

**The Revolutionary Soldiers**  
*of*  
**Catholic Presbyterian Church**  
*Chester, South Carolina*

At this time Catholic had a membership of over three hundred.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Davies the congregation leased for ten years the "Brick Church" which the Covenanters had abandoned when they emigrated to the north west in 1831. Here the upper part of the membership of Catholic worshipped for ten years, after which time the Brick church was leased to Hopewell A. R. P. church. Elder Hugh White, living in this part of the congregation, in 1843 deeded to Catholic a three-acre lot on which this portion of the flock had already erected a large frame building, in which to worship. (Deed recorded in Deed Book, E.E., p. 75, Chester County Court House.)

From 1843 to 1847 this church was called Upper Catholic, as the earlier organization up there had been known, and the church minutes recorded in the Minutes of the mother church Catholic.

In 1847 the Upper Church asked for a separate organization and their request was approved by both the Presbytery and the mother church Catholic, they were granted a "certificate of the following named persons: Francis White, Elizabeth Whavey White, Esther White, Wm. White, Jr., Sarah White, Mary White, William White, Nancy White, Jane Ross, Eliza Ross, Katherine McClintock, Peninnah Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Archibald H. Robinson, Helen Robinson, Nancy Robinson, Andrew Hood, Elizabeth Hood, John Hood, Elizabeth Hood, Archibald Hood Junr., Alexander Archer, Jennye Archer, Margaret Spence, Rachel Young, Jane M. Thompson, Mrs. Hollis, Elizabeth Graham, John Agnew, Nancy Agnew, Evaline Ross, Sarah Ross, James Knox, Nancy Knox, Robt. Knox, David Jamieson, Sarah Jamieson, Evaline Jamieson, Jemima Jamieson, Elizabeth A. Jamieson, Thomas Dewitt, Alexander Dickey, Ann Dickey, Susan Dickey, Samuel Hamilton, Margaret Hamilton, Nancy Caskey, David McCraight, Elizabeth McCraight, Nancy Baird, Samuel Baird, Evaline Baird, Sarah Wallace, Peter Wallace, Mary Wallace, Daniel Dunlap, Mary Ralph. Elizabeth Boyd, Elizabeth Reid, Elizabeth Boyd, Martha Boyd, John Boyd, Jennet Boyd, Jonas Reap, Rachel Reap, Robert Gourley, Rosanna Gourley, Francis Reedy, Susannah Reedy, Wm. Mills, Isabella Mills, John Torbit, Martha Torbit, Juliana Kennedy, Grace McNeill, Mary McNeill, Samuel Sexton, Katherine Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Mrs. Harrison, Miriam Lumpkin, Margaret Fee, Jame McCollough, Esther Banks, Robt. M. Banks, Margaret Banks, Samuel Sullivan, Jane Sullivan, James Sullivan, John Sullivan, Eleanor Sullivan, R. LeRoy Miller, Jane Miller, Margaret Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Sophia Miller, Mary Miller, Isabella Miller, Josiah Miller, Margaret Miller, and the Ruling Elders Hugh White, Simon C. Robinson, Moses H. Robinson, John Torbit, Wm. Wallace, and John Banks."

"The following servants were also included in the certificate to organize the new church: Phillis Reid, Sally Reid, Wm. Reid, Dick Reid, Sally Jamieson, Clarissa Perdue, Esther Perdue, Luey Night, Solomon Bigham, Jane Hamilton, Elizabeth Sterling, Ben'j Hamilton, Alford Ross, Maria White, Emily White, Sylvia Wylie, Letty Robinson, George Stroud, Katherine Stroud, Henry Torbit, and Elizabeth Stroud." From the organization of the separate church the name was changed from Upper Catholic to Pleasant Grove and the church records no longer a part of the mother church. To go back to the pastors of Catholic: After the departure of the Rev. Davies to North Carolina, catholic was supplied for a time, by the Rev. Thomas English of Sumter District, later by the Rev. G. W. Boggs, a missionary from India.

In the year 1839, the congregation bought from James McDowell, five additional acres of land and with eleven acres in their possession, commenced to plan the building of a large brick church. This church, the third mentioned in Dr. Howe's history, is the present building. It was finished and dedicated soon after the Rev. William Banks became pastor of Catholic in 1841. On Oct. 30, 1833, during the fall term of Court, "David Lyle, an alien from Ireland and the Rev. Robt. Y. Russell, subjects of the King of Great Britain, came into open Court and made application to become citizens of the United States of America," — and were admitted. The Minutes of Session gave a detailed account of how the Undertaker, David Lyle, went forward with the work, how the pews were rented and declared vacant, if this rent was not promptly paid when due. The pews near the front were at a higher rate than those in the back of the church. Those members not able to pay rent for their seats had pews provided for them and the congregation paid the rent. On June 30, 1842, "It was resolved that John

County records. The original is probably lost.

Deed Book T, p. 158, September 29, 1814. Deed from Joseph Caskey to James Graham, Junr., one hundred three acres of land for two hundred dollars, "which was my share of the real estate of my father John Caskey deceased and conveyed by me the said Joseph Caskey to Robert Caskey, and conveyed back by the said Robert Caskey, to the said Joseph Caskey, and conveyed by the said Joseph Caskey to Robert and Thomas Caskey, and conveyed by Robert and Thomas to the said Joseph Caskey back again."

Minute Book of the January Court, 1797, p. 67, Chester County Court House basement: "On motion of Robert Caskey he is appointed guardian of Thomas and Joseph Caskey, Orphans of John Caskey deceased and hath entered into bond of 200 with Hugh Knox, Esq. and James Hughes his Securities for his true performance thereof."

Chester County Office of Probate Judge, Bond Book 1840 to 1853, p. 6, December 7, 1840: "John Caskey, James Caskey, David Marion, and Joseph Dickey are holden and firmly bound unto Peter Wylie Ordinary for the District of Chester, S. C., for three thousand dollars as executors and administrators of Thomas Caskey, deceased."

Return of the estate of Thomas Caskey, February 4, 1844:

Paid Thomas Caskey Ten dollars

Paid Juliana Caskey Twenty-five dollars

Paid Elizabeth Caskey Ten dollars

Paid Hugh Mills Ten dollars

Paid Joanna Caskey Ten dollars

Paid Robert Gourley Ten dollars

Paid W. Hindman sixteen dollars

Apt. 93, pkt. 1476, Will Book 1840-1865, Chester County, South Carolina. Will of Juliana Caskey (widow of Thomas) drawn September 24, 1844, probated July 18, 1848. "In the name of God Amen. Juliana Caskey of Chester District and State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of life being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will in manner following that is to any

FIRST - I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

SECOND - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hindman One dollar.

THIRD - I give and bequeath to my daughter Rosana Gourley One dollar.

FOURTH - I give and bequeath to my son John Caskey One dollar.

FIFTH - I give and bequeath to my son James Caskey one dollar.

SIXTH - I give and bequeath to my daughter Esther Mills one dollar.

SEVENTH - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth E. Caskey one dollar.

EIGHTH - I give and bequeath to my daughter Joannah Caskey One dollar.

NINTH - I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Caskey all the rest of my estate of what nature or quality whatsoever it may be - to him ad his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever.

TENTH - lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son Thomas Caskey executor of my last will and testament by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four.

Signed Sealed published and delivered for the last Will and Testament of the above named Julianna Caskey.

Signed in the presence of us  
J. Y. Mills

her  
Julianna X Caskey  
mark

Robert Wilson  
Moses H. Robinson

Betsy Knox, b. 9/1/1801, d. 8/9/1834, m. John McGuire.

Salley Knox, b. 7/18/1803, d. 12/31/1901, married William Wallace.

James Nesbit Knox, b. 6/22/1806, d. 12/31/1880, married Nancy Dunlap; reared a family.

Polly Knox, b. 10/10/1808, d. 9/29/1890, married Peter D. Wallace.

Lucretia Knox, b. 1/1/1811, d. 9/14/1835.

Hugh Boyd Knox, b. 9/6/1814, d. 1/29/1886, married a Miss Hutto, 1850.

One of Hugh Knox' daughters, Sarah Knox Wallace, was a "Gold Spoon" member and one of three original daughters of the American Revolution in South Carolina, when the Columbia Chapter was organized in 1898, her membership being transferred to the "Mary Adair" Chapter of Chester when it was organized in 1900.

Our late, beloved W. D. Knox, Superintendent of Education in Chester County for forty-two years, and for forty-eight years a ruling elder in Pleasant Grove and Purity Presbyterian churches, was a grandson of Hugh Knox.

**JAMES KNOX, M. D. AND WILLIAM KNOX**  
(Sons of John Knox and Elizabeth Gaston.)

James and William, brothers of Hugh Knox above, have the same background and family as outlined in the sketch of Hugh. They arrived at the port of Charleston the 22nd of December, 1767, on the ship Earl of Donegal, and the ship list (Council Journal, State Historical Commission, Columbia, S. C.), has the family recorded as follows:

John Knox, age 50	James Knox, age 16
Elizabeth Knox, age 40	Hugh Knox, age 10
William Knox, age 15	William Knox, age 50
Sarah Knox, age 17	

The last named William must have been the brother of John Knox. The will of John Knox (Book A, p. 101, Chester Court House), gave his daughter, Sarah, the plantation he lived on. "My son John land formerly of my brother William; my son Hugh, 250 acres he now lives on, lying on Bull Run. My son William 5 shillings and no more; my son James five shillings and no more; my son Robert five shillings and no more . . ." The rest of the estate, one-half to son John and other half to be equally divided between son Hugh and daughter Sarah, except one sorrel mare purchased from Robert Harper, "money in hands of Mr. White I leave to my loving wife . . ." John and Hugh were executors.

his  
John X Knox  
mark

Witnessed by  
James Wylie  
James McClintock

Land deeds recorded in the Chester County court house give the names of the children of Dr. James Knox, Book S, p. 244, May 14, 1810, South Carolina: "We James Knox, Gray Briggs and Matilda H. Briggs his wife of state aforesaid and District of Fairfield being lawful heirs of the estate of Doctor James Knox dec'd and entitled to a Distributive share thereof for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to us in hand paid by Robert Knox of the said state and District . . ." This was 108 acres of land in Chester County on Fishing Creek "being our distributive share . . . of what remains of three tracts of land adjoining each other belonging to the Heirs of Dr. James Knox dec'd. (Surveyed Feb. 14, 1810 by John McCreary, D.S.) (Regular form of deed.)

Witnessed by	James Knox
Edw. Raines	G. Briggs
Reuben Pickett	Matilda Briggs

In Book S, p. 516, Dec. 25, 1818, Nathan King and wife Eliza King, of the state of Mississippi, sold

The conditions of the above obligation is that whereas Wm. Stinson late of State & District aforesaid in his last will and testament did leave upon condition that the said James Stinson again became of sound wit & memory if not it was to be divided between Robt. and John Stinson aforesaid & Whereas John has agreed to help the said James Stinson upon condition that I Robert Stinson do agree to relinquish my right to said land — I therefore consider myself bound in the above manner, if I fail in making good sufficient title to the above mentioned land if he the said James should die in his present Condition. In Witness whereof I set my hand and seal this 3rd. day of March 1811. Signed & Sealed in presence of

Robert Stinson

Wm. Anderson J.P.

Elizabeth Stinson, wife of William Stinson, dec'd, signed her dower to these lands on Little Rocky creek known by the name of Stinson's mill place and on which John Stinson now lives, the other tract originally granted to John Clemmin's unto the said John Stinson which was left to him by his father Wm. Stinson. This 21st day of Sept. 1811.

Before me

Charles Boyd, J.Q.

her

Elizabeth X Stinson

mark

In a family history, The Stevensons, by J. C. Stevenson of Nashville, Tennessee, 1906, Mr. Stevenson claims descent from William Stinson through an older son Hugh, supposed to have been born in Ireland. In his will William Stinson mentions "my oldest son Robert". An article by Daniel Green Stinson, the historian, says that his father had six children by his first wife. The William Stevensons were quite numerous in South Carolina and it is probably that Mr. Stevenson of Tennessee was in error as to which family his ancestor Hugh Stevenson belonged. The children of William Stinson and his first wife, Miss Beattie, were, Robert, John, James, William, Nancy and Elizabeth, the last twins, whose mother died when they were born in 1788. The children by the second wife, Elizabeth Wylie, were: Samuel, Mary, Daniel Green, and Catherine.

Of the first wife's children there is little information and no proof of that little. Nancy, b. March 3, 1788, d. June 24, 1857, married (1) William Orr, (2) John Ferguson, and is buried in the Anderson family burying ground.

The second wife's children married as follows:

Samuel Stinson, b. 1790, married Elizabeth Westbrook, daughter of Jacob and Sarah.

Mary Stinson, b. 1792, married James Ferguson, son of Samuel Ferguson and Isabella Barber. They had nine children, seven girls and two boys. The eldest daughter, Isabella, married Jason Hicklin (father of Jason Calvin Hicklin, whose daughter Susan Hicklin and husband Wm. W. Gaston still live near Fishing Creek church.)

Their second daughter, Elizabeth married a Mr. Sterling.

Their third daughter, Agnes, married Mr. Coleman.

Their fourth daughter, Kate, married Mr. Grafton.

Their fifth daughter, Mary Ann, married Mr. Hindman.

Their sixth daughter, Hepzibah, married Dr. William Stevenson (not related to the Stevenson family of this sketch.)

Their seventh daughter, Jane, married Mr. Hall.

William, the first son of James Ferguson and Mary Stinson, married a Miss Wade.

Barber Ferguson, the last child of James Ferguson and Mary Stinson, was three times married but there is no record of his wives or of his family.

Daniel Green Stinson, b. May 1, 1794, d. Sept. 10, 1879, married (1) Esther Gaston, daughter of Joseph Gaston and Jane Brown, on the 29th of January, 1819. Esther Stinson died in 1854, aged 35 years. The second wife was a Mrs. Hinkle, daughter of Mr. Turner and Margaret Morgan.

D G. Stinson was the father of six daughters and two sons, all by the first wife. One of his sons died in infancy; the other died in college in his twentieth year. Of the six daughters, in 1871 only Mrs. S. J. Lewis and Mrs. L. McDonald were living. From the Sessional Records of Catholic Church,