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JOHN BUCHANAN  
of  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S.C.

Most of this information was taken from sources listed at the end of this resume. Work continues on the family to obtain more and better history.

According to one source, states that George Buchanan of Scotland, born 1648, sold property belonging to him to his brother William and moved to Tyrone, Ireland where he married Elizabeth Mayne and had three sons John, William and George. Either John or William married Rachel Phillips and were the parents of our ancestors who came to South Carolina. While this may be true it is hardly so, as it is certain that Rachel Phillips married John Buchanan of Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland. Antrim is the northeastern county of Ulster while Tyrone is the southern central one. <sup>1</sup>

John Buchanan of Ballymena, Antrim, Ireland and Rachel Phillips Buchanan had five children who lived to maturity. Mr. G. H. McMaster in his diary gives these as the probable correct dates of birth of these five, Mary 1746, Robert 1748, John 1750, William 1758 and Creighton 1760.

Alice A. Walker in a vignette of the family of Judge Osmond Woodward Buchanan, descendant of the above Creighton Buchanan, states that "The Buchanans, before settling in this country, left Scotland and went to County Antrim in the north of Ireland where they lived in Ballymeeny, from which location Creighton Buchanan, grandfather of Osmond Woodward, came to America".

Robert and John Buchanan, the two oldest sons came to South Carolina in 1770 with their two uncles, John and Robert Phillips, and it is said that they lived with John Phillips some years. <sup>1</sup> William the third son was born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland. He never came to America and died there in 1813. Later his widow and four children came to South Carolina. Creighton, the youngest son, was married in Ireland in 1786. He came to South Carolina in 1788

Susannah Margaret Russell born July 13, 1807-  
Fairfield Co; married Aug. 11, 1828 Thomas Young  
Henry Co Ga.

Robert Buchanan Russell born May 7, 1809 Fairfield  
Co-died 1886 Henry Co Ga. married (1) Nancy Weaver  
on Oct. 13, 1831 in Henry Co Ga. (2) Nancy Amanda  
Robinson on Feb. 3, 1846 in Newton Co Ga.

Eliza Lean Russell born Nov. 11, 1811 Fairfield  
Co-died Feb. 16, 1884 Newton Co Ga. Buried in  
Bethany Cemetery Newton Co Ga. Married Alfred  
Livingston in Newton Co Ga.

James Rodger Russell born Apr. 5, 1814 Fairfield  
Co-married Ann M \_\_\_\_\_

Leticia Rachel Russell born June 7, 1817 Fairfield  
Co. No further information

Thomas Ross Russell, Jr. born Oct. 20, 1820 Fair-  
field Co- died Oct 15, 1826 in Fairfield Co SC

Martha Russell born 1812 Fairfield Co - died  
1834 Henry Co. Ga. Married Mar. 10, 1831 to James  
Turner.

2. Lt. Robert Buchanan born ca 1748 in Ireland and died  
Aug. 31, 1780 while a British prisoner. He was granted  
100 acres of land on Jackson's Creek in Fairfield County  
in November of 1772 but three years later he was in  
Charleston SC teaching a classical school. He served  
from April 18, 1776 until his death with Capt. John  
Buchanan's Company, 6th S.C. Regiment commanded by  
Col. William Henderson. His unit was consolidated  
with four others into the 3rd SC Regiment under Major  
Benjamin Huger. He was taken prisoner on May 12, 1780  
when Charleston fell to the British and refused to  
accept a parole at the hands of a British soldier. He  
was imprisoned on a British ship and died as so many  
prisoners did. He was buried at Haddrel's Point, now  
Mt. Pleasant, near Charleston. The War Department gives  
his death date as Aug. 31, 1780. He was thought to have  
been on either the TORBAY or the PACK HORSE, British ships  
The name of his wife has not yet been determined.
3. Capt. John Buchanan born ca 1750 Ireland-died Apr. 22,  
1824, Fairfield Co. A copy of his will is attached.  
He married Mrs. Sally (Sarah) Birnie Milling, widow of  
David Milling, born ca 1747- died Apr. 1825. His  
military records are well documented and copies of this  
are attached. They had two daughters:

Sarah Buchanan who married Thomas Means  
Mary Buchanan who married John Means

4. William Buchanan born ca 1758 Ireland-died 1813 Ireland. married Nancy Ray born Feb. 18, 1762-died Nov. 13, 1829 in Ireland. His widow died in Fairfield Co. SC. They had ten children of whom six died in infancy. A copy of a letter written by his mother Rachel Buchanan on March 14, 1793 confirms their place of residence and gives us a date which proves a year Rachel Buchanan was in South Carolina. Copy of this letter is attached. His wife and four children came to South Carolina four years after his death (1817). Two ministers, one of Ahoghill and another of Ballymena and four elders signed the certificate dismissing Nancy Buchanan and her children from the church to which they had belonged in Ireland. "I certify that Nancy Buchanan, Widow and four children were regular members of the Presbyterian Congregation of Ahoghill and that they conducted themselves in a sober, just and religious manner, as far as known to me. October 4th, 1818". This statement gives a more definite date as to when they came to South Carolina. A copy of Nancy Buchanan's obituary is attached. Their children were:

Mary Ann Buchanan, born Feb. 16, 1801-died June 19, 1858. She married William Carlisle, a Thompsonian doctor and had six children who lived to be grown, four who married.

Only James Henry, John Wilson and Nancy had children. Dr./Carlisle was the well-known and beloved president of Wofford College,

Capt. John W. Carlisle was a lawyer and prominent citizen of Spartanburg. He had a son

Children of Mary Ann and William Carlisle born July 26, 1787 and who died Mar. 28, 1867 were:

William R. Carlisle who married Belle \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. James H. Carlisle a professor who lived in Spartanburg married Margaret Bryce

Capt. John W. Carlisle who also lived in Spartanburg married Louise Bobo.

Nancy M. Carlisle married William Morrison

Mary Ray Carlisle married Richard Gantt

Thomas Carlisle and Rachel Carlisle never married

Children of James H. Carlisle and Margaret Bryce were Sarah Carlisle who never married and James H. Carlisle who married May Hellams. They had one son James H. Carlisel.

Children of John W. Carlisle and Louise Bobo were Ella B. Carlisle who married Charles P. Wofford; May Carlisle who married L. Breedin; Howard B. Carlisle who married George Adam; Anna L. Carlisle who married J. J. Burnett and Louisa M. Carlisle who married T. J. White.

Rachel Buchanan born Aug. 12, 1803- died June 19, 1858 and married James McCreight. He was born Oct. 8, 1798- died Feb. 6, 1873. They had children:

Job W. McCreight

William B. McCreight born July 1823-died Jan. 1859

Robert C. McCreight born Oct. 28, 1826-died Aug. 1, 1851

Daniel B. McCreight who married Mary Trusdall

Other sons died when young.

Rachel Buchanan McCreight's obituary appeared in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of May 2, 1851. To be copied from the Watchman & Observer told the following: "Died, in Winnsboro, S.C. on the 5th of March, 1851. Mrs. Rachel McCreight, wife of James McCreight, in the 48th year of her age....(long eulogy). This was submitted by J.B. Jackson.

John R. Buchanan born Feb. 17, 1797 in Antrim County Ireland- died Fairfield County Apr. 30, 1847. Married Charlotte Hicklin born July 28, 1810 in Chester Co., SC- died Oct. 3, 1860 Fairfield Co. Married John R. Buchanan in 1830. John R. Buchanan's obituary appearing in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of May 21, 1847 states "John R. Buchanan, was born in Antrim Co., Ireland, Feb. 17, 1797, emigrated to this State in 1819.... in 1824 he was appointed ordinary of Fairfield district...died 30th of April...left wife and five children. Submitted by Paul A. M. Williams, Winsboro, SC May 2, 1847".

Charlotte Buchanan's obituary appearing in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of Nov. 22, 1860 states: "Mrs. Charlotte N. Buchanan was born in Chester Dist., SC July 28, 1810, married to John R. Buchanan in 1830, was left a widow in 1847, and died near the place of her birth Oct. 3, 1860...". Their children were:

William Reuben Buchanan born 1831-died Dec. 5, 1852. His obituary in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of Jan. 21, 1853 stated: "Died in Chester Dist. SC in the 21st year of his age, William Reuben, Eldest son of the late John R. Buchannan... submitted by James H. Carlisle".

Nancy S. Buchanan married Jan. 2, 1852 to J. B. Ferguson. Her obituary in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of Aug. 16, 1855 stated "Mrs. Nannie Ferguson, daughter of J. R. and C. N. Buchanan was born in Fairfield Dist., SC Sept. 15, 1833, and died June 22, 1855". This was submitted by L.A.J.

Mary Buchanan no further information

John Hicklin Buchanan born Aug. 17, 1836 and married Mary M. Mobley

James Buchanan no further information

Nancy Buchanan born 1808- died Feb. 16, 1856. Married John Lewis. Obituary in the Southern Christian Advocate issue of Apr. 17, 1856 stated "Mrs. Nancy R. Lewis, wife of John Lewis, of Alachua Ct. E. Fla. died Feb. 16, 1856, in her 48th year, leaving a husband and seven children. Her only brother, the late John R. Buchanan of Winnsboro, S.C..... submitted by E. L. King." Names of her children are unknown at thistime.

5. Creighton Buchanan born 1760 and married in Ireland in 1786 to the widow Valentine whose maiden name was Mary (Mollie) Millican. In 1788 he, his wife, her two Valentine daughters and it is believed his mother and widowed sister Mary McDowell came to South Carolina and settled on Little River near Winnsboro on a farm owned by Capt. John Buchanan. He died in 1823 and was buried with his two wives and daughter Martha in the Presbyterian churchyard in Winnsboro very near the lower entrance. Mary Millican was born 1760 and died in 1814. Creighton's second wife was Elizabeth Smith Stewart who was a widow. She was born Mar. 20, 1784 and died Feb. 9, 1849. Children by his first wife, Mary Millican were:

General John Buchanan born Aug. 9, 1790 and died Apr. 2, 1862. He married Harriet Yongue daughter of Samuel W. Yongue and his wife Rebecca. Samuel W. Yongue was a Presbyterian minister who served at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro. He was born on Little River near Buchanan's Ford. Children were:

John Milliken Buchanan born 1821 and died 1903. He married Eugenia Felder and moved to Texas. Their children were: John F. Buchanan 1850-1912 married Emma Elliott; Samuel Y. Buchanan 1852-1857; Andrew M. Buchanan married Fanny Styles; William E. Buchanan never married; Adele Buchanan married Dr. M. G. Salley; Samuel R. Buchanan married Laura J.; James Paul Buchanan Apr. 30, 1866-1935 married Jesse \_\_\_\_\_.

William Buchanan died in the Confederate War at Chantilly in 1862.

Samuel Y. Buchanan died at 25 years of age. Was admitted to the bar May 17, 1848.

Ann Buchanan married Dr. Edward P. Palmer a Presbyterian minister and lived in Louisiana.

Rachel Buchanan born Aug. 21, 1793 died June 9, 1883. She married John McMaster (July 1787-Sept. 2, 1864). Their children were:

John Creighton McMaster Oct. 1817-1834

Hugh B. McMaster Feb. 20, 1820 married Lizzie Fleming

Dr. James Riley McMaster Feb. 21, 1822 married Harriet Mobley

Mary M. McMaster Jan. 30, 1824 married Henry L. Elliott

Col. Fitz William McMaster Mar. 21, 1826 married Mary Jane Macfie

George Hunter McMaster April 27, 1828 married (1) Mary Flenniken

(2) Louisa P. Gregg

Richard Nott McMaster Nov. 26, 1831 married Sarah Boulware  
 Margaret E. C. McMaster Oct. 20, 1834 married Osmond Thompson  
Martha Buchanan born 1795 died 1814

Children of Creighton Buchanan and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Stewart;  
 who was born Mar. 20, 1784 and died Feb. 9, 1849 were:

Elizabeth C. Buchanan Oct. 6, 1816 died Apr. 9, 1847 and married  
 McKinney Elliott. They had a daughter Elizabeth (Lizzie) born  
 Nov. 9, 1842 and died Sept. 5, 1917. Never married.

Calvin Buchanan who moved to Texas in 1844. Name of his wife  
 is apparently unknown at this time. Their children were:  
 John Creighton Buchanan Feb. 24, 1850 who married Rosa Patton;  
 James Hamilton Buchanan; Samuel W. Buchanan never married;  
 William Frank Buchanan; Laura Buchanan married Frank English;  
 Mary Augusta Buchanan who married John A. Beard; Fitz W.  
 Buchanan never married; Robert E. Buchanan never married; and  
 Lulu who married John A. Beard.

Dr. Robert A. Buchanan born June 6, 1819-died July 2, 1902.  
 Was a physician who lived in Winnsboro, SC. Married Rebecca  
 Woodward born Apr. 20, 1832-died July 21, 1908. Their children  
 were: Judge Osmond W. Buchanan born Sept. 16, 1858-died Mar.  
 17, 1908 and married Sophie Tillman; Robert Buchanan born July  
 11, 1860-died Jan. 20, 1927 never married; Rebecca Buchanan born  
 May 1, 1865-died July 21, 1907 never married; Alice Buchanan  
 born 1857 married Dave Walker; Dr. John Buchanan born Aug. 15,  
 1862-died Feb. 28, 1943 married Minnie Yongue born Feb. 29, 1864-  
 died Nov. 10, 1931. Children of Dr. John and Minnie Adger Yongue  
 Buchanan were Dr. John Buchanan married Mary Douglas; William  
 Buchanan married Ellen Brice; Claudia Buchanan married Frank  
 Snowden; Henri Buchanan married a Mr. Coleman and Ethel Buchanan  
 who married a Mr. Sanborn.

Sources for this information:

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 History of Fairfield County South Carolina - Ederington  
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 from Buchanan relatives as well as old family letters.  
 South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazines - 36 volumes  
 Marriage and Death Notices from Southern Christian Advocate- 2 volumes  
 by Holcomb  
 Fairfield County deeds, wills, estate records  
 Fairfield County, S. C. Minutes of the County Court 1785-1799- Holcomb  
 Military records from South Carolina archives and National Archives

State of South Carolina In the name of God amen. I John Buchanan of the Town of Winnsborough in the District of Fairfield and State aforesaid being in good health and perfect mind and memory for which I desire to be very thankful in the Almighty God the author of all blessings, spirituals and temporal, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, and the time to them unknown, I therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament, thereby disposing of such worldly estate as the Lord hath blessed me with in the manner and form following to wit. I Give unto my beloved wife Sarah Buchanan the use of all my estate both real and personal, to hold use occupy possess and enjoy for and during the time of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease, I give and devise to my nephew John Buchanan son of my brother Creighton Buchanan all my lands situate near the Town of Winnsborough which I purchased of Robert Barkley and David R. Evans, also the lots of land in the Twon of Winnsborough whereon I now live with all the houses investments and appurtenances thereto belonging to him and his heirs forever, excepting and reserving the north east half of this lot parcel piece of land on which stands the house wherein my sister in law Nancy Buchanan now lives, which house and one half of said lot of land I give and devise unto my said Sister in law Nancy Buchanan during the term of her natural life and at her death when she shall think proper to relinquish her claim to the said premises, I give and devise the said described half lot of land unto my said nephew John Buchanan to him and his heirs forever upon his paying unto the said Nancy Buchanan should she consent to give up this property in her lifetime or to her heirs at her decease such a sum of money as the said half lot of land with the improvements thereon will be valued at by the persons two of which shall be chosen by my said nephew John Buchanan and the other two by my said sister in law Nancy Buchanan or her heirs.

And from and immediately after the decease of my beloved wife Sarah Buchanan I Give and bequeath unto my nephew John R. Buchanan son of my deceased brother William Buchanan the following negroes viz, William and his wife Rachel and her future increase, also her four children Sam, Tom, Betty and William, also a negro boy Billy and a small boy called Sam Creighton to him and his heirs forever.

To my niece Mary Ann Carlisle I give and bequeath a negro boy Bob. To my niece Rachel McCreight I give and bequeath a negro woman Nancy. To my niece Nancy Buchanan I give and bequeath a negro woman Molly with her future increase to them and their heirs forever, but none of these Bequests are intended to take effect until after the death of my wife.

It is my will that should my old negro man Fortune (who has been a faithful servant to me) be alive at the death of my wife that he be no longer considered a slave and that he have a reasonable support from the remainder and residue of my estate. Such as my executors may think proper to allow him during his life.

It is also my will and intention that the above legacies to my nephew John R. Buchanan and to my niece Mary Ann Carlisle, Rachel McCreight

and Nancy Buchanan shall be in full satisfaction of all debt, demands, claims and amounts which my said nephew last named and my said nieces may respectively have against me or my estate. I give and devise unto my niece Mary Ann Carlisle all those lot or parcel of land situate in the Town of Winnsborough adjoining each other and distinguished in the plan of said town by numbers 99-100-101-102-116-117 and 118 (reserving for the use of the Methodist Church twenty feet to be taken off the NE end of lot 102 and added to lot No. 115 on which the said church now stands. To the sole use and behoof of my said niece Mary Ann Carlisle for and during the term of her natural life and at her death I give and devise the said last mentioned lots of land to the heirs of her body alive at my death and to such said Mary Ann Carlisle may have begotten of her body after my death to them and theirs forever. Provided nevertheless and it is my will and intention that the said Mary Ann Carlisle and her present or any future husband shall have full power and authority to bargain sell \_\_\_\_\_ release and confirm to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America all of said lots of land last aforesaid described in fee simple should that Church at any time during the lifetime of the said Mary Ann Carlisle or her husband desire to purchase and the parties named agree on terms of pay.

All the rest residues and remainder of my lands and real estate and all my money goods chattels estate and effects of whatever nature and hand own after payment of my just debts I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah her heirs and assigns forever. And I do here by nominate and constitute my said wife Sarah Buchanan and my said nephews John Buchanan and John R. Buchanan exors and executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three and in the forty eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Jno. Buchanan

Signed sealed published and  
duly declared in presence of us

Andrew Crawford  
John McMaster  
R. Crawford

Probates: In the Court of ordinary for the district of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina on the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four personally appeared Andrew Crawford who being duly sworn made oath that he did see the above named John Buchanan deceased sign seal publish pronounce and declair the above and foregoing as and for his last will and testament. That the said deceased was then of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of his knowledge and belief of the deponent. And that John McMaster and Robert Crawford together with said deponent did subscribe their names as witnesses thereto. On the 21st April 1824 Sarah Buchanan and John Buchanan named executrix and executor in the will duly qualified.

John R. Buchanan Ordinary

Andrew Crawford

Obituary of Nancy Buchanan, wife of William Buchanan of Fairfield County South Carolina. Southern Christian Advocate and Journal.

"Departed this life on the 13th of November, in the 57th year of her age, Mrs. Nancy Buchanan. She was born on the 18th of February, 1762 in the County Antrim, Ireland. Her parents were members of the Presbyterian Church and she became a member in her 18th year. She was married in her 26th year to William Buchanan...and she was left a widow with the four youngest in the year 1813, and ....five years later she left her native country and emigrated to America. Here she became acquainted with the people called Methodist, who were much spoken against .... She had strong prejudices against them, however, and determined not to say much about them until she should make herself better acquainted with the Scriptures. On her reading and praying to God her opinions became quite changed. She was for forty years a member of the Presbyterian Church, but she was always a Methodist in principle, and never could see in her Bible the doctrine of reprobation. In her 58th year she cast in her lot with the Methodists where she remained, growing in grace and in the knowledge of God to the day of her death. She was sorely afflicted for the last few years, but was patient under her afflictions....and shortly before her death, she repeated three times with a strong voice, 'Praise the Lord'."

Descendants of Mary McDowell Russell (daughter of Mary Buchanan McCartney McDowell; granddaughter of John Buchanan and Rachel Phillips Buchanan)

From the War of 1812 Pension application we derive most of the early information on Mary McDowell. She was apparently born ca 1781 and was born in Ireland. The application stated that she married Thomas Ross Russell 6 October 1801 in Fairfield County SC at Buchanan's Mill by Rev. Samuel Yongue. James Y. Thompson who gave an affidavit stated that the Russells left South Carolina about 1826 or 1827 and came to Newton County Georgia, then moving to Henry County Ga. There they lived until their death's. Mary McDowell Russell died in 1873 and Thomas Russell died 8 April 1853. Both are buried in the Russell cemetery which is off Highway 20 in Henry County near McDonough, Ga. In her deed dated 19th August 1854 (Henry Co Deed Book W page 532-533) she is shown as "widow of the late Thomas Russell" and lists her children and their spouses. She is giving them "all her interest in the Estate of Leonna McCauley late of Green County of said state now deceased being four hundred and forty four dollars and nine cents after deducting fifteen dollars and forty cents incurred in collecting the same by Forqus Russell". After the debts of the late Thomas Russell were paid, Mary was to have the place on which the said Thomas Russell lived and died in Henry County which was about one hundred acres the south half of lot of land number 14 lying the 7th Dist of Henry and that Mary should have the right and power to dispose of the aforesaid will or otherwise.

Children of this union were:

1. Forqus McDowell Russell born July 13, 1802 Fairfield Co SC-died April 2, 1870 in Rocky Mount Rusk Co, TX He married in 1820 Mary Ann Gladney in Fairfield Co SC.
2. Mary Ann Hutchinson Russell born Dec. 3, 1804 Fairfield Co SC. Married 27 Jan. 1831 John Gladney in Henry Co Ga.
3. Susannah Margaret Russell born July 13, 1807 Buchanan's Mill Fairfield Co SC. Married Thomas Young 11 Aug. 1828 in Henry Co. Ga.
4. Robert Buchanan Russell May 7, 1809 Fairfield Co SC- died 1886 in Henry Co Ga. Buried in Russell Cemetery there. Married (1) Nancy Weaver 13 Oct. 1831 Henry Co Ga. and (2) Nancy Amanda Robinson 3 Feb. 1846 in Newton Co Ga.
5. Eliza Lean Russell born Nov. 11, 1811 Fairfield Co SC-died Feb. 16, 1884. Buried Bethany Cemetery in Newton Co. Ga. Married Alfred Livingston in Newton Co Ga.
6. James Rodger Russell born Apr. 5, 1814 Fairfield Co SC. Married Ann M. \_\_\_\_\_ Lived in Walker County Ga.
7. Leticia Rachel Russell born June 7, 1817 Fairfield Co. SC. No further information at this time.
8. Thomas Ross Russell (Jr.) born Oct. 20, 1820 Fairfield Co SC- Died Oct. 15, 1826 Fairfield Co SC
9. Martha Russell born 1812 Fairfield Co SC- died 1834 Henry Co Ga. Married 10 Mar. 1831 James Turner.

# Tales of Winnsboro And Fairfield County

By Nell S. Graydon

*Blackstock Community  
History of Fairfield*

In Winnsboro one finds an atmosphere so reminiscent of the Old South that it cannot fail to impress the most casual observer. A priceless heritage is reflected in the architecture of her homes, churches and civic buildings.

The story of the old town clock—the oldest one running in America today—was told in The State Magazine several years ago, and most South Carolinians are familiar with the ancient Mt. Zion Society that has played a part in the educational development of the state since 1777.

An interesting story was told me by the charming mistress of one of the stately antebellum homes that stands far back from the tree lined street that runs through the heart of Winnsboro.

Fortune, the personal servant of Captain Robert Buchanan, of Winnsboro, was with his master at Georgetown when Lafayette arrived there. Captain Buchanan generously lent Fortune to the Marquis for the duration of his stay. The famous man grew attached to the loyal, efficient Negro and regretfully parted from him.

Many years afterward in 1825, Lafayette returned to America and was elaborately feted throughout the land. In Columbia, a wonderful welcome was extended to him. Fortune, then a very old man, carefully dressed, rode his pony from Winnsboro to Columbia. Arriving at the hotel where the General was attending a banquet, Fortune had some trouble gaining admittance but when he finally stood before the General the famous man immediately recognized the first servant who had waited on him in America, and ordered a glass of champagne for old Fortune. George M. McMaster, who was born in 1828 and lived to be quite old wrote a relative in 1899 that he remembered "Fortune who always wore a woven woolen cap shaped conically. A

nephew of Captain Buchanan, General John Buchanan supported the slave in his old age. He was never required to do any work and did none except on his rice patch." The rice was grown on land located in the town of Winnsboro—the large spring on it has been known for years as "Fortune's Spring." The old rice patch is being developed into a lovely park.

A STORY repeated by one of the older residents concerns a greatly beloved Winnsboro physician, Doctor Robinson. He made many trips on horseback, over Fairfield county, attending the sick. One night, as he was returning home from a visit to a patient a terrific rain and thunder storm forced him to seek shelter in the doorway of Old Brick church. A flash of lightning revealed a tall figure clothed in a long white robe coming from the graveyard.



For a second he thought the apparition was a figure of his imagination, but another flash revealed it within a few feet of the doctor. Doctor Robinson was a brave man, and took no stock in tales of the supernatural, but without delay he sprang upon his horse's back. To his horror, the apparition jumped behind him and long bony arms clasped his waist. The doctor realized the firm grasp belonged to no phantom, and began to question his unwelcome companion, and



found that it was a poor deranged man who had escaped from his sleeping family and wandered into the churchyard.

NEARLY all the older residents of Fairfield county have heard the gruesome story of General Packenham and, as with most legends and traditions, there are various versions. In 1812, during the Battle of New Orleans the general was killed.

In a certain section of Fairfield county a group of friends met periodically to share a barrel of rum. On one memorable occasion the rum arrived from Charleston and when the last

*happened near Hebron Presbyterian - traditionally, Packenham was buried in a spot identified by the father of Charles Montgomery -- now lost to memory*

drop had been drained from the barrel, it was still heavy one man could not lift it. The merrymakers decided to burst it open, and it was found to contain the perfectly preserved body of General Packenham, dressed in his uniform complete with decorations.

The story most commonly believed is that the General was "embalmed" in the alcohol and put on a ship for England and the ship was captured by privateers and the rum carried to Charleston and sold.