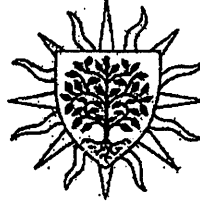


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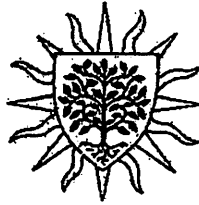
Surname(s): COOPER Target: / /
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Start research using Request, Family Group & Pedigree Sheets
Check off each item as research is completed

- **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

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From: fairfield genealogy [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 5:18 PM
To: 'Catharine Y.'
Cc: 'Linda Frazier'
Subject: RE: Fairfield County Genealogical Society

Catherine,

Your request is now number 21 of 28 remaining request, not including walk-ins that we handle immediately.

Thanks for your patience with us, we are supplied by volunteer staff.

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 research and free paper copies for their membership year. 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 expedite future request for research.

Please let us know if you need any further assistance.

Eddie

Eddie Killian
Research Library Volunteer

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From: Linda Frazier [mailto:lsfrazier5@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 7:00 AM
To: Catharine Y.; fairfield genealogy
Subject: Re: Fairfield County Genealogical Society

Hello,

Thanks for the information! I have forwarded your email to two different people researching the Cooper line and to my sister-in-law for the Melton line. I will contact my neighbor today regarding the Powell line. I am also forwarding to the research room for our family files and to make others aware. Hopefully, some of us will all be able to find some answers for you. I will keep you posted as informaton becomes available.

Another thought. We are working on the next newsletter that will be going out this week. If you would like to put a query in that please let me know and I'd be happy to include it. We have members from many states so you never know when a connection could be made.

Linda Frazier

On Sat, Nov 16, 2013 at 9:56 PM, Catharine Y. <pccasab18@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi there, Linda –

Thanks so much for calling me, and it was nice to speak with you, too! It was also nice to speak to someone with a genuine “South Carolina” accent! Makes me a bit homesick. I was born in Charleston, but we left there when I was 6-1/2 because of my dad’s job transfer. I lost most of my accent when we lived in Boca Raton, Florida for 6 years (no one there is from the South!). I also lived in Columbia for 2 years during middle school, then we moved to Memphis, Tennessee where I lived most of my life until almost 3 years ago when we moved to Wisconsin with my husband’s job. We really like it here, but I miss hearing Southern people, especially South Carolina people! Oh, and please don’t feel embarrassed about the e-mail mistyping. We all do that sometimes!!!

I’m attaching a photo I have of four generations of women in my mother’s family. I’m pretty sure this pic was taken at my great-grandmother’s house shortly before my parents’ wedding in May of 1962. From right to left (youngest to oldest), we have my mother, Priscilla Louise Castles (soon to be Mrs. David A. Cox), then Marian Louise (Mann) Castles, then Nannie Louise (Powell) Mann (she went by

"Louise" and only in one record have I seen her first name recorded as "Nannie," which was the name my mother told me was correct), then on the far left there is Sallie Pet (Melton) Powell, daughter of Levi Henry Melton and Sallie (or Sarah) Cooper. I can't get past the parents of Levi Henry Melton in my [ancestry.com](#) search, which I'd like to find out more about, but I'm the **most interested in Sallie (Sarah) Cooper:** ~ SHE IS BURIED IN GREENBRIER - HAVE OBIT - NO TOMBSTONE

PET MELTON W/ GEORGE POWELL ON NOV 27, 1895

SALLY MELTON

Sallie (Sarah) Cooper is listed in the 1870 census as living in Fairfield County, having been born somewhere in South Carolina and married to Levi Henry Melton, I think with maybe one child by that time (I don't have the record in front of me, but I think it has her as 17 or 18 years old). In that 1870 census she is listed as "Sarah," but in the 1880 census she is "Sallie," the same as in the 1900 census, so I really think her name was probably Sallie. In the 1880 census she has several children, the youngest of whom at that time was Sallie Pet, listed as "Pet" by the census taker, who was 3-1/2 months old at the time. Too bad there is not an 1890 census (I've read somewhere that it was mostly destroyed in a fire). The 1900 census has Sallie (Sarah?) as having had 13 children, 9 of whom lived. Beyond that point, I find nothing, but I *think* I found a death certificate for Levi Henry Melton as having passed away in North Carolina a few years later (if this is the right person by this name) and his marital status listed as "widowed," so she was probably deceased before the 1910 census. I'm not sure if this is the right Levi Henry Melton, though.

So basically I am wondering if there is any further info available on Sallie/Sarah Cooper. Even though she lived in Fairfield County for years, all we have is census records on her. Ancestry.com has a marriage date I think of 1869 and a birthdate in 1852 but no records to back any of this up. Even though on the census reports we have of her she states she was born in South Carolina, there is no information on her living in South Carolina on the 1860 census.

To broach the subject of "race," even though she was listed as "white" in the censuses I mentioned above, I wonder if maybe she had some mixed-race ancestry, and that that may be part of the reason that she has no records (that, and the fact that they didn't require records at that time). Interestingly I came across this article about the "color line" in South Carolina and how race was looked at somewhat differently there during the period of time that Sallie/Sarah lived, when many children, based on class and appearance (not so much on their ancestry), were counted as "white."
<http://essays.backintyme.com/item/17> Even before hitting this "brick wall" with her, I have long wondered if some of our family had mixed-race roots, and from what I understand, it isn't uncommon at all.

Whatever you could find out about her would be greatly appreciated, no matter where she came from. I haven't had my own DNA done, but I would like to someday, and maybe that would help. By

the way, after searching over and over again for her on ancestry.com, I did find an "S. Cooper" in the 1860 census listed as a female, born in South Carolina, listed as the same age as Sallie/Sarah would have been at that time, but living together with a male Cooper (possibly sibling), in the home of a doctor and his family of a different last name in the state of Georgia! Makes me wonder if that was her, and that maybe she returned to South Carolina later when she married or something! I wish so much that the census taker in Georgia had written out the first names instead of just putting an "S"!

As I mentioned above, anything on Levi Henry Melton's ancestors would be appreciated also, but I'm most intrigued by this Sallie/Sarah Cooper.

Again, nice chatting with you, and I thank you so much for your volunteer services. Much appreciated!

Cathy Yarbrough

From: Linda Frazier [mailto:lsfrazier5@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2013 6:36 PM
To: Catharine Y.
Subject: Fairfield County Genealogical Society

OBIT → SALLIE J. MELTON - WIFE OF L. M. MELTON
BURIED @ GREENBRIER
M/O MRS. W. D. WHITLOCK OF BALTIMORE, MD
MRS. J. B. JEFFERS OF MT. AIRY, N.C.
W. M. MELTON OF HEATH SPRINGS
ULYSSE METON OF RION
BAUMELL MELTON OF RION
MATTIE POWELL MELTON OF RION
MRS. E. G. POWELL OF RION
SEPTEMBER 6, 1905 ISSUE

Hello there,

It was so nice to speak with you. I'm excited about your ancestors and hopefully I can help you in your research. One of my sister-in-laws is married to a Melton and I have a neighbor who was a Powell before she married.

I will be happy to check with them.

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Please forgive my error with your email; can't believe I made that mistake!

Linda Frazier

FCGS Volunteer

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From: fairfield genealogy [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 4:26 PM
To: 'pccasab18@gmail.com'
Subject: Sallie Cooper Melton

Cathy,

We have searched our files and were unable to find anything on Levi Henry Melton, or any additional info on the Coopers.

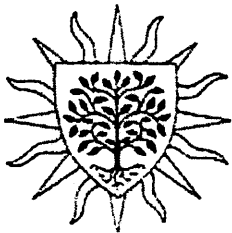
We did find an obit for Sally J. Melton. It stated that she was the wife of L. H. Melton and mother of: Mrs. W. D. Whitlock of Baltimore; Mrs. J. B. Jeffers of Mt. Airy, N. C.; W. M. Melton of Heath Springs; Ulysse Melton of Rion; Baumell Melton of Rion; Hattie Powell Melton of Rion; and Mrs. E. G. Powell of Rion. The obit says that she was buried in Greenbrier Cemetery, but we are unable to find a gravestone. This obit was in the September 6, 1905 Issue of the Fairfield Newspaper.

We also found that Pet Melton married George Powell on November 27, 1895.

If you need anything, let us know.

Jon Davis
Research Library Volunteer

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