

Historian connects with locals



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Professor and pastor Bob Uzzell relied upon local connections to aid his historical book research and those efforts paid off in several ways.

On Thursday morning, he met with Johnny Harrison, who grew up in the Lake Wateree area. Harrison, like Uzzell, is a member of the masons and they used that connection as a means of contact.

When Harrison heard Uzzell would be in the area researching

see him.

Harrison said he knew of a Will Durham, a well-respected family man in the Blackstock community with whom he was related.

Uzzell knew of a Will Durham from his research but that branch of the Durhams was a white group from Northern Va., not the black Will Durham was the man who married Harrison's grandfather's first cousin.

Thanks to their meeting, however, Uzzell set up a meeting with Harrison's grandfather's

Harrison was quite interested as to whether his cousins were connected to Uzzell's extensive research.

Uzzell was thankful to have found a brother mason and also that his journey from Texas resulted in a few story leads on his very first day of interviewing locals.

An amateur historian, Harrison volunteered to help Uzzell try and locate the Durhams, especially South Carolina to Louisiana connections.

He is thankful for the assistance