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Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 1:38 PM
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Cc: B Greer; Brandon Peake (Bpeake86@gmail.com); Nocola Hemphill (getnocola@gmail.com); Kenneth Feaster
Subject: Fw: [External] Re: TR Veal included in Senate Resolution S.895
Attachments: 20200328_191536_resized_1.jpg; 20200328_191551_resized_1.jpg; Will Lyles School (2).jpg; Will Lyles School Attendance Register 1939-4012282015_00002 - Copy.pdf

Pelham, I'm sure it was the Will Lyles school he was talking about. I have attached picture of it. I went inside many times as a kid. My cousin Rosetta attend when she was young before moving to Chester. Sisley Crosby died in 1885 and Ive remarried later. It was Will who was married to Nancy their daughter who started the school. It was located near the Will Lyles estate. I own land where it was located. I have attached a copy of the 1939-40 attendance and grading book. My grandmother was the teacher. The name of the school may have changed later.

Sandi moved to NC in Raleigh-Durham and is working for some IT company. She hasn't been in contact with any of the family in several years. I'd be surprised if she responds right now. Upset over some family "probate" issues.

ken

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From: FairfieldMUS <fairfieldmus@fairfield.sc.gov>
Date: 6/3/20 8:31 AM (GMT-07:00)
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Kenny,

I believe I took the notes below after talking to Billy some years ago. I may have misinterpreted, but thought he said that Ivory and Cicely both taught at the school that all of their daughters attended. I see here that my foggy brain has added details.

See if you have additional corrections or edits: The first part of the entry about Rachel is from the diary at the Caroliniana. I think the part starting with Jake Yongue was notes from my conversation with Billy.

From the diary of David Roe Feaster (Caroliniana Library, USC, Columbia, SC)

- On Feb. 25, 1885, Mr. Feaster moved “Gladden’s old cotton house” for a kitchen for Rachel.
- On Oct. 28, 1887, Rachel was “sick until death”. Sick for four weeks and died Nov. 1887 at 4 PM in the evening. She was their “...cook, faithful servant for 18 years. Peace to her ashes”
- On Nov. 29 the boys moved to the George Cockrell place. Eli Lyles moved to the Rose place. Will and Eli divided things and moved their granny Mary (Mary, born in Virginia, also had a son Gilbert Foote) to Jake Yongue’s place.
 - Jake Yongue’s parents were Lafayette and Darcas Stephenson Yongue. Jake’s wife was Martha, Rachel’s sister. The other siblings besides Eli and William went with Grandmother Mary.
 - Eli born Jan. 1864. Eli married Lizzie, then Blanche, and had children Banks and Robert, along with four or five more.
 - William born 1866. William married Nancy Crosby (buried in Dave Jenkins Rd. Church), a daughter of Ivy or Ivory Crosby and Cicely Crosby (Ivy said he had “never been a slave” and was pure African, quite literate. Cicely was a fourth white, a fourth Indian, and their children went to Brainerd Institute private school in Chester). William had nine daughters. Bessie married Preston Feaster and operated a school at White Hill (New Hope Baptist?). Their children were William Feaster, Billy and Kenny’s father, and Pauline F. McConnell.
 - Levi born 1872 (disappears from census by the time he is 8 or 9),
 - Boykin born 1879 (later takes the name Banks Lyles, then Bantee),
 - Robert born 1882,
 - Carrie Feaster born 1885.

Have you had any recent conversation with Sandy? It’s been a year or so since we talked and she was then teaching at Newberry HS. Jackie thinks she has changed jobs since then. Hard to keep up with her as she doesn’t respond to emails. Maybe I need updated contact information on her.

Don’t strain yourself hitting those golf balls! If you see a certain orange-haired obese golfer (DT) on the course, please hit an extra hard one his way and see if you can knock his toupee off!!!

-P

From: Kenneth Feaster [mailto:KVFEASTER@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:48 AM

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Pelham, good hearing from you too. Yes I am retired and enjoying it very much. Now just trying to stay healthy but also playing a lot of golf. I usually return to SC 3-4 times per year to visit family and take care of business items.

Good luck with your surgery hopefully will work out fine and you'll continue doing your good work at the museum and enjoying life.

I didn't realize that Ivory Crosby (my grand mother's ^{No} maternal grandfather) started a school. I'll ask around on that he may have. I do know that Will Lyles (maternal great grandfather) started one. I do have a picture of that one and know the location. There was another similar school near Upper Hope Station Church. I can locate that site. It was called White ???. My grandmother Bessie Lyles Feaster and great Aunt Willie Lyles Dye Morgan also taught for many years.

I'll be glad to pass along info/knowledge I have. I still have some of my grandmother's old grading/attendance books from the Will Lyles school. FYI it was located on Cool Branch Rd right before Thomas Rd.

Take care off to the golf course now. Great pictures of Cousin Eula and Family!

Ken

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: FairfieldMUS <fairfieldmus@fairfield.sc.gov>

Date: 6/1/20 10:14 AM (GMT-07:00)

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Kenny,

So good to see you in print again. Are you retired now?

I am conceptualizing a project for the coming year or so to celebrate Juneteenth (14th) of either 2021 or 2022. I have retired from the state system but the county continues to employ me full-time with the museum. Turning 70 this August and boyfriend Val turns 78 a few days later. Hard to believe we are getting older since only yesterday I was a teenager hiking through the woods exploring our mutual ancestral haunt at Lyles Ford! Sadly, your dear brother Billy was always a part of our family gatherings, but cousins Jackie Gantt, Carolyn Glymph, Trina Massey, and Mrs. Eula Wilson (soon to become 100, see attached photos) all continue to take part when we have our every other year Lyles reunion (October 2021 is the next planned event).

I have an upcoming Fall/Winter procedure on another benign brain tumor which is presently very small and non-threatening, possibly a cyber knife radiation procedure instead of surgery, so am looking beyond that potential complication in my work cycle and counting on continuing as a museum person.

The project a small brainstorm group is working on involves a friend's project to restore Winnsboro's main historical African American cemetery which is the resting place of some of the WPA slave narrative interviewees and John Smart who was a prominent artisan/political leader in the late 19th C. Another aspect I have always been interested in featuring, but need collaborating researchers to be involved, is to locate the physical sites and histories of the African American schools in the county.

I know you or Billy related the story of Ivory Crosby and the school which was either in Halsellville area or Feasterville. The connections between Fairfield Institute (in Winnsboro) and Rev. W. Richardson with Brainerd in Chester probably are documented somewhere. The text image that I received via Bryan's and your correspondence this

week was not fully imaged. It appeared to possibly be a program from Calvary Presbyterian in Winnsboro (organized by Rev. Richardson). Please send me the full reference document or where I can find it.

I have some interesting clues on the Freedmen's school which was housed on Col. David Provence's plantation lands near Strother, including a list of teachers and students, many of whom were Lyleses. Also, the teacher was Kelly Miller's uncle. I believe from looking at the historic maps of the county (1825, 1876, and 1908) that the physical location of that school house may have formed the earliest setting from which Gethsemane Baptist Church may have originated. The church's history does not document it that far back, but I would love some help in digging through old courthouse records to find out this information. Sadly, Mary Lee Hendrix, the great historian of that church, recently passed away...<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=mary-lee-hendrix&pid=195522235&fhid=8947>.

I also have an idea on the location of a small Greenbrier area school that Kelly Miller may have attended before Rev. Richardson brought him into town to the school he started.

I know you are still living far away from us here in SC, but would love to correspond more on these topics if you are interested. Your family has been so important in the histories of Fairfield and Chester Counties.

Copying here to Bryan Greer, Nocola Hemphill, and Brandon Peake for information. I prefer using my fairfieldmus@truvista.net email address more than the .gov one set up by the county.

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From: Kenneth Feaster [<mailto:kvfeaster@msn.com>]

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Thanks for the T.R. Veal info. I'm just getting caught on some emails. I've attached a few documents some of which you may already have from earlier emails.

FYI, there is a Sally Tygert Veal will in the Chester courthouse. I have a copy in one of my folders I don't think I scanned it. I believe it was made not long before she passed away in 1909. I'm sure it was signed with an "X." Hard to believe that she couldn't write since her older Feaster children were fairly well educated at that time. I'm fairly sure Sally Tygert Veal didn't do anything to establish the Hassion School. It wasn't established until later probably in 1920s. My great Aunt Willie Lyles Morgan taught there. Also, Sally Tygert and TD Feaster were "together" until he died in 1897. TD Feaster hired Rev Veal to tutor his and Sally's children. Taught them how to read and write, etc. Rev Veal and Sally met during that period. That's always been the family history/legacy story. They were married and moved to Chester I believe sometime before 1900. That was when Eunice was born. Their son Daniel Veal became a doctor in DC and grandson Daniel J. Veal Jr was also a doctor in DC (disbarred in 1981).

I also included pictures of my grandfather Preston and grandmother Bessie at his old home house. That was the old Coleman house where Mr. Robert White built his house near Hassion Church in Blair.

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From: B Greer <bgclemson@comporium.net>

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Is Lina Nettie Thompson Johnson the same as Nettie J. Veal? Chester county probate paralegal told me by phone that Nettie Veal was administrator for the TR Veal estate in 1919.

Whereas, in 1880, the school boasted approximately two hundred students studying to become teachers and preparing to enter the ministry. Eventually, the Fairfield Institute closed and merged with Brainerd Institute in Chester after Reverend Richardson left Winnsboro. The buildings the institute occupied continued to be used by the Richardson School, a graded school that educated youth from Fairfield County, as well as surrounding counties, until the 1920s; and

Whereas, some notable people who attended the Fairfield Institute and Richardson School were: George T. Dillard, Mack G. Johnson, I. L. Purcell, Kelly Miller, Joseph W. Holley, Henry Lawrence McCrorey, A. C. Johnson, Thomas H. Ayers, Henry M. Holmes, Joseph Purcell, S. C. Thompson, Bishop W. D. Chappell, Robert L. Douglass, Hugh L. Harry, Timothy R. Veal, Edward W. Allen, Hardy Liston, Fannie Thompson, Celia Stafford, Maggie Dillard Palmer, Maggie Chappell McLeod, Lina Nettie Thompson Johnson, and Mrs. G. T. Dillard; and

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