

Ann Carson & Lula Bess Whitney on Henderson's Ferry

When the ferry was first established the river had very steep banks and the water was dark in color instead of red. It seldom overflowed its banks in those early days. Enough fish could be caught in a half an hour to feed a large family for one meal. The woods nearby were full of wild game of all kinds, especially turkeys, and the pioneers were great hunters. They never left their log houses without their guns. Slaves did all of the work and the men ...hunted, fished, and raised game chickens.

Mr. Lewis S. Henderson has started a custom that is new to the Hendersons... that has already served to bring together (sic) again the scattered Henderson descendants of this young generation, who had to be introduced at this reunion. After introductions, dancing was enjoyed until late at night, when reluctant departures were made. (Caldwell Sims, author of the above article, was a cousin, having been the son of Mattie Henderson Sims and the grandson of John Atwood Henderson. For details see the Henderson Descendants Report, page 24.

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- ❖ The Henderson Cemetery is fifteen miles NE of Newberry on Henderson Ferry Rd.
- ❖ John Henderson was the postmaster of Hendersonville in Newberry County from 1/1/1804 to 1827 when it was changed to Hogg's Store.
- ❖ Jeanette May Christopher, on page 210 of *Glenn and Kin*, states: James Madison and Sallie Glenn Henderson lived in Newberry Co., in the Maybinton area near the Union Co. Line and had a home on Henderson's Island, a large island in Broad River.

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Henderson Land Transactions

On 16 Jan 1794, **David Henderson** paid £75 sterling to John Chandler, Sr. of Newberry County for 100 acres in the fork of the Broad and Saluda Rivers on the north side of the Enoree River on Cool Spring Branch, a parcel of the land granted to John Clark. On 25 Jan 1798, **David Henderson** paid £60 sterling to John and Ritter Chandler of Greenville County for 100 acres on the north side of the Enoree River on Collins Creek, land granted on 5 Sep 1765 to Francis Wafer. On 12 Dec 1799, **John Henderson** (son of David) for £600 sterling to Daniel Mazyck, Esqr. and his wife Sarah for 340 acres called Mazyck's Island in Broad River. On 17 Sep 1802, **John Henderson** to David Henderson paid \$400 for 100 acres on the north side of the Enoree on Cool Spring Branch. These land transactions for David and his son John Henderson can be found in Brent H. Holcomb's *Newberry County, SC Deed Abstracts*, Volume II & III.

When John Henderson died in 1816, he left Thomas Harden Henderson the plantation, then 1000 acres, located where the Enoree goes into Broad River, the site of the "Riverside" home and Henderson Ferry. To James Madison Henderson, John left his plantation known as Henderson Island in the Broad River; in addition, the Lyles Tract (around 120 acres) on the north side of Broad became part of that property after John's wife died in 1865.

After the death of her husband, James Madison Henderson, in 1860 and in the aftermath of the flood that destroyed her home and killed her livestock, Sallie Glenn Henderson sold the Island to Addison F. Kitchens and Mary M. Nethers. By May 18, 1869 the property had gone into foreclosure and was sold as 580 acres at auction by the sheriff, Thomas M. Paysinger, to Pettus W. Chick for \$5454.

Pettus W. Chick sold the Island property and Lyles Tract to A. W. Thomson of Union, SC. (Wallace Thomson was the husband of Nancy H. Henderson, daughter of Thomas Harden Henderson.) Date unknown. No title deed transferred. On 21 Sep 1883 Sarah E. Chick (nee Henderson, sister of James Madison Henderson dec'd) petitioned the court for right of dower after the death of her estranged husband. She was executrix of his estate. The results of this Newberry Real Estate case may be found in Box 2, Package 4, Estate 90 (Film N1784 – frames 00762-00773). As recorded in Book 11, page 258, Sarah E.T. Chick was paid \$5 and other considerations by A.W. Thomson for the release of said property. From A. W. Thomson the Henderson Island & Lyles Tract went to his daughter, Ann H. Thomson (1832-1918), wife of Thomas Bothwell Jeter (1827-1883), Governor of SC 1878-1882.

A.G. Kennedy and S.R. Aycock of Union County, SC purchased for \$4,000 the same property, then described as six hundred acres more or less, at public auction at Newberry Courthouse in November 1923, papers being signed 28 Dec 1923. After the death of A.G. Kennedy in 1963, Henderson Island went to his wife who transferred it to the Department of Natural Resources about 1970. The Lyles Tract remains in possession of a son of A.G. Kennedy.

William F. Kennedy of Union, SC, described **Henderson Island** for us as it was when he was a boy helping his father farm it. There was no trace of the Henderson house that was destroyed by the flood. The only thing on the land where the house would have sat was an old steam engine, the kind used to generate power to operate a saw mill. Deep drainage ditches, perhaps dug by slaves, remained on the island. Mr. Kennedy said he never found any relics there, not even an arrowhead, as he helped plow the land and grow wheat and other crops. His family raised cattle on the island also. When he got to take a break from the hot summer sun, he'd climb up high in the large oaks. The higher he got, the cooler it was. The only other part of the land Mr. Kennedy remembered was the remnants of a graveyard which in the 1900's amounted to one tombstone and a pile of fieldstones with no visible markings. Mr. Kennedy said the island was about a mile and a half wide with the graveyard centered in the width. The house had been closer to the water.



(photo courtesy of Bannie Kennedy who also contributed the map of Henderson Is. on p. 2)

John Henderson's Home: Riverside Plantation

A short distance from the island, descendants of John Henderson and Catherine Harden, his first wife, lived on Riverside Plantation. It was inherited in 1816 by Thomas Harden Henderson when his father, John, died. When "Tom" died in October 1860, the place was passed on to his son, Stoughhton Nolan. "Stout" was owner of the ferry in 1890 when he agreed to give it to Newberry County on the condition that the roads to the ferry be kept up. Following his death in 1921 (or perhaps it was after the death of his wife in 1927), his son Thomas Watland inherited the house. In 1938 they held the first Henderson Family Reunion there. "Watt" died ten years later, leaving wife Gertrude (d. 1980) and a son named Jack who was the last person Lula Bess Whitney recorded being buried in the Henderson Family Cemetery on the place. She said there was no tombstone on his grave. Jack had a sister, unknown to the author. Did she become the owner? A Newberry County deed indicates that the present owners are not Henderson relatives.



In 1950 George Leland Summer stated the John Henderson home, Riverside, was about eighteen miles NE of Newberry in the Maybinton section near Broad River, about five miles from the Lyles Tract used as the entry point to Henderson Island. Having been built in the 1780's, it was a seven-bedroom, two-story house with high, beautifully carved mantels in the living room and a wide staircase leading to the second floor. Wide, thick interior doors were enhanced by "old English style brass knobs and locks." Plastered cellar walls, wide columns on the wide front porch, and long veranda running the length of the back of the house were extravagant features for the time.

In a 2003 architectural survey of Newberry County, Jennifer Revels of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation reported that John Henderson's Greek Revival home exhibited more elaborate details than the basic Carolina I-house found locally. G. L. Summer said the house was renovated around 1870 but remained the same size and style. From this photo made several years ago, one can easily surmise that it was remodeled again after 1870.

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century small communities like Hendersonville and Maybinton in Newberry County often developed along major roadways, often organizing around a stagecoach stop or tavern, post office or church. These communities or crossroads offered places to gather for mustering, political rallies, or worship, and many did not survive past the 1800's. Such was the case for Hendersonville.

John Henderson operated a ferry near his home along the Enoree River after settling in the area in the late 1700's. Having come to Newberry County from Virginia, Henderson secured a franchise in 1805 to establish a ferry near his home. In 1804 he had been named postmaster of the Hendersonville Post Office. It is said that Theodosia Burr Alston, daughter of Aaron Burr, stayed with the Hendersons on her way to Charleston. The Henderson home, ferry, mill and island can be seen on Robert Mills' 1825 map of Newberry County.



The Henderson Cemetery
 A list of graves may be found in *The Newberry County Cemetery Book, Vol. I*
 (pub. 1982 by Newberry County Historical Society).

The Whitney and Henderson Connection

The following paraphrased notes came from Lula Bess Whitney’s family files. Her great grandmother Whitney was Sarah Church Anthony, d/o Capt. Israel Church Anthony, and sister of Martha (Mattie) who never married and Jane who married Tom C. Bell of Fairfield. Sarah was born in Charleston, SC, 23Oct 1814, was married to Frederick Henry Whitney on 30 Dec 1840 in Charleston by the Rev. Thomas Smyth, and died in Fairfield County on 30 June 1867 of tuberculosis. Their children:

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| Frederick Anthony | b. 21 Oct 1841 | d. 3 Jan 1860 (tuberculosis) |
| Henry Frost | b. 27 Sep 1843 | killed in CSA, VA, 13 Jun 1864 |
| Sarah Jane | b. 16 Nov 1845 | d. 3 Aug 1862 (tuberculosis) |
| Edward Holbrook | b. 11 Jul 1848 | d. 28 Feb 1893 (never married) |
| William Brown | b. 04 Dec 1850 | m. Eliza Frances Henderson d.08 Mar 1925 |
| Irene Lincoln“Rena” | b.12 Mar 1853 | m. W.R. McCreight d. 07 Jul 1910 |
| George Richard | b. 12 Apr 1856 | m. Lee Evans d.27Oct1925, Dallas,TX |
| John Arthur | b. 19 Jan 1859 | m. Minnie Lorena Menefeed. 1912, Cleburne, TX |

After the death of his wife in 1867, F.H. Whitney’s sister-in-law from Fairfield County went to Charleston to look after the children. Martha “Mattie” Anthony was so strict that

when their father asked them who he should marry, her or their governess, they chose their governess, Annie Electa Wotton. Miss Annie and F.H. Whitney were married in Augusta, GA on 03 Dec 1867 by the Rev. D. Davis. She died in Maybinton, Newberry County, SC in 1886.

For over thirty years F.H. Whitney owned a soap & candle factory in Charleston that made among other candles, head lights for locomotives. After his wife and two children died of TB, he took his doctor's advice to sell out and move inland. After several days of traveling in a horse-drawn wagon, they landed near the Union-Newberry County line at the home of John Rogers and wife whose daughter Rosanna married Esq. James Renwick. The bricks in their two-story home had been shipped from England to Charleston and then hauled by wagon to the site that was named *Orange Hall*. The Masons of this historic section held their meetings in one upstairs room. Fred Whitney bought the land from Maybinton to Keitt's Bridge over the Enoree River, over two miles on the right side of the road in Newberry County. Newberry neighbors said he was a gentleman with a brogue all of his own, Boston plus Charleston. He knew nothing about farming, but he attempted to keep his four boys in the fresh air and working. Many times they would hoe fifteen acres of cotton a day, cutting up most of it. Three of the four boys decided no more farming for them so they went out west to seek their fortunes. Lula Bess' father, William Brown Whitney, was the son who remained in Newberry County.

Irene Lincoln Whitney (the daughter of Frederick H. Whitney & Sarah C. Anthony) and Wm. Randolph McCreight of Camden, SC, were married by Rev. A.W. Walker on 21 Feb 1881. They had one son, Harry Whitney McCreight, who married Anna Wilds of Columbia, SC. And they had one daughter, Dorothy.

In her papers Lula Bess had a letter from Texas written in 1981 relating the genealogy of those three Henderson men who went west. It is not included herein, but the author has it in her possession and would be happy to share the information.

On 19 Dec 1878, **William Brown Whitney & Eliza Frances Henderson**, only daughter of James Madison Henderson and Sally Anderson Glenn, were married in a big church wedding in Union, SC (where Grace United Methodist Church is today) by (Bishop) Rev. W.W.Duncan. Their children:

James Pettus	b. 03 Sep 1879		d. 10 Jun 1881
Sallie Henderson	b. 09 Mar 1882	m. Thomas Crosby Jeter	d. 24 Jan 1975
Frederick Henry	b. 21 Sep 1885	m. Irene Lois Tinsley	d. 21 Jan 1950
Daisy Electa	b. 10 Oct 1888	m. John B. McCollum	d. 16 Feb 1978
Rena George	b. 03 May 1892	never married	d. 26 Dec 1913
Lula Bess	b. 17 Mar 1897	m.& d. J. Frank Wilson	d. 12 Aug 1991

Lula Bess Whitney's mother, Eliza Frances Henderson Whitney, was born on Henderson Island. Eliza's father, James Madison Henderson, died before she was a year old, leaving just Eliza, her brother, and her mother living with the servants on this island in Broad River, which Lula Bess' great grandfather Henderson willed to her grandfather. She said it was a lovely place, and at James Madison Henderson's death was valued at \$2500. Sallie Glenn Henderson and her two children moved in the lovely French style home which was close to where the Whitneys first moved (Orange Hall) before buying their home in Maybinton.

Another interesting story comes with the name of Daisy Electa Whitney. Her sister, Lula Bess, often reminded her audience that Daisy Electa was born Willie Eliza Whitney, but Willie Eliza disliked her name and changed it when she went off to Winthrop Training School. She was known as *Daisy*, *Miss Daisy*, or *Mama Daisy* by her friends and family. She and John Berry McCollum had one daughter, Sarah Bess, who married Jesse Harold Smith of Union, SC. They had two sons and a daughter.

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COURT OF ORDINARY

Administration of Estate of John Adam Counts

submitted by David E. Sease

Newberry County Court House, South Carolina.

Estates# of Adam Counts, deceased, (File 79-202-1995).....

Petition of Admr.; H. H. Counts;-

The State of South Carolina, Newberry County.

IN THE COURT OF ORDINARY.

To William Wilson, Esq., Judge of Court of Ordinary in and for the district aforesaid.....

Your petitioner, H. H. Counts and J. B. Counts shew that Adam Counts died in July, 1844, leaving him surviving his widow, Sarah Counts, and seven children, to wit: Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Alonzo, Walter,....., and your petitioner, H. H. Counts, as his only heirs and next of kin.....

Petition granted by William Wilson, Esq., Ordinary Newberry District, December 9th, 1844.

Settlement Account made in 1848, with following Distributees:

- Sarah Counts (widow)
H. H. Counts, B. Counts, John W. Counts, Elizabeth, wife of David Suber, Louisa Counts, Sarah wife of A. F. Cromer, Walter Counts, and Benedict Counts.

The above Administration estate of John Adam Counts, dec'd. certified at Newberry, South Carolina, this 12th day of July, 1941.

Handwritten signature of David E. Sease, Notary Judge, N. C. of S.C.

COURT OF ORDINARY
Certification of Will of John Henry Ruff

submitted by David E. Sease

Newberry County Court House,
South Carolina.

Abstract Copy of Will of John Henry Ruff, dec'd. (File 63-156-1614)
Date of will 3/20/1828; proved 2/16/1839.

" In the name of God, Amen, I, J. Henry Ruff, being of sound
and disposing mind,

" I give to my wife the plantation wheron I live.....
It is my will that slaves be divided among three sons and four
daughters, viz: Walter F., H. Langdon, George Oliver, Mary M.,
Sally, Elizabeth Eichleberger, and Rebecca Counts.

" I give to my son, H. Langdon Ruff my mill tract of land con-
taining about 350 acres , also the Anderson tract above my Summer h-
house, also my Summer Home plantation of 200 acres, and also one
tract of 130 acres which I purchased from the estate of Gaines,
lying between my Summer tract and my lower saw mill, also 340
acres of land in Lexington.....

"I give all my land that remain in Lexington, which is not
named, to my daughter, Sally Counts and A. Counts, Elizabeth
Eichleberger and John Eichlerberger, Rebecca Counts and William
Counts, to be equally divided among them, supposed to be about 1,000
acres..... and negroes not named or disposed
of I wish to be equally divid between my daughters, Mary M. Counts,
Sally and her husband Adam Counts, Elizabeth and her husband
John Eichleberger, Rebecca and her husband William Counts.....

" I constitute and appoint John Counts, John Eichlerberger,
and Henry Gallman as Executors of my last will and testament, by me mad 3s
In testimony hwreof I have set my hand and seal this 20th day of
March, 1828.

H. Ruff, (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and published and declared
as and for the last will and testament
of the above Henry Ruff in the presence
of us.

C. Ruff, Reeves Freeman, and
Rebecca Bartheson,

Proven in Ordinarys Court
this Feb 16th, 1839.

The above will of John Henry Ruff certified
at Newberry, South Carolina, this 12th day of
July, 1941,

Handwritten signature of Neal W. Workman
Probate Judge, No. C. of S.C.

Ruff Family Bible

submitted by David E. Sease

RUFF OLD FAMILY BIBLE

Ant. 8-19-41

Year Published: Not known, as bindings torn off, and fly-leaf gone.
 Publishers name: Not given.
 Original owner: Geo O. Ruff, son of Henry Ruff.
 Present owner: Mrs Fannie (Suber) Todd, Pomaria, RFD, Newberry County, S.C

Marriages.

John Henry Ruff married
 18 Sept, 1792.

First daughter Mary Magdalena
 married to Jacob Counts
 25th Oct, 1812.

Second daughter Sally married
 to Adam Counts 30th December, 1816.

Third daughter Mary Elizabeth
 married to John Eichleberger
 7th Oct, 1819.

Fourth daughter Rebecca married
 William Counts May, 1823.

Births

First daughter Mary Magdalena
 born 11 Febry, 1794.

Second daughter Sally born
 3rd June, 1800.

Third daughter Mary Elizabeth
 born 12th Oct, 1802.

Fourth daughter Katherine born
 18th Auguts, 1805.

Fifth daughter Rebecca born
 18th April. 1807.

Sixth daughter Martha born
 18th November, 1809.

First son John Adam born
 14th January, 1797.

Second son Walter Franklin
 born 14th August, 1812.

Third son Henry Landon born
 14th March, 1815.

Fourth son George Oliver
 born 31st December, 1817.

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Births

H. Hartwell Counts
 born 25th July, 1818.

Jacob Belton Counts born
 19th January, 1821.

Henry Melvin Eichleberger
 was born 17 January, 1821.

Susannah Elizabeth Counts
 born 8th August, 1824.

William John Henry Counts (1st son of
Rebecca & R Counts), was born May 27, 1826.
 J.W.F. Eichleberger (... of J&EEichleberger)
 was born 30 of Jany 1831. (12 Oct 1854)

Charlton Counts was born
 2nd Febry, 1834.

Henry Gallman was born Jan 3, 1834

Deaths

Daughter Katherine died on
 Tuesday 25th March 1806.

George Ruff brother died
 18th August, 1811.

John Henry Ruff, Esq. departed
 this life 25 December, 1835.

Col. John Eichleberger died 3rd
 day of Febry, 1844.

George Ruff.....

Christianette A.C. Ruff, daughter
 of George and L.C. Ruff departed
 this life June 2, 1855.

George O. Ruff died December, 1855.

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Births.

Henry Harrison Counts was born 30th July, 1813, and is the first c-child of Henry and Elizabeth Ruff.

Deaths.

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Walter Franklin Ruff departed this life April 15th, 1851(??)
Martha Welch departed this life Jan'y 9th, 1882.

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Both pages in Bible being used up supplementary sheets are attached with following records:

Adam Counts, son of Jacob Counts, Jr., whose mother was Susannah Eichleberger, and the son of Jacob Counts, Sr., was born.....
He married Sally, daughter of Henry Ruff, Esq., December 30th, 1816.
By this union..... children were born, viz: H. Hartwell was born 25th July 1818 and died Aug 11, 1887; Jacob Belton was born 18th Jan'y, 1821, and died..... He married..... and had children.
After the death of his wife he married Mary..... and by her were children were born, viz: Elizabeth was born and died Feb 8, 1892.
She married David F. Suber and by her children were born: Emma born Anna born..... Carrie born..... Ida born
Fannie born..... and Beulah, the last died before
grown. The only one married was Fannie who is the wife of Proctor Todd of Newberry.....
Sallie C. was born 22nd, March, 1830 and died 4th Jan'y, 1884.
She married Adam F. Cromer..... and had children.
John W. born 21st Jan'y, 1827, adn died never married.
Walter F. born 5th June, 1835, and died April 14th, 1880. He married
Eustacia Suber who died March 27, 1883. W. Denaie.
(Since she was written, she married --- Fannie):

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Newberry.

Personally appeared before me G. Leland Summer, who being duly sworn says that the above records or names from the old family Bible now in possession of Mrs Fannie Todd, of Newberry County, South Carolina, known as the Ruff or Counts family Bible, were copied and carefully rechecked by him.

He further says that the names, dates and other data given are complete as shown in said Bible.

Sown to before me this July 28th, 1941.

G. Leland Summer
Genealogist.

A. K. Baya
Notary Public for South Carolina

WERTZ FAMILY NEWS

submitted
by

Carl W. Nichols

Faust and Brumbaugh's "List of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies" is a source to be reckoned with for identifying immigrant settlers in South Carolina during the first half of the Eighteenth Century. This compilation of German speaking emigrants, many of whom came to the American Colonies, contains records from the Parish of Dielstorff in the Canton of Zurich. From this Parish Rev. Heinrich Wirtz left in 1744 for America with a colony of emigrants. According to George Leland Summer, Rev. Wirtz "was a preacher of the Reformed Church and it was his desire to aid his people in their trip to the New World, to lands that had been painted in glowing words, relieving them of the religious persecutions that still prevailed in the old country".

In Summer's account of the Wertz family he observed that grants of 150 acres to George Henry Wertz and 50 acres to Catharine Wertz in 1753 were located on Crims Creek and he rightly associated the Dutch Fork Wertz family with these Colonial records. Summer indicated further that "The Rev. Heinrich Wirtz (Henry Werts) was probably the father of the two settlers in the Dutch Fork, John and George Henry. These two brothers are mention in the "Annals of Newberry" as Revolutionary soldiers, serving as Captains of state militia".

Since the publication of Summer's book it has become increasingly clear that the Crims Creek settlers were mostly, perhaps entirely, German, rather than Swiss. According to the bounty law then in force a grant of 150 acres indicated a family of three so one would expect that George Henry Wertz, at the time of his petition, had a wife and child, alternatively he was a widower with two children.

Notations with the colonial survey plats contain the date in which bounty petitions were entertained by the Provincial Government. In the case of the Wertz lands the petition should have been recorded in the minutes of the meeting of 30 October 1752. A careful search of the Colonial Council Journal on this date fails to reveal any record of the Wertz petition(s), evidently a clerical omission since the petitions of other Crims Creek settlers who came on the ship named the Caledonia are found on this date.

Old indentures collected by Rosalyn Sease Summer (now in the Caroliniana Library) reveal that by the year 1765 the Wertz bounty grants on Crims Creek were in the hands of John Miller. In an old Newberry deed (*Newberry Deeds O-51*), a 300 acre tract on Camping Cr. was sold having previously been owned by Barbara Miller who in 1778 transferred the tract to her son, George Henry Wirts. This record provides evidence that Barbara Miller was the widow of George Henry Wertz. She evidently had remarried to John Miller after the death of George Henry Wertz.

The Parish records of the communities of Unterhausen and Holzelfingen, now in the municipality of Lichtenstein near Reutlingen, Germany, have been extensively perused by Siegbert Frick who descends from many of the 18th Century citizens of these

communities. He descends from the Werz family of this locale and even today has close Werz relatives in the area.

Among the Wertz family in Holzelfingen was a Jerg Heinrich Werz, a daylaborer by trade, who was born on 8 December 1708, the son of Hans Georg Werz and wife Anna Catharina. In Holzelfingen Jerg Heinrich Werz was married in 1731 to Maria Barbara Sparn who died in 1751. The couple had seven children. Soon Jerg Heinrich Werz was remarried to Anna Barbara Brendlin, daughter of Johannes Brendlin, following which the family disappeared from the Holzelfingen Parish record.

Hans Georg Wertz, the father of Jerg Heinrich Werz died in 1716 and there is no record that his widow, Anna Catharina, remarried. Like her son she disappeared from the Parish record. The oldest child of Jerg Heinrich Werz by his first wife was named Margaretha, born in 1732. She married Johannes Meck in 1751 and the couple then disappeared from the Parish record. Four of the other children of Jerg Heinrich Werz died young leaving him with two daughters by his first wife --- Anna Maria, born in 1747; and Anna Catharina Wertz, born in 1750.

There are too many coincidences not to believe that Jerg Heinrich Werz is the same as George Henry Wertz, the patriarch of the Dutch Fork Wertz family. The family disappeared from the German record about 1752. The mother was named Catharine and there was a 50 acre bounty grant on Crims Cr. in the name of Catherine Wertz. His wife was named Barbara. His bounty petition was heard on the same date as others from Unterhausen and Holzelfingen and whose bounty lands bounded on or were close to the Wertz grants. Finally, Jerg Heinrich Werz had an older daughter, Margaret, who got a 100 acre bounty grant near Pomaria but who lived with her husband, a baker by trade, in Charleston.

This brings us to a recent development regarding the Dutch Fork Wertz family. Mr. Frick tells us that last February he attended the funeral of a cousin and while at the funeral had a conversation with his Uncle Manfred Werz. His Uncle had received a letter from Gerhard Werz of Denkendorf, near Esslingen. Gerhard's grandfather was born in Holzelfingen and had moved to Altbach. Gerhard was interested in learning more about his Werz family and ancestry so Mr. Frick met with him and shared his research. During their discussion Mr. Frick suggested that it would be of interest to compare the Y chromosome DNA "fingerprint" of the German and Dutch Fork Wertz lines. Gerhard was interested in doing this. Gerhard Werz is a retired Choirmaster. His wife, Elisabeth, is a teacher in a school for the handicapped, and they have three children.

Although it may seem that there is no doubt that the Werz family of Holzelfingen and the Dutch Fork are one and the same a confirmation by demonstrating the same DNA fingerprints of descendants in America and Germany would provide a "biologic birth certificate" for this particular Wertz family. Perhaps a male line descendant of the Dutch Fork Wertz/Werts family would like to volunteer as a test subject for such an experiment, or there are genealogists of the family who would know of a male family member who would be interested in participating. Such an experiment should be of much interest to the many descendants of the Dutch Fork Wertz family. For those interested in discussing this prospect further, or obtaining additional information, I would request that you contact me, the author (cwnichols@bellsouth.net).

**Equity Petition to Enroll Decree
A. J. Oxner & Wife et. al. vs. William Darby
1852, No. 12, Box 23
Solicitors: Fair & Baxter**

transcribed by Terry Koon

The following Equity Petition was located in the in Folder B-304 of the Newberry County Mixed Provenance Records located at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

The State of South Carolina

In Equity Newberry

To the Honorable the Chancellors

The Petition of Alferd J. Oxener Frances his wife Micajah Goree and Laura his to your honors would respectfully show That the said Frances Oxener and Laura Goree your petitioners are the only Children of Thomas Darby deceased who was the son of Richard Darby deceased. That Jacob Alewine, Mary his wife and Ivy Darby Exhibited their bill of complaint in this Court against Stephen Darby Administrator of Richard Darby Bartholomew Darby Executor of Thomas Darby, William Darby, Eve Darby John, James and Bartholomew Darby the younger Betsy Darby Samuel Hall and Nancy his wife Bird Roberts and Polly his wife John Hancock and Clara his wife praying for partition and account of the Estate of Richard Darby aforesaid. That the cause came to a hearing at the July Term of this Court for Newberry District A. D. 1837 and that an order was granted by Chancellor Johnson bearing date the 8th day of July A. D. 1837 ordering among other things that William Darby account before the Commissioner of this Court for the rents and profits of the land and hire of the negroes belonging to said Estate which had been in his possession and for the sale of crops sold by him belonging to said Estate That the said William Darby did account before the Commissioner of this Court and the said Commissioner reported that William Darby should pay to the Distributees of Richard Darby the sum of three hund[red] and sixty two dollars and and two cents of which amount the Children of Thomas Darby were entitled to thirty six dollars 20 cents being the tenth part which was their father's Share That said report was filed twenty fifth day of May A. D. 1839 and confirmed by a decretal order Granted by Chancellor Johnston bearing date the 22nd day of November A. D. 1839. That on said decree has not been enrolled and that no execution has been issued thereon or any part thereof been paid. That when the decree was obtained Frances Oxener and Laura Goree were infants and married and remained so until after the time for enrolling the Decree had expired. In consideration of the premises your petitioners would pray that the said decree may be enrolled by the order of this Court and that an execution in favor of your petitioners may issue thereon for thirty six dollars and 20 cents with interest thereon from the 25th day of May A. D. 1839 and for such other relief as to Equity shall sum meet. And your petitioner will ever pray --

Fair & Baxton
Sol. Pro. Pet.

I caused a copy of this original to be left at Wm. Darbys Received this day by T. M. White June 25th 1852

James Bonds
SND

S. P. 28 June 1852

L. J. Jones
CEND

Descendants of Thomas Henderson

Generation 1

1. **Thomas Henderson-1**. He died in 1768 in Louisa County, VA.
Elizabeth Kerr was born in Louisa County, VA. Thomas Henderson and Elizabeth Kerr married. They had the following children:
 2. i. **David Henderson** was born in 1744. He died in 1805 in Newberry District, SC.
 - ii. **John Henderson** was born about 1735.
 - iii. **Thomas Henderson** was born about 1735.
 - iv. **Elizabeth Henderson (Kerr)**.
 - v. **William Henderson** was born about 1735.
 - vi. **Anne Henderson**.
 - vii. **Mary Henderson (Sisen)** was born about 1735.

Generation 2

2. **David Henderson-2** (Thomas-1) was born in 1744. He died in 1805 in Newberry District, SC. **Hannah Sims** daughter of Matthew Sims Jr. and Jemima Glenn was born in 1748. David Henderson and Hannah Sims married. They had the following children:
 3. i. **John Henderson** was born on 03 Mar 1766. He married Elizabeth Lyles about 1803. He died on 01 Jan 1816 at Riverside Plantation, Newberry/Union, SC.

Generation 3

3. **John Henderson-3** (David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 03 Mar 1766. He died on 01 Jan 1816 at Riverside Plantation, Newberry/Union, SC.
Elizabeth Lyles daughter of Col. James Lyles was born on 27 Jul 1780. She died on 01 Mar 1865. "Capt. John" Henderson and Elizabeth Lyles were married about 1803. They had the following children:
 - i. **Lucy Henderson** was born on 15 Nov 1805 in Newberry District, SC. She died on 06 Jan 1883.
 - ii. **Caroline J. Henderson** was born on 12 Feb 1807 in Newberry District, SC. She died on 21 Mar 1853 in Mobile, AL.
 - iii. **Sarah Henderson** was born about 1809.
 5. iv. **James Madison Henderson** was born on 02 Jul 1812. He married Sallie Anderson Glenn on 22 Jan 1851. He died on 27 Oct 1860.

Catherine Harden. Catherine Harden had been John Henderson's first wife. She died. They had the following children:

5. i. **Thomas Harden Henderson** was born in 1790. He died on 11 Jan 1860 in Newberry District, SC.
6. ii. **David Watland Henderson** was born about 1791. He died on 12 Jan 1816.
- iii. **Nancy Henderson**.
- iv. **Hannah Henderson**.

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Generation 4

4. **James Madison Henderson-4** (John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 02 Jul 1812. He died on 27 Oct 1860.
Sallie Anderson Glenn daughter of James Blanton Glenn and Eliza Behethlon Lyles was born 01 Jan 1831. She died 07 May 1913. James Madison Henderson and Sallie Anderson Glenn married on 22 Jan 1851. She was his second wife. They had the following children:
7. i. **Eliza Frances "Lyde" Henderson** was born 05 Nov 1859 in Newberry District, SC. She died on 05 Mar 1928 in Maybinton, Newberry County, SC.
 8. ii. **James Madison "Jim" Henderson II** was born in 1856 in Newberry District, SC. He died on 15 Feb 1933 in SC.
- Martha Cleopatra Atwood** daughter of Dr. C. B. Atwood and Judith Finch was born on 05 Jul 1819. She died on 31 Dec 1844. James Madison Henderson had married first Martha Cleopatra Atwood. They had the following children:
- i. **Judith Octavia Henderson** was born about 1841 in SC. She died 03 Jun 1842 (buried at Mt. Bethel).
 9. ii. **John Atwood "Jack" Henderson** was born on 28 Mar 1840. He died 02 Mar 1911.
 10. iii. **Martha Elizabeth Henderson** was born about 1839. She married Joseph W. Caldwell in Tenn.
5. **Thomas Harden Henderson-4** (John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born in 1790. He died 11 Jan 1860 in Newberry District, SC.
- Hannah Noland** daughter of William Noland. She died on 05 Aug 1890 in Newberry Dist, SC. Thomas Harden Henderson and Hannah Noland married. They had the following children:
11. i. **Stoughton Nolan Henderson** was born on 17 Feb 1852 in SC. He died on 05 May 1921 in Newberry Dist, SC.
 - ii. **Jennie Lou Henderson.**
 12. iii. **Jessie Ann Henderson.**
 - iv. **David Pettus Henderson** was born in 1849. He died in 1922.
 - v. **John Watland Henderson** was born in 1846. He died in 1921.
 - vi. **Edith Enoree Henderson** was born on 17 Dec 1854 in Newberry District, SC. She died on 17 Jan 1939 in Nby, SC.
 13. vii. **Williametta "Willie" Henderson.**
 - viii. **Thomas Watland Henderson** was born about 1841. He died 30 Jun 1862-CSA.
 - ix. **James Lewis Henderson.**
 - x. **Pettus Chick Henderson.** He died 08 Feb 1884 in Baltimore attending Med. School.
6. **David Watland Henderson-4** (John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born about 1791. He died on 12 Jan 1816.
Lucy Kelly.
David Watland Henderson and Lucy Kelly married. They had the following child:
- i. **Elvira Henderson.**

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Generation 5

7. **Eliza Frances "Lyde" Henderson-5** (James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born 05 Nov 1859 in Newberry District, SC. She died 05 Mar 1928 in Maybinton, SC. **William Brown Whitney** son of Frederick Henry Whitney and Sarah Church Anthony was born 04 Dec 1850 in Charleston, SC. He died 08 Mar 1925 in Maybinton, Newberry, SC. William Brown Whitney and Eliza Frances "Lyde" Henderson married. They had the following children:
- i. **James Pettus Whitney** was born on 03 Sep 1879. He died in 1881.
 14. ii. **Sallie Henderson Whitney** was born on 09 Mar 1882. She died in Jan 1975 in Gaffney, Cherokee County, SC.
 15. iii. **Frederick Henry Whitney** was born on 21 Sep 1885 in SC. He died in 1950.
 16. iv. **Daisy Electa (nee Willie Eliza) Whitney** was born on 10 Oct 1888. She married John Berry McCollum on 04 Jun 1927. She died on 16 Feb 1977 in Carlisle, Union County, SC. (buried Ebenezer Meth.Church Cem. Maybinton).
 - v. **Rena George Whitney** was born on 03 May 1892. She died in 1913.
 - vi. **Lula Bess Whitney** was born on 17 Mar 1897 in Maybinton, Newberry, SC. 12 She died on Aug 1991.
8. **James Madison "Jim" Henderson II-5** (James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born in 1856 in Newberry District, SC. He died on 15 Feb 1933 in SC. **Lucy Sims Hodges** was born on 15 Jan 1855. She died on 19 Jul 1896. James Madison "Jim" Henderson II and Lucy Sims Hodges married. They had the following children:
17. i. **Fannie Mae Henderson** was born on 02 Nov 1883 in Newberry County, SC. She died on 21 Dec 1946.
 - ii. **Winnie Henderson.**
9. **John Atwood "Jack" Henderson-5** (James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born 28 Mar 1840. He died on 02 Mar 1911. **Laura Langford** daughter of William Langford and Elizabeth (Eliza) Lewie was born 15 Mar 1843. She died on 20 Jan 1928. John Atwood "Capt. Jack" Henderson and Laura Langford married. They had the following children:
18. i. **Mattie Caldwell Henderson** was born on 14 Jun 1873. She died on 28 Mar 1900.
 - ii. **James Henderson** was born about 1876.
10. **Martha Elizabeth Henderson-5** (James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born about 1839. **Joseph W. Caldwell** was born about 1839. Joseph W. Caldwell and Martha Elizabeth Henderson were married in Tenn.. They had the following children:
- i. **Rebecca Caldwell.**
 - ii. **Lydia Caldwell.**
 - iii. **Evelyn Caldwell.**
 - iv. **Jack Caldwell.**
 - v. **Octavia Caldwell.**
 - vi. **Olive Caldwell.**

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11. **Stoughton Nolan Henderson-5** (Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born
born
17 Feb 1852 in SC. He died on 05 May 1921 in Newberry County, SC.
Mary Ella Milling was born on 01 Feb 1856 in SC. She died on 29 Jun 1927.
Stoughton Nolan Henderson and Mary Ella Milling married. They had the following children:
- 19. i. **Lewis Shelton Henderson** was born on 01 Feb 1881. He died on 11 May 1944
in Clinton, SC.
 - ii. **Thomas Watland "Watt" Henderson** was born on 04 Jan 1883.
He died on 16 Oct 1948 in Blairs, SC.
 - iii. **Hugh Milling Henderson**. He died after 1938.
 - iv. **Mary Kate Henderson** was born on 13 Aug 1887. She died 14 Oct 1948
in Columbia, SC.
 - v. **William Noland Henderson**. He died after 1938.
 - vi. **Mildred Lee Henderson**.
12. **Jessie Ann Henderson-5** (Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).
William Clifton Fitzgerald. William Clifton Fitzgerald and Jessie Ann Henderson married.
They had the following child:
- 20. i. **Willie Clifton "Dovie" Fitzgerald**.
13. **Williametta "Willie" Henderson-5** (Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).
James H. Ruff (Dr.) James H. Ruff (Dr.) and Williametta "Willie" Henderson married.
They adopted the following child:
- i. **Annie O. Ruff**.
- John Chaplin**. John Chaplin and Williametta "Willie" Henderson married. They had no
children.

Generation 6

14. **Sallie Henderson Whitney-6** (Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3,
David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 09 Mar 1882. She died in Jan 1975 in Gaffney,
Cherokee, SC.
- Thomas Crosby Jeter** son of William T. Jeter was born about 1880 in SC. He died before
1930.
Thomas Crosby Jeter and Sallie Henderson Whitney married. They had the following
children:
- i. **Tommie Crosby Jeter** was born about 1918 in Carlisle, Union, SC.
21. ii. **Sadie Coleman Jeter** was born on 12 Sep 1907 in Carlisle, Union, SC. She
married James Caldwell Hall on 14 Aug 1927. She died on 03 Nov 1980 in
Gaffney, SC.
15. **Frederick Henry Whitney-6** (Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2,
Thomas-1) was born on 21 Sep 1885 in SC. He died in 1950.

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Lois Irene Tinsley was born in 1890. She died in 1960. Frederick Henry Whitney and Lois Irene Tinsley married. They had the following children:

- i. **Sue Frances Whitney** was born about 1919 in Union County, SC.
She died on 27 Dec 2003 in Union, SC.
 23. ii. **William English Whitney** was born on 29 Dec 1921 in Union County, SC. He died 14 May 1991 in Union County, SC.
 - iii. **Frederick Henry Whitney Jr.** He died in childhood.
 - iv. **James Tinsley Whitney.** He died in Guam.
16. **Daisy Electa nee Willie Eliza Whitney-6** (Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 10 Oct 1888. She died on 16 Feb 1977 in Carlisle, Union County, SC. She is buried at Ebenezer Meth. Church Cem. Maybinton. **John Berry McCollum** son of John Richard McCollum and Margaret Emmaline Adams was born 28 Nov 1884 in Pomaria, SC. He died on 11 Jan 1964 in Carlisle, Union Co., SC. John Berry McCollum and Daisy Electa Whitney were married on 04 Jun 1927. They had the following child:
23. i. **Sarah Bess McCollum** was born on 29 Dec 1929 in Newberry County. She married Jesse Harold Smith on 23 Sep 1950. She died on 12 Apr 2002 in Spartanburg, SC.
17. **Fannie Mae Henderson-6** (James Madison "Jim"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born 02 Nov 1883 in Newberry County, SC. She died on 21 Dec 1946. **Marvin Eugene Abrams** was born on 01 Jan 1884 in Newberry County, SC. He died on 27 Jul 1966 in Newberry County, SC. Marvin Eugene Abrams and Fannie Mae Henderson married. They had the following children:
- i. **Thomas W. Abrams** was born about 1908 in Newberry County, SC.
 24. ii. **Lucy Frances Abrams** was born about 1909 in Newberry, SC.
 - iii. **Josephine Abrams** was born about 1911 in Newberry, SC.
 - iv. **Margaret Abrams** was born about 1913 in Nby, SC.
 25. v. **James Henderson "Chick" Abrams** was born on 05 Aug 1915 in Nby, SC. He died on 23 Sep 1988 in Salem, Oconee, SC.
 26. vi. **Marvin Eugene Abrams Jr.** was born on 27 Mar 1922 in Nby, SC.
 - vii. **Winnie Hodges Abrams** was born in 1924 in Nby, SC. She died in 1927.
18. **Mattie Caldwell Henderson-6** (John Atwood "Jack"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 14 Jun 1873. She died on 28 Mar 1900. **William Lafayette Sims (Dr.)** son of William W. Sims and Mary Elizabeth Hunter was born 12 Nov 1852. He died on 06 Dec 1916 in Union County, SC. William Lafayette Sims (Dr.) and Mattie Caldwell Henderson married. They had the following child: i. **William Caldwell Sims** was born on 27 Mar 1899 in Goshen Hill section of Union County. He died on 26 Dec 1956. Caldwell is buried in Rosemont in Newberry, SC.
19. **Lewis Shelton Henderson-6** (Stoughton Nolan-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 01 Feb 1881. He died on 11 May 1944 in Clinton, SC.
- Ola Jones.** Lewis Shelton Henderson and Ola Jones married. They had one child : **Edith Enoree Henderson (II).**
- Blanch Adair.** Lewis Shelton Henderson and Blanch Adair married. They had no children.

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20. **Willie Clifton "Dovie" Fitzgerald-6** (Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).

William Drayton Rutherford. William Drayton Rutherford and Willie Clifton "Dovie" Fitzgerald married. They had the following children:

- 27. i. **Jessie Gist Rutherford.**
- 28. ii. **William Fitzgerald Rutherford.**
- 29. iii. **Harriet Caldwell Rutherford** was born in 1895. She died in 1977.
- 30. iv. **Hannah Henderson Rutherford.**
- 31. v. **Drayton Adams Rutherford.**

Generation 7

21. **Sadie Coleman Jeter-7** (Sallie Henderson-6, Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 12 Sep 1907 in Carlisle, Union, SC. She died on 03 Nov 1980 in Gaffney, SC.

James Caldwell Hall was born on 22 May 1899 in Gaffney, SC. He died on 15 Oct 1990 in Gaffney, SC. James Caldwell Hall and Sadie Coleman Jeter were married on 14 Aug 1927. They had the following children:

- i. **Sadie Hall** was born about 1928. She died in 2009.
- ii. **William Hall.**
- iii. **James Hall.**

22. **William English Whitney-7** (Frederick Henry-6, Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 29 Dec 1921 in Union County, SC. He died on 14 May 1991 in Union County, SC.

Unknown spouse. William English Whitney and unknown spouse had the following children:

- i. **William English Whitney Jr.** was born in Feb 1948 in Union County, SC.
- ii. **James F. B. Whitney** was born about 1945 in Union County, SC.

23. **Sarah Bess McCollum-7** (Daisy Electa , Eliza-6, Eliza Frances "Lyde"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 29 Dec 1929 in Newberry County. She died 12 Apr 2002. **Jesse Harold Smith** son of Talmadge Smith was born 28 Feb 1930 in Lockhart, Union, He and Sarah Bess McCollum were married on 23 Sep 1950. They had the following children:

- iii. **John DeWitt Smith** was born on 02 Jun 1954 in Union County, SC.
- iv. **Andrew Whitney Smith** was born on 10 Aug 1960.
- v. **Sarah Nichols Smith** was born on 15 Sep 1963.

24. **Lucy Frances Abrams-7** (Fannie Mae-6, James Madison "Jim"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born about 1909 in Newberry County, SC.

Carl Lorick. Carl Lorick and Lucy Frances Abrams married. They had the following child:

- i. **Lucy Lorick** was born about 1937.

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25. **James Henderson Abrams-7** (Fannie Mae-6, James Madison "Jim"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born 05 Aug 1915 in Nby Cnty, died 23 Sep 1988 in Salem, Oconee, SC.
Sarah Peck Weaver was born about 1921. She died on 01 Nov 2006 in Atlanta, GA.
James Henderson "Chick" Abrams and Sarah Peck Weaver married. They had the following children:
- i. **Sally Weaver Abrams.**
 - ii. **James H. Abrams Jr.** He died in 2003.
 - iii. **Thomas Peck Abrams.**
26. **Marvin Eugene Abrams Jr.-7** (Fannie Mae-6, James Madison "Jim"-5, James Madison-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born on 27 Mar 1922 in Nby, SC.
Mary Pope "Pokie" Brunson. Marvin Eugene Abrams Jr. and "Pokie" married. They had the following child:
- i. **"Ronnie" Abrams** was born about 1949.
 - ii. **Mary Frances Abrams** was born about 1951.
 - iii. **Marvin Eugene "Gene"** was born about 1953.
- Carolyn Epps** was born in 1923. She died in 1998 in Newberry County, SC. Marvin Eugene Abrams Jr. and Carolyn Epps married. They had no children.
27. **Jessie Gist Rutherford-7** (Willie Clifton "Dovie"-6, Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).
Edgar Crooks. Edgar Crooks and Jessie Gist Rutherford married. They had the following children:
- i. **Dovie Crooks.**
 - ii. **Ann Crooks.**
28. **William Fitzgerald Rutherford-7** (Willie Clifton "Dovie"-6, Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).
Frances Houseal. William Fitzgerald Rutherford and Frances Houseal married. They had the following children:
- i. **William Fitzgerald Rutherford Jr.**
 - ii. **Kate Rutherford.**
29. **Harriet Caldwell Rutherford-7** (Willie Clifton "Dovie"-6, Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1) was born in 1895. She died in 1977.
Thomas Jasper Abrams was born on 25 Jun 1891. Thomas Jasper Abrams and Harriet Caldwell Rutherford married. They had the following child:
- i. **Jessie Fitzgerald Abrams.**
30. **Hannah Henderson Rutherford-7** (Willie Clifton "Dovie"-6, Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).
Jordon Pool. Jordon Pool and Hannah Henderson Rutherford married. They had the following children:
- i. **Edith Pool.**
 - ii. **Caroline Pool.**
 - iii. **Jordon Pool** died young.

31. **Drayton Adams Rutherford**-7 (Willie Clifton "Dovie"-6, Jessie Ann-5, Thomas Harden-4, John-3, David-2, Thomas-1).

Virginia Foster. Drayton Adams Rutherford and Virginia Foster married. They had the following child: **Billie Drayton Rutherford.**

OBITUARY

William Dixon "Bill" Henderson, 95, of 309 Holly Drive, passed away Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. **Born June 17, 1915 in Newberry County**, he was the son of the late Hugh M. and Helen Hardy Henderson.

He was a charter member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, worked 48 years in the Purchasing Department of the Geer Drug Company, and was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. Bill enjoyed playing golf, studying history, yard work, fixing things and the Atlanta Braves, but most of all, he enjoyed and loved his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Eileen Deal Henderson; sister, Mary Ella Finley; stepsons, Jeffrey (Beverly)Deal and Scott Deal; stepdaughter, Lisa Deal Kimble; step grandsons, James and Jack Deal; nieces, Ann McLean, Lyn Fabacher, Cindy McGhee, Betsy Wilson and Mary Gale Zucker; nephews, Heywood Henderson and Gil Walker; and his loving pet, Kristi. He was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth "Lib" Elkins Henderson; sisters, Frances Moore and Addy Walker; and brothers, Hugh and Heywood Henderson.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. Robert H. Brozina. Visitation will follow the service at the Church. (*Spartanburg Herald-Journal* 29 Oct 2010)

OBITUARY

submitted by Eleanor Borkenhagen of the Orange County, CA Gen. Society

Kahler, Claudia Elizabeth, age 83, of Huntington Beach, California passed away February 24, 2010. She was surrounded with love and prayers by her son, Roger and daughter, Nancy and their families. Claudia was born on January 5, 1927 to **Clyde and Mary Jane Kyzer**, both deceased, of **Newberry, South Carolina**. She married her best friend **Kenneth Irving Beaty, also from Newberry, South Carolina**. Together they enjoyed fishing, boating, and camping.

Claudia is survived by her loving children, Linda "Gary" Kunci of Exeter, CA, Susan "William" Darcy of Prattville, Alabama, Roger "Debbie" Beaty of Lake Forest, CA, Nancy Beaty of Huntington Beach, CA; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She will be loved and missed. Visitation was Sunday February 28, 2010 at Heritage Memorial Services. Interment was Monday, March 1, 2010 at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Officiant by Rev. Robert Jabro. (March 2, 2010 edition of *The Orange County Register*.)