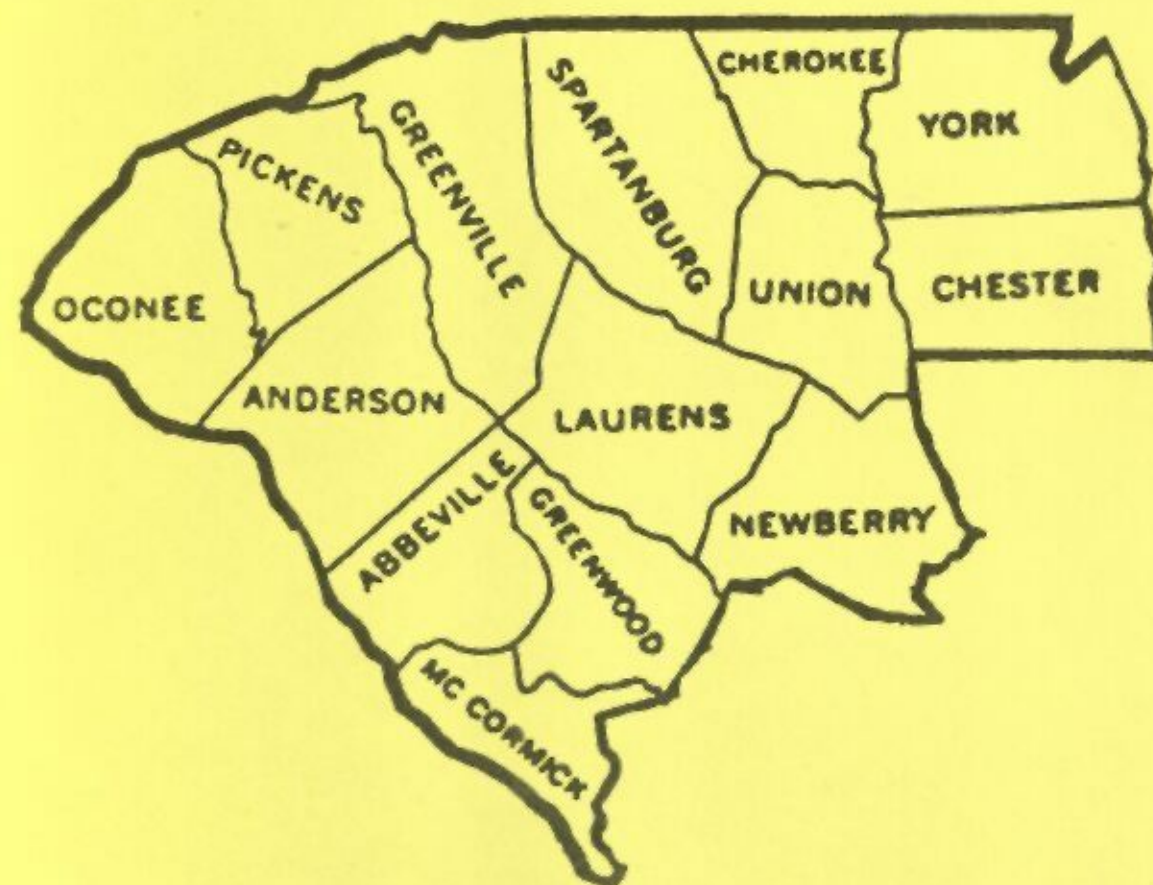


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

Changes are on the way. I have been President of the Piedmont Historical Society for four years and it is time for a change. On October 11, 2007 an election was held and the following officers were selected for 2008-2009:

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This is a very good slate of officers, and I give them my support and wish them success. I want to thank all who have worked with me for the last four years.

Also, I would like to thank all who have made donations this year. This has helped to keep us going.

Bob Cartee

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FAMILY RECORD OF AARON BURTON OF NEWBERRY DISTRICT

Contributed by Mrs. Lorene Fisher, 22 Goose Trail, Taylors, SC 29687-5510

Source: From correspondence in 1984 with Floyd Bullock of 521 Chestnut Street SW, Camden, Ark., 71701 and with Loyce W. Grimes, 10324 Hillcrest Rd, North Little Rock, Ark., 72116. They were members of the S.A.R. The family record is from the family Bible of Aaron Burton.

Births

AARON BURTON was born October 15, 1778.

ELIZABETH BURTON, wife of Aaron Burton, was born February 21, 1784.

- [1] BETHENIA BURTON, daughter of AARON and ELIZABETH, his wife, was born August 29, 1811.
- [2] MAGDALIN BURTON was born June 20, 1813.
- [3] PHOEBE BURTON was born February 28, 1815.
- [4] ROBERT BURTON was born December 25, 1816.
- [5] FRANCES BURTON was born September 13, 1818.
- [6] ELIZABETH BURTON was born April 15, 1821.
- [7] WILLIAM BURTON was born April 29, 1824.

Deaths

ELIZABETH BURTON, wife of AARON BURTON, departed this life December 15, 1836.

PHOEBE BURTON, daughter of AARON BURTON, departed this life August 27, 1837.

SUSANNAH HOLSTON, wife of LORENZO HOLSTON and daughter of AARON and ELIZABETH and BURTON, departed this life April 15, 1840.

WILLIAM BURTON, son of AARON and ELIZABETH BURTON, departed this life May 18, 1844.

AARON BURTON departed this life January 15 1848.

Contributor's Note: My correspondents mentioned above revealed that the maiden name of Elizabeth, wife of Aaron Burton, was Elizabeth Rudd. In the compilation *Newberry County, South Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 2* (1985), p. 143, we find in the Rudd Family Graveyard, located 4-5 north of Chappels, SC, the following entries: Elizabeth Burton, w/o Aaron Burton, 2/21/1784-12/15/1836 and her daughter Phoebe Burton, d/o Aaron & Elizabeth Burton, 2/28/1815-8/21/1837.

In Vol. 1, (1982), p. 111, of the compilation cited above, the transcription of the Aaron Burton Graveyard, located 4 miles Northwest of Silverstreet, SC, appears as follows: William Burton, s/o Aaron & Elizabeth Burton and Aaron Burton, 10/16/1776-1/16/1848.

The reader will note disparities between some dates from the tombstones and those in the Bible record.

* * *

UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1819 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

Issue of Saturday, February 6, 1819, p. 2, col. 3 [Fairfield District]

DIED, very suddenly, at the Planter's Hotel in Columbia, on the 24th ult. [January 24, 1819], JOHN MEEK, Esq. of Fairfield District.

Issue of Monday, April 19, 1819, p. 2, col. 3 [Union District]

Departed this life, in Union District (S.C.), on the 5th inst. after a short, but painful illness, Mrs. MARY EDWARDS, consort of Edward Edwards, Esq. In the death of this lady, an affectionate husband is bereaved of an exemplary wife—six children of a beloved mother, whose devoted attention and constant solicitude will make her memory ever dear to them—a large circle of connections and friends of a much loved relative and highly valued friend—and surely at large, of one whose virtues are worthy of imitation.

Issue of Saturday, June 19, 1819, p. 2, col. 4 [Union District]

[Died by drowning on June 12, 1819, Mr. John Sampson Bobo, age 15, of Union District.. See p. 131 below for details.]

Issue of Monday, June 21, 1819, p. 2, col. 5 [Union District]

DIED, on the first inst. at his Plantation, Union District, Mr. ALEXANDER MACBETH, for forty seven years a respectable inhabitant of this state.

Issue of Saturday, July 24, 1819, p. 2, col. 5 [Fairfield District]

Departed this transitory existence, in Fairfield District (S. C.) on the 8th inst. Mrs. JANE PORTER, in the 56th year of her age. Her death was occasioned by a wound inflicted by a *rabid* animal. The deceased exhibited all those characteristic symptoms which mark the hydrophobic state of fever, but notwithstanding frequent paroxysms of *distraction*, occasioned by intolerable sufferings under that most formidable, inexorable disease, it pleased God remarkably to leave her to the last moments of her life with the retention of her intellect. She had received the wound about two months previous to the accession of the hydrophobia: after that symptom supervened, she sustained the dreadful shock of her accumulated miseries only about thirty-six hours. [Columbia Telescope]

Issue of Saturday, August 14, 1819, p. 2, col. 2 [Greenville District]

DIED, at his residence in Greenville District, BENJ. TARRANT, Sen., aged 84 years. He was upwards of 30 years a member of the Methodist Church. He lived (through many hard trials) as a christian, and died as one who possessed the faith of the gospel; and left the Church universally lamented. But their loss was his gain. He left a bright testimony in favor of that faith on which his soul was stayed, and, without a struggle or a groan, fell asleep in the arms of his Redeemer.

Ibid [Union District]

DIED, in Union District, on the 16th inst. at very advanced period of life, Mrs. Sally Henderson, consort of Maj. John Henderson. She was a zealous member of the Methodist Church for nearly 40 years.

Issue of Thursday, September 23, 1819, p. 2, col. 5 [Kershaw District]

DIED, at Camden, on the 16th inst. MICHAEL LARCH, a native of England.

Issue of Thursday, September 30, 1819, p. 2, col. 4 [Kershaw District]

DIED, in Camden on Saturday morning last, Mr. ELISHA WALKER in the 25th year of his age.—On Monday morning last, Mrs. Isabelle Ermoyer.

Issue of Saturday, October 2, 1819, p. 2, col. 4 [Chester District]

DIED, On Sunday, the 1st of August, at her residence in Chester District, Sandy River, Mrs. ELIZABETH WALKER, aged about 71 years. She was twice married, was the mother of 12 children, 37 [57?, original unclear], 20 great grandchildren. Our country can boast few such characters as this beloved and [undecipherable word] old lady. Her life was a pattern of beneficence—to do the will of the Lord, to relieve and comfort suffering mortals, was her daily delight. Having, through divine aid, finished the work assigned her on earth, she fell asleep in the arms of her compassionate redeemer without a struggle or a groan.

Issue of Saturday, October 9, 1819, p. 2, col. 5 [Fairfield District]

DIED, in Fairfield district, after an illness of 10 days, which he bore with full resignation, to the will of his Almighty Father, Mr. AUSTIN H. WRIGHT, late a resident of Columbia, in the 23d year of his age. His many virtues have rendered him deservedly lamented.

Ibid [Chester District]

[On Monday morning, September 27th, 1819, Mr. George Brown was murdered at his home in Chester District. See p. 146 below for the account.]

Issue of Wednesday, November 17, 1819, p. 2, col. 3 [Pendleton District]

DIED, at Altamont, (Pendleton District) the seat of Col. Thomas Pinckney, on Friday, the 22d ult., Miss ELIZA HUGER, aged 34 years, daughter of the late Col. John Huger, of this city.

Issue of Saturday, December 18, 1819, p. 2, col. 3 [Kershaw District]

DIED, on Beaver Creek, Kershaw District, on the 4th ult. Mr. THOMAS D. CAMMAL?, aged 28 years, a native of Tipperary (Ireland), after a severe but short illness, which he bore with christian meekness. Mr C. although a stranger had, by his upright and correct deportment, made many friends, who [are] sincerely sympathetic with the bereaved and afflicted wife on this melancholy occasion

TWO POEMS IN 1819

Source: Charleston *Courier*, issue of Wednesday, November 17, 1819, p. 2, col. 1

"LET ME"

I ne'er on that lip for a moment gaz'd,
But a thousand temptations beset me;
And I've thought, as the dear little rubies you rais'd,
How delightful 'twould be—if you'd let me.

Then be not so angry for what I have done,
Nor say that you've sworn to forget me;
They are buds of temptations too pouing to shun,
And I thought that you could not but—let me.

When your lip with a whisper came close to my cheek
Oh! Think how bewitching it met me;
And plain as the eye of Venus could speak,
Your eye seem'd to say—you would let me.

Then forgive the transgression, and bid me remain,
For, in truth if I go, you'll regret me
Then, oh! Let me try the transgression again
And I'll do all you wish—if you'll let me.

[From the Ohio Patriot]

"I'LL LET YOU"

If a kiss be delightful, so tempting my lips
That a thousand soft wishes beset you,
I vow by the nectar that Jupiter sips,
On certain conditions—I'll let you.

If you'd swear by my charms that you'll ever be true
And that no other damsel shall pet you,
By the stars that now roll round yon summit of blue,
Perhaps, sir—perhaps sir—I'll let you.

If, not urged by a passion as fleeting as wild,
That make all the virtues forget you,
But affection unsullied, soft, fervent and mild,
You ask for the kiss—why—I'll let you.

And Oh! Should you seek it, a seal for the vows,
You intended when first, sir, I met you,
To pledge me your faith and to make me your spouse
Why then—then, indeed, love—I'll let you.

LOUISA. [From the Winchester Constellation]

SUMMARY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION ON THE SERVICE OF DANIEL MABRY OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: Revolutionary War Pensions and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900; R.6570
 [Editor's Note: The following letter from the Veterans Administration to an inquiring patron summarizes the genealogical content of the application made for a pension on the service of Daniel Mabry.]

Washington, October 4, 1939

Mrs. William J. Johnson
 R. F. D. No. 1
 Campobello, South Carolina

Dear Madam

Reference is made to your letter in which in which you requested the Revolutionary War record of Daniel Mabry of S. C.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, R. 6570, based upon service of Daniel Mabry in Revolutionary War.

Date and place of birth of Daniel Mabry and names of his parents are not shown.

Daniel Mabry married in March 1788, in Fairfield District, South Carolina, Louisa Mobley, daughter of William Mobley. They were married at the home of her father. The name of her mother was not shown.

Daniel Mabry died March 24, 1816, in Fairfield District, South Carolina.

Louisa Mabry, widow of Daniel Mabry, died July 18, 1838. Place of death not stated.

On July 20, 1846, Isaac Mabry, aged about thirty-nine years and a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina, applied for pension which might have been due on account of service of his father, Daniel Mabry, in the Revolutionary War and alleged that Daniel Mabry served in Colonels Brandon's and Taylor's South Carolina regiments, that he was also quartermaster in said regiments. No further details of service given.

The claim for pension was not allowed as proof of service as required by the pension law was not furnished. [Editor's Note: Inspection of the actual papers in this file shows that Daniel Mabry did indeed serve as alleged above. The reason given in the file for denial of a pension to his survivors was that Daniel Mabry had married after the Revolutionary War was over.]

On July 20, 1846, reference was made to children of Daniel and Louisa Mabry as follows:

- [1] Frances, aged about fifty-two, widow of Benjamin Pucket, has a son, name not given. She was a resident of Fairfield Dist.
- [2] Olly, aged about fifty years, wife of David Henderson, residing in Fairfield District, South Carolina.
- [3] Elizabeth, aged about forty-eight years, wife of Samuel Harrell, residing in Newton County, Georgia.
- [4] Mary, aged about forty-six years, wife of Thomas Mobley, residing in Union District, South Carolina.
- [5] Sophie, aged about forty-four years, wife of William Marlair[sic], residing in Greene County, Alabama.
- [6] Nancy, aged about forty-two years, widow of Garland Casey, who had one child named Mary. They were residing in Chester District, South Carolina.

- [7] Isaac, aged about thirty-nine years, residing in Fairfield District, South Carolina.
- [8] Sicily, aged about thirty six years, who was single and a resident of Union District, South Carolina.
- [9] Alfred, aged about thirty-four years and a resident of Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

In 1846, Moses Mobley, nephew of William Mobley, was a resident of Fairfield District, South Carolina. He witnessed the marriage of Daniel and Louise Mabry. Said William Mobley was the father of Louisa, soldier's widow.

Very truly yours,
 A. D. Hiller Executive Assistant to the Administrator

[Editor's Note: The following letter, dated November 26, 1938 and addressed to the Veterans Administration in Washington D. C. could possibly provide a clue to brothers of Daniel Mabry.]

Gentlemen,

Under date of 7-21-38 you were kind enough to give me the record of Reps Mabry [S-41809].

If possible I would also like to get the records of his brothers, namely, Charles, Joshua, Stephen, Gray, Daniel and Jordan.

If you cannot give me more than two, I would like the records of Joshua and Charles. Thanking you, I am, yours very truly, Shannon Mabry Gamble. [She resided then in Chattanooga, Tennessee.]

SOME YORK COUNTY MARRIAGE NOTICES

Source: Yorkville *Enquirer*, issue of Thursday, January 6, 1870, p. 3, col. 3

HYMENAL.

MARRIED—On the 21st ultimo [December 21, 1869], my Rev. S. L. Watson, Mr. N. D. GLENN and Mrs. S. E. CALDWELL, all of this county.

On the 23rd ultimo, by the Rev. S. L. Watson, Mr. J. M. FORD, of Gaston County, N. C., Miss M. H. ADAMS of York county.

On the 21st ultimo, by Rev. Hugh Strong, Mr. J. ALONZO BROWN and Miss SUE L., youngest daughter of the late Rev. Wm. B. Davies, all of this county.

In Yorkville, on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, by Rev. R. P. Johnson, Mr. STEPHEN C. HOMESLEY, of Shelby, N. C., and Miss MARY E., daughter of B. P. Boyd, Esq., of Yorkville, S. C.

In this county, on the 12th ultimo, by Rev. J. S. Bailey, Mr. CHARLES KIDD and Miss JOSEPHINE MOORE.

On the 21st ultimo, by Rev. J. S. Bailey, Mr. BARNEY BRANNON and Miss REBECCA GOORE, all of this county.

On the 23rd ultimo, by Rev. J. S. Bailey, Mr. R. H. MITCHELL and Miss ISABELLA MORROW, all of this county.

In this county, on the 23rd ultimo, by Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Mr. JAMES MILLER and Miss M. ANNA, daughter of H. C. Harris, all of this county.

On the 30th ultimo, by J. G. Gullick, Esq., Mr. JAMES L. JOHNSTON, of York County, S. C., and Miss MARY JOHNSTON of Gaston County, N. C.

On the 30th ultimo, by Rev. H. R. Dickson, Mr. JOHN L. GARDNER and Mrs. MARTHA J. WILSON, all of this county.

FAMILY RECORD AND ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILLIAMS OF PICKENS DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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[Editor's Note: The family and will of Joseph Williams, father of William Williams, was published by Lois Branch in the August 2007 issue, p. 118, of this *Quarterly*.]

William Williams was born 24 March 1815 in Pendleton District, (part of which is now Pickens Co.) SC. He was the son of Joseph W. Williams, who was born in Caswell Co. NC and who died 26 Sept 1841, Dacusville, Pickens Dist. SC. Joseph is buried in Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens Co.

William Williams was wounded in the First Battle of Manassas and taken back to Pumpkintown, Pickens Co. SC, where he died 18 Feb 1862. William and his wife are buried in Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens Co. SC. William married Elizabeth "Betsy" Reid, b. 15 Jan 1818, Pendleton Dist. SC, daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret "Peggy" (Hill) Reid. Betsy died 24 Dec 1890, Pumpkintown, Pickens Co. SC.

William and Betsy were the parents of:

1. Josiah S. Williams, b. 31 July 1838, Pickens Co. SC; d. 15 Jan 1910, Phelps Co. Mo. He married 16 Jan 1870, Pickens Co. SC Martha Jennie Griffin, b. 9 Nov 1853, Easley, SC dau. of Alva & Jennie (Barton) Griffin.
2. Sarah Williams, b. ca 1839, Pickens Co. SC.
3. Melinda Catherine "Lindy" Williams, b. 11 Oct 1840, Pickens Co. SC; d. 1928, Phelps Co. Mo. Married Columbus W. "Lum" Pace, b. 5 Feb 1842, SC son of Richard King and Nancy (Barton) Pace.
4. Nathaniel Jefferson Williams, b. 1 May 1843, Pickens Co. SC, d. 12 Nov 1899, Table Rock, Pickens Co. SC. Buried Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery. Married Rebecca Edens, b. 6 Jun 1849, Pickens Co. SC, dau. of Alexander L. and Margaret (Keith) Edens.
5. Isaac Williams, b. 13 Nov 1845, Pickens Co. SC, d. 5 Feb 1888, Pickens Co. SC. Married Eliza Ann Griffin, dau. of Alva and Jennie (Barton) Griffin.
6. James Harrison Williams, b. 3 Apr 1848, Pickens Co. SC, d. 17 Feb 1930, Dillon Twp., Rolla, Phelps Co. Mo. He went by the name of Harrison Williams. He married 16 Jan 1873, Phelps Co. Mo. Mary Melinda Dean, b. 13 Sept 1854, Phelps Co. Mo. dau. of Henry and Elizabeth Mary (Matlock) Dean. Harrison and Mary were the parents of 10 children, one of which was Myrtle Lee Williams, b. 29 Mar 1887, Phelps Co. Mo. married 6 Sept. 1908, Rolla, Mo. Charles Carl Schwartz. *Myrtle and Carl are my Grandparents.*
7. John H. Williams, b. 18 Nov 1850, Pickens Co. SC, d. 18 Oct 1925, Howe, TX. Married Mary Catherine Jones, b. 1856, Pickens Co. SC, dau. of Augustin and Adeline (Griffin) Jones.

8. Mary Elizabeth Williams, b. 7 Feb 1853, Pickens Co. SC, d. 20 Mar 1940, Pickens Co. SC. Married 1877, Joseph Pinckney Robinson, b. 23 Aug 1851, Pickens Co. SC, son of Jeremiah and Martha A. "Mahala" (Williams) Robinson.
9. Eliza J. Williams, b. 7 July 1858, Pickens Co. SC, d. 1 Aug 1869, Pickens Co. SC.
10. Elliott T. "Bud" Williams, b. 26 Sept 1856, Pickens Co. SC, d. 7 June 1933, Pickens Co. SC. Married Apr 1880, Rachel Jane Jones, b. 24 Feb 1859, Pickens Co. SC, dau. of Bennett Cooper and Nancy (Hill) Jones.
11. Rebecca Williams, b. ca 1861, married a Mr. Hill, whose given name is unknown to me.

Will and Estate of William Williams

State Of South Carolina, Pickens District

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Planter, being of sound mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. FIRST. I desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible. Also, I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by three judicious neighbors of all my said estate and after being signed with their names that a copy of the same shall be given by them to each of my Executors.

SECOND. I will and bequeath to my afflicted daughter ELIZA WILLIAMS a negro girl Ann and her increase to be hers during her life should she die leaving no bodily heirs, she is to be sold and equally divided between my wife and children, the said negro girl to be delivered to my said daughter at the death of my beloved wife or her ceasing to be my widow and I appoint my wife her guardian till said daughter becomes of age.

THIRD. It is my will that all my real and personal estate remain in the possession of my beloved wife so long as she remains my widow, and at her death or her ceasing to be my widow I direct that the remainder of my estate be sold, real and personal on a credit of twelve months bearing interest from the date of sale and equally divided between my heirs and if my wife should marry she is to receive a child's part of the remainder of my estate.

FOURTH. It is my wish that my wife as my children become of age to give them a horse provided she can do so without purchasing and in case of her not being able to give them a horse, I direct my Executors to give to the ones not receiving a horse the value of a horse so they may all receive an equal division of my estate. I have given JOSIAH WILLIAMS my son, a horse.

FIFTH. It is my will that should my wife wish to sell my land or any of my estate for my Executors to give public notice of the sale and the net proceeds to be used in purchasing land in place of the property sold, my wife selecting the lands to be purchased.

SIXTH. I do hereby make and ordain my beloved brother HENRY WILLIAMS and my esteemed friends DR. A.J. ANDERSON and NATHAN A. FEASTER, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, the testator have to this my Will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS {SEAL}

Signed in the presence of BENNETT C. JONES W.B. LINDSEY J.B. WILLIAMS

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PICKENS DISTRICT

I, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, being in sound mind, do hereby make this following Codicil or Suppliment to my above and foregoing last will and testament of date 25th of December last 1861, and hereby request that the negro girl Ann and her increase, if any, which I there gave to my daughter ELIZA WILLIAMS it is my request that if she dies without a bodily heir that the said negro girl and her increase shall at her death relapse and fall back to my estate and remain as my other real and personal estate and so managed by my Executors shall as directed manage the other part of my estate, and that said negro girl and her increase to be and as in my will directed.

SECOND. I also do hereby revoke my Executor NATHAN A. FEASTER and do now hereby appoint my son JOSIAH S. WILLIAMS my Executor to act and do and perform all acts of said FEASTER in his name and sted. In witness whereof I have hereunto caused my name and seal to be affixed on this third page in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two and on the 6th of February in the same year, 1862.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS {SEAL}
SIGNED in presence of us -JOSEPH MASINGILL J.R. CLARK JOSEPH B. REID
[Contributor's Note: The Nathan Andrew Feaster mentioned in the will was the 2nd cousin of William's wife Elizabeth.]

SOUTH CAROLINA, PICKENS DISTRICT

PERSONALLY appeared BENNETT C. JONES and being duly sworn saith on oath that he was present and did see WILLIAM WILLIAMS sign and seal the foregoing Will (by making his mark) as and for his last Will and Testament, and that W.B. LINDSEY and J.B. WILLIAMS were present and saw the same, that they all three signed the same as witnesses in presence of each other and the testator.
SWORN to before me August 22nd 1862

W.E. HOLCOMBE, O.P.D.

PERSONALLY appeared JOSEPH MASINGILL, and being duly sworn saith that he was present and did see WILLIAM WILLIAMS sign the foregoing (by making his mark) as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament and that J.R. CLARK and JOSEPH B. REID were present and with himself witnessed the same, in presence of each other and the testator.

SWORN to before me August 22nd 1862

W.E. HOLCOMBE, O.P.D.

State of Missouri, Phelps County} To J.B. Newbery Judge of Probate of Pickens County SC
The undersigned JOSIAH S. WILLIAMS Qualified Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM WILLIAMS Deceased.....respectfully to show to your Court, that he is and has been for a number of years a resident of St. James, Phelps Co. Mo., and that on account of the great distance intervening between the two states, it is quite inconvenient to undersigned to settle up ____ of said Estate, which needs the immediate attention of a Legally certified Agent. Therefore the undersigned do herewith tender his resignation as Executor of the Estate of said WILLIAM WILLIAMS and pray that you accept the same, and appoint J.P. Robinson and N.J. Williams Administrators with will annexed of the said WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
June 1890 JOSIAH S. WILLIAMS

State of Missouri, County of Phelps} SS Personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the County and State above written JOSIAH S. WILLIAMS and who being (ink splotch).....when his

oath.....the foregoing is True to the best of his knowledge given under my hand and official seal at my office in St James Mo this 9th day of January A.D. 1890

G.A. Lett Notary Public

After considering the above it is ordered that the resignation be accepted and that an Administrator with will annexed be appointed.

Jan 13, 1890

J.B. Newbery J.P.P.C.

State of South Carolina, County of Pickens} To J.B. Newbery Probate Judge J.P.P.C. County and State aforesaid: The undersigned your petitioners respectfully shows to this court

1. That about the year 1862, one WILLIAM WILLIAMS departed this life. What he left at his death are estate consisting of real and personal property.

2. That he left a will which has been probated, and his Executor having moved to the State of Missouri has renounced his Executorship and there is no Legally Certified Agt. to settle up the Estate

3. That your petitioners are a Son and Son-in-law. Wherefore your petitioners prays that Letters of Administration with the will annexed be granted to them, and they will ever pray

Jan 17, 1890 N.J. Williams J.P. Robinson

[Contributor's Note: The final settlement of William Williams' estate was made on February 6, 1893. The net amount of the estate, \$1271.64, was divided by nine—eight shares going to children of William Williams and one share being divided by the children of his deceased son Isaac Williams. Those children were the following: William Williams, Jane Simpson, Matty Williams, Neema Williams, Mary Williams, and George E. Williams. The latter four were minors, whose guardian was J.P. Robinson. His daughter Eliza J died young, and his daughter Mrs. Rebecca Williams Hill was unaccounted for.

The real estate of William Williams consisting of three hundred acres, more or less, lying on a branch of Oolenoy Creek was sold at public sale on October 15, 1890 by his executors, N.J. Williams and J.P. Robinson, to Perry D. Dacus for the amount of \$910. The deed was recorded on January 5, 1891.]

ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF JOHN SAMPSON BOBO OF UNION DISTRICT

Source: Charleston *Courier* issue of Saturday, June 19, 1819, p. 2, col. 4

Melancholy Accident—Mr. JOHN SAMPSON BOBO, a native of Union District, in this state, and the younger of three brothers in the Junior Class of the South Carolina College, was on the 12th inst. [June 12, 1819] about 11 o'clock, A. M., drowned in the Congaree river, a little below the junction of Broad and Saluda rivers. The circumstances attending this mournful catastrophe are no less singular than distressing. It appears that he, and some of his College associates, crossed the river together in a canoe, and after remaining some time on the opposite bank, picking berries, Mr. Bobo left his companions, and is supposed to have attempted to return *alone* to the place from which they had set out; but in the attempt to wade over a shoal, was borne off with the velocity of the current into a deep eddy, where (as he was a poor swimmer) unable to regain his footing, he sank and drowned! After a twenty-four hours diligent and anxious search, his body was at last found, and interred on the night following with due solemnity. Thus was he, in the 15th year of his age, and in the full enjoyment of health and vigour, snatched from the peaceful paths of science, the bosom of his youthful companions, the endearing circle of friends, and forever deprived of the joy of again witness the beloved smiles of his affectionate parents and relatives. [*Columbia Telescope*.]

A TOURIST'S VIEW OF GREENVILLE VILLAGE IN 1847

Source: The Charleston Courier, Wed., Sept. 22, 1847, p. 2, Col. 4.

Correspondence of the Courier.

Flat Rock, N.C., Sept. 15, 1847

The pleasures of travel and a large experience of hospitality have again thrown my correspondence far in arrear of my progress; and yet, I perceive, my pen has been too active, or too prolific, for your over-burthened columns. My arrival, at Greenville, S. C., took place on Monday, the 30th ult., and, during my stay there, until the 11th inst., I was engaged in a perpetual round of excitement, recreation and enjoyment. The first interesting event or incident was the Agricultural Exhibition and Fair, of which I promptly wrote you an account. Next in order, on the 1st inst., was

THE FIELD MUSTER

of the 1st, or Upper Regiment of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Division of the So. Ca. Militia, (commanded by Colonel THOMAS P. BUTLER), one of the strongest Regiments in the State. An immense concourse, composed of a fine and stalwart body of citizen soldiery and the neighboring yeomanry, with their helpmeets and sweethearts in goodly numbers, in all between two and three thousand people, gathered on the Regimental Muster Ground, a spacious area, some 14 miles from the village of Greenville, overlooked by the lofty mountains in the vicinity. The scene was a highly picturesque and animated one. The extensive green sward, marked out for the parade, with camp colors and other indicia, and traversed by the soldiery, some in uniform, and others in citizens' dress; the fine mountain scenery presenting a series of natural ramparts and fortresses; the gay uniforms, epaulettes and plumes of the General, Field and Staff Officers, moving about, on richly caparisoned steeds, to witness and supervise the evolutions, and of the Company Officers, interspersed among the troops; the martial notes of drum and fife, and the richer strains of the Regimental Band, at once grateful to the ear and regulating the martial tread, the numerous waggons skirting the ground, with their cider and ginger-merchants; the many groups, of both sexes, filling up the interstices; some engaged in converse, some making purchases, and others leisurely viewing the parade; the vast number of horses hitched in the adjacent forest, and the perpetual bustle and hum of the busy and seemingly happy multitude – all combined to form a spectacle and a *tout ensemble* of great and varied interest and charm to the eye and the mind, at least, of the townsmen. The military exercises of the day were creditably performed, under the auspices of the Colonel of the Regiment – the reviewing officers being Brig. General GARVIN, Adj. General CANTEY, and Col. W. BUTLER THOMPSON, one of Governor JOHNSON'S Aids, the lameness of his Excellency preventing his attendance in person. After the evolutions of the day had been closed, Col. W.B. THOMPSON, on behalf of his Excellency, addressed the troops, in a spirited and eloquent manner, complimenting them on their discipline, discoursing happily on the importance of an efficient and well-trained militia, as well as to uphold the liberties of a free country as to defend her soil from invasion, and, if need be, to carry victorious war into foreign lands, and illustrated his views by a series of felicitous references to the battles of the Revolution, and of the war of 1812, and the more recent fields of Buena Vista and Cerro Gordo, where American Militiamen did the service and won the laurels of disciplined soldiery. On closing his speech, Col. THOMPSON introduced to the troops, Capt. PRESTON S. BROOKS, a gallant officer of the Palmetto Regiment, (son of WHITFIELD BROOKS, Esq., of Edgefield District), now detached by the U.S. Government, on the recruiting service, to fill up the chasms made by sickness and death, in that noble corps, now among the victors of the Mexican Capital. Captain BROOKS with the port of the soldier, and in the spirit of the patriot, then made a bold, manly and eloquent appeal to the Regiment to redeem their duty to their country, and to prove the revolutionary blood, which, through

noble and gallant ancestry, coursed in their veins, by rallying to the standard of the American Union, and sharing at once in the toils and the laurels that awaited the conquerors of Mexico. I was particularly struck and pleased with the nationality of his address – with the happy manner and patriotic fervor with which he repelled all local prejudices and sectional jealousies, and invoked the national spirit of his auditory to add to the luster and the honors of that glorious banner of stars and stripes, which floated over free, happy and united people. With regret, I add that the success of the appeal was not commensurate with its merit as an eloquent and soldiery effort – a meager promise or two, “a glorious nibble” or so, being all that he practically achieved. Col. BUTLER next called his officers round him by the tap of the drum, and delivered spirited address, awarding them and their companies merited praise for their discipline and efficiency, expressing the pride and pleasure he took in commanding so fine a body of troops, and urging them in the future, as in the past, in fact, as well as its name, to prove themselves the first Regiment in the State; and then dismissed the parade.

No sooner was the parade over than a new act of the drama commenced. The Colonel of the Regiment, being one of the candidates for Sheriff of the District, and one or more, of his opponents being on the ground, the canvass was forthwith actively pushed. Each candidate hung out his whiskey banner on the outward wall; and no longer, like that of Capt. BROOKS, was it a call of spirits from the vastly deep – but on, on they came in platoons and cohorts, and, until approaching eve admonished of home, the cry was still they come. It is deeply to be regretted that this system of treating at popular elections, of electioneering with whiskey, of “putting enemies into people's mouths to steal away their brains,” should have so strongly engrafted itself on the elective franchise. Such is the tenacity of its hold, that, as I am told, at the last election for Clerk of Court in Greenville District, the candidate, who persisted in the old practice of opening the Whiskey sluice, distanced his competitors, who sought office on the temperance principle. This example will, I fear, open anew this vast pernicious flood-gate of popular corruption and debauchery. I was gratified to perceive that, at the late election for Mayor of our city, both candidates eschewed the mischievous and corrupting practice. It would furnish a curious item of statistics to ascertain the quality of ginger, cider and whiskey, consumed on “the grand field day,” of which I have just sketched the *lights and shades*.

The canvass for Sheriff was not the only one in progress on this military occasion. The Hon. B. F. PERRY, long known as first the able Representative, and then Senator of Greenville District, in the State Legislature, was also on the ground; and by means of a friendly shake, and the social colloquy, canvassing for Congress, from the United Districts of Greenville, Pendleton and Laurens, in place of the Hon. RICHARD F. SIMPSON, who declines a re-election. No opponent of Mr. PERRY is yet in the field, although it is rumored that an effort to mature opposition is in progress in Pendleton; and Major P. had therefore to do all the hand-shaking and small talk himself; and right manfully and gracefully did he acquit himself of his service. The prospect of Major P.'s election is very flattering. All, or nearly all the leading men in Laurens and Greenville are in his favor, and he is not without strong friends in Pendleton. In his own District he is deservedly influential and popular, having so long and so faithfully maintained and defended her best interests in the Councils of the State. The general opinion, so far as I was able to collect it, on the muster-ground and elsewhere, is that “Major PERRY will be hard to beat,” and that his opponent, who ever he may be, “will have to travel a very rough road,” and the chance is very fair that he will only have to walk over the course. As one to the straws, which shows which way the wind blows, I may mention that a substantial citizen and farmer, who, although highly esteeming Major PERRY, had always hitherto denied him a vote, for a prejudice against sending lawyers to the State Legislature, declares his intention to go for Maj. P. for Congress, as one who will there ably and

faithfully uphold the honor and interests of his native State. Major PERRY was born in our mountain region, the son of an emigrant from that cradle of liberty, the Old Bay State, which has, as in the present instance, so often furnished noble grafts for the Palmetto. Without patronage or family influence, he has toiled and won his way to eminence in his profession, and a high hand in our legislative chambers. Bold and independent in character and in action, manly in bearing, possessed of sound judgment and practical talent, a strong and able debater, and of spotless and high-toned integrity, he will not fail to do honor to the Palmetto State in the grand Council of the Nation.

Previous to the Review, at the house where the General and Staff Officers donned their military apparel, I met, in the proprietor, a somewhat weather-beaten veteran, named JOHN POOLE, who claimed to be 72 years of age, and informed me that he had an aged father 94 years old. On reaching the parade ground Major PERRY introduced me to the old man, Mr. WM. P. POOLE, above referred to by his veteran son, and I had some friendly chat with him. Remarking to him, "I have seen your son, and he tells me he is 72 years of age." He replied, "He doesn't tell the truth—he is only 68." "He says you are 94," continued I. "He doesn't speak the truth," replied he, "I am but 92—I was born in 1755, the year of Braddock's defeat. I am a sober man, but my son takes too much liquor. I would have been", added he, "at the battle of Guilford, but I was out with a party catching fish for the army; and we caught 16 barrels of fish." I next remarked to him, "My friend, Major PERRY wants to spend his winters in Washington." "Ah," said he, "he wants to be president eh? I will vote for him." I explained to him that the Major was not quite so vaulting in his ambition, and that he was only a candidate for Congress; whereupon he again pledged the Major his support, addressing him, too, in terms of strong personal attachment and eulogy. Shortly after, there came up a rowdy, good natured fellow, and giving his hand, said "How'd'ye do Mr. POOLE?" "Who is that?" said the old man. "Why, I am WILLIAM RAY." "What Drunken Bill! Why do you drink so much liquor? How is your father?" Drunken Bill good humouredly acknowledged his personal identity, and answered how his father was; but was profoundly silent as to his reason for stowing away so much liquor. It is due to Mr. JOHN POOLE to say that, in an after conversation with him, about his own and his father's ages, he satisfied us that he was honestly in error on the subject—that it was a case of miscalculation from given dates, not aberration from truth. The old man of four score and ten, although somewhat deaf, and of impaired vision, actually looked younger than his son of three score and ten—doubtless in consequence of the superior sobriety of the former. Will not this case furnish a fine topic for the next discourse at Temperance Hall?

Returning late from the Muster Grounds, Major PERRY and myself were indebted on the way, for an excellent meal, uniting all the comforts and luxuries of both dinner and supper, to the hospitality of P. E. DUNCAN, Esq. and his worthy lady. Mr. DUNCAN is an intelligent and successful farmer, and one of the Representatives of Greenville District, in the State Legislature. He occupies his paternal acres, which he cultivates with skill, and he is somewhat celebrated for raising that valuable animal the ass—valuable for its gift of the mule to labor and agriculture—his *jacks* selling at \$700 or \$800 each. Mr. D. cultivates a specific grass, the guinea grass (if my memory serves me right), which bears no seed, and is propagated by roots only. It stands several cuttings during the same season, is perennial; admirable both as fodder and pasturage; and unlike other grasses, is easily confined to prescribed limits. He kindly promised me some roots for propagation, at the suitable season. After night fall, we arrived at the village, highly gratified, with the muster and its incidents.

The continued rains laid an embargo on my movements for the rest of the week.

ON SUNDAY,

the 5th instant, I attended morning service at Christ Church, and heard a chaste and excellent discourse

on the mission of Christ, the great truths it was designed to establish and their mighty and happy influence, for time and eternity, on the lost race of man, from the Rev. P. J. SHAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, who has been passing the summer, with his family, at the elegant villa of the Hon. JOEL R. POINSETT (his connexion by marriage), near the village. In the afternoon, I attended at the Baptist Church, The Funeral Service of Col. BENJ. F. DAWKINS, of Union District, (son of the late Gen. DAWKINS, and a brother of Col. THOS. N. DAWKINS, Solicitor of the Northern Circuit,) who died, the day before, in the village, at the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cleveland. He was aged about 37 years, a planter by occupation, and bore a most estimable character. His disease was consumption, and he had just returned from an excursion over the mountains, made in the hope of benefitting his health, but attended with aggravated symptoms. Although dying from home, his death bed was soothed by the presence of wife, brothers and other relatives, connexions and friends. His funeral service was preached by the Rev. Mr. BREAKER, the youthful Pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of both sexes. The text selected for the occasion was from Job, ch. xiv, v. 5; "Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, *thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass*"—and it was made the theme of a most impressive discourse, vindicating the ways of God to man, in assigning a limit or bound to his earthly pilgrimage. Were men immortal, in his present imperfect and sinful state, earth would be no paradise, but an abode of guilt and misery—alike unbridled by human or divine restraint—a perfect Pandemonium. It is only in habitations, not made with hands, eternal in heaven, that the unequal dispensations of life are ended and atoned—that the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. "That which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die;" and it is only through the gloomy portal of the grave that this corruptible puts on incorruption and this mortal puts on immortality, and "death is swallowed up in victory." The mother and some other relatives of the deceased, not having arrived in time, the corpse was not interred until the next day, when it was laid to rest in the village cemetery.

The next day, Monday, the 6th inst., being a day of cheerful sunshine, the villagers and their numerous guests and the inhabitants in the vicinity, turned out en masse—all ages, sexes and conditions swelling the expectant crowd, and every vehicle and horse, that could be had, being put in requisition, to witness the novel spectacle of an

INDIAN BALL PLAY.

The arena for the sport was the Greenville Race Course—a square or parallelogram of which was marked out for the purpose, with wooden poles on opposite sides, two on each side, a body of Cherokees, known as WELCH'S Indians, (from the name of the individual exhibiting them or directing their movements,) from the mountains of N. Carolina, about 40 in number of both sexes, made their appearance. Retiring, for a while, into the forest, to dress or prepare for the game, and at high noon, to the no small astonishment of the "mixed multitude," a party of naked warriors, eleven or twelve of a side, rushed into the appointed area. Their costume, if any, was exceedingly primitive or aboriginal. In the very descriptive, graphic and exceedingly minute detail of the *Greenville Mountaineer*, they were "not clothed in soft raiment," neither with "leather girdle," but "in the primitive summer dress of a scant piece of cloth or handkerchief, with a horizontal and perpendicular tie about the middle of the persons—a kind of *ball* dress—unique and very simple—far too much so for general imitation in fashionable society." It must be confessed, however, that this unceremonious disregard of civilized usages, and bold return to the aboriginal *habit*—*this casting off of old clothes*, exhibited the athletic frames and well-formed limbs of the savages to great advantage. In full dress, they were but a shabby set of fellows, but in their peculiar *dishabille*, they made an imposing appearance, looking indeed like the lords of the forest. The

signal being given, these genuine sons of primitive Adam, began the game. It consisted in the casting of a small ball, thrown up in the centre of the play-ground, and struggled for by all, through the poles, on either side of the ground – the party succeeding in casting the ball six times out of eleven, through the poles, on their side, winning the game. Each warrior was provided with a couple of ball-sticks, each having a scoop or cup at the end, with which to pick up the ball, no one being allowed to possess himself of it with the hand, but being at liberty, after securing it with the sticks, to take it with the hand, and throw it through the poles – the possessor, not only having to run, as if for his life, to effect the object, but to struggle with every adversary that chooses to contend for it, to prevent it being wrested from his grasp by main force – and, in the course of the game many fleet races being run, many stout wrestles being achieved, and many amusing falls and tumbles taking place. Each game commenced with a war-whoop, from each of the contending parties – something like the shrill scream of a woman, followed up with an Irish ullaloo – not a very terrific war cry, if they gave a faithful specimen of it. When heard, however, in the wilderness or forest, and associated with murderous tomahawk, and terrible scalping knife, its effect is doubtless far more terrible and appalling. After two matches, the Indians discontinued the play, and withheld a promised dance by the *Squaws*, their conductor announcing that the collection of the needful (which was purely voluntary) had not been sufficiently encouraging. On the whole, this Ball Play, although not without interest from its novelty, was a rather spiritless affair. It is doubtless a very different game in spirit and conduct, although the same in form, when a deep stake kindles the passions and strings the nerves of contending warriors. Fierce indeed and not deathless must have been the struggle, when two tribes, 500 warriors on each side contended in this game, on the banks of the Chattahoochee, the stake being a territory equal in size to the State of Georgia. In conclusion, when next the *democracy*, to say nothing of the *élite* of Greenville, shall be regaled with an Indian Ball Play, I would counsel them to make a shift to have matters conducted with more decorum, and to insist on *tunics*, instead of either *kerchiefs* or *fig leaves*, as the fitting apparel for the sport.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., we were again deluged with rain, but in the afternoon, the weather again cleared up, and Heaven smiled on the fair daughters of Greenville, and their pious and benevolent project, a

LADIES FAIR,

to aid in building a new Episcopal Church edifice, in place of the present Christ Church, which is rather defective in size and architecture. Although got up, at short notice, it was a tasteful exhibition, highly creditable to the fair architects of the scene and manufacturers of its ornamental constituents and appendages – but, with my old and incorrigible penchant for the *beau sexe*, I could not help silently voting the *fair merchants* the chief ornaments – nay the very gems of the Fair. The beautiful basket of wax flowers, which took a prize at the Agricultural Fair, was generously presented by the tasteful artist to the Ladies Fair, and was raffled for its benefit – and, strange to say, through chance and friendly liberality combined, I am its fortunate possessor. Surely the worthy bachelor, who so handsomely provided the meed for this beautiful specimen of female skill, ingenuity and taste, should conceive his fortune enviable, if, when asking for *bread*, he should be offered a *stone*. I am gratified to learn that the receipts of the night were fully \$200.

Next in order of notable and agreeable events, was

THE RAIL ROAD BARBECUE,

on the 8th inst. As an official and minute account of this numerous and animated meeting will appear in the *Mountaineer*, and probably be transferred to your columns, I do not propose to encumber them with any detailed account of it; but will only note a few particulars. At 11 o'clock A.M., the citizens of

the village and district, and those also of the associate Districts of Pendleton, Laurens and Newberry, assembled at the Court House, and marched in procession, to the selected place, a fine grove, near Dr. IRVINE'S Spring, where an immense crowd of several thousand, including a numerous collection of ladies, had gathered to hear the speeches and cheer the occasion. The Hon. B. F. PERRY, Senator of District, took the Chair, and R. H. SPEER, and E. P. JONES, Esquires, were appointed and acted as Secretaries. After a preliminary speech from the Chairman, the meeting was addressed by the Hon. JNO. B. O'NEALL, President of the Greenville and Columbia R. Road Company, for upwards of an hour, in an able demonstration of the practicality, the certainty and the advantage of the projected enterprise. He was followed successively, by the Hon. R. F. SIMPSON, R. YEARDON, Esq., J. P. REED, Esq., J. D. TRADEWELL, Esq., before partaking of the Barbecue, and after it, by SIMON FAIR, Esq., Col. J. H. IRBY, B. R. CARROLL, Esq., and the Hon. WM. C. PRESTON. The speeches were able, practical, and spiced with humour and anecdote. The morning opened favorably, but, after Judge O'NEALL had spoken, an unwelcome canopy of clouds was formed over the heads of the vase concourse; and, as soon as Mr. YEARDON touched the chord of electricity in his speech, the heavens responded, both audibly and visibly, and a deluge of rain was discharged. Mr. YEARDON was forced to suspend his remarks, and many of the ladies were compelled to retire; but those in carriages, as well as the male auditors, stood fast. After an interval, the rain continuing, but with less violence, Mr. Y. resumed his remarks. He assured the audience that had he been aware that his allusion to thunder and lightening would have provoked such a response from the heavens, brought down such a deluge of cold water (an article, however that was always welcome to their worthy President) on their heads, and doomed their backs to wet jackets, he would not have ventured on such a delicate and perilous experiment. He begged them, however, not to suppose him *Jupiter Pluvius*, but to hold him what he was, a mere mortal, "a plain, blunt man, who (pointing to Maj. PERRY) loves his friend, and speaks right on." He then pursued and closed his remarks. Mr. REED also delivered his speech, an able and effective one, almost entirely in the rain. Col. PRESTON'S concluding speech was a noble burst of eloquence, notwithstanding the still feeble condition of his physical man. He called it the *fig end* of a speech, but every other speaker present would doubtless have been glad and proud to claim Col. P.'s *fig end* as the *staple* of his own performance. On the power of steam, in its microscopic display, and minuter uses, even down to the tea kettle and other provinces of household economy, and in its telescopic grandeur, and colossal agency on land and sea, he was surprisingly eloquent and magnificent. In some of his minor and humorous hits, too, he was eminently happy. He told the mountaineers, that, when the projected Rail Road should be built, an egg might be laid, or a cock might crow, in the morning, in Greenville, and be served up, in the evening for his supper in Columbia. In conclusion, he told them that DEAN SWIFT was once called on to preach a charity sermon, and that his text was – "He that giveth to the poor tendeth to the Lord"; and his whole sermon – "If you like the security, poney up the dust." Now, said Col. P., "I say he that giveth to the Rail Road, lendeth to charity, to morals and to intelligence – to the State of South Carolina, glorious old South Carolina – 'if you like the security, poney up the dust.'"

The frontis-piece of the stand, for the speakers of the day, was a very well executed and beautifully conceived painting, by Mr. WM. H. WATSON, a worthy merchant and self-taught amateur artist of Greenville. It was a representation of the Mountains meeting the Sea Board, in the embrace of commerce and social kindness. Table Rock, Caesar's Head and other mountains; the villages of Greenville, Laurens and Newberry; the mountain oak, the Rail Road Car, with its rich and well stowed freight, and the Locomotives, were grouped on the right, as you approach the picture – and, on the left, the Palmetto, Charleston, with her mansions, churches and lofty spires – her wharves and beautiful

harbor, studded with shipping – and, to complete the happy conceptions, Ceres actually descending from her rural home, with her emblem of plenty, (a sheaf of wheat protruding from a slender and graceful case,) to meet and wed old Neptune, armed with his trident or ocean sceptre, and seated on an elegant shell-formed car, drawn by a pair of dolphins. This tasteful and well designed specimen of art, so happily adapted to this occasion, was a subject, and deservedly so, of universal admiration and praise. Mr. WATSON is an artist truly in love with his art; and pursues it solely for the gratification of his taste and not professionally. He has executed several other very fine paintings – among them, the Village of Greenville, with the Reedy river washing its base, the mill-seat, and the picturesque water falls leaping over rock and precipice; the Table Rock in the vast perpendicular altitude, and Caesar's Head in all its imposing grandeur. I was kindly admitted into his sanctum and shewn these fine productions of his pencil – and also a handsome and highly polished escritoire, or bookcase, of native walnut, constructed by himself.

The subscriptions to the Rail Road, at the Barbecue, was not very large – about \$6000, of which the ladies, God bless them, subscribed at least two-thirds, with promise of a handsome addition. There can be no doubt, however, that the right spirit was awakened, and that gratifying results will soon be apparent. Universal excitement and a noble emulation prevails on the subject, and success may be regarded as certain. The precise route of the road is not yet designated, but the surveys through Newberry, Laurens and Greenville, are nearly complete, and the report of the surveyors is highly favorable. Greenville District has subscribed from \$115,000 to \$120,000, Laurens about \$140,000, and Newberry about \$123,000 – and Columbia, it is said, will nobly devote \$250,000 to the work.

P.S. – I am sorry to trouble you with corrections, but a few are necessary in my previous letters. In my Unionville letter the name "J. M. M'GAGE" was printed instead of "J. M. K. GAGE." In my letter, furnishing a catalogue of the Graduates and Students of the S.C. College, the following corrections are needed. Class of 1807, WALTER CRENSHAW (1), GEO. W. GLENN (2), JOHN WESLEY HARPER, JOHN CALDWELL. Class of 1808, the misplacing of a semi colon makes Judge EVANS Governor and Senator in Congress, instead of STEPHEN D. MILLER. Class of 1809, JAMES L. PETIGRU, Attorney General (1), ALEXANDER BOWIE, Chancellor in Alabama (2), &c. Class of 1816, Hon. DAVID L. WARDLAW (1), not "David S. Wardlaw." Class of 1821, not "one" but "the first honor divided, this year," between the Rev. BASIL MANLY and AMZIE ALEXANDER; "EPPES" not "Eppers," and "Hon. WM. L. LEWIS" not Wm. L. Lewis." Class of 1822, not "Thomas" but "THOMSON T. PLAYER." Class of 1824, RICHARD T. BRUMBY (1). Class of 1825, "DAVID FILES, JR.," not "David Tiles, Jr." Class of 1829, Prof. LEWIS R. GIBBS, M.D. (1), MR. JENKINS ROPER, M.D. (2). Class of 1832, Rev. JAMES H. THORNWELL (1). I must also ask you to substitute my "rational doctrine of States Rights, for your national doctrines, &c."

Flat Rock, Sept. 17, 1847.

I arrived here by the way of Caesar's Head, from Greenville, on Monday last, and have ever since enjoyed a series of sunshiny days, of a deliciously cool and highly bracing temperature. There has literally been no summer here, and autumn is again upon this lovely mountain region, before summer has commenced. Of Caesar's Head, a remarkable mountain and a great natural curiosity, and recently became a place of frequent resort, to enjoy its pure air, and romantic, picturesque and sublime scenery, I will endeavor to give you a description, in some subsequent letter.

Yesterday afternoon, we received the glorious, but painfully distressing intelligence (brought by your vigilant and diligent Express) of our new victories near the walls of Mexico, and the heavy cost of blood and life, at which it has been purchased, by our city, probably, our State and our country. The fate of the Palmetto Regiment, and the death of its gallant commander, in the arms of victory, have produced

a deep sensation here. We all honor SCOTT and his host of living victors – and both honor and mourn poor BUTLER and the other glorious dead. Never were battles fought against such fearless odds – never were battles so gloriously won.

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SOME ABBEVILLE DISTRICT MARRIAGES IN 1855 AND 1856

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville)

MARRIED

issue of Friday, January 4, 1856, p. 2, col. 4

On the 19th ult. [December 19, 1855], by the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, Mr. J. A. WARDLAW and Miss ELIZA L. LIVINGSTON, all of this place.

On the 18th ult., by Rev J. M. Chiles, Mr. M. T. OWENS of this place and Miss MARTHA WIDEMAN of this District.

On the 27th ult., by Rev. Mr. Whatley, THOMAS THOMSON, Esq., of this place, and Miss MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH, of Edgefield.

On the 1st instant, by Rev. Mr. Johnson, W. H. PARKER, Esq. and Miss LUCIA G., daughter of Hon. D. L. Wardlaw, all of this village.

issue of Friday February 15, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

On the 20th December last, by Rev. George Tumlin, Mr. GEO. MCDUFFIE SPROULL and Miss LOUISA STIDHAM of Cass county, Georgia.

issue of Friday, February 22, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

On Wednesday, 31st ult., by Rev. Levi Boydston, Mr. WM. H. WILSON of Abbeville, S. C., and Miss MATILDA ANN ROGERS of Winn Parish Louisiana.

issue of Friday, February 29, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

On the 20th inst., by E. Tribble, Esq., Mr. JOHN CLAMP to Mrs. EMILINE MCCLELLAN, all of this District.

issue of Friday, March 7, 1856, p. 2, col. 3

By Rev. V. Young, on the 14th ult., Mr. DANIEL MAYS and Miss AMANDA A. CLARK, all of this District.

issue of Friday, March, 28 1856, p. 3, col. 1

On the 28th February, last, by —, Mr. WILLIAM MCCORD formerly of Abbeville, and Miss MARY ANN CRAWFORD, of Sabine county, Texas.

issue of Friday April 22, 1856, p. 2, col. 3

On the 2d instant, by Rev. Mr. Mizell, S. M. BRADFORD and Miss MARY SOPHIA CALDER, all of Cobb county, Ga.

issue of Friday August 22, 1856, p. 2, col. 4

At Lowndesville, on the 12th instant, by Rev. Joseph Gibert, Mr. J. L. DIXON, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss U. M. DUPRE, of the former place.

issue of Friday September 19, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

At Abbeville Court House, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. Mr. J. F. Gibert, Mr. JAMES W. IRWIN of Abbeville, and Miss SUSAN WOODHURST of Pett Sussex County, England.

issue of Friday, November 21, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

On the 18th inst., by the Rev. T. A. Hoyt, Dr. D. S. BENSON and Miss MARY E., daughter of the late Col. N.H. Miller.

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A VIGNETTE OF THE BATTLE AT COWPENS

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Source: Texas Baptist and Herald, February 22, 1906

By special request of that noble man of God, Eld. L.R. Scruggs, now enfeebled by paralysis, the following account of the battlefield of the Cowpens clipped from the Dallas News is being given.

I saw a clipping from the Outing Magazine in memory of Gen. Morgan quoted in Sunday's News. I was born and grew up on the old Cowpens battlefield where he and Colonel William Washington defeated Colonel Tarleton. My grandfather was there. I lived with my grandfather when I was too small to work, and often sat on his knee and heard him tell about the great battle. It only lasted about two hours but as Colonel Tarleton says his little army was whipped and routed, he rode to his commissary wagons to order retreat and leave the field. Colonel William Washington, a cousin of George Washington, rode up to him and they spoke thus: "This you, Washington?" "This you Tarleton?" They struck at each other with their swords. Washington hit Tarleton's sword at the hilt or handle and broke it off and cut off Tarleton's little finger. Washington raised to make the fatal stroke, when Tarleton wheeled and spurred his horse. History says he jumped a commissary wagon, but my grandfather says he jumped the horses or behind the horses. He made his escape to Smith's Ford on Brown[sic, Broad] River. Washington followed within a mile or so of Smith's Ford fifteen miles from Cowpens. When he stopped at a house and asked a Lady, Mrs. Molly Harper, how long since Colonel Tarleton had left. She had to look down the road to see if they were out of sight. She could not see them. "Oh," she said, "I reckon they are across the river." She afterward said her husband had been taken by Colonel Tarleton to help him cross the river, and she was afraid he would be killed if Colonel Washington overtook him. She wanted to save her husband, and so Washington returned to Cowpens. Colonel Tarleton hurried on to Charleston, and while there at a hotel he heard some ladies praising Colonel William Washington for his bravery as a soldier and officer. Colonel Tarleton remarked that he was a very illiterate man. Some of the ladies spoke up and said "Yes, he may be illiterate, but he knows how to make his mark." Colonel Tarleton looked at his missing finger, bit his lip with rage and immediately left the hotel, and as soon as he could he left the United States. But allow me to return to Cowpens and tell about my grandfather's tales about the battle of Cowpens. The battle commenced about sun up while the British were at breakfast. They were surprised and whipped and fled, leaving their camps and breakfast, which was enjoyed by Morgan and his hungry and tired soldiers. My grandfather bought the land including the Cowpens battleground and settled within a mile of the place.

It was called the Cowpens Crossroads because the stockmen had built a herding and marketing pen there, which was a junction of the two noted public roads, one from Spartanburg S.C. to Island Ford on Broad River, N.C. the other from the Blue Ridge Mountains to Smith's Ford.

I give these particulars because I lived there and mustered there and have seen many fist and cuff fights on the old battleground.

My grandfather gathered up a wagon load or more of old muskets, ramrods, bayonets, cartridge boxes, swords, etc. and took care of them as long as he lived. My father afterward sent those things to Washington DC for which the president sent him a check for \$100.

My uncle, Robert Scruggs, had charge of the Cowpens battleground as long as he lived, but since then I have lost track of the noted place of my youth.

Rev. T.L. Scruggs
Corsicana, Texas [Navarro County]

[Contributor's Note: Having Scruggs and Dobbins ancestors and having been deeply involved in Scruggs family research, I would like to identify for the reader the persons mentioned in the foregoing article. Elder L. R. Scruggs is Rev. Luther Rice Scruggs (b. 2 June 1841, in Spartanburg District, SC—d. 16 October 1906 in Texas). Rev. T. L. Scruggs is Rev. Thomas Lafayette Scruggs (b. 5 August 1831, in Spartanburg District, SC—d. 15 October 1920, in Waxahatchie, Ellis County, Texas). These two men were both Baptist preachers, and they were brothers. Their parents were Rev. Drury Dobbins Scruggs (b. Jan. 1806, in Spartanburg District, SC—d. 6 Jan. 1891, Rutherford County, NC) and his wife Elizabeth Price Wilkins Scruggs (b. 12 May 1806, Rutherford County, NC—d. 25 Sept 1886, in Chattanooga, TN). The grandfather to which T. L. Scruggs referred was Richard Scruggs, Jr. (b. 1 Sept 1762, Rutherford County area, NC—d. 5 March 1855, Spartanburg District, SC), whose wife was Mary "Mollie" Dobbins Scruggs (b. about 1767, in Ninety Six District, SC—d. 14 Oct 1854, in Spartanburg District, SC). Richard, Jr., and Mary Dobbins Scruggs were the parents of Rev. Drury Dobbins Scruggs, named above, and Robert Stovel Scruggs (b. 19 June 1800, in Rutherford County, NC—died 6 Dec 1891, Spartanburg County, SC). He was the "uncle Robert Scruggs" mentioned by T. L. Scruggs above. I will go a bit further and record here that the parents of Richard Scruggs, Jr. were Richard Scruggs, Sr. (b. abt 1745) and Prudence "Prudy" Hicks Scruggs (b. abt 1750) and that his paternal grandparents were yet another Richard Scruggs, Gentleman (b. abt 1692) and his wife Martha Drury (b. abt 1696).

I will conclude with the remark that at least one other family, namely Goudelock, claimed the distinction of having a male member commandeered to help Col. Tarleton across the Broad River.]

DESCRIPTION OF A MONUMENT AT COWPENS IN 1856

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday, May 2, 1856, p. 2, col. 2

The Washington Light Infantry, of Charleston, recently made a visit to the famous battle-ground of the Cowpens, Spartanburg District, for the purpose of erecting a monument upon it. The following description of the monument is given by a correspondent of the Charleston *Standard*, who was on the ground.

"The smallest diameter of the shaft, which is made of iron, is about six inches, and it is surmounted by a bombshell and a gilt eagle, also of iron. The cap of the base is of marble, and the several sides of it contain the following inscriptions, in sunken gilt letters: "WASHINGTON." "The Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, to whose custody the widow of William Washington entrusted his Banner, visited this battle-field April, 1856, and again waved over it the Flag borne by him on that occasion." "Fort Moultrie, King's Mountain, Cowpens, Eutaw Springs—our Heritage." "Morgan" "Howard" "Pickens." "To the victors at Cowpens: we enjoy the result of their struggles, let us emulate the virtues that secured it." The monument, with its whole height of twelve feet, stands some four rods [66 feet] on the right hand of the road, in front of our camp, where the underbrush, but not all the pines have been cleared away. All around, across the road, and on every side of this partial clearing—the only one upon the ground—the woods and solitude are almost unbroken.

The citizens in the vicinity of Cowpens propose to enclose this monument with a handsome iron railing.

[Editor's Note: The monument described above still stands on the grounds of the Cowpens National Battlefield. However, the gilt eagle has "flown" from its perch, having been stolen years ago. A picture of this monument made in October 2007 appears on p. 145 below.]

PHOTOGRAPH OF GREENBERRY CROCKER AND OF HIS DAUGHTER CANZADA JANE CROCKER COGGINS

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



Greenberry Crocker (1834-1896?)



Canzada Jane Crocker Coggins (1854-1932)

FAMILY RECORD OF GREENBERRY CROCKER

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Sources: Federal census records, SC death certificates, tombstone inscriptions and mortuary records

Greenberry Crocker

b. abt 1834, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

d. after 1896, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

[His name was on the 1896 CSA pension roll of Spartanburg County.]

His father: Simeon Crocker (b. abt 1808, Spartanburg District, SC—

d. after 1880 Spartanburg County census.)

His mother: Elizabeth Ona Maybry(?) (b. abt 1807, SC—d. Oct. 23, 1891, Pelham, Greenville Co., SC

His paternal grandparents: William Crocker and Chloe Smith Crocker

married: about 1852, Spartanburg District, SC

Elmina Lucinda Bryant

b. April 8, 1833, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

d. 1898, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Her father: William Tolleson Bryant (b Jan. 19, 1796—Oct. 11, 1883, Spartanburg County, SC)

Her mother: Lucinda Kirby (b. abt 1800—d. June 15, 1869, Spartanburg County, SC)

[See this Quarterly Vol. XXI, No. 1 (Feb. 2007), p. 1 for family record of Wm T. Bryant.]

Their Children (all born in Spartanburg District, SC)

1. Canzada Jane Crocker b. Aug. 11, 1854 – d. Nov. 8, 1932, Spartanburg Co., SC
Husband: Robert Spartan Coggins
b. April 5, 1855 (Sptg Dist.) – d. Sept. 3, 1912 (Sptg Co. SC)
Both are buried at Zion Hill Baptist Ch Cem, Sptg Co, SC
His parents: Robert Henry and Lorena Berry Coggins
2. Nancy L. Crocker b. Jan. 27, 1857 – d. July 11, 1915, Chester County, SC
Husband: William Henry Thompson
b. July 28, 1862 (Sptg Dist., SC)—April 30, 1850 (Chester, SC)
Both are buried in Mt Tabor Cemetery, Lockhart, Union Co., SC
His parents: William and Joanna Robbins Thompson
3. Ada (Addie) Crocker b. abt 1860 (after census) – d. March 11, 1911, Union, SC
Buried at Zion Hill Baptist Ch Cem., Spartanburg Co., SC
Husband: Thomas Tuell
b. 1860 (Spartanburg Dist., SC)—d. aft 1910 census of Union Co., SC
His parents: John and Martha Coggins Tuell
4. Fereby Belle Crocker b. April 1863 – May 13, 1947, Whitmire, Newberry Co., SC
Husband: James M. Millwood
b. Dec. 12, 1860 (Sptg Dist. SC)—d. Nov. 27, 1933(Whitmire)
Both are buried, unmarked, in Rosemont Cem., Union, SC
His parents: Richard and Annie Lee Millwood
5. Charles Berry Crocker b. Nov. 28, 1866 – d. June 16, 1934, Bonham, Fannin Co., Tx
Wife: Rosinda America —?— (Maiden name not yet known to me.)
b. Jan. 11, 1860 (SC) – d. Oct. 6, 1936 (Bonham, Fannin Co., Tx)
Both are buried at Willow Wild Cem., Bonham, Texas
Her parents: They remain unknown to me

A FILLER FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS

Source: Charleston *Courier*, issue of Friday, January 21, 1848, p. 2, col. 2

[Editor's Note: The following item, gentle reader, has absolutely nothing to do with upstate South Carolina; but the menu was compelling — and I needed a filler. This an excerpt by the *Courier* from *The Polynesian* newspaper.]

Restoration Day (July 31), the fourth anniversary of the restoration of the Hawaiian flag by Rear Admiral Richard Thomas, was extensively celebrated. Some 8 or 10,000 people partook of a feast given by the King, which was cooked in the native style: 271 hogs, 482 calabashes of poi, 603 chickens, 3 oxen, 2 bbls [barrels] salt pork, 2 bbls bread, 3,125 salt fish, 1,820 fresh fish, 12 ½ bbls beans and cabbage, 4 bbls onions, 18 bunches bananas, 55 pineapples, 10 bbls potatoes, 55 ducks, 82 turkeys, 2,255 coconuts, 4,000 heads of kalo, 180 squids, grapes &c., composed the material of the huge feast. No ardent spirits were allowed, and everything passed off happily.

The Polynesian rejoices over fresh butter and cheese from Oregon as something rare.

A SKETCH OF JAMES BUTLER BONHAM OF ALAMO FAME, NATIVE OF EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *Anderson Intelligencer*, issue of Wednesday, November 11, 1896, p. 1, col. 7

JAMES BUTLER BONHAM

A New Chapter of Texas History

Floresville (Tex.) Chronicle

[Quarterly Editor's Note: Floresville is the county seat of Wilson County, Texas.]

LA VERNIA, TEXAS, Aug. 31, 1896

EDITOR CHRONICLE: I have recently received from General M. L. Bonham of South Carolina, a letter giving a short sketch of the life of his uncle, James Butler Bonham, who fell at the storming of the Alamo with Travis, Bowie and Crockett on defense of Texan Independence.

The history of the life and character of the heroes of that siege—a siege that will go down to future ages as one of the bloodiest massacres of history—should be preserved and transmitted to posterity.

No braver men or purer patriots ever drew sword in defense of liberty than the defenders of the Alamo, and it should be the especial pride of Texans to perpetuate their memory. Was it not Bonham whom Travis relied upon to bear information of his condition to the patriots that they might succor him in the hour of distress; and was it not he who rode back through the enemies' lines "into the very jaws of death?" And yet Texas histories make mention merely of his name—giving no just conception of his superb character to the youth of the State. If you think the letter would be of sufficient interest to your readers, it is at your disposal for publication, and I herewith enclose you a copy.

Yours very truly, A. N. McCALLUM.

ANDERSON, S. C., June 22, 1896

A. N. McCALLUM, La Vernia, Texas:

Dear Sir: Your letter of June 5th, addressed to me at Columbia, S. C., was forwarded to me here, and reached me just as our Superior Court convened and I was extremely busy.

My uncle, Col. James Butler Bonham, fell with Travis, Crockett, and Bowie at the Alamo. I do not remember him. Indeed he died before I was born, but I have heard my father, the late ex-Gov. M. L. Bonham, of this State speak much of him. There was a very strong tie of brotherly affection between them. James Butler Bonham was born in Edgefield County (then called district), in the State of South Carolina, on the 20th day of February, 1807. After a course of study at the best schools then to be found in the country, he studied law and settled at Anderson, S. C. He was engaged in the practice of his profession when the news of the heroic struggle of Texas for independence fired his heart and animated him with a determination to achieve that independence. Col. Travis, who was already in the field, was likewise a native of South Carolina and of Edgefield district, and was an old neighbor and warm friend of James Bonham. His letters to the latter filled him with the ardent desire and determination to take part in the struggle for freedom. So he laid down his law and took up the sword, with what fate in store, you already know.

A few years after the war for Texan Independence my father went to Texas and saw some lady, whose name I have now forgotten, who was one of the few survivors of the fearful massacre. From her he learned that Col. Travis sent my uncle for reinforcements, before the fort was invested by Santa Anna. On his return with a small body of men he found the Fort surrounded by Mexicans, barring his entry

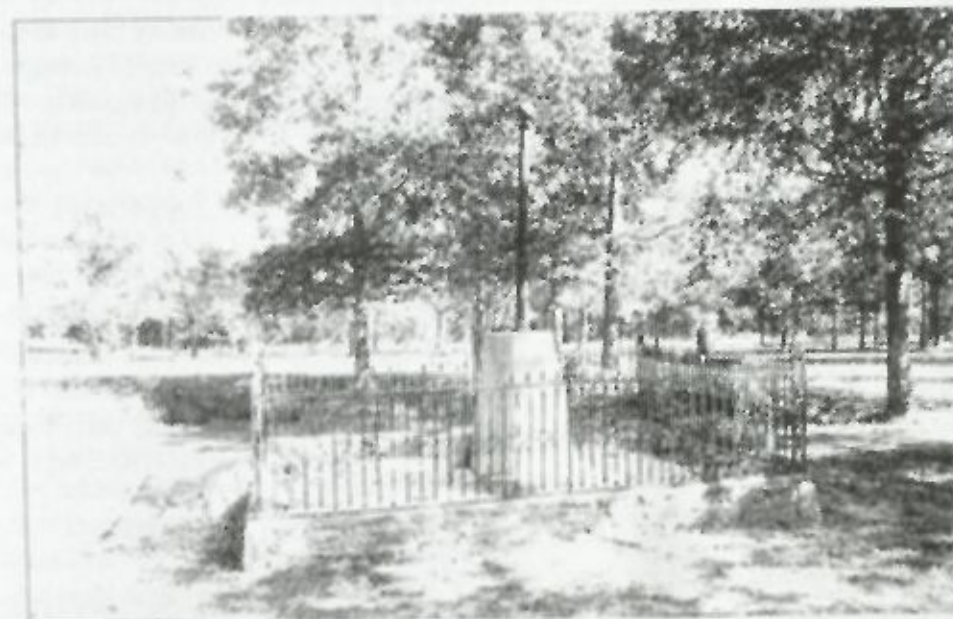
with his troops; but he had pledged his word to Travis that he would return at all events, and bring him news of the conditions of things outside, and of the chances of receiving aid and succor. So, by means of preconcerted signals, he, alone, made his way through the lines of the enemy, into the Fort, and lost his life, after piling up the dead around him. One story was that he and a few survivors fought their way into a magazine and were determined to blow it up rather than surrender. But lured by the promise that they would be treated as prisoners of war, they surrendered and were massacred after surrender. I think my father was of the opinion that his brother was killed while fighting, and did not surrender.

James B. Bonham never married. He was the son of Capt. James Bonham, who came to South Carolina from Virginia after the war of the Revolution; he being the son of Absalom Bonham, of Maryland, who, at the outbreak of the war, being in New Jersey, visiting his brother there, enlisted in the New Jersey line and became a major. After the war he removed to Virginia and died there. He was a member of the Cincinnati society. James Butler Bonham, of whom you write, was named for his maternal granduncle, Capt. James Butler, who was killed in the war of the Revolution, by Bloody Bill Cunningham, a famous Tory officer of this province.

James Butler Bonham was very tall, six feet two inches, a powerful man; straight as an Indian, with black hair and eyes, and of engaging manners and handsome person. He was brave, frank and generous. Full of thoughts of chivalry and patriotic impulse, his was just the nature to be fired by the struggle which the gallant Texans were making for independence. My father tried for a while to dissuade him from going, but seeing how ardently he longed to go, he assisted him. . . . [Quarterly Editor's Note: An item on page two of the *Intelligencer* had been clipped out, denying us the remainder of this sketch.]

A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE 1856 MONUMENT AT COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEGROUND

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MURDER OF GEORGE BROWN OF CHESTER DISTRICT

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Saturday, October 9, 1819, p. 2, col. 4

COLUMBIA, (S. C.) OCTOBER 5

We received the following dreadful statement from Chester District. We give it to the public as it was handed to us, without being able to form any conjecture of the motives which influenced the perpetrators of this horrid act. We recommend to travellers in this and neighboring states to be diligently attentive to any reports or surmises which might be likely to lead to a discovery of these bloody villains.

MURDER !!!

On Monday morning, the 27th ult. [September 27] between 3 and 4 o'clock, Mr. GEORGE BROWN of Chester District was, at his own door, most horribly and barbarously murdered!

A few moments before this diabolical act was perpetrated, some person was heard to rap at the door. When Mr. Brown arose and opened it, two persons immediately seized and dragged him out, and with a knife or some similar instrument, they cut his throat in a most savage manner, so that the head was nearly severed from the body.

The Satanic actors of this unprecedented, this unparalleled and most horrid deed, are not yet known, but we hope ere long that justice will overtake them.

If they be not discovered so that they may receive the punishment due to their crime from a human tribunal, we are fully assured that they will not escape the righteous judgment of a just God in a future world! The above is as horrid and awful an instance of barbarous murder, as has ever been known in our land; and at a time too when, apparently, God is working wonders amongst his people of this quarter of the world.

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DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. ELIZA POOLE OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Source: *The Baptist Courier*, issue of Thursday, August 5, 1886, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Eliza Poole, who was a daughter of Jeremiah Cleveland, one of the first settlers in Greenville, died at her residence in the Cleveland House on the 27th of July, in the 74th year of her age. She was a lady of considerable means, and was noted for her kindness to the poor and needy. She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, although it is stated that she was a Universalist in belief.

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EMIGRATION TO THE WEST WITH A HORSELESS CART

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Saturday September 25, 1819, p. 2, col. 4

Emigration to the West.

Passed through this place [Pendleton], from Greenville District, bound to Chatahouchee, a man and his wife, his son and his wife, with a cart; but no horse. — The man had a belt over his shoulders, and he drew in the shafts — the son worked by traces tied to the end of the shafts and assisted his father to draw the cart — the son's wife rode in the cart, and the old woman was walking, carrying a rifle and driving a cow.

[Pendleton Messenger, Sept. 8]

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LIPSEY-FOSTER MARRIAGE IN UNION COUNTY

Source: *The Union Weekly Times*, issue of Friday, June 23, 1876, p. 3, col. 1

Married, on the 11th instant, at the residence of John Lipsey, by F. T. Eison, Esq., Mr JAMES LIPSEY to Miss SALLY FOSTER.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT FORT PRINCE IN 1900

Source: *Greenville Daily News*, Friday, July 6, 1900, p. 6, cols. 1 & 2

FORT PRINCE

A Graphic Account of the Celebration — Sketch by Dr. Landrum —
Speech by Gen. McCrady — One by Mrs. Ellerbe.

Spartanburg, July 5. — The Fort Prince Celebration came off in a most satisfactory manner yesterday. Favorable weather, good speaking, a large crowd, good behavior and a great abundance of good things to eat, with good music, united to make the day most enjoyable. There must have been at least two thousand people out. The Spartanburg band furnished delightful music, which must have been very different from the hymns and psalms sung in subdued tones in the old fort one hundred and thirty-eight years ago. Hon. Jno. B. Cleveland presided at the meeting and he did that in his usual style marked for good taste and felicitous expression. The Rev. J. D. Bailey of Cowpens, who is much interested in the early history of the up-country made the invocation. P.E. Chapman, chairman of the committee of arrangements made a statement as to the work of the committee and extended a hearty welcome to every one.

Dr. J.B.O. Landrum had been selected to give a history of the fort. He had carefully prepared his sketch, showing that the Blackstock road was the first public highway in the country. The road had been opened up for the traders who came to this section to traffic with the Indians. It was along this road the first settlers traveled, when they came down from Pennsylvania and North Carolina. The date of the erection of the fort is not known, but it was built soon after the Cherokee war began, and for many months the families from North Pacolet down the Blackstock road and on the Tygers took refuge in the fort. After the war was over and a treaty with the Indians was made, the fort was not used until about 1779 or early in 1780, when Edward Hampton on a running fight from Earle's ford on Pacolet down the Blackstock road, pushed the British and Tories so hard that they took refuge in the fort, where they remained until they could make an orderly retreat. Dr. Landrum's tribute to Hampton and the hardy intelligent pioneers that settled that portion of the country was a very just one. Many of the descendants of the soldiers who fought in the revolution and the women who suffered at home were present and heard the deeds of their ancestors proclaimed in becoming style.

A committee had been appointed to examine odes submitted for the occasion and report as to the best, in their judgment. The committee decided that the ode signed "Carolina" was the best. On opening the envelope it was ascertained that "Carolina" was Mrs. Edwin Ellerbe, of Marion S.C., who is the daughter of Major and Mrs. J. M. Elford of this city.

After the reading of the ode Gen. Edward McCrady of Charleston was introduced. He was selected by the committee because he knew something of the early history, perhaps more than any one in the State. It was known that he was incapable of making a speech from which spread-eagle feathers were sticking out from all sides. It was also known by his friends that he could not, and would not if he could, round off his paragraphs with Fourth of July bombast. He spoke without notes or manuscript. He started off by taking as his text two important incidents in Jewish history; one of the crossing of the Red Sea, the other the crossing of the Jordan under the leadership of Joshua and the piling up of the stones as a memorial forever of that event. He claimed that there was a lack of monuments to mark important events in the early history here in the South. All that commemorative work had been left for our New England friends. They had even written the history of the part the Carolinas took in the revolution and through ignorance of the facts they had made false statements. Even their novels and romances, pretending to give faithful sketches of those perilous times, had false statements. The speaker then

proceeded to show how the revolution was not the fight of the southern colonies; that it was a New England war. The people of our State were loyal to Great Britain, as they had no grievance against the mother country. But when the plan of campaign was changed and it was determined in London to send column from Georgia and the Carolinas so as to take Washington on his flank, it was then that South Carolina began the wonderful style of warfare hitherto unknown to the great captains of the world. When the Continental troops had been defeated and routed and disheartened by the British soldier, the volunteer or partisan soldiers came to the front of the defense of the State. Marion, Sumter, Lacy [sic, Lacey], Thomas Brandon and many other partisan leaders did more with their friends and followers to bring the revolution to a successful issue than all the continental troops south of Maryland. The victory at King's Mountain and the success at Cowpens would have been impossible without the many victories of the volunteer troops had not preceded those larger fields. The speaker gave the number of battles in South Carolina, showing that more were fought in this State than in New York which is claimed to be the great battleground of the revolution. He also made a plea for the Tories, showing that many of them were the best citizens the State had. But 124 years after the war there is still a little bitterness in the hearts of some of the people against these same Tories.

The general's address received close attention and it was much enjoyed by those who heard it.

After that Major C. C. Turner, in behalf of Mrs. Taylor, of Wellford, the owner of the land on which the fort was built, transmitted the title to the land occupied by the fort to the Daughters of the Revolution. This was received by Mrs. G. W. Nichols for the Daughters in a few well chosen words, promising that the Daughters would soon erect a suitable monument on the spot.

This closed a delightful day, or rather the public exercises of the day, for the dinner and social greetings and handshaking followed; and late in the afternoon the people went homeward feeling that it was good to be at the celebration.

ODE WRITTEN FOR THE CELEBRATION AT FORT PRINCE

Source: Greenville Daily News, Friday, July 6, 1900, p. 6, col. 2.

Ye sons of liberty draw near and
listen while I tell
A tale of what our grandsires bore,
of how they fought and fell
In that great war which gave to us,
our glorious land today,
And made our country and our
homes, our heritage for aye.

Far away in Merrie England
Midst Knights so brave and ladies so gay,
George the third, was holding revels,
While "The Colonies" had the bills to pay.

Mrs. George, in dulcet accents,
Begged for jewels, as women do,
And checked her lord's first sign of protest,
By bidding him add a tax or two.
[Go to top of right hand column.]

"Think, my love," she'd sweetly murmur,
"Of the pride which it must bring,
To those rude and barbarous people
Just to claim you as their king."

"Give me just one diamond necklace
And of bracelets two or three,
And to deck their Queen, these people,
Might pay a tax upon their tea."

King George listened and was tempted,
Charlotte's flattery won the day -
Since the day of Eve and Adam
Woman's will has found a way.

And we all have heard the story
Of that much be-taxed tea.
How the fish in Boston harbor
Drank it and got on a spree.

Thus began the days of warfare,
Days of hope and fear and doubt,
Days of sorrowing and rejoicing -
Captives' groans and victors' shouts.

Then it was brave Carolina,
(May her glory never cease!)
Gave her sons as Freedom's off'ring,
First in War, as first in peace.

Maidens fair, with tear-dimmed vision,
Kissed and bade their lovers go,
Mothers bowed with years and sorrow
Whispered, "Son, go face the foe."

Oh, but they were glorious soldiers,
Frames of iron and hearts of oak,
Ready with their lives and fortunes
Midst the clouds of battle smoke.

O'er the land of peace and plenty
Swept the army like a gale,
Leaving naught behind but sorrow,
Broken hearts, and woman's wail.

Here, where we today have gathered
Glorious memories cluster 'round,
Here it was our ragged patriots
Drove the British from their ground.

Five long weary miles they drove them
Through the ripening fields of corn
And the men they left behind them,
Wait the resurrection morn.
[Go to top of right hand column.]

Sightless eyes turned toward the heavens,
Coats of with blood, dyed still more red,
By their hurrying friends forgotten -
Left - the dying and the dead.

Then our brave and noble women,
Whilst sons and fathers chased the foe,
Came like ministering angels
To these soldiers in their woe.

All forgotten was their anger,
Whilst with tenderest, sweetest care
Their hands closed the sightless eyelids,
Their lips breathed a word of prayer.

Pride fills every heart while thinking
Of our conquered, fleeing foemen,
But we bow with deepest reverence
O'er these tender deeds of women.

Thus the honors we are hither bringing
While these valiant deeds were done,
Gain for us an added luster
From the mercy that was shown.

Whilst our victory bells were ringing
For a nation's glorious birth,
Poor King George gazed on the jewels,
Thought how little they were worth.

Then, man-like, he said to Charlotte,
"Gaze upon your country's woe!
Thou it was who did the tempting
"And - 'I told you so.'"
July 4, 1900.

OBITUARY OF MRS. MARTHA L. HUGHSTON WALKER

Source: Greenville Daily News, Thursday June 21, 1900, p. 7, col. 1.

DEATH OF A NOBLE WOMAN

Spartanburg, June 20. — Mrs. Martha L. Walker, widow of the founder of the Cedar Springs schools for the Deaf and Blind, will be buried by the side of her husband today in Institute cemetery. She was born near Hobbysville in this county August 2, 1820, and was nearly eighty years old. In 1837 she was married to N. F. Walker, a quiet modest man, with a literary turn and a very inquiring sort of mind. When he accepted a fact, or settled a principle, he was fixed in his ways. But he never grew impatient with those who might differ from him. In 1849 he began the work of teaching deaf children. He was the pioneer of that humane work in this State and in the South. While he was engaged in the school room his wife was doing equally important work in watching after the welfare of the unfortunate children sent to the school. With great tact, patience and tenderness she made them feel that they had a good home. Mr. Walker died November, 1861, just as he had just got the school firmly established. Then the war and reconstruction days and destruction days, so far as the school was concerned, came on. Mrs. Walker after that had nothing to do with the domestic management of the school. She was remarkable for her kind, motherly ways, unaffected sweetness of manners, and old time hospitality. She leaves five children, Mrs. Dr. Frost of Virginia, Mrs. North, N. F. Walker, principal of the institute at Cedar Springs, and A. H. P. Walker of Union, and Mrs. Ida Thomason of this city.

Addendum: In Cedar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery (Spartanburg Cemetery Survey, Volume 2, page 91) there are the following tombstone inscriptions:

● Sacred to the memory of Rev. N. Pinckney Walker, born Nov. 27, 1816, died Nov. 13, 1861. He was founder of the South Carolina Institution for the deaf and dumb and the blind over which he presided for thirteen years.... [See p. 152 below.]

● Martha L. Walker, wife of Rev. N. Pinckney Walker — August 2, 1820 — June 19, 1900. [See below.]

● Sacred to the memory of Prof. James S. Henderson born Mar 6, 1832, died June 19, 1870. He was principal of the department for the blind in the S.C. Institution for 15 years.

● L. C. Irby, wife of Capt. C. M. Irby and widow of Prof. J. S. Henderson, born Feb. 7, 1838, died Oct. 10, 1896.

● In memory of Sabra Newman, Who was born February 21st 1792, and died February 7th 1862. [See pp. 152 and 153 below.]

WILL OF ELISHA HUGHSTON (1788-1868)

Source: Spartanburg County, SC Probate Court File No. 1412, Elisha Hughston, Deceased (November 16, 1868), J. F. Hughston, Administrator

The State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District: July 14, 1860. I, Elisha Hughston, do make my last will and Testament as follows, viz, 1. I desire, that as soon after my death as may be convenient that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Margaret Hughston, all my estate both real and personal for her use and support during her natural life, or widowhood.

3. If my wife should marry again I wish her to have one third of my entire estate absolutely to dispose of as she may deem proper.

4. At the death or marriage of my wife Margaret Hughston, I wish all my estate that then remains to be equally divided between my children, viz, David F. Hughston, Martha Walker, William L. Hughston, and the children [of] Julia Frances Darby, my sons, Thos. F. Hughston, John M. Hughston, Elisha M. Hughston, George N. Hughston and my daughter Elizabeth Jane Hughston, to them and their heirs and assigns forever, except the portion that may be coming to my son W^m L. Hughston, and the children [of] Julian Frances Darby, my sons Thomas F. Hughston, John M. Hughston, George N. Hughston and my daughter Elizabeth Jane Hughston, to them their heirs and assigns forever, except the portion that may be coming to my son, W^m L. Hughston, which I give to his children give to him for his use during his lifetime, not to be liable to be taken for any debts, which he may now owe, or may hereafter contract, and I further wish the said W^m L. Hughston to have and retain possession of the land whereon he now lives, during his natural life by paying the interest on its value annually, if he should desire to remain on it, or if he shall pay the the amount I gave for said land and the interest on said amount, I wish him to have said land if he desires to do so.

5th In the division of my estate I wish all my children to have an equal share including what I may have advanced to any one or more of them, so that all have finally equal share of my estate, the children of my deceased daughter Julia Frances Darby to have their mother's share.

6. I nominate and appoint my Sons David F. Hughston and William L. Hughston my Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Witness my hand & seal July 14th 1860.

(Signed) Elisha Hughston {Seal}

Signed Sealed & declared by Elisha Hughston to be his

Last will & Testament in the presence of D. Miles, F. C. Rose, John H. Walker

The foregoing last will & testament of Elisha Hughston, decd, was this day proven in common form by the evidence of John H. Walker one of the Subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered of record, Nov 2nd 1868. Benj Wofford J P C [Judge of Probate Court]

Recorded [in Will] Book E, Page 368

Final Settlement of Estate of Elisha Hughston (Filed February 17, 1872)

[Editor's Note: I omit all the other papers in this file and conclude with the following excerpt of the final settlement.]

[1] D. F. Hughston's share	\$109.91	[5] Heirs of Julia Darby Dec'd	\$109.91
[2] Martha L. Walker's share	\$109.91	[6] T. F. Hughston's share	\$109.91
[3] E. Jane Hughston's share	\$109.91	[7] J. M. Hughston's share	\$109.91
[4] Heirs of W ^m L. Hughston	\$109.91	[8] Elisha Hughston's share	\$109.91

Addendum: Elisha Hughston and his wife Margaret [Norman] Hughston are buried in the Cedar Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery in Spartanburg County, SC. The tombstone inscriptions below are from the Pinckney District Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society, Quarterly, Vol. 25, No. 4, December 2001, page 160:

● Elisha Hughston/ Born/ Oct. 4, 1788/ Died/ July 21, 1868

● Margaret Hughston/ Born/ Oct. 8, 1795/ Died/ May 15, 1867

● Sacred to the memory of/ Julia Ann Frances Darby/ daughter of Elisha & Margaret Hughston/ and consort of/ H. P. Darby/ she was born/ Aug 12th 1828/ and died/ Oct. 29, 1857/ Blessed are the pure in heart/ for they shall see God.

WILL (1813) OF JOHN WALKER

Source: Typescript of will in RECORD OF WILLS, BOOK A 1787-1820, SPARTANBURG COUNTY, S. C., Vol. 1, page 41

In the Name of God Amen Whereas I John Walker of the State of South Carolina & District of Spartanburgh Being in a very Low State of Health but in perfect sound & Disposing mind and Memory and Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to Dye Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God Who Give it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried at the Descretion of Executrix and as Touching all my Worldly Estate Which it hath pleased God to Bless me with ———

I give to my beloved wife Marget Walker Her Mantaince on the plantation whereon I now live Which Land I Give to my Two Sons John Walker and absalom Walker all the West part of my Land as far Down Tyger river to the Mouth of a Branch called the Distell Branch then up the said branch untill it crosses the North line of Sd Tract I also appoint my Two Worthy neibours w. John Mullinax & Mr. John hindman my trustees of said Land untill my above named children John walker and Absalom walker arrive at the age of Twenty one years of age and also to see that my wife Marget Do receive a Just mentainance from the use of said Land I give to my son Samuel walker the Ballance of Said Tract from said Destill Branch to the East of sd. Tract with exception that he shall not sell the same Except to one of his Brothers I give to my Two Sons William Walker & David Walker my Negro Woman named Salley & child Jack To be sold and equally divided Between them the said William & David Walker

I give to my wife Marget and my four Daughters Sabra Marget Nancy & Rebecca Walker one feather Bed & furniture one Cow and Calf to Each & Each of the Daughters part to remain in the hands of my wife untill my said daughter arrive to full age or Day of Marriage the Crop of wheat now on the Ground after the Mentainance of the family is Taken out to be divided Equally Between my four sons william David John & Absalom Walker I Request my Executrix and Executor may sell after the Expiration [of] three Month after my Death at a Twelve Months Credit all my personal property which is not mentioned Above and Devid the amount ariseing therefrom Equally Amongst my wife Marget walker & all my Sons & Daughters william walker Samuel walker David walker & absalom— Elizabeth Vere Sabra walker Marget walker Nancy walker & Rebecca walker”

I Do hereby apoint my wife Marget Executrix & and my son william walker my Executor of this my last will and Testament Ratifying and Confirming this to be Last will and Testament in witness where of I sett my Hand and Seal this 16th day of Dec’ in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen & thirty seventh year of the Indepence of the United States of America

Witnesses present John Walker {Seal}

John Hindman Gideon Harrelson John Mullinax

Recorded in will Book A Page 45, 46 & 47

Recorded 17 th day of Jan. 1814

Wm. Lancaster O. S. D.

[Editor’s Note: Sabra Walker was N. Pinckney Walker’s mother. She married Reuben Newman, Senior in 1827. See p. 154 below for their marriage agreement recorded in Spartanburg County Deed Book T. Sabra Newman was buried in the Cedar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery near the grave of N. Pinckney Walker.]

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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, individual words, or letters 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.

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Spartanburg County Deed Book T, page 338

Reuben Newman & Sabrey Walker (Marriage Agreement)

Know all men by these presents that I Reuben Newman of the one part and Sabrey Walker of the other has agreed to enter into a marriage contract concerning each others property. Witnesseth that I the s^d R. Newman relinquishes all title or claim to any part of the property that she had before we came together. Likewise the said Sabrey Walker relinquishes all rights title or claim to any part of R. Newmans property previous to the time we were married agreeing to leave it to his good will to have what he thinks best should he die first — witness our hands and Seals this 21st day of Sept 1826

attest. Thomas G. Potter

Elizabeth Potter

Sabrey (X) Walker {Seal}

Reuben Newman

I heard them acknowledge they send their names.

South Carolina, Spartanburg Dist} Before me personally came T. G. Potter, and made oath that Reuben Newman Sen’ & Sabrey Walker both acknowledge that they signed the within agreement of the contract made previous to their marriage and Elizabeth Potter signed the same as an evidence with myself. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of February 1827

Benj. Wofford J. Q.

Tho’ Potter

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

[Editor’s Note: Entries from a Real Estate Cash Book have the advantage of naming the heirs or distributees of the deceased, the latter almost always being the children of the deceased. Since the husband of a married daughter received her share of the estate, the given names of married daughters may or may not be stated. The location of the land involved is seldom mentioned. The researcher should refer to the real estate book of the Probate Court and to the deceased’s Probate Court file for additional details.]

Spartanburg District Real Estate Cash Book, page 22

Estate of Jonathan Wall (Oct 6th 1836) Zach’ Wall applicant vs John Sartain & other defendants 100 acres more or less sold to John Sartain for the sum of \$ 126.00 on a credit of twelve months for cost Land sold for \$126.00, deduct cost of \$17.87; the remainder is \$108.12. There being 6 distributees, the share of each is \$18.03 [The arithmetic is not always precise.]

Names of distributees		their dividends
Robert Wall	Paid off by J. Sartain	\$18.06
Millie Liles	ditto	\$18.06
John Kilby	ditto	\$18.06
Zachr Wall	ditto	\$18.06
Sam’ Wall	ditto	\$18.06

John Sartin & wife Sarah \$18.06
Spartanburg District Real Estate Cash Book, page 31

Estate of John Wood dec'd (date not stated) Isaac Pollard in right of wife applicant vs Robert Wood et al, defendants

345 acres more or less sold to Isaac Pollard for the sum of \$427.00 [After cost were deducted, the remainder was \$411.12. The widow's share of one third gave her \$137.04, leaving \$274.08 to be divided by 10 children. The share of each was \$ 27.40.]

Elizabeth Wood (widow)

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| [1] Heirs of James Wood (not named) | [6] Roberson Wood |
| [2] W. Johnson & wife Nancy | [7] Isaac Pollard & wife Rebecca |
| [3] John Wood | [8] Larkin Ballinger & wife Elizabeth |
| [4] Story Bush | [9] James Mason and wife Martha |
| [5] Robert Wood | [10] Constantine Wood |

Spartanburg District Real Estate Cash Book, page 34

Estate of M N Chapman dec'd (7th May 1841) John Chapman applicant vs John [sic, probably John Jr] Chapman & other Defendants

1 tract 6 acres sold to J. Chapman Jr for \$ 305 2nd Tract 65 acres Sold to John Chapman Sen' for \$410 Due 4 May 1841 \$715 [After costs of \$13.25 were deducted the share of 7 heirs was \$99.20 each. It is not likely that the heirs were children of M. N. Chapman, with a John Chapman Sr. and John Chapman Jr. being named as distributees.]

Distributees			
[1] John Chapman Sen'	\$99.20	[5] F. H. Legg & wife	\$99.20
[2] B. R. Chapman	\$99.20	[6] Samuel Turner & wife	\$99.20
[3] J. Chapman Jr.	\$99.20	[7] M. P. Evans & wife	\$99.20
[4] L. D. Chapman	\$99.20		

Rec'd of of the above named persons the full amts of their notes & paid out to the legatees — 7th May 1841 R C Poole O. S. D. [Ordinary Spartanburg District]

[Editor's Note: The reader is reminded of a letter published in this Quarterly, Vol. XXI, No. 1, Feb 2007, p.12, and written December 17, 1852 by one Matthew Patton Evins, living then in New Harmony, Laurens District, SC, to his brother Col. Samuel Nesbitt Evins at Poolesville Post Office (Spartanburg District) SC. He is the same M. P. Evans listed above. See Mrs. Evins' obituary on p. 163 below.]

Spartanburg District Real Estate Cash Book, page 33 (lower half)

Estate of Greenberry McBee (1st March 1839) John McBee et al vs. Solomon Crocker Land sold in this case to S. Dillard for S. Bobo for the sum of \$51.00. [The cost in case was \$15.45, leaving a balance of \$ 35. 55 to be divided between 4 distributees.]

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| [1] Asa McBee |
| [2] John McBee |
| [3] Henry McBee |
| [4] Martha Robinson the mother whose share is represented by Sol. Crocker the defendant |

The share of each is \$8.88 1/2. 1st March 1839

[Editor's Note: Martha (aka Patsy) Robinson was Solomon Crocker's daughter; see this Quarterly, Vol. XII, No. 2, May, 1998, p. 76. Martha was first married to Elijah McBee, who died circa 1815, and she married second David Robinson (Spartanburg County Equity Court, 1830, Box 14, Package 1, Asa McBee et al vs James Crocker et al). In addition to sons Asa, John, and Henry McBee, the Equity Bill cited above names a fourth son Greenberry McBee, who was deceased at the time of the Real Estate Cash Book entry above.]

Spartanburg District Real Estate Cash Book, page 33 (upper half)

Estate of J[ohn] Bonham (no date) E[phraim] Bonham applicant vs Isabel Bonham et al defendants 200 acres more or less sold to Ephraim Bonham for the sum of \$101. Fees: Ordinary \$12. 00, Sheriff \$3.00, printers bill \$3.50 [The intake of \$101 less the total cost of \$18.75 left the estate with \$82.75 to be divided between the widow Isabel Bonham and 11 distributees, who were children or heirs of children of John and Isabel Bonham.]

[1] Isabel Bonham widow	\$26.31	[7] Solomon Gipson & wife	\$4.78 1/4
[2] Rebecca Morgan Heirs	\$4.78 1/4	[8] James McClure & wife	\$4.78 1/4
[3] Ephraim Bonham	\$4.78 1/4	[9] Abner Waldrup & wife	\$4.78 1/4
[4] W. Grogan & wife	\$4.78 1/4	[10] George Waldrup & wife	\$4.78 1/4
[5] Elizabeth Clinton	\$4.78 1/4	[11] Sam' Bonham	\$4.78 1/4
[6] Margaret Morris Heirs	\$4.78 1/4	[12] John B. Bonham	\$4.78 1/4

Moses Brooks vs Solomon Gibson} R. C. Pool garnishes the return of \$4.78 in his hands which I received of Ephraim Bonham Oct 16th 1842

[The name Gipson was a common misspelling of Gibson, and the name Waldrup is a variation on Waldrop. In order to discover the location of John Bonham's land and perhaps learn the given names of the Bonham wives, the Probate Court Real Estate Papers were the logical next set of county records to search. For Spartanburg County, these papers have not been microfilmed, and they are available only at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, SC. An index for these papers is available at the Probate Court office in the Spartanburg County Court House.]

Spartanburg County Real Estate Papers

Estate of John Bonham, Deceased (February 10, 1840), Ephraim Bonham Adm'r, File No. 22

Summons of Heirs to Appear in Court

The State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} To Isabel Bonham widow, the heirs of Rebecca Morgan, [Ephraim Bonham], William Grogan & wife Sarah, Elizabeth Bonham, Margaret Morris [sic, the name Morris interlined in original] Regan, Solomon Gipson & wife Fanny, James McClure & wife Isabell, Abner Waldrup & wife Mary, George Waldrup & wife Clarinda [On the receipt of her share of the estate, she signed as Dorinda Waldrup, and he signed as George M. Waldrup.], Ephraim Bonham guardian Ad Litum for Sam' Bonham and John B. Bonham [brothers of Ephraim under the legal age of 21 years] and [for] the heirs of Margaret Regan [who may have been married first to a Morris], legal heirs and representative of John Bonham dec'd who died intestate. Greetings

You are hereby required to appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden at Spartanburg Court House for Spartanburg District on Wednesday the third day of February next to shew cause if any you can why the Real Estate of John Bonham dec'd Situate on Motleys Creek waters of Packolett River Adjoining lands of John Loftis, Ephraim Bonham et al & containing two hundred acres more or less should not be divided or sold allotting to the said Isabell Bonham one third part thereof and the remaining two thirds in equal portions to the said distributees— Given under my hand and Seal 6th December 1839

Jno. Bomar O. S. D. [Ordinary Spartanburg District]

[With the foregoing information, an improved family group for John and Isabel Bonham evolves:

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| [1] Rebecca Bonham md. Mr Morgan | [7] Isabell Bonham md. James McClure |
| [2] Ephraim Bonham | [8] Mary Bonham md. Abner Waldrup |
| [3] Sarah Bonham md. William Grogan | [9] Clarinda Bonham md. George M. Waldrup |
| [4] Elizabeth Bonham | [10] Samuel Bonham |
| [5] Margaret Bonham md. Morris/Regan | [11] John B. Bonham |
| [6] Fanny Bonham md. Solomon Gipson | |

The foregoing Summons is only one page in this file; I chose it to reproduce here because it gives the names of the married Bonham daughters and locates John Bonham's real estate on Motleys Creek (now called Motlow Creek) in upper Spartanburg within a few miles west of the town of Campobello. The next class of county court record to explore would be the Probate Court file for John Bonham, excerpts of which follow below]

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg District, SC} Probate Court, File No. 566, Estate of John Bonham (1839), Deceased, Ephraim Bonham, Administrator

Citation to Kindred and Creditors (November 22, 1839)

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} By Jno Bomar, Ordinary [Probate Court Judge] for the District aforesaid Whereas Ephraim Bonham hath applied to me for letters of administration on all and singular the goods and chattels rights of John Bonham late of Spartanburg district.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and creditors of said dis to be and appear before me at our next Court of Ordinary [the probate court] to be holden on Monday the 2nd December to show cause, if any you can, why said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand & seal this 22nd day of November 1839—Jno Bomar O. S. D. {Seal}
[We can reasonably infer from the date above that John Bonham died in October or early November, 1839.]

I certify that the within citation was published at Antioch Meeting House on the 1st day of December 1839.
John Gramling

Administration Bond (December 2, 1839)

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} Know all men by these presents, That we Ephraim Bonham [and] Dudley A. Boling are holden and firmly bound unto John Bomar, Esquire, Ordinary for district of Spartanburg in the full and just sum of five hundred dollars, lawful money of this State . . . Sealed with our seals, and dated the 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and 39 . . .

Sealed and delivered,
in presence of J. H. Hasting
Ephraim Bonham {Seal}
Dudley A. Bowling {Seal}
[Both men signed their names.]

Warrant of Appraisement (December 2, 1839)

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} By Jno Bomar, Ordinary of Spartanburg District These are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are here under written to to all parts and places within this State, as you shall be directed unto by Ephraim Bonham, Administrator of the goods, rights and chattels of John Bonham deceased . . . to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or four of you, unto the said Ephraim Bonham on or before the 2nd day of Feb'y next.

[This warrant was issued December 2, 1839. John N. Rudisail, Dudley Boling and James Caldwell, Esq. were named as appraisers. On December 4, 1839, John N. Rudisail and Dudley A. Bowling were sworn by James Caldwell, J. P. to appraise John Bonham's estate.]

Bill of Appraisement (undated)

[The detailed list of inventory will be omitted here. The estate was appraised at \$110.00. Since no mention was made of John Bonham's real estate in the appraisement, we conclude that it was only for his personal estate. The appraisers, John N. Rudisail, Dudley A. Bowling, and James Caldwell, all signed their names.]

Sale Bill (September 10, 1841)

[The estate sale of the personal property of John Bonham brought in \$165.88. Individual purchases will

be omitted here, and only the names of the buyers will be listed. They are likely to be family members and near neighbors.

Isabel Bonham, widow	Abner Waldrup	Thomas Prince	Isaiah Bowling
A. Brock	Morris Loftis	John Moor	Matthew McFearson
John B Bonam/Bonham	Ransom Ponder	Wade Ragan	Ransom Ponder
Wm Holcomb	Wm Carver	Austin Belew	James McClure
John Fowler	Joseph Clayton	David Rudisail	Daniel Harrison
John Loftis	James Gaddes	Jesse Andrews	Isaac Belew

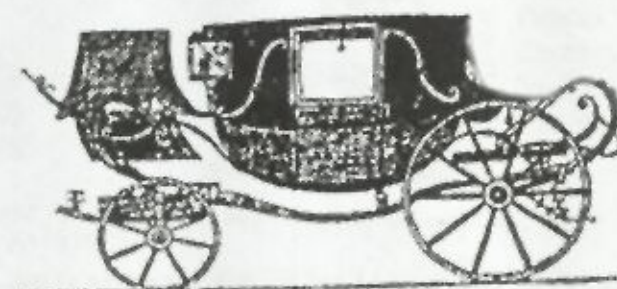
James Caldwell (The latter bought a Bible and a spelling book.)
Sworn to & subscribed before this 10th Sept 1841 Ephraim Bonham

First Annual Return on Estate of John Bonham (March 7, 1842)

Cash paid for the Est. Of John Bonham by Adm' in the year 1841—
[This annual return presented an itemized list of expenditures made in the year 1841 by Ephraim Bonham in his administration on the estate of his father. The total outlay was \$50.81½, which would be subtracted from the money brought in from the sale of the personal estate. However, a final settlement and distribution of the remainder of the cash from the sale is not to be found in this probate file. This omission highlights the benefit of checking for real estate papers of a decedent if heirs are not named in the regular Probate Court. As was the case with John Bonham's estate, real estate records may contain the names of the legal heirs of the deceased. These names are what genealogists avidly seek.]

TWO CLASSIC CARRIAGES FROM ANTEBELLUM DAYS

Source: Advertisements that appeared repeatedly in issues of *The Independent Press* of Abbeville in 1856



The coach carriage



The crane-neck carriage

PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAM W. ROBERTSON AND SONS

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William W. Robertson



Alfred Calvin Robertson



William Davis Robertson



Mitchell King Robertson

FAMILY RECORD OF WILLIAM W. ROBERTSON (1806-1878) OF GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC

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William W. Robertson

b. 1 March 1806, Greenville District, South Carolina

d. 25 July 1875, Greenville County, South Carolina [See his obituary on p. 162 below.]

Burial: Robertson/Howard Family Cemetery (upper Greenville County, SC)

His father: Thought to be George Robertson (b. 1766/67-d. 27 Jan. 1827, Hardeman Co., Tenn)

His mother: Thought to be Susan Nelson[?]

Married: 24 May 1829 (date on tombstone)

Caroline Matilda McDowell

b. 14 October 1810, Haywood County, North Carolina

d. 25 July 1875, Greenville County, South Carolina

Burial: Robertson/Howard Family Cemetery (upper Greenville County, SC)

Her parents: unknown to contributor.

Their Children (all born and all died in upper Greenville County, South Carolina)

- [1] Louiza Jane Robertson b. 25 July 1830 - d. 19 Oct 1897
husband: Alfred Anderson Stewart
b. 11 Nov 1827, Greenville District, SC
d. 22 July 1906, Greenville, County, SC
burial: both at Cross Plains Bapt Ch Cem, Greenville Co, SC
His parents: Burrell and Elizabeth Gosnell Stewart
- [2] Alfred Calvin Robertson b. 20 Sept 1832 - d. 18 Sept 1904
wife: Juletta S. Trammell
b. 1 Jan 1833, Greenville District, SC
d. 31 Jan 1900, Greenville County, SC
burial: both at Mtn Page Bapt Ch Cem, Henderson Co, NC
her parents: Daniel and Mildah Hood Trammell
- [3] Susan Elizabeth Robertson b. 1835 - d after 8 August 1881 (date of her will)
burial: probably Greenville County, SC (grave has not been located)
husband 1: John A. Calloway
b. 18 December 1822, South Carolina
d. August 1860, Greenville District, SC
burial: Robertson/Howard Family Cemetery
his parents: unknown to contributor
husband 2: Solomon T. Pitman
b. abt 1839, Greenville District, SC
d. 10 Jan 1907, South Carolina
his parents: unknown; Wm W. Robertson was appointed his
guardian on 3 July 1848.
- [4] William Davis Robertson b. 16 Jan 1838 - 27 Nov 1913
married: 24 Nov 1859
wife: Merinda Rachel Westmoreland
b. 9 Feb 1829, South Carolina
d. 16 March 1919, Highland Twp, Greenville County, SC
burial: both at Mount Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Greenville Co, SC
her parents: Zedock and Polly Herring Westmoreland
- [5] Mitchell King Robertson b. 8 Nov 1842 - d. 24 June 1915
married: 1 June 1865
wife: Elizabeth Fowler
b. 15 Jan 1844, Greenville District, SC
d. 11 Feb 1921, Greenville County, SC
burial: both at Mount Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Greenville Co, SC
her parents: Matthew and Kindness Barton Fowler

- [6] Franklin Robertson b. abt 1845 – d. before 16 June 1860 (date of Greenville census)
In the Robertson/Howard Family Cemetery is a grave marked
as F. M. Robertson b. Jan 21 18__ d. June 22, 1858.
- [7] James Robertson b. abt 1847 – d. before 16 June 1860 (date of Greenville census)
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PHOTOGRAPH OF ALBERT ANDERSON STEWART AND WIFE

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Louiza Jane Robertson Stewart — Albert Anderson Stewart
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FAMILY RECORD OF ALBERT ANDERSON STEWART

Contributed by Kelly Jane O'Hara, 1 Calderwood Court, Greer, SC 29651-5078

Albert Anderson Stewart

b. 11 November 1827, Greenville District, SC
d. 22 July 1906, Greenville County, SC
burial: Cross Plains Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC
his parents: Burrell and Elizabeth Gosnell Stewart

married: abt 1850, Greenville District, SC

Louiza Jane Robertson

b. 25 July 1830, Greenville District, SC
d. 19 October 1897, Greenville County, SC
burial: Cross Plains Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC
her parents: William W. and Caroline Matilda McDowell Robertson
[See p. xxx above for the William W. Robertson family group.]

Their Children (all born in upper Greenville County, SC, except No. [3])

- [1] Caroline E. Stewart b. 28 April 1853 – d. 29 Jan 1914, Greenville District, SC
husband: James Madison Hightower
b. 8 Feb 1851, Greenville Dist, SC – d. 29 March 1927, Spartanburg Co, SC
burial: both at North Fork Baptist Church, Greenville County, SC
- [2] James Landrum Stewart b. 3 June 1854 – d. 17 October 1890, Greer, SC
married: 4 July 1876, SC
wife: Harriett Goodlet Smith
b. 3 Oct 1856, Greenville Co, SC – d. 14 March 1932, Greer, SC
burial: both at Mountain View Cemetery, Greer, SC
- [3] William Burrell Stewart b. May 1857, NC – 27 June 1907, Greenville County, SC
burial: by Mackey Mortuary, Greenville, cemetery not stated
wife: Malissa Adeline Ward
b. 16 March 1862 Greenville Dist. SC – d. 7 January 1941, Greenville, SC
burial: Graceland Cemetery, Greenville, SC
- [4] Mary "Mamie" Stewart b. 1858 – 1907, Greenville County, SC
husband: Allen C. Gosnell
b. 1859, Greenville District, SC – d. 1891, Greenville County, SC
burial: both at Cross Plains Bapt Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC
- [5] Unis/Eunice Frances Stewart b. abt 1862 – d. September 1899, Greenville County, SC
husband: William Henry Moon
b. 1854, Greenville District – d. 20 October 1921, Greenville County, SC
burial: both buried at Glassy Mtn Bapt Church Cem, Greenville County, SC
- [6] Alfred Mitchell "Doc" Stewart b. 1863 – d. no record
wife 1: Mary Elizabeth Ross (no further record)
wife 2: Mary/Molly Singleton
b. 25 February 1874, SC – d. 20 August 1949, SC
- [7] Martha Jane Stewart b. July 1867, SC – d. abt 1914, SC
burial: no record
husband: John Robert "Bob" Greer
b. 14 August 1867 Greenville Dist, SC – 9 March 1940, Norris, Pickens Co, SC
burial: Milford Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC
his second wife: Mrs. Mamie Rich Shelton of Norris (no further record)
- [8] Hattie Stewart b. 4 February 1870 – 28 May 1912, SC
husband: Simon Amos Turner
b. May 1868, Tennessee – d. 13 October 1957, Greenville County, SC
burial: both at North Fork Baptist Church, Greenville County, SC

[9] Ella Stewart

b. 18 April 1872 – 1 March 1924, Greenville, SC
 married: 11 March 1894, Greenville County, SC
 husband: William Gideon Moon

b. 23 Oct 1872, Greenville Co, SC – d. 21 March 1913, Greenville Co, SC
 burial: Highland Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville County, SC

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM W. ROBERTSON OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Contributed by Cathy Griffith, PO Box 14936, Greenville, SC 29611

Source: *The Enterprise and Mountaineer* (Greenville, SC), Vol. XXV - No. 11, Date: July 31, 1878

Died, at his residence, in the upper part of Greenville County, Glassy Mountain Township, near Head of Tyger Church, on the 21st inst., Mr. W. W. Robertson, in the seventy-third year of his age. The deceased was born, raised, and spent his whole life in Greenville County. He raised a family of three boys and two girls, who are all settled in life. As he was an honest man, he instructed his children to follow in his footsteps. For four years he was treasurer of Greenville County, and he discharged his duties correctly and uprightly, and there were none to impugn his integrity of character. May he rest in peace.

FOUR OBITUARIES FROM THE ANDERSON DAILY MAIL

Source 1: *The Anderson Daily Mail*, issue of Wednesday January 10, 1900, p. 4, col. 2

Death of Mrs. Mary Drennan.

Mrs. Mary Drennan, the widow of the late Wm. Drennan, died in this city last Monday at the residence of her son, Mr. D. M. Drennan, on West Market street, after an illness of only three days with pneumonia. She was in the 70th year of her age and was the mother of nine children, five of whom survive her. She was the daughter of the late Reuben Richey, who lived on Cox's creek one mile and a half east of the city and who moved to Texas in his old age after the war carrying with him all his family except two daughters. The family belonged to the A. R. P. church at Concord and while Mrs. Drennan had never united with the church she held to the faith of her fathers and lived a God-fearing life. She was a kind and loving mother and a good neighbor. Her whole life had been spent in and around this city [Anderson, SC]. Her remains were interred yesterday at Concord church by the side of her husband and near her own mother, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell.

Source 2: *ibid*, issue of Friday, January 12, 1900, p. 4, col. 1

Death of Mrs. Armstrong.

The sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, which occurred at her home near Fort Worth, Texas on the 28th of December last, reached here last week. She was a native of this place, being the eldest daughter of Mr. J. Marion Shirley, was married in 1870 to Mr. A. T. Armstrong, a popular and prosperous farmer of this section. They, in a few years, moved to Enon, Texas, where they were residing at the time of the death of Mrs. Armstrong. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church for twenty-five years, a devoted wife and affectionate mother, and had many friend, who mourn with the parents and her family in this hour of their affliction. She was the mother of seven children and [had] two grandchildren. Although Mr. Shirley has nearly reached the venerable age of threescore and ten, and is the father, grandfather and great grandfather of many children, this is the first death that has occurred in his family. We extend to him and his aged wife our heartfelt sympathy. —*Homes Path Chronicle*

Source 3: *ibid*, issue of Friday, January 12, 1900, p. 4, col. 2

Death of Eugene Clinkscales.

Mr. Eugene Clinkscales, a son of Mr. T. L. Clinkscales, Jr., of Martin township [Anderson County] died Wednesday night at the home of his father in the 19th year of his age of consumption and was buried yesterday at Barder's Creek church, the services being conducted by Rev. M. McGee. He was a very bright and promising youth and is well remembered by the writer in his visits to the school at Bethany as School Commissioner for his intelligent knowledge of everything he had studied, and had he lived there would doubtless have been a bright future awaiting him. We sincerely sympathize with his family in this loss. He was a nephew of Dr. J. C. Harris of this city.

Source 4: *ibid*, issue of Friday, January 12, 1900, p. 4, col. 2

Death of Mrs. Smith

Mrs. J. W. Quattlebaum was called to Greenville yesterday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Julius C. Smith, which occurred unexpectedly yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. . . . Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Rev. Basil Manly, one of the most distinguished Baptist divines in the South. She was sixty-eight years of age last Wednesday. . . . [Quarterly Editor's Note: From census records, Mrs. Smith's given name was Sarah R. M. and Mrs. J. W. (Julius W.) Quattlebaum's was Sarah M., born in 1873.]

OBITUARY OF MRS. ANN CHAPMAN EVINS OF LAURENS DISTRICT

Source: *Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Friday, January 212, 1842, p. 3, col. 1

OBITUARY

Mrs. ANN EVINS, consort of M. P. Evins, Esq., and daughter of John Chapman, Sr., departed this life in Laurens District, S. C., on Sunday the 19th December, 1841, aged forty years and eight months. Acquaintances and friends will long mourn her early; but a doting husband and four small children claim the precedence in grief for their irreparable loss. Those who knew her best, loved her most. Enemies she had none. She was an affectionate wife, a tender mother, a dutiful daughter, a loving and beloved sister, a kind friend, a benevolent neighbor, an indulgent mistress and above all a servant of the living God.

"Encompassed in an angel's frame
 An angel's virtues lay.
 Too soon did heaven assert the claim
 And called its own away."

OBITUARY MRS. RUTH DIAL OF LAURENS COUNTY

Source: *The Greenville Daily News*, issue of Friday, August 14, 1903, p. 6, col. 2

DEATH OF MRS. N. B. DIAL

Laurens, August 13 – Mrs. Ruth Dial, wife of Mr. N. B. Dial, died at her home in this city at 12 o'clock last night. Mrs. Dial had been in a low state of health for several years and the end was not unexpected. Mrs. Dial was before marriage Miss Mitchell, of Batesburg, and is survived by a brother, Mr. William Mitchell, of Batesburg, a sister Mrs. Dr. Strother of Johnson's and other relatives in that section of the state. Her husband, a son, Mr. Haskell Dial, a cadet of the United States Naval Academy, and three little daughters have the deep sympathy of the community today. Mrs. Dial was a member of the Methodist church and was prominent, when her health permitted, in church work and had a wide circle of friends. The funeral will take place at the city cemetery at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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*Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year !!*

Renew or Join Us for 2008.

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