

I can't wait to check it out when we get a copy. I gave my Lyles ancestor's plantation ledger to the USC digital online manuscripts project to scan with the names, ages and values of the slaves in about 1862 or 63. Too bad there is no way to find out what names these freed slaves took after 1865. This is a good online digital project that we and other local museums and organizations in the state are contributing to. It is at <http://www.scmemory.org/index.php> . Click on counties to see what all is on the site now. Soon, the Fairfield County newspapers will also be available from the 1840s to late 1800s.

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From: Joy Stafford [<mailto:cjsfarm7@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2013 9:35 AM

To: Fairfield Museum

Subject: Re:

Dear Pelham, You are such a dear to ans. my e-mails....and thanx for all the info on your Moravians and Mr. Feaster. Doug's family as well has a Feaster in their lineage: one of his Rous cousins was married to a Feaster and she is buried in the same cemetery with the Rous that Doug is descended from. The book also references "Tillman Liles" a reference to a witness to the sale of a slave "Bob"

by Doug's gt. gt. grandfather Eli C. Bishop. Being from Fairfield Co. you probably know who Tillman Liles (Lyles) was!

Speaking of slaves, I have indexed *by name and owner each slave , usually mentioned in an owner's will.* Several of Doug's ancestors were slave owners, but often I have included facts about their siblings, cousins, in-laws, making the book useful to others who had ancestors living in the same counties as Doug's families.

Here's hoping someone in the Chapter will come forward to finance the purchase price, maybe even buying the book for themselves, and later donating it to the museum.

Keep in touch! joy in Florida

On Wed, Feb 13, 2013 at 11:24 AM, Fairfield Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net> wrote:

Joy,

I appreciate your concern about the volunteers. Actually, they volunteer as members of the genealogy chapter which is sponsoring the operation of the research facility. Although the chapter has only recently restarted (2010 or 2011), they are bringing in new members regularly, due, in my opinion, to the excellent work that the editor puts into the newsletter (attaching some recent ones for you to read here) and the public programs they offer. The county council, which funds my museum operation budget (small), in effect donates the overhead, copier contract, and space for the collection to be housed in the museum. I am also asking the administration to increase my operating budget to fund an every-day stipend for Eddie Killian to run the facility (he travels from another county once a week to manage the collection at a bare bones exchange and is paid a smaller stipend from my budget). The county historical society (museum's support organization) back in 2010, began the re-operation of the facility by purchasing materials until the genealogy chapter could get up and running again. The chapter

will need to weigh their funding capacities and consider the cost of purchasing the book, unless we can find a chapter member (through a newsletter appeal) who will want to donate the cost. In fact, I am copying this to the officers, as I don't think we have ever discussed this way of getting additional funding. I know other genealogy chapters sometimes run a "wish list" in their publications and have members contact them to donate the cost of the books.

I am interested in Doug's connections to the Moravians. I attended Salem College there, and as it is the present-day extension of the Moravian Single Sisters' Academy of the late 1790s to late 1800s, I was very involved in learning about the sect. My ancestor, Eliza Peay, in the 1820s (as her father sent her and her sister there from Fairfield County after the death of their mother), lived in the same dormitory where I spent my Junior year. I have written a story about that and will send it to you in a separate email.

Some of our early settling families of German and Swiss descent, such as the Feasters, came through the Moravian community on their way down the wagon trail. The Feasters were Dunkers when they arrived, and eventually John Feaster built and helped found the first Universalist church (still standing) as a spin-off of the similar religious beliefs mixed with the other developing groups such as the Baptist and Seventh-Day churches.

Billy Feaster has left his position in the Chester Library. He is a cousin of mine through a slave named Rachel Foote who had two mixed blood children with my great great uncle Belton Lyles. One of the white Feasters also figured into one of her daughters or granddaughters' lives and Billy's Feaster name and family farmlands came through that connection.

I understand the need to charge for the book to repay your expenses. I republished and edited a nineteenth century history book about the development of upper SC a few years ago and had to charge a large retail amount to buyers. It has been about a break-even project, and I have still not retrieved my personal financial investment back on it. The book sells regularly in national battlefield parks and other sources, but they order 4 or 5 at a time, which is not immediately helpful.

-Pelham

From: Joy Stafford [mailto:cjsfarm7@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 9:51 AM
To: Fairfield Museum
Subject: Re:

Dear Pelham, Thank you for your kind response!! *I am hoping the volunteers will be able to purchase the book.* It has been

so expensive to publish and to package and mail it. Yes, info on the McDonalds and Middleton was compiled from your files

and some others that I think we found at Lancaster Library. [I am at the church office right now, where I work each Wed., so

can't check that chapter for sources, BUT BELIEVE ME, NEARLY EVERY PARAGRAPH HAS A FOOTNOTE, esp. entries from

the Internet, because those are often not documented at all, and I was very clear about that fact, if I used their "unsubstantiated"

info in a chapter.]

Actually, last year we came thru S.Carolina again on our way to Winston-Salem, where Doug had Moravian ancestors, a fact I had come upon late in the summer of 2011. We stopped in the little village (Ridgeway?) where the Walkers were from and photographed the gravestones there (photos are in the book). Then we also stopped in Chester Co. where the librarian there, Mr. Feaster, was most helpful!

I will await your order and get a book to you as soon as your order arrives!! My hope is that the book helps others as much as museums (like yours) and small libraries helped Doug and I "reconstitute" the stories of Doug's relatives.

Joy in Brandon, FL

On Tue, Feb 12, 2013 at 2:42 PM, Fairfield Museum <fairfieldmus@truvista.net> wrote:

Joye,

I received the notice about your family book and am passing the information to the newly reformed genealogy chapter for the county. Volunteers are now helping with running the museum research room and they will likely purchase a copy for our shelves. I will be interested in seeing what you have on the McDonald and Middleton families, assuming this is the family of Donald or Daniel McDaniel of the Lancaster area. His daughter, Esther married John Woodward in Fairfield and they are my 4th great grandparents. I may have related this to you when you came.

-Pelham Lyles