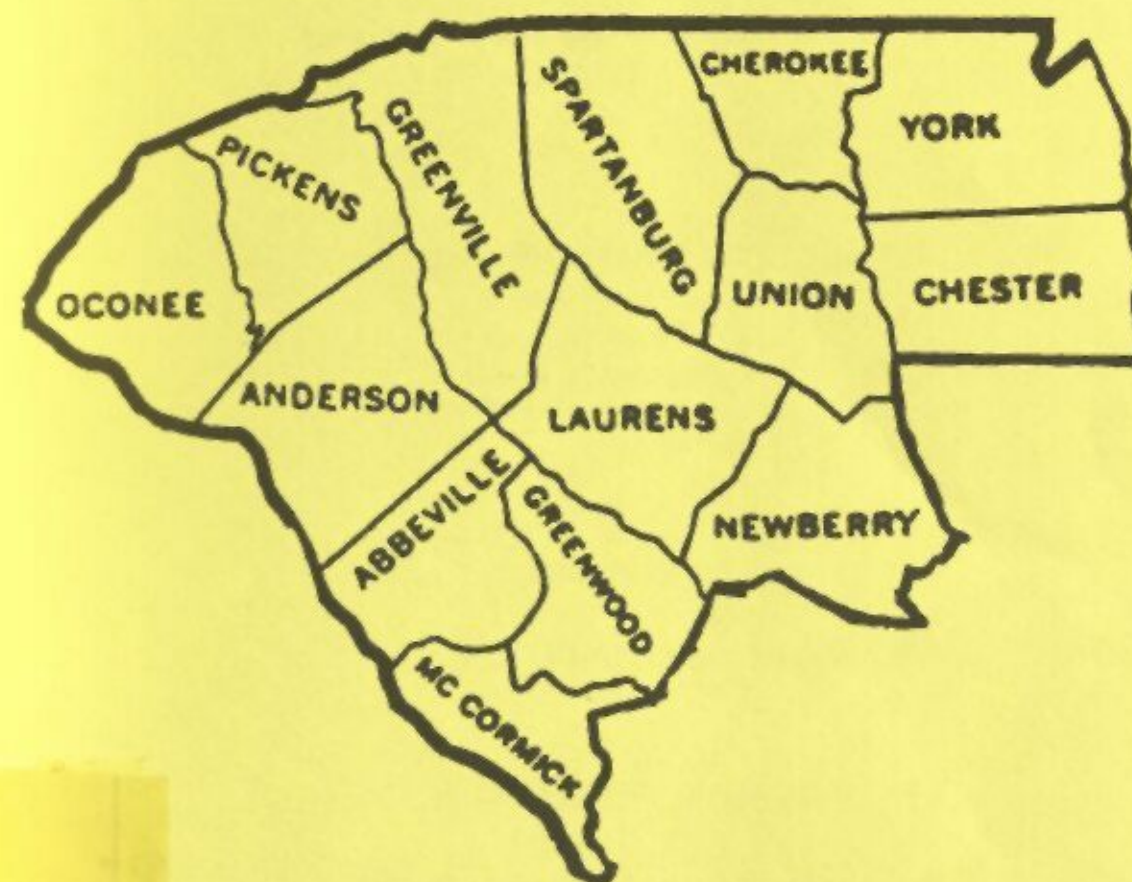


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Piedmont Historical Society News and Notices

A printer's error occurred in our last issue of this quarterly (May 2008) in that pages 59 and 70 were omitted and were replaced by duplicates of pages 69 and 60, respectively. We mailed the missing pages to our subscribers. In this current issue we publish on pages 126 and 127 the complete article entitled "A Sketch of Joel Roberts Poinsett", with page 127 replacing the omitted page 59, and on page 128 of this current issue we publish the omitted page 70.

We are happy to report that the Union County Carnegie Library recently purchased copies of all the available back issues of our quarterly. We do not have available in our own archives the following early issues:

Vol. 1 (1984) January, April Vol. 3 (1986) January Vol. 4 (1987) October
Vol. 5 (1888) January, April Vol. 6 (1889) all 4 issues Vol. 8 (1991) January, December

If any of our readers should have any of these issues and would like to help us fill the void please contact the editor, whose addresses appear on the inside front cover, to make arrangements to allow us to photocopy, or purchase, said issues.

Jeanne Lowe Tucker (jeannetucker@hgbc.org), one of our members, volunteers to send out email reminders of Piedmont Historical Society meetings. She agrees to send reminders to all, members and nonmembers, who will send her their email address.

Our May 8th meeting, in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom of Spartanburg Headquarters Library, featured Dr. Melissa Walker, Professor of History at Converse College. Dr. Walker gave a very engaging presentation on the life of a Spartanburg County woman who as a young widow, with no experience, took over the operation of a large peach orchard and farm left by her deceased husband and became a highly successful orchardist on her own.

Ranger Scott Withrow from the Park Service at the Cowpens National Battlefield was the speaker for the June 12th meeting, also in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom. Mr. Withrow gave a memorable presentation of the lives of some of the notable participants after the battle was history. He was much in command of his subject matter.

The speaker for our Thursday, August 14, 2008 will be Ola Jean Kelly, Executive Director of the Union County Museum. Her topic will be "How Union Got Its Name and Other Interesting Facts About My Hometown". The meeting will be at 7:30 pm in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom of Spartanburg Headquarters Library (downtown Spartanburg).

September Meeting: To Be Announced.

Dr. Christine Swager, author, will be our speaker on Thursday, October 9, 2008 in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom, Spartanburg Headquarters Library at 7:30 pm. Her topic will be "How the British Failed To Win Their Southern Campaign in the Revolutionary War".

Our final speaker of the year is Dr. Anita Price, retired from Converse College, author, who will speak to PHS on Thursday, November 6, 2008, 7:30 pm, in the Hoechst-Celanese Classroom of Spartanburg Headquarters Library. Her topic will be "Spartanburg in World War II".

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FAMILY OF ANDREW A. SMITH, CSA, OF (WESTERN) PICKENS DISTRICT (LATER OCONEE COUNTY)

Contributed by Sue Dempsey Brewer, 1608 Sansbury Drive, Anderson, SC 29621 Source: Census records, tombstone inscriptions, Civil War service records as indicated below

Andrew A. Smith enlisted in the Confederate Army of South Carolina. He was a private in Company K of the 12th Regiment of SC Vols. Infantry. He enlisted August 23, 1861 at Walhalla by Capt. L. B. Johnson for the War. He was present when paid to March 1, 1862 by Capt. C. A. Rabb. Appeared on Regimental Return for month of April, 1862. Note: Sick at General Hospital, SC. On the roll for March and April, 1863, dated May 16, 1863. Last Paid by Capt. Gaillard on February 28, 1863. Present. Remarks: Detailed(?) In Government shop at Richmond, Va. On Muster Roll for May and June, 1863, dated August 12, 1863. Remarks: Died at Richmond, don't know the date. Appears on Register of Receiving and Wayside Hospital, or General Hospital No. 9, Richmond, Virginia under the head of **Deaths. Date June 1, 1863. Cause of Death Peritonitis Acute.** Remarks: Effects Pocket Book containing \$1.10. Knapsack of clothing valued at (blank) Delivered to Capt. Morfit August 7, 1863. *Confed. Arch. Chap. 6, File No. 115, page 58*

Appears on Register of claims of Deceased officers and soldiers from South Carolina which were filed for settlement in the office of the Confederate States Auditor for the War Department. By whom presented: **Martha J. Smith, Widow.** When filed: April 25, 1864. Where died: Hospital, Richmond, Va. *Confed. Arch. Chap. 10, File No. 33, page 98*

Andrew A. Smith

Born: abt 1834, SC—Died: June 1, 1863, Richmond, Va

Burial: probably Richmond, Va

His parents: unknown to the contributor

Married: abt 1857/58 in Pickens District, SC

Martha Jane Brewer

Born: May 26, 1837, Anderson District, SC—Died: July 16, 1895, Anderson, Anderson County, SC

Burial: Flat Rock Baptist Church cemetery, Anderson County, SC

Her parents: John B. and Hannah Farmer Brewer

Her second husband: Elias J. Strickland, b. abt 1849, SC-d. (issue)

Their Children

(Both were born in Pickens County, SC)

- [1] Mary Ann Smith b. Feb. 24, 1859—d. March 18, 1918, Varennes Twp, Anderson Co., SC
Her husband: William T. Turner, b. abt 1862, SC—d. May 5, 1919, Anderson Co., SC
Burial: Both in Old Silverbrook Cemetery, Anderson, Anderson County, SC
His parents:
- [2] Andrew Cornelius Smith b. Sept. 12, 1861—d. March 28, 1949, Anderson, SC
His wife: Fannie Isabell Snelgrove, b. Feb. 2, 1872—d. April 12, 1922, Anderson, SC
Burial: Both in Old Silverbrook Cemetery, Anderson, Anderson County, SC
Her parents: James and Amanda Daniels Snelgrove

[Editor's Note: See this Quarterly, Vol. XXII, May 2008, p. 62, for the family record of Andrew Cornelius Smith.]

DEATH CERTIFICATE ABSTRACTS FOR McABEE SURNAME (SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SC 1915-1952)

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Name Of Deceased:	Firstname:	Born:	Died:	Age:	Marital Status:	Name of Spouse:
Lastname:						
Bates	Annie	10 22 1850	12 23 1927	77	Wd	Not Given
Caldwell	Johnnie McAbee	NG NG NG	9 9 1938	64	M	Not Given
Garrett	John James	5 26 1873	10 19 1938	65	M	Not Given
Mabry	Dora Garrett	11 17 1876	8 24 1952	75	M	R. M. Mabry
McAbee	A. E.	NG NG NG	8 10 1938	44	M	Not Given
McAbee	Addie J.	2 14 1833	4 6 1920	87	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Albert	3 17 1842	2 10 1919	76	M	Not Given
McAbee	Albert S.	12 26 1861	4 12 1917	55	M	Not Given
McAbee	Alice	9 21 1917	1 16 1922	4	S	N/A
McAbee	Alice Louise	7 1 1925	1 12 1929	4	S	N/A
McAbee	Amanda Malina?	12 31 1849	3 28 1917	67	M	Not Given
McAbee	Annie	6 15 NG	3 10 1945	39	M	Manning McAbee
McAbee	Annita	12 28 1834	10 4 1915	81	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Beatrice	9 22 1912	10 25 1939	27	M	P. A. McAbee
McAbee	Bessie	4 4 1903	10 8 1915	12	S	N/A
McAbee	Bonnie May	3 31 1905	6 19 1927	21	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Carrie Lee	1 1 1915	12 9 1918	3	S	N/A
McAbee	Catherine	NG NG NG	7 21 1927	2	S	N/A
McAbee	Cathy	2 15 1910	4 14 1915	5	S	N/A
McAbee	Chris	NG NG NG	6 13 1925	75	M	Not Given
McAbee	Clemmie	NG NG NG	1 10 1920	44	M	Not Given
McAbee	Cora Gladys	8 31 1910	5 21 1929	18	M	Not Given
McAbee	Correllia	NG NG NG	9 16 1926	70	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Drank	NG NG NG	5 8 1924	60	M	Not Given
McAbee	E. J.	NG NG NG	2 16 1925	94	M	Not Given
McAbee	Edward	5 10 1850	5 19 1924	74	M	Not Given
McAbee	Elaine Smith	5 22 1890	2 20 1917	26	M	Not Given
McAbee	Elsha	NG NG NG	3 29 1923	84	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Ella	7 6 1858	1 4 1926	68	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Ellar Dean	6 30 1909	10 23 1928	22	M?	Not Given
McAbee	Ernest	1 15 1888	12 10 1938	50	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Eugene	NG NG NG	1 7 1925	8	S	N/A
McAbee	Eugene	NG NG NG	3 11 1945	7	S	N/A
McAbee	Flora Collins	NG NG NG	10 28 1929	24	M	Not Given
McAbee	Gladys	9 15 1920	6 18 1921	1	S	N/A
McAbee	Grace	NG NG NG	5 24 1919	18	M	Not Given
McAbee	Gull	10 15 1875	3 20 1941	65	M	Dead (11 yrs?)
McAbee	H. C. or G.	NG NG NG	1 5 1942	54	?	Not Given
McAbee	Harold Dean	NG NG NG	1 19 1942	4	S	N/A
McAbee	Hiram	NG NG NG	2 5 1921	83	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Holland	NG NG NG	5 10 1941	55	M	Jessie McAbee
McAbee	Infant Female	NG NG NG	9 24 1922	3	S	N/A
McAbee	Infant Female	5 10 1923	5 14 1923	4 days	S	N/A

Name Of Deceased:	Firstname:	Father:	Mother:	Cause of Death:	Place of Burial:
Lastname:					
Bates	Annie	Sam McAbee	Miss Mucheluff?	Apoplexy	Not Given
Caldwell	Johnnie McAbee	Eber J. McAbee	Minnie Ward	Embolism	County
Garrett	John James	Ruben Garrett	Annie McAbee	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Cannon's CG
Mabry	Dora Garrett	Ruben Garrett	Ann Bates (McAbee)	Coronary Thrombosis	St. Pleasant
McAbee	A. E.	Elsha McAbee	Amanda Lawson	Myocarditis w/acute decomp.	County
McAbee	Addie J.	J. B. Tolison	Eliza White	Chronic Valvular Heart Disease	Old Bethel
McAbee	Albert	Hiram McAbee	Sally Jennings	Labor Pneumonia	Unity
McAbee	Albert S.	A. J. McAbee	Adeline Tolison	Chronic Intestinal Nephritis	Bethel
McAbee	Alice	G. J. McAbee	Lillie Fowler	Burns all over body (dress caught fire)	Cooley Springs
McAbee	Alice Louise	Perry McAbee	Bonnie Mae Solesbee	Cause Unknown	Irman, SC
McAbee	Amanda Malina?	Not Given	Nancy Lawson	Endocarditis	Philadelphia
McAbee	Annie	Dallas Harris	Joan Saxon	Auto-Accident (skull fracture)	Polk County, NC
McAbee	Annita	Robert James	Miss White	No doctor in attendance	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Beatrice	Weldon Harrison	Carrie Harrison	Serbia Pregnancy	Fuquay, SC
McAbee	Bessie	Jim McAbee	Edna Pruitt	Acute Gastritis	Not Given
McAbee	Bonnie May	Joe Solesbee	Eula Blalock	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Irman, SC
McAbee	Carrie Lee	Harlan McAbee	Mamie Fowler	Bronchopneumonia/Influenza	Bethlehem
McAbee	Catherine	R. H. McAbee	Jessie? Scruggs	Premature	County
McAbee	Cathy	W. J. McAbee	Rachael McCracken	No Doctor (child demented from birth)	Irman
McAbee	Chris	Drank? McAbee	Henry Heaphel?	Diabetic Coma	County
McAbee	Clemmie	T. A. Williams	Sarah Roberts	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Bethlehem
McAbee	Cora Gladys	M. E. Blanton	Anna Hopper	Serbia	Irman, SC
McAbee	Correllia	Not Given	Not Given	Cardio-Renal Disease	County Home
McAbee	Drank	Liza McAbee	Not Given	Apoplexy	New Prospect
McAbee	E. J.	Hiram McAbee	Eliza Calvert	Apoplexy	County
McAbee	Edward	Dan McAbee	Mary Durham	Uremic Coma & Chronic Bright's Disease	Cherokee, SC
McAbee	Elsha Smith	Elsha McAbee	Amanda Lawson	Labor Pneumonia	Philadelphia
McAbee	Elsha	Elsha McAbee	Martha Bagwell	Organic Heart & Bright's Disease	Philadelphia
McAbee	Elza	Not Given	Peggie Fowler	Paralysis (from clot on base of brain)	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Ellar Dean	F. M. McAbee	Hattie Stephens	Intestinal Obstruction	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Ernest	Not Given	Not Given	Coronary Thrombosis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Eugene	Harry McAbee	Louise Bolton	Whooping Cough & Bronchopneumonia	Friendship
McAbee	Eugene	Manning McAbee	Annie Harris	Auto-Accident (skull fracture)	Polk County, NC
McAbee	Flora Collins	R. G. Collins	Nettie Lanford	Toxemia Pregnancy w/Convulsions	County
McAbee	Gladys	A. E. McAbee	Oris Mary Vnson	Gastro-Enteritis	Pauline, SC?
McAbee	Grace	Marion Louis?	Annie? Sprinkle	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Bethlehem
McAbee	Gull	Flora McAbee	Mary Smith	Myocardial Damage & Angina	Walnut Grove
McAbee	H. C. or G.	Elsha McAbee	Amand? Lawson	Hypertension?	County
McAbee	Harold Dean	H. M. McAbee	Lillie Mae Gail?	Bronchopneumonia	County
McAbee	Hiram	Hiram McAbee	Not Given	Atherosclerosis	Roebuck, SC
McAbee	Holland	Morgan McAbee	Liza Fowler	Myocarditis	Switzer
McAbee	Infant Female	R. H. McAbee	Jessie? Scruggs	Acute Necrotitis	County
McAbee	Infant Female	R. H. McAbee	Jessie Scruggs	Premature Birth (Anthrax?)	County

Editor's note: Information on entries on this page continue on the opposite page

Name Of Deceased:	Birth:	Died:	Age:	Marital Status:	Name of Spouse:	
Lastname:	Firstname:					
McAbee	Infant Male	NG NG NG 8 25 1938	1day	S	N/A	
McAbee	James	NG NG NG 10 7 1929	47	M	Not Given	
McAbee	James	8 26 1938	8 26 1938	5hrs	S	N/A
McAbee	James Felix	2 16 1917	3 22 1917	1mth	S	N/A
McAbee	James Jr.	1 18 1870	9 11 1915	45?	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Jas. David	1 20 1939	1 20 1939	15hrs	S	N/A
McAbee	Jas. Wm.	7 2 1895	8 20 1919	33	M	Not Given
McAbee	Jim	NG NG NG 5 09 1918	25	?	N/A	
McAbee	John Bomar	NG NG NG 2 20 1939	24	S	N/A	
McAbee	John Oscar	9 24 1888	5 3 1926	39	M	Not Given
McAbee	Lula	NG NG NG 10 21 1928	56	Wd	Not Given	
McAbee	Mace	3 NG 1898	12 13 1921	23	S	N/A
McAbee	Maggie	5 24 1864	5 7 1915	50	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Manning	NG NG NG 3 04 1946	30	M	Annie Harris McAbee	
McAbee	Martha	NG NG NG 12 5 1929	82	Wd	Not Given	
McAbee	Mary C.	11 16 1940	8 11 1925	75	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Matie Cooper	11 28 1875	9 13 1944	68	Wd	George McAbee
McAbee	Minnie	7 12 1895	11 6 1918	33	M	Not Given
McAbee	Minnie Ward	5 13 1899	10 11 1943	74	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Mitie	2 24 1864	9 8 1922	66	M	Not Given
McAbee	Morgan	NG NG NG 10 07 1921	86	M	Not Given	
McAbee	Nellie	9 NG 1914	6 5 1915	10mth	S	N/A
McAbee	Raymond	4 1 1917	12 14 1938	21	S	N/A
McAbee	Roy	9 12 1907	4 16 1925	17	S	N/A
McAbee	Ruby Neil	10 NG 1920	1 9 1922	14mth	S	N/A
McAbee	Sallie Foster	6 13 1856	1 5 1938	82	Wd	S. E. McAbee
McAbee	Sam	NG NG NG 4 18 1921	82	S	N/A	
McAbee	Sarah Easter	3 NG 1854	8 29 1929	75	M	Not Given
McAbee	Thomas J.	8 1 1851	8 11 1927	76	Wd	Not Given
McAbee	Victoria	NG NG NG 12 23 1937	68	Wd	Sam C. McAbee	
McAbee	Viola H.	9 23 1917	2 4 1941	24?	M	Nannie Lee
McAbee	W. L. J.	NG NG NG 4 30 1929	63	M	Not Given	
McAbee	Willie Grace	1 6 1921	1 8 1921	2days	S	N/A
McAbee	Willie Lou	7 10 1917	7 23 1917	19day	S	N/A
McAbee	Wima Jean/Joan	8 26 1938	9 20 1938	1mth	S	N/A
McAbee	Wm. Eugene	2 NG 1895	3 9 1943	77	Wd	Martha Vise
McAbee	Wm. Lee	2 10 1867	2 8 1942	74	M	Katherine McAbee
McAbee	Wm. True Love	4 16 1843	11 23 1921	88?	M	Not Given
McAbee	Woodrow	NG NG NG 8 10 1920	6	S	N/A	
McBee	Harold Eugene	10 5 1914	10 12 1915	1	S	N/A
McBee	J. E.	NG NG NG 3 24 1899	42	M	Not Given	
McBee	Sylvie Mae	10 4 1940	10 6 1941	?	S	N/A
Rollins	Lydia Bell	12 NG NG 4 17 1950	60	Wd	Mitchel Rollins	
Switzer	Mary McAbee	2 14 1860	4 28 1943	83	Wd	Not Given
Upchurch	Mrs. Olin	8 12 1913	4 14 1940	27?	M	Olin Upchurch

Name Of Deceased:		Name of Father:	Name of Mother:	Cause of Death:	Place of Burial:
Lastname:	Firstname:				
McAbee	Infant Male	Rufus McAbee	Nellie McBee	Premature (7mths 2nd twin in birth)	County
McAbee	James	Not Given	Not Given	Septic Endocarditis/Myocardial	Pacolet, SC
McAbee	James	Rufus McAbee	Nellie McBee	Decomp.	Holston Creek
McAbee	James Felix	R. G. McAbee	Luz Selemos	Premature (7mths.)	Grace Chapel
McAbee	James, Jr.	James McAbee, Sr.	Caroline Taylor	La Grippe/Labor Pneumonia	Friendship
McAbee	Jas. David	Rt. R. McAbee	Smith	Jama	
McAbee	Jas. Wm.	Jas. McAbee	Beckie Timmons	Premature	St. Pleasant
McAbee	Jim	Not Given	Not Given	Acute Nephritis	Holly Springs
McAbee	John Bomar	Geo. W. McAbee	Minnie McGraw	Arteriosclerosis	Friendship
McAbee	John Oscar	Lewis McAbee	Hester Weaver	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Lula	Mr. Harris	Molly	Pellagra	Fairmont, SC
McAbee	Mace	M. E. McAbee	Aza Strange	Pneumonia/Influenza	Not Given
McAbee	Maggie	Prick? McAbee	Dennis James	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Manning	Not Given	Not Given	Liver Cancer	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Martha	Newton Bullington	Nancy Bullman?	Polk County, NC	
McAbee	Mary C.	Henry Crim	Ann Hoy	Auto-Accident (from injuries)	Bethlehem
McAbee	Matie Cooper	Thomas Cooper	Cynthia McAbee	Angina Pectoris	Unity
McAbee	Minnie	George McGraw	Mary Reid	Chronic Intestinal Nephritis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Minnie Ward	John Ward	Betty? Floyd	Uremic Poisoning	Bethlehem
McAbee	Mitie	Wm. Decher	Ellen Bishop	Pneumonia following influenza	
McAbee	Morgan	Jim McAbee	Caroline Taylor	Hypertensive Heart Disease & Cerebral Hemorrhage	Bethlehem
McAbee	Nellie	Thomas McAbee	Hattie Stevens	Chronic Nephritis	Inman, SC
McAbee	Raymond	Sam McAbee	Annie Finch	Apoplexy	Friendship
McAbee	Roy	Milledon McAbee	Azzie Stinger	Jeocolitis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Ruby Neil	W. J. McAbee	Lola Richards	? Thrombosis	Inman, SC
McAbee	Sallie Foster	Abner Foster	Onie Foster	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Sam	Stub Emurk?	Corie McAbee	Bronchopneumonia	Antioch
McAbee	Sarah Easter	Not Given	Not Given	Paralysis of left side	County
McAbee	Thomas J.	Dan McAbee	Onie Durham	Heart Trouble	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Victoria	Wm. Burgess	Elika Burgess	Fracture of Hip (fell at home)	Cherokee
McAbee	Viola H.	George McAbee	Minnie McGraw	Serivty	Bethel
McAbee	W. L. J.	E. L. McAbee	Janie Moseley	Fracture of Hip (fell at home)	Inman, SC
McAbee	Willie Grace	G. W. McAbee	Lula Nickles	Apoplectic Shock	Fairview
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McAbee	Wima Jean/Joan	Rufus McAbee	Nell McAbee	Auto-Accident (spine fracture)	Walnut Grove
McAbee	Wm. Eugene	Albert McAbee	Elvira "Akie" Tolson	Stomach Cancer	Durand, Miss.
McAbee	Wm. Lee	Hiram McAbee	Emiline Finch	Premature Birth	Holston
McAbee	Wm. True Love	Kirk McAbee	Not Given	Dysentery	Antioch
McAbee	Woodrow	Willie? McAbee	Ola Duncan	Labor Pneumonia/Heart Failure	Holston
McBee	Harold Eugene	T. J. McBee	Barnoth Maybry	Sarcoma of left foot	Bethel
McBee	J. E.	Rt. S. McBee	Barnoth Maybry	Angina Pectoris & Hypertension	Bethlehem
McBee	Sylvie Mae	Rufus McBee	Nellie McBee	Acute Labor Pneumonia	Inman, SC
Rollins	Lyda Bell	Alfred McAbee	Janie Turner	Septic Tonsillitis	Zoar Church
Switzer	Mary McAbee	Hiram McAbee	Eliza Calvert	Gastro-Enteritis	Saxon
Upchurch	Mrs. Olin	Tom McAbee	Annie Harris	Cerebral Hemorrhage?	County
				Bronchopneumonia (Premature Child)	Holston Creek
				Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Not Given
				Pneumonia	Bethlehem
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A TOURIST'S VIEW IN 1847 OF RURAL GREENVILLE DISTRICT

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Correspondence of the Courier.

ORANGEBURGH, S.C., Oct. 13, 1847.

According to promise, I resume the pen to complete my sketch of Greenville and its charming vicinity. Of the village proper, I have little or nothing to add, but of

THE VILLAS AND FARMS,

which dot its neighborhood, and their new tenants, I would discourse a while. I have already noticed the fine farms of Gen. THOMPSON and Mr. M'BEE, in the village or on its immediate outskirts. From a vista, opening into the Buncombe road, as you leave the village, is seen the handsome residence of Major ELIAS D. EARLE. Opposite the two mile post, on the same road, is the rich and beautiful farm of Mr. WADDELL, formerly the property and residence of Chancellor THOMPSON, and about a mile further, where the road turns at a right angle, that of Col. W. BUTLER THOMPSON, in fine culture, with a charming mountain view from the mansion. On the road to Rutherfordton and Chick's Springs, is met that of Dr. CHARLES B. STONE, a skillful farmer, who competes successfully for the prizes at Greenville Agricultural exhibitions – at the last exhibition he took three premiums, or silver cups, "for the best half acre of oats," "for the best Bull," and "for the best Sow." The Hon. WM BUTLER, M.D., formerly a Surgeon in the U.S. Army and also in the U.S. Navy, has a farm in the vicinity of the village – his lady is a sister of Commodore PERRY. On the Spartanburgh Road are the farm and residence of Rev. EDW. T. BUIST, formerly of Charleston. W. H. LOWNDES, Esq., and Mr. JOHN MARKLEY, formerly of our city, have farms also, near the village. Among the successful competitors, at the late Agricultural Fair, to whom silver cups were awarded, were Capt. J. WESLEY BROOKS "for the best Stallion (*Loumdes*)," WM. H. LOWNDES, Esq., "for the best Brood Mare," E. H. EARLE, Esq., "for the best Mule, under 3 years," THOS. ROWE, Esq., "for the best Mule between 1 and 3 years," P. E. DUNCAN, Esq., "for the best Mule under 1 year," R. BRADSHAW, Esq., "for the best Heifer," Mrs. S. E. STONE, "for the best pair of Lambs," Dr. A. B. CROOK, "for the best Boar," and the Hon. W. THOMPSON, "for the best Calf." Dr. S. H. DICKSON lately owned a beautiful villa in the neighborhood, but has recently sold it to the Rev. R. T. HOWARD, Rector of the Episcopal Church, Georgetown – and near by are those of THOS. O. LOWNDES, Esq. and, I believe, of the Hon. WM. BUTLER – all on elevated sites and commanding rich and extensive views of the mountains.

In other directions are the farms of Col. JOHN T. COLEMAN, formerly owned by the late Judge EARLE, and of WHITEFOORD SMITH, Esq., formerly of Charleston. The villa formerly owned by the late Gov. MIDDLETON is now the property of Dr. C. B. STONE – that of the late Gov. ALSTON is still, I believe, in the ALSTON family. Between 3 and 4 miles from the village, on the Pickensville or Pendleton Road, is the villa of the

HON. JOEL R. POINSETT.

It is beautifully situated, embellished with floral treasures, and commands a magnificent view of Paris mountain, Table Rock, and other elevated peaks. Here the retired statesman, having run an honorable career of public service, in the legislative councils of the State and the Union, in the foreign embassy and the national cabinet, with a mind improved by literary and scientific culture, and information enlarged and diversified by foreign travel in Europe and America, passes the Summer, enjoying, "otium cum dignitate," a dignified leisure, and yet devoting many an hour to the preparation of the address or the oration, or the contribution of literary scientific or other valuable articles to our periodical literature.

Although aloof from public life, he continues to take a lively interest in our national concerns, and from his able pen have emanated of late several statesmanlike essays on our military affairs and Mexican relations, doubly valuable from the intimate knowledge he acquired of Mexico and her people, during his missions to that republic. By his able administrations of the War Department, his various literary productions and his connexion with the National Institute, of which he is the founder, Mr. POINSETT has earned a brilliant reputation and largely and honorably identified himself with the political and literary history of his country. His scheme for the re-organization of our national militia, while Secretary of War, although it subjected him to temporary odium, under the influence of party excitement, was wise and patriotic, and based on the views of the immortal WASHINGTON himself – and all now must admit that, had his plan been carried out, we would, at least have been in a condition to have concluded the Mexican war, without the vexatious delays, and the immense cost of blood and treasure, which have attended its prosecution. There is another point on which full justice has perhaps never been done to Mr. POINSETT – it is in connexion with the part he bore in the domestic troubles in our own State, which brought us to the verge of civil war. Firm and resolute as he was in his principles and his position, as one of the recognized leaders of the minority, your correspondent can bear personal testimony that it was mainly due to his counsels, discretion and coolness, that fraternal blood did not flow – that the peace of the State remained undisturbed and her fair fame untarnished by the guilt and curse of fraternal strife.

Some 6 or 7 miles from Greenville village resides, in a quiet farm, another worthy and retired public servant, the venerable

JUDGE RICHARD GANTT.

He was a native of Prince George, Maryland, and migrated to this State, shortly after he was admitted to the Bar. Distinguished for a persuasive and pathetic eloquence, he was eminently successful in defense of the accused or injured, especially when victims of calumny or injustice, and won both the honors and the profits of the profession. In 1805, he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of this State, and held the office until December 14, 1815, when he was elevated to the superior Law Bench, and wore the judicial ermine, unsullied, for 26 years. In November 1841m (when President of the Law Court of Appeals, under the organization of 1836,) increasing years and infirmities induced him to resign his seat.

His resignation was communicated to the Legislature in the following letter, assigning with dignity and feeling, his motives and reasons for retiring from the service of the State.

COLUMBIA, NOV. 30TH, 1841.

To the Honorable the Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives:

Gentlemen: – It is with a grateful recollection of the favors of my country, that I approach you for the purpose of surrendering my public trust into your hands. Twenty-six years ago, I was appointed to the highly responsible office of Law Judge. During that long period, I have, to the best of my abilities, discharged the duties thereby devolved upon me. That I may not have discharged them perfectly, is, I have no doubt, true, but honesty of purpose, and purity of intention, have (I trust,) ever attended my efforts. By the mercy of God, I have been spared the ordinary limit of human life, in the full enjoyment of all my bodily, and (as I think) mental faculties.

I feel that it is time to leave the perplexities and vexations of public life to younger men. The repose and quiet of home are necessary to the happiness of old age. To these blessings my attention has been directed for some time, and my resignation now is the result of a fixed determination, which was disclosed to my friends the first day of your present session.

Be pleased, gentlemen, to accept my resignation of the office of Law Judge, and with it, the assurance, that my prayers will ascend to the throne of Mercy and Grace, for blessings on the State, in whose service I have

spent so many happy years.

Respectfully, your fellow-citizen,

Richard Gantt.

In testimonial of the high appreciation of the services and worth of so venerable and faithful public servant, the House of Representatives, on motion of ALBERT RHETT, Esq., forthwith adopted, and the Senate immediately concurred in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislature appreciate highly the motives which have induced the Hon. RICHARD GANTT to resign the office of Law Judge.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of their regard for his person, and their estimate of his long and faithful public services, one year's salary of thirty-five hundred dollars be appropriated for his use, and be paid to him at the adjournment of the Legislature.

Resolved, That his letter of resignation be entered at length on the Journal of the House.

The next day, a meeting of the Bar of the State, embracing eminent members of the Profession from every part of the State, attending the Sessions of the Legislature and of the Courts of Appeal, was held at the Court House in Columbia, at which the Hon. JAMES GREGG, of the Senate, was Chairman, and the Hon. THOS. J. WITHERS, now Law Judge, but then State Solicitor, was Secretary, and received from their venerable judicial chief, the following touching valedictory, read by the Hon. DAVID L. WARDLAW, (Judge GANTT's successor as Law Judge,) then Speaker of the House of Representatives:

"Gentlemen of the Bar of South Carolina:

"I cannot resign the station which I have so long filled as a Judge, without feelings of regret, that the abdication of my seat will separate me, for the remaining portion of my life, from the brotherhood of the profession to which I have been regularly bred, and have dedicated the most of my life. It is with unfeigned satisfaction, that I can now acknowledge the courtesy and kindness which you have always manifested towards me, particularly as years rolled on, and required your greater indulgence.

The law is an ennobling science, and the characteristics of its votaries will be found in the deep-seated sense of honor, patriotism, and love of right, with which your bosoms are fraught.

May God in mercy direct your course which leads to fame, honor, and wealth, and bless you with every comfort, calculated to render life happy. Farewell - "a long farewell."

In haste,

R. GANTT."

On motion of Mr. Speaker WARDLAW, the meeting then unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Members of the Bar have received, with deep emotions, the valedictory letter of his Honor Judge Gantt, and entertain towards him, in heart-felt sincerity, all the kindness that he has inferred from the courtesy which they have endeavored to practice, and which was rendered less to his high station, than to his uniform benevolence and dignity.

Resolved, That, in Judge Gantt, the members of the Bar recognize one, who, at the Bar, eminent for his learning, and unequalled for his persuasive eloquence, gave an example of that "sense of honor, patriotism, and love of right," which he is now pleased to regard as characterizing the votaries of the law; and who, on the Bench for twenty-six years, has maintained a character for integrity and conscientiousness, that would not have been unworthy of the great and good Sir Matthew Hale, whose precepts he delighted to quote and practice.

Resolved, That, as Judge Gantt has been peculiarly distinguished for his kindness towards the younger members of the profession, his tenderness towards the accused, his love of truth and justice, and his practice of temperance, and every Christian virtue, so he is the peculiar object of affectionate regard, and in his retirement may be assured, that he carries with him the good wishes of the whole professional fraternity.

Resolved, That we humbly and devoutly beseech that God, in whose fear his days have hitherto been spent, to render the remainder of Judge Gantt's days as serene and happy, as a good conscience, and the remembrances of a life well spent may be expected to make them.

On motion of the Hon. B.F. PERRY, member of the House of Representatives, from Greenville.

Resolved, That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be tendered by the Chairman thereof, to His Honor Judge Gantt, and to the Courts of Appeal, and be published in the newspapers.

I paid the venerable judge a visit, at his farm, and rendered him the respectful homage due his age, and former station. I found him cheerful and happy, surrounded by his children of the first, second and third generations, enjoying the retirement and repose befitting his advanced age. It was truly a patriarchal spectacle - like Jacob of old, in the midst of the progeny, whence sprang the 12 tribes of Israel. The Judge attained the age of fourscore and ten on the 2d August last; and has replenished the land with near 50 descendants. Long may he yet be spared to shew that the vale of life may be the vale of contentment, illumined by the son of righteousness and blessed with that peace which this world can neither give nor take away.

On Sunday, the 3d inst., for the first time, in my life, I witnessed the deeply interesting spectacle of

A RIVER BAPTISM,

rendered doubly interesting and touching by the fact that the candidates for the sacred rite were 16 in number, 15 of them ladies, all young and unmarried but three, and only one of the three elderly, and many, if not most of them, of the most respectable families in the village. A religious revival had been in progress, for some time, meetings being held daily, at sun-rise and in the evening, to promote the good work - and the gratifying result was the addition of sixteen converts to the fold of the good Shepherd, and the hopeful promise of several more. The scene of the ceremonial was the North bank and the bed of the Reedy River, above the Falls, and above the pretty foot-bridge which crosses the rocky and shallow stream. The time was between 9 and 10 o'clock, A.M., and a numerous company assembled to witness the immersion. The ceremonies commenced with an appropriate prayer, on the river bank, by the Rev. Mr. CHILD. Next was melodiously sung the following beautiful and appropriate

HYMN

In all my Lord's appointed ways
My journey I'll pursue;
"Hinder me not," my much loved Saints,
For I must go with you.

Through blood and flame, if Jesus lead,
I'll follow where he goes;
"Hinder me not," shall be my cry,
Though hell and earth oppose.

Through duties and through trials, too,
I'll go at his command;
"Hinder me not," for I am bound
To my Immanuel's land.

And when my Savior calls me home,
Still this my cry shall be,
"Hinder me not," come welcome death,
I'll gladly go with thee.

The youthful pastor of the Baptist Church, the Rev. J. M. C. BREAKER, robed in white, then entered into the water, where it was quiescent, in a natural basin or font of some depth, and there awaited the

candidates, Deacon J. M. ROBERTS gently leading them to him, by pairs. The elderly lady very considerately entered the water first, as if to inspire confidence in her younger and more timid sisters. As they successively arrived, the officiating minister placed them in the proper position, with their hands folded on the chest, and gently immersed them in the yielding element by and inclination of their bodies backwards, saying, with solemn emphasis, in each case –

"In obedience to the command of my divine and exalted Lord and Master, I baptize thee, sister, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

As soon as they respectively emerged from the water, they were covered with cloaks by the Deacon, and conveyed to their friends. The agitation of several of the younger ladies was very manifest, and many of them could not avoid a slight exclamation, in the way of catching the breath, as their faces rose out of the water and they assumed the erect posture; but strength from on high vouchsafed to them, weak, lovely and trembling as they were, to pass through the trying ordeal, and become lambs of the flock of Christ. The only gentleman, among the candidates, was the last baptized, and the ceremony closed.

I afterwards attended the morning service in the Baptist Church, and heard an impressive and eloquent discourse on the nature and obligations of the rite, just administered to the converts, from the Rev. Mr. CHILD, a young and talented clergyman, of Virginia.

At the close of the morning service, Mr. BREAKER descended from the pulpit and gave

THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

to the converts, seated on benches in front of the pulpit. This was a deeply touching ceremony; and the minister, while performing it, sang the following hymn:

A WELCOME TO FELLOWSHIP.

Come in, those blessed of the Lord;
Stranger nor foe art thou;
We welcome thee with one accord
Our friend, our brother now.
We welcome thee, we welcome thee,
We welcome thee with one accord,
Our friend, our brother now.

The hand of fellowship, the heart
Of love, we offer thee;
Leaving the world, thou dost but part
From lies and vanity.

The cup of blessing which we bless,
The heavenly bread we break –
Our savior's blood and righteousness
Freely will we partake.

In weal or woe, in joy or care,
They portion shall be ours;
Christians their natural burdens bear,
They lend their mutual powers.

Come with us – we will do thee good
As God to us hath done;
Stand but in him, as those have stood,
Whose faith the victory won.

And, when by turns we pass away,
As star by star grows dim,
May each, translated into day,
Be lost and found in him.

After the welcome of fellowship, the communion was administered to the members of the church. About six miles below the village is the District Poor House, with a farm attached, where the paupers are employed in agricultural labor and occupation. This is the judicious system pursued in nearly all of our country Districts.

Some ten miles or thereabouts from Greenville Village, diverging on the right from the Rutherfordton Road, are

CHICK'S SPRINGS,

the property of the late BURWELL CHICK, M.D. This establishment consists of a fine and spacious Hotel, and a set of cabins, pleasantly and healthfully situated, with a mineral spring near by, supposed to contain sulphur and magnesia, and believed to have medicinal virtues, as well as ingredients, very like those of Glenn's Springs. It has been for some years and is still a watering place of much resort and recreation, and will doubtless become more so, as population and rail road facilities multiply.

Connected with Greenville is the Legend of

BLOODY BATES.

Greenville was the scene of a singular tragedy. A Tory, known by the name of Bloody Bates, who headed the Indians, in their marauding and bloody incursions into the white settlements, was arrested and put in Greenville gaol, after the war, for horse stealing. While awaiting his trial, one MOTLEY, whose father he had murdered, demanded the key of the jail, from Col. CARTER, the Sheriff, with gun in hand, seized and shot the prisoner, and buried him, in a lot, nearly opposite where the Court House now stands.

N.B. – In my letter containing the story of HENRY WEST, you printed the name of Col. SAMUEL DICKSON instead of Col. SAMUEL DAVIDSON, the Swannanoa farmer with whom WEST had a law-suit, and whose uncle of the same name was the first white person, West of the Blue Ridge, killed by Indians. [This letter described the tourist's excursion into North Carolina; it was not published in this Quarterly.]

In my last letter, giving a sketch of Greenville district, you printed Col. BENJAMIN DUNHAM, instead of Col. BENAJAH DUNHAM.

In my next, I will complete my notice of Greenville District, in its more general features.

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A MARRIAGE NOTICE FROM LAURENS DISTRICT IN 1821

Source: Charleston Courier, issue of Saturday, July 7, 1821, p. 2, col. 5

MARRIED in Laurens District, on the 26th ult. by the Rev. Thomas Ray, Capt. P. D. KERNE, eldest son of John F. Kerne, Esq. formerly a merchant in this city [Charleston], to Miss SARAH P. HERNDON, eldest daughter of Col. Stephen Herndon, of Newberry District.

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FAMILY OF MAJOR AUGUSTUS HILLIARD KIRBY OF SPARTANBURG, SC

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Sources: Names and dates of birth from Bible record in Methodist Collection, Sandor Teszler Library, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC; death dates, burial places, names of spouses and names of issue from tombstone inscriptions, obituaries and other publications, and various census records.

(Major) Augustus Hilliard Kirby

Born on 1 Jan 1829 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Died on 8 Jun 1917 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina

His Parents: (Major) John T. and Martha (Patsey) Peterson Kirby

His Paternal Grandparents: Richard and Louisa (Lovicey) Tolleson Kirby

His Maternal Grandparents: Peter and Ruth -- Peterson

First Married: 21 Sep 1852 in Lincolnton, North Carolina

Mary Elizabeth Durant

Born: 30 Oct 1830 in Horry District, South Carolina

Died: 23 May 1879 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Her Parents: John W. and Sarah -- Durant

Issue:

See Below: (All were born in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina)

Next Married: About 1880

Elizabeth B. Huitt Anderson

Born: Dec 1839 in South Carolina

Died: 6 Sep 1920 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Issue: None

- [1] Addria Eugenia Kirby Born: 25 Jul 1853
Died: 5 Feb 1921 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Married: About 1875
Her Husband: Reverend Hilliard Francis Chreitzberg
Born: 24 Feb 1850 in Georgetown, South Carolina
Died: in 1910 at age 60.
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
His Parents: Reverend A. M. and Anna -- Chreitzberg
Issue: Augustus McKee, Mary Elizabeth, Addria Eugenia, Hilliard F., and Anna M.

- [2] John Durant Kirby Born: 23 Feb 1855
Died: 31 Aug 1855 in South Carolina
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- [3] Mary Josepha (Joda) Kirby Born: 27 Jul 1856
Died: 15 Jan 1941
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- [4] Sarah Elizabeth (Sable) Kirby Born: 26 Dec 1858
Died: 17 Jan 1936
Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- [5] James Henry Kirby Born: 19 Jan 1861
Died: 20 Feb 1904 in Woodruff, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Married: 10 Mar 1886 in Woodruff, Spartanburg, South Carolina
His Wife: Eliza Jane Arena (Janie) Chamblin
Born: 6 Aug 1867 in Woodruff, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Died: 3 Mar 1948 in Woodruff, Spartanburg, South Carolina at age 80.
Her Parents: Anderson Darwin and Mary Louise (Lou) Fleming Chamblin
Her Paternal Grandparents: David Anderson and Cynthia Arian Darwin Chamblin
Her Maternal Grandparents: Reverend John and Matilda J. Todd Fleming
Issue: Louise, Bruce L., Harry Douglas, Joe H., Lamar F., Sallie Z., Janie C., Sarah Kathlerine (Sable), Mamie, and Olive.
- [6] Dr. William Augustus Kirby Born: 20 Aug 1864
Died: 21 Jan 1920 in Cottage Grove, South Carolina
First Married: 1887
His Wife: Cora Minus
Born: 4 Jun 1866
Died: 6 Feb 1903
Her Parents: Joseph and Laura Ann Moorer Minus
Issue: William A. and Josepha.
Then Married: Jun 1904
His Wife: Bessie Minus, dau of Isaac and Metta Kenyon Minus
Born: about 1884 in South Carolina.
Issue: Kenyon Minus, Bryan, Hilliard Francis, and James

- [7] Caroline Virginia Kirby Durant.
 Born: 23 Sep 1865
 Died: 4 Aug 1933 in Hendersonville, North Carolina
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Married: about 1887, South Carolina
 Her Husband: Reverend Alston B. Earle
 Born: 1865, Greenville, SC—Died Sept 13, 1904, Camden Station, South Carolina
 His Parents: James P. and Anna E. Brooklebank Earle
 Issue: Gladys Eulalie, Alston B. Jr., Anna Elizabeth, James P., Mary J., Ralph Lander, and Frances, Carol Kirby.
- [8] Reverend George Franklin Kirby Born: 7 May 1868 in
 Died: 7 Nov 1965 in South Carolina
 Married: About 1903
 His Wife: Mabel Leigh Heitman
 Born: 8 Apr 1882 in North Carolina
 Her Parents: Professor John Franklin and Emma Carr Heitman
 Issue: Hiliard Heitman, Raymond Emmett (Hula), and Emily E.
- [9] Pattie Durant Kirby Born: 24 Aug 1870
 Died: 11 Apr 1952
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Married: Apr 1895
 Her Husband: Reverend Edward Samuel Jones
 Born: 26 Jan 1870, Columbia, Richland County, SC
 Died: 2 Oct 1926 in Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 His Parents: John Randolph and Anna Virginia (Jones?) Jones
 Issue: Ruth, Wilhelmina, Edna, Sarah, and Edward S.
- [10] Charles Chalmers Kirby Born: 21 Sep 1872
 Died: 17 Mar 1944
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Married: About 1907
 His Wife: Eva P. Kirby
 Born: 24 Feb 1879 in South Carolina
 Died: 2 Mar 1963
 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Her Parents: John William and Tallulah Hamblin Kirby
 Issue: Mary Lou

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SOME ABBEVILLE DISTRICT DEATH NOTICES IN 1856 AND 1857

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville)

DIED

- issue of Friday March 15, 1856, p. 2, col. 6
 Of Whooping Cough, in Abbeville Dist., on 26 Feb. 1856 infant son of Marshall and Nancy Sharp.
 issue of Friday March 15, 1856, p. 2, col. 6
 Departed this life, at Abbeville, on Tuesday, 26th February, Mrs SUSAN IVES, in the 34 th year of her age, leaving a fond husband and four helpless children to deplore her irreparable loss. . . .
 issue of Friday March 21, 1856, p. 2, col. 4
 In this District, on the 4th instant, of pneumonia, Miss C. C. LIPFORD, in her nineteenth year. She joined Methodist Episcopal Church . . . [original too dark to read]
 issue of Friday March 28, 1856, p. 3, col. 1
 In this District, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Mrs. ELIZABETH BROOKS, consort of J. Wesley Brooks, in the 37th year of her age. . . . [A lengthy eulogy and poem will be omitted here.]
 issue of Friday April 4, 1856, p. 2, col. 5
 Departed this life yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, Mrs. VIRGINIA ELIZABETH WESTFIELD, wife of Edward Westfield of this Village, after a protracted illness of six weeks. . . . [Eulogy omitted.]
 issue of Friday, July 11, 1856, p. 2, col. 5
 Near Pickensville, Ala., of Typhoid Fever, on the 16th June instant Mrs. ELIZA M. CALHOUN, daughter of Isaac Taylor and wife of Dr. Willis B. Calhoun, formerly of Abbeville District. She had been married only about three years, and about twenty-three years of age, when she was summoned to to experience the realities of an endless eternity. . . . [A lengthy eulogy will be omitted here.]
 issue of Friday, August 1, 1856, p. 2, col. 6
 On the 16th instant, Mr. SAMUEL WILSON, oldest son of Samuel and Nancy Wilson, being 36 years, 9 months and 20 days old. Mr. Wilson was remarkably kind and friendly in his disposition, and always moral and upright in his conduct. . . . The disease that carried him to his grave, attacked his system about six years ago, and preyed upon his mortal body slowly and surely until his death. . . .
 issue of Friday, August 22, 1856, p. 2, col. 5
 At his residence, in this District, near Greenwood, Maj. THOMAS NICHOLS, after an illness of five days with erysipelas, on the twenty-fifth of July, in the forty-fifth year of his age, and the twenty-third year of his connection with the M. E. Church. . . . He was a leader at Mount Lebanon, and his class feel that his place can only be filled by a special interposition by Providence, and Oh, God, thou alone can fill the void that is felt in the heart of the bereaved wife and children of this ever devoted husband and father . . .
 issue of Friday, January 9, 1857, p. 3, col. 1
 On Thursday morning 15th December 1857, at his residence in this District THOMAS FULTON, aged 70 years and 11 months [born 15 January 1787]. Mr. Fulton was Emphatically an honest man, and died without reproach. He had been a member of the M. E. Church for many years, and had an unwavering faith in the promises of the gospel, and it is hoped that as he lived in its exercises, he died in the triumph of that faith. He has left behind him a bereaved widow, and a number of children to mourn his departure. May God comfort them in this life and save them all in the life to come. FRIEND
 issue of Friday, June 19, 1857, p. 3, col. 1
 In this District, on Sunday, the 14th instant, DORA SAMPLE, youngest daughter of Dr. A. W. and Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch, aged one year and two months. [A lengthy eulogy will be omitted here.]

issue of Friday, July 24, 1857, p. 2, col. 7

Died, in this District, June 23d, 1857, MARY ELIZABETH CLINKSCALES, second daughter of G. B. Clinkscals, Esq., aged twenty years, one month and 7 days [born 14 June 1837]. . . . In her 17th year she made an open profession of religion by connecting with the Methodist Church . . . [A lengthy eulogy will be omitted here.]

issue of Friday, August 7, 1857, p. 2, col. 7

In this Village, on the 20th ult., of Consumption, Mrs. MARY ANDERSON, the eighth daughter of the late Mr. James Irwin, Carrickfergus Ireland, in the 86th year of her age.

The deceased was a native of Carrickfergus, Ireland, where the greater portion of her life was spent, mid loving friends and the enchanting scenes of the Emerald Isle. She early became a member of the Presbyterian Church in her native town, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. James Seaton Reid, and by a consistent walk and conversation, evinced the truthfulness of her profession.

In her protracted illness of more than three months, she manifested the greatest cheerfulness and resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father, and toward the closing scene of her life, expressed an earnest desire to depart and be at rest. Far from the sea-girt isle that gave her birth she sleeps, and a stricken and disconsolate husband mourns in sad bereavement. May this afflictive dispensation of Providence be sanctified to the good of his soul.

issue of Friday, August 7, 1857, p. 2, col. 7

At his residence, in this District, of Pneumonia, on Friday the 24th of July [1857], SAMUEL REID, Esq., in the 69th year of his age. In the death of this most estimable man, not only has his immediate family suffered sorrow of bereavement, but a whole community has been left with an irreparable loss. One of the [obscured word] remaining relics of a past generation, he was justly regarded as the patriarch of his neighborhood. Having inherited a position of influence from his venerable father, he [obscured word] and strengthened it . . . For many years he was a minister in the Presbyterian Church . . . [Original copy is too dark and obscured to decipher. The obituary is concluded on p. 3, col. 1, and it is followed by a preamble and resolutions.]

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by the Hon. T. C. Perrin, and unanimously adopted by the Session of Uppeer Long Cane Church, and ordered to be published as their public testimonial to the virtues and piety of the deceased: [The preamble and resolutions will be omitted here. See this *Quarterly*, issue of May 1999, Vol. XIII, No. 2, p. 96, for the Will of George Reid, dated 23 November 1789, Abbeville County, South Carolina, wherein his son Samuel Reid is named.]

issue of Friday, August 28, 1957, p.2, col. 7

At the residence of his father, on the 12th instant, after a protracted and painful illness of seven weeks, JAMES ALEXANDER PENNAL, aged sixteen years one month and twelve days. [Long eulogy omitted]

issue of Friday, September 18, 1857, p. 2, col. 5

On the 5th instant, Hearst Vance, son of J. K. and L. L. Vance, aged 18 months and 22 days.

issue of Friday, September 18, 1857, p. 2, col. 2

We regret to announce the decease of Dr. C. C. Puckett, the former Editor and Proprietor of this paper, who died in this village last Friday night [11 September 1857], of typhoid fever, after a severe and protracted illness. He has left a widow and two interesting children, an aged father and mother and other relatives to mourn his untimely end. He died in the prime of life and in full maturity of his powers, just as he was beginning to realize the cherished hopes of earlier years. He had lately completed a course of medical instruction in Philadelphia, and had entered upon the duties of a profession, for which he had manifested an early predilection, and for which in the judgment of others he was eminently fitted. . . .

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FAMILY RECORD OF GIDEON WHITTED (abt 1770-1832) OF CHESTER DISTRICT, SC

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Sources: Will of Gideon Whitted, probated in Campbell County, Georgia; early land records from Chester County, South Carolina supplied by South Carolina Department of Archives & History; marriage records of Lawrence County, Alabama; registry pages from the Davis C. Whitted family Bible; Butts County, Georgia marriage records; Salt Ration List for Georgia; The Chester (SC) News, October 26, 1950, Dedication Service Sunday (article on Woodward Baptist Church); census and other records.

Gideon Whitted

Born: abt 1770, probably in Craven County in the area that later became Chester County

Died: January 11, 1835, near or in Cobb County, Georgia

[His parents are not proven, but circumstantial evidence suggests that he was the son of Nezerus Whitted and his wife Ann, and a brother to John Whitted (wife Nancy) whose will was probated in 1832 in Chester District, South Carolina.]

Married first: Unknown

Gideon and his first wife probably lived in the vicinity of Woodward Church in Chester District. He was named as a witness to the purchase of land for the church in the deed recorded in 1802.

Married second: Mary (Last Name Unknown)

Born: abt 1784, probably in South Carolina

Died: prior to 1860 census, probably in Monroe County, Georgia

Children of Gideon Whitted and First Wife

1. **Elizabeth Whitted**, born about 1796 in Chester County, South Carolina; married John Gwyn. Elizabeth was identified in the will (filed in 1832) of John Whitted, of Chester District, as his niece and as the wife of John Gwyn.
2. **Mary Whitted**, born about 1798 in Chester County, South Carolina; married a Mr. Gwyn whose first name is unknown (but is possibly Minor).
3. **William Whitted**, born about 1800 in Chester County, South Carolina - died after 1870 census, possibly in Jasper County, Georgia; married Lucinda (Last Name Unknown).
4. **Nancy Whitted**, born about 1802, Chester District, South Carolina; married a Mr. Gwyn, whose first name is unknown.
5. **Capt. Davis C. Whitted**, born October 12, 1804, Chester District, South Carolina - died May 16, 1857, Independence County Arkansas; married (1) Elizabeth Hodges, (2) Sarah Reed Kinzey Hodges.
6. **Margaret Whitted**, born about 1806, Chester District, South Carolina; married a Mr. Neal, first name unknown.

Children of Gideon Whitted and Second Wife, Mary

7. **Sarah Jemimah Whitted**, born in Chester District, South Carolina - died after 1880 census; married John G. King, July 8, 1830, in Butts County, Georgia.
8. **Julia M. J. Whitted**, born January 9, 1815 in Chester District, South Carolina - died July 27, 1878 in Chambers County, Ala; married William J. Smith, January 5, 1832, in Butts County, Ga.

[Contributor's Note: The married names of all daughters are given in the will of Gideon Whitted, which was filed in Campbell County, Georgia. Some researchers have transcribed the name as Given or Guyer on this and other documents; but based on the microfilm of the actual recording, I conclude that the name as written there is Gywn.]

FAMILY RECORD OF CAPT. DAVIS C. WHITTED (1804-1857), NATIVE OF CHESTER DISTRICT, SC

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Sources: Will of Gideon Whitted; estate papers of Davis C. Whitted; marriage records of Lawrence County, Alabama; registry pages from the Davis C. Whitted family Bible; various census records; Marriage and Death Notices From the Up-Country of South Carolina As Taken From Greenville Newspapers, compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.I.S.

Capt. Davis C. Whitted

Born: October 12, 1804, Chester District, South Carolina, son of Gideon Whitted and his first wife, whose name is now unknown
Died: May 16, 1857, Independence County, Arkansas

Married first: October 29, 1829, probably near Greenville, South Carolina,

Elizabeth Hodges

Born: September 10, 1814, Greenville District, South Carolina,
daughter of Col. John Hodges and his wife Sarah Merritt
Died: August 23, 1839, Lawrence County, Alabama

Buried: Old Settlers' Cemetery (aka the Indian Mounds Cemetery), Lawrence County, Alabama

Married second: Sarah Reed Kimzey Hodges

Born: February 20, 1806, Buncombe County, North Carolina,
daughter of William Kimzey and his wife Rebecca Williamson
Died: abt 1878, Independence County, Arkansas (no issue from this marriage)

Children of Capt. Davis C. and Elizabeth Hodges Whitted

1. **Sarah P. Whitted**, born August 29, 1832 in Alabama; married Jonathon Cunningham about 1856.
2. **John Hodges Whitted**, born January 11, 1834 in Alabama - died October 4, 1862 in Louisville, Kentucky (POW); married Sarah Rebecca Kimzey, daughter of John Mann Kimzey and Sarah Huldah Hodges on March 17, 1855.

3. **Elizabeth Caroline Whitted**, born January 5, 1835 in Alabama - died May 14, 1896, Greenville County, South Carolina; buried in Tyger Baptist Church Cemetery, Travelers Rest, South Carolina; married Burvil Milton Hightower, son of Alfred Hightower and his wife Charlotte Hodges, on January 21, 1851.
4. **Mary Jane Whitted**, born March 22, 1836 - died October 11, 1837; buried at Old Settlers' Cemetery, Lawrence County, Alabama.
5. **William F. Whitted**, born February 24, 1837 - died October 13, 1838; buried at Old Settlers' Cemetery, Lawrence County, Alabama.
6. **James Milton Whitted**, born February 16, 1838 - died March 20, 1838; buried at Old Settlers' Cemetery, Lawrence County, Alabama.
7. **Davis Hodges Whitted**, born August 9, 1839 - died September 23, 1839; buried at Old Settlers' Cemetery, Lawrence County, Alabama.

[Contributor's Note: **Fleming Hodges**, first husband of Sarah Reed Kimzey Hodges Whitted; **Charlotte Hodges**, mother of Burvil Milton Hightower; and **Sarah Huldah Hodges**, mother of Sarah Rebecca Kimzey were also children of Col. John Hodges and his wife Sarah Merritt.]

OBITUARY OF MRS. MARGARET ROWLAND TRIMMIER OF SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Source: *The Carolina Spartan*, Chas. Petty, Editor, issue of Wednesday, October 23, 1889, p. x, col. y,

Spartanburg, Wednesday, October 23, 1889

Mrs. Margaret H. Trimmier died at her home on Magnolia street, Thursday, October 17, 1889. She was buried in the old cemetery where her husband and several children repose, Friday afternoon. She was a native of this county and about 80 years old. Her maiden name was Rowland. She was the mother of seven children, only one of whom survives her. Three of her sons were editors of *The Spartan* at different times. Col. James Trimmier was first connected with it and then Major W. H. Trimmier came in and after the war Capt. F. M. Trimmier. Her sons were true patriots in the late war, all of them who were able going into service and they did not seek easy places. She was noted for her energy, good housekeeping and kindness. Even in her old age she was always at work and believed it was wrong for one to waste time in idleness. Hundreds of people have received hospitable entertainment at her house. No one person in our city has fed as many from the country, as she has. All this was done gratuitously. She will be remembered by many for her kindness. Rev. J. A. Clifton visited her in her sickness and read the funeral service at her burial. She gave evidence to him that she was quietly awaiting the summons and trusting in God. Many friends sympathize with her daughter, Miss Margaret, who alone of all the children survives the good mother.

FAMILY RECORD OF WILLIAM SLOAN TRIMMIER

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Source: The research files of David A. Trimmier (published here with his permission); see note below.
[Editor's Note: Additional information, indicated in boldface font, naming the issue of the children and other details, was contributed by Ted Zajac, Jr., Betty Jean Dill, and James L. Reid; see p. 100 above for the email addresses.]

William Sloan Trimmier

Born: May 7, 1791, Pendleton District, SC—Died: June 1844, Spartanburg District, SC

Burial: **Magnolia Cemetery in Spartanburg village; he has a memorial marker (no dates) in the Trimmier Plot, Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC, which cemetery opened in 1886.**

His parents: Obadiah Trimmier and Lucy Stribling Trimmier

[William Sloan Trimmier was the third of twelve children born to Obadiah and Lucy Trimmier. He was the ordinary (probate court judge) of Spartanburg District, SC for a number of years in the 1820s and 1830s, and he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his later life, he resided on Magnolia Street in the village of Spartanburg.]

Marriage: February 22, 1822

Wife: Margaret Hampton Rowland

Born: about 1809, Spartanburg District, SC—Died: October 17, 1889, Spartanburg, SC

[Editor's Note: See p. 107 above for her obituary.]

Burial: Magnolia Cemetery; her tombstone was removed to the Trimmier Plot, Oakwood Cemetery (**opened in 1886**), Spartanburg, SC

Her parents: George Rowland and Nancy Ratney Rowland

[Editor's Note: See this *Quarterly*, issue of February 2008, p. 35, for an account of the estate of and the will of George Rowland in Spartanburg District. His daughter Margaret is called Peggy in his will, dated April 23, 1817.]

Their Children:

1. George Rowland Trimmier (M.D.) Born: July 7, 1823, Spartanburg District, SC
Died: July 24, 1851, Lenoir, Caldwell County, NC
Burial: **place uncertain; the notation "Dr. G. R. Trimmier" appears on the big Trimmier monument, along with others, in Oakwood Cemetery Spartanburg, SC**
Wife: **no known wife nor issue** [See p. 125 below for a tribute of respect.]
2. Theodore Gilliard Trimmier Born: April 11, 1825, Spartanburg District, SC
Died: April 7, 1865, of wounds at Petersburg, Virginia
Burial: **probably Va; the notation "Col. T. G. Trimmier" appears on the big Trimmier monument, along with others, in Oakwood Cemetery Spartanburg, SC**
(He was Lieutenant Colonel of the 41st Alabama Regiment, CSA.)
Married: January 15, 1850, Spartanburg District, South Carolina
Wife: Mary Letitia Thomson, b. 1831, SC—d. November 19, 1910, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Her parents: Dr. Matthew and Annabella Thomson of Anderson, SC
Issue: Thomas R. md. Mary E. Fleming; Elizabeth F md. Dowd McCarley; Marguerite Arabella (Belle) md John Parker Darden; Mary (Mollie) Leticia (Single); and Ellie md. Thomas W. Norris

3. James Vernon Trimmier Born: April 4, 1827, Spartanburg District, SC
Died: June 8, 1856, Spartanburg District, SC
Burial: **Magnolia Cemetery, the first cemetery for Spartanburg village; he has a tombstone in Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Wife: Clara Kirby, b. 1831, Spartanburg, SC—d. Jan. 15, 1907, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Oakwood Cemetery (per obituary), Spartanburg, SC**
Her parents: John Thomas and Martha (Patsey) Peterson Kirby
Issue: Clara Alice md. Edward Wentworth Cummings; Thomas James md. Ellen Lucretia Sanders
[Editor's Note: See this *Quarterly*, May 2008, p. 64, for the family record John T. Kirby]
4. William Hampton Trimmier Born: March 2, 1829, Spartanburg, SC
Died: July 14, 1865, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Magnolia Cemetery, the first cemetery for Spartanburg village; the notation "William H. Trimmier b. 1829" appears on the big Trimmier monument in Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Married: 1853, Spartanburg, SC
Wife: Martha Ann Kirby, b. October 10, 1836, Spartanburg, SC—Died: Jan. 16, 1923, Newton, NC (Catawba County)
Burial: **Eastview Cemetery, Newton, NC (Catawba County)**
Her parents: John Thomas and Martha (Patsey) Peterson Kirby
Issue: John William (no record of marriage); James Wilson md. Virginia P. Shelton; Mattie md. Joseph E. Gable; Alta Chicora (no record of marriage); Lizzie Elford (no record of marriage);
5. John Thomas Trimmier Born: September 9, 1831, Anderson, SC
Died: January 1, 1851, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Magnolia Cemetery, the first cemetery for Spartanburg village; the notation "Thomas James Trimmier b. 1831 d. 1851" appears on the big Trimmier monument in Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Wife: **no known wife nor issue**
6. Margaret (Maggie) Lucy Trimmier Born: 1834 (exact date unknown), Spartanburg, SC
Died: 1897, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Oakwood Cemetery; the notation "Margaret Lucy Trimmier b. 1834 d. 1897" appears on the big Trimmier monument in Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Husband: **no known husband nor issue**
7. Francis Marion Trimmier Born: July 17, 1837, Spartanburg, SC
Died: August 17, 1888, Spartanburg, SC
Burial: **Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC**
Wife: **no known wife nor issue**
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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.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg County Deed Book I, pp. 355, 356, Articles of Agreement

Jonathan Nesbitt to Elizabeth McRary [sic, the name could be McCrary]

Articles of Agreement Between Jonathan Nesbitt of the State of South Carolina and Spartanburgh [District] of the one part and Elizabeth McRary of the county [district] and State aforesaid of the other part ... the said Jonathan Nesbitt on his part agreeeth and covenanteth that at his decease the said Elizabeth McRary is have all his worldly property consisting of **one negro winch named Fan[or Tan]** and a **negro Boy named Jack** with my land and stock of all kind ... to have and hold from that day forward for the Proper use and behoof of her and her heirs forever and the said Elizabeth McRary on her part doth agree and covenant with the said Jonathan Nesbitt to marry and become his lawful wife and do take possession on Signing these articles as **witness our hands and seals this 20th day of June 1798**

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
before B. D. Shumate, J P

Jonathan Nesbitt {LS}
Elizabeth McRary {LS}

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} John Collins Esquire appeared before me George Lamkin Esquire a Justice of the Peace in the said District and made oath that he believes the name of B. D. Shumate Esquire the subscribing witness to the execution of the within article of agreement to be the hand write of the said B. D. Shumate Esq., Deceased John Collins

Sworn to and Subscribed the 9th July 1804

Geo. Lamkin J. P.

Spartanburg County, SC} Probate Court, File No. 1574, Estate of Jonathan Nesbitt (1832), Deceased, James Nesbitt, Executor

Will (1826) of Jonathan Nesbitt

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} In the name of God Amen I Jonathan Nesbitt of the State and District aforesaid being frail & diseased in body but sound of mind and memory - do make and ordain this my last will & testament In manner and form following

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Nesbitt and my son John Nesbitt jointly all the all [sic] household furniture & Stock of every description that is now in their possession it is my desire that they keep the jointly [sic] during the life or widowhood of my s^d wife and at the death or marriage to be and remain solely to my son John Nesbitt - Also all that Tract of Land lying on the south side of middle Tiger adjoining lands of A. F. Nesbitt James Robertson & Jacob Bridges whereon my wife now lives to remain heres [sic, hers] Solely during her natural life & at her death to belong entirely to my son [not named] [I] bequeath to my son James all the rest of my property consisting of **one negro**

man named Jack and the balance of my stock of every kind that my son James has in his possession together with all my plantation tools and everything that hath not been disposed of above - And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son James Nesbitt my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament In witness where of I have set my hand and Seal this 12th day of August A. D. One [Thousand] Eight hundred and twenty six

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

Jonathan Nesbitt {SEAL}

in the presence of J. Ward Tolliver Scott James Cathcart

Recorded in Will Book C Page 46 Box 22 Package 7

Recorded September 4, 1832 Wm Trimmier O. S. D.

Additional Information on Jonathan Nesbitt

From Nazareth Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Spartanburg County, South Carolina are the following tombstone inscriptions:

Jonathan Nesbitt

b. October 6, 1736

d. February 11, 1832

Elizabeth Nesbitt

d. December 27, 1843

Aged: 78 years

John McCrady Nesbitt

son of J. & B. Nesbitt, b. June 7, 1805

Aged: about 76 years

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Spartanburg County, SC} Probate Court, File No. 2828, Estate of James Nesbitt (1875), Deceased, Dr. Lafayette Twitty, Executor

Will of James Nesbitt

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} In the name of God amen—I James Nesbitt being of sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say:

Section 1st I will and direct my Executor hereinafter named as soon after my death as he deem proper and advisable to sell at public outcry either for cash or on a credit as he may think best all my personal property not hereinafter specifically devised, and with the proceeds of such sale together with such funds as he may be able to collect from debts due and owing to me at the time of my death or in case these should prove insufficient with such other monies as may come into his hands from sales hereinafter directed to be made, he shall proceed to pay first of all my just debts.

Section 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Caroline Nesbitt all that tract or parcel of land upon which my dwelling house near Mountain Shoals is situated and Known as the "Farmer tract" after deducting from it the Store-house, Black Smith Shop, mills etc and some Three hundred and fifty acres lying on both sides of the Enoree river as surveyed for me by Kay & Henitson in May 1866 & after the further deduction from it of all that portion of said tract which lies west of and above the following described line of division, to wit, a line to commence at or near the mouth of the big branch which runs between my dwelling house aforesaid and the old Thomas Farmer house and to run in a straight direction to a point on V. Casey's line nearest to the house in which William Watson now lives. I also give to my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture or as much thereof as she may choose to take for the comfort and convenience of her self and the younger children who may remain with her, my family carriage and two horses or mules to be selected by her from the stock owned by me at the time of my death, three cows and calves and two sows and pigs to be in like manner chosen by her. The foregoing bequests which are made to my wife absolutely, are intended to be in lieu of dower and is intended to her all her right and claim to be endowed out of any of the lands belonging to my estate.

Section 3rd I give and bequeath to my friend Dr. Lafayette Twitty his heirs and assigns my Bobo and

Crow place on which James Taylor now lives, in trust nevertheless for the sole and separate use and benefit of **my daughter Francis E McClintock, wife of William McClintock**, for her natural life and at her death to go to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and in the event of her leaving lawful heirs of her body living at the time of her death then the said land is to revert to my Estate and to become distributable equally among my heirs at law, the said land shall in no wise be subject to the debts engagements or incumbrances of the present or future husband of my said daughter.

Section 4th I give and bequeath to my friend Dr. Lafayette Twitty his heirs and assigns my Crawfordsville Tract on which James Moore now lives, in trust nevertheless for the sole and separate use and benefit of **my daughter Anna Nesbitt** during her natural life, free from the debts engagements and incumbrances of any future husband, and at her death to go the lawful heirs of her body in case she should marry and have issue of such marriage, in the event of my said daughter however leaving no such issue living at the time of her death the said tract or parcel of land to revert to my Estate and become distributable equally among my heirs at law, the child or children of any deceased child taking the portion to which their parent if living would have been entitled.

Section 5th I give and bequeath to my friend Doctor Samuel Brewton his heirs and assigns my Warrior Creek Tract of land in trust nevertheless for the sole and separate use and benefit of **my daughter Boy.. devieu Nesbitt** for her natural life upon the same conditions in every respect and with the same limitations as to the persons who take and enjoy the same^[2] upon the limitations of the life estate, [as] are particularly set forth in the preceding section with reference to the real estate given to my daughter Anna.

Section 6th I give and bequeath to my friend Doctor Samuel Brewton his heirs and assigns all the balance of the Farmer Tract including the A H Morgan tract on Two Mile Creek which lies immediately west of and above the division line herein before described (in Section 2nd) as a line to commence at or near the mouth of the big branch which runs between my dwelling house near Mountain Shoals and the old Thomas Farmer house and to move in a straight direction to a point on V Casey's line nearest the house in which William Watson now lives, in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of **my youngest daughter Carry A M Nesbitt** for her natural life and upon the same conditions and with the same limitation in every respect as are particularly set forth in Section 4th with reference to the real estate given to my daughter Anna.

Section 7th I give and bequeath to my friend Doctor Samuel Brewton his heirs and assigns my "Roebuck place" on which Elias Cathcart now lives also a part of the Richard Gentry place designated by the following described lines, to wit, Commencing on Jimmey's Creek at McCarley's corner and running thence with the Gentry line until it reaches the big road from Rodgers bridge to Woodruffs, thence in the same road in the direction of Woodruffs until reaches William Skinner's line, thence with said line to Mrs. Thomas' line, thence with the line of the said Mrs. David Thomas land to the Roebuck line, thence across Jimmey's Creek taking in the Bragg place lying East of the Roebuck place, in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of **my son Samuel James Nesbitt** during his natural life, not to be subject to retaining^[2] of his debts engagements and incumbrances, and with the same limitations as to the persons who are to take and enjoy the same upon the termination of the life estate, as is fully set forth in Section 4th with reference to the real estate given to my daughter Anna. I further give and bequeath to my son just named my gold watch.

Section 8th I give and bequeath to my friend Doctor Samuel Brewton his heirs and assigns my "Dickie Tract" of land meaning and intending to include with said tract all my lands in Greenville District, in trust nevertheless for the full use and benefit of **my son David B. Nesbitt** during his natural life and

upon the same conditions and with the same limitations as to its disposition upon the termination of the life estate as are set forth as attaching to the real estate given to my son Samuel James in the preceding Section.

Section 9th I will and devise unto my son Niles Nesbitt all the Richard Gentry tract of land not herein before devised or disposed of, and also portions of the John Clark and the old Gideon Reynolds lands, described and bounded as follows, to wit, by a line commencing at the well dug below the mill store on the big road leading to Mrs. James Alexander's and running thence sown the hollow to the old ford of Jimmey's Creek, thence up the hill, through the old field straight to the corner of the said Niles Nesbitt's own land on the line running from a Sassafras corner of the land he bought from James Parsons.

Section 10th I give and bequeath to my son Langdon C. Nesbitt all the balance of the John Clark tract of land not herein before devised or disposed of.

Section 12th [There was no Section 11th in original.] The Trustees herein before named I desire and request shall manage the estate of each their cestinque trusts, in such manner as they think best, consistently with the object and purpose of the trust, and they are hereby directed upon the marriage or coming of age of any one of their cestinque trusts to allow such a one to take charge or management of his or her trust estate and use and receive the profits of the same, subtract committing unnecessary waste, if in the opinion of the Trustee such permission will not in any way defeat the purpose of the trust, during the minority of any of the cestinque trusts as before their marriage. I desire the said Trustees, after retaining a sufficient amount to reimburse them for any costs charges or expenses they may incur, pay or sustain in or about the execution or by means of the trust hereby reposed in them, to pay over the annual profits of each trust estate to the guardians of the minors entitled to receive it.

Section 13th All my children now living, with the exception of **Jane A Dickey, wife of William D. Dickey**, together with my wife Caroline are to be understood as included in the term "distributees of my estate" wherever in this my last Will and Testament this term is used to designate the class of persons who are to receive a distributive share of my estate. I desire **my daughter Mrs. Jane A Dickey** to receive no portion of my estate for the reason that I have already advanced to her what I regard her full portion.

Section 14th In order to act justly and the better to accomplish my intentions in reference to the disposition of my estate I hereby direct my Executor hereinafter named as soon after my death as he may find it proper and convenient to select three intelligent and disinterested gentlemen to go upon the premises or real estate herein before given, devise or bequeathed to my wife or any of my children and make appraisement of the portion or amount of land given to each separately, having reference the improvements on such lands, their quality, location etc, the said appraisers making return of the same under their hand and seal to my Executor who upon receiving due return of the appraisers shall charge each distributee who has received any portion of land or real estate with the amount fixed by said appraisers as the true value of said real estate so received by her or him as the case may be, and require each to account for the amounts so charged against them as so much of their distributive share of my estate. Having moreover made considerable advances (accounts of them to be found in my ledgers and books of account) to my older children who are included among my distributees, my will and desire is that they and each of them shall be required to account for and be charged with the advances so made them respectively, and that they shall receive no further portion of my estate arising from any source whatsoever until the portions received by the other distributees (my wife aforesaid as one taking an Equal but no greater portion or share than each of the other distributees) shall be made equal with the portions they have received by advancements and in the shape of real estate herein before directed to

be charged to them at the valuation of appraisers.

To express more explicitly my design and intentions concerning the manner in which I devise my estate to be distributed I hereby direct my Executor following the plan first recited to pay my just debts and in the next place to pay out of the funds coming into his hands as Executor from collections made of the debts due me at the time of my death or from the proceeds of sales made of my personal or real estate (with the exception of the proceeds of the Allen tract of land hereinafter disposed of) or from any other source whatsoever those distributees of my estate (or their guardians where they are minors) whose distributive share or portion is most deficient in amount, until all the distributees of my estate, provided the amount of funds at the disposal of the Executor are sufficient, are made equal the one to the other, then to distribute whatever may remain for distribution equally among all my distributees.

Section 15th I hereby will and direct my Executor in the exercise of a sound discretion to lease or to divide into such lots as will best promote a sale at good prices and to sell at such time and under terms as will be most advantageous for the interest of my distributees the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit, my Mountain Shoals Tract containing three hundred and fifty acres more or less, my "Knight Tract" on South Tyger river adjoining lands of Bivings, Collins & others, my lands on Middle Tyger river adjoining lands of Andrew Nesbitt, Mrs. Montgomery & others, & my Hammond & Patience Elder tract adjoining lands of Martin O. Miller and others. I devise that my Executor shall sell using his discretion as to the time and the terms of sale my half interest (the Estate of H H Thomson among the other half) in the two following tracts of land, to wit, the Casey tract adjoining lands of James Hill, and the Darby tract adjoining lands of David Holcomb and others. He is further desired and authorized to sell the lands I own near Taylorsville, Alexandria[*sic*, Alexander] North Carolina and near the town of Newton, Lawrence County, Alabama at such time and upon such terms as he may think best.

Section 16th My "Allen Tract" lying on Two Mile Creek adjoining lands of Z. Lanford, Jane Hannah & others I desire my Executor to sell on the best terms he may be able [to get] and to distribute the proceeds of such sale equally between my wife Caroline and the children who are the offspring of my marriage with the said Caroline, and for good and sufficient reasons I direct that they shall not be charged with or required to account for the payments made to them out of the proceeds of the sale of this tract in receiving their distributive share of the balance of my estate.

Section 17th My tract of land two miles or more from the Village of Spartanburg made up of the Robert Foster and Huiet tracts adjoining lands of Bomar, Seay & others together with my houses and lots in the Town of Spartanburg, consisting of the Carson house and lot and the Brick house and lot opposite the Methodist Church I desire my Executor to retain as long as he thinks their retention consistent with the interest of the distributees of my estate and to allow my wife if she may desire to do so for the purposes of educating the younger children to occupy of all, rent or charge either of the houses above named and use the garden and lot attached to the house and got fin[?] from a tract of land adjoining Bomar, Seay & others without being charged or required to pay for the same. Whenever in the opinion of my Executor no good reason exists for refraining to sell the tract of land and the houses and the houses and lots just above referred to, power is hereby given him to make a sale of them, together with another small lot in the western portion of the town near the stone bridge, upon the best terms possible.

Section 18th As I omitted to do so in the 2nd Section of this my last Will and Testament I now direct that my wife Caroline Nesbitt shall receive in addition to the property herein before given her, a proper allowance of provisions to comfortably support her and the children who may (being minors or unmarried) be living with her, for twelve months immediately succeeding my death.

Section 19 My stocks or lands not mentioned herein I hereby authorize my Executor to dispose of in

the manner in which he thinks best. Finally I constitute and appoint my friend Dr. Lafayette Twitty Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments heretofore made by me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eighteen hundred and sixty seven

Signed sealed published and declared as and

James Nesbitt {LS}

for the last Will and Testament of the above

named James Nesbitt in the presence of us Jno H Evins, W. D. Milster, F. M. Trimmier

Deposition of Mrs. James Nesbitt (July 21, 1875)

Instead of the provisions of the Will I elect to take my dower in the Estate of Jas Nesbitt Dec^d.

(Signed) Caroline Nesbitt July 21st 1875

H. H. Mitchell, witness

[Editor's Note: The James Nesbitt estate file is very extensive, including 34 pages listing the notes and due bills owed James Nesbitt. There are numerous pages of inventory and sales of his personal estate, which exceeded \$15,000. The reported value of his real estate sales was recorded as \$22918. Only the will and deposition above will be presented here. (The obituary of James Nesbitt appears just below. See p. 111 below for a reconstruction of the family of James Nesbitt.)

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OBITUARY OF JAMES NESBITT, ESQ., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SC

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, March 31, 1875, p. 2, col. 2

Death of James Nesbitt, Esq.

It is with sincere regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. James Nesbitt, one of the oldest citizens of our county. Mr. Nesbitt died at Rome, Georgia, having been on a visit to Chattanooga and the West. At Chattanooga he slept in a damp room, and contracted a severe cold, from which he was suffering when he reached Rome. A physician was called to attend him, and it was thought that he would recover, but contrary to expectations he died suddenly on Wednesday, the 24th of March. His remains were brought to this place, and funeral and burial services performed by Rev. Whitefoord Smith, on Friday, the 25th. Mr. Nesbitt was 75 years of age, and leaves a large family and numerous friends to mourn his loss. He commenced life, as he told us, a poor boy, and by dint of hard, careful, self-sacrificing industry, had accumulated a large fortune; and by his kindness, sincerity and integrity made a large circle of friends, as well as an unblemished character for honesty and integrity.

[Quarterly Editor's Note: James Nesbitt was buried in Magnolia Cemetery in the town of Spartanburg. His tombstone has the following inscription: Born Mar. 13, 1800, Died March 24, 1875.]

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OBITUARY NOTICE OF MRS. CAROLINE BREWTON NESBITT

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, April 19, 1893, p. 3, col. 2

—Mrs. Caroline Nesbitt died at the residence of her son, S. J. Nesbitt, in this city [Spartanburg, SC] Saturday [April 15, 1893], after a long illness. She was buried Sunday, Rev. W. T. Derieux, her pastor conducting the funeral services in the Baptist church. She was the daughter of David Brewton, well known in this county in the beginning of the century. Mrs. Nesbitt was the widow of James Nesbitt who moved his family to this place about 1855. During the war he went back to his farm at Mountain Shoals. In 1867 they returned to Spartanburg. Mrs. Nesbitt was in her 70th year. Four children survive her. They are S. J. and David Nesbitt, Mrs. V. [sic, should be W.] A McClintock and Mrs. Greenleaf. She was devoted to the welfare of her children and was their best friend and adviser. She was a consistent member of the church and her life fully harmonized with the profession she made. A large number of her friends turned out to pay the last tribute to this good woman.

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FAMILY RECORD OF JAMES NESBITT, ESQUIRE—A RECONSTRUCTION

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322, with assistance from Betty Jean Dill, 168 Bullington Road, Spartanburg, SC 29306, BettyJDill@aol.com
Sources: The will of James Nesbitt (p. 111, above); census records; tombstone inscriptions; marriage notices in the *Carolina Spartan*; death certificates (d/c); obituaries; other sources as noted below.

James Nesbitt

Born: March 13, 1800; Died: March 24, 1875; Burial: Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC

His parents: Jonathan Nesbitt and Elizabeth McRary Nesbitt (See p. 110 above.)

First Marriage

From: *Marriages of Rutherford County, North Carolina Vol. 2, M through Z*, compiled by Mary N. Mills, p. 237:
Groom: James Nesbitt, Bride: Narcissa Bird, Date of Bond: 16 July 1823, Bondsman: Ambrose Mills

Possible parents of first wife

From: *Marriages of Rutherford County, North Carolina Vol. 1, A through L*, compiled by Mary N. Mills, p. 17:
Groom: Jno Bird, Bride: Nancy Mills, Date of Bond: 8 Nov. 1797; Bondsman: John McKinney, Jr.
From: *Some Spartanburg County Cemeteries*, edited by Joseph R. Gaine, p. 87 (Unity Baptist Church Old Cemetery):
Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Nancy Bird, who departed this life Nov. 28, 1834 [corrected from 1854], in the 55th year of her age. This tribute of respect is done by her daughter N. Nesbitt. — In memory of Narcissa, wife of James Nesbitt, who departed this life March 23rd 1839 Aged 34 years.

Children of James and Narcissa Bird Nesbitt (All born in Spartanburg District, SC)

1. Jane A., b. 1823; m. William D. Dickey, b. 1820, NC. Both died after 1880 census of Bates County, Missouri. Buried at Highland Baptist Church Cemetery, upper Greenville County, SC, is Mary V. Dickey, d/o W. D. & J. A. Dickey, b. Nov. 20, 1844, d. Oct. 8, 1862, Aged: 17 Yrs 11 Mon 8 Days.
2. Langdon D., M.D., d. April 5, 1826—d. Oct. 10, 1908, near Woodruff, SC; Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, SC; m1: abt 1857, Narcissus Alcorn of Miss. (per d/c of daughter Eliza Narcisa, b. July 29, 1858—d. April 6, 1929, SC); m2: On Nov. 26, 1858, Mrs. Augusta O'Neal of Coahoma County, Miss., b. March 15, 1830—d. April 3, 1886; Burial: Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, SC (issue)
3. Niles, b. Sept. 28, 1828—d. Feb. 1, 1892; m. Feb. 4, 1851, L. Pauline Brewton, b. May 3, 1830—d. Dec. 8, 1898. Both born and died in Spartanburg County, SC. Both are buried at Bethel Cemetery, Woodruff, SC (issue)
4. William Lowndes, b. Nov. 11, 1830—d. Sept. 15, 1852, Spartanburg District; Burial: Unity Baptist Church Old Cemetery, Spartanburg County, SC; died single
5. Adeline Medora (Ada), b. May 12, 1833—d. Aug. 29, 1907, Spartanburg County, SC; m. Dec. 2, 1852, Francis Marion Tucker, b. Nov. 2, 1828, Spig Dist., SC—d. Aug. 30, 1862, killed in second battle of Manassas, Virginia; was captain in 18th Regiment SC Vol. She died in Spartanburg County, and both were buried at Tabernacle Method Church Cemetery near Woodruff, SC. (issue)
(See p. 118 below for Civil War letters written by Dr. F. M. Tucker to his wife Ada.)
6. Nancy Narcissa, b. March 3, 1839—d. Feb. 6, 1910; m. Feb. 21, 1860, George W. Anderson, of Laurens, SC, b. March 7, 1828, SC—d. Nov. 27, 1901. Both died in Anderson County, SC, and both are buried at the Williamston Cemetery in Williamston, SC. (issue)

Second Marriage

Early 1840s, Spartanburg District, South Carolina

Second wife

Caroline Brewton, b. 1823, Spartanburg District, SC—d. April 15, 1893, Spartanburg, SC, (See obituary on p. 115 above.); Burial: probably Magnolia Cemetery (unmarked), Spartanburg, SC.

She was a daughter of David and Nancy Snoddy Brewton.

Children of James and Caroline Brewton Nesbitt (All born in Spartanburg District, SC)

1. Frances Elizabeth, b. Jan. 2, 1846—d. Aug. 26, 1909; m. abt 1865, William A. McClintock, b. June 9, 1840, SC—d. Aug. 5, 1919. Both died in Laurens County, and both are buried at Ora A. R. P. Cemetery, Laurens County, SC. (issue)
2. Anna Angeline, b. 1849—d. Dec. 12, 1888, Spartanburg County, SC; m1: abt 1870, Hiram H. Mitchell, b. Aug. 4, 1836, NC—d. January 4, 1878, Spartanburg Co., SC; m2: David M. Coan, b. 1842, Spartanburg District, SC—d. May 23, 1903, Fairmont, Spartanburg County, SC. Anna A., w/o David M. Coan, was buried beside her first husband in Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC. (No known issue of either marriage)
3. Boyton DeVeaux (DeView in some references), b. Sept. 3, 1851—d. July 10 1907, Spartanburg, SC; m1: Jan. 6, 1885, Lemuel Pinckney Wolfe, of Wolfe City, Hunt Co., Texas, b. abt 1826, SC—d. —?—; m2: Dec. 7, 1892, Cyrus S. Greenleaf, b. Sept. 28, 1829, Maine—d. Oct. 7, 1908, Spartanburg, SC; Mrs. B. D. Nesbitt Wolfe Greenleaf and C. S. Greenleaf are buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC. (No known issue of either marriage)
4. Samuel James, b. Aug. 3, 1854—d. March 30, 1922; m. abt 1878, Mary Adra Coan, b. Sept. 24, 1857—d. Sept. 17, 1941; both were born and died in Spartanburg Co., SC; Both are buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC. (issue)
5. David Brewton, b. Sept. 11, 1857—d. March 4, 1943; m. April 26, 1893, Louise Odell (Lula) Yarborough, b. May 4, 1866—d. July 25, 1941; both were born and died in Spartanburg Co., SC; Both are buried at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, SC. (issue)
6. Caroline (Carrie) A. M., b. abt 1862—d. Feb. 16, 1885; single; probably buried unmarked in Magnolia Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC. (See her obituary just below.)

OBITUARY NOTICE OF MISS CARRIE NESBITT

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, February 18, 1885, p. 3, col. 2

A SAD DEATH—Miss Carrie Nesbitt, youngest daughter of the late James Nesbitt and Mrs. Nesbitt, living opposite the Methodist church, fell from the second piazza in the rear of the house Monday morning [February 16, 1885], and so serious were the injuries that she died, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. She was attending to household duties and went to the edge of the piazza to throw out a bucket of water, and it is supposed that in leaning forward that her feet slipped backward, the floor being wet and perhaps frozen. Consciousness never returned after she was picked up. She was a good, quiet, dutiful girl, discharging her round of duties to her mother with cheerfulness and fidelity. She had great kindness of heart, for her schoolmates loved her, and little children always look to her. We understand that her mother is adversely shocked by the accident, and she is thoroughly prostrated from its effects. The whole community sympathizes with this afflicted family.

[Quarterly Editor's Note: A tribute of respect for Miss Carrie Nesbitt appeared in the March 25, 1885 issue of the *Carolina Spartan*.]

CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF DR. FRANCIS MARION TUCKER TO HIS WIFE

Contributed by Gabrielle Moore, Mooretravel2do@yahoo.com

Source: Copies from the originals in The South Caroliniana Library, Columbia, SC

[Editor's Note: The wife of Francis Marion Tucker was Adeline Medora Nesbitt, daughter of James and Narcissa Bird Nesbitt. See p. 116 above for the family of James Nesbitt.]

Camp. Ruffin Cola [Columbia], S.C. Apl 19. 61 -

[Page 1] My Darling wife -

Stephen Boss has got leave to go home in the morning & I at this late hour 10 o'clock Embrace the opportunity of sending you a few lines - I am well & hearty as a horse - & in as good spirits as any body could expect - My duties are arduous - I have to be on my feet from early in the morning till night - dealing out provisions keeping accts &c - to give more of an idea of what I have to do - there are 1700 loaves bread, 700 or 800 lbs beef or bacon, 150 - Sugar, 120 Coffee, besides salt-vinegar-rice- Soap & various other little tricks to give out by the parcel - & an accurate & full return to be made out of every thing parcel, by parcel. On yesterday I was so busy I ate no breakfast till 3 o'clock in the evening - but I had rather do all of that than to perform drill & garrison duty - Sam Brewton is detailed to help us - I can scarcely get time to think of home at all - through the whole day - Darling I was so in hopes to see your father down here to day so that I could hear from you - but imagine my disappointment when he did not come - You must manage affairs the best you can - You will never learn younger - I know you are equal to the task - you are a perfect host, old woman, I hope the frost has not injured our wheat - If we only make bread enough we ought to be satisfied - How long we will stay here no one can tell - we may be ordered to Pensacola in a few days or as many as will go - I for one do not go unless I am drafted - I am much better satisfied now than I was the day after our arrival [Page 2]

I have commenced to sleep like a negro & eat like a hog - I do believe I shall get fat - Old Gabriel Cannon - "May his shadow never grow less" was to see us yesterday & presented our company with 10 gallons nice Orleans Syrup - & this spongy bread we have here take up no little of it - & as I am fond of a large quantity when I do eat then - it is the very thing for me - We have Dr. Kilgore's boy to cook for our mess & the Dr. is one of our mess - He has obtained the office of secretary of the regt. - which relieves him from duty - Every body that came from our country is well as far as I know - I have seen the Allen boys, 2 of them today - tell Will they are well - you have never seen such a jolly set as there is in this whole encampment, - every body merry every body 'spilin' for a fight! - Tell Niles if he had staid here till this time he would have been better reconciled - Tell Ben he aint no whar - up there in the backwoods - Tell Madison Lanham & wife that its just the thing - Tell Sissa & Adaline that women are allowed to go into camp with their husbands & they are so anxious to fight, they had better get married & come along - Tell my Dear Parents - that I desire to be near them & comfort them & help them & hope I shall be able to do a great deal for them in their declining years - Tell Aunt Essa she need not be scared - for Dick Woodruff says & I firmly believe it - that the Lord is on our side - and who cares for old Abe or all Yankee-dom when such is the case - he says old Abe aint no whar - Tell my little boy Jonathan that I am sorry that I cannot be there to direct him but have every confidence in him - Tell Wash's folks that Jim is well & well satisfied & I reckon is faring a great deal better than he would at home - for

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I wish you would pack up 3 or four shirts with my drawers when you send them - somebody will come down & bring them & you might slip in a few goodies &c. - I want to send some of my clothes back

I now wish I had a trunk - & you might also send me some summer pants if I have any & if not you can make me some strong linen ones - Well Virginia has seceded - Missouri, Kentucky, North Carolina & Tennessee have all refused to respond to Lincoln's call for men to coerce the south - We will be united in a short time - the whole south will come with us - I will send you tomorrow's paper if I can get it in the morning before they leave - The next rain you had better set out about half our garden with plants, & replant where we first planted - give the old man some - have the orchard planted in corn - Pen the cows on that lot above the gin every night - Have all the manure scraped up in the lot & nicely penned to keep the chickens from scratching it down - put some more & [on] the garden if necessary - Plant those black cottonseed in the garden in the Salad square - manure them well - & plant about two seed in the hill about 12 inches apart - & keep the chickens away - & if you send me any box trunk or letter either by mail or otherwise direct it as follows -

F. M. Tucker Camp Ruffin Columbia S. C. {Care of Lieut Col. B. B. Foster}

This is a private arrangement between he & I - I think I will be more certain to get it - & now my darling you know that I love you - and I can't take time to write to any body else.

Camp on James Island Wednesday June 25, 1862

[Page 1] My own precious darling -

Your letter of Friday was received yesterday - I am indeed sorry to hear of your continued troubles with Mr. Wilder - & if I could possibly get home I think I could remedy the uneasiness of mind you have - but that thing is not possible just now - & you must shape your own course - as I said before he will give you a bad name, let you do as you will - I want you to be certain if the negroes are in any way saucy or insolent to you - to get Shelly Howard or some body else to punish them severely for it - Give them to understand that they have to know their places - Wilder is just no account - He is a perfect negro spoiler - any man who will pretend to be an overseer & Equalise himself with those whom he is to govern is no better than they are & I rue the day I ever Employed him - but I hope I have learned something by experience - Francis drew ten dollars yesterday, it being the ballance of his clothing money, after paying for his uniform - He might send half of it home & then have enough left for his purposes Well every thing is quiet on the Island We are very comfortably quartered - & were it not for the insects &c of a night could do first rate

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You may tell Mrs. VeHorn that Billy is well - Tell me every thing when you write - don't stop with a few sentences - There is to be daily mail (- private I mean) from Laurens to Woodruffs & you perhaps can hear from me oftener by that means

Take care of my little girl - be kind to her - don't scold her - you might ween her affections in some degree - be firm, be determined but mild - Tell her that Pa loves her good & wants to see her bad - & my little boy oh how I wish I could hear (h)is prattle - & see him crawl & that sweet smile on his face - and those black eyes & six little teeth - & hear him try to say dada's baby - Darling my whole heart & soul as far as this life is concerned is wrapped up in you three - Teach my boy to say Pa - I try to pray every night & morning to my Maker - beseeching him to take care of my family at home - and believing that he will do it - & earnestly trying to keep "myself" from temptation - This is a very wicked place - & it requires a great effort for a man to restrain himself entirely - Please write to bro Jo & Anna & tell them where I am & what I am doing - And now unto God I commit you with all that I have & am - who is able to keep from danger & from harm

Your ever loving & devoted Husband - F M Tucker

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REMINISCENCES OF YORK BY A SEPTUAGENARIAN

(Continued from Vol. XXI, No. 3, August 2007, p. 110)

Source: *The Yorkville Enquirer*, issue of Thursday, January 13, 1870, p. 2, col. 2

THOMAS SPRATT AND THE CATAWBA INDIANS

It was between the years of 1760 and 1769 that Thomas Spratt got a lease of five square miles, from Hagler, King of the Catawbas, to extend through three life-times or ninety-nine years. He was the first white man who located in "the Nation;" for prior to this no pale-face had been able to induce them to allow a settlement in their territory. Spratt was a man, true and just in all his dealings, possessed of courage and tact, and also thoroughly acquainted with the Indians character. He gained their confidence and always retained it. To exemplify his great power over them, I will relate an Indian anecdote of Indian justice, in connection with him.

It was some years after Spratt's residence among the tribe, that a French dancing master chanced by that way. Meeting a party of Indians, one asked him what he had in his "box", referring to his fiddle-case. To please and conciliate the Indians, he took out his violin and showed it to them, and furthermore delighted them by playing some lively airs. Having satisfied their curiosity, he returned his fiddle to its case, and continued on his route. One of the savages, seized with the spirit of Achan ran ahead of the traveler, shot him from ambush, and possessed himself of the coveted instrument. The instrument in hand betrayed him; and it was soon noised in "the Nation" that a white man had been killed. Spratt felt it incumbent on him to use his influence to protect his color. He took with him Messrs Barnett, Garrison, White and Erwin, white friends, and went to see King Hagler. When they arrived at his encampment, he was out on a hunt with his warriors. Not caring to delay in the matter, they went on in quest of him, and came up with him at no very great distance, on the top of an eminence, near Hagler's Branch. He received them with cordial dignity, and, after the usual friendly greeting of handshaking, the leading question, "if they were not all friends and brothers?" was asked by Spratt, as the white spokesman, to open the business in hand. The King replied "they were." The white man then continued with his speech, and told of the recent murder of a paleface by one of the red men, and demanded justice. The King, with benignity, answered, "Justice will be done and immediately." Then requesting the white men seat themselves around, sought the highest pinnacle for himself, took his stand upon it, and taking up his handsome silver-mounted rifle, put in a fresh priming, blew a piercing blast on his hunting-horn, and with the air of a King and eye of an eagle, watched the approaches on every side. In a few moments, an Indian came into view, toiling up the ascent with a fine buck on his back. As soon as the Indian King decried him, he raised his piece to his shoulder, fell on his knee, took a rest, deliberate aim, and fired. The unerring rifle did its work, the victim of the savage monarch's justice fell dead, and the royal marksman turned to Spratt and his associates, extending his hand in turn for each to shake, in token of further dignity between them.

Of course they had to be satisfied with his law administered in his way; and readily accepted his warm invitation to them to dine with him. The repast was venison without salt, and sweet potatoes, roasted on the coals, and served on pieces of pine bark for plates; and directly, as they began to eat, the King would order the attendants to remove it, and bring a fresh piece of bark with another supply of venison and potatoes. This was repeated several times, and done in imitation, Mr. Spratt said, of a dinner Hagler had once had the honor of taking with Gov. Bull, in Charleston, where the changing of plates had struck his fancy as something very grand, and he now observed the style in honor to his white guests. Thus ended the visit of Mr. Spratt and his friends, and a white man was never again murdered

by the Catawbas.

Mr. Spratt's residence was about two miles from the old "Nation Ford" on the Saluda road. He was a public-spirited man, and induced the Indians to grant other leases to white settlers. He also gave a man named Garrison a mill-site to enable him to put up a grist-mill, which he did, on the mill-site now commonly known as "Webb's Old Mill" on Steel Creek—the first erected in "the Nation"; and Garrison, I think, was the third or fourth white settler. Mr. Spratt lived to an advanced age, seeing white settlements grow up where he had known but Indian towns, and the powerful tribe among whom he had come when young dwindle into insignificance. How mutable are the things of this world! I remember seeing him once. He was a tall, spare man, kindly spoken and active for his years. He raised a large family. His son Thomas Spratt died unmarried. James married a Miss McRae and left three sons: Thomas, Robert, and Leonidas. The latter is lately the editor of the *Charleston Standard*, and an accomplished gentleman and graceful writer. One daughter married Hugh White; another, Arthur Ervin; a third, a Mr. Garrison; and a fourth, a Mr. McNeil. The fifth, Susan, never married.

CLEMENT FAMILY ITEMS FROM *THE CAROLINA SPARTAN*

issue of Wednesday, May 17, 1882, p. 3, col. 1

Isham Clement, an aged and respected citizen, died about ten days ago. He lived in the Boiling Springs neighborhood. He lived a quiet, peaceable, and useful life.

issue of Wednesday, August 5, 1891, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Emily McDowell, widow of Hugh McDowell, died at her home on South Pacolet Saturday July 26, 1891. She was buried at New Prospect Monday. She was a Chapman, and Mrs. Clement, a sister, is the only member of the family left.

issue of Wednesday, March 2, 1892, p. 3, col. 2

Mrs. Chapman, wife of School Commissioner Chapman, died Monday, after an illness of only three days. She was a Miss Clement of New Prospect, and was buried there.

issue of Wednesday, April 20, 1892, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Maria Clement died Tuesday morning at the residence of her son John C. Clement, near Boiling Springs. She was about 80 years old. [She was the widow of Isham Clement.]

issue of Wednesday, June 29, 1892, p. 2, col. 4

Mr. W. J. Clement, one of the best farmers and most highly respected citizens, is a candidate for County Commissioner. . . Mr. Clement is fully competent for the place. . .

issue of Wednesday, November 16, 1892, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, widow of Daniel Willis, died the morning of November 9, 1892. She was about 79 years old, and her maiden name was Clement. During her last years she had the kind ministrations of her daughter, Mrs. Emily Cudd.

issue of Wednesday, December 14, 1892, p. 3, col. 1

Mr. John C. Clement and family and his son-in-law H. D. Wilson left Saturday for Abilene, Texas. They expect to make their home in that State. Mr. Clement requests that if he has overlooked any accounts that he is owing that they be presented to A. P. Clement, who will pay them.

issue of Wednesday, December 14, 1892, p. 3, col. 2

Edward Clement, near Holly Springs, died December 8, 1892, in the 82nd year of his age. All the years of his long life he was a cheerful, thrifty and contented man. He was a good father and husband. He had decided convictions and his neighbors could always depend on him.

AN OLD LETTER CONNECTING A WHAM AND WOODSIDE FAMILY

Contributed by William D. Martin, Sr, 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC 29621

Source: A copy of an old letter, undated, unsigned, and now of uncertain provenance

Two brothers, William and Joseph Wham, with their father and their families and two half-brothers, Thomas and James Woodside, came to the United States about 1806. On their way over from Belfast, Ireland, they were shipwrecked and forced to land on the island of Cuba, where they were had to stay about six months. Leaving Cuba, they came to Charleston, S. C., then went upstate to Chester, S. C. They lived there for a while and then went farther upstate to Greenville, S. C., Fairview township.

William with his family migrated to Tennessee in 1819, leaving his father and brother Joseph Wham and two older half-brothers, Thomas and James Woodside, in South Carolina. William Wham went on northwest from Tennessee to Wyoming, Illinois. We had a visit from one of his descendants in the year 1933, Mrs. Edith Louella McMachin and her son Carl McMachin. The son Carl was getting up a history of the Wham family. He and Posey Wham of Abbeville did quite a bit of work looking up information on the family. The McMachins went back to Illinois and Posey Wham died. We have been unable to get hold of their findings.

The McMachins told us that they were descendants from William Wham who came to S. C. from Ireland in 1806 with his father and brother Joseph Wham and two older half-brothers, Thomas and James Woodside. The father of William and Joseph Wham would be our great-great-grandfather. We do not know his name. His wife, widow Woodside, came to S. C. with them. We are mostly interested in Joseph Wham who stayed in S. C.—our great-grandfather.

Contributor's Note: The James Woodside mentioned above is my great-great-grandfather. He married Agnes Nancy Gault, also a native of Ireland. They are buried and marked in the cemetery of Fairview Presbyterian Church in lower Greenville County. James Woodside's brother Thomas migrated to Mississippi. Eleanor (Ellen) Narcissa Woodside, youngest daughter of James and Agnes Nancy Woodside, married Robert Martin; they are my great-grandparents. Ellen died at the birth of my grand father, Edward Buist Martin.

Editor's Note: The obituary of Eleanor Narcissa Martin follows just below. Some Woodside, Martin, and Wham tombstone inscriptions from the Fairview Cemetery are listed on the next page.

OBITUARY OF MRS. ELEANOR NARCISSA WOODSIDE MARTIN OF GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Contributed by William D. Martin, Sr, 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC 29621

Source: *The Laurensville Weekly Herald*, issue of Friday, February 10, 1854, p. x, col. y

OBITUARY

Departed this life, on the first day of January last in Greenville District, South Carolina, Mrs. Eleanor Narcissa Martin, youngest daughter of James and Agnes Woodside, and consort of Mr. Robert Martin.

The deceased embraced religion in early life and joined the Presbyterian Church of Friendship, after which she attached herself to Fairview Church, and remained a pious and consistent member until her death. Shortly after her marriage, she with her husband, moved to Georgia. Whilst there, her house was a welcome abode for traveling ministers of the Gospel of every order. She, with the assistance of one or two others, was principally the cause of getting a little church organized at Frostdown, of the Presbyterian order. After remaining there about ten years, they again returned Greenville District, to her native state, where she remained until her death. Her hands and heart were ever open to the

children of the Kingdom, to the oppressed and needy. As a wife, she was kind and ever willing to promote the happiness of her husband. As a mother she was loving and affectionate, as a mistress, feeling and indulgent. She had won from all hearts mead of approbation and of love, attested by the throng of mourners which assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect. Her fatal illness was of short duration and her suffering intense, but they were endured with martyr like patience, and when all had failed that human skill and fond affection could devise for her relief, she yielded up her spirit to her Heavenly Father, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

A Friend

SOME WOODSIDE, MARTIN, AND WHAM TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC

Source: Greenville County, SC Cemetery Survey, Volume 2

James Woodside, Sen. b. 1771 d. June 6, 1834 In the 64th Year of His Age [Born in Entrim[sic] County, Ireland]	Agnes N. Woodside d. Oct 28, 1863 In the 90th Year of Her Age [Native of County Antrim, Ireland]	E. N. Martin [Ellen Woodside] Consort of R. Martin d. Jan 1, 1854 Aged: 37 years
John Martin b. Oct 27, 1905 d. June 12, 1940	Alice Fowler w/o E. B. Martin b. May 24, 1860 d. May 19, 1819	Edward B. Martin b. Jan 1, 1854 d. July 27, 1938
Joseph Wham b. 1768 d. Nov. 20, 1855 AE 87 (Masonic)	Margaret Wham b. 1765 d. Nov 16, 1842 AE 77	Hon. W. Wham d. Feb. 28, 1847 In the 50th Year of His Age
Mary Wham b. 1806 d. 1871, AE 65	Barbara Wham b. Nov. 24, 1808 d. Jan 6, 1890	"Aunt" Nellie Wham b. 1809 d. Mar 19, 1887

DEATH NOTICE OF MISS NANCY WOODSIDE

Contributed by William D. Martin, Sr, 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC 29621

Source: *Southern Christian Advocate*, Vol. 20, No. 26, Thursday, November 27, 1856, p. 104, col. 6
[Contributor's Note: Miss Nancy Woodside was a daughter of Thomas Woodside and his wife Jane, whose maiden name is unknown to me. Thomas Woodside removed to Mississippi Territory in the early 1800s.]

Miss NANCY WOODSIDE died, near Jackson, La., in about the 65th year of her age.

She has been a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ for some forty years; and she died as she lived, a faithful Christian.

FAMILY RECORD OF THOMAS DAVIS (b. abt 1800) OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, SC

Contributed by: See Editor's Note below.

Sources: Census records, tombstone inscriptions, death certificates, obituaries

[Editor's Note: The research for the compilation of this family group was a collaborative effort between Raymond Davis, 2894 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf, Md 20601, Tennaman @ comcast.net; Betty Jean Dill, BettyJDill@aol.com; Daurice Snow, dsnow@juno.com; Billy Byars, bbyars@bellsouth.net; and James L. Reid, Reidjas@windstream.net. (Raymond is a direct descendant.)]

Thomas Davis

Born: abt 1800, South Carolina—**Died:** before the 1880 census of Spartanburg County, SC

He was listed at age 50, 58, 70 in the 1850, 1860, 1870, resp., Spartanburg censuses.

His parents: Remain unknown to us

Thomas Davis lived in the Spartanburg County area between the present day towns of Duncan and Greer in the western part of Beech Springs Township.

Married: abt 1830 in Spartanburg District.

He appeared in the 1830 Spartanburg census, listed in the 30 to 40 year age bracket, with only his wife in the household, and in the 1840 Spartanburg census he was enumerated in the 40 to 50 year age group. His family then consisted of three sons, two daughters, and his wife (in the 30 to 40 year slot).

Wife: Martha (Mattie) Kimbrell

Born: abt 1810, Spartanburg District, SC—**Died:** before the 1880 census of Spartanburg County, SC
She was listed at age 40, 51, 60 in the 1850, 1860, 1870, resp., Spartanburg censuses.

Her parents: Robert and Frances —?— Kimbrell

The Spartanburg District Real Estate File 211 (1843) shows that Thomas Davis and wife Mattie were heirs at law of Robert Kimbrell. (See this Quarterly, Vol. XX, No. 3, August 2006, pp. 138, 139 for details.) The probability is vanishingly small that the Thomas and Mattie Davis named in 1843 would have removed from Spartanburg District and that another Thomas and Martha Davis would have replaced them in 1850 for that census. (Martha is listed as Mattie in the 1860 census.)

Their Children:

(All births and all marriages in Spartanburg District/County, SC.)

1. **William Pinckney Davis**, b. October 1830—d. after the 1900 census of Williamston Township (Pelzer Mills land), Anderson County, SC; was widower in 1900; m1: abt 1863, **Margaret Frances McElrath**, b. abt 1830—d. before Nov. 1873 (issue), daughter of **Samuel** and **Mary (Polly) Wingo McElrath**; m2: **Frances Margaret Freeman**, b. abt 1845, NC—d. between 1887 and 1900 (issue), daughter of **David** and **Dacey** —?— **Freeman**.
2. **Mary (Polly) A. Davis**, b. June 8, 1833—d. Jan. 6, 1909, Spartanburg Co., SC; m1: **John J. Jordan**, b. abt 1835, Spartanburg Dist., SC—d. May 2, 1862, Richmond, Va (issue), m2: **William S. Hill**, b. Nov. 29, 1842, NC—d. May 13, 1909, Spartanburg Co., SC (issue), son of **Albert (Alvin)** and **Elizabeth** —?— **Hill**. Polly A and W. D[is] Hill are buried in the cemetery of Middle Tyger Baptist Church, now known as the First Baptist Church of Duncan, SC.
3. **Madison T. Davis**, b. May 14, 1835—d. Nov. 2, 1906, Spartanburg; m1: abt 1858, **Nancy J. McElrath**, b. Aug. 14, 1840—d. July 27, 1883, Spartanburg County, SC, (issue), daughter of **William J.** and **Mary (Polly) Missy Edge**; Madison and Nancy are buried in Rose Hill

Cemetery, Piedmont Park, Greenville County, SC; m2: **Rachel E. Scalf**, b. June 6, 1850—d. Sept. 9, 1923 (issue), daughter of **Henry** and **Rebecca Jones**? **Scalf**. She is buried in West Oakwood Cemetery, Spartanburg, SC

4. **Rosa Davis**, b. March 1838—d. after 1900 census, Spartanburg Co., SC; single (issue: **Nancy Jane Davis**, Feb. 25, 1859—Dec. 10, 1893; married **Jesse O. Moore**, Sept. 1, 1860—Jan. 11, 1941; both buried at Zoar Methodist Church Cemetery near Greer, SC.)
5. **Lorenzo C. Davis**, b. 1840—d. May, 20, 1862, Hanover, Virginia; buried at Ashland, Virginia; single; He was a private in Company C, 13th Regiment, S. C. Volunteers.
6. **John Landrum Davis**, b. March 17, 1844—d. May 1, 1902, Spartanburg Co., SC; m: **Frances Elizabeth Green**, b. Jan. 27, 1840—d. August 15, 1914, Spartanburg Co., SC, (issue); daughter of **Whitten** and **Lavisa Campbell Green**. She was first married to **Cleny Burns** (1837, SC—?—), (issue). **John L.** and **Frances E. Green Burns Davis** are buried at Zoar Methodist Church Cemetery, near Greer, SC.
7. **A. B. Davis**, b. abt 1846—d. after 1860 Spartanburg census. He was enumerated as **Abon** (or **Alon**) **B. Davis** on the 1860 census. No further information.
8. **Thomas J. Davis**, b. May 3, 1850—d. June 27, 1817, Spartanburg Co., SC; m: abt 1875, **Delila (Lila) L. Dobbins**, b. Jan. 16, 1848, NC—d. Dec. 15, 1897, Spartanburg Co., SC, (issue); daughter of **James B.** and **Mary L. Hawkins Dobbins**. **Thomas J.** and **Delila** are buried in the cemetery of Middle Tyger Baptist Church, now known as the First Baptist Church of Duncan, SC.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT FOR GEORGE R. TRIMMIER

Source: *The Spartan* (Spartanburg, SC), issue of Thursday August 14, 1851, p. 3, col. 1

Morganton, Burke[e] County, N. C. Piedmont Lodge, No. 24 I. O. O. F.

Whereas the members of this Lodge have heard with regret the death of our Friend and Brother **GEORGE R. TRIMMIER**, which took place at Lenoir, Caldwell County, [NC] on the 25th inst., after a painful and protracted illness:

1. *Resolved*, That we most deeply feel the loss of our deceased Brother and Friend, who has been so untimely cut off in the morning of life, having by his industry and many amiable qualities of mind and heart proved to be so useful to society, and so worthy a member of our beloved Order.

2. *Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother, who have to lament the loss of one endeared to them by all the ties of fraternal and filial affection.

3. *Resolved*, That, as a token of respect for his memory, the members of this Lodge wear the usual Badge of Mourning for thirty days.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to cause the foregoing resolutions to be published in the Asheville and Spartanburg papers, and also that a copy of the same be presented to the family of the deceased.

J. D. FERREE, N. G.

A SKETCH OF JOEL ROBERTS POINSETT (COMPLETE)

Source: The Greenville News, Greenville, SC., Monday, October 26, 1970, p. 20A Special Edition
[Quarterly Editor's Note: Several of the one-sentence paragraphs of the original newspaper article have been combined with adjoining and related paragraphs to save space in the presentation below.]

JOEL POINSETT SERVED AS STATESMAN, BUILDER, U.S. DIPLOMAT

By JOHN S. TAYLOR

Joel R. Poinsett served as chairman of the Board of Public Works for the state from 1818 to 1820. It was at this time that he helped build the state road from the low country to the Blue Ridge Mountains passing through Greenville County. This road is marked by the Poinsett stone bridge near the Greenville Reservoir.

During his residence in Greenville County, Poinsett is credited with having been instrumental in the preparation of the plans for the erection of Christ Episcopal Church and no doubt added much of the cultural social life of what was then a small upstate village.

Born in Charleston, March 2, 1779, Joel Roberts Poinsett was the son of a prominent doctor, Elisha Poinsett, and his wife Ann Roberts, a cultured English lady. The Poinsetts were French Huguenots. Shortly after the Revolutionary War the whole family went to England where they stayed until Joel was about nine. Upon their return to Charleston, Dr. Poinsett decided to send his son to Timothy Dwight Academy in Connecticut. It might be said that Joel spent his entire life . . . based upon the condition of his health. From the time he was a baby he was very delicate. He could not stand extremely cold climates nor was he well unless he spent a great deal of his time outdoors. The cold climate of Connecticut was unhealthy for him, and so he was removed from the Dwight school and sent to a private school in England.

There were two special loves in Poinsett's school life, language and military science. He learned French, Spanish, Italian and German, [and] he could speak them almost as well as if he had lived in the countries where they were spoken. Later he added Russian to his list of languages. In traveling around the world his knowledge of languages was a great help to him where he could see below the surface of things and could talk without an interpreter.

Following this period Poinsett took a sea trip to Lisbon, Portugal and Southern Europe which completely restored his health. When he was 21 he returned to his native Charleston and wanted to enter the U.S. Army, but his Father persuaded him to begin the study of law. This profession proved uninteresting to him and he discontinued the pursuit of legal knowledge.

When he was 22 the young Charlestonian started out on his most extended travel. For ten years he went to the far corners of the earth. The United States owes a debt of gratitude to Poinsett as he was almost an official ambassador to many countries. He went to places where the United States was only a name. He visited most of the great leaders of the day and talked with them of their problems, their hopes and their dreams.

After he had visited most of the known and unknown places of the world Poinsett was asked what his deepest impression was. He gave this interesting answer: "What I have seen in Europe has made me more enthusiastic about America."

Unquestionably Poinsett was by far the most distinguished and extended world traveler of any citizen in the United States. In addition to the countries already enumerated he traveled through France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria and later to St. Petersburg and Russia where he was welcomed by the Czar, Alexander the First, and was actually embarrassed by the amount of attention which was shown him.

He visited Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires and in Argentina finally undertook the dangerous and unusual journey across the Pampas and over the Andes mountains of Chile.

On Poinsett's return to the United States he decided to see America and spent much time in traveling to the West. One of his biographers notes that he and his companions on a trip to the West covered 2,100 miles, most of it on horseback.

A biography of this South Carolinian of the early 19th century gives this compact view of his life: "His life story illumines three stages of our early national history. The first of these was the initiation of relations between the United States and Latin America . . . His second major role proved to be that of the leader of the Union forces in the nullification struggle which troubled South Carolina during the famous tariff controversy. . . . His most effective service was as Secretary of War under Van Buren when he attacked the problems of an inadequate army and the control of the Indians with vigor and intelligence." [Elsions (. . .) in original newspaper article.]

Upon his return to South Carolina from his Western trip he entered the State Legislature where he served for two terms. His great interest was in better roads, bridges, and canals. Having served successfully in the State Legislature, Poinsett was sent to Congress where he served from 1821-1825.

His congressional career was interrupted when he went on another secret mission, this time to Mexico. President Monroe sent him there to obtain secret information for him in regard to matters pertaining to the American Nation. While there he, at great personal risk and under the folds of the American flag, protected citizens who were being threatened by a mob. He managed to quiet the people and save those who were entrusted to his protection. Upon returning to America, Poinsett actively engaged in the nullification movement and rendered service to the National Party.

One of the distinguished characteristics of Poinsett's career was that he served on secret missions under five presidents, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren, all of which gave him difficult and interesting tasks to perform for the nation. He was a great traveler, a congressman, a diplomat and one of the best secretaries of war we have ever had.

Upon his return from one of his missions to Mexico he introduced to America the beautiful Poinsettia flower which had added color and beauty to the Christmas decorations of the nation.

Shortly after the Nullification trouble Mr. Poinsett married Mary Izard, widow of Poinsett's friend, John Julius Pringle. After their marriage the Poinsetts retired to Mrs. Poinsett's plantation near Georgetown and lived there and in Greenville County. Poinsett died on Dec. 12, 1851, while on a visit to his friend Dr. William Anderson at his beautiful home in Stateburg [Sumter County] and is buried in the little Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross at that place.

In 1968 the Greenville County Historical Society unveiled a marker at the Poinsett Plaza to his memory and near the marker stands the stone Spring that was in the yard of his country home on the Hendersonville Highway where he resided during the summer months.

DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. ELIZA JANE TAYLOR OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *South Carolina State Gazette and Columbia Advertiser*, issue of Sat., January 5, 1828, p. 3, col. 2

DIED

In Fairfield district, on the 27th November last in the 29th year of her age, Mrs. ELIZA JANE TAYLOR, consort of Capt. Samuel S. Taylor. This amiable woman was equaled by few and surpassed by none. She had secured to herself through the whole course of her life the respect and confidence of all who knew her and the friendship of all with whom she was acquainted.

UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1821 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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

[Editor's Note: Due to a mistake these death notices were omitted in the May 2008 issue. The last four notices appear on p. 71 of the May 2008 issue, along with the full notice of the accidental death of David Gorrie.]

Issue of Saturday, January 20, 1821, p. 2, col. [Laurens District]

DIED, on the 26 th ult. after a long and painful illness, Mrs. JANE JAMES, WIFE OF BENJAMIN JAMES, Esq. Of Laurens District.

Issue of Saturday, January 20, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Abbeville District]

DIED, on the 26th ult. at Cambridge in this State, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. REBECCA MYRICK, wife of Mr. Lytleton Myrick, of that place.

Issue of Thursday January 25, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Abbeville District]

DIED, at Claiborne, (Alabama,) on the 30th November, Dr. WESLEY BRANNAN, in the 25th year of his age. He was born and raised in Abbeville District, (S. C.) (See p. 71 of May 2008 Quarterly.)

Issue of Saturday, February 3, 1821, p. 2, col. 4 [Fairfield District]

DIED, at his residence, in Fairfield district, on the 20th December last, JAMES CRAIG, Esq. in the 65th year of his age.

Issue of Wednesday, February 7, 1821, p. 2, col. 3 [Pendleton District]

DIED, in Pendleton District, on Tuesday the 9th ult. Mr. WM. CUNNINGHAM, aged 93 years, an Irishman by birth; he came to this country with General Braddock, served as a soldier in the American army in the revolutionary war, and for the last 30 years had been a resident of that district.

Issue of Saturday, March 24, 1821, p. 2, col. 4 [Abbeville District]

DIED, in Abbeville District, on the 27th inst. Mr. Nichols Moore, in the 47th year of his age.

Issue of Tuesday, April 3, 1821, p.2, col. 2 [Kershaw District]

Melancholy Accident. . . on Sunday last, 25 th inst. [actually, March 25]. . . death of Mr. David Gorrie, a young man recently from Charleston, and a native of Perthshire, in Scotland . . . (See details on p. 71 of the May 2008 issue of this quarterly.)

Issue of Saturday April 14, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Chester District]

DIED, at his residence in Chester District, on the 30th ult. , after a long and painful illness, HUGH KNOX, Esq. aged 63.

Issue of Wednesday, May 16, 1821, p. 2, col 5 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on the 30th ult. at the residence of Mr. John Miller, sen. near Pendleton, after an illness of twenty one hours, Mr. STEPHEN KINSLEY, of Charleston, aged 34 years, a native of Ireland.

Issue of Saturday, June 30, 1821, p.2, col. 6 [Laurens District]

[Top line obliterated] [Turn]bling Shoals, Reedy River, on the 15th ult., Mr. JOHN BOX, aged 106 years, after an illness of about seven years.

Issue of Saturday, August 25, 1821, p. 2, col. 5 [Greenville District]

DIED, at the house of John M'Clanahan, in Greenville District, on the 13th inst. Mr. THOMAS IMRI, late of Glasgow, in Scotland, merchant.

Issue of Wednesday, August 29, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on Friday, the 10th inst. at his farm on 18 Mile Creek, Pendleton District, aged 85 years, Mr. ANDREW PICKENS, one of the first settlers of this district.

Issue of Wednesday, August 29, 1821, p. 2, col. 6 [Pendleton District]

DIED, on Monday, the 13th inst. in child bed, Mrs. HONEY, aged 28 years, wife of Mr. William Honey, of Pendleton District.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. SARAH EDMONDS OF EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *The Independent Press* (Abbeville), issue of Friday, July 11, 1856, p. 2, col. 5

DIED

In Edgefield District, on the 12th instant, of Typhoid fever, Mrs. SARAH EDMONDS, wife of John F. Edmonds and daughter of Levi and Mariah Newbry, deceased, in the 22d year of her age. She possessed naturally a most amiable disposition, and was adorned by all those noble graces which embellish the life of a true Christian. She was blest with truly virtuous parents, but those parents have long gone to rest, and ere their departure had implanted in her all those noble traits, which were so prominent in her character. She sought God's renewing grace at an early age, and about two years since made a public profession of her faith in Christ, and was baptized by Rev. D. Bodie and became a member of Plum Branch Church. She was a consistent Christian, an affectionate wife, a kind and tender mother, and an indulgent mistress; and by her amiable disposition procured not only the confidence, but high esteem of all who knew her. She has left behind an affectionate husband, two children, beside numerous friends and relatives to mourn her departure. Their loss is her eternal gain.

'Tis finished, 'tis done, the spirit has fled:
The prisoner is gone, the christian is dead;
The christian is living in Jesus' love,
And gladly receiving a kingdom above."

H. C. E.

DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. SOPHY KELLY McDOWELL, NATIVE OF UNION COUNTY

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, Wednesday, April 4, 1888, p. 3, col. 1

Mrs. Sophy McDowell, wife of Col. John L. McDowell of Rutherford County, N. C., died Sunday morning, April 1, 1888, at 12:30. Her maiden name was Kelly and she was born near Fish Dam in Union County. She was an active, energetic, generous, kind hearted woman and will be much missed in her family and neighborhood

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A FLOCK OF BIRDS

Source: The book *Mills, Stokes & Forrester*, p. 12, by Lorene Burton Fisher

The following is from a Kentucky newspaper:

SHE REMAINED A BIRD

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin started early in life to feather her nest well, and had her eye on the main chance. She began life as Elizabeth Bird, of Harrison County, near Paris, Ky. Her first venture outside the home nest was when she married Bud Martin. When Mr. Martin died she married Edward Crowe, a farmer. When the time came to change nests she allied herself with William Robbin, and lived happily until the matrimonial season rolled around for Mrs. Robbin. Then David Buzzard, a widower, more attractive personally and socially than his name would indicate, appeared and Mrs. Robbin became Mrs. Buzzard. Into the Buzzard roost Mrs. Buzzard carried one little Martin, two little Crows, and one little Robbin. One little Buzzard was there to welcome the other birds.

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MAIL COACH FROM CHARLESTON TO SAVANNAH

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Saturday, November 4, 1820, p. 1

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1820.



United States Mail Coach to Savannah.

FARE THROUGH, 12 DOLLARS 50 CENTS.

THE Proprietor of the MAIL LINE between this City and SAVANNAH, having, in order to afford the best accommodations to TRAVELLERS, incurred a considerable expence in providing Post Coaches, upon the new and most approved Plan, now adopted on the great routes throughout the Northern States, informs the Public, that his line will be ready to COMMENCE RUNNING ON Monday, 6th November. His stage can comfortably accommodate Nine Passengers, and will start from the POST-OFFICE at one o'clock, P. M. every day, (except Sundays) and arrive at Savannah on the following day at two o'clock, P. M. For SEATS apply at the POST-OFFICE.

Charleston, Oct. 30, 1820

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