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Shreveport, La. 71106
May 10, 1989

Mrs. Janet Brakefield
P. O. Box 297
Winnsboro, S. C. 29180

Re: Fairfield County Pictorial History Book

Dear Mrs. Brafield:

Russ Hall of Memphis TN wrote to me suggesting I give you info and Pictures of my ancestor, John Adger (1808-1866).

For a number of years I have been gathering info on John Adger and his wife Margaret Gray Ellison (1817-1866). Dont confuse him with his 1st cousin John Bailey Adger, DD, (1810-1899) of Charleston.

John and Margaret Adger are the most interesting historically of any of my ancestors. Enclosed is information you may be interested in. I hope you can put it to use. I feel sure there are distant relatives still in Fairfield Co. I have not been able to locate the negatives of their portraits. Their portraits are in Vicksburg MS. My cousin who owns them is too busy building a house to get new copies made. I plan to get ~~new~~ ^{new} negatives made of my black and white 4 x 5 prints and will send you ~~one~~ ^{one}. *are included in these papers* 5-18-98

Also enclosed is information on John Adger's mother and a color picture of her portrait (it is now in Baton Rouge)

We are interested in your pictorial history of Fairfield Co.. Please let me know when it is published. There are a lot of descendents of Fairfield Co. in this area whose ancestors along with mine were early settlers.

I hope I am not too late with the above.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Glassell III
William E. Glassell, III

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John and Margaret Gray Ellison Adger

Lived during the first half of the 19th century

Their grandparents were Scotch-Irish emigrants from Northern Ireland and pioneers in the piedmont area of South Carolina prior to and soon after the Rev. War.

He was a civic leader and successful cotton planter in Fairfield County South Carolina. He was listed as one of the "great planters" in S. C. in 1860. Also included is William Ellison Hall

Prior to the Civil War they were pioneers to the new frontier in the newly opened Red River Valley north of Shreveport, La.

Information compiled by
William E. Glassell, III
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John and Margaret Gray Ellison Adger

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Introduction

JOHN AND MARGARET ELLISON ADGER

There are several reasons I chose John and Margaret Ellison Adger as the ancestors to gather and put together information:

1. Their ancestors were involved with the early years of this country.
2. They led the way for their son, a nephew and niece to move from S. C. to North Bossier Parish. These 3 first cousins have many descendents in Caddo and Bossier Parish and the rest of the U.S. So, info on John and Margaret Ellison Adger applies to all those we refer to as Adger kin.
3. They lived his 58 years and her 49 years in a very transitional period --just before and right after the Civil War.
4. From info we have he was a very capable leader both in S.C. and Bossier Parish. I wish we had more info on the type of person he was. My guess is that he was a hot tempered and got his way. His wife, Margaret, must have had a strong character and a loving person who held the cousins of the next generation together. John would not have accomplished what he did if he had been like my previous image of him---sitting on the porch of a southern colonial mansion drinking mint juleps.
5. The "The Last Foray" by Davidson gave me a better picture of life in S. C. for the "great planter" prior to 1860. John Adger and his friend, William E. Hall were among them.

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GENTLEMAN JOHN ADGER (1808-1866)
and
MARGARET GRAY ELLISON ADGER (1917-1866)

Albion Plantation, South Carolina to
Chicora and Carolina Bluffs Plantations La.

Compiled 1988 by William E. Glassell, III

We have the names and dates of our Adger, Ellison, and McCrorey ancestors who came to America about the same time 1760-1790 from northern Ireland, County Antrim. We have very little in records, only information passed down by people like my grandmother, Janie Adger Glassell and her brother Ellison M. Adger which is mostly about life during the Civil War 1861-1865 and since.

** ANCESTRAL BACKGROUND--ADGER, ELLISON, McCROREY

The first and second generations of these families emigrated from County Antrim in Northern Ireland to Fairfield District S. C. 1760-1790. They were closely related by marriage. They acquired land through government grants in the area north of Winnsboro.

WILLIAM ADGER FAMILY:

John Adger's father, William, emigrated with his wife Susan McCrorey, her 2 brothers, and their parents, William and Margaret McCrorey. William Adger's mother, Margaret Crawford, widow of James Adger, Sr. and 2 brothers, Robert and James, Jr. and 4 sisters emigrated to New York and later to S.C. William and Susan McCrorey Adger had 8 children of which one was JOHN ADGER. His wife was MARGARET GRAY ELLISON.

*** ROBERT ELLISON FAMILY:

Margaret Gray Ellison's grandfather was Robert Ellison a Major during the Rev. War. His parents settled in Pennsylvania when he was a small child. He settled in S. C. about 1761. His daughter married James Adger of Charleston. Robert Ellison had 8 children. His son William Ellison married Mary Harrison and had 8 children. 3 married Adgers:

MARGARET GRAY ELLISON MARRIED JOHN ADGER

Isabella Ellison married William Adger

William Harrison Ellison married Elizabeth Adger (Dau. Robert Adger)

Joseph Ellison married Margaret Adger, dau. of William Adger
(brother of William Ellison)

GENTLEMAN JOHN ADGER

From "THE LAST FORAY, The South Carolina Planters of 1860, A Sociological Study" by Chalmers G. Davidson, U. of SC Press: from page 8: "Although no extensive effort had been made to trace the pedigrees of the planters, it is known that Northern Ireland was the native heath of the fathers of Governor William Aiken, Chancellor Benjamin Faneuil Dunkin, attorney Andrew Wallace Thomson of Union, and "GENTLEMAN JOHN ADGER" of Fairfield District.

JOHN AND MARGARET ELLISON ADGER'S parents had established themselves financially and socially in the life of Fairfield District, S.C. William Adger died in 1836. Albion Plantation of 2500 acres was left to JOHN at the age of 28. They lived the way it was generally thought that life was like on a pre-Civil War cotton plantation in S. C. There were good private schools of all levels. They were in touch with culture and S.C. top society with near by Charleston where they had close relatives. Their Uncle James Adger was one of the richest man in U. S.

** MY LIFE AND TIMES 1810-1899 by John B. Adger, DD, pages 9-19, 22-40

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During the early 1800s Fairfield District was becoming more thickly populated. Plantations were not as fertile and there was soil erosion. Many of the young men started moving southward and westward to Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Tenn, Kentucky, La. and Texas.

According to "History of Fairfield County, S. C. by Fitz Hugh McMaster the agricultural census for 1860 listed JOHN ADGER as having property worth \$163,800. This was one of the 4 largest—over \$100,000. It had been \$30,000 in 1850.

JOHN ADGER and MARGARET GRAY ELLISON ADGER
THEIR LAST 20 YEARS—Movement to La.

JOHN ADGER looked to the future for his son, William Ellison Adger and daughter Susan Elizabeth Adger. At the age of 38 he started buying land in La. continuing to acquire land through an agent until in 1845 he owned about 3,000 acres some on Red River and some in the hills a few miles away where their home, Chicora, was built in 1860. He did long distance farming through an agent in La. with frequent trips accompanied often with his wife and children. According to "The Large Slaveholders of La.—1860" by Joseph Karl Menn, MA, published by Pelican Publishing Co., N. O. USA, John Adger was among the largest in Bossier Parish. It appears from those papers that his plantation was well stocked with everything needed to be a functioning plantation: Some of the items in this paper was: 131 slaves, 700 acres improved and 3,500 acres improved land., machinery, 35 mules, 20 milch cows, 8 working oxen, 50 sheep, 150 swine, 800 ~~bu.~~ bu. corn, 468 bales cotton, 240 bu. wool,

About 1857 changes in family plans started. In 1857 his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Adger, age 17, married David E. Johnston, age 23. She died in 1858, he died in 1859. It is likely that they would have been among those moving to La, or farming the S. C. plantation. William Ellison Adger married Mary Moultrie Gamble Feb. 1, 1860, he at 23 and she was 21 yrs. The political climate in S. C. were not pleasant. Decisions had to be made.

During 1860 JOHN ADGER and wife made a trip to N. Y. While on a cruise on Lake Ontario an accident injured his legs and he was crippled for life. This added to the family's problem as to who would stay and farm the Albion Plantation in SC and who to go to La.

April 7, 1861 John Adger, II, son of William Ellison and Mary Moultrie Adger was born. 5 days later, April 12, 1861 the Civil War started with the firing on U. S. Fort Sumpter in Charleston Harbor—S. C. was at war. No doubt the Adgers were optimistic that the war would be over quickly. They needed to move as quickly with the thought that once there was peace and the La. plantation functioning well, then John and Margaret Adger could return to S.C. and dispose of the Albion Plantation and move permanently to La. if that is what they wanted then. It is likely that there was a mortgage on S.C. property for cash to purchase 4,200 acres valued at \$75000 in 1860 La census. The S. C. property had 2500 acres with \$163,800 value in 1860 census. Under conditions were normal the mortgage could be paid by selling some of the property.

The family did all move to La. during ^{after Oct. 1861} 1861 with much of their possessions taken on the Steamer from probably Charleston to New Orleans, then up the Miss. River and Red River to Carolina Bluffs Landing on their plantation. They did buy some furniture in New Orleans. The slaves that were not left in S.C. came over land by wagon. The port of New Orleans was closed by the blockade by 1862. Iron grill work for the front porch of Chicora ordered from France didn't get thru the blockade. The family portraits that were buried in the woods by a slave caretaker of Albion were brought to Chicora after the war.

JOHN and MARGARET GRAY ADGER both died in 1866 and were buried in the Cottage Grove Cemetery, Bossier Parish about a mile from Chicora. Adjoining the Cemetery is the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church where in 1885 Mary Moultrie Adger died playing the organ the closing hymn "Approach my soul the mercy seat".

When they died in 1866 in La. the war was just over, the carpet-baggers controled the government in S. C. There was no way to pay the taxes, mortgage or sell the S. C. plantation. So it was sold at sheriffs sale for \$5,236 in 1867 and in 1872 for \$11,175. Soldiers of General Sherman's army burned the house at Albion. Since that time 2 houses have been built on the site.

When John and Margaret Adger died in 1866 they had accomplished their plans started 20 years earlier for their descendents. They had fertile land to farm. Many friends and relatives from Fairfield and surrounding districts in S, C, followed them, all living near each other with small villages containing store, school, church, and cemetery. Regular steamboat on Red River going to Shreveport and New Orleans. Also the stage coach route from Shreveport to Arkansas passed through the area.

For the first 30 years the hill land produced good cotton. By 1890 the swamp land in Caddo Parish across the river attracted the Bossier Parish planters. The "river bottom" land of north Bossier along with that of Caddo is still productive after 100 years.

Until 1987 the present day 7 owners would not consider selling any part of the land of John and Margaret Adger. Most of it is now owned by 5th generation heirs.

John Adger was the oldest of his close relatives who moved to La. when he did. Among these was Joseph Ellison Adger, a nephew of John and son of William Adger, Jr. who died when his son was small. He was left bank stock in his grandfather's will. His mother was Isabella Ellison. She married the Rev. George W. Boggs, a presbyterian missionary and they went to India. Joseph Ellison Adger was adopted by his aunt and uncle Margaret Adger and Joseph Ellison. He was 15 years younger than his Uncle John.

The other close cousin was William Harrison Ellison, brother of Margaret Gray Ellison Adger and his wife Elizabeth Ann Adger. Ellison was a first cousin of John Adger. Her parents died when she was very young. She grew up in Charleston, S. C. in the home of his wealthy Uncle James Adger and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Ellisons whose nephew, William Harrison Ellison, she later married and moved to Winnsboro. They and their children went to La. with the John Adgers.

This bunch of Adgers and Ellisons after 5 generations remain friends. A large number of them still live in Bossier and Caddo Parishes. Many of them have remained active Presbyterians. Many still farm or own their ancestral land.

JOHN ADGER-----WILLIAM ELLISON HALL

The ancestors who led the way for their descendents to move from Fairfield District S. C. to Bossier Parish, La. 1846-1862

The Great Planters----- To understand what they were like read "The Last Foray, South Carolina Planters of 1860, a Sociological study by Chalmers Gaston Davidson.

Excerpts from Introduction of above:

"The purpose of the study is to discover what the planter did for-- or to--his section. The criterion was slave ownership and the Federal Census of 1860. Selection was based on owning 100 or more slaves at the end of the antebellum era. South Carolina was chosen as a compact unit. 440 were chosen to be "great planters". The 4 fields of activity investigated were: Education, Public Service, Religion, and Cultural Interest. No one of these areas was essential to the planter's prosperity. Their income came mostly from agriculture, but many were also Doctors and Lawyers."

BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR AND THE END OF THE GREAT PLANTER ERA

Two of the great planters living in Fairfield District S. C. were John Adger 1808-1866 (wife Margaret Grey Ellison 1817-1866) and William Ellison Hall MD 1801-1864 (wife Dorcus Jones 1801-1871). The Adger and Ellison families were connected several times. Dr. William Ellison Hall's son Dr. Elisha Jones Hall married sisters: (1) Sarah Ellison, (2) Jane Ann Ellison; daughters of William Harrison Ellison and Elizabeth Ann Adger. These sisters were 1st cousins of William Ellison Adger and Joseph Ellison Adger, whose families came to La. at the same time as Halls.

Along with other Adgers, Ellisons, Halls and other relatives John Adger and William E. Hall led the way to buying land on Red River north of Shreveport around Benton, Cottage Grove, Rocky Mt. and Plain Dealing. By 1862 they had moved from S. C. and the nation was at war. They came by overland wagon trains, ocean going steamers from Charleston to New Orleans, then up the Miss. River and Red River by steamboat to Carolina Bluffs landing and wagon and carriage to their plantation. Like they did in Fairfield co. they lived in small settlements with a store, church (mostly Presbyterian), cemetery, school. Transportation to Shreveport was by steamboat or carriage or horseback.

These 2 great planters were about the same age, 2 of the wealthiest plantations and slave owners in Fairfield Co., S.C. They had the leadership ability to help their sons and cousins get settled in a new frontier. Their mission accomplished, within a few years they died. A new era had begun for the ADGERS, ELLISONS, and HALLS of Bossier and Caddo Parishes, La.

JOHN ADGER (1808-1866)

From: "The Large Slaveholders of La. ---1860"
by Joseph Karl Menn, MA, published by Pelican Publishing Co.
N. O. USA library no. La Coll 976.305

Bossier Parish

Family no. 625
Slaveowner John Adger
age 52
occupation Planter
place of birth South Carolina
no. children 0
number in household 2
no. slaves 131
no. slave dwellings 24
value of personal property 116,130
value of property 75,000
acres of land improved 700
acres of land unimproved 3,500
cash value of farm 75,000
value of farming imp. & machinery 2,500
horses 1
asses and mules 35
milk cows 20
working oxen 8
sheep 50
swine 150
other cattle 75
value of livestock 5,760
indian corn 800 bu.
ginned cotton 468 400-lb. bales
wool 240 bu
peas and beans 1,000 bu
irish potatoes 50 bu
sweet potatoes 500 bu
cane sugar 0
molasses 0
value of homemade manufactures 1000
value of animals slaughtered 1,508

From: "History of Fairfield Co. S. C. by FitzHugh McMaster 1946 p. 48

page 48 US Census 1860 Farm values:

John Adger \$163,800.

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In 1846 JOHN ADGER began purchasing land in La. on Red River through an agent, James Herron. He spent part of each year in La. clearing land, growing crops. Chicora was built and in 1860 ready for newlywed William Ellison Adger and Mary Moultrie Gamble to move into and permanently live in Bossier Parish.

Present day local descendents:

William E. Glassell/Janie Adger family

Ellison Moultrie Adger family

WILLIAM HARRISON ELLISON

From: "The Large Slaveholders of La.--1860"

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Bossier Parish

Line # 13,

Family No. 244 W. H. ELLISON

footnote 5 His agent was R. R. Hanks

occupation

place of birth

no. children

no. in household

no. of slaves 66

No of slave dwellings 16

value of real property 30,000

value of personal property 3,092

Acres of land improved 1,500

Acres of land unimproved 1,500

cash value of farm 30,000

improvements and machinery 520

horses 0

asses and mules 19

milch cows 40

working oxen 6

sheep 40

swine 300

other cattle 30

value of livestock 3,952

indian corn 500 bushels

ginned cotton 415 400-lbs bales

wool 0

peas and beans 1,000 bu.

irish potatoes 0

sweet potatoes 2000 bu

cane sugar 0

molasses 0

value of homemade manufactures 0

value of animals slaughtered 2,000

husband William Harrison Ellison 1810-1876, born SC, died Bossier Parish

wife Elizabeth Ann Adger 1820--1873 born SC, died Bossier Parish

In 1862 lived on plantation near Rocky Mount, Bossier Parish (4 mi.)

Children: Sarah Ellison 1840-1867 married E. J. Hall

Mary (Minnie) Ellison 1848- married Ben R. Nash

Jane Ann Ellison 1844- Married E. J. Hall

Present day local descendents:

Clyde Connell

Bryan Connell

Jean Hardy

Pat Sewell

Henry T. Coleman.....	10,000	Jas. Duncan, Agt.....	26,400
A. Feaster.....	12,000	James Douglas.....	7,000
Osmond Woodward.....	10,000	Benjamin Cockerel.....	9,600
A. J. Russell, Agt.....	21,960	John T. McCrorey.....	7,000
Wm. M. Youngue.....	13,665	Daniel McCullough.....	9,500
Jonathan D. Coleman.....	10,000	Butler Haygood.....	7,700
R. W. Stevenson.....	11,800	Jacob Gibson.....	12,150
Jeremiah Cockrell.....	12,000	Elijah Gayden.....	14,600
John A. Robinson.....	10,120	D. McCullough, Agt.....	12,880
John McEwen, Agt.....	10,130	David Mobley.....	26,856
John Brice.....	17,500	John Douglas.....	15,000
Walter Brice.....	19,800	John Durham.....	10,000
Robt. Brice.....	29,000	Chas. Tims, Agt.....	13,100
John Adger.....	30,000	Geo. R. Hunter.....	21,180
Jas. B. Mobley.....	15,000	Edward P. Mobley.....	50,000
Sam Mobley.....	12,090	Daniel Hall.....	25,000
David Brice.....	11,900	Jas. Barber.....	15,000
Robt. G. Cameron.....	21,050	Robt. Durham.....	15,000
Jas. Turner.....	10,000	Mary Ellerson.....	12,000
Jas. G. Brice.....	16,700	Chas. Broom.....	10,000
John Brice, Jr.....	17,760	Luke Broom.....	12,000
Theo. Dubose.....	19,500	N. J. Osborne.....	14,400

In 1860 by the United States census reports there were 707 farms in Fairfield County, a decrease of 31 since 1850. Of the 707 in 1860, there were 134 each in value of \$10,000 or more. In other words there were 32 farms in the county each of value of \$10,000 in 1860 more than there were of \$7,000 or more in 1850.

O. Woodward.....	\$40,000	D. D. Fenley.....	14,000
D. Landerdale.....	15,000	Nancy Watt.....	13,200
R. C. Woodward.....	15,665	Dr. W. Thorne.....	20,000
W. R. Robertson.....	14,000	J. T. McCrorey.....	12,500
John R. Robertson.....	12,000	J. A. McCrorey.....	15,000
David Aiken.....	132,720	Jas. Barber.....	20,000
R. E. Ellison.....	19,000	Minor Cladden.....	12,270
I. N. Shedd.....	10,000	J. E. Caldwell.....	67,685
Jno. Buchanan.....	37,100	Richard Gaillard.....	21,600
R. A. Buchanan.....	14,000	Estate, B. J. Boulware.....	25,000
T. G. Robertson.....	15,000	E. A. Rabb.....	10,000
T. W. Woodward.....	16,000	Nancy Kincaid.....	10,000
Rebecca Kirkland.....	17,000	J. P. McFie.....	20,000
Thos. McKinsty.....	10,000	S. R. Martin.....	10,500
Nathan Robertson.....	10,000	Chas. Free.....	10,000
Thos. True.....	10,000	G. P. Martin.....	12,000
Jas. F. Craig.....	18,000	Andrew McMeekin.....	11,000
Jacob Bookman.....	15,000	Elliott Elkins.....	11,800
Stephen Gibson.....	26,060	B. V. Lakin.....	28,400
John Copeland.....	10,000	J. G. Rabb.....	12,000

David Milling.....	36,272	John H. Means.....	27,144
C. Felder.....	15,000	D. H. Kerr.....	19,550
Eliz. Caldwell.....	10,800	W. J. Alston.....	61,050
Dr. S. F. Mobley.....	26,000	J. P. Bell.....	12,000
John Douglas.....	14,205	Dr. D. C. Means.....	13,000
Robt. Ford.....	13,000	T. J. Lyles.....	16,880
Est. of I. Gathers.....	29,500	W. S. Lyles.....	18,000
Sarah Barkley.....	11,560	Thos. M. Lyles.....	32,812
Dr. W. E. Hall.....	138,560	W. B. Lyles.....	12,150
Jos. C. Caldwell.....	12,000	W. Mayfield.....	10,000
A. Lumpkin.....	10,000	F. M. Means.....	24,495
Jos. F. Aldridge.....	17,250	I. W. Yongue.....	18,000
Daniel Hall.....	62,100	Thos. Lauderdale.....	12,658
D. McCullough.....	36,358	Alex. Douglass.....	19,000
M. McCullough.....	12,852	Jas. Douglass.....	10,400
John S. Grafton.....	21,000	Robt. Stevenson.....	15,080
Jos. L. McCrorey.....	12,000	J. G. Brice.....	33,000
David Mobley.....	56,000	John Brice.....	33,630
D. R. Meador.....	15,000	Robt. Brice.....	30,000
J. F. Coleman.....	13,000	Dr. W. Brice.....	25,500
Thos. Lyles.....	10,000	Robt. Brice, Jr.....	55,680
R. A. Herron.....	10,000	John Brice, Jr.....	24,000
Jackson Gladney.....	12,000	Henry Castles.....	13,000
J. C. Brice.....	30,000	Sam Brice.....	27,500
Alex. Hindman.....	14,000	L. Bookhart.....	10,600
Thos. Stitt.....	12,900	F. Entzinger.....	13,300
J. P. Gladney.....	10,000	B. Haigood.....	12,000
John Adger.....	163,800	Jas. Raines.....	10,000
Dr. R. H. Edmonds.....	11,060	J. A. Kennedy.....	10,000
Est. N. A. Peay.....	253,600	John D. Palmer.....	12,000
John Robertson.....	14,000	Wm. Shedd.....	12,000
Dr. H. H. Clark.....	80,000	Est. Dr. McCants.....	10,000
Thos. J. H. Jones.....	30,000	Richard Cathcart.....	14,285
John A. Peay.....	32,600	W. W. Boyce.....	24,169
A. D. Jones.....	65,000	M. M. Watson.....	15,000
S. A. Myers.....	24,720	G. H. Miller.....	10,000
M. D. Durham.....	14,000	John A. Brice.....	17,663
H. Edmonds.....	15,000	Jas. B. Mobley.....	17,800
John Wiley.....	13,600	E. M. Mobley.....	18,000
John McCully.....	14,230	Est. Mrs. Glover.....	10,320
H. I. Coleman.....	17,040	John Mobley.....	59,900
Andrew Feaster.....	18,000	Capt. S. Dubose.....	40,000
J. D. Coleman.....	13,000	J. J. McMahan.....	19,200
H. A. Coleman.....	11,100	Wm. Blair.....	17,700
Stephen Crosby.....	31,500	Dr. N. A. Newbill.....	12,000
W. M. Youngue.....	14,355	I. F. T. Legg.....	16,000
S. H. Stevenson.....	20,000	Darkey Mobley.....	10,500

John Adger Family

(Material Furnished by Pioneers of Bossier)

John Adger, born in 1808, the son of William Adger and Susan McCory Adger of "Albion" Adger Station South Carolina, in 1835 married Margaret Grey Ellison of Winnsboro, South Carolina who was a descendant of Major Robert Ellison of Revolutionary War Fame.

Before 1850 John Adger purchased several thousand acres of land in the newly developed Red River Valley in Bossier Parish. At first he operated his plantations, "Carolina Bluff," "Chicora," "Fairfield," Moultrie and Greenshaw through an agent. Later he and his family spent part of the year in their Louisiana plantation home "Chicora", near Cottage Grove traveling via steamboat from South Carolina. Each plantation had a cotton gin, slave quarters steamboat landing and warehouse. "Carolina Bluff was the largest of the places. All but "Moultrie" that fell in the river and Greenshaw which was sold in 1885 are still owned by the family.

During the War for Southern Independence, Sherman on his march to the sea destroyed "Albion" in South Carolina. After that the family remained in Louisiana Old Uncle Enoch, the carriage driver was left in charge of "Albion" On the approach of the Yankees he saved only six family portraits painted in New York in 1858, by burying them in the woods. These were later brought to "Chicora" and are still in the family.

According to the 1860 census, John Adger owned in Louisiana 4,200 acres of land, 131 slaves and the value of his property here was \$191,130.00.

John Adger and wife died in 1886 leaving three children. Mrs. Janie Adger Glassell, John Adger and Ellison Moultrie Adger.

"Chicora" built of native sypress and sun baked brick, made by slaves, was finished about 1862 except for the ironwork that was to have been placed on the balcony and windows, which was held up by the blockade of Southern ports. The house was completed with wooden nails instead. An interesting feature of the white scalloped travellers had to depend on the house was that each post was surmounted with deer antlers.

at Bossier Parish, La., of apoplexy, on the 1st August, 1866, Mrs. MARGARET ELLISON, consort of John Adger, Esq., formerly of Fairfield District, S. C., aged 49 years.

Possessed of a kind and affectionate heart, combined with a pleasing appearance and most attractive manners, Mrs. Adger had won the love and esteem of a large circle of relatives and friends, who, together with her husband and an only son, now lament their sad loss. But they mourn not as those who have no hope, having every assurance that she is now among the redeemed in heaven. At an early age she united with the Presbyterian church in Winnsboro, S. C., and was a most exemplary and consistent member until her death. A few months ago she removed her membership to the Rocky Mount Presbyterian church in this State. Three children preceded her to "that happy land where there is no night, neither do they hunger nor thirst any more; where the inhabitant saith not 'I am sick'; where there is no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; for God hath wiped away all tears forever."

"Friend! friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end,
Were this frail world our final rest,
Living or dying, none were blest."

PILGRIM.

Died, at his residence in Bossier Parish, La., on the 4th of September, 1866, after a brief, though severe illness, caused by congestion, Mr. JOHN ADGER, in the 59th year of his age. He was a native of Fairfield, S. C., but removed to Louisiana in 1861, where he had endeared himself to many by his kind hospitality and gentlemanly bearing. Many, very many were "strangers," and he "took them in," and "ministered unto them," during and subsequent to the terrible war recently closed. In all the relations of life, as citizen, master, husband, father, and friend, Mr. Adger was most exemplary, upright, and charitable.

During a protracted meeting in 1834, at Lebanon church, conducted by Dr. Baker, that eminent man of God and great revivalist, he professed religion, and united with the Presbyterian Church. Hoping some day, perhaps, to return with his family to his once beautiful home in Fairfield District, he did not remove his membership; but on all suitable occasions he sat down to the Lord's table with his fellow-disciples, and owned his attachment to his blessed Saviour.

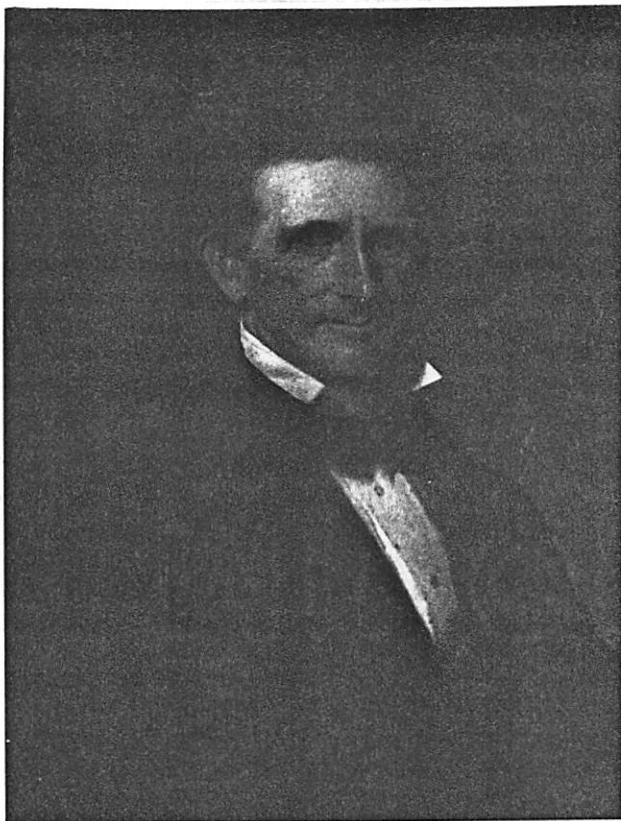
Descended from a long line of honorable ancestry warmly and cordially attached to the Westminster standards, he ever evinced his predilections for sound, orthodox, scriptural doctrines. And yet he was no bigot. All ministers of the gospel found a resting place at his house, and were bidden "God speed!" while on their proper mission of preaching the gospel.

Three children preceded him to "the better land," and only three weeks before, his beloved partner, with whom he had passed thirty-one years of happy association, passed over the flood, to be ready to hail with triumphant joy the arrival of the now emancipated spirit of her husband. What a joyful and speedy reunion of kindred souls! One son, Wm. E. Adger, Esq., remains behind to tread the pathway of life, alone, and disconsolate, of all this once happy family group. "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."

"Love them the path of sorrow that he trod—
Toll off, and wait in patience for thy rest;
O city of our God, we soon shall see
Thy glorious walls—home of the loved and blest."

PILGRIM.

Rocky Mount, La., Sept. 11, 1866.



JOHN ADGER

born June 8, 1808
Fairfield District S. C.
died Sept. 4, 1866
Cottage Grove, Bossier Parish, La.

married May 5, 1835

CHILDREN

William Ellison Adger married 1860 Mary Moultrie Gamble
Susan Elizabeth Adger married 1857 David E. Johnston

MARGARET GRAY ELLISON ADGER

born March 20, 1817
Fairfield District S. C.
died Aug. 14, 1866
Cottage Grove, Bossier Parish, La.

SUSAN McCROREY 1770-1862

wife of

WILLIAM ADGER 1770-1836

Both were born in County Antrim, northern Ireland. She was the daughter of Margaret 1747-1805 and William McCrorey 1745-1838. William was the son of Margaret Crawford 1844-1827 and James Adger 1842-1783. He owned and operated a linen manufactory and bleaching green in Dunean. WILLIAM ADGER AND SUSAN McCROREY married young, having emigrated during 1790 to S. C. with her parents and 2 brothers. They received land grants in Fairfield Co. north of Winnsboro. WILLIAM and SUSAN had 8 children. Descendents of 2 of them began purchasing land in Bossier Parish, Ia. during the 1850s. Their oldest son, William Adger, Jr. died young. His son Joseph Ellison Adger 1823-1881 and wife Eliza McMahon 1825-1897 moved to Bossier Parish in 1858. Second son, John Adger, purchased land for his son William Ellison Adger, who after his marriage in 1860 to Mary Moultrie Gamble moved to Bossier Parish. WILLIAM ADGER'S mother, 2 brothers, Robert and James Adger, 2 sisters, Betsey Adger (Whitlaw), and Ester Rodgers (Herron), emigrated to N. Y. in 1894, later came to Charleston, S.C. and settled in Charleston. See "My Life and Times" by John B. Adger D.P., page 18



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