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South Carolina Genealogical Society  
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## fairfield genealogy

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**From:** fairfield genealogy [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2014 6:55 PM  
**To:** 'John Sellers'  
**Subject:** RE: Researcher

Hello John,

I have read through our copy of the minutes of Sandy Level Baptist Church 1817-1908.

This is what I was able to obtain for Asa Bell:

1817 from here on out is called brother  
1817 is a delegate to association  
1818 is a moderator  
1/3/1824 appointed moderator for church  
1/30/1832 in minutes called pastor  
6/14/1834 accused of slander, Powell case, admits & is basically forgiven  
10/6/1838 in minutes called pastor again  
1839 church does not meet some, Asa very sick  
6/6/1840 accused of different beliefs, Broom case,  
church splits, Asa in smaller group,  
starts meeting different Sundays in the month  
7/18/1840 Primitive Baptist Covenant is read, two groups asked to agree  
8/15/1840 remaining smaller group dismissed from church, including Asa  
after this no more mention of Asa in church minutes

This only mention of a Craig:

Sunday, Jan 6, 1833 Frances Craig wife of James D. Craig came forward

Sunday, Feb 3, 1833 Frances Craig wife of James D. Craig baptized

This only mention of a name close to Delphia:

Delila Turket member for many years, even after Asa had left

There was no mention of any of these names:

Ann Arledge Bell

Tyrus Bell and his wife Delphia (last name unknown)

Asa Bell Jr.

Vincent Bell

Alpheus Bell

Woodard Bell

Lydia Bell or Lydia Stone or William Stone

Frances Craig only (not sure if daughter of Asa Bell)

no Armstrong

Francis Bell

I will keep looking.....

Eddie

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**From:** Fairfield Museum [fairfieldmus@truvista.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 9:23 AM  
**To:** 'Suzanne Johnson'; 'Eddie Killian'  
**Cc:** 'John Sellers'; davis925@mindspring.com; 'Fritz and Frances Jolly'  
**Subject:** RE: Researcher

Suzanne,

Thanks for being Johnny-on-the-spot! This is about the schism that compelled Asa Bell into the Sandy Level community church (present-day Sandy Level Baptist). I will look in my files on Crooked Run where Asa is mentioned.

-P

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**From:** Suzanne Johnson [mailto:spjboro@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 8:05 AM  
**To:** Pelham Lyles; Eddie Killian  
**Cc:** 'John Sellers'; davis925@mindspring.com; Fritz and Frances Jolly  
**Subject:** RE: Researcher

The letter is on loan to the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Library for digitization. Here is the typescript:

2014.030: Letter from, John L. Simpson to the Brethren of Crooked Run Baptist Church, Fairfield district, South Carolina, August 7, 1841

August the 7<sup>th</sup> 1841 to the Crooked Run Church

Dear Brethren

It grieves me very much to think that I have to bring charges against one of your members, but as I feel it a duty impressed on me I shall endeavor to do it in the spirit of meekness. I was appointed by our Association in 1840 to prepare her minutes for the press, and I got leave of her and called on Bro Jonathan Mickle to aid me, - and the 1<sup>st</sup> charge I bring against him is for adding the words (by Col. P. Davis) into a note at the bottom of a page in the circular letter of our Association in 1840 and not letting me know it, 2d the next is concerning a letter which he wrote and brought to our Church and used his endeavors to influence the Church to sign it and have it published in the Primitive Baptist paper which we refused to do, he now says the Church was not asked or expected to sign said letter 3d he then signed said letter in behalf of our Church and had it published; without the church knowing any thing about the way it was signed 4<sup>th</sup> he now says that a majority of the Church was in favour of his signing said letter in that way and now may our Heavenly Father enable you to act in accordance with his will as it respects these charges and I hope you will bring about a speedy reconciliation

John L Simpson

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From: [fairfieldmus@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net)

To: [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net)

CC: [sellersj1@verizon.net](mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net); [spjboro@msn.com](mailto:spjboro@msn.com); [davis925@mindspring.com](mailto:davis925@mindspring.com); [fairfieldmus@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net); [FDJolly211@aol.com](mailto:FDJolly211@aol.com)

Subject: RE: Researcher

Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2014 00:15:34 -0400

Hi, John.

Reading over your correspondence with our genealogy researchers, I think I may have recently come across some clues. Asa Bell was associated with the churches that split over becoming Primitive---something to do with certain observances or bible interpretations. We have a letter that we recently found about this split sometime around 1840. I am not absolutely certain of the details as I am writing from home but Asa was associated with Crooked Run Baptist church, along with the Arledges. I have been involved in the past year trying to save the circa 1830 frame church building from being demolished by its congregation. I attach an article I wrote for your information.

I am also copying this correspondence to my friend Frances Jolly, who is, I think, a descendant of Asa Bell and may have some information to share with you. Please keep us all in the loop of information as you find out more. We try to record as much as we can from those who contact us seeking Fairfield County ancestors.

**Fritz and Frances Jolly**

(803) 240-2286 Mobile  
786-2441 Home  
[FDJolly211@aol.com](mailto:FDJolly211@aol.com)

I think co-worker Suzanne Johnson can locate the copy of the letter which we recently inventoried and entered into our collections database. I will see what there is to share in the letter which I believe is an accusatory letter from a member of the church towards another member having to do with the split in the churches.

-Pelham Lyles

Museum Director

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**From:** fairfield genealogy [<mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 2:26 PM

**To:** 'Fairfield Museum'

**Subject:** FW: Researcher

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**From:** [sellersj1@verizon.net](mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net) [<mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 11:53 AM

**To:** fairfield genealogy

**Subject:** Re: Researcher

Don't have my research with me but it was after the split of sandy level

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

----- Reply message -----

From: "fairfield genealogy" <[fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net)>

To: "&apos;John Sellers&apos;" <[sellersj1@verizon.net](mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net)>

Subject: Researcher

Date: Wed, May 28, 2014 9:40 am

Hello John,

Please provide the church name; so I can check on this for you.

I apologize for the delay; we are volunteer staffed and many other requests.

I have included a PDF version of our 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Newsletter for your reading enjoyment.

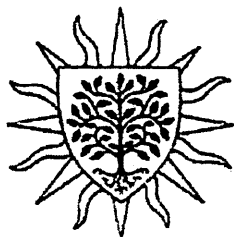
Thanks for your patience with us.

Eddie

Eddie Killian

Research Library Volunteer

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**From:** John Sellers [<mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 11:01 PM  
**To:** fairfield genealogy  
**Subject:** Re: Researcher

I think the researcher with the church minutes was Eddie. JOHN

**From:** fairfield genealogy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 12:30 PM  
**To:** 'John Sellers'  
**Subject:** RE: Researcher

John

I have attached the only info we were able to find here. We did not find anything on Tyrus of his wife Delphia.

Jon Davis

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**From:** John Sellers [<mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 1:54 PM  
**To:** Fairfield Museum; [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net)  
**Subject:** Re: Researcher

Thanks for the information. My ancestor that lived in Richland and Fairfield counties is Asa and Ann Arledge Bell. He was born in 1772, and lived in the area until the mid 1840's. He was a Primitive Baptist minister. He died in Natchitoches Parish, LA in 1848. His son ( my ancestor ) was Tyrus and his wife Delphia (last name unknown), this in one of the things I would like to find. Asa, also had children Asa Jr., Vincent, Alpheus, Woodard, and a dau named Lydia that married William Stone. There are other daus, unsure of names, possibly one married a Craig and another married an Armstrong. I have more information and have had some research other than my own conducted. Waiting to hear. Also Asa's father is Francis need some more of his probate or land deeds in Kershaw.

John Sellers

**From:** Fairfield Museum  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:00 AM  
**To:** 'John Sellers'  
**Subject:** RE: Researcher

Please contact [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net). Volunteers can do in house collections searches. We can recommend researchers for outside work (court house, Columbia archives, etc.) if you need extensive help. Which families are you looking for. Please copy to me.

-Pelham Lyles

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**From:** John Sellers [<mailto:sellersj1@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 9:45 PM  
**To:** [fairfieldmus@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldmus@truvista.net)  
**Subject:** Researcher

Dear Society, Need a researcher for Fairfield and Richland County areas. Please advise. John Sellers, 1312 Azalea Ln. Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

## **fairfield genealogy**

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**From:** Lori Greco [grecolori@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2014 1:52 PM  
**To:** fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net  
**Subject:** Genealogy Research Request

To whom it may concern,

I'm in the process of creating a family tree for my young children. Based on my research to date, I learned that they lived in Fairfield County, South Carolina. There names are listed below:

- \* John Miller - Lived in Fairfield and Charlestoen 1760-1790
- \* Nancy Miller - Born 1767 in Fairfield Co.
- \* Thomas Cameron and Nancy Miller Marriage 1790
- \* James H. Cameron and Sarah Brown Marriage Jan 2, 1790
- \* 1830 James H. Cameron lives in Fairfield
- \* Thomas Cameron Sr. lives 1790 South Carolina, he dies 1800
- \* Peter Miller born in South Carolina 1768 and lives in Lexington South Carolina 1810

I'm interested in the Miller, Cameron, Millage families.

I'm willing to pay the necessary fees. I truly appreciate any assistance.

I can be reached at 480-277-2252.

Sincerely,  
Lori Greco



## Receipts

Conveyee	from	Conveyer	Year	Bk.	Page
Adair, John		Brown, William	1814	W	196
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Allen, Andrew Sr.		Allen, Andrew Jr.	1791	A	202
Alsup, William		Alsup, Richard	1798	L	165
Andrews, James		Smith, James	1797	K	435
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Arledge, Moses		Arledge, William	1790	A	87
Armstrong, James		Smith, Aza	1810	T	217
Augustin, William		Alston, David	1813	W	18
Austin, Agness William		Austin, James	1791	A	121
Austin, William & Agness		Austin, James	1791	A	121
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Barkley, Robert		Montgomery, William	1812	U	225
Barkley, Robert		Morton, Richard	1812	U	225
Barkley, Robert		Viteh, Morgan	1812	U	231
Barkley, Robert		Whitaker, Willia	1812	U	273
Barkley, Robert		Brown, E.	1815	X	140
Barkley, Robert		Kerr, A.	1815	X	140
Barkley, Robert		Davidson, George L.	1816	X	326
Barnet, John		Walker, Adam	1813	V	264
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Barnett, John		Farran, Miley	1815	X	8	Mortgage
Beckell, James M.		Aiken, Hugh	1832	KK	343	Mortgage
Bell, Asa Sr.		Bell, Asa Jr.	1831	KK	148	Mortgage
Bell, Asa Sr.		Bell, Alpheus	1834	LL	233	Mortgage
Bell, Asa Sr.		Bell, Tyrus	1834	LL	240	Mortgage
Bell, Charles		McGill, James	1823	FF	199	Mortgage
Bell, Charles		McCalley, Briant	1829	II	252	Mortgage
Bell, Charles & Montgomery, Hugh		Yarborough, Alex	1829	II	253	Mortgage
Bell, Charles		Boyer, Michael	1835	LL	548	Mortgage
Bell, Robert Sr.		Grappin, William	1830	HH2	89	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Lowery, Edward	1791	E	140	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Burk, James	1792	F	66	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Morrison, John	1792	G	38	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Hogan, Cardell	1793	H	136	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Smith, Robert	1793	H	137	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Jones, Elias	1793	H	140	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Wilson, James	1793	H	160	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Owens, James Smallwood	1793	H	161	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Holbrook, William	1793	I	32	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Randolph, William	1793	I	46	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Bradley, John	1794	I	106	Mortgage
Belton, Jonathan		Watson, James & Alexander	1796	K	180	Mortgage
Bixby, Nathan		Muse, James F.	1807	R	155	Mortgage
Boaknight, Michael		Pearson, John	1827	HH1	278	Mortgage
Boulware, Musc & others		Barkley, Hugh	1832	KK	325	Mortgage