

Fairfield County Chapter
South Carolina Genealogical Society
Research Document

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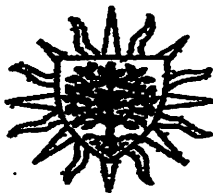
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Surname(s): BLAIN Target: / /
Started: / / Ready to File ☒ Completed: 3 / 1 / 2015

Start research using Request, Family Group & Pedigree Sheets
Check off each item as research is completed

Stewart White
Handling

- **BookCat (Online Card Catalog)**
 - Key in surname being researched
 - FB = Family Books
 - FF = Family Files
 - VF = Vertical Files
 - VF Church = Vertical Files labeled Churches
 - VF Fairfield = Vertical Files labeled Fairfield
 - VF Plats = Vertical Files labeled Plats
 - VF Wills = Vertical Files labeled Wills
- **Computer with Large TV Screen**
 - Check ICON labeled Research Room
 - African American Folder
 - Books Folder
 - CDs Folder
 - Church Cemeteries Folder
 - Family Books Section Folder
 - Family Researched Files Folder (also check Master List Spreadsheet)
 - Funeral Homes Folder
 - Maps, Map Information Folders
 - Obits Folder
 - Plats Folder
 - Wills Folder
 - Check Online Research Sources Folder
 - Other web resources available, like USC Libraries, etc.
- **Main Room – Southwest Corner (Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee Portraits)**
 - Local Church History & Denominational Church History
 - Deeds
 - Wills
 - Equity Court
 - Cemeteries
 - Birth Scrapbook
 - Marriage Notices & Scrapbook
 - Death Notices & Scrapbook



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- **Main Room – Northwest Corner**
 - African American History
 - African American Obits
 - African American Cemeteries
 - Census
 - County History
 - Microfilm Index
 - Misc. Reference & Scrapbooks
- **Main Room – North Side** (Preston Brooks Portrait)
 - Gift Shop
 - Maps
- **Main Room – Northeast Corner** (Trophies)
 - Genealogy Society Information (Lineage Charts)
- **Main Room – East Side**
 - Family Books
- **Main Room – Southeast Corner** (History)
 - Colonial
 - American Independence & Scrapbooks
 - Native American
 - Mexican War
 - Southern Independence & Scrapbooks
 - World War I & Scrapbooks
 - World War II & Scrapbooks
- **Back Room – South Side**
 - Fairfield County & Community Vertical Files
 - Family Vertical Files (A-Z)
 - Genealogical Society Newsletters
- **Back Room – West Side**
 - Church History & Cemetery Vertical Files
 - Will Vertical Files
 - Plat Vertical Files
- **Back Room – Northwest Corner**
 - Microfilm Collection
- **Ask others for Ideas**
 - Check with Pelham
 - Check with Shelbia

Genealogy Resource Library

From: Fairfield Museum [fairfieldmus@truvista.net]
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Cc: 'Eddie Killian'
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It is a universal problem as there are no funds for preservation and maintenance. That is why I am glad we at least have some of them in the museum. SCDAAH came up here years ago and went through the ones in the attic and told me that, although they are local records and historically important, their resources make them have to prioritize the importance of records and they took a goodly number of them to Cola. This has been a part of the discussion over getting us a decently sized genealogy building with archival space.

From: Suzanne Johnson [mailto:spjboro@msn.com]
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If the county is holding the records in a repository other than the Museum, I doubt if there is an inventory. They tend to just think of them as "old books". I have no idea of who to approach. Sorry...

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CC: spjboro@msn.com; fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

I am unsure what to do. Does anybody know any way to find out whether the county has any kind of inventory of what records are where and, if so, is the information accessible to the public? If the county doesn't even know what it has, then that is something that appears to need addressing. At the archives's website, one is able to find out exactly what their holdings are. Surely, somebody with the county has this information.

I don't know who to call or whether to call anyone. I would need to know more about the actual situation in the county to have an idea of how to approach this.

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Did you get to talk to Betty Jo? She should know the general content of the ledgers under their jurisdiction. I see that Betty Jo's email address is wrong on the webpage. Try bettyjo.beckham@fairfield.sc.gov. or betty.beckham@fairfield.sc.gov

Betty yet, call the court house via the county offices number 635-1415

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To: 'Blaine Walker'
Subject: Your Research Request Status

Hello Blaine,

Your request is now number #11 of the 20 remaining request.

Thanks for your patience with us.

Apparently good news, the word must be out about us (see FYI below).
However, we are still supplied by a volunteer staff, with fewer and lesser hours over the holidays.

As FYI: we use to get on average about 3 request per month, this past year our average was 20 request per month, 19 last month;
our walk-in visitors is up from January 2014, 110, this past year our average was 139 walk-ins per month, 158 last month;
out of state visitors is up from January 2014, 2, this past year our average was 14 out of state visitors per month, 11 last month.

We would love to provide our services at no cost and hope to one day be able to provide this service.

However, at this time we are totally supported by volunteers and donations.

On our membership application you will see we provide a multiple of research tools and supplies for researchers.

We are a 501-C3 society and all donations are tax deductible.

Normally, we encourage researchers to become members of our chapter (see website).

Members receive free priority research and free paper copies for their membership year.

For non-members, we normally charge \$15 per request (3 hours) and \$.10 per copies.

For our records would you please share any information you have updated on your family lines.
The information will be filed and made available in our family files.
This will aide to expedite future request for research and assist walk-in researchers.

Please let us know if you need any further assistance and feel free to call us to check the status of your request.

Eddie

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM; (Lunch 12:30PM-1:30PM)
Monday or Saturday by appointment only
Volunteer staffed, please call before coming

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Meeting Date: Normally 3rd Thursday of the Month (usually at museum)

Please check web site announcement page for latest details
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