

Held Sunday

Liberty Universalist Church. The boarding house was provided for pupils who lived too far to go back and forth daily to school.

Tradition handed down through the years gives this account of the founding of the school. J. W. Ladd, a well known artist of his day, was painting a portrait of John Feaster. Mrs. Ladd asked, "Why don't you build a school in this neighborhood?" John replied, "If I build one will you teach in it?"

The school was built and Mrs. Catherine Ladd was one of its earliest teachers. Others were the Rev. D. B. Clayton, Miss Margaret Narcissa Feaster, Mr. Feaster Lyles, and his sister, Isabelle Lyles.

In John Feaster's will dated November 25, 1847, he states: "My will is that the lot of land on which the Female Academy and Boarding House stand at Feasterville, containing five and one-half acres, I give and bequeath to my three sons, Jacob Feaster, Andrew Feaster, John Mobley Feaster in trust and for the benefit of Feasterville Male and Female Academy. I hereby appoint them trustees of the same."

From then on down to the present time as a trustee died and moved away another trustee was selected by those remaining and the three would govern the property.

After 126 years, the buildings stand in good repair. The boarding house is used as a community center and reunion site. It is furnished with antebellum furniture and accessories. Many articles of clothing of by-gone days are on display.

Liberty Universalist Church Feasterville was active with good size membership in the middle 1800's. Universalists held the theological doctrine that all souls will eventually find salvation in the Grace of God.

Chester Native To Retire

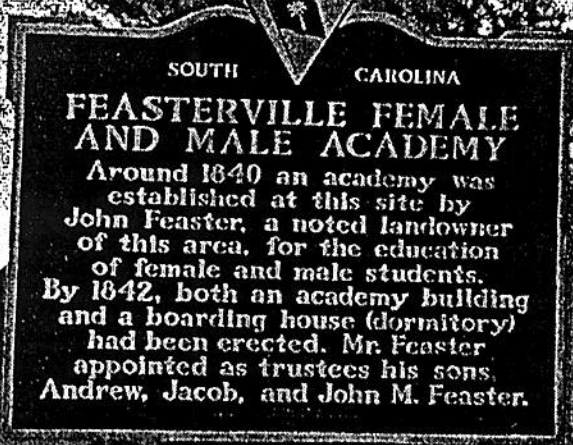
Lt. Col. Blair Knox, formerly of Chester, plans to retire from active duty with the U. S. Air Force on July 31st.

Lt. Col. Knox is assigned to Special Air Missions Squadron and has been based in Washington, D. C. for the past several years.

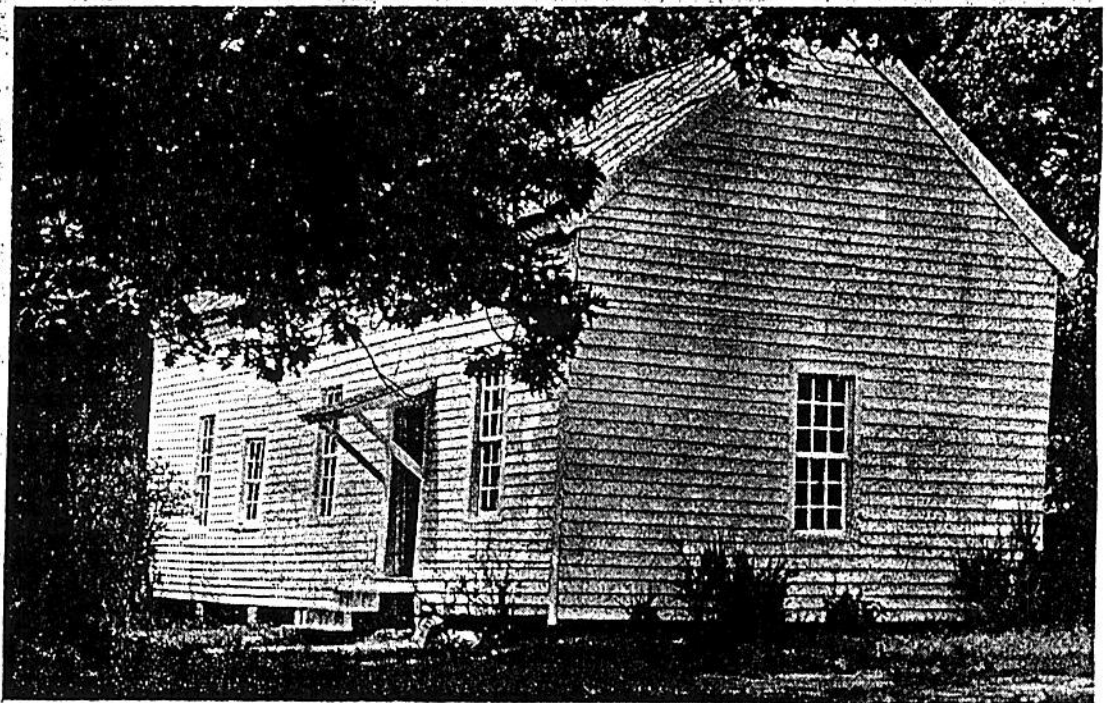
He is married to the former Miss Margaret Wise of Chester. The couple has two children and resides in Maryland.

Chester friends of the couple are encouraging them to return to Chester to make their home but no decision concerning the future has been made by them.

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THIS HANDSOME MARKER stands at the entrance to the old Feasterville Female And Male Academy on whose grounds the 29th annual Mobley-Coleman-Feaster reunion and picnic was held Sunday.



THE ACADEMY—The once active Feasterville Female And Male Academy still stands in Fairfield county just off Highway 215. Surrounded by huge towering oaks, the frame structure served the educational needs of the community for many years.