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Fairfield became a county in 1785. Previous to this time all records of land titles were made in Charleston. A few of the first settlers in Fairfield came from Charleston but the majority came from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and other northern colonies.

No county made a better show in the Confederate War. The U. S. Census of 1860 showed 1578 white males between the ages of 15 and 60 years. Best obtainable record shows Fairfield furnished 2,000 men to the Confederacy.

In 1913 twenty square miles of Fairfield County were annexed to Richland County. The population in this area, 14,269 acres, was estimated to be about 1,500.

Below are the Confederate War records of John Hampton Cooper and of his brother William James Cooper as obtained from the Confederate records in the Archives Building, Columbia, South Carolina, by Mary Cooper Nungezer.

John H. Cooper  
Age 20, Fairfield District  
Private C Company  
Enlisted August 21, 1861, at Ridgeway, South Carolina under Captain H. C. Davis. On roll December 31, 1862, as 3 Corporal. On roll February 28, 1863, as 2 Corporal. On roll June 30, 1863, as promoted to 1 Corporal. On roll December 31, 1863, as wounded left at Gettysburg. On last roll December 31, 1864, as absent on furlough. Parolled April 9, 1865 at Appomattox, Virginia.

William James Cooper  
Age 23, Fairfield District  
Private G Company  
7th Bat. South Carolina Inf.  
Enlisted November 13, 1861, at Winnsboro by Captain Rion. Transferred to Captain Clyburn's company on June 2, 1862. Promoted to 4 Corporal October 28, 1862. On roll June 30, 1863, as 3 Corporal and sick in camp. Was wounded and captured at Drewerys Bluff on May 16, 1864. On roll call October 31, 1864, listed as prisoner of war since May 16, On last roll call December 31, 1864, listed as absent.

#### GENEALOGY

*My Great Grandfather*  
6. John Cooper M Nancy S. Johnson  
b 1812 d 1897 b 1812 d 1882  
Children: William James, Jesse, John Hampton, Joel Pressley  
Samuel F. M., Mars L., Thomas C., Rosana, Nancy  
Isabella.

7. William James Cooper  
b 1838 wounded and captured May 16, 1864

7. Jesse Cooper M Elizabeth Watts  
b 1839 d \_\_\_\_\_ b 6 \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_  
No children

*My Great Grandfather*  
7. John Hampton M Rachel Melvina Kelly  
b 11-22-1842 d 5-2-1924 b 1-6-1848 d 1-17-1921  
Children: Louisa, Elizabeth, William James, Martha, John  
Preston, Henry Davis, Annie, Claude, Freddie (died in infancy),  
Gussie, Jessie Mae

7. Joel Pressley Cooper Never Married  
b 1844 d \_\_\_\_\_
7. Samuel F. M. Cooper M Mattie Kistler  
b 1846 d \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: Mary, Pressly, Sam, Mattie Bell.
7. Mars L. Cooper M Isabelle Van Brackle Smith  
b 1848 d 1924 b 1861 d 1948  
Children: Glenn John, Iola Belle, Herbert Press, Mars L., Fay  
Boyd, Thomas Woodward, Walter Bird, Alfred Payton,  
Charles, Marguerite.
7. Thomas Cooper M Elizabeth Peay Crumpton  
b 1852 d \_\_\_\_\_ b 1855 d \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: Brooks Calhoun, Effie, Ursula.
7. Rosana M. I. J. E. Cooper M Samuel Sims  
b 1855 d 1930 b 1846 d 1918  
Children: Marvin, Harry, Eva, Cooper, Alvin, May, Jessie.
7. Nancy Isabella Melvina Cooper M Edward Heins  
b 1860 d \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: Julia, William, Edward, Jr., Max, Leland.
8. Louisa Cooper M Edward Miles  
b 11-15-1868 d 8-9-1939  
Children: George, Glenn, Ruth, Mamie.
8. William James Cooper M Caroline Irene Jane Hollis  
b 4-27-1873 d 2-20-1948 b 11-15-1877  
Children: Melvin Opal, Ames Houston, Mary Melvina, Elton Heyward
8. Martha Cooper M Levi Mattox  
b 3-9-1875 d 10-19-1958 b 3-13-1872 d 1-12-1948  
Children: Levi, Daisy, Edward.
8. John Preston Cooper *Jr.* M Mattie Matilda Outlaw  
b 9-27-1877 d 2-5-1938 b 7-25-1882 d 2-3-1920  
Children: Ezelle, Fletcher, Albert, Carl, *John P. <sup>reston</sup> Jr. — my father*, Pearl, Lula  
Mae, Nellie, Doris
8. Henry Davis Cooper M Martha Miller  
b 3-16-1880 d 10-18-1939 b \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: Thelma, Elizabeth, Helen, Annie Lee, Henry Davis, Jr.
8. Annie Cooper M Douglas Branham  
b 11-19-1882 d 3-7-1919  
Children: Alvin, Leon, Mattie Belle, Jessie
8. Claude Cooper M Helen Sykes  
b 5-17-1885 d 2-18-1963  
Children: Edna, Sudie, James, Bernard, Randolph
8. Freddie Cooper Died in infancy.  
b 4-6-1888 d 6-8-1889
8. Gussie Cooper M John Parks  
b 9-6-1890 d 2-26-1955  
No Children
8. Jessie Mae Cooper M George Yandle  
b 4-24-1895 b 4-19-1887  
Children: Raymond, Annie Lee, George B., Claude, Walter, Jack,  
Ted, Luther
8. Elizabeth Cooper M Marion Allen  
b 6-9-1871 d 10-24-1958 b 11-19-1872 d 5-4-1943  
Children: Team, Fred, Glenn, John, Tom, Robert, Melvina, Helen,  
Ophelia.

*My Grandfather*

Minutes of the County Court - Harpura W.  
Halcombe

returned their Verdict "We find for the Defendant"

Mat. Hails apprentice Morris Weaver presented a Petition requesting that an infant of the name of Mathew Hails (whom he has long supported) be bound to Him.

Ordered that the said infant Mathew Hails be bound to the good Petition Morris till he attains the age of Eighteen to be found by him in good wholesome Provisions and raiment and one year and a half's Schooling. and at the Expiration of his Servitude to deliver hime one good Suit of Cloathing.

Wm. Adair Apprentice William Pedian presented a Petition requesting that a son of Widow Catherine Blair (who has lived with him for some-time) may with the consent of his said Mother be bound an apprentice to him.

Ordered that the said Willm. Adair be bound to his Petitioner to learn the Weaving Trade till he attains the age of Nineteen finding him in wholesome provisions and good raiment and a good Suit of Cloaths at the Expiration of his apprenticeship. and a years Education in his apprenticeship.

State vs J. Tate. for a Suspecion of Theft was now brought to a Hearing when the Defendant pleaded not Guilty. and put himself upon his County.

The following Jurors were then impaneled & Sworn to try the same Viz.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Alexander Robertson Junr. | Jas. Russell      |
| James McMullin            | Jas. Davis        |
| Joseph Chapman            | Jos: Cameron      |
| Samuel Caldwell           | John Elliot       |
| Richard Gladney           | John McKinney     |
| Robert Ewing              | Alexander McKaihe |

Evidences Examined for the State, Shadrack Jacobs. Isam Fair. Wm. Alexander and Francis Kirkland.

For the Defendant Jas: McDaniel John McDaniel. Nedy Moberly.

The evidences having been fully Examined and the Facts thoroughly investigated. The Jury withdrew and brought in their Verdict. Not Guilty.

\* ✓ Jno. Cooper Appointed Thomas Parrot presented a Petition Requesting that John Cooper a poor Orphan of the Age of Eleven years be bound Apprentice to him till he arrives at the Age of Eighteen.

Ordered That the Prayer of the above Petition be Granted and that the said petition fixed the said Orphan in good provisions and decent raiment during his apprenticeship and that he shall give him one years Schooling & one Suit of cloathes at the Expiration.

✓ Jos: Cooper Apprentice James Davis Presented a petition requesting that Joseph Cooper a poor boy be bound as an apprentice to him untill he attains the Age of Eighteen.

Ordered that the Prayer of the above Petition be granted and that the said Petitioner find the said poor boy in good Provisions and decent raiment during his apprenticeship and that he shall be given one years Schooling & one suit of cloaths at the expiration of his time.

✓ Ann Cooper Apprentice William M<sup>c</sup>Teyrie presented a Petition requesting That Amy Cooper a poor girl of Four years of Age be bound as an apprentice to him until she attains the age of Sixteen.

Ordered that the Prayer of the above Petition be granted and that the said Petitioner find the said Apprentice in good provisions and decent raiment during her said Apprenticeship and that He give her one years Schooling and one Suit of Cloaths at the Expiration of her time.

Adj<sup>d</sup> to 10. O'Clock tomorrow morning

- Richard Winn
- James Craig
- Wm. Kirkland
- M. Winn
- John Turner
- Isaac Love

Wednesday 10th May 1786.

The Court met according to adjournment

Present

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|--------------|------------------|------------|
| Richard Winn | Minor Winn       | )          |
| John Turner  | William Kirkland | ) Esquires |
| Isaac Love   | James Craig      | )          |

Jno. Winn to David Evans and William Durphey appeared in open Court and being duly Sworn made Oath that they Saw John Jos. Quarrel Winn Esquire Sign Seal and deliver Titles to Lot No. 187 containing one half acre in the Village of Winnsborough for the Uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Geo: Lot to David Evans and John Milling appeared in open Court and being duly Sworn made Oath That they Saw George Lot Sign Seal and Deliver to James Neely a Sett of Titles for one hundred Acres of Land on Mill Creek for the Uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Serle Lewis to Charles Lewis and William Lewis appeared in open Court and being duly Sworn made Oath That they Saw Serle Lewis Sign Seal and deliver to Jas. Lewis a Sett of Titles to Four Hundred Acres of Land on Taylors Creek for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

John Hutchison Taylor to John Steveman and Hugh McKown appeared in open Court and being duly Sworn made Oath that they Saw John Hutchinson Step: Noland Taylor Sign Seal and deliver a Set of Titles to Stephen Noland for one Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land on Little River for the Uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Wm. Meyers vs William Meyers vs James Rabb detimne The Court took the matter up and having Examined Evidence are of Opinion Jas. Rabb That William Myers has fully proved the Horse found in the possession of James Rabb to be his property therefore.

Order that James Rabb deliver up to the said William Meyers the said Horse and pay the Costs of Suit.

Zachariah Nettles was Sworn in as a Constable.

Wm. Bell's petition William Bell Presented a Petition Setting forth that he some years past married a Widow with three Small Children and with difficulty raised them up to be of some Assistance he being old and unable to Labor That some neighbors now endeavor to draw them away from the Petitioner therefore Prays that the Court may Impower him to keep the children.

Ordered that the Petitioner do keep the Children untill the Court make further Provision for the said Orphans.

\* Court held - 18 May 9, 1786