2 o'clock, fourteen miles farther, when an address was received and answered. Dined late with a number of gentlemen and ladies at a public dinner. The road from Camden to Columbia, excepting a mile or two near each place, goes over the most miserable pine barren I ever saw, being quite a white sand and very hilly. On the Wateree, within a mile and a half of which the town stands, the lands are very good. They culture corn, tobacco and indigo. Vessels carrying fifty or sixty hogsheads of tobacco come up to the ferry of this place, at which there is a tobacco warehouse."

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### OBITUARY AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR SKETCH OF MRS. MARY WATSON PERRY OF EDGEFIELD

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

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of July 1, 1857, p. 3, col. 1.

Mrs. MARY PERRY died at her birth place, the Ridge, on the 19th March 1857, in the 88th year of her age, being born August 12, 1769.

There are some circumstances of her life which may well give her distinction. She was the daughter of Michael Watson, a partizan Captain of the Revolution, and distinguished by two qualities: intrepid courage and self reliance. And this lady also can say what few can, she saw George Washington on his way from Augusta to the seat of Government. [Contributor's note: See the immediately preceding article for an account of George Washington's passage through South Carolina.] He was attended at the time by Generals Butler and Hampton—one the Sheriff of Ninety-Six and the other of Camden. Upon ascertaining that she was the daughter of Michael Watson, who was killed in the affair of Dean's Swamp, he took her upon his lap and ordered his confidential servant John to hand him his purse, from which he gave her a guinea, saying she had been quite a little soldier. When she heard that her father had been wounded in the skirmish at Dean's Swamp, she and her mother, both riding on one horse, hastened to the scene of the catastrophe. When they arrived at the place they found Capt. Watson in a small house, with a few of his soldiers, Lieut. Butler being left in command. They were not only in great danger, but without food. Expediency and necessity had driven them to this position. But they did not resort to it until they had performed all the obligations of soldierly honor. Vardell who was killed in the fight made an appeal to his comrades not to allow him to fall in the hands of his enemies, and a time was taken, what may be regarded as a military pause, to bury him under a clay root. The party being reduced by desertion to a small number took refuge in a very small house, concealing as far as they could their perilous condition. Upon entering the house a woman happened to be there, who had just parted with a child only three weeks old. Necessity and self preservation required the commanding officer to detain

her for fear she would give such information as would disclose the weak situation of the party. Under these circumstances a messenger was despatched to Orangeburg, and with promptness and gallantry, Capt. Kumpt, subsequently Gen. Kumpt, responded to the call. And moving with marked expedition, the horses in a gallop, he reached this house of distress. The little party had been suffering two days without food, and Watson was supposed to be dying. They placed him upon a litter, and carried him to Orangeburg where he died and was buried. The subject of this notice, his daughter Mary, entertained for his memory a pious veneration. She imparted in her conversation a warm enthusiasm inspired by the qualities of a gallant father and true patriot. During the progress of the War she, on several occasions, gave evidence of that high spirit and independence for which she was always conspicuous. In the early part of the War her father was taken prisoner by the British, near Ninety-Six, and was carried in chains to the main Army. On their way they stopped at his house, on the Ridge, and his wife, Mrs. Watson, seeing him in irons with his wrists chafed by the hand-cuffs, gave vent to her feelings in a flood of tears, and besought the commanding Officer to take off the irons. Upon his refusing, the subject of this notice stepped out, saying, "don't cry, mother—we shall yet have our day." And got some ointment and dressed her father's wrists. The British Officer was struck with her spirit, and said to his companions in arms. "She is a gallant little rebel."

In conclusion, she had some of the hereditary qualities of her father, self-reliance and independence of opinion.

By industry, frugality, and just economy she acquired a handsome estate, and set an honorable example.

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### OBITUARY OF WILLIAM THOMSON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT OF YORK DISTRICT

Source: *The Yorkville Pioneer and Weekly Advertiser*, issue of September 27, 1823, p. 3, col. 3.

Died on the 14th instant at his residence on the Beauty Spot, in this District, Mr. WILLIAM THOMSON, in the 73d year of his age.

As a man, Mr. Thomson's merits were conspicuous; it was his maxim through life that "*An honest man is the greatest work of God.*" He possessed the social and domestic feelings in an eminent degree; accordingly in the different relations of husband, father, friend, and master, he was tender, affectionate, sincere, and humane.

As a citizen, the influence of his virtues were extensively felt and acknowledged. He was reared in the time that "tried men's souls". His character was formed and his principles fixed by the arduous toils of the Revolution, in which he largely participated. Possessed of a mind naturally bold, original and independent, his soul revolted alike at the usurpations of the mother country, and the humiliating condition of colonial dependence. He believed, and experience has verified his opinion, that America was intended for a more exalted destiny. The land of freedom. Prompted by these opinions and principles, he was among the first who resisted the arbitrary measures of Great Britain. Under the celebrated Patrick Henry, he assisted expelling Lord Dunmore from Virginia; and from thence to the close of the struggle, he continued to present his breast to the shafts of battle, a free and spontaneous offering to liberty and posterity.

Pleased with the issue of the contest, happy in the smiles of his family and fellow-citizens, unambitious of public distinctions, he seldom so far availed himself of their confidence as to draw him from the

walks of private life. Devoted to pursuits of agriculture, he was steadily adhering to this delightful employment, when the repose and honor of his native land were again invaded by the aggressions of the British navy and the decrees of the British parliament. 'Twas then at the first sound of the tocsin that his spirit again espoused the cause of his country. Although far too worn in years for the active duties of the field, and the fatigue of the camp; yet he deemed it necessary to awaken the spirit of liberty. Under this impression he formed and organized a band of heroic relics of '76 into a company of alarm men, who manifested by their conduct that although the frost of many winters had withered their manly forms and sapped their strength, yet it had not quenched the glow of patriotism within their bosoms. Such acts of small physical importance have no doubt, great moral influence in giving tone and energy to the minds of youth, and deserve our gratitude.

The intuitive knowledge of the human character which characterised the deceased were highly useful to himself and instructive and beneficial to his friends. In his religious principles he was equally removed from superstition and infidelity. He believed that the fallen state of man required the atoning blood of a Savior; and we sincerely hope that he has received its fullest efficacy.

[Communicated.]

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#### DEATH IN 1859 OF C. T. DAVIS, A CENTENARIAN, IN LAURENS DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of March 9, 1859, p.3, col. 1.

"AN OLD MAN GONE."—Under this caption we find the following in the Laurensville Herald:

"We learn with great sadness, that on the 23rd ultimo, Mr. C. T. Davis, who resides about sixteen miles from this place, worn out by the trials and storms of life, which he buffeted so bravely and with so much honor to himself for near a hundred years, sank into the quiet sleep of death.—Mr. Davis was near one hundred years old, and was old enough to have distinct recollections of the revolution and its scenes. How sweetly and smoothly old men, with a quiet conscience and a hope fixed on high, glide into another world. He died,

"Like one who draws the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

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#### DEATH NOTICE OF ELISHA S. PATTERSON OF LAURENS COUNTY

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of August 19, 1885, p. 3., col. 2.

Elisha S. Patterson died at his home near Young's Store in Laurens County the 7th instant in his 75th year. He was born near Cannon's Camp Ground [Spartanburg County] and lived there till after the war. He had been a member of the Methodist church for more than fifty years. He has several children living in this county.

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#### NOTICE TO PETIGREW AND ANDERSON HEIRS

Source: *The Pendleton Messenger*, issues of August 11 & 18, 1824, p. 1 & p. 4, respectively.

To all whom it may concern:

A Mr. Petigrew and a Mr. Anderson, who, (some thirty years [sic, three would make more sense] ago, or more), were moving from South-Carolina to Natchez, were murdered at the Muscle Shoals [Mussell Shoals] on Tennessee river by the Indians, who took all their Negroes. If the heirs of the above deceased can get their heirship legally authenticated, and make application to Phineas Thomas in Williamson county, Tennessee, they will get such information as will enable them to find their Negroes and no doubt recover all. They are said to be of considerable value.

¶This will find its way to the public through the liberality of the Printers in South Carolina and Georgia.

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#### A CUNNINGHAM QUERY IN 1824

Source: *The Pendleton Messenger*, issue of August 18, 1824, p. 4.

INFORMATION WANTED

JANE CUNNINGHAM, daughter of John and Jane Cunningham, of Greenville District, South Carolina, who lived near the Golden Grove, would be very thankful to any person who would give her information on her relations. Her father, John Cunningham, departed this life in Greenville District, S. C. near twenty years ago, and his children's names were John, James, Rebecca, George, and Jane (the above); and she thinks, as near as she can recollect, her mother married a man by the name of Ingram, and moved to the State of Georgia, and she has never heard from them since. A letter directed to Jane Cunningham, Columbia, Tennessee, containing information of them, will be thankfully received.

July 5.

[Note: If any one can help her, please contact the editors of this *Quarterly* and we will forward the information.] :) :)

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#### MURDER IN FAIRFIELD DISTRICT IN 1808

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

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Thursday, March 17, 1808, p. 3. col. 1.

*Murder!*—On the evening of the 6th inst, Thos. Muse, Esq. Sheriff of Fairfield district, S. C. accompanied by Capt. Feester, Capt. of a militia company of said district, and a third person, went to the plantation of Shadrach Jacobs, of said district, to take him with a State warrant; it was late in the evening when they came near the house, Jacobs lay concealed in a pannell of the fence, and as they passed, fired upon them, and killed Capt. Feester dead on the spot, and made his escape.

Shadrach Jacobs is about forty-five years of age, stout made, five feet eight inches high, light brown hair, cut short, turning grey, and brown eyes.

The Editors of newspapers, and of all good citizens, are requested to give this publicity, that the murderer may be brought to condign punishment.—*Pendleton Messenger*.

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### MURDER IN ABBEVILLE DISTRICT IN 1814

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Thursday, January 5, 1815, p. 2, col. 1.

*Horrid Murder*.—James Kyle, a citizen of Abbeville was murdered on Wednesday evening of the 14th inst. [i.e., December 14, 1814], by Peyton Randolph, for ordering Randolph from his house because he was abusing an old man who lodged with Mr. Kyle. He was about 40 years of age, has left a wife and six small children to lament his untimely death.

Mr. Kyle was standing in his own door when Randolph shot him, he expired in a few minutes; the murderer escaped in the twilight about two miles, but was followed and taken and is now confined in Abbeville Gaol, to answer for the awful deed.

*Pendleton Messenger*, 24th ult.

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### DEATH OF COL. Z. P. HERNDON, FORMERLY OF UNION DISTRICT

Source: *The Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of July 27, 1859, p. 2, col. 6.

We regret to learn that Col. Z. P. Herndon, of this place [Columbia], formerly of Union District, died at Glenn Springs, Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. His remains were brought down to this place on yesterday, escorted by a committee appointed by the Bar of Union. Col. Herndon long occupied a very prominent position at the Bar of that place. He was regarded as a sound legal adviser, and was employed in almost every case of any importance that was brought before the Courts of that place. His health has for some time been on the decline. He was in the sixty-eighth year of his age.—Columbia, South Carolina

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### GIBERT—McMAKIN (ABBEVILLE & SPARTANBURG) MARRIAGE

Last Wednesday, February 11, 1891, Mr. Albert Gibert, of Abbeville County, and Miss Helen McMakin, of this city [Spartanburg], were married in the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. The church was filled with friends of the bride. Bishop Duncan married them according to the rituals of his church, and it was a beautiful and impressive ceremony. Others beside the bride and groom felt that it was a serious and solemn thing for one man and one woman to stand up and declare that they will be one in everything pertaining to the interest and happiness of each other.

After the marriage a large number of friends went to the house of Mr. James McMakin, where they enjoyed an elegant breakfast and two hours of social intercourse. In the afternoon the bridal party left for Bordeaux, in Abbeville County, which is the home of Dr. Gibert, the father of the groom. Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibert, Mr. John Harmon and Mrs. G. Crawford Graves came up from Abbeville County to attend the wedding. Gen. Hugh L. Farley, of Columbia, Dr. W. G. Smith, of Abbeville, and Mr. Alex. Long, of Spartanburg, were the ushers.

Mr. Charles Gilbert Houston, of Augusta, and Miss McMakin, sister of the bride, were the best man and first lady. The other attendants were: Mr. S. T. McCravy, and Miss Annie Gibert, of Abbeville County; Mr. Francis King Nixon, of Augusta, and Miss Cofield; Mr. W. M. Jones and Miss Nott; Mr. Julian Bruce, of Anderson, and Miss Petty; Captain Joseph Gibert, of Bordeaux, and Miss Lillie McMakin; Mr. Alex. Long and Miss Allston, of Abbeville; Mr. J. H. Sloan, of Charlotte, and Miss Adam.

The Gibert family of Abbeville County are descendants of the famous Huguenot colony of 212 persons who were forced to leave France. Rev. Jean Louis Gibert was the leader of the colony. They

left their homes in 1763 for England, and after many difficulties landed at Charleston in 1764. During that year they explored the country and finally settled in the neighborhood where they now live. The only direct descendants of Jean Louis Gibert are to be found in the family of the late James L. Petigru. In the colony there were other Giberts and from them are descended the family of Mr. Albert Gibert. Another little historical incident connected with the family is that Mr. Gibert now lives on the old George McDuffie homestead near Willington.

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### FOUR ANDERSON DISTRICT MARRIAGES IN DECEMBER 1842

Source: *The Highland Sentinel*, Friday January 6, 1843, p. 3, col. 1.

On Thursday the 22d of December, by the Rev. Wm Magee, Mr. THOMAS YEARGAN to Miss ELIZABETH HARRIS, all of this District.

On the 7th of December, at Providence Church in Pickens District, by the Rev. W. C. Smith, the Rev. J. S. ANTLEY, of Orangeburg, to Miss MAHALA K. A., daughter of Rev. David Gambrell of this District.

On Thursday the 15th Dec., by the same, Mr. ELBERT BURRIS to Miss MATILDA JANE, daughter of Zachariah Hall, Esq. all of this District.

On the 30th of Dec. by the same Mr. ALLISON LANGSTON to Miss Adaline Vandiver, all of this District.

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### THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM MADISON PLUMLEY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Contributed by James Richard Gosnell, 506 Eastway Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

Source: From the files of the late Grady L. Howard (1911-1989), who was a native of upper Greenville County. Mr. Howard was an excellent researcher, and he was well acquainted with the older families of the Glassy Mountain Township area of Greenville County. His parents were Davis Milford and Narcissie Howard Howard; he was a sixth generation descendant of Captain Thomas Howard, a pioneering settler in this region. I obtained the following family information from Mr. Howard in February 1980.

William Madison "Bill" Plumley

Born: December 20, 1829—Died: October 9, 1900

His parents: Wesley Plumley and Rebecca Womack Plumley

Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC

Married:

Lucretia "Crecy" Gosnell

Born: August 5, 1834—Died: August 13, 1918

Her parents: Morris Gosnell and Jane Lindsey Gosnell  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC

Their children:

1. Pinkney C. Plumley Born: January 1, 1854—Died: September 21, 1895  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Wife: R. Evelyn "Evie" Blackwell
2. George Washington Plumley Born: November 20, 1854—Died: October 26, 1936  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Wife: Mary Suzanne Pierce
3. Matilda "Tilda" Plumley Born: December 9, 1857—Died: December 17, 1902  
Burial: Ballew Graveyard (Near Oak Grove)  
Husband: William "Bill" Griffin
4. Mallissa Plumley Born: March 7, 1859—Died: February 23, 1973  
Burial: Ballew Graveyard (Near Oak Grove)  
Husband: General L. Pierce
5. Lydia Ann Plumley Born: October 8, 1862—Died: February 19, 1937  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Husband: John Augustus Smith
6. James Davis Plumley Born: September 25, 1865—Died: July 13, 1913  
Burial: Mountain Hill Baptist Church Cemetery  
Wife: Mary Ann Lindsey
7. Margaret "Crebe" Plumley Born: September 28, 1869—Died: June 3, 1958  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Husband: Joshua T. Lindsey
8. Mary "Mollie" Plumley Born: March 28, 1871—Died: October 20, 1918  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Husband: George W. "Bud" Metcalf
9. Wade Hampton Plumley Born: March 21, 1874—Died: March 18, 1954  
Burial: Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery  
Wife: Minnie Barton
10. Malinda Plumley Born: April 18, 1877—Died: November 1, 1906  
Burial: Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Husband: Rev. Thomas Greenberry Pace
11. Morris Plumley Born: February 12, 1880—Died: April 21, 1952  
Burial: Ebenezer Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery  
Wife: Ollie Center

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# JAMES D. GRAYDON FAMILY BIRTH RECORDS

Contributed by Tracey Graydon Carlson, 434 North 14th Ct, Brighton, Co 80601.  
<ewtlc@aol.com>

## Graydon Birth Record

James D Graydon was born Sept 10, 1854  
Carrie Lee Graydon was born Jan. 24 - 1871  
Sallie Mae Graydon was born Oct. 22 - 1890  
Charles Watkins Graydon was born Dec 21 - 1892  
Willie Laurence Graydon " " Sept 18 - 1894  
James Frankling Graydon " " Dec. 28 - 1901  
Annie Lee Graydon " " April 28 - 1904  
Alice Velma Graydon " " May 25 - 1906  
Minnie Inez Graydon " " June 14 - 1909  
Clara Louise Graydon " " Oct. 28 - 1911

James D. Graydon & Carrie Lee Lowe were married Nov. 18 - 1888  
at the Wesleyan Church in Pelzer, S.C.  
by  
Louise Allen

Contributor's Note: The family record above was handwritten by the youngest child of this family, Clara Louise Graydon Allen. James Duncan Graydon was a native of Laurens County and was the first born child of William and Sarah A. McPherson Graydon. His wife, Carrie Lee Lowe, was a daughter of William Alexander Lowe and Susan Anna Tuell, both natives of Spartanburg County. James D. Graydon died November 3, 1928, and Carrie Lee Lowe Graydon died December 3, 1945. They are buried in Old Silverbrook Cemetery, Anderson, S.C.

## THE (FIRST) FAMILY OF BRYSON H. STEADMAN OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

Contributed by Mrs. Polly Bennett, 119 Halibut Lane, Spartanburg, SC 29303-4417.

Source: The Bryson Steadman Bible record, annotated by marriages, deaths, and burial places from a group sheet prepared by Brenda Noesen and Carole Bohn.

### Bryson Steadman

Born: October 10, 1815—Died: January 15, 1881  
His parents: John Steadman, Jr and Sally Mintz Steadman  
Burial: Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC

### Married first:

Nancy Nelson

Born: June 10, 1821—Died: November 22, 1861

Her parents: Abraham Nelson and Elizabeth Morrow  
Burial: Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC

Their children (all born in Spartanburg County, SC):

1. Myra Steadman Born: April 30, 1842—Died: July 21, 1910  
Remained single
2. Mary Elizabeth Steadman Born: June 3, 1843—Died:  
Married: A. G. Brannon, January 3, 1869
3. Sarah Emily Steadman Born: September 9, 1844—Died: July 9, 1871
4. Lilly Tennessee Steadman Born: December 12, 1845—Died: October 26, 1930  
Married: William H. Parris, August 7, 1870
5. Nathaniel Marion Steadman Born: November 19, 1847—Died: February 27, 1860
6. Baby Boy Steadman Born: October 14, 1849—Died October 18, 1849
7. Elize Louizer Steadman Born: May 10, 1852—Died:  
Married: John Low, February 17, 1870
8. Govan Milles Steadman Born: September 28, 1854—Died October 13, 1854
9. Doctor Leonidas Parham Steadman Born: October 4, 1855—Died: October 31, 1918  
Married: Sarah Maria Jennings, September 23, 1875
10. Laura Arkansas Steadman Born: March 23, 1860—Died:
11. Baby Girl Steadman Born: November 18, 1861—Died: November 18, 1861

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### THE (SECOND) FAMILY OF BRYSON H. STEADMAN OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

Contributed by Mrs. Polly Bennett, 119 Halibut Lane, Spartanburg, SC 29303-4417.

Sources: Marriage date recorded in *The Carolina Spartan*, issue of July 12, 1866; various sources for the other family information.

Bryson H. Steadman

Married (second): July 10, 1866, Spartanburg District, SC

Mrs. Eleanor Louvicy Burgess Lowe

Born: August 4, 1833—Died: May 27, 1876

Her parents: Thomas Burgess and Polly Kirby

Widow of Abner R. Lowe

Their children (all born in Spartanburg County, SC):

1. Dolly Dean Steadman Born: April 28, 1867—Died: April 26, 1966  
Married: Cary Smith Moore
2. John Belton Oneal Steadman Born: December 5, 1868—Died: June 14, 1950  
Married: Eunice D. James (b. May 27, 1875—d. March 14, 1964)
3. Bryson Ezell Steadman Born: February 15, 1871—Died: February 28, 1931  
Remained single.
4. Poindexter Steadman Born: January 13, 1873—Died: May 23, 1957  
Remained single.
5. "Baby" Steadman Born: May 27, 1876—Died at birth or in infancy.

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### DEATH OF MRS. W. H. MARTIN, NATIVE OF PENDLETON DISTRICT

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of February 25, 1891, p. 3, col. 1.

—Mrs. W. H. Martin died February 20, 1891, and was buried in the new cemetery at this place [Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg]. She was born in Anderson county in 1819, and was a daughter of Rev. Barnett Smith. She was married in 1841, and, with her husband lived in Laurens County until 1870, when the family moved to Spartanburg. For sixty years she was an active, consistent member of the Methodist Church, and her daily walk and life illustrated the Christian graces and principles which she professed. She leaves the heritage of a good name and a Godly life to her children. Her death was like her life, full of faith, and a cheerful assurance of happiness beyond the grave brightened her last hours.

Note: Mrs. Martin's given name was listed as Elizabeth on the grave marker for her son, Gustave B. Martin. He is probably buried near his parents in the Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC. Mrs. Martin's grave is not marked.

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### AN APPEAL FROM MOUNT PROSPECT ACADEMY IN UNION DISTRICT

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

Contributor's Note: Mount Prospect Academy represents the dominant type of educational institutions in the early 1800s. It was a boarding school where parents, who could afford the tuition, sent their sons to be educated. Free schools were not abundant, if they existed at all, in those days. See this *Quarterly*, issue of May 2001, p. 86 (Volume XV, No. 2) for some advertisements that give an idea of the instruction offered. The Academy was located near Goshen Hill in Union District.

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of February 10, 1814, p. 3, col. 1.

Mr. Editor...It is with deep regret I communicate, through the medium of your useful paper, the destruction by fire on the 25th ult. of the New Building for an Academy at Mount Prospect in Union District. The flourishing state of this School, under the care of Mr. Campbell, the Proprietor, had

rendered it advisable to erect a new school-house, and the success which had attended his labors was the best assurance that the expence would be amply repaid by the master and the scholars. The institution is probably but little known in this part of the country, and may therefore, unless peculiarly recommended to the notice of the public, neither awaken their sympathy, nor partake of their benevolence. All who rejoice at the improvement of youth, especially in our own state, and who know the incalculable importance of every institution of that kind in our upper country, must and will deplore the burning of this Academy as a species of public culumity(*sic*). Such buildings, consecrated to such uses, are the common property of the present generation, and will descend with our forests, our rivers and fields, as a portion of the general inheritance to our posterity. It is true, and most fortunate we esteem it, that the school itself still subsists, and although the comfort and ease of the tutor and the pupils will be seriously impaired, yet we confidently hope that the exertions of the trustees, and the generous contributions of a generous people, will soon rebuild the edifice. Subscription papers have been circulated, I understand by a letter from a student of Mr. Campbell, in different parts of the upper country. Doubtless some assistance will be derived from those sources. But to the people of this city, more able to appreciate the blessings of a rising academy under a faithful and skilful instructor, and more competent also to afford the requisite contribution, I may indeed apply with peculiar propriety. To them I can justly say, "freely ye have received, freely give." To them I appeal with confidence, for they have obviously a deeper interest in every such institution than any other part of the state, excepting the neighborhood wherein it is established. They therefore, I trust, will not be backward in accepting this invitation to give something, however small, towards an object so laudable in its intended operation. Any donations will be gratefully received at the *Courier-Office* and forwarded, with thanks to the giver, to the Trustees.

A FRIEND TO EDUCATION

P.S. The editors of the other papers in this city would confer a favor and benefit on the institution by inserting the above once, and taking charge of such donations as may be left with them.

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

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

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

#### UNION COUNTY

Union District, SC, Probate Court, Box 34, Pk'ge 33, Estate of Newell Faucett, Deceased (1849), Thomas Vinson, Administrator

#### Petition for Administration (Filed Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1849)

The State of South Carolina, Union District} In the Court of Ordinary : The Humble Petition of Thomas Vinson sheweth, That **Newell Faucett** died intestate on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of **October 1849** leaving personal property which is subject to distribution under the laws of this State ; also certain outstanding debts remaining unpaid : Therefore your petitioner prays that administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Newell Faucett dec'd may be granted to him on giving bond and security required by law.

Thomas Vinson

The said intestate has **eleven brothers and sisters viz: William Faucett, James Faucett, Knight Faucett, Mahala Faucett, Elizabeth Faucett, Jane Faucett, Letty, wife of Reuben Coleman, Polly Marshall, wife of James Marshall, Franky Harris, wife of Robert Harris, Louisa Vinson, wife of the petitioner, Sally Hale, wife of Thomas Hale.** The value of the estate your petitioner supposes to be worth about one hundred dollars.

Thomas Vinson

#### Citation by Ordinary

State of South Carolina, Union District} By J. J. Pratt, Esquire, Ordinary of Union District. WHEREAS Thomas Vincent hath applied to me for *Letters of Administration*, on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Newell Faucett late of the district aforesaid deceased.

These are to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Ordinary's Court for the said district, to be holden on the thirtieth day of November Inst., to shew cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal, this twelfth day of Nov. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

J. J. Pratt O. U. D.

#### Administration Bond

State of South Carolina, Union District} Know all men by these presents, *That* we Thomas Vinson, John Hancock, & James Keenan are holden and firmly bound unto J. J. Pratt, Esquire, Ordinary for for the District of Union in the full and just sum of **three hundred dollars** ... Sealed with our seals, and dated the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine -- [signed] Thomas Vinson, John Hancock, Ja'd Keenan [Test.] B. Johnson

#### Petition for Sale of Estate (Filed Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1849)

[Details of petition omitted here.]

#### Warrent of Appraisement of Estate of Newell Faucett

[The appraisers appointed were Thomas Gordon, Walter Wishunt, Joshua Cudd, and Robert Harris, Esq. The appraisement was to be done on or before March 1, 1850. The men who did the appraising were Thomas Gordon, Walter Wishunt, and Joshua Cudd. They were sworn by Robert V. Harris Mag'.]

#### Appraisement of the Personal Property of Newell Faucett (Filed Feb'y 18<sup>th</sup>, 1850)

[Details omitted here.]

#### Order for Sale (Nov. 30, 1849)

[Details omitted here.]

#### Sail Bill of Property of Newell Faucett dec'd (Dec the 20 Day 1849)

[The Buyers at the sale were: Tho' Vinson James Faucett E. Vinson F. Vaughn L. Mitchell.]

#### [No Final Settlement Papers]

Contributor's note: Mrs. Paul A. Keisler, 373 Haney Cemetery Road, Union, SC 29379-7701,

<fromstead@InfoAve.net>, states that the siblings named in the petition above are children of Giles Night Faucett and his wife Elizabeth Smith. She further states that Giles Night Faucett was a son of William Faucett, who settled in 1775 in the region that was to become Union County, and that Elizabeth Smith was a daughter of Samuel Smith and his wife Sarah White. Mrs. Keisler would like to correspond with those interested in the Faucett family. She is a Faucett descendent.

### LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens District, SC, Probate Court, Box 147, Pk'ge 11, Estate of **William H. Graydon**, Deceased (1863), **W. McPherson**, Executor

#### Will of W. H. Graydon deceased

In the name of God Amen I W<sup>m</sup> H Graydon of the District of Laurens and State of South Carolina, do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say. 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that immediately after decease my land be sold and all my just debts be paid. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my wife Sarah A Graydon my negro women Amy and Margaret and my boy Joe to have during her life time and at her death they with their increase are to be sold and equally divided between her bodily heirs. I also give her my stock of mules, hogs and cattle which are to be appraised to her. And I give her Fifteen hundred dollars (the valuation of the stock to be taken in this amount) which she is to have during her lifetime and at her death is to be equally divided between her bodily heirs. I give her also all my household and kitchen furniture which is to be appraised and accounted for in the final settlement of my estate and equally divided between her bodily heirs. 3<sup>rd</sup> My crop of corn and cotton is to be sold and my notes and Accts collected. After all my debts are paid and the above amount given to my wife, if there is any money left from the proceeds of my Estate my wife is to hold [it] without Interest and account to my children for it as they come of age. 4<sup>th</sup> I give my wife one years provisions for the family which is not to be accounted for in the final settlement of my Estate. 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my three children Jas D. Graydon Mary E. Graydon & Lee H. Graydon (and what others my wife may have by me) my Negro boy Isaac and two girls Harriett and Frances with their increase which are to be sold and equally divided between them when the youngest child comes of age. 6<sup>th</sup> The children are to be boarded and clothed and Educated out of my wife's part of the Estate; the negroes that I have given to my children are also to be raised out of my wife's Estate and are to work on her farm without hire until the oldest child becomes of age after which time they are to be hired and the oldest hold the money and account to the younger children without Interest as they become of age. 7<sup>th</sup> All the monies which my wife receives from my Estate is to be invested in a small piece of land for the benefit of the family. 8<sup>th</sup> Lastly I do constitute and appoint W<sup>m</sup> McPherson and J. M. McPherson my Executors of this my last will and Testament. In testimony where of I have set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1862

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of John Wharton  
L. L. Madden Reuben A Griffen

W. H. Graydon {L S}

#### [ Will of William H. Graydon Proven ]

(Will filed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct' 1863 & proven in common form)

South Carolina, Laurens District} Personally came before me L. L. Madden who deposes and swears that he saw W. H. Graydon Execute the foregoing instrument as and for his Last will & Testament and

that he together with John Wharton & Ruben A Griffen subscribed as witnesses to the same in the presence of Each other & in the presence of the Testator

L. L. Madden

Sworn before me 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct' AD 1863

W C Langston Ordinary Laurens District

#### Appraise Bill of the Estate of W Graydon dec'd

(Filed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov' 1863)

[The appraisement bill was not added up to a final sum. There were five slaves of the estate that were appraised:

1 negro girl	Margaret	\$ 2000
1 " boy	Jow [Joe]	1400
1 " "	Isaack	1200
1 " girl	Harriet	800
1 " "	Frances	400

These slaves and 124 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land at \$25/acre worth \$ 3118.75 were the major items of the appraisement bill, which was signed on October 31, 1863 by Asa Forgy W. T. Smith and Nathan Davis.]

#### Sale Bill & Rep' of Widow of W<sup>m</sup> Graydon dec'd

(Filed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov' 1863)

[Buyers at the Sale were the following named persons:

George F. Andrews	Glenn Wells	M. G. Berry	A.C. Jones
M. McPherson	J. Davenport	H.H. Young	F. A. Conner
S. E. Graydon	W. T. Smith	D A Richardson	A. Forgy
J Puckett	F. J. Ellis	W <sup>m</sup> McPherson	
Persons owing notes and accounts due the Estate:			
R. A. Griffen	A. W. Anderson	A. T. Anderson	J. W Lomax
W <sup>m</sup> Moore	John W. Golding	M. Todd	B. L. Owings
J. J. Golding			

The widow was reserved the five slaves and 93 acres of land (at \$32.50 per acre, in Confederate money).

[Her receipt:]

Received of W<sup>m</sup> McPherson Executor of W<sup>m</sup> Graydon dec'd the above named artikels November the 25 1863

Test Lucinda Hodges

Sarah X Graydon  
mark

#### Final Settlement

[The annual returns and final settlement do not yield any genealogical information, and they will be omitted here.]

#### Laurens County

Laurens District, SC, Probate Court, Box 115, Pk'ge 15, Estate of **Permelia Graydon**, deceased (1853), **S. E. Graydon**, Adm'r

#### Petition for Administration

Ex Parte S. E. Graydon C. P. Sullivan atty for petitioner Filed Feb 1853

Laurens District, South Carolina} In the Court of Ordinary The Petition of **Stirling Graydon** shows that his mother Mrs Permelia Graydon lately departed this life intestate in the state of Georgia, that

she was entitled to a certain fund in the hands of the commissioner in Equity of said district arising from the claim of dower in the real estate of **her husband John Graydon** dec'd which has been allowed by the court of Equity and that no administration has been taken out on the estate of the said **Permella Graydon** dec'd, which it is necessary, should be done to obtain said fund.

Therefore your petitioner prays that the premises may be considered and that letters of administration may be granted him on the estate of the said **Permella Graydon** dec'd. And your petitioner will ever pray etc

C. P. Sullivan atty for petitioner

#### Administration Bond

State of South Carolina, Laurens District} KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we S. E. Graydon &

**Sterling Graydon Sen'** are holden and firmly bound unto **W. D. Watts**, Esquire, Ordinary for the District of Laurens in the full and just sum of one thousand dollars ... 12 day of Feby in the year of our Lord, **One thousand eight hundred and fifty three.**

[These were all the documents in this estate file.]

#### LAURENS COUNTY

Laurens District, SC, Probate Court, Box 112, Pk'ge 18, Estate of **James McPherson**, Deceased (1851), **Noah & W<sup>m</sup> McPherson**, Administrators

#### Petition for Administration of the Estate of James McPherson dec'd

South Carolina, Laurens District} To **W. D. Watts** Ordinary of said district. The petition of **William McPherson & Noah McPherson** sheweth that **James McPherson** late of said district recently died intestate & prays that you cite the kindred and creditors to appear before you in order that Administration may be had on said estate they will pray etc **11 Oct 1851**

**William McPherson**

**Menoah McPherson**

#### Administration Bond on Estate of James McPherson

South Carolina, Laurens District} Know all men by thes Presents, That we **William McPherson**, **Menoah McPherson** **William F. Henderson** & **Asa Forgey** are holden and firmly bound unto **William D. Watts**, Esquire, Ordinary for for the District of Laurens in the full and just sum of **ten thousand dollars** ... Sealed with our seals and dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of **November** in the year of our Lord **one thousand eight hundred and fifty one** ... [signed by] **William McPherson** **Manoah Mcpherson** **Asa Forgey**

#### Petition and Sale of Estate of James McPherson (Filed 1 Nov 1851)

[Details omitted here.]

#### Praise Bill of James McPherson dec'd

[The total value of the appraisement bill was not given in a final sum. The items of the appraisement are omitted here, except for the Negro slaves belonging to the estate. They were named and appraised as follows:]

Negro Boy	Sam	\$400
Negro girl	Philis & youngest child	600
Negro girl	Amy	500
Negro girl	Milly & child	600
Negro girl	Margaret	650
Negro girl	Mandy	550

Negro Boy	Jow	600
Negro Boy	Geo	525
Negro girl	Choyce	425
Negro girl	Hanah	350
Negro Boy	Tom	250
Negro Boy	Austin	200

This is to certify that the above appraisement bill is a true one of the property **James McPherson** dec'd as exhibited to us by **W<sup>m</sup>** and **Manoah McPherson** **This 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 1851**  
[by appraisers] **D. L. Williams** **Moses Hill** **Asa Forgey**

#### Sail Bill of the Goods and Chattels of James McPherson

[The names of the buyers at the sale were the following:]

<b>W<sup>m</sup> McPherson</b>	<b>Manoah McPherson</b>	<b>Moses Hill</b>	<b>John Forgey</b>
<b>Isac Burgess</b>	<b>Wesley Washington</b>	<b>E. G. Nelson</b>	<b>Asa Forgey</b>
<b>John Goding</b>	<b>John Davenport</b>	<b>L. K. Teague</b>	<b>J. W. Fuller</b>
<b>Josiah Burton</b>	<b>W<sup>m</sup> Henderson</b>	<b>Geo. Moore</b>	<b>J. Sims</b>
<b>John Smith</b>	<b>Masten Henderson</b>	<b>Travis Elmore</b>	<b>Joel Shirley</b>
<b>Jacson Hayes</b>	<b>Madison McPherson</b>	<b>W<sup>m</sup> Findley</b>	<b>C. Smith</b>
<b>Clement Weells</b>	<b>Elihue McPherson</b>	<b>Reuben Griffin</b>	<b>Z. Burgess</b>
<b>H.L. Henderson</b>	<b>Miss Sarah McPherson (bought Negro girl Margaret for \$801)</b>		

#### [Distributees of James McPherson]

[Each of the seven distributees of **James McPherson** was due \$1647.77 from the residue of his estate on January 1, 1853, one of whom was named as **Miss Sarah McPherson**. After deductions and adjustments, the genealogically rich final distribution, made on January 25, 1854, was rendered as follows:]

Share of	<b>E G Nelson and wife</b>	<b>\$ 122.40</b>
Share of	<b>L. K. Teague and wife</b>	<b>428.47</b>
Share of	<b>Madison McPherson</b>	<b>467.86</b>
Share of	<b>Elihue McPherson</b>	<b>422.85</b>
Share of	<b>Sally McPherson</b>	<b>906.48</b>
Share of	<b>Manoah McPherson</b>	<b>181.06</b>
Share of	<b>William McPherson</b>	<b>121.08</b>

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#### OBITUARY OF MRS. REBECCA VERNER OF PICKENS DISTRICT

Source: *Kenawee Courier*, July 7, 1849, p. 3, col. 2.

DIED in Pickens District, June 30th, after an illness of several months, **Mrs. REBECCA VERNER**, age 75. The subject of this notice was born in Pennsylvania, and after residing a few years in Iredell, N.C., removed to this State in 1792. She was married to **John Verner, Esq.**, the next year, having been his consort 56 years. Her chief characteristic was conscientiousness. The first question with her was not, what will others think of this conduct? but will my conscience approve? Having led the life of a consistent christian, at its close she witnessed a good confession. A week before her death the words,

"Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you," she said ran through her mind all day. A day or two after, when suffering much, she said, "It is a hard thing to die, but death has no terrors to me; Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows feel." She is added to that cloud of witnesses, which, in every age, have borne their testimony to truth and piety. That evidence which the Saviour often gives, that He is about to receive the dying sufferer into mansions of eternal rest, was satisfactory in this case. Heaven often,

"Owns her friends  
On this side of death, and points them out to men;  
A lecture silent but of sovereign pow'r;  
To vice confusion, and to virtue peace."  
J.B.H.

### 1907 SPARTANBURG DAILY HERALD NEWSPAPER ITEMS

Contributed by Lynn Hicks Sellers, 302 Mt. Zion Road, Spartanburg, SC 29303.  
(Continued from the February 2002 issue).

Contributor's Note: No issues were found for January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.  
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#### Presents Books to School

Mr. H. E. Ravenel has made Converse Street High School a present of a set of books, literature of all nations in 12 volumes. Mr. Ravenel has shown his interest in schools several times by giving books that will be of use for reference.

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#### Bishop Duncan Ill

Bishop W. W. Duncan is ill at his home on N. Church Street. For some time the Bishop has not been in the best of health and has been confined to bed the past few days.

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#### News of the City

Misses Irice and Mary Gentry have returned home after a visit with their uncle in Fairforest. T. R. Butler of Gaffney was in the city attending court.  
Miss Titzah Hughes of Pickens is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Davis on Charles Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Carpenter of Landrum was in the city.  
Miss Beulah Saxon returned home yesterday after a visit with relatives in Laurens and Fountain Inn.  
Miss Hattie Vernon was in the city yesterday. She is from Wellford.  
Captain J. W. Benson of Wellford was in the city yesterday.  
Mr. O. L. Moore of Wellford was in the city.  
Mrs. Maude Carver of Charleston was in the city yesterday enroute to Wellford to visit her mother, Mrs. Oscar Ballenger.  
Miss Blanche O'Shields is visiting at Glenn Springs.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and children of Reidville are visiting Mr. W. T. Miller.  
Mrs. J. M. O'Shields of Glenn Springs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennings in the city.

#### Trimmer Land Sale Brought Many Bidders

The sale of the Trimmer Land was held yesterday at the court house immediately after the Master's Sale. This sale consisted of 100 lots in Spartanburg. The sale however was not completed and the lots not sold will be put on sale Monday at 11:00 o'clock at the court house. The real estate men were much in evidence at the sale and they bought a good supply of this property. When these men buy it usually is a sign of a bargain and there is some money made out of it. Horace L. Bomar was the attorney with B. W. Getsinger auctioneer. The following lots sold, the buyer and the price paid for each are as follows:

Lot #18, J. T. Willard, \$105.00; #20, J. W. Alexander, \$55.00; #21, J. W. Alexander, \$75.00; #22, J. W. Alexander \$86.00; #24, J. P. Stevens, \$160.00; #27, Dr. M. O. Rowland, \$126.00; #28, Dr. M. O. Rowland, \$86.00; #29, R. B. Bailey, \$98.00; #30, E. C. Elmore, \$83.00; #31, E. C. Elmore, \$100.00; #32, Mrs. T. R. Trimmer, \$107.00; #33, Chris Linder, \$160.00; #34, J. E. Brown, \$61.00; #35, J. E. Brown \$59.00; #36, J. W. Alexander, \$90.00; #37, R. K. Carsen, \$50.00; #38, J. W. Alexander, \$90.00; #39, J. J. Gentry, \$100.00; #40, J. W. Alexander, \$98.00; #41, Mrs. T. R. Trimmer, \$90.00; #42, Mrs. T. R. Trimmer, \$65.00; #43, J. S. Turner, \$49.00; #44, J. J. Gentry, \$48.00; #45, J. J. Gentry, \$45.00; #46, J. W. Alexander, \$88.00; #47, J. T. Willard, \$122.00; #48, R. J. Gantt, \$415.00; #49, R. K. Carson, \$156.00; #50, J. W. Alexander, \$95.00; #51, J. W. Alexander, \$251.00; #52, G. W. Willis, \$1,655.00; #53, J. T. Willard, \$305.00; #54, J. W. Alexander, \$251.00; #55, J. W. Alexander, \$255.00; #56, Otto Zebel, \$200.00; #57, Otto Zebel, \$100.00; #58, J. T. Willard, \$100.00; #59, W. M. Smith, \$395.00; #60, I. A. Phifer, \$150.00; #61, I. A. Phifer, \$160.00; #62, J. L. Bomar, \$119.00; #63, H. L. Bomar, \$92.00; #64, H. L. Bomar, \$87.00; #65, H. L. Bomar, \$88.00; #66, Mrs. T. R. Trimmer, (no price given for this lot).

Contributor's Note: Looking at the plat shows these lots were in Saxon Mill village, now known as Saxon Heights. It is located behind the mill. Some of the streets now Saxon Heights are Judd Street, Cleveland Street, etc., and the area close to Methodist College, Textile Road and the area around the Salvation Army. Lots 18, 20-51 are all about the same size. Lots 56-60 were larger with lot 52 being 3.17 acres.

To be continued.

#### HANDBOOK OF ELIZA H. BARNETT BURROUGHS

Transcribed from the original by Edna Forrester Westmoreland in April 1978. At that time, the handbook belonged to Mary Lee Barnett Skinner, Eliza Barnett's niece.

[Contributor's comments: Eliza Helen Barnett was a daughter of Joseph Lee Barnett and Emily Campbell. She married Henry C. Burroughs on November 28, 1861. He was born in 1833 and died in the Civil War. Many years after Henry's death, Eliza H. Barnett Burroughs married H. B. Miles. Her tombstone in Bethel Cemetery in Woodruff reads: Eliza Helen Miles, Born February 23, 1838, Died March 20, 1882, daughter of J. L. and E. Barnett. "Blessed are they who put their trust in the Lord."]

#### [Old Remedy]

##### Black Bottle

1 qt Spirits	1 qt. Apple vinegar	1 lb. Brown Sugar
1 grasp pine twigs.	1 grasp star root	2 double hands full of nails
Put in a vessel- simmer 8 hours with a closed cover - down to a quart.		

Take a tablespoon full for an adult every morning 15 min. before eating.  
Eat no fat meat nor drink sweet milk during the time of taking it.

**[Death of Eliza's husband]**

Henry C. Boroughs died at Fort McHenry Baltimore May 17, 1865, age 32.  
His death was caused by a wound in leg at Farmville Va. by our merciless enemy,  
on April 9, 1865.

**Names of pupils taught up to September 15, 1876**

**By Eliza H. Burroughs**

Lucinda Lanford	Frances Holcomb	Permila Barnett
Frances Lanford	William Holcomb	Joseph Barnett
Benjamin Lanford	Richard Wood	Louie Barnett
Vandiver Lanford	Monroe Crow	Mahalie Barnett
Sallie Lanford	Barcinda Weathers	Hepsie Barnett
children of Elijah Lanford	Mary Weathers	Mitilda Waddell
Maggie Evins	Mittie Weathers	Texana Waddell
Mollie Evins	Thomas Weathers	Oliver Waddell
md. Vandy Lanford	Franklin Pearson	Wofford Stephens
Thomas Evins	Emmit Pearson	Warren Stephens
Josephine Chumley	Tabitha Pearson	Pernie Stephens
Smith Chumley	Tiny Pearson	Vickey Littlefield
Bennie Chumley	Electa Pearson	Willie Bell
Loucinda Castleberry	Johnny Houston	George Hughes
Mitchell Castleberry	Newton Houston	James Hughes
Mary Hanna	Sallie Kelly	Margaret Hughes
Pinkney Hanna	Harvey Kelly	Mattie Waddell
George Hanna	Jasper Kelly	Mary Drummond
Oliver Hanna	Margaret Taylor	Jeffie Drummond
Eddie Hanna	Nancy Taylor	Isabella Stroud
Pege Hanna	Perry Taylor	James Stroud
Willie Woodruff	Samuel Taylor	Oliver Stroud
Jerrivus Thomas	Maggie Taylor	Mary Couch
Aricho Thomas	Calvin Niton [Knighton]	Pernecia Couch
Elliot Pearson	Jimmie Niton	Caroline Chesney
Bunnie Pearson	Mary Cathcart	Jessie Bragg
Rebecca Casey	John F. Barnett	James Darwin
Joseph Casey	Carrie Roebuck	Fannie Drummond
Janie Chamblin	Thomas Roebuck	Lizzie Drummond
Dora Chamblin	Mary Roebuck	Hattie Drummond
Sallie Chamblin	Toby Roebuck	Eddie Gentry
Luther Beason	Minnie Henry	Janie Gentry
Mattie Beason	John Henry	Mary Roebuck
Lillie Drummond	George Todd	Sallie Brown
Jimmie Drummond	Luttie (Low) Todd	Luda Poole

Andrew Lanford	Louie Drummond	Rhette Crow
Jess Lanford	Corrie Page	Addie Wright
Lizzie Todd	Pinkney Page	Willie Wright
Lucinda Todd	Madison Page	Mattie Waddell
Avarilla Lanford	Mamie Meadows	Luther Waddell
Maggie Lanford	Willie Meadows	Russell Waddell
Amma Lanford	Thadeus Page	Buron Waddell
Effie Lanford	John Glaspie	Eller Waddell
Thomas Lanford	James Glaspie	Thomas Waddell
Benny Posey	Mercason Leatherwood	Thomas Lanford
Nettie Poole	Mary Page	William Lanford
Joseph Poole	Ora Moore	Memory Lanford
Sydney Brewton	Madison Dean	James Wilder
Alin Brewton	Thomas Dean	Willis Wilder
Annie Brewton	Ann Dean	Edgar Lanford
Carrie Poole	Armanda Boiter [or Biter]	Katie Stephens
Robert Poole	Ellie Boiter	Maggie Meadows
Minnie Poole	Mattie Calvert	Florence Mason
Edwin Poole	Florence Mason	Lillie Boiter
Laurence Alexander	Albert McAbee	John Skinner
John Alexander	Willie McAbee	Ella Skinner
Bennie Brown	Addie Casey	Benjamin Chesney
Mitchell Brown	Jeffie Lanford	Sarah Chesney
Fannie Bettis	Earl Lanford	Pauline Chesney
Rilla Lanford	Fannie Rhodes	Rhoda Chesney
Columbus Henderson	Annie Rhodes	

**School opened at R.C. Crows February 1880 - Teacher Liza H. Burroughs**

Pupils	Parent
Emma Crow	Robert C. Crow
Lee Crow	"
Rhett Crow	"
Arthur Crow	William Crow
Lizzie Barnett	W.H. Barnett
Corrie Poole	A.B. Poole
Susan Poole	"
John Pearson	F. Pearson
Nannie Pearson	"
Willie Pearson	"

**Free School opened at Antioch May 10, 1875 ended June 4, 1875**

**Teacher Eliza H. Burroughs**

Lizzie Barnett	Gennie Bagnel	Mary Betice [Bettis]
Joseph Barnett	Emma Crow	Pernecia Couch

Johnny Barnett	John Casey	Mary Hanna
Lillie Barnett	Sabra Casey	Della Hanna
Laurence Irby	Ida Montjoy	Eddie Hanna
Dunklin Irby	Rebecca Jones	Lizzie Terry
Memory Lanford	Sallie Rhodes	Lizzie Crow
Rilla Lanford	Rebecca Rhodes	Clifford Crow
Andrew Couch	Vianna Sherbert	Sally Kelly
Louisa Lanford	Gaston Couch	Sallie Crow
Corrie Page		

School commenced at Woodruff Feb. 18, 1877 at Woodruffs  
Teacher Eliza Barnett Burroughs

Pupils	Parents
Janie Chamblin	A.D. Chamblin
Sallie Chamblin	"
Dora Chamblin	"
Carrie Poole	A.B. Poole
Howard Bragg	W.P. Bragg
Corrie Roebuck	J.P. Roebuck
Thomas Roebuck	"
James Darwin	Elsie L. Darwin
Mary Roebuck	Benj. Roebuck
Toby Roebuck	"
Fannie Drummond	Ira Drummond
Lizzie Drummond	"
Luther Beason	B.L. Beason
Madison Pearson	H.D. Pearson

School Commenced at Woodruffs Feb. 18, 1877 - Eliza H. Burroughs

Rec'd of M.B. Davis \$5 in full of all demands to date  
W. Pink Bragg 1/2 cord of wood  
H.D. Poole Rec'd 15¢ on account  
Rec'd of Capt. Geo. Dean \$8.50 in full Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Rec'd 2 lb. Butter  
Pig \$2.00  
3 cups flour

In 1780 there were only 13 states and 3 million inhabitants  
Now in 1880 there are 38 growing states with a population of [      blank      ]  
Such are the increase in just 100 years.

Sufficient of Wealth  
And abundant health  
Long years of content  
And when life is spent  
A mansion with God in Glory  
Eliza H. Burroughs, 1865.

The Charleston Association was organized as the mother Association of South Carolina,  
October 21, 1751

The Bethel Association was organized in 1789 across on the same grounds that the Congaree's (Indians)  
occupied in 1803.

This association received by baptism 1411 in eleven years.

This and the Charleston Association were the only ones in South Carolina, Bethel comprising the whole  
upper part of the State of South Carolina.

It held its annual meeting with the Bethel church, better known by some as Woodruff's - Spartanburg,  
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#### ABSTRACTS FROM INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Transcribed by Betty Jean Foster Dill, 168 Bullington Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29306-6308.

(Note: The information given here was contributed by Joey Bishop, 1075 Rock Hill Church Rd. Inman,  
SC 29349. This submission does not include all the names appearing on the church rolls.)

Nine Columns are drawn across two pages. The columns are designated as Male (or Female) members;  
When Baptized; When Recd by Letter; When Dismissed by Letter; When Excluded; When Died; When  
Removed without Letter; When Restored; Total number.

Since only one, two or three columns contained data for each member, that data is copied here after  
each member's name.

#### March 8, 1879 - Male Members Names

Pages 2 and 3, across both pages.

T.N. Finch, recd by L. 28 July 1865,  
dismissed by L. Nov 12, 1881.  
William Gowan, Sr., baptized 30 July 1865,  
died Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1880. "Our Father has  
left us but The Lord giveth and the  
Lord taketh away bless the name of  
the Lord"

Simeon Gowan, baptized 13 Sept 1867  
W.J. West, baptized 13 Sept 1867  
J.S. Amos, recd by L. June 27, 1868,  
dismissed by L. Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1884.  
William Bridges, recd by L. July 29, 1868  
John C. Davis, baptized Sept 27, 1868

T.V. Gowan, baptized Sept 27, 1868  
J.B. Cartee, baptized Oct 28, 1868  
J.A. Gowan, baptized Nov 28, 1869  
Jas. W. Blanton, recd by L. Feby 24, 1872  
Wade H. Gowan, baptized Oct 27, 1872  
James E. Cothren baptized Oct 28, 1872  
Wm. Y. Ballenger, recd by L. Oct 25, 1873  
Wm. R. Burnett, baptized Sept 28, 1873  
C.M. Amos, recd by L. June 28, 1874,  
dismissed by L. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 188\_ (?)  
P.C. Floyd, baptized Aug 25, 1874,  
dismissed by L. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Benjamin Adair, recd by L. Jany 22, 1876,  
dismissed Dec the 10<sup>th</sup> 188\_ (?)

M.L. Bishop, recd by L. June 24, 1876  
 John O. Atkins, recd by L. Aug 31, 1876,  
 dismissed by L. July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1883.  
 Jas. H. Hines, baptized Sept 10, 1886  
 Enoch Lawrence, baptized Sept 10, 1886  
 Eddie J. Finch, baptized Sept 10, 1886  
 dismissed by L. Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1888(47).  
 M.(?) Bishop, restored Mar 24, 1877  
 H.M. Finch, restored Aug 22, 1877,  
 excluded July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1883.  
 J.K.P. Tinsley, baptized Sept 23, 1877  
 Wales P. Gowan, baptized Sept 23, 1877  
 Luther Atkins, baptized Sept 23, 1877  
 Jno. R. Ballenger, baptized Sept 23, 1877  
 Thos. R. Cothren, baptized Sept 23, 1877  
 Shadrach Ballenger, recd by L. Apr 13, 1878  
 W.F. Harrison, recd by L. June 8, 1878  
 Alfred Turner, excluded July 7<sup>th</sup> 1883,  
 restored June 8, 1878.  
 Wm. A. Ballenger, recd by L. July 13, 1878  
 E.L. Bishop, baptized Oct 13, 1878,  
 excluded May 13<sup>th</sup> 1884.  
 M.C. McAlister, baptized Oct 13, 1878,  
 excluded Feb 12, 1881.  
 Charley Lawrence, baptized Oct 13, 1878,  
 excluded June 12, 1884.  
 William Thompson, recd by L. Sept 10, 1872,  
 died Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Pages 4 & 5, across both pages.

Andrew Young, recd by L. —, 1879. Dead.  
 John F. Golight, recd by L. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 W.F. McAbee, restored July 12<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 Isaac Bishop, recd by L. Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 L.B. Belcher, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 J.B. Cothorn, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 John P. Holt, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 Simpson West, restored Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1879,  
 dismissed by L. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1882  
 John E., baptized Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 John Finch, baptized Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Osker Finch, baptized Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 James Stone, baptized Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Richard W. Gowan, baptized Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

William E. Gowan, baptized July 30<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 W.S.P. Gowan, baptized, (Oct?) 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 (Y.P.) Warran, baptized (Oct?) 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Jabez Ballinger, recd by L. Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 69(?)  
 J.L. Britton, baptized Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1879,  
 Ludy Cothran, recd by L. July (7<sup>th</sup>?), 1883,  
 dismissed Dec 13, 1884.  
 John Durham(?), baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883, dead  
 Nathan(?) Belcher, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883,  
 excluded  
 James Simmons, recd by L. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883  
 Cortez Tinsley, recd by L. Feb the 9<sup>th</sup> 1884,  
 excluded  
 W.F. Atkins, recd by L. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 1884  
 L.G. Balinger, recd by L. Ap 12<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 M.C. Tinsley [marked through]  
 Wm —, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1880,  
 dismissed by L. Dec 13, 1884.

Earl Rudisail, recd by L. May the 12<sup>th</sup> 1885  
 Thomas Page, recd by L. Aug the 9<sup>th</sup> 1885  
 J. Edie(?) Actkinson, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Madison Jackson Cook,  
 baptized Sept the 14<sup>th</sup> 1884.  
 Osker Leonidas Balinger, baptized Sept the  
 14<sup>th</sup> 1884, dis by L. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1889.  
 Andrew Ezell Tapp, baptized Sept 14, 1884  
 Costantine Ballenger, Lettered  
 James McAlister, excluded  
 J.T. Stedman, recd by L. April the 10, 1889  
 J.L. Wofford, recd by L. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1889,  
 dismissed by L.

**March 8, 1879 - Females Members Names**

Pages 8 and 9 across both pages

T.C. Finch, recd by L. July 28, 1865,  
 dismissed by L. Dec 13, 1884.  
 Sylvia Pope, recd by L. July 28, 1865  
 Harriet Martin, recd by L. July 28, 1865  
 Margaret E. Cothren, recd by L. July 28, 1865  
 Nancy N. Bishop, baptized July 30, 1865  
 Dulceny Bishop, baptized July 30, 1865  
 Elisabeth Stone, baptized Oct 15, 1865  
 Margaret Thompson, baptized Oct 15, 1865  
 Missouri Bishop, baptized Oct 15, 1865,  
 died Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1880.  
 Ellen Turner, baptized Oct 15, 1865  
 Nancy Bishop, baptized July 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.  
 [Bishop is written over another name  
 that may begin with "L." (Lawrence?)]  
 Rebecca Foster, baptized July 22, 1866,  
 dismissed by L. Feb the 10<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
 Altimisa Pope, baptized Aug 5, 1866  
 Margaret West, baptized Aug 5, 1866  
 Parisade Collins, baptized Aug 5, 1866  
 Frances Lawrence, baptized Aug 5, 1866;  
 died 1888.  
 S.C. Swatsel, baptized Oct 13, 1867  
 Mary Cothren, recd by L. June 27-1866  
 [Name and date marked through]

Sarah Gowan, baptized July 29, 1868  
 L.P. Floyd, baptized July 29, 1868,  
 dismissed by L. Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 18(73?)  
 Jane Bridges, recd by L. July 29, 1868  
 Priscilla Gowan, baptized Sept 27, 1868,  
 died March 14<sup>th</sup> 1883. "Our mother  
 has left us but Blessed are they who  
 like her Die in the Lord"  
 Nancy M. Gowan, recd by L. April 24, 1869  
 Catharine Ballenger, recd by L. April 24, 1869  
 Susan Squires, baptized Apr 25, 1869  
 Mary Amos, recd by L. June 27, 1868  
 Mary A. Cothren, baptized Apr 25, 1869  
 Frances C. Gowan, baptized Nov 28, 1869  
 Elisabeth A. Bishop, baptized Nov 28, 1869  
 Louisa Crawley, baptized Nov 28, 1869  
 Martha A. Britton, baptized Sept 30, 1870  
 Emeline F. Gowan, baptized Sept 30, 1870  
 Elisabeth Cartee, baptized Sept 30, 1870  
 Sarah J. McAbee, baptized Nov 27, 1870;  
 [died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1882 - not sure if this  
 death date is for Elizabeth Cartee or  
 Sarah J. McAbee]  
 Sarah J. Gowan, baptized Nov 27, 1870  
 M.E. Blanton, baptized Apr 28 1872  
 [Blanton is written over another name,  
 may be Cothan]

D.P. Dill, baptized Apr 28, 1870,  
dismissed by L Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1884  
D.C. Gowan, baptized Nov 23, 1872.

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N.E. Gowan, baptized Nov 23, 1872  
Matilda Ballenger, recd by L Oct 25, 1873  
Martha A. Davis, baptized Sept 28, 1873  
Nettie Burnett, baptized Sept 28, 1873  
Maiden West, baptized Sept 28, 1873  
M.E. Amos, recd by L June 28, 1874,  
dismissed by L Nov (1884? faded)  
Mary Cothran, baptized Aug 25, 1874,  
dismissed by L Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Marth Adair, recd by L Jan 23, 1875  
Nancy Bush, restored July 24, 1875  
Sarah Hammett, recd by L Oct 23, 1875,  
Died Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Sylvia Hammett, recd by L Oct 23, 1875  
Nancy Adair, recd by L Jan 22, 1876,  
(Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1881? faded)  
Mary A. Bishop, recd by L June 24, 1876  
Elizabeth Smith, recd by L June 24, 1876  
Altamira Cook, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Mary Amos, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876  
James Anna Lawrence, bapt. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Elender Ballenger, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876,  
(Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1881? faded)  
Priscilla Cothran, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Mary E. Bridges, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876,  
(very dim: Clay(?))  
M.J.D. Burnett, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876  
(very dim: Prince(?))  
Hannah L. Atkins, recd by L Sept 31<sup>st</sup> 1876  
Sarah L. Ballard, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876,  
Excluded Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1879  
C. ? Shields, baptized Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876,  
dismissed by L August 7<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Lucy Tapp, baptized Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Jane Loftis, recd by L Novr 25<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Elizabeth Loftis, recd by L Novr 25<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Mary C. Loftis, recd by L Novr 25<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Laura Solesbee, recd by L Novr 25<sup>th</sup> 1876

Sarah B. Hawkins, recd by L Feby. 24<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Elizabeth Tinsley, recd by L Feby. 24<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Caroline C. Stone, baptized Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1877,  
Died (Jan 31<sup>st</sup> — faded)  
Newton R. Gowan, baptized Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1877  
L.J. Tapp, baptised Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1877  
Frances Bishop, recd by L Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1877  
Mary E. Ballenger, baptized Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Nancy P. Bishop.  
Amanda Wofford, dismiss by L Decr 7<sup>th</sup> 1889  
M.C. Lawrence, recd by L May 11<sup>th</sup> 1878

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Susan A. Ballenger, recd by L July 13<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Eliza Brown, recd by L Feby 8<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Caroline Brown, recd by L Feby 8<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Joanna Thomson, recd by L Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Margaret Golightly, recd by L July 12<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Hariett J. Golightly.  
C.L. Gowan, excluded May 10<sup>th</sup> 1879,  
restored 12 June 1879  
Milly J. Davidson, recd by L Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Cansada Bishop, recd by L Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1879  
M.L. Cook, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Emmalissie Bridges, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Sarah E. Bishop, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
D.E. Tapp, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
N.E. Pope, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Nancy Moore, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Elizabeth Lawrence, baptized Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Lucinda Martin, recd by L Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Emily (J.?) West, recd by L Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Stacy A. Martin, recd by L June 12<sup>th</sup> 1880  
(elly?) Farr, baptized Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1881,  
dismissed Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1881.  
Elizabeth (Cook?), baptized Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Maggie Belcher, baptized Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Florence K. Finch, baptized Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1881,  
dismissed Dec 13, 1884,  
restored Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
Ida F. Bishop, baptized Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Jennie V. Gowan, baptized Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Alice R. Gowan, baptized Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Bithinia Cothran, recd by L Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1883

Mary Cothran, recd by L Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1883  
(Sallie?) Cothren, recd by L July 7<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Roey Bishop, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Mary Cothran, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883  
(Teney?) Cothren, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Barbry Simmons, baptized Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1883,  
dismissed 1888.  
(Ink Blot)\_h Page, recd by L August 27<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Martha Rudisail, recd by L May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1885  
Texana Page, recd by L Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1885  
Ezeann Baling, baptized Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Dead List

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1. Marinda Turner died Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1866
2. Mary Ann Gowan died [ blank ]
3. Eliza Ann McDowell died Jan 3<sup>d</sup> 187(5?)
4. Robert Squirs died Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1872
5. Charles Amos died Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1874
6. Jane McDowell died June 13<sup>th</sup> 1876
7. Angeline Stone Feby 13<sup>th</sup> 1868
8. Nasreth Burnett August 16<sup>th</sup> 1876
9. Clayborn Blanton died June 20<sup>th</sup> 1873
10. Joseph Stone died May 26<sup>th</sup> 1877
11. William Gowan died Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

12. Prissilla Gowan died Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1883
13. Missouriia Bishop died April 26, 1880
14. Sarah Hammett died Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1880
15. Elizabeth Cartee died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1882
16. Silvey Pope died [ blank ]
17. N.E. Gowan died Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1884
18. Caroline G. Stone died Jan the 31<sup>st</sup> 1885
19. Rebeca Foster died Feb the 10<sup>th</sup> 1885
20. Martha Rudisail Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1891
21. Emeline Cotheren [ blank ]

These names appear to be a not exact re-copy of the names beginning on page 2.  
[Does Lettered mean dismissed by Letter?]

Page 16 - Males Names

T.N. Finch  
Simeon Gowan  
C.M. Amos, Lettered Nov the 8<sup>th</sup> 1884  
W.H. Gowan, excluded  
E.J. Finch  
T.V. Gowan  
T. Gowan  
W.Y. Ballenger  
J. Amos, Lettered  
Wm Bridges  
J.C. Davis

J.B. Cartee  
J.A. Gowan  
J.E. Cothren  
W.R. Burnett  
M.I. Bishop, excluded  
J.H. Hines, Lettered  
E. Lawrence  
H.M. Bishop  
J.K. P. Tinsley  
Wales P. Gowan  
Luther Atkins, Lettered April 12<sup>th</sup> 1890  
John R. Baling

T.R. Cothren, Lettered Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1890  
 W.F. Harrison  
 W.A. Balinger  
 John F. Golightly, excluded Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1889.  
 W.F. McAbee  
 Isaac Bishop  
 J.B. Cothran  
 John Finch, Lettered  
 Osker Finch, Lettered  
 James Stone  
 R.W. Gowan  
 M.S.P. Gowan  
 P.P. Martin  
 J.B. (Jabez?) Balenger

#### Page 18 - Males Names

John Durham(?), dead  
 Nathan Belcher  
 James Simmons  
 Wm. Richards  
 M.C. Tinsley, excluded  
 W.F. Atkins  
 J.G. Balinger  
 Wm. Solesbee, Lettered  
 J.E. Atkinson  
 Constantine Balenger  
 M.J. Cook  
 Osbey Balinger  
 Andrew Tapp  
 James McAlister, Lettered  
 Henry Tapp  
 Thomas Page  
 Earl Rudisail  
 Samuel Clary (or Clay?)  
 Daniel S. Solesbee  
 John Lee Bishop  
 James H. Cothren  
 Nancy G-moor  
 Margaret An Amos  
 Fina Selma Ramsaur  
 Cassie Ann Bishop  
 (S.H.?) Cothren  
 James P. Pope  
 Iby(?) Bagwell

Marcus Soleby  
 John Dixson Stone

James Doren(?)  
 W.J. Hammett  
 Jefferson Seay, Lettered July the 10, 1887  
 R.G. Bishop  
 Richard Thomson  
 John Steadman  
 James F. Brown, restored  
 & Lettered Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1889

#### Page 20 - Names of Males - top of page

James W. Hendrix, by Letter Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Julius Martin, baptized Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 1889  
 J.W. Walden, baptized Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 1889  
 M.D. Dickey, Lettered Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 D.H. Fowler, recd by L, Jan 11, 1890.

#### Page 22 - Female names - An almost exact copy of names beginning on page 8, but has interesting additions and omissions when you compare the two lists.

T.C. Finch, recd by L July the 25<sup>th</sup> 1885  
 Harriet Martin, recd by L July the 25<sup>th</sup> 1885,  
 Died.  
 Margaret E. Cothran, recd by L July 25<sup>th</sup> 1885  
 Nancy N. Bishop, baptized July the 30<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 Dulceny Bishop, baptized July the 30<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 Elizabeth Stone, baptized Oct the 15<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 Margaret, baptized Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 Ellen Turner Thompson, baptized Oct the  
 15<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 Nancy Harvey [Is this the name that was  
 marked over with "Bishop" on page 8?]  
 Rebecca Foster, baptized July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865,  
 Dead.  
 Altimira Pope, baptized August the 5, 1866  
 Margaret West, baptized August the 5, 1866  
 Parisade Collins, baptized August the 5, 1866  
 Francis Lawrence, baptized Aug the 5, 1866  
 S.C. Swatsell, baptized Oct the 13, 1867,  
 married Steadman.  
 Sarah Gowan, baptized July the 29<sup>th</sup>, 1868  
 Jane Bridges, recd by L July the 29<sup>th</sup> 1868  
 Nancy M. Gowan, baptized Apr the 24<sup>th</sup> 1869

Catherine Balinger, baptized Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1869  
 Susan Squires, recd by L Apr the 25<sup>th</sup> 1869  
 Mary Amos  
 Mary A. Cothren  
 Francis C. Gowan  
 Elizabeth Bishop  
 Louisa Crawley  
 Martha A. Britton  
 Emeline F. Gowan  
 Sarah McAbee  
 Sarah J. Gowan  
 Matilda Balinger  
 D.C. Gowan  
 Martha Davis  
 Nettie Burnett  
 Maiden West  
 M.E. Amos, Lettered Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Mary Cothran  
 Martha Adair  
 Nancy M. Bush, excluded

#### Page 24 - Female Names

Silvey Thompson  
 Mary A. Bishop, Lettered Jan 11, 1890  
 Elizabeth Smith  
 Altimira Pope(?), [Cook in 1<sup>st</sup> List?]  
 James Anna Lawrence  
 Prissilla Cothran, Lettered Jan 11, 1890  
 Mary E. (Clay?)  
 M.J.D. Prince  
 Lucy Tapp, married Solesbee.  
 Jane Loftis  
 Elizabeth Loftis  
 Jane Solesbee  
 Sarah B. Hawkins  
 Elizabeth Tinsley  
 Caroline C. Stone, Died Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
 Newton R. Lewis, Lettered Jan 11, 1890,  
 [Gowan in 1<sup>st</sup> list?]  
 L.J. Solesbee [Tapp in 1<sup>st</sup> list?]  
 Francis Bishop  
 Mary E. Balenger  
 Nancy P. Bishop  
 M.C. Lawrence  
 Susan A. Balenger  
 Eliza Brown  
 Caroline Brown  
 Margaret J. Golightly  
 C.L. Gowan, married Wethers  
 Millie J. Davidson, Lettered Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 M.L. Cook  
 Emmaliese Bridges, married Belcher  
 Sarah E. Bishop  
 D.E. Tapp  
 N.E. Pope  
 Mary Moore  
 Elizabeth Cartee  
 Lucinda Martin  
 Emily J. West  
 Stacey Martin, excluded  
 Elizabeth Cook, married (Moore?)  
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#### Page 26 - Females Names

Maggie Belcher  
 F.K. Finch, [Florence K. on 1<sup>st</sup> list]  
 Ida F. Bishop, married Peace  
 U.V. King [Jimmie V. Gowan, 1<sup>st</sup> list?]  
 Alice R. Gowan  
 Bithenia Cothran  
 Rosey Bishop  
 Mary Cothran, excluded  
 Teney Cothran  
 Barbrey Simmons, Lettered  
 Christiana Ernest, Lettered Sept 13, 1890  
 Elzan Balenger  
 Emma J. Balinger  
 Marietta Allen, Lettered  
 Minie Gertrude Moore,  
 Lettered Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Genetta Ann Tapp, married Cothran  
 John Dixon Stone  
 Mary Etta Oglesbee  
 Elizabeth P. Gowan  
 Mary (E.D.?) Finch  
 Mary An Foster  
 Laura An Seay  
 A\_y L. Golightly  
 Anna J. Dickey, Lettered  
 Louvenia O. Swetsell, married Hatcher  
 Nancy C. Moor, Lettered Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Margret Ann Amos  
 Ema Salena Ramseur  
 Cassie Ann Bishop, Dead  
 Mary Catherine Doren  
 N.P. Hammett  
 Millie C. Stone, recd by L. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Malinda Bishop  
 M.G. Moore, Letter August 1889  
 J.A. McAbee, baptized Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 N.L. Walden, baptized Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 M.F. Cothorn, baptized Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Sarah Edwards, baptized Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1889  
 Laura V. Cooper, baptized Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1889

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### THREE POPE AND TURNER STONE WALLS REMOVED-ACCIDENTLY

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For years, Turner researchers have wrestled with the questions: Who is the real Elijah Turner, Junior? Who was the husband of sister Sylvia Pope? What happened to the original Stephen C. Turner? These have been considered minor stone walls in the history of the Elijah Turner family of old Spartanburg County. Minor, but irritating none the less.

As any family researcher knows, sometimes, a major breakthrough happens quite by accident. This usually happens when you are looking for something else. Suddenly a clue is discovered in a document that is totally unexpected and in a place it really shouldn't be, and a wall comes tumbling down. This happened recently to this researcher in one visit to Spartanburg Register of Deeds in March, 2002.

We were visiting that office hoping to find a deed that would tell us exactly when Allen Sarratt, Revolutionary Veteran, sold his land in Spartanburg District and moved to Tennessee. My reason was to see if by chance he took any Turners to Tennessee (Cocke County) with him (they are related). I had suspected Elijah Turner, Jr., may have gone there because there were two or three Elijah Turners in the Tennessee Census of 1850, but none that could be positively identified as our Elijah, Jr. I had given up on Cocke County, Tennessee because all the records were destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1876. There was also an Elijah Turner from S.C. in Coffee County Census of 1850.

The problem with Elijah Turner, Jr., is that there were two of them. One was born in Spartanburg District in 1822 and married Lucindia Humphries and moved to Cleveland County, N.C. He is often called Elijah, Jr., but is well documented as the son of Mathias Turner (Elijah, Senior's son). Yet there is an Elijah Turner mentioned in the will of Elijah Turner, Senior and there is a deed where Elijah Turner, Senior gave land to Elijah Turner, Jr., in January 1844, Deed Book Y, pages 385-386. Most researchers seemed to give up and just assume the one called Elijah Turner, Junior (son of Mathias) was somehow also Elijah, Junior (son of Elijah Turner) and listed the Elijah Jr., born in 1822 as Elijah Turner's son also, thinking there was some mix up in the records.

Bad assumption! Some of us were not convinced of this and have been looking for that proof that there were two young Elijah Turners, kinsmen, but with different parents. The mystery has now been solved, and quite by accident.

While searching for Clarence B. Turner (son of James Calvin Turner and Nancy Christmas Smith Turner Vinesett) we noticed in a deed from his mother, that the land she was selling him was part of a settlement of the estate of Elijah Turner, Jr. She had bought this land from Elijah Turner's widow, Cynthia Turner, Deed Book PP, page 648, which states "... a tract purchased and described, in a deed from Cynthia Turner to myself, dated the thirtieth(*sic*) day of June, A. D. 1863, as the lot of draw by Elijah Turner Jr, deceased, in the division of the estate of Elijah Turner, Sr. dec'd ... known by lands of Joseph Ellis, John M. Sarratt and others." This deed was signed by N. C. S. Vinesett on 14 Jan 1880. My heart skipped a beat! For I knew there was an Elijah Turner in 1850 who is listed in Coffee County, Tennessee Census whose wife was named Cynthia! Could it be? Yes! In the very next deed, Book PP page 649, was final proof. Cynthia Turner to N. C. S. Turner, 19 June 1863 ... between Cynthia Turner of the County of Coffee, Tennessee, \$472.73 lawful Confederate States money for a "... certain parcel of land lying ... in the District of Spartanburg ... and which is known as the lot of land drawn by Elijah Turner, Jr., deceased, in the division of the estate of Elijah Turner, Sen'r deceased ...". The deed was for 63 acres and it was dated 13 June 1863. Witnesses were M. M. Glover, R. E. Porter. John Turner

Executor. [Note: John Turner was Elijah Turner, Senior's oldest son. R. E. Porter was the clerk of Buffalo Baptist Church who reconstructed the records of that church in 1860.]

This stone wall was finally broken. Currently, research is under way in Coffee County records to find more about the real Elijah Turner, Jr., born ca. 1813. Meanwhile, the other Elijah Turner (sometimes called Jr.) can now be properly placed as son of Mathias Turner and grandson of Elijah Turner, Senior.

The second stone wall was the name of the husband of Sylvia Turner Pope (Elijah Turner, Senior's daughter). For years many have guessed he was Elijah Pope but no dependable proof had been found. We knew a lot about her sister Mitilda and her husband Carter Pope but nothing about Sylvia's husband. We were not really sure of the names of their children. There are enticing hints in the census of 1850, etc., but no husband is named. Our search began by looking for Pope deeds, trying to determine for sure where the Pope land holding were located. It turned out the land was located for the most part on Birds Creek. One deed mentioned David Pope. Sylvia had a son in the census named David Pope, so we looked for David Pope and others. Only two deeds were located on David Pope, Deed Book P, page 399, for 300 acres, 1804. Well, this person was too old to be Sylvia's son David. But, wait, family tradition is that her husband was much older than she [by about 18 years as it turns out] so this David Pope could be her husband, but where is the proof? The next deed that mentions David Pope was in 1878 when Sylvia turned her estate over to her son Elijah to care for her during her natural life... property from the estate of David Pope on Birds Creek... a child's part... 64 acres... signed 6 Dec 1878. Child's part? What did this mean? She was not David Pope's child! She was Elijah Turner's child! Confusion. Moving on, we began looking at Elijah Pope's deeds and noticed he was buying land and interests of other Pops and kin who has an interest in David Pope's estate (five or six of these deeds). We began looking at these buy-out deeds between Elijah Pope and the other heirs, looking for a connection somewhere. At last, in Deed Book AAA, pages 166 to 171, is an instrument [written in 1869, recorded 1887] that really should be in the Probate Court records. In this is spelled out "... Now therefore Sylvia Pope, Widow of said David Pope deceased ..." Proof at last! And in a place one would normally never look—deeds. In this long deed, about five pages, she wanted to avoid the costs of probate court and divided her share of her husband David Pope among the heirs and heirs of their deceased children (she also had a son named David). And, so another stone wall tumbled down.

Buoyed by our success (good luck really) we returned to Spartanburg in April with a visit this time to the excellent county library. You guessed it. Another wall came down! Forever it seems the family had three Stephen Clanton Turners. The original Stephen (L. Allen Turner's son) had dates incorrectly entered by his name and we wanted to find out what really happened to him. His date of birth is listed in L. A. Turner's Bible but no date of death is entered. Why? And why can we find absolutely no records in deeds and estate records? You may have already guessed it—he left the state and moved to Arkansas. Thanks to the helpfulness of the staff in the Kennedy Room of the Library, we found a *Carolina Spartan* dated July 7, 1885 that told us what happened to the original Stephen C. Turner. On page 3 of that issue is his death notice. "Stephen Turner was born January 26, 1885(*sic*) [1835] on Thickety ... he went to the fertile field of Arkansas and grew up with the country ... he passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April last ... leaves a wife and four children ..." Another wall fell!

Obviously there is still much work left to do on all these families, but now we know who we are looking for and where they lived. We can, at last, correct the records on two of old Elijah Turner's children and a grandson and their families. And to think, most of this was by accident—or were they guiding us?

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## FROM CEDAR HILL TO APALACHE: TRACKING THE EVOLUTION OF A NAME

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Apalache was the home of one of the earliest textile mills on the county.<sup>1</sup> It was built in 1838 on the banks of the South Tyger River in a community that was called Cedar Hill. This mill changed hands in 1860 and became known as Wallace Factory after its new owner, Dr. P. Wallace.<sup>2</sup>

Michael Leonard states that is "likely" that the community retained the name Cedar Hill while the plant was called Wallace Factory.<sup>3</sup> The plant changed hands again in 1869 as it did again in 1880. At this point, its name was changed to Cedar Hill Factory,<sup>4</sup> which would seem to lend credence to the point that the name Cedar Hill was still in use.

In 1888, Mr. Leonard reports, "Arlington was adopted as the name." He then says that in 1921, the community and mill changed names to Apalache.<sup>5</sup> However, numerous references to Apalache—as well as variations on that name—can be found prior to 1921.

August Kohn's *Cotton Mills of South Carolina*, published in 1907, contains no reference to an Arlington Mill but does discuss Apalache Mills in Spartanburg County. *The Spartanburg Journal* newspaper published a list of mills in the county in its September 6, 1906 edition. It says that Apalache Mills was located in the area of Arlington Post Office. To narrow the date even further, the 1905 *Community and Business Directory* of South Carolina lists Apalache Mills as being in the Arlington community.

Interestingly enough, a June 9, 1906 *Spartanburg Herald* article tells of the drowning of a young mill employee named Palmer Leister about 20 miles from the City of Spartanburg, in a pond near "Appalachia."<sup>6</sup> This probably is a reference to Apalache. Perhaps the "original" version of the name was Appalachia which quickly became shortened to Apalache. Six months later, in December 1906, another *Spartanburg Herald* article refers to a nine year old child named Jasper Suddath being accidentally shot and killed "at Victor mills near Appalachie" by his brother, Alexander, aged seven.<sup>7</sup> By 1908, the spelling may have been standardized. *The Spartanburg Journal* on March 10, 1908 reported on the drowning of three "operatives in the Apalache mill." Augusta Keller, W. F. Bone, and a Mrs. Clark were the victims.<sup>8</sup>

Some suggest that Apalache is a combination of Appalachian and Apache, but this writer be-

<sup>1</sup>Leonard, Michael. *Our Heritage: A Community History of Spartanburg County, S. C.* Spartanburg: Spartanburg Herald-Journal, p. 76.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup>"White Man Drowned Near Appalachia." *Spartanburg Herald*, June 9, 1906, p. 8.

<sup>7</sup>"Little Boy Killed Accidentally by Older Brother." *Spartanburg Herald*, Dec. 13, 1906, p. 1.

<sup>8</sup>*Spartanburg Journal*, March 10, 1908, p. 4.

lieves that Apache is a red herring. If Upstate residents can make the proper noun "Cherokee" into a two syllable word, they can certainly shorten Appalachia from four syllables to three. One possibility for the origins of the Appalachia/Apalache name lies in the influx of Tar Heel mountaineers who came to the Upstate seeking work in the textile mills. The timing of this migration perfectly fits with the dates heretofore mentioned. There was a labor shortage between 1905 and 1907 that was severe enough to force Spartanburg County mills to send agents into the mountains of both North Carolina and Tennessee (*i. e.* the Appalachian Mountains) to procure labor. There must have been a strong need for workers as the agents advanced railroad fare to willing workers.<sup>9</sup>

The "new" railway line between Asheville and Spartanburg, completed shortly before the turn of the twentieth century, gave both mill agents and prospective employees a direct line between the industrial-barren mountains and the textile mill villages of the Upstate.<sup>10</sup>

Apalache mill's ownership was in flux between 1893 and around 1911, with a total of five changes in ownership during that time period. The Victor Monaghan Company bought the mill around 1911.<sup>11</sup> Fortunately, we know which enumeration district the mill village appears in for the 1900 and 1910 censuses. Comparing the birthplaces of this enumeration district's residences indicates more diversity among mill employees than their farming neighbors. Scanning the birthplaces of those who list their occupation as farmer provides a numbing view of one "South Carolina" listed as birthplace seemingly *ad infinitum*. (The appearance of an "Indiana" is startling.) A perfect example of this phenomena is found on page 1B of Enumeration District 80 in the 1900 census. Every single person on this page of farmers and laborers not only lists South Carolina as his or her birthplace but of each of their parents as well. By contrast, page 3B of the same enumeration district lists ten mill workers born in North Carolina, as were the parents, out of the 50 people on this particular page. So, perhaps the etymology of Apalache is not shrouded in as much mystery as was thought.

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### IN MEMORIAM

The Society wishes to extend our sympathy to Dr. James Louis ("Jim") Reid in the loss of his mother, Ruby Irene Coggins Reid (Oct. 21, 1915-May 17, 2002). Jim is an indispensable part of our editorial staff. We appreciate all he does and wish him and his family our best at this time of loss.

<sup>9</sup>Gavin Wright. *Old South, New South*. New York: Basic Books, Inc., p. 137

<sup>10</sup>Ronald D. Eller. *Miners, Millhands and Mountaineers*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, p. 101

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