

The Harrison Plantation was located on Rockbridge Road. Judge Harrison, as he was known, owned several thousand acres of land and hundreds of slaves.

During the Civil War, as Sherman's Army marched through South Carolina and through Fairfield County, Judge Harrison took a wagon and five slaves loaded down with the family silver and other valuables and was seen going down the Old Rocky Mount Stage Coach Road. This road ran from Camden, South Carolina to Rocky Mount, North Carolina and parts of the old road today are under Lake Wateree. He was seen on this road around noon and he returned around sundown with no slaves and no silver!

Local legend was that Judge Harrison had buried the silver and killed the five slaves so that no one could reveal the location. Judge Harrison passed away before the end of the war and to this day the treasure has never been found.

In 1918, Duke Power Company started backing the Wateree River up in order to build the Lake Wateree Dam. It was during this time that the Harrison Family graves were moved by wagon to the Longtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

In 1919, Duke Power Company started using the land for a share cropping business and the home at 5262 Rockbridge Road was built for the overseer's home. There were 33 tenant farms on what became known as The McFadden Quarters. Today, there is only one tenant house left, and it is known as the McFadden Hunt Club.

The Old Store building across the street from the McFadden Overseer's house is where the share croppers would buy their

supplies. Behind the old store was a Blacksmith's Shop where the mules were shod. With 33 share cropper families living on the Quarter, it was a busy place at that time.

In 1929, William Clyde McFadden, with his wife and four children, moved from Fort Lawn, South Carolina, to take the job as Overseer for Duke Power Company.

William Clyde was the father of John Clyde (Buster). When Buster was a child, his father let Buster run the minnow business at the old store across from the house. He took great pride in that he could run about a mile to fetch minnows from the Old Indian Spring and be back within ten minutes for the customers.

On Saturday nights, the share croppers would come to the McFadden home to listen to the fights and ballgames on the McFadden's radio which Mr. McFadden would move to the front porch. Both the family and the share cropper families would enjoy these nights together very much.

There was an AME Church across the street from the McFadden's Home, and on Sunday nights the McFaddens would sit on the front porch and listen to the sermons and the music. This church was disbanded in the late 1950's, and the church building was torn down. The church cemetery was abandoned but is still there to this day.

Where the Lake Wateree Presbyterian Church stands today there was a one room schoolhouse where the share cropper's children attended. This schoolhouse was active from 1918 until the early 1960's. At this time, the school was closed as Duke Power Company got out of the share cropping business and the share croppers moved to other areas for better paying jobs.

In 1941, WWII broke out and Buster went to war. In the spring of 1942, Buster's father, William Clyde, passed away. Mrs. McFadden was afraid of staying there without family, so she moved in with different family members until Buster returned from the War to make a home for her again on Rockbridge Road.

In 1945, Buster moved back into the house and continued the share cropping business for Duke Power Company. In 1958, he went to work for Crescent Land and Timber as a forester. Crescent Land and Timber was a subsidiary of Duke Power Company. He also kept running the share cropping business for Duke Power Company and started a cattle farm on the property.

In 1961, he married Connie Deering, and the McFaddens had four children and lived together in the home for 42 years. In 1974, Buster was able to buy the home from Duke Power Company. The home was first remodeled in 1985 and then again in 2003. Buster passed away in December, 2003.

It is my hope that you and your family will enjoy this home and that it will bring you much joy and happiness through the years.

God Bless you,

Connie Deering McFadden

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On March 28, 2007 Connie White told Yvette Howard that in 1961 families in the quarter were the families of:

Henry Belton

Paul Brown

Robert Smith

Governor and Lula Cunningham

Maggie Burton

Mrs. White said that there was a school for African American children in the location where the Wateree Chapel Presbyterian Church is now. A Mr. Whitaker was a teacher there until the school closed in the 1960s. Mr. Whitaker, an African American, looked like Abraham Lincoln.

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'YH', written in black ink.

Donation of theorem painting in parlor (wood frame, torn cardboard surface, picture of flowers in basket).

Given by Sara Lewis Strachan to Betty Harden to be given to the museum with no documentation.

As of March 17, 2006, this is in her handwriting (she is a resident of Presbyterian nursing home in Summerville and in her 90s. She had her doctorate in Education and was a superintendent of a Richland County school district). Elizabeth Fl __ (??? orence?)
Douglass, b. Feb. 18, 1829 (Blackstock, SC) married Nov 26, 1844, died May 5, 1891 (Ridgeway, SC)

Married to Eli Hunter Harrison

He was born July 16, 1823 in Longtown, SC, Married Nov 26, 1844, died Dec. 30, 1866 Longtown. Wounded in Civil War, died of wounds.

Given by her great granddaughter Sara Lewis Strachan . Her sisters were Rebecca Randall Bryan and Betty Lewis Strachan.