

# To The Memory of Joel Butler Burley and Mary Sue Perry Burley



**Joel Butler Burley**  
Born March 11, 1859  
Bethel Section, Fairfield County  
Died November 25, 1930,  
Winnsboro, S.C.

**Mary Sue Perry Butler**  
Born February 25, 1867  
Lakeland, Fla.  
Died December 18, 1936  
Winnsboro, S.C.

## The Burleys

Members of the Burley family have been in Fairfield County prior to the Revolutionary War as evidenced by records of the Southern Rangers dated 1751. This record shows that John Burley (Berly) was a member of the Southern Rangers. He entered this unit May 23, 1751. The Southern Rangers were a troop of men organized by Governor Glen to act as protection against Indian raids.

The Burley name as used today has been written numerous ways throughout county history. Census takers have spelled the name Burley, Burly, Berly, Berley, Byerly, Byerley, Bierly, Boierly, and Boirly.

Most of the Burleys in Fairfield County at this time are descended from Harrison A. Burley and Margaret Steele Burley. Harrison A. Burley was born in Fairfield County on Jan. 3, 1820, died April 5, 1877, and was buried at Little River Baptist Church. He had several children. Most of his children left Fairfield County after the War between the States. These settled in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama. William J. Burley, son of Harrison, was born in 1850, stayed in Fairfield and several descendants still live in the Monticello, Salem, and Lebanon areas.

During the War Between the States, a number of Burleys from Fairfield County fought with Confederate troops. These are as follows:

W.J. Burley, pvt. 17th Regiment S.C. Volunteers, Co. B, paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. April 9, 1865.

Adam Burley, pvt., 17th Regiment S.C. Volunteers, Co. B. listed at 40 years old.

N.A. Burley, capt. 17th Regiment S.C. Volunteers, Co. B. Wounded at several different battles; also listed as Noah.

H.H. Burley, was first listed with the Buckhead Guards which later became part of the 6th S.C. Infantry. Also listed Hart Burley. Given name Hartwell Burley. Obtained rank of 1st sgt.; wounded around Petersburg, Virginia; died of complications from these wounds.

Walter A. Burley became 3rd lt. 6th Calvary S.C. Vols. Charles B. Burley, corp. 12th S.C. Regiment, co. F. served from beginning of war. Wounded at Jerico Ford, Va., May 23, 1864, returned to regiment and paroled at Appomattox Court House, Va. April 9, 1865.

During World War I, Ernest P. Burley served in the U.S. Infantry.

During World War II, the following served in the military.

Joel C. Burley, Monticello, entered Army Air Force Nov. 7, 1942. Honorable discharge July 24, 1945, rank Staff sgt.

M.D. Burley, Monticello, entered U.S. Army, awarded Bronze Service Star. Honorable discharge Feb. 21, 1946,  
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sgt. Military Police.

Charles C. Burley, Monticello, entered U.S. Army Honorable discharge Nov. 16, 1945, pvt.

Samuel T. Burley, Monticello, entered U.S. Army Honorable discharge April 1, 1946, capt.

At the present time there are seven families in Fairfield County with the head of the household as a Burley and a number of aligned families.

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## Verlin Barnett Family

Verlin E. Barnett, (born Sept. 12, 1903, Wilkes County N.C.) Married Sara Bivins, (born March 5, 1907, Jones County Ga., on August 28, 1928.

He came to Fairfield County 1923 and she came to teach school in 1927. They settled in Ridgeway and have lived here ever since.

The Barnetts have three children. They are Verlin E. Jr. (Lin) Born Oct. 14, 1936, Louise born March 16, 1939, and William Jackson, born Dec. 24, 1941. Verlin e. Jr., married Claire Biddison of Baltimore Md., Feb. 14, 1960. They have two children, Cheryl, and Dawn. Louise Barnett was married to William H. Beha Jr., Sept 22, in Ridgeway Baptist Church. They have three children, William Jr., Jenifer, and Stevens. Williams Jackson was married to Patrician Lyles in Winnsboro, Aug. 5, 1961. They have two children, William Jackson Jr., and Jaudon.

The Barnetts are members of the First Baptist Church Ridgeway.

## Berzley Family

Harold William Berzley was born in Allegan, Michigan, on May 29, 1919, and lived there with his parents, Francis Alfred and Leona Whitacre Berzley, until he was called to serve in the United States Army in World War II.

While stationed at Fort Jackson, and on maneuvers in Fairfield County, he met Lois Harriet Plyler (b. August 3, 1918). Harold served in the European Theater of War, and was honorably discharged November 27, 1945. He and Lois were married on Dec. 27, 1945 and since that time have resided in Winnsboro. They have one son, Harold William Berzley, Jr. (b. Aug. 4, 1957) who married Ann Elizabeth Hunnicutt (b. Sept. 2, 1961) on Feb. 18, 1978. "Bill" and "Libby" reside in Columbia, S.C.

in June 1781 through the intercession of the Widow Milling, Mrs. Sarah Birnie Milling, whom he married after the war was over. There were no children of the union. Captain Buchanan had a mill on Little River. Then he moved to Winnsboro and built a home on Congress Street, part of which served as an inn. He served as Judge of Ordinary. He sold his inn in 1807 to his brother Creighton and moved into a house near Mt. Zion College on Zion Street. Captain and Mrs. Buchanan were among the founders of the Winnsboro Methodist Church. He died April 23, 1824.

William Buchanan, a brother of Captain John Buchanan, never came to America, but his widow and children did. His daughter, Mary Ann, married William Carlisle and their son was Dr. James H. Carlisle who was president of Wofford College for many years.

Creighton Buchanan was born 1760 in Northern Ireland and married the Widow Valentine, Mary (Molly) Milliken. In 1788 they came to South Carolina and settled on Little River. Their children were: John (born 1790); Rachel (born 1793); and Martha (born 1796). John graduated from South Carolina College in 1811. During The War of 1812, he was adjutant of a regiment near Charleston. He practiced law in Winnsboro and was Commissioner in Equity. He became a Major General in the South Carolina militia. For more than 25 years, he served as a Representative and Senator from Fairfield District in the State Legislature. He married Harriet Yongue. Their children were: John M.; Samuel; Ann who married Rev. Edward Palmer; William Creighton (killed in the Civil War).

Rachel Buchanan, daughter of Creighton and Mary Milliken Buchanan, married John McMaster. Their children are listed in the McMaster Family history in this book.

Martha Buchanan, daughter of Creighton and Mary Milliken Buchanan, never married.

Creighton Buchanan's second wife was Elizabeth Smith, the Widow Stewart. Their children were: Calvin; Dr. Robert Buchanan; and Elizabeth Catherine. Calvin moved to Texas. Elizabeth Catherine married James McKinney Elliott, and their only child was Lizzie Elliott who taught in a Texas college. Dr. Robert A. Buchanan was born in 1819. He married Rebecca Woodward. Their children were: Osmond, Robert, Rebecca, Alice, and John. Osmond W. Buchanan served in the General Assembly and was elected Attorney General in 1894. He became a circuit judge. He married Sophie Tillman in 1889.

Dr. John Buchanan was born August 6, 1862. Graduated first in his class at South Carolina College in 1883 and also was first honor man at the Medical College of South Carolina in 1887. He practiced medicine in Winnsboro for 41 years. Died February 28, 1943. He married Minnie A. Yongue. Their children were: Henree Catherine (Mrs. George Coleman); Minnie (died at 10 years); Claudia Rebecca (Mrs. Frank Snowden); Ethel

Yongue (Mrs. Frank Sanborn); twin boys (died in infancy); Dr. John Creighton married Mary Byers Douglas; William Yongue married Ellen Brice.

Alice Buchanan, daughter of Dr. Robert A. and Rebecca Woodward Buchanan, married David Walker. Their children were: David V. Walker, Jr.; J.B. Walker; Rebecca who married Dr. Virgil Kinnaid; and Alice America Beaufort Walker, genealogist, historian, and one of Fairfield's greatest boosters.

Submitted by Nelle McMaster Sprott

## Burley Family

Joel Butler Burley, son of Hartwell Burley and Margaret Hoy Burley, was born March 11, 1859 in the Bethel section of Fairfield County. He was married in 1888 to Mary Sue Perry, born February 25, 1867 in Lakeland Florida, daughter of Captain Thomas J. Perry and Susanna Robertson Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Burley first established their home at Bethel, moving later in 1903 to Winnsboro, South Carolina where they lived on North Vanderhorst Street until their deaths. Mr. Burley died on November 24, 1930 and Mrs. Burley on December 18, 1936.

Mr. Burley served Fairfield County for a period of thirty years as Town Clerk, Auditor, and County Supervisor.

Their children were:

Mary Ann (Mayme),-born March 11, 1890; died August 22, 1974; married David Roe Coleman, Jr., of Winnsboro, S.C. one daughter, Lola C. Sellers, Dawson, Georgia.

Lois Irene,-born August 11, 1892; died June 3, 1973; married Hilliard Gibson Wylie, of Winnsboro, S.C.; three daughters: Livian W. Tyler, Florence, S.C.; Margie W. Meng, Winnsboro, S.C.; Nelle W. Paulsen, Macon Georgia.

Henry Hartell-born December 13, 1895; died April 19, 1973; married Mae (Mary) Boyd of Waynesboro, Georgia. No Children.

Ernest Perry;-Born September 19, 1895; died May 15, 1980; Married Florence Moore of Jasper, Alabama. No children.

Sally Butler;-born June 9, 1897; now living at Garden City, S.C. married Vance W.B. Norwood of Wilmington, N.C. One son, three daughters: Joel Vance Norwood, Great Falls, Virginia; Mary Louise N. Skillman, Garden City, S.C.; Charlie N. Edge, Conway, S.C.; Ann N. Giardino, Conago Park, California.

Gladys;-born August 18, 1902; now living at Murrells Inlet, S.C.; Married Thomas F. Proctor of Wilmington, N.C. One son, one daughter; Thomas F. Proctor, Jr., Fairfax, Virginia; Sandra P. Pettingill, Richmond, Virginia.

Thomas Jefferson;-born March 21, 1906; died October 27, 1956; married Malloy Hearon, Bethune, S.C. one son, one daughter: Joel Burley, Tampa, Florida; Melita B. McPherson, Bethune, S.C.

Submitted by:  
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