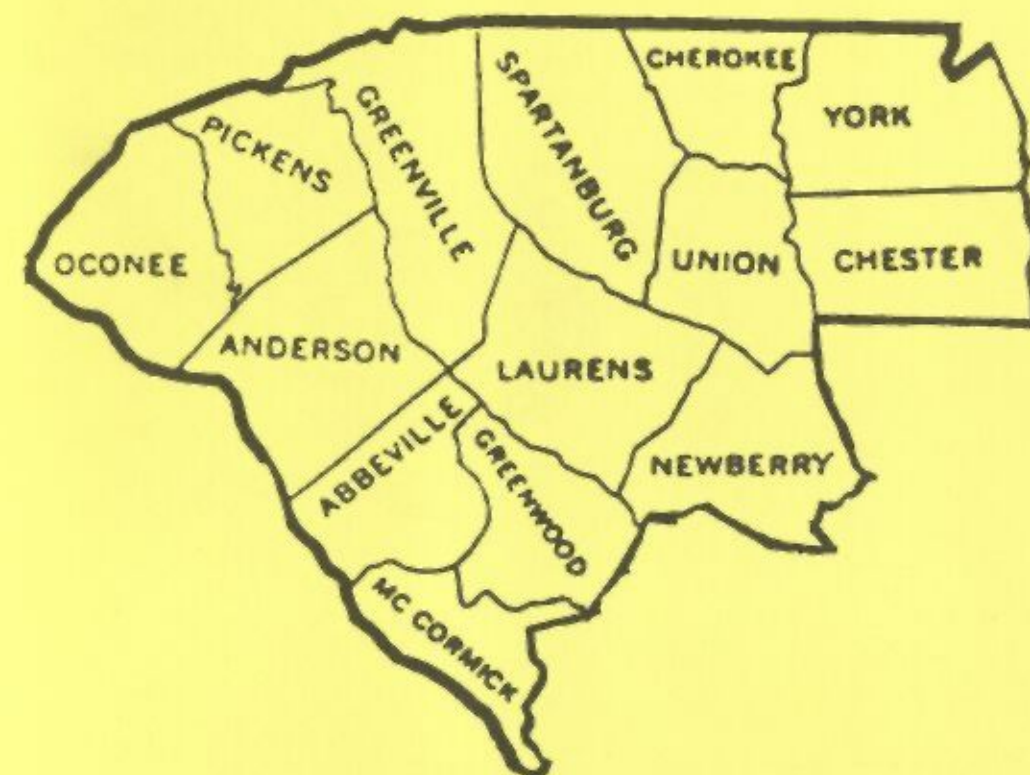


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## FROM THE EDITOR—IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!!!!!!

Dear Friends,

For well over 25 years, I have served Piedmont Historical Society in a number of offices including President and Editor of this publication. After having devoted numerous hours to the Society—more than I can count or any amount of money could compensate for—that it is time for a change. Therefore, at the last Board of Governors meeting I submitted my resignation as Editor of this quarterly effective upon the completion of this issue and as the only President the Society has had upon the election of officers which will take place at the Society's next meeting on 12 Feb. 2004.

Before I depart, I want to acknowledge a few people who have worked long and hard behind the scenes with no expectation of any reward except in the satisfaction of a job well done. First of all, my Mother (Faye G. Berry) has put up with more clutter and missed deadlines and late hours than anyone other than a mother would tolerate. Dr. James L. ("Jim") Reid has been a continual source of information, help, advice, and friendship. He never let me down when I needed a few extra pages to finish an issue. On numerous occasions, he has been known to provide more than a few pages. No matter how small or great his contribution, his work always reflected the best of genealogical research. For this kindness—as well as his caring friendship—I will remain eternally grateful to (and for) him. He is—and always will be—a scholar and gentleman. The late Tommy Joseph Vaughan—who died much too soon—was a helper, friend, and inspiration. I shall cherish his memory (and miss him) until the day I die. Betty Jean Foster Dill has always quickly and kindly provided information from her vast research collection. Rubye Harvey Smith (one of our charter and life members) has been a continual source of encouragement and insight. Over the past two years, Jim Savage has been not only a good source for materials but also a friend of the highest order. Marlene Taylor McAlister (another charter and life member) has, from this organization's inception, been a fertile fountain of ideas and suggestions. One of our life members, Helen B. Smith, of Evans, GA has been a true friend and encouragement in good times and in bad. Finally, all the Society's members both past and present for their many kindnesses, consideration, and patience with missed deadlines. You all (both as a group and individually) have been wonderful! **THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!**

As I said in the first paragraph, it is time for a change. I wish my successor well and hope the Society continues to grow and prosper. I feel that it is now appropriate for me to withdraw from active involvement in the Society's affairs and let the new leadership do things their own way. (Believe me, there is nothing more irritating to a new person than to continually be told that "That's not how John did it!") Good luck!

Joseph R. ("Joey") Gainey

## OUR LIFE MEMBERS

Early in the Society's history we offered life membership. The income from these membership allowed us to start our library collection and to publish several titles. In addition to these life memberships, on occasion, the Board has awarded life memberships to those who performed outstanding service to the Society. Each life member, whether by purchase or service, is entitled to receive their quarterlies for life. These life members have provided an outstanding service to our Society and deserve acknowledgement. Our living life members are Mamie G. Atkinson, Buddy M. Berry, Jr., Faye G. Berry, Bob Cartee, Lorene Fisher, Joseph R. Gainey, Marlene Taylor McAlister, Helen B. Smith, Rubye Harvey Smith, Polly Jane Statham, and Mary Zittouer. On behalf of the Society and myself, thank you for your services to the Society which have gone above and beyond the call of duty!!!!!!!!!!!!

J. R. G.



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# THE FAMILY RECORD OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHITE, FORMERLY OF UNION AND SPARTANBURG DISTRICTS

Contributed by Mike White <mike3113@hotmail.com>

Benjamin Franklin White, Sr.

Born: September 28, 1800, Union District, SC

Died: December 5, 1879, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga.

Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga

His parents: Robert White Sr. and Mildred Whitehead White

Married: December 30, 1825, Spartanburg District, SC

Thurza Melvina Golightly

Born: October 13, 1805, Spartanburg District, SC

Died September 2, 1878, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga.

Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga

Parents: David Golightly and Nancy Ogburn

Children:

1. William Decatur White  
Born: October 1826, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: March 30, 1901, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga  
Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga  
Married: December 4, 1852, Harris County, Ga.  
Wife: Lydia A. E. Street
2. David Patillo White  
Born: October 1828, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: October 1903, Texas (probably Cherokee Co.)  
Buried: prob. Cherokee Co., Texas (living there in 1900)  
Married: 1853/54 in Alabama or Texas  
Wife: Celeste Brown
3. Robert H. White  
Born: April 14, 1831, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: March 11, 1891, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga  
Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga  
Married: July 24, 1853, Spaulding County, Ga  
Wife: Mary L. (Mollie) Mann
4. Mary Caroline (Carrie) White  
Born: April 14, 1831, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died:  
Buried:  
Married: August 18, 1851, Harris County, Ga  
Husband: William E. Adair



5. Nancy (Nannie) Ogburn White Born: November 22, 1835, Spartanburg District, SC  
Died: February 5, 1924, Fulton County, Ga  
Buried: Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga  
Married: September 21, 1856, Harris County, Ga  
Husband: Theodore Henry Byrd (Bird)
6. Thurza Melvina (Malie) White Born: November 1842, Hamilton, Harris County, Ga  
Died: 1934  
Buried:  
Married: December 19, 1867, Harris County, Ga  
Husband: Wesley Brown Mann
7. Benjamin Franklin White Jr. Born: January 1, 1845, Hamilton, Harris County, Ga  
Died: January 8, 1921  
Buried:  
Married: October 17, 1872  
Wife: Anna (Annie) Seymore Cobb
8. James Landrum White Born: January 22, 1847, Hamilton, Harris County, Ga  
Died: March 8, 1925, DeKalb County, Ga  
Buried:  
Married: 1887, DeKalb County, Ga  
Wife: Mary Melinda Clark
9. Martha America White Born: November 10, 1848, Hamilton, Harris Co., Ga  
Died: July 3, 1936  
Buried:  
Married: 1871/72 DeKalb County, Ga  
Husband: Rev. Elijah Henry Clarke

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#### A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHITE

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Benjamin Franklin White was born September 28, 1800 in Union County, South Carolina. He was the twelfth and youngest child of Robert White, Sr. and his wife Mildred Whitehead White. (A family history of Robert White, Sr., with a thoroughly researched list of his children, was published by me in the April, 2003 issue of this *Quarterly*, to which the interested reader may refer.) He was a resident of Union and Spartanburg Districts from 1800 to 1842.

B. F. White was married to Thursa Melvina Golightly, of Spartanburg District, on December 30, 1825. (His pension application has the marriage date as December 23, 1823.) The family group of their children has been presented immediately above. B. F. White left Spartanburg District, SC in 1842, and removed to Harris County, Georgia. He and his family arrived in Harris County at least

by 1843, when records of his arrival can be found. Ben and Thursa lived there until just prior to 1870, then moved to DeKalb County GA. While in Harris County, B. F. served as County Clerk, newspaper editor, teacher of music, and Mayor of Hamilton. He was a Major in the local militia. He compiled, along with Eliha J. King, the song book *The Sacred Harp* in a four note "fa-sol-la" style of music. He is credited with organizing singing conventions that continue even today. B. F. White was a humble and modest person in the Christian tradition, never seeking to get rich, sharing his musical talents with others and mentor to many that followed in his footsteps. All his children remained in Georgia, at least until 1880, with the exception of David P. White, who moved to Alabama and Texas. All the children were involved in music themselves, some teachers, some musicians and were respected in their own right. This interest in music is said to have carried forward into later generations.

Perhaps the most remarkable event in the life of Benjamin Franklin White was his entry into the War of 1812 at the age of thirteen as a fifer in a militia unit raised in Union District. Although much was already known of B. F. White, only a little of his actual military service was known. Until recently, we had only family lore to verify his service to his country. I was fortunate to find his pension application (File SO-21964), which reveals many details about his service in the War of 1812. After the Act of February 14, 1871 was passed, allowing claims for War of 1812 veterans, B. F. filed a pension application several months after the Act. His pension request went on from 1871 to 1875, being finally rejected because he was considered a "Hired Civil Servant" instead of an enlistee. Personally, to this writer, an injustice was done. However, his pension file totaled 74 pages of dialog that includes letters from fellow soldier as witnesses to verify his service and character. There are also letters between the Interior Department and Court of Pensions to B. F.'s attorney.

I found the letters from B. F. White and the witnesses of particular interest, not only from a genealogical perspective, but also of historical value: an eye witness account of troops marching, places they served, and the British surrender at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina in 1814. I tried to imagine the mind of a 13 year old boy given the opportunity to serve his country, marching among regiments of soldier. One can clearly see events that shaped B. F. White's life later as a militia Captain in Spartanburg District and as a Major in the militia in Georgia; and most of all, one can see the musical experience gained from the daily military drills that he performed as the Regimental Fifer of Col. Hugh Means' 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment South Carolina Militia. We know from the 1840 Census that B. F. was listed as a Captain in the local Militia in Spartanburg District. An article in the *Columbus, Georgia Enquirer*, dated May 8, 1848, addressed B. F. as Major Benjamin F. White.

I will list here only a few details of B. F.'s enlistment and will point out some of the soldiers who were related to the White family. The full account of B. F.'s war experience will appear in his own words in the following contribution below.

One April morning 1813, in Union District South Carolina, B. F. and his friend, Billy "Drummer" Gault (as descendants have dubbed him) heard some activity down on the Tiger River in Union County. They discovered the Regiment of Col. (or General, by some) Hugh Means and Col. Dawkins camped along the river, not far from Ben's house. They were organizing 10 companies of Militia, to add to the Regiment, according to B. F. With the consent of his father, B. F. White volunteered to be the Regimental Fifer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment South Carolina Militia.

William (Billy) Gault, had signed up as the Regimental Drummer. Also enlisting that day were John Boatman, a descendant of Waterman Boatman, and Simon Murphy. I believe the latter to be the son of Mark Murphy, of Union County, South Carolina, and a descendant of Simon Murphy II (1732-1783). B. F. White was related to both the Murphys and Boatmans via the marriages between his sister



Susan to Sion Murphy, and brother William to Elizabeth Boatman. Enlistee John Boatman would have been a nephew of Elizabeth's. Two other fellow soldiers that B. F. served with, and came to know, were Jacob Roundtree (Rountree), and Samuel J. Irby. They were still living in 1871, and they wrote letters on behalf of B. F.'s pension application. These two fellow soldiers were somewhat older than he, in their late 70's, at the time they wrote the letters. These letters establish important information on the witnesses, giving their home residences and other circumstances.

To conclude, Major Benjamin Franklin White was a resident of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia at the time of his death on December 5, 1879. He is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. His tombstone is marked thus: Major BF White, Was Harris Co Clerk, and Mayor of Hamilton GA 1865. Was a Fifer in War of 1812, Major in Civil War, wrote a book still used today, "The Sacred Harp". His wife, Thursa Melvina Golightly White died September 2, 1878, and she is also buried at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. (Elias White, a brother of B. F. White, is my ancestor.)

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### PHOTOGRAPH OF HISTORICAL MARKER ERECTED FOR B. F. WHITE

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#### Monument for BF White

Located: The town Square  
Hamilton, Harris Co. GA.



### LETTERS FROM B.F. WHITE'S WAR OF 1812 PENSION APPLICATION

Contributed by Mike White <mike3113@hotmail.com>

Source: White, Benjamin - Musician, War of 1812 Pension File S0-21964, Col Dawkins Regt of SC Militia, National Archives (NARA)

The letters in this pension file may be divided into two groups, as follows:

#### Witness Letters:

(all three witnesses below in their late 70's at time of writing)

1. Postmaster (Decatur GA PO) Officially Validates 2 Character witnesses in his letter: Hiram J Williams PM - letter of Sep 27, 1871 - Elijah H Clarke, Joseph Pitts.
2. Samuel J Irby's letter of Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 1871 - Resident of Youngville, Fairfield District, SC.
3. John Boatman letter of Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 1872 - Resident of Okaloosa, Alabama (moving west)
4. Jacob Roundtree letter of Jan 10, 1873 Resident of Montevallo, Shelby Co., Alabama (John Boatman had stopped by to visit Jacob Rountree, who said he was going to Arkansas.)

#### B. F. White's Letters:

1. BF's letter of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1872 - to Attorney Col. H H Walker, account of his service
2. BF's letter of Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 1872 - to Attorney Col. H J Walker, account of his service
3. BF's letter of Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1872 - to Attorney Col. Walker (responding to rejected claim)
4. BF's letter of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1875 - to Attorney Col. H H Walker, appeal & account of service

[Editor's Note: The last letter in this list will be presented first since it is an account of Benjamin Franklin White's service in his own words. The other letters repeat some of the details, but each letter provides additional information. Words and punctuation not in the original are enclosed in brackets.]

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1875 B F White to Col. H H Walker (His enlistment, his officers, the march to Charleston, his eyewitness account of the British surrender at Fort Moultrie are discussed.)

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Atlanta Ga January 1<sup>st</sup> 1875

Col H. H. Walker Dear Sir

In response to yours of 17<sup>th</sup> ult. I beg leave to offer in detail in relation to the War of 12. about the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1812 the Union Dist. Battn was assembled on the Bank of Tigar River near my Fathers House. on the passage of the Soldiers Col E Dawkins and a man that was cald Col. Means (some cald him Genl. Means) cald at the house to close the consultation previously had to get me off with them, finally all parties agreed for me to volunteer as Regimental fifer, we then

went down to the River, the Battn was in line and we were requested to play them a salute along the line we the musicians, Means & Dawkins marched along the line from right to left & back. when starting Dawkins cried out, play the tune 'Jefferson & Liberty', we did so with many shouts from the line. we then moved over to Lawrence [Laurens] C. H. where we met with Maj. Fielders Battn, the captains I am not certain as to names, it appears to me there was Captains Guist, Rountree & Anderson in the Union Dist Battn, yet I being very small & young did not observe as I would now, and so long since I am subject to forget, it is possible that Means was the

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Col. elect, but took no command at any time yet in officers dress and active in counsel, Dawkins took the active command of the Regimt. we



camped at Lawrence [Laurens] C H and next day moved for Charleston. when we got near Columbia we were ordered into the city in anticipation of the approach of a British Fleet to attack the city. we remained there about 10 days. while in Columbia Col Duncan march[ed] in his Regt. I think from Newberry or Fairfield Dist. we left him there, when we got to Charleston we were shipped to an Island & little Fort Called Point Peter, where Capt Farrow took sick & Died. we remained there about 10 months, moved from there to Hadrells Point, remained several months, then we were moved to Fort Moultrie where we remained until peace was proclaimed to our Fort, I think Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1814. Dawkins [was] commanding all the time, though may have been Lieut. Col. Means. Dawkins, Fielder, the Drummer (Gault) & myself occupied the same Markee all the time. after the close Dawkins went to the Treasury, drew means to pay off with, paid the Drummer entire, paid me 25 Dollars to get home on. I arrived home January 8, 1815. Dawkins call'd a few days after & paid Father the balance 12 Dollars per month for 2 years and 8 months.

[Editor's Note: The remaining letters in the file now follow in chronological order:

Letter - Sep 27, 1871

State of Georgia, County of Dekalb

I Hiram J Williams, Post Master at Decatur

Do hereby Certify that I am personally acquainted with Elijah H Clarke and Joseph Pitts Witnesses proving Loyalty of Benjamin White a Survivor of the War of 1812 who is an applicant for Pension, and that said Witnesses above named are men of undoubted good Character for Truth and Veracity and that their Statements in the affidavit referred to are worthy of full faith and credit.

Given under my hand, and Official Signature on this 27 day of December 1871.

Signed: Hiram J Williams, PM

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The day that peace was declared was a exciting time. A long line of British vessels came up in about 200 yards of the NE corner of our Fort. our 84 lb cannon was ordered to land her ball about 200 yards a head of the front vessel. The cannon fired, the ships anchored & a white flag was hoisted from the front Vessel on which was written Peace in 3 places in large letters, the officers got on a yawl boat row[ed] to the Fort with a peace flag in hand, walked up in the walk way, was cordially met by our officers, the soldiery was thrown into close columns and a British officer read the welcome proclamation, we were called on for music in response and we played for them the tune Hail Columbia, and a common shout was from almost every voice. there our corner closed col[umns] if I have made any error it is unintentional, it is the best I can recollect. It is strange to me that the the name of as prominent a man as Dawkins should be left off of Record, there is an error in it some where. perhaps it may yet be found. this is all I think of now, yours very respectfully B. F. White

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Letter From Samuel J. Irby to B.F. White

Fairfield Dist. SC Youngville SC Dec 8, 1871

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Maj B F White Dear old conrade, your letter of Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is Recd directed to Lawrence CH [Laurens Court House] I was truly glad to hear from you for many years have passed without knowing where you was. the men who you inquire after to wit Z Cunningham, G McCool, Capt Farrow Maj Felder & my 3 Brothers are all Dead. I am the only one living that I know of who were in camps with us. I hereby certify to all whom it may concern that on the 4th day of April 1813 Col Dawkins Regmt left Lawrence C. H. for the camps in the British war. I was in Capt Farrows company, Major Felders Batt<sup>n</sup> the little

Boy known as Benja or Benjamin White was soon known as Fife Major, though under 13 years old he by consent of his parents volunteered at the special request of Col. Dawkins. known to no company in the Regt. his name not on any company Roll. [he]

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was identified only as Regimental fifer, he was always at his post and never had to be call'd on, arrived at Charleston Apr 25, 1813 and proceeded to point Peter, in a short time we were ordered to the fort called Hadrols Point and thence to Fort Moultrie where we remained until the proclamation of Peace. Col Dawkins paid his little fifer cash enough to carry him home 210 miles and in taking his Rect to show his Father on settlement, the little fifer signed his name Benj<sup>n</sup> F White in slanted fashion Dec 29 1814 I know him to be the same person with whom I served 21 months in actual service. signed: Saml J Irby

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this Dec 9, 1871

J M Dickison JP

NB the wages of the paid Benjamin was \$12.00 per month for nearly 22 months. S. J. I.

Letter from B F White to Col. H H Walker

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Atlanta GA July 11<sup>th</sup> 1872

Col H. H. Walker Dear Sir

Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> just recvd Contents noted in response I have to say that I am at a loss to answer, for it is the first time that the service of Col Elijah Dawkins in the war of 1812 has ever been questioned that I have ever heard of, true, I never have been certain whether he was Col. or Lieut. Col. and I know that [when?] he took the entire command of the Regiment there was a man call'd Col Means associating with the Regiment, but never took any command of the Regt. Major Daniel Felder was in command of one Battalion in

my immediate section Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Farrow commanded the company with whom I generally associated because they were my neighbors. I volunteered by consent of my

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Father under 13 years old, him & Col. Dawkins made the trade for my service at 12.00 per month I performed the service for the entire Regiment for each Battalion and for 10 Companies once every two days alternating, 5 Companies and our Battalion each day, so you see that my service was about ten times over that of any private soldier, my name was not known on any Company roll though mostly identified with my old associates in Capt Farrows Company and Major Felders Battalion. Col Dawkins paid me money enough to carry me home 210 miles and on his arrival paid my Father the balance of my service. I was known in camp as Benja or Benjamin White, was not known in my boyhood days by B F White though this was my name. Col Dawkins was a man 6 1/2 feet high firm & positive in his deportment, unusually beloved & obeyed, hoping this will be satisfactory

I am yours truly

Benj<sup>n</sup> F White

Col H H Walker

N.B. I return your copy letter

Letter from B F White to Col. H J Walker

Atlanta Ga Nov 20 1872

Col Walker

In reply to the request from Washington D. C. I state & certify that about 6 months before any regular organization in our section for the war of 1812 I volunteered to play the Fife for the various calls for enlistment, Drafting & volunteerage. W<sup>m</sup> Gault the Drummer, when 10 Companies was organized Col Dawkins called them together and on their assemblage he called on me to volunteer for the war. we went to see my Father, and he consented for me to go and not being susceptible of company enrollment, on account of my age, I



then volunteered as Regimental Fifer under the care & protection of my Col., promising to serve the Regiment, each Battalion and each company on their Drills Respectively. I had no knowledge of the value of my services until my return home, my Drummer told me he was getting 12 dollars per month and after my return I found my services was worth the same. I had been playing the Fife for a Teacher of Military Schools almost daily for about 8 months (Col James Ming) which gave me much practice, and love for it. In service I played for (on an average) 5 Drills per day, for about 20 months.

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I was dubbed with the Title Fife Maj' but [was] most familiarly known [as] little Benja the fifer. my name B F White was scarcely known in camp. the above is written in detail of the facts, circumstances and results of the occasion alluded to all of which is respectfully submitted.

B F White

Georgia, Fulton County

Came before me BF White who being sworn says that the verifying statement written and signed by him is true as therein stated.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto signed my official signature and affixed my seal this 21st day of November 1872

Alewine Pittman

Ordinary, Fulton County Georgia

NB Col Dawkins was in command of Union Dist. S.C. as Col at the time the Gov' ordered him to organize a Regiment for the war, he being a volunteer for the service.

B F White

#### Letter From John Boatman to B F White

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Okalona [Perry County] Alabama Decr 18, 1872

My old friend your letter reached me yesterday asking me some questions relative to the British War. I reply in haste, on the second day of April

1813 you volunteered as fifer by the consent of your father, you not yet 13 years old. William Gault also as drummer, I and Simon Murphy volunteered as soldiers the same day, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April we all left for Charleston till the proclamation of peace about the 28th of December 1814, we then come home together. these are the true answers of the questions you asked me, I am just preparing to move westward on my arrival home I will write you when I arrive. I am 78 years old, your true friend.

John Boatman

By request I state that Mr Boatman is entirely a reliable man.

F. B. Holliday J. P.

#### Letter from B F White to Col. Walker

Atlanta Ga Decr 23 1872

Col Walker Dear Sir

Your favour of the 16 July Received, I had written to an old comrade in the War of 1812 and on Saturday last I Received his reply, which I forward you. I regard the decision a very strange one, for I had wrote plainly that I volunteered and gave the reasons why and the circumstances connected with it. and as such I served through the war, and the pay was received as other soldiers. I forward you the letter of Mr. John Boatman, treat it as you think best.

yours truly

B F White

#### Letter From Jacob Rountree to B.F. White

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Montevallo [Shelby Co.], Alabama Jan 10, 1873

B F White Esqr

Dear friend your letter of Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> came to hand and I now respond. John Boatman moved through here last week for Ark. he told me he had written to you and enclosed a private note to tell you where I lived, now about the war, on the 2nd day of April 1813 a part of our Battalion marched down to Tigar River. you, Billy Gault, Simon Murphy, John Boatman and myself, went

up to your Fathers house to see him about you going to the war, as Fifer for the command. you told him you did not want to hire for it looked too much like a nigger and you might have to take nigger treatment, you rather be a volunteer, then you would be be treated as a soldier. the old man said all right. you, Gault, Boatman, & Murphy, all entered your names as volunteers. we all marched back to the crowd on the River and told it. you and Gault marched the line yonder and back, playing the the tune called Jefferson & Liberty and there was a common shout throughout the crowd. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April we started for Charleston.

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On our arrival in Charleston we were carried over to Point Peter, remained several months. then

we were carried to Hadral's Point and lastly to Fort Moultrie where we remained till peace was made Decr 28, 1814. while in service you & Gault performed your service from 5 to 7 times per day on drills and every night and morning played all round the camp the Reviellie & tattoo. Gault told me he got 12 dollars per month & thought it ought to have been 20 instead of 12, all this I write from positive recollection which is Respectfully submitted

your old Comrade

Jacob Rountree

Alabama, Shelby County} Came before me this day in person Jacob Rountree who being duly sworn States that the above letter is strickly true this January 11, 1873. John Little J. P.

#### SOME NEWBERRY COUNTY DEATHS IN 1878

Source: *The Newberry Herald*.

Issue of Wednesday, June 5, 1878, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Emma Davenport, near Saluda Old Town, died Saturday [June 1, 1878].

Mrs. Margaret Feagle died at her home near Pomaria, the 1st instant [June 1, 1878], in the 69th year of her age. Mrs. Feagle was the mother of nine children, one of them Mrs. U. B. White, and the grandmother of twenty-eight. She was buried at St. Paul's, of which Church she had long been a faithful member.

James Boozer, an aged colored man, who formerly belonged to Mr. Teague, died in town Thursday night [May 30, 1878].

Issue of Wednesday June 12, 1878, p. 3, col. 1

Mr. John Coate, a younger brother of Mr. Drayton N. Coate, died Sunday, 9th, [June 9, 1878], at Mr. J. C. Wilson's Lipscomb place on Mudlick, of Typhoid Pnuemonia, in the 24th year of his age. He leaves a widow, daughter of Mr. J. H. Dennis, and one child. He was buried Monday at Trinity Church.

Issue of Wednesday June 19, 1878, p. 3, col. 1.

Maj. Fred Boozer, an old citizen of this County, died at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Mrs Sula Wilson, near Trinity Chirch, on last Wenesday night [June 12, 1878]. He was about 72 years of age, and had been sick for some time with Typhoid fever.

Mr. James S. Spearman, Sr., of Silver Street, died Monday 17th [June 17, 1878], of Consumption. He was one of our best men, and his death is a great loss.

Issue of Wednesday July 10, 1878, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Russell, wife of Mr. J. S. Russell of Silver Street died Friday, the 5th [July 5, 1878].



**GREENVILLE COUNTY EQUITY COURT RECORDS, VOLUME "B" 1822-1869**  
(Continued from Volume XIV, Number 4, November 2000)

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Johns, Joseph <i>et al</i> vs Kezannah Pickett	Bill for Discivery and Relief	1824	8



Johns, Benjamin <i>et al</i> vs Kezannah Pickett	Bill for Discovery and Relief	1824	8
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#### FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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

#### SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Contributor's Note: The immediately preceding issue of this Quarterly (August 2003, p.135) contained the Will of William Buys (Buis, Buise), which was proven September 2, 1800 in Spartanburg District. He died possessed of 733 acres of land which he willed to his wife during her lifetime or widowhood. It now appears some of the estate papers of one **William Byars** were intermingled with the Buise estate papers, particularly the citation for the administration of the estate of William Byars in September, 1819. This contributor mistakenly assumed that the name Buis had morphed into the name Byars, and he included the Byars papers (with some reservations) as part of the Buis estate. This assumption was wrong. Some additional documents, presented below, reveal that the estate of William Buis was finally settled in 1832. It is interesting to note that the Probate Court judge confused the name Buis with the name Byers in his order to sell the personal estate.

Spartanburg District, SC, Probate Court, File No.474, Estate of William Buis, Dec'd (1800), Abraham Buis, Adm'r

#### Order for Sale of Personal Property of William Buis, June 11, 1832

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District) By W<sup>m</sup> Trimmier, Esq. Ordinary for the District aforesaid.  
WHEREAS Abram Byers Exor of the Goods and Chattels of William Byers deceased, has



petitioned the Court for Liberty to sell the personal property of said estate; and it appearing proper, upon due investigation, to grant the prayer of said petition:

THESE are therefore to permit and empower the said Abram Byers to expose to sale at public out-cry, on the fourteenth day of July next the property of said estate, which may come into his hands, to the highest bidder, on a credit of Eight months for all sums above two dollars, taking bond with security; for two dollars, and all sums under, cash on delivery, fifteen days previous notice to be given by public advertisement, and a return of the proceedings of said sale to be made by him to the Ordinary's Office aforesaid, within the time prescribed by law.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this Eleventh day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and of American Independence 56<sup>th</sup>

[L S] W<sup>m</sup> Trimmier O S D

#### Warrent of Appraisement in the Year 1832

[No warrent of appraisement was found in the estate paper of 1832.]

#### Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of William Buis, Dec'd, in the Year 1832

[No bill of appraisement was found in the estate papers of 1832.]

#### Bill of Sale of Estate of William Buis, Dec'd, in the Year 1832

14<sup>th</sup> July 1832 Sold as the property of William Buis Deceased the following property Viz

[Only the names of the buyers at the sale will be listed here. The estate sale brought \$27.12½.

Jonathon Buis Sen'r	Matthew Gore	William Buis Sen'r	Nathan Buis
Jonathon Buis Jun'r	Riley Buis	William Buis Jun'r	Nancy Buis
Nathaniel Tracy	Elizabeth Smith	Susannah Parker	Wm Little]

#### Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of William Buis in the Year 1800

Pursuant to an authority from the Ordinary of Spartanburgh District to us directed to value and appraise the Goods & Chattels of William Buis of said District late Deceased and an inventory made as follows [The individual items and their valuation will not be recorded here. The personal estate of William Buis was appraised in 1800 at \$432.50.]

Given under our hands this 24<sup>th</sup> of Oct' 1800 W<sup>m</sup> Thomson Wm Lipscomb A M Gray

Mr. Gabl Bumpass Ordinary

#### (Partial ?) Sale Bill of the Estate of William Buis, Dec'd, in the Year 1800

1 lot of corn 2 Bar[rels]	To Lee Deathridg	at \$3-06 ¼	\$6-12½
2 Do		at \$3-03	\$6-06
3 Do		at \$3-06 ¼	\$6-12½
4 Do		at \$3-09	\$6-18
400 bundles of fod[der]		at 76 - \$	
5 Lot 2 Barrels	To Henry Pettet	at \$3-10	\$6-20
3 doz oats	To Wm Buis (son of A)	at 17ct	\$0-57
420 bund fod	Do	at 60 ct	75
120 Bundles of fodder	To Wm Griffin	at .75 ct per 100	90

#### Annual Returns of Abraham Buis on the Estate of William Buis, Deceased

The Estate of William Buis in account with Abraham Buis, Executor

1800 2 <sup>d</sup> Sept	To Ordinaries fees	\$4.25
"	To " fees at court house	.31½
1818- 19& 20	To trouble[?] tending land	2.50
1829-30	To Receiving rent from several persons	4.00
1832	To Receiving Rent & other	1.50
"	To devission of corn & fodder 2 days	
	Do, 1 day	.75
"	To attending Court of Equity two days	2.00
"	To Attending to Sale of property & making return 2 days	2.00
"	To halling 8 barrels corn, cart & hors by 1½ days	\$1.50
		\$18.87½
1832	Received of W <sup>m</sup> Buis 1½ barrels corn 100 lbs cotton 100 bundles fodder	\$3.00
	" " W <sup>m</sup> Buis 8 barrels corn 200 bundles fodder	2.50
		16.00
		1.00
		\$22.50
		18.87½
		3.62½

(signed) Abraham Buis

#### SPARTANBURG COUNTY

The following document from the Spartanburg District Equity Court shows that the estate of William Buis was not settled until after the death of his wife Sarah in May of 1832. Only the bill of complaint is now in this Equity Court file. The answer by the defendants and any decrees or settlement by the Court have been misplaced or lost. However, an excellent copy of the entire will of William Buis is part of the file. The will is not reproduced again here.

Spartanburg District, SC, Equity Court, Box 15, Package 5, Abraham Buis vs Jonathan Buis et al (1843), Bill for Partition and Relief

South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} To the Honorable the Chancellors of said State Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honors your orator Abraham Buis in his own right & as next friend of the minor children of Elijah Buis dec'd that his father William Buis departed this life on the \_\_\_day of April 1800 leaving a large Real & Personal Estate--and a will duly Executed and admitted of Record containing the following provisions to wit. "I give and bequeath unto Sarah my wife all that 200 acres tract where I now live and will also 300 acres joining the old tract. Also 233 acres on the green River Road All



the above land I give unto my loving wife Sarah during her widowhood & if she marries then to be Equally divided between all my sons or at her death if she dont marry, or to be divided by my Executors at the time of her death or by her consent. These sons which is to have their equal share are John Buis, Elisha Buis, Noah Buis, Abraham Buis, Jonathan Buis, Lijah Buis, Enoch Buis & David Buis. Now be it remembered that Lijah Buis has had his part out of the the Green River tract which he is not to share with my other Sons out [of] that 233 acres. Now be it remembered that Jonathan Buis is to have his land whereon he now lives & Lijah Buis is take his part over the Spring branch and his courses appointed on this side of the branch. It is my desire that my wife have all the stock on my premises except the horse beast that my three youngest sons claim. It is my desire that my wife have all the household furniture as long as she remains my widow or till her death. It is my desire that my daughter Lida be maintained out of my estate as long as she lives & to live with her mother. It is my will that my grandson Jonathan Buis is to have five shillings and no more to be paid him by my Executors which I appoint my son John Buis and Abraham Buis my Executors, &c" Your orator qualified as Executor of said will had the property appraised and delivered it to his mother Sarah Buis, except one set of Saw mill saws [?] appraised at \$28 which Jonathan Buis received & agreed to account at the price at the general division of the estate—one silver watch appraised at \$20 which John Buis received & was to account for in the same manner, and one old mare appraised at \$6 which Elisha Buis in like manner received. John Buis one of the sons soon afterwards removed to the State of Georgia & died upward of twenty years since leaving Six children to wit. John Zachariah Ethel Tasewell Sally and Eliza who are all of age. Elisha Buis also moved to the State of Tennessee and did many years since leaving children who are minors. Your orator further sheweth unto your Honors that the widow departed this life the \_\_\_\_ day of May A.D. 1832 after using for her support & the support of her daughter Lida mostly the whole personal property left by his father leaving her said daughter with little except the lands out of which to make a subsistence. That she is old & helpless and an idiot and as no provision was made for her in the will only to live with her mother & be supported out of the estate your orator is unable to make the division of the land as he is authorized to do by the will without having his sister unprovided for which would be violation of the will. Your orator further sheweth that Enoch & Elisha Buis sold their share of the 300 acre tract of land to Elijah Buis who sold the three shares to David Buis that Jonathan & Enoch lived on the land the most of the time since the death of the Testator & have not paid rent but a few years when they paid a small amount to the widow. Your orator further sheweth unto your Honors that owing to the complicated situation of the estate and the changes that have taken place since the death of the the testator & [that] he is wholly unable to invoke to make a satisfactory division of the land without the aid of this Honorable court. He therefore prays that this court may grant him a writ of partition for the purpose of making a division of said several tracts of land according to Equity and justice, and that such sum of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of the said Lida Buis may be set apart for that purpose, that the persons who have enjoyed the use of the lands may be Required to account for the Rents & profits for such time as they have not accounted & that the advancement above Referred to may be taken into the calculation in order to make the division & such further & other Relief may be granted as your Honors shall deem agreeable to Equity & justice &c—

May it please your Honors to grant your orator the writ of Subpeona of this court requiring this Bill according to law & the Rules of this court.

And your orator as in duty bound will ever pray etc

Simpson Bobo Comp<sup>o</sup> Att<sup>o</sup>

[The date of this bill does appear in the file.]

## SPARTANBURG COUNTY

There is no doubt that the David Buis of the following records was a son of William Buis who died in 1800.

Spartanburg District, SC, Probate Court, File No. 684, Estate of David Buis, Dec'd, (1855), Martha Buis, Executrix

### Will of David Buice

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} Know all men by these presents that I David Buice, Senior of the Said State and District above, being old and approaching my end, but of Sound Mind and Memory, do make this my last will and testament in the name of God Amen; Viz, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Buice, and my four children John Ross Richard Buice, Sarah Buice, Tempy W. Buice, and James Russell Buice and all other Children that may hereafter be lawfully born of her to me, all the property hereafter named, First I give unto them my House and House Plantation, and all other Lands that I own adjoining thereto, being about 300 acres. I also give them my Household and Kitchen furniture excepting the bed that I got by my wife when I married her, which bed and furniture I give to her Daughter Polly Griffin, I likewise give to them all my Horses and Cattle and Hogs that I may die possessed of, then I also give unto my Said Wife and children, My Negro Woman Julia, and her children Synthia, Simantha, Ben and Ardeha, them and their increase; I also give unto them my Negro boy Spencer, until my youngest child becomes Sixteen years of age, then the boy Spencer to be given up to my first wifes children hereinafter directed, I also give unto my Said wife Martha and her children my wagon and Carriage, my two Saddles, and all the money notes and crops that I may have on hand at my death after paying my just debts, I give unto my first wifes children hereafter named the boy Spencer to be sold and Equally divided between them after my youngest child is Sixteen years old, (Viz) Henry Buice, Elisha Buice, David Buice, Joshua Buice, Patsy Dewberry, Elizabeth M. Ireland untill the Shares they have already received be Equal to the Share of my oldest Son William Buice has received, if not Sufficient to make them equal to my son William Buice, he must pay back to them untill the Shares be Equal to his, if the proceeds of the Sale of the boy Spencer be more than will make their Shares Equal to William Buices Share the ballance must be divided Equally among them including William Buice, NOW MY WILL IS that my wifes interest in all the property above named to her Shall only be during her lifetime or widowhood, and at her death or marriage to another to return to my children by her.

I do hereby appoint Dr. F. W. Littlejohn, and my wife Martha Buice, Executor and Executrix to this my last will and testament, in testimony whereof I hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Sixth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred fifty three

Test

Felix H Littlejohn

Sam<sup>l</sup> Littlejohn

Susan Littlejohn

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David X Buis {seal}

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Recorded in Will Book D Page 406 Box 9 Package 38, Recorded 19<sup>th</sup> January 1856 R. Bowden O.S.D.

### Petition to Prove the Will of David Buis in Solemn Form, October 19, 1854

State Of South Carolina, Spartanburg District}

To R Bowden Ordinary

the petition of Martha Buise, widow, sheweth that David Buise Dec'd left at his death a paper purporting to be his last will and Testament regularly Executed your petitioner therefore pray to be permitted to



have the same proved in due and solemn form of Law as the last Will and Testament of the said David Buise Dec<sup>d</sup> that **Henry Bise, Elisha Bise, David Bise, Joshua Bise, James Dewberry & Patsy his wife, W<sup>m</sup> Ireland & Masura** [Missouri] his wife reside without this State that **W<sup>m</sup> Buise, Tempy Buise & Sarah Buise** [reside] in the in District. Tempy & Sarah Buise are minors under the age of choice that the distributees as above be required to show cause if any why the said will should not be Entered of record as the last Will and Testament of David Buise Dec<sup>d</sup> in due and form of Law and your petition will ever pray &c this **19<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1854**  
 Test F H Littlejohn her  
 Martha X Buise  
 mark

**Excerpts From Testimony of Witnesses, January 19, 1855**

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} Application to prove will of David Buise Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Martha Buise widow vs W<sup>m</sup> Buise & others Jan'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

**Felix W Littlejohn** one of the subscribing witnesses to s<sup>d</sup> will appeared personally before the Court of Ordinary and after being duly qualified says ... that he regarded him [David Buise] of sound and disposed mind and fully competent to make & execute a will ... didn't know who wrote the will, he [David Buise] was an old man didn't know his age. A few days before Testators death he wanted to sell some property that was included in the will to make **his children in Georgia** equal to William Buise. ... was intimate with testator was frequently at his house. testator had married a second wife dont know how many children he had by last wife. thinks he had **seven by first wife**. dont know how much property he got by his second wife. thinks his will disposed of all his property. thinks the **negro boy Spencer** was over 24 years old. Testator [David Buise] died the **11<sup>th</sup> day of October** of last year [1854]

**Samuel Littlejohn**...[says] that he regarded him of sound mind & fully competent to make a will, never saw anything in testators conduct that showed any want or weakness of mind ...

**Susan Littlejohn** ... saith ... that she with the other subscribing witnesses subscribed her name as a witness [to the will] that she had no conversation with the him and dont recollect that he spoke in her presence except "howdy" She remained in the room but a minute or two that she was requested to come in by Samuel Littlejohn That testator remained at **her fathers house** about an hour ...

**A. W Tindall** sworn saith that he was acquainted with testator (the s<sup>d</sup> David Buise) was with him frequently & and at his house several times. had heard him talk strangely. thought him to be Influenced by persons he Liked ... been acquainted with him seventeen years. saw him frequently hauling ginger bread. saw him at his house Last May. testator didn't know him. when told who he was, recollected.

**Marcellis Buise** sworn says ... knew the old man very well. been to his house. Lived with him. thinks his wife had influence over him. this was in 1846 ... **Aunt Missouri** lived with him when he married his last wife ...

**T J Wilkins** sworn [says he] new Mr. Buise and wife when he saw them Never was at his house

**Abel Willis** sworn says he new Mr. Buise & family. thought the old man weak minded. had heard the old man make use of foolish Expressions at gatherings. thought it for the want of mind

**W<sup>m</sup> Bell** sworn says. been acquainted with with Testator a good while. thinks his mind growed weaker as he growed older. the last time he saw him he was weak every way

**Dr S Otterson** sworn. [says] That he had known Mr. Buise for the last 25 years. Lived near by him had three will written for him Mr McArthur wrote the last one ... that he regarded him (Testator) of sound mind & memory ...

**The Oath of Martha Buise as Executrix of the Will of David Buise, March 16, 1855**

I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true last will of the within named David Buise deceased, so far as I know or believe, that I will and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods & chattels will thereunto extend and the law charges me. and that I will make a true and peerfect inventory of all such goods and chattels. So help me God. **16 March 1855**  
 her  
 R Bowden Ordinary Martha X Buise  
 mark

**Notice to Appeal the Citation to Prove the Will of David Buise (no date)**

Martha Bise vs W<sup>m</sup> Bise & others} Citation to prove will--

- The Defendants give notice of appeal from the decision of the Ordinary in this case--
- 1<sup>st</sup> Because David Bise was incompetent to make disposition of his property by will from imbecility of mind
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Because the will made by David Bise was not his will having been procured by the undue influence of his wife & others
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Because the decision made of the Ordinary was against law & evidence

Bobo & Edwards Defts Atty

[The remaining documents of this probate file will not be entered here. This case reached the Court of Equity some two or three years later. The following document states the premises of the case at that time. Once again, only the the Bill of Complaint survives in the following Equity case. We are left to wonder how it was decided. ]

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY**

Spartanburg District, SC, Equity Court, Box 38, Package 12, **W<sup>m</sup> Buise et al vs Henry Turner et al** (1843), Bill for Discovery, Relief and Ne Exeat

State of South Carolina, Spartanburgh District} To the Honorable the Chancellors of said State  
 Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honors the complainants **W<sup>m</sup> Buise Henry Buise Elisha Buise David Buise Missouri Ireland Patsey Dubry [Duberry] & Sarah Buise & Tempy W Buise** minors who sue by their next friend **W<sup>m</sup> Buise**, that **David Buise** their father departed this life on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ A.D. 1854 having previously Executed his last will and Testament which has been admitted of record by the Ordinary of this District in which among other things he devises as follows Viz "*will my beloved wife Martha Buise & my four children John Ross Richard Buise Sarah Buise Tempy W Buise & James Russell Buise & all other children that may hereafter be born of her by me all the property hereinafter named. First I give unto them all my household & kitchen furniture Excepting the bed & furniture I got by my wife when I married her which bed and furniture I give to her daughter Polly Griffin. I likewise give to them all my horses and plantation tools of all Kinds Also all my stock of cattle & bogs that I may die possessed*"



of, then I give unto my said infant children my negro woman named Julia & her Children Cynthia Simantha Ben & Ardelia them and their increase. I also give unto them my negro boy named Spencer until my youngest child becomes sixteen years of age then the said boy Spencer to [be] given up to my first wifes children to be disposed of as herein after directed.

I also give unto my said wife Martha & her children my wagon & carriage my two saddles notes and crops that I may have at my death after paying my just debts—Now my will is my wifes interest in all the property above named to her shall only be during her lifetime or widowhood and at her death or marriage to return to my children by her” a copy of which is herewith filed & marked Exhibit A.

[Editor's Note: This exhibit A is not now in this Equity Court file.] The said David Buise in his will appointed F W Littlejohn & his wife Executors of said will. the wife alone qualified & and under took the Execution of the will. The complainants further sheweth your honors that the two sons of the last marriage John Ross Richard Buise & James Russell Buise died about the same time their father died the youngest surviving him only a few hours and the older died before him. **The younger would now be about eight years of age.** The complainants further shew unto your Honors that the Executrix and widow not long after the death of the Testator took unto her house a man of dissolute habits named **Tho<sup>s</sup> Vincent** who seemed to have full access to all the property & between them they were wasting [it] as your complainants are informed very rapidly until about two months ago she sold the negro named Spencer, the land, the crops, cattle, hogs, most of the furniture to one Henry Turner and all the negroes named in the will & two children of the woman born since the will given to the widow during life or widowhood to the said Henry Turner Fielding Turner Hezekiah Robbins & others to orators unknown who when discovered your complainants pray may be made parties to this Bill with proper law as to charge them, who combined together with the said Martha Buise to defraud your complainants out of their interest in said property and have actually removed the negroes except Spencer out of the State, and complainants are informed that Spencer is about to removed by the said Henry Turner who is about to leave the State. That the sum paid for the property is a mere trifle of very small amount, and the complainants are informed & believe the purpose of all the parties to this transaction is to deprive the parties in remedy? the complainants? of any chance ever to reach the property after their rights accrue by So moving them out of the jurisdiction of this court & concealing their place of abode That Fielding Turner one of the confederates in this desperate game to ruin your complainants left the State at the time the negroes aforesaid were carried away, that he received them on the way from this District toward the west from some person engaged in the enterprize & took them away or went away in company with them to some place to your complainants unknown and intends to remove in a few days out of the State That the widow Martha Buise with infant children in company with the said Thomas Vincent left the state about the time she sold the negroes aforesaid, and your complainants charge that the widow and Vincent became instruments in the hands of the confederates aforesaid to conceal the said property. All of which actings and doings are contrary to Equity and good conscience & tend to the manifest ruin of the complainants in the premises. In consideration whereof and inasmuch as your complainants are remediless in the premises at & by the courts of common law and can only gain relief in the Courts of Equity where matters of this kind [&c] the like Kind are properly relievable your complainants pray that the said Hezekiah Robbins Henry Turner & Fielding Turner be required to answer this Bill. That said H. Robbins state whether he had anything to do with the trade for the property above referred to or any part of it, and if So What he did whether he traded for any of it himself, if So what property he purchased & and how much he paid for or agreed to pay & where the negroes are who took them away when & where he saw them last who was associated with him

in the trade whether Henry Turner & Fielding Turner or either of them purchased the said negroes from him or any one else to his knowledge & who That Henry Turner & Fielding Turner answer the bill [&c] all the above questions or whether they or either of them Knew anything of the said negroes That Fielding Turner state what place he received the negroes aforesaid from whom he received them or how he got in company with them, where they are what he gave for them, or agreed to pay for them, where they were when he saw them last, and all he know about them. That Henry Turner state what he gave for the property he purchased how much property he did purchase how much corn cotton cattle hogs plantation tools wagons land &c how many negroes and which. That he state who was engaged with him with purchase of the property that has been carried out of the state above referred to, what interest he had in it, where it is, what Sum was to be given for the property & fully all he knows about the transaction

That your Honors may grant to your complainants the writ of Ne Exeat Regno of this court restraining the said Fielding & Henry Turner from leaving this State until they enter into Security for the production of said property at the termination of the life Estate & term of years that this court may make such order in the premises as will secure the rights of the parties under the will and such further & other relief as your Honors may deem agreeable to Equity & good conscience

May it please your Honors to grant to your complainants the writ of Subpoena of this honorable court to the said H Robbins F Turner & Henry Turner requiring them to answer this Bill according to the rules & practices of this court And your complainants as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Bobo Edwards & Carlisle Comp<sup>s</sup> Sol<sup>s</sup>

The State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} personally appeared before one of the complainants & made oath that the facts stated in this Bill are true as far as comes within his knowledge & the premises he believes to be true

W<sup>m</sup> Buise

T. Stobo Farrow C.E.S.D. Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

#### LETTER FROM PICKENS COUNTY

Source: *Keweenaw Courier*, issue of November 3, 1887, p. 1, col. 7

Gates, S. C. October 25, 1887

DEAR COURIER: The farmers in this section are about up with their harvesting. Pickens County was well represented at the Exposition in Atlanta. All were pleased with their trip. Mr. S. H. Gossett, of Easley, is now night operator at Harrison, Mississippi. May success attend him. President Cleveland will certainly be compelled to serve the United States four more years after the 4th of March, 1889, provided he lives.

Mr. Fletcher Smith, who lived near Cedar Rock, died on the 13th instant of typhoid fever. He was bitten by a rabid dog some time in September. Some think his death was caused by the dog bite.

Your correspondent was on his way to Easley the other day and met about twenty wagons with their covers on, and when he got to Easley he solved their mission, for some of the box cars were loaded with cabbage and marked to a firm in Atlanta, Ga, and several coops of chickens and a cage of 'possums were destined to the same firm.

Mrs. Field, wife of ex-Probate Judge W. G. Field, of this county, died at Pelzer, S. C., on the 17th instant of consumption. She was in her 43d year, and a member of the Baptist church 25 years.

Thomas Dillard, an aged citizen of this county, died on the 12th instant. He served for a number of years as a magistrate of Pickens District.

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# **OBITUARY OF MARCUS MOTES OF LAURENS DISTRICT**

Source: *The Highland Sentinel*, issue of June 30, 1843, p. 3, col. 1

Died of a lingering Consumption at the Martin Springs, Spartanburg District, S. C. on the 31st of May, 1843, Mr. MARCUS MOTES in the 34th year of his age. The deceased was born and raised in Laurens District, S. C., was a resident and merchant of Anderson Village. In November, 1840 he married Miss Elizabeth L., eldest daughter of Mr. Moses Dean of Anderson Dist., and in March after this union with this young lady, he was seized with the malady that has terminated his earthly career, never experiencing one well moment from the time he was first attacked. In the spring of '42 in company with his wife, he visited some relatives residing in upper part of Georgia and Alabama, in hopes that exercise and a change of climate might work a salutary influence on his declining state of health, and check the progress of the inveterate malady that was preying on his constitution. Realizing no advantage whatever from his travels and change of location, but constantly degenerating, he returned to Carolina evidently in a worse condition than when he departed for the West. After returning home, he resolved to test the efficacy of some of the Mineral waters of our State, which he did, without receiving the least apparent benefit.—He lingered on until May last, when he was advised to try the virtues of the Martin Springs in Spartanburg District, to which place he accordingly repaired, and in a few days after he arrived there, he resigned his spirit to Him who gave it. During the sickness of Mr. M. the ablest and most experienced of our Physicians, both regular-bred and Botanical, were consulted. But, so far were they from rendering him relief or causing the least mitigation in the type or character of his complaint, that their prescriptions invariably seemed to have the opposite tendency; which fact affords another convincing proof, to the many others who have gone before, that when consumption is once properly seated upon the vital functions of the constitution, its character is such that to extirpate it, the most consummate wisdom, energy and skill on the part of Physicians will be exerted in vain.

It is not the object or design on the part of the writer of this last tribute of respect, to enter into a lengthy and studied eulogium on the character and worth of the subject of this notice. Let it suffice to say, that the deceased needed only to be seen, to be respected, and to be known to be admired and beloved. He never made a public profession of religion, but was in every respect a moral man.—And judging from the strict integrity and honesty which he at all times manifested in his intercourse and dealings with his fellow men, his predominating love of virtue and religion, and besides the demonstrations which he gave in conversation a few moments before the vital spark left his body, of his entire resignation to death, and his peace and acceptance with his God, his relatives and friends may confidently indulge the pleasing hope that his soul has winged its flight to the sublime palaces above, and that it is now enjoying the realities of a glorious and happy eternity. Mr. M. was as tender and kind a husband as ever lived, a dutiful son, an affectionate brother, and a liberal, indulgent master. He has left a youthful and affectionate wife, an aged mother, brothers and sister, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his premature exit.

Also, in Laurens District, S. C., on the 13th of June, of inflammation of the brain, SARAH ELIZABETH, only child of Mr. Marcus and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Motes, aged 5 months and 11 days, leaving a heart-stricken mother already bowed down by grief, and many relatives lament its early departure.

We will not weep for thee, lost child  
We know that death's cold river is crossed,  
Mid Heavens fair fields and breezes mild,  
Thou dwellest though from us past.

Tune thy harp, and praise thy God,  
That thou wast early call'd away,  
And ne'er hast felt dark sorrow's rod,  
Young dweller in the Heavenly day. W.A.L.

# **A TOURIST'S VIEW OF CHESTER DISTRICT IN 1847**

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

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Tuesday, August 24, 1847, p. 2, col. 2

## **Correspondence of the Courier**

VILLAGE OF CHESTER, Aug. 29, 1847

On Monday last, at about 5 o'clock, P.M., I left Winnsborough, for this place, in the excellent stage "Good Intent", which had previously conveyed me, with all safety and comfort of a private carriage, from Columbia to Winnsborough. The stage, which usually plies between Winnsborough and Chester Court House, is a miserable hack, with only two seats, intended for no other purpose than to squeeze passengers into atomics, or dissolve them, in hot weather, "like Nioba, but not in tears", and to jolt them to death, in all state of the thermometer. Having ladies, however, in my charge, our worthy hosts, the Messrs GAMBLE, were readily induced to substitute the "Good Intent", for the miserable thing that boded so fearfully dislocated joints and broken bones. We accordingly went on our way and the "Good Intent" "kept the promise to the ear" and "broke it not to the hope." In the course of our journey, a drunken waggoner, with a four horse team, raised a shout behind us, and putting his nags to their speed, endeavored, like another Jehu, to drive furiously ahead of the stage, with no little danger of collision and at imminent peril of a break neck drive, on our part, had the stage horses been fractious. After several ineffectual charges, the hero of the road, reaching a part of it where he had greater verge and room for victorious effort, at length accomplished his purpose and shot ahead with the hot haste of SANTA ANNA, at Cerro Gordo, and with such paeon as may have become him, had he been Gen. SCOTT, entering in triumph the capital of the Montezumas. Without farther let, hinderance or molestation, (the rain having ceased, which poured on us in heavy showers most of the way), we pursued our journey and arrived at Youngsville, a Public House and Post Office, 12 miles from Winnsborough, about half past 7 o'clock, P.M. We had been warned, half jocularly, half seriously, by an acquaintance, that, at this place, we would encounter a greater murderer of sleep than MACBETH, in the shape of those worst of "all ills that flesh is heir to", and "ycelpt bed-bugs—that, in fact, we would have to be chained down to our beds to prevent us from being carried off bodily, by those pests of humanity. But, although, the land-lord and land-lady, with their family, were absent, we were regaled with a good and plentiful supper, and enjoyed even a luxurious experience of "tir'd nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." Between 3 and 4 o'clock, A.M., we were roused from the arms of Morpheus, to continue our journey, and, on descending to the hall, observed a fellow passenger, to whom the bug story or prediction had been narrated, presenting a most woe-be-gone physiognomy. He soon solved the riddle, by informing us that the matter had been no *bug-bear*, but a sad reality to him—that the enemy had first attacked and routed him from bed, then driven him from his refuge on the bare floor, and finally compelled him to evacuate the chamber, and asked the privilege of sitting up for the residue of the night.

We remained, waiting for more light, to re-commence our journey, until near 5 o'clock, A.M., when our driver, having kindly yielded to our claim for the further service of the "Good Intent", we were again comfortably on our way. At half-past 9 A.M., we arrived at this place, distant 16 miles from our last stage; and here encountered another adventure. Our driver, to whom we were prepared to make most grateful acknowledgements, for his having taken us in such a comfortable stage, to our destination, (we having only procured it as far as Youngsville,) carried us to KENNEDY'S Hotel and Stage Office, and there behaved in so rude a manner, as to excite female timidity and manly indignation. On being told that we desired to be conveyed to McAFEE'S Hotel in the lower part of the village, he interposed



objections and raised obstacles, stating that it was impossible to drive the stage down such a steep without peril to life, &c; but, on my insisting on our right to be conveyed and lodged where we pleased, he at length yielded, but rudely; declared that he cared not if he turned us over fifty times on the way. To this I replied "after such a declaration, you do so at your peril!" He then safely drove us to the desired Hotel, where we soon sat down, with appetites sharpened by the long delay, to a luxurious breakfast. I must do Mr. KENNEDY the justice to say, that he behaved very handsomely on the occasion—he proposed that someone should mount the box with the driver, and even offered to procure a carriage, if necessary, to convey us to our Hotel; and we would further add, that the rude spoken driver himself to be the one "whose bark is worse than his bite."

Bad as the road between Columbia and Winsborough, it was a very large percentage worse between the latter place and this; and it only increased my wonder how the cotton crop of Chester, York and Charlotte, can ever be got to the Columbia market in the winter season on such a road. An anecdote is told of a Chester farmer, who started in a rainy season, with a load of cotton for Columbia, wading through a quagmire, at almost every step. As he crept along his way, his horses become so fagged and worn out that, as in case of a ship at sea, he cast bag after bag away, thus resorting to *jetsam* and *flotsam*, in order to avoid *auger awak*, until there was but a single bale left, and that, on arrival at Columbia, he had to sell to pay his expenses while there, and to enable him to return home—his horses having consumed all their provender, and even their corn shock collars, on the lengthened and disastrous journey, and being fatigued and famished into sheer skeletons. This may be a caricature, or a too highly drawn picture, but its basis is sad and solemn truth. Frequently, I am told, the load of cotton is left on the road, and the farmer has to return for it in better weather, or with new appliances, and sometimes it never gets to Columbia at all.

The Village of Chester, commonly called Chesterville, or Chester Court House, is the seat of justice of Chester District. It occupies an elevated site, on the dividing ridge, between the waters of the Broad and Catawba Rivers, near the head of Sandy River, a tributary to Broad River. Its location is very handsome and picturesque—it being planted, a miniature Richmond, on two hills, with a deep valley intervening. These hills are called Village Hill and Red Hill, the former being the original site of the village, and the latter, taking its name from the red soil, with which it dyes the waters descending its side in rainy weather. The lofty, commanding and romantic position it enjoys has caused MILLS and SIMMS, *æquer passibus*, to liken it to a strong baronial fortress of feudal times. (MILLS curiously selecting an Irish castle as the original of his comparison, and noting the absence of "moated towers") as the point of contrast—and they both dubbed it a little San Marino, (an infinitesimal or homeopathic one indeed!), the impregnable home a republican, fearless and contented population. "The grounds around it slope, on all sides, in the manner of a glacis; the woods are cleared beyond the range of cannon shot." There is no doubt that it possesses a fine military position, but still it is overlooked by an adjacent height; and it requires some effort of the imagination to make it physically a San Marino, even in miniature, but it doubtless is well entitled to the appellation, morally and politically. The public buildings are a handsome Court House, perched on the summit of Village Hill, and placed centrally, as regards the old village, and in the middle of the main street; a commodious Gaol, in the out skirts, for involuntary lodgers; and the Chesterville Academy, beautifully located on Red Hill. The churches are Presbyterian, (Rev. Mr. FARR), a neat edifice of brick, in the valley between the two hills; the "Chesterville Baptist Church", (Rev. J.C. FURMAN and J.S. MIMS, of the Furman Institute), incorporated Dec. 21, 1836, and having a wooden building, with a remarkably slender spire, situate at the foot of Village Hill, near the road to Willsborough; and the Methodist, (Rev. Messrs WILLIAMS and FOSTER). There is no Episcopal

Church Edifice in the village, but the Rev. R. SEALY officiates, for a small congregation of that persuasion, in the Court House. Education is cared for by three schools, viz: "The Chesterville Academy", incorporated Dec 18, 1818, a flourishing Male Seminary under the charge of Mr. DANERMER, a Prussian, I believe, or German; possessing a fine building and grounds, and endowed with the escheats of the District; a Female Academy, under care of A. H. McWHORTER, Esq., and the private Female Seminary of Miss McCHESNEY. The resident lawyers are the Hon. N.R. EAVES, MATTHEW WILLIAMS, B. McALILEY, W.A. WALKER, JAMES HEMPHILL, JOHN S. MELLON, D. McHENRY and JOHN S. WILSON, Esquires; the physicians are Drs. WYLIE, REEDY, DUNNOVANT and MOBLEY. The public officers of the District are JAMES PAGAN, Sheriff, JOHN ROSBOROUGH, Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, JAMES HEMPHILL, Commissioner in Equity, PETER B. WYLIE, Ordinary, and R. HAMILTON, Tax Collector; and H.C. BRAWLEY, Esq., Post Master. The members of the Legislature, from this District, are the Hon. N.R. EAVES, Senator, and F.W. DAVIE, THOS. MCLURE, and J.S. MCCULLY, Esquires, Representatives. Although called Chesterville, this village was incorporated, on the 18th of Dec., 1840, as "The Village of Chester". Its original act of Incorporation was amended by the acts of Dec. 20, 1842 and December 18, 1844, without any change in the corporate name. The charter places it under the government of seven Commissioners, annually elected on the second Monday in January with power to repair the streets, to regulate road and patrol duty, to grant licenses for taverns, for retailing spirits, and for public shows; and the corporate limits extend a half mile on each side of the Court House. MATTHEW WILLIAMS, Esq., is Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Population must have greatly increased, for SIMMS' Geography assigns it but 250 inhabitants, but my host rates the number between 500 and 600, of which about two thirds are white and one third black and colored. The Hotels, or public houses, are KENNEDY'S, where the Mail Stage puts up, a house of excellent reputation, M'AFEE'S, which I know, from experience, to be first rate, WALKER'S & PARK'S. On Village Hill the water, for the most part, is impregnated with magnesia, and acts on many persons as a cathartic—that, on the other hill is free stone water.

For a salubrious climate and invigorating air the Village of Chester is unsurpassed in the State. A very important feature is its hygiene, and one that ought to be generally known, for the good of suffering humanity, is that Dyspepsia, that foe to human peace and frequent cause of melancholy and suicide, is unknown, among its inhabitants; and, from a residence there, several dyspeptics have been thoroughly cured, the blue-devils spreading both wings and taking their flight forever. This result, in all probability, is, in a great measure, attributable to the Magnesia water, aided by the healthful atmosphere. I have learned that Mr. M'ALILEY, one of the lawyers of the village, who made so favorable an impression in Charleston, by his late speech, at the Hibernian Hall, on Charlotte Rail Road, is one of the signal instances of relief, from the distressing malady, by a residence here.

Chesterville is a place of considerable trade. She has 9 stores, and Coach, Saddle and Harness, and Cotton Gin Factories; and all the necessary mechanic appendages. Among her wealthy merchants are Messrs JOHN M'KEE and THOMAS M'CLURE, the architects of their own fortunes—the former a native of Ireland, the latter of North Carolina.

Mr. JOHN T. M. M'AFEE, who keeps a Hotel, on the declivity, leading in the dividing valley of the place, is a native of Charleston, but has resided here some 20 years or more. He is certainly one of the most agreeable and accommodating host I have ever known, his table bountifully supplied with excellent and well-cooked fare and rural luxuries, sleeping as well as walking hours comfortably cared for, servants obliging and attentive, and he, and his worthy mother and sister, leaving nothing undone to render their guest contented and happy. His *baccalaureate* is not yet ended, he having hitherto



benevolently devoted himself to rearing the orphan children of a deceased sister, but I hope to see him a Benedict yet.

I must not omit to chronicle that Chesterville owns a Debating Society, a Masonic Lodge (fallen into decay) and a flourishing Odd Fellows Lodge, with a handsome Hall, in the upper story of an elegant private mansion house. The beneficent institution of Odd Fellowship is penetrating and pervading every city, town, village and haunt of civilized man, and doing charity, to both mind and body, in constantly multiplying and widening circles.

Mr. JOHN ROSBOROUGH, a venerable and worthy citizen, is the oldest Clerk of Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas, in the State. He was elected by the Legislature in 1799, and went into office in February 1800; and attained his 72nd year on the 6th January last. He and Mr. James S. Guignard, of Columbia, are the last of the ancient Clerks, elected by the Legislature, and holding their office by the tenure of good behavior. It is a great pity that so wise a tenure, so conducive of experience and productive of efficiency in office, should ever have been changed.

The Hon. N.R. EAVES is one of the wealthy and public spirited inhabitants of the village. He is the possessor of a large fortune, chiefly made at the Bar, and is now Senator of the District. Although blessed with independent means, filling an honorable post in the Councils of the State, and at the very mature age of 58 years, yet fired with patriotic ardor, he was not content with getting up a Chester company of volunteers for the Mexican war, (which, it is said, would have failed, but for his active exertions and appeals,) he himself volunteered and enlisted as a private soldier of the United States, and is now serving his country in the land of Montezuma. His services there are said to be invaluable—the high confidence reposed in his integrity, has rendered him the purse keeper or treasurer of the Palmetto Battalion, to which our Legislature so liberally voted an outfit of \$20,000; and he is exemplary in his attentions and kindness to our gallant volunteers, suffering them, whether in health or sickness, to have no reasonable want unsupplied. Mr. EAVES, in many respects, resembles the Hon. JOHN M. FELDER, OF ORANGEBURG—like him, he has made a handsome independence by the practice of law; like him, he is a wealthy Carolina planter; like him, too, he is a bachelor, showering a liberal bounty on nieces and nephews, who love and honor him as a parent and a benefactor. He own (or did own), a house, handsomely situated on Red Hill, and looking directly down upon the village—and that house, I learn, is one of the monuments to his benevolence. He keeps no house himself, not even Bachelor's Hall, but contents himself with comfortable quarters at Kennedy's Hotel.

About three miles from this village, a short distance to the right of the road to Laurens and Abbeville, is a highly valuable mineral and Medicinal Spring, which ought to be more extensively known and used. It contains sulphur and other ingredient identical, it is said, with those which have rendered the Glenn Springs, in Spartanburg District, so popular. Its virtues have been acknowledged ever since revolutionary times, and an afternoon drive or ride to it is still a favorite excursion for villagers to quaff its healthful stream. The water works strongly upon the kidneys, it is a remedy for dyspepsia, and is sovereign cure for the itch and other cutaneous disorders—and its mud, rubbed into ulcers, is equally curative the *scratches* in the horse. It issues from a sandy bed, in a fertile valley, through a little square and coarse wooden box or basin, and oozes very gently into a small branch or stream, hard by, with the rather curious name of Dry Creek. A medicinal plant, called the Forty Knot or Indian Arrow (its appearance giving better warrant for the former than the latter name), which has recently got into great vogue for the gravel and other diseases, grows in great profusion about the Spring. The valley (which last year produced 85 bushels of corn to the acre) and the adjacent land, valued at upwards of \$30, are exceedingly rich and fertile and the property of three brothers, named ADAM, PHILIP and JAMES

WALKER, all old bachelors, until ADAM pleased, very lately, to take unto himself an EVE, who has already blessed him with a daughter, equalling the heart's darling of the whole trio. Adjacent to the Spring is a beautiful eminence for the erection of a suitable hotel, and really these worthy old gentlemen should erect the necessary structure themselves, or dispose the property to some capitalist, who will confer that benefit on the invalid and the public.

Chester District lies within our granite region; and her boundaries are Fairfield on the South, York on the North, The Catawba River on the East, and the Broad River on the West, the former separating her from Lancaster and the latter from Union; and both rivers are navigable the whole extent of the District. Her average length is 31, and width  $18\frac{1}{2}$  miles; and her area 361,000 acres. She has a soil of great fertility, containing a large portion of red clay, with a rich covering of vegetable matter. The face of the country is hilly, if not mountainous, and it abounds with the finest granite, soap stone and Spanish bronze, and, eight miles from the village there is magnetic iron that will lift a ten penny nail. Her harvests yield rich returns of cotton, wheat and Indian corn,—and her crops of the last two are super-abundant this year, (corn now selling in the village at 40 cents a bushel,) while cotton will yield about two-thirds of an average crop, if Jack Frost pays not too early an autumnal visit. Clover has been successfully cultivated on her hills—and, although now rather careless of stock, she might soon have "cattle on a thousand hills."

The Falls of Catawba, situate above Rocky Mount, adorn the scenery of the District and are a great natural curiosity. SIMMS describes them as descending through a narrow confine of rocks, rising in emulous height, and approaching each other like walls, narrowing the river from 180 to less than 60 yards in width. Through this gorge, the waters are forced down into the narrowest part of the stream, called the "Gulf", where pent up on every side but one, they rush and leap over a succession of rocky steeps and ledges, lash themselves into a sheet of foam from shore to shore, and dash precipitously in at least 20 cascades, to a depth of 150 feet. "The agitated waters finally subside into partial tranquility, in a stream of more than 300 yards in width."

The first settlement of Chester, like that of the entire granite region, between the Broad and Wateree or Catawba, was the work of emigrants from Pennsylvania and Virginia, in 1750—with a large accession of Irish after the peace of Paris in 1762—it takes its name from a county in Pennsylvania. Even now the adult inhabitants of Chester are, in a great measure, natives of other States or of foreign countries. She was made a county of the District of Camden, by the County Court act of 1785; and a District by the Act of Dec. 21, 1798. By the census of 1840, her population was 17,747—10,025 free and 7,722 slaves—showing an increase of 4,000 inhabitants in 20 years. A small angle of the Catawba land juts into this District.

A cotton factory has been recently erected in the District, by Mr. DANIEL McCOLLOUGH, an enterprising citizen of the District of Fairfield. It is located on or near the Catawba, (and near Rocky Mount, in the latter District at or near the site of Mount Dearborn, an old U.S. Military Arsenal or establishment, long since abandoned, and so named after General DEARBORN, formerly Secretary of War. The manufactures of the District are otherwise domestic.

Chester has some revolutionary history and reminiscences. Col. LACY, who distinguished at the battles of Hanging Rock, King's Mountain and Blackstocks, was born within her limits, and her soil was the scene of SUMTER'S victory over the British commander WEMYES, near Broad River, and also, of his sad reverse and utter route at Fishing Creek.

Col. GILL, a well known revolutionary worthy, and esteemed citizen of the District, died at an advanced age, some two or three years ago. He rendered himself memorable by his journey to



Charleston, during the troublous times of nullification, particularly to test and refute Mr. McDUFFIE's celebrated absurdity, called "the 4 bale theory." The patriotic old gentleman waggoned his own cotton to the city to see if Uncle Sam would actually do such gross injustice as to rob him of 4 bales out of every 10, or 40 out of every 100, either to fill the national pockets or those of bloodsucking, the vampire manufacturers. On his arrival in Charleston, however, he promptly sold his cotton for a better price than he got for many years, and laid in goods and supplies cheaper than he had ever done before. Armed with practical exposure of the fallacy and sophistry of a great man, he returned home, confirmed in his devotion to the Union of the States, and her glorious banner of stars and stripes—and proclaimed and published the results of his successful tour to the world.

Finally, Chester has caught the liberal spirit of the age and is charging boldly for a participation in the projected Rail Road connexion with Columbia and Charlotte, that will furnish a proper and easy channel for her rich products to market, and will still further develop her resources, and extend her social, as well as her commercial relations. *So mote it be.*

We have had fine weather, of a delicious temperature—sunshine by day and moonshine by night for seven days—and cotton will doubtless bloom and pod under its suspicious influence.

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### MURDER IN EDGEFIELD DISTRICT IN 1816

Source: *The Columbia Telescope*, issue of July 16, 1816, p. 4, col. 2

### SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD

WHEREAS a most atrocious murder was committed at Mrs. Carter's, in Edgefield district, South Carolina, on the 28th April last by DANIEL LAND, who without provocation or known cause, deliberately and wickedly with a rifle, shot a man named Burges Day, while sitting quietly on the piazza of the aforesaid Mrs. Carter, and thereby almost instantly put an end to his existence—and whereas the said Daniel Land has since absconded, and a number of the citizens of Edgefield, desirous that so foul a deed should meet the reward that the laws of the land direct, having made up a subscription by which the above sum is secured, and will be paid to any person or persons who will apprehend the said Daniel Land, and lodge him in the Edgefield jail, to take his trial in due course of law; I therefore deem it therefore proper to give public notice, that the subscription paper for this purpose is lodged with me, and that it will be delivered to any person who will bring me a receipt from the jailor in Edgefield, for the said Daniel Land; and it is believed also that an additional reward will be offered by the governor of South-Carolina, for apprehending the same person. He is about 22 or 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; has dark hair and dark eyes, thin dark beard, and down look; when standing his knees appear to bend back more than common; he has a small mole on one side of his face near his mouth is of a middle stature and supposed to be of about 160 pounds weight; he was born and raised in South-Carolina, about ten or twelve miles from Augusta; is of a tolerably fair skin. The amount subscribed for his apprehension is somewhat above the reward offered, and may have some further sums added—but the entire subscription will be given to the person securing him.

Edgefield C. H. May 17th

BENJ. HIGHTOWER

Other papers will give the above a place for the public good.

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### SALEM METHODIST CHURCH WINDOWS DEDICATIONS

Contributed by James E. ("Jim") Savage, PO Box 796, Cowpens, SC 29330

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#### BELL TOWER ROOM:

1. Anna Elizabeth Martin / wife of Dr. A. T. Martin 1898-1974 /
2. Not inscribed. 3. Gothic Overdoor - Not inscribed.

#### CARILLON TOWER ROOM:

1. Not inscribed. 2. Gothic Overdoor - Not inscribed.

#### SANCTUARY:

1. Hon. Simpson Bobo / 1804-1885 /
2. Large (Triple) Gothic Window:  
W.M. Webster / 1846-1921 / Mrs. M.E. Tanner 1838-1910 / In Memory of / Mary E. Webster / wife of / W. M. Webster 1851-1917
3. J.T. Wilkins, Sr. / 1829-1907 /
4. C. Bookter Foster / 1842-1912 /
5. Mrs. S.M. Potter / 1855-1914 /
6. Mrs. E.O. Henry / 1860-1917 / Miss Salina Henry / 1890-1971 /
7. J.H. Moseley / 1839-1914 / M.S. Mosley / 1836-1910 /

#### ROLL-UP TAMBOUR DOORS (Parlor or Sunday School area of Sanctuary separated by the doors.)

1. Charles B. Allgood / 1895-1962 /
2. 1894 W.C. Wilkins Sr., 1962 / 1924 W.C. Wilkins, Jr. 1946 /
3. Bessie Beatrice Oglesby / 1883-1961 /
4. Mrs. W. B. Potter, Sr. / 1867-1960 / W.B. Potter, Sr. / 1871-1952 /
5. T. Henry / 1892-1962 / Emma C. Henry / 1895-1981 /
6. 1879 Ellen May Daniel 1958 / 1879 Robert A. Daniel 1944 /

#### THREE ROSE WINDOWS (Inscribed on brass plate in sanctuary)

Circle Windows / In Honor of / Mr. and Mrs. Graham Harris / Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Potter / Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Potter / May 31, 1956 /

#### BAPTISMAL FONT (In sanctuary - inscribed on brass plate.)

In Memory of / Julia Amy Tanner /

#### BRONZE TABLET (In side entrance)

Charles Morris Sims / In Loving Memory of Many Years / of Devoted Service as Steward and / Chairman of the Commission on / Finance of Salem M[ethodist] C[hurch], Cowpens, Spartanburg County, SC / This Tablet Placed by the / Methodist Men's Club / April 4, 1958 /

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# THE MCJUNKIN CEMETERY

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This cemetery is located about half a mile into the woods on property to the left and rear of the Forestry Commission, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture facility located at 3557 Whitmire Rd. south of the City of Union. (This road is also known as U. S. Hwy. 176.)

Row 1 (reading left to right)

ERECTED / TO THE MEMORY OF / MAJOR JOSEPH M<sup>J</sup>JUNKIN / BORN JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> 1755, / DIED MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 1846 /

He commenced the service of his country in / the war for its independence as a private / soldier, never ceased from that service till / the war closed, when he held a Major, *(sic)* / commission.

He was a useful and upright citizen through / the period of manhood promoted diligently / the best interests of society. /

He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian / Church for a period of 60 years. / ———— /  
["]But mark the man of holy fear, / How blest is his decease! / He spends his days in duty here. / And leaves the world in peace." /

SACRED / TO / the memory of / M<sup>rs</sup> Ann M<sup>J</sup>Junkin, / The wife of Maj. Jos. M<sup>J</sup>JUNKIN, / and daughter of Col. John Thomas, / who departed this life March 17th / 1826, / aged 69 years. The deceased was an intrepid heroine of the / revolution *(sic)*, who with the aid of her / mother, brother, & brother-in-law, defended / her father's house, with success against the / attack of 300 Tories. /

Lord I am thine; but thou will prove / My faith, my patience, and my love, / When men in spite against me join, / They are the sword, the hand is thine. / Their hope and portion lie below; / 'Tis all the happiness they know: / 'Tis all they seek; they take their shares / And leave the rest among their heirs. / What sinners value I resign; / Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine / I shall behold thy blissful face, / And stand complete in righteousness. / This life's a dream an empty show; / But the bright world, to which I go, / Hath joys substantial and sincere; / When shall I wake and find me there? / O glorious hour! O blest abode! / I shall be near and with my God; / And flesh and sin no more control, / The sacred pleasures of the soul. / My flesh shall slumber in the ground, / Till the last trumpet's joyful sound: / Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, / And in my saviour's image rise. /

Sacred / TO THE / of / Cap<sup>n</sup> SAM<sup>L</sup> M<sup>J</sup>JUNKIN, / who departed this life, / June 1<sup>st</sup> 1814 / aged / 34 years. /

Death, like an overflowing stream / Sweeps us away—our life's a dream. / An empty tale—a morning flow'r, / Cut down and wither'd in an hour. /

IN / memory of / WILLIAM H. M<sup>J</sup>JUNKIN / son of Joseph & Ann / M<sup>J</sup>Junkin, / born January 16th / 1789, & died 9th Dec. / 1806, / aged 16 years[,] 10 / months & 22 days. /

Row 2 (at foot of Row 1; reading left to right)

IN / memory of / SARAH SAVAGE / who died / the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1838, / age 86 years. /  
[Contributor's Note: The published transcription states that Sarah Savage was 68 but the correct reading is 86.]

Two or three unmarked adult graves.

Sacred / to the / memory of / W<sup>m</sup> Davis M<sup>J</sup>Junkin / who departed this life / Sep<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1812 / aged 3 years. /

There are at least twenty to thirty (or more) unmarked adult graves surrounding these markers.

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## BROAD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LISTING OF CHURCH MEMBERS' DEATHS 1899-1900

Source: 1900 Broad River Baptist Association Minutes, pp. 23-24.

Editor's Note: This particular session was held on Aug. 22-25, 1900 at the First Baptist Church, Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC. The names of members who died during the previous associational year (which usual ran from July/August to the next July/August) are a standard feature in many Baptist associational minutes through much of the nineteenth century. Although not giving exact death dates, these lists are useful in narrowing down time of death—especially where existing church records and newspapers are incomplete or non-existent.

Abingdon Creek [Church]—Sisters Ross *(sic)* Bratton, Effie Hill.

Antioch—Eliza Whisonant, Sarah Hardin, Gilbreth Hambright, Elizabeth Hambright, Martin Hardin, Eliza White.

Beaverdam—Carpenter McCraw.

Bethesda—Margaret Lee.

Berea—Deacon D. L. Brown, Sister J. A. B. Smith.

Broad River—J. I. Smith, Harriet Smith, M. E. Johnson, J. M. Hester, Hannah Tate.

Brown's Chapel—Two, no name[s] submitted.

Buck Creek—J. Fulton Cantrell, Emeline McKinney, Mimah Williams, Minnie Ezell, Mattie Wyatt, Elizabeth Henderson.

Cedar Spring—Anna A. Allen, Jane Barnett, R. P. Rogers, Harrison Bagwell.

Cherokee Creek—James Ruppe.

Clifton—J. F. Goforth, Carrie Baber.

Converse—One, no name [submitted].

Corinth—Medora Spencer, Willis McAbee.

Cowpens—Sister A. M. Wood.

El Bethel—Sisters A. F. Orr, N. R. Goudelock.

Gaffney, First—Sisters W. W. Thomas, and W. C. Hopper, Robert Lipscomb, Elizabeth Gaffney, Maggie Davis, Eleana Little, J. L. Hopper, H. G. Gaffney.



Gilead—Three, no names [submitted].  
 Goucher Creek—Riley Williams.  
 Grassy Pond—Sisters P. O. Lemons, J. S. Vinesette, Trinity Burgess, Albert Huskey, J. M. Blanton.  
 Limestone—John Turner.  
 Macedonia—Julia J. Smith.  
 Mount Olive—Lena Hammett.  
 Nazareth—Jeter Pruett.  
 New Pleasant—Narcissa Scruggs.  
 Pacolet No. 1—A. F. Kendrick, Genie Kendrick, Betsy Ann Crocker.  
 Pacolet No. 2—Elizabeth Walker.  
 Piedmont—Carrie Davis, Rosley Cash.  
 Providence—Aquila Jones, Mary Scruggs, Martha James.  
 Sandy Springs—B. J. Arledge.  
 State Line—Keturah Hamrick, Elizabeth Wilson, Parthanissa Gardner.  
 Zion Hill—Lillia Buskin, Susan Solesbee, Alice McAbee, John Dillard.

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#### DELEGATES TO THE TWELVE MILE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1886-1887

Source: The associational minutes on microfilm at Furman University. These listings provide a partial substitute for the destroyed 1890 census.

##### 1886 Associational Meeting

*Pleasant Hill*—Harvey Kelly, R. Smith.  
*Six Mile*—D. H. Kennimer, J. Chapman, S. J. Chapman, W. G. Mauldin.  
*Prater's Creek*—J. E. Gillespie, J. E. Burroughs, W. N. Bowlin.  
*Keowee*—E. A. Barron, McD. Murphree.  
*Secona*—B. Holder, J. H. G. McDaniel, W. T. Bowen, Oscar Allgood.  
*Mile Creek*—F. C. Parsons, L. R. Dalton, J. E. Parsons.  
*Martin*—M. Benjamin, D. L. Stephens.  
*Four Mile*—J. C. O'Briant, E. A. O'Briant.  
*Old Pickens*—J. M. Morgan, L. C. Craig, W. N. Hendrix.  
*Fall Creek*—Lem. Moss, Henry Rankin.  
*Salem*—W. B. Gwinn, W. E. Albertson, Arch. Reid.  
*Cheabee*—W. M. Reece, H. M. Mahaffey, H. D. Reece.  
*Little River*—J. B. Alexander, W. B. F. Corbin, W. A. Alexander.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Robert Mosley, R. D. Talley.  
*Antioch*—J. T. Lewis, John A. Parrott, M. G. Davis.  
*Bethel*—S. A. Bryant, D. B. Murphree.  
*Traveler's Rest*—W. J. Owen, Ranson Rice.  
*Pleasant Grove*, N. C.—E. W. Fowler, W. A. Wilson, J. H. Rochester.  
*Cross Roads*—D. C. Freeman, J. T. Childers, M. Jameson, G. F. Robertson, Riley Simmons, T. P. Looper,

M. H. Bowen, E. H. Bates, B. H. Williams, W. A. G. Jameson, T. J. Cism(sic), G. W. Cox, J. I. Williams, J. B. Fendley.  
*Peter's Creek*—T. Looper, W. N. Hughes, J. H. Jones.  
*Friendship*—W. Mayfield, B. F. Reid, P. K. Huff, C. S. Turner.  
*Ooleny*—V. S. Jones, J. D. M. Keith, S. M. Jones, Amos Simmons, J. M. Rigdon, William Edens, E. F. Keith.  
*Griffin*—M. L. Jones, G. M. Simmons, H. J. Anthony, S. H. Brown, J. N. Hayes.  
*Mountain Grove*—J. M. Stewart, L. D. Stephens, J. T. Singleton.  
*Holly Spring(sic)*—J. T. Burdine, G. M. Lynch, W. R. Price, A. Chastain.  
*Saluda Hill*—A. Ferguson, W. Masters, W. D. Hardin.  
*Pleasant Grove*—C. E. Austin, J. A. Cism(sic).  
*Zion*—L. T. Galloway, J. M. Galloway.  
*Camp Creek*—N. C. Madden, A. Rollins.  
*Nine Forks*—J. H. Hunt, J. P. Robinson, J. T. Looper.

##### 1887 Associational Meeting

*Pleasant Hill*—Harvey Kelley, Reuben Smith.  
*Six Mile*—Rev. J. S. Chapman,\* W. G. Mauldin, J. B. Stewart,\* A. B. Riggins,\* D. B. Satterfield,\* D. C. Stewart, J. A. Durham.  
*Prater's Creek*—W. F. Thompkins, J. T. Garrett, W. M. Bowlin, W. J. Gillespie.  
*Keowee*—E. A. Barron, J. D. Moore.  
*Secona*—B. Holder, W. T. Bowen, R. A. Hester, W. B. Allgood.  
*Mile Creek*—L. R. Dalton, F. C. Parsons, D. A. Parrott.  
*Shady Grove*—Thomas Stewart,\* M. C. Winchester, R. W. Rice.  
*Martin*—T. F. Nelson, James Hunnicutt.  
*Four Mile*—Adam Evatt, J. T. Garrett.  
*Old Pickens*—W. C. Seaborn, Richard Gant, W. A. McCoy, S. M. Perry, J. M. Morgan.  
*Camp Creek*—A. L. Rollins, J. H. Vaughn.  
*Fall Creek*—G. M. Galloway, M. C. Bryant.  
*Salem*—W. B. Gwinn, M. Alexander, E. Chapman, J. B. Colley.  
*Cheabee*—W. M. Reese, W. E. Orr,\* J. L. Hudson,\* H. D. Reece.  
*Little River*—J. B. Alexander,\* P. E. Alexander, W. B. F. Corbin.\*  
*Mount Carmel*—Not represented.  
*Antioch*—M. G. Davis, John T. Lewis, R. L. Gilstrap.  
*Bethel*—Not represented.  
*Traveler's Rest*—Not represented.  
*Pleasant Grove*, N. C.—E. W. Fowler, W. M. Fowler, W. A. Wilson.  
*Rocky Bottom*—J. M. Powell, Joseph Patterson.  
*Cross Roads*—D. C. Freeman, Joseph Looper, J. T. Childress, T. P. Looper, W. Findlay,\* J. M. Looper, B. H. Williams,\* M. Jamison, J. E. Robinson,\* Riley Simmons.\*  
*Peter's Creek*—T. Looper,\* J. C. Alexander, J. H. Jones.  
*Friendship*—B. F. Reid, Wheeler Burnett, Larkin Reid.  
*Ooleny*—P. H. Williams, M. Gillespie,\* W. B. Jones, W. L. Edens, W. C. Keith, E. J. Elrod, B. L.



Hendricks.

*Griffin*—M. L. Jones, G. M. Simmons, H. J. Anthony, O. P. Field, Sheriff H. Brown, J. R. Halles.

*Mountain Grove*—J. M. Stewart, James T. Singleton, R. H. Baker.

*Holly Springs*—J. T. Burdine, G. M. Lynch, H. J. Lewis, A. B. Chastain.\*

*Saluda Hill*—Not represented.

*Pleasant Grove, S. C.*—E. C. Austin, E. C. Howard.

*Nine Forks*—J. T. Looper, J. P. Robinson, J. H. Hunt, J. M. Jones.

\*This designates delegates who were appointed by their local church but failed to attend the association meeting.

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## DELEGATES TO THE SALUDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN 1878

Source: The association minutes on microfilm at Furman University.

*Hopewell*—B. C. Martin, J. M. Hamlin, S. S. Newel, A. N. Richardson, M. E. Deal.

*Rocky River*—F. M. Cann, J. B. Hampton, J. S. Cann.

*Little River*—J. M. Carwile, J. W. Ellis, J. M. Bryant, Dr. J. A. Robinson, John Pratt.

*Mountain Creek*—W. G. Watson, R. B. Dean.

*Neal's Creek*—W. H. KING, M. MCGEE, Wm. Shirley.

*Lebanon*—Jephtha Harper, M. Smith.\*

*Barker's Creek*—John Shirley, James A. King, Thos. Maddox.

*Friendship*—Mason Kay.

*Anderson Village*—J. S. MURRAY, W. H. STRICKLAND, H. B. Fant.

*First Creek*—[blank]

*Turkey Creek*—J. K. PACE, J. S. McGee.

*Walnut Grove*—M. B. McGee, A. H. McGee, jr.

*Cross Roads*—A. A. Dean, W. T. Dean,\* J. H. Jones.

*Dorchester*—G. Ellison,\* J. C. Griffin.

*Flat Rock*—Wm. S. Hall, J. A. Hall.

*Washington*—F. G. Stansel, J. W. Eskew.\*

*Shady Grove*—J. S. Acker, J. M. Acker,\* J. J. Mattison.

*Union*—R. R. Cooper, O. R. Horton, J. T. Morgan.

*Mt. Bethel*—R. E. Parker, L. B. Haynie,\* L. M. Wilson, E. R. Kay.

*Broadmouth*—R. W. Burts, W. P. MARTIN, J. R. Latimer.

*New Prospect*—Wm. Riley, J. M. Harbin.

*Pendleton*—I. W. WINGO, J. E. Pickle,\* Wm. Simpson, T. DAWSON.

*Big Creek*—John W. Poor, J. R. Wilson,\* B. L. Johnson, J. F. Rodgers.

*Townville*—H. R. Vandiver, E. P. Earle, G. W. Maret, W. S. Woolbright.

*Whitfield*—Jasper King, J. W. Fowler.\*

*Salem*—J. C. HUDSON, T. H. Burris, O. O. Burris.

*Williamston*—B. F. MAULDIN,\* O. E. Horton.\*

*Shiloh*—A. B. Sullivan, E. J. Earle, J. R. EARLE.

*Belton*—James W. Poore, W. F. Cox, B. D. Dean.

*Honea Path*—L. W. TRIBBLE, R. N. Wright.

*Mt. Taber*—J. L. Fowler,\* James D. Smith.\*

*Cedar Grove*—E. Z. BROWN, M. A. Mahaffey.

*Walters*—W. J. Milford, M. W. Spoon.

[Ministers names appear in SMALL CAPITALS, Licentiates in *italics*, those mark thus \* were absent.]

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## SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHYARD

The following inscriptions were copied in March 1981 by T. J. Caldwell and J. E. Hart, Jr., from tombstones found in Salem Presbyterian Churchyard, near the Salem-Irene Bridge over the Broad River in Cherokee County, SC.

An infant / of / E. W. & M. C. / ADAMS / Died Sept. 29 / 1858

MARY ANN / ALEXANDER / Born / Oct. 11, 1825 / Died / Jan. 8, 1888

ANNIE BANKHEAD / Born Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1798 / Died Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 1859

WILLIAM BANKHEAD / Born Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1796 / Died Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

MAGGIE W. BERRY / 1872-1923

B. T. BISHOP / Born Nov. 16, 1801 / Died Oct. 6, 1878

In memory of / JANE B. BISHOP / Born / Dec. 31, 1814 / Died / Apr. 12, 1900

ROBERT EARL / BLACK / Feb. 5, 1884 / May 20, 1965 / MAGGIE ESTES / BLACK / June 29, 1889 / Oct. 5, 1941

DOYLE C. BLACKWELL / U. S. Army / World War II / May 21 1910 Apr. 11 1980

JESSIE S. BLACKWELL / Oct. 11, 1884 / Feb. 15, 1967

JOHN L. BLACKWELL / July 18, 1879 / Dec. 7, 1963

MATTIE E. BLACKWELL / Feb. 2, 1879 / Dec. 5, 1943

N. J. BLACKWELL / Nov. 11, 1877 / Jan. 9, 1948

D. W. BROWN / Nov. 22, 1832 / Dec. 23, 1902 / C. M. BROWN / Aug. 1, 1832 / Sept. 9, 1909

JOSEPH W. BROWN / Feb. 7, 1856 / June 27, 1932

MARY JANE BROWN / Jan. 27, 1861 / Oct. 12, 1946

RUFUS / JACKSON / BROWN / Dec 10 1865 / July 20 1924

BERTHA / dau. of / J. & NANNIE / BUICE / Nov. 5, 1883 / May 27, 1885

JOSEPH ROSWELL / son of . T. E. & M. V. CASTLES / Born Oct. 1, 1897 / Died Sept. 17, 1899

IDA CRAIG / Died 1900

LIZZIE CRAIG / Died 1907

LEVINAH R. / DAVIDSON / Nov. 6, 1860 / May 11, 1932

MARY ELIZABETH NEELY / only daughter of / Col. R. G. & M. N. DAVIDSON / Born 1<sup>st</sup> April 1857 / Died 16<sup>th</sup> August 1856

In memory / of / MARY N. DAVIDSON / wife of / Col. R. G. DAVIDSON / Born 16<sup>th</sup> January 1828 / Died 5<sup>th</sup> April 1857

Capt. SAMUEL / DAVIDSON / Born / Jan'y 23<sup>rd</sup> 1765 / Died / Decr. 25<sup>th</sup> 1854 / ELIZABETH DAVIDSON / wife of SAMUEL DAVIDSON / Born May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1776 / Died Novr. 4<sup>th</sup> 1854 / / Capt.

WM. T. DAVIDSON / Born May 19<sup>th</sup> 1817 / Died June 25<sup>th</sup> 1854



In memory of / JAMES A. DONALD / Born / Feb. 6, 1818 / Died / June 25, 1895  
 In memory of / SABITHA DONALD / Born / Jan. 30, 1816 / Died / Feb. 11, 1897  
 MABLE S. DOWDLE / wife of / J. L. DOWDLE / Sept. 16, 1891 / July 11, 1975  
 MARY M. / dau. of J. R. & S. E. C. EDWARDS / Born / Sept. 6, 1888 / Died / June 19, 1902 /  
 Student at Cedar Springs  
 Infant son of / T. J. & SALLIE B. ESTES / Born & Died / Dec. 19, 1894  
 AGNES DuBOSE / ESTES / Feb. 7, 1910 / Mar. 18, 1975  
 EBB J. ESTES / 1906-1947  
 G. H. / DICKSON / son of WM. / C. B. & S. J. / ESTES born / Sep. 3d 1870 / died Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> / 1873  
 H. T. / ESTES / Aug. 15 / 1867 / Nov. 30 / 1947  
 HARRY G. ESTES / Aug 5, 1902 / Oct. 15, 1977  
 J. F. / ESTES / Sept. 8 / 1865 / Mar. 8 / 1937  
 J. G. JEFFERSON ESTES / Born / Feb. 9, 1834 / Killed in battle  
 In memory of / J. P. D. ESTES / son of W. & MARY C. ESTES / Born Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1854 / Died Dec.  
 16<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 JAS. M. D. / son of / WM. C. D. & S. J. / ESTES / Born Apr- / il 8<sup>th</sup> 1866 / died Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> / 1873  
 JAMES / RUFUS / BRATTON / son of S. F. M. / and MARY S. ES / TES, died Sept. / 21<sup>st</sup> 1872,  
 age / 1 year 8 mos. / 23 days  
 JEFF. F. ESTES / Mar. 14, 1878 / Jan. 23, 1949  
 JESSIE PRIDMORE ESTES / Dec. 23, 1891 / Nov. 26, 1970  
 ESTES / JOE LYLES / Dec. 26, 1873 / Dec. 18, 1937  
 JOHN A. M. / ESTES / Aug. 6, 1839 / Feb. 18, 1920 / LAURA T. / SMITH / wife of / JOHN A.  
 M. / ESTES / Nov. 8, 1844 / Jan. 26, 1927  
 M. J. REGINA / eldest daughter of / S. F. & MARY S. / ESTES, born Jan. / 22, 1869 / died Aug. /  
 17, 1873  
 In / memory of / McKEVER D. ESTES / Born / Aug. 28, 1843 / Died / at Amisville, Va. / ] 1862  
 MADISON D. / son of / Mr. & Mrs. M. F. ESTES / Aug. 18, 1942 / Dec. 2, 1942  
 MARY C. ESTES / wife of / WM. E. V. ESTES / Born / Apr. 21, 1812 / Died / Sept. 16, 1871 /  
 aged / 59 yrs. 4 ms. & 13 ds.  
 MARY / ELIZA S. / daughter of / JOHN A. M. & / LOURA T. ESTES / Born Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1869 / Died  
 Aug. 25, 1873  
 ESTES / ORRIE MAHALIE / Sept. 11, 1876 / May 18, 1921  
 ROY BROWN / son of / T. J. & SALLIE B. / ESTES / Born Sep. 11, 1907 / Died Nov. 30, 1908  
 ESTES / RUFUS M. / Feb. 20, 1875 / Mar. 18, 1958  
 S. C. A. / son of WM. / C. B. & S. J. ES- / TES born July / 29<sup>th</sup> 1872 / died Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> / 1873  
 S. F. ESTES / Aug. 22, 1832 / Nov. 23, 1912 / MARY S. / wife of / S. F. ESTES / Dec. 8, 1838 /  
 Mar. 16, 1918  
 SALLIE BIGHAM / wife of / THOMAS J. ESTES / Aug. 11, 1867 / Feb. 12, 1940  
 In / memory of / SARAH V. / daughter of S. / F. & MARY S. / ESTES, born / Nov. 2, 1872 / died  
 Oct. 16 / 1873  
 THOMAS J. ESTES / Jan. 14, 1862 / Sept. 16, 1944  
 WILLIAM EV. ESTES / Born Feb. 3, 1810 / Died May 14, 1890  
 WILLIE / H. S. / son of WM. C. / D. & S. J. ESTES / Born June / 19<sup>th</sup> 1868 / Died Nov. / 10<sup>th</sup> 1873

C. W. FOSTER / May 3, 1840 / Jan. 10, 1885 / W. E. FOSTER / J (sic) 3, 1883 / Apr. 5, 1887 / /  
 C. D. FOSTER / May 9, 1875 / Dec. 31, 1894 / W. T. FOSTER / Dec. 7, 1872 / Mch. 10, 1900  
 CORNE- / LIUS A. / son of J. B. / & M. GREEN- / WAY, born / Feb. 23d / 1868, die- / d Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>  
 / 1872  
 LENORE J. / daughter / of J. B. & M. / GREENWAY / Died Oct. / 10<sup>th</sup> 1878 / age 1 yr. 6 mos. 6  
 / days  
 In / memory of / SARAH ELIZABETH F. / wife of / WM. E. GUNN / Born / Sep. 22, 1837 / Died  
 / Aug. 4, 1867  
 Infant son of D. / G. & L. HOWELL / Born / Apr. 26, 1871  
 DARVIN G. / HOWELL / Feb. 23, 1843 / Apr. 6, 1922 / / LUCY Z. / HOWELL / Feb. 25, 1848  
 / Oct. 25, 1937  
 GROVER C. / son of D. G. & / L. Z. HOWELL / Born / Apr. 26, 1885 / Died / Oct. 11, 1886  
 In memory / of / SAMUEL HOWELL / son of / W. & S. HOWELL / Born Jan 13, 1819 / Died  
 Nov. 26, 18[ ]  
 In / memory of / SOPHIA HOWELL / who died May 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 / in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of her age  
 W. Z. HOWELL / Born / Feb. 5, 1876 / Died / Jan. 3, 1901  
 WILLIAMSON HOWELL / Born Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1786 / Died March 15<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 Infant / son of / J. W. & S. C. / JONES / Nov. 12, 1901 / Dec. 12, 1901  
 JONES / BANKS R. / Sept. 22, 1881 / Mar. 13, 1966 / FLORENCE K. / Oct. 2, 1883 / Apr. 30,  
 1969  
 D. L. / daughter of / M. M. & M. J. / JONES / Born Dec. 6, 1908 / Died Dec. 6, 1908  
 E. W. / son of / M. M. & M. J. / Jones / Born / June 21, 1895 / Died / Feb. 10, 1899  
 EVA EARLINE JONES / Oct. 21, 1921 / Oct. 21, 1922  
 J. H. JONES / July 5, 1837 / Apr. 12, 1910 / His wife / MARY J. ARCHIE / May 7, 1843 / Nov. 21,  
 1910  
 JANE M. JONES / Died / June 19, 1890 / Aged 87 yrs. 4 ms.  
 LARA ELLEN JONES / Apr. 3, 1920, Oct. 24, 1920  
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 RUBY JONES / Nov. 29, 1926 / July 6, 1928  
 CHARLES B. LANCASTER / 1855-1896  
 Infant / son of A. A. & / Amanda / LEE bo- / rn Oct. 19 / died 20 1870  
 A. A. LEE / Born / June 11, 1840 / Died / March 4, 1893  
 AMANDA LEE / July 1, 1841 / Dec. 4, 1929  
 CHARLES / E. J. LEE / son of / A. A. & AMANDA / LEE / Born / Sep. 27, 1874 / Died / Dec.  
 18, 1875  
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 Infant son / of / W. B. & D. A. LEECH / Born April 8, 1882 / Died March 18, 1883  
 DEBORAH ADELAIDE / LEECH / Aug. 26, 1853 / Feb. 3, 1923 / wife of W. B. LEECH  
 In / memory of / E. A. LEECH / wife of / EDWARD LEECH / Born June 15<sup>th</sup> 1825 / Died Jan.  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1860  
 EDDIE MORGAN / son of / J. W. & M. E. LEECH / Born Sept. 4, 1873 / Died Aug. 30, 1875



In / memory of / EDWARD LEECH / Died June 6, 1860 / Aged 72 years  
 Sacred / to the memory of / EDWARD M. LEECH / who was born April / 14<sup>th</sup> 1835 & was killed  
 / in the Battle of Malvern / Hill, Va. June 13, 1864

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## FLORIDA PENSIONS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA CONFEDERATES

It is a misconception of some researchers that our ancestors and their relatives were fairly stationary and remained in the same geographic area for generation after generation. While this is true in some instances, other individuals were quite mobile. As an example of this mobility, the following listing of Confederate soldiers and their widows who served in South Carolina units yet drew pensions in the State of Florida. The abstract presented here represents South Carolinians found among just over 4,000 of the 14,000 Florida Confederate Pension Applications which cover the years 1888 through 1924. The complete listing, which is searchable, may be found on the Internet at the following URL: <http://dis.dos.stat.fl.us/barm/Pensionfiles.html>. The file number is followed by the name of the veteran, his wife or widow (with her maiden name in parentheses when given), the county of residence, the year of the initial application, and the number of pages in each file.

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The assumption among researchers is that if no will or estate file is found for an ancestor, then no record of the dividing of the estate exists. In some counties of the Piedmont, this is not necessarily the case. For example, since 1825, Spartanburg has maintained a separate series of small estates known as "Real Estate Papers." The following listing is taken from the index of these papers at the Probate Court. The first items of each entry is the name of the decedent, minor ward, etc. followed by the names of the administrator, executor, etc. Next are the file number(s) and the date of opening. Some of these records are missing but were still included in the index. (They can be partially reconstructed using the various journals and record books maintained by the Probate Court.) The original Real Estate Papers from 1825 through 1900 are at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, SC. Copies of files opened after 1900 may be ordered from the Spartanburg County Probate Court.

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