

**INTERESTING ACCOUNT
OLD BURYING GROUND**

The following, signed "An Antiquarian," a description of an ancient burying ground in Fairfield County, will be read with interest here, where a number of descendants of the Boulware family reside, among them Mrs. G. B. Sandifer and Mrs. W. J. Cherry:

Ten miles east of Winnsboro, on the Flint Hill ridge, sloping down toward the Wateree River, is situated one of the antiquities of Fairfield county — "Boulware Walls,"—the old cemetery of the Boulware (Bowler) family.

This old cemetery is of unusual extent for a family burying ground, and its walls are of such massive construction that trees of considerable size are growing from the tops of the walls, which are still in a good state of preservation.

In addition to the Scotch-Irish and French-Huguenot elements which contributed so much to the original settlement of the county there was a considerable inflow of settlers from the tidewater region of Virginia.

Muscoe Bowler, the pioneer of his family in Fairfield, belonged to the last named contingent. At the close of the Revolution he with his wife, Nancy Pickett, moved to South Carolina from the vicinity of Bowler's Wharf on the lower Rappahannock River, where the family had settled more than a century before. He established his home near the side of the old cemetery, and lived in what was known as "The Eagle House." Thirty years ago near brick piles of the old chimneys were a few old fruit trees remaining from the home orchard. At that time the graves of the slaves were still visible outside of the walls of the cemetery.

Muscoe Bowler was a descendant of Thomas Bowler who was



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