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The next meeting of the Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS will be Sunday at 3:00 pm, March 23, 2002 at the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro, S. C. The church is located on Congress Street, one block north of the town clock, across from the Winnsboro, S. C. Post Office. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for the meeting.

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Cemetery Books

Cemetery survey books of Fairfield County are available at the Fairfield Museum in Winnsboro or by mail from the address below. Volume One includes large cemeteries in the western section of the county; Volume Two is the eastern section; and Volume Three is some of the rest of the cemeteries including most family and abandoned burying grounds. The cost is \$25.00 each (plus \$5 for each volume if mailed).

FAIRFIELD GENEALOGY ROOM

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all reputable men and practical farmers. Wm. B. Means and Robert Means, the latter a son of John Means; were class-mates of mine at Monticello Academy in 1822.

John Hugh Means, after serving as captain of the Buckhead troop of cavalry in 1833, was promoted to a majority, and soon after elected brigadier general, and not long afterwards elevated to the gubernatorial chair of our State – the most rapid promotion I ever knew. I need not mention with what honor he filled these offices to himself and his State, as many now alive knew him well, and mourned his sad fate in our late disastrous war – a martyr to the cause of liberty.

I must not forget Daniel H. Kerr, a practical merchant of Old Buckhead, from 1821 to '35 and afterwards a practical farmer until his death. He was noted for strict integrity and his exemplary Christian life.

Philip Pearson, who lived and died near Monticello, was accounted the most correct land surveyor in our State, and surveyed the county by Act of our Legislature when I was a boy. He was a wealthy planter and exemplary Christian, and died at a green old age, respected by all who knew him. His eldest son, Wm F. Pearson, was a man of superior mental calibre – read law, but never was at the bar. After he served in our Legislature his friends nominated for Congress for the counties of Fairfield, Newberry, and Laurens. I forget the names of his competitors, as I was young. Thought he was not returned, he received a respectable vote, as I was told. Dr. George B. Pearson, my most estimable friend, was not only an old and respected physician, but one of the most pious and exemplary Christian I ever knew. He was beloved by all who knew him. He was a lover of pomology, and was regarded as the most thorough botanist in our State. He was educated at Monticello Academy, under the supervision or instruction of the first teacher at Monticello – the Rev. James Rogers – a Presbyterian preacher and afterwards pastor of the Brick Church, as it was called, of Rogers church, near Kincaid's bridge. Dr. G. B. Pearson was an excellent linguist, a planter and florist. He died but a few years ago, aged eighty-two.

Requiescat in pace. Philip Edward Pearson was a prominent lawyer at the Winnsboro bar from 1816 to 1832, and solicitor of that circuit at one time. He removed to Alabama about 1850, and afterwards to Texas, where he died some twenty-five years since. Dr. Joel E. Pearson was of about my age, and practiced his profession, skillfully in the vicinity of Monticello from 1826 to '32, when he removed to Vienna, Ala. He died during the late war from exposure in the western army.

I could mention many other respectable and useful men who lived from 1810 to '35 in western Fairfield, but hope this may suffice for the present. W. E.

From the July 1, 1880 Issue of the Fairfield News and Herald

Biographical Sketches

Gen. Pearson, Rev. Jonathan Davis, the Lyleses and Alstons – Nevitt's Fisheries – Other Honored Citizens.

Rock Creek, June 23 – I neglected in my sketches to make mention of Gen. John Pearson. As a boy I recollect seeing him at a muster ground in uniform near old Buckhead beating up for volunteers to join the war of 1812. Mills, in his statistics of South Carolina, mentions him as a native of Richland County. His daughter, Mrs. Grace Lakin, is now in her 98th year, and is living in the house her father built before the Revolutionary War – added to since. She told me some several years since that her father removed from the Fork below Columbia, and settled about two

miles above the present site of Alston. He was a large land owner of the most fertile lands in that section. Gen. Pearson, Mills writes, was a well educated man, served as an officer in the Revolutionary War with distinction, and filled many important offices after the war. Some of his descendants live on and near his old homestead, at this time, and are useful citizens.

James Davis came from York County with his father, John Davis, who married my grand mother, either before or during the Revolutionary War. James D. married my Aunt Millie E. who emigrated with her mother from Stafford County, Va., before the Revolutionary War, and served in that memorable struggle for independence. He was a wealthy planter and merchant, and died in August, 1822, while I was a student at Monticello, about one mile south of it. His son, Col. Jonathan Davis, was a large planter and merchant, afterwards a Baptist preacher, and, as many now know, died about twenty-five years since where Mr. J. K. Davis now lives. I could mention many more useful and respected citizens whom I knew while at school 1821 and '22 at Monticello, some of whom were the Kincaids, Gen. McMeekin, Andrew McMeekin, N. Holly, the Martins, Holmeses, Montgomerys, Bells, Stautons, Elkins, T. May, the Rabbs, Mays, Harrisons, Morris, Dawkins, G. Free. I must not forget James Alston and his son Col. W. J. Alston. Mr. Alston was a wealthy planter and large land holder, an estimable and useful citizen. Col. W. J. Alston, as many of his neighbors know, possessed much of milk of human kindness, a graduate of the South Carolina College, an efficient and working member of the Legislature, was burnt out like myself by that band of ruffians belonging to Kilpatrick's savage raid. He was a pious consistent Christian gentleman, and died at his residence not long after our late disastrous war. I had forgotten to mention my estimable neighbor and friend, Maj. W. S. Lyles. He was well known to the citizens of Fairfield as a planter member of the Legislature, as signer of the ordinance of secession, noted for his benevolence, a good neighbor and Christian. His death is in the remembrance of many his friends as well as him many virtues. Dr. T. J. Lyles, whose death is of recent occurrence, was born in Fairfield, removed to Maybinton, Newberry County, and returned, was a man of property, an useful citizen and Christian, a deacon of the Baptist Church at Rock Creek, and died in the full hope of eternal felicity. I recollect Wm. M. Nevitt, who removed from Maryland before my recollection, and who reared an industrious family of sons, all Methodist. When a boy the first shad I ever brought home was from Nevitt's fishery, at the mouth of Beaver Creek Broad River. The cost one dollar for eight. I heard my father say before the war of 1812, sixteen shad were bought for a dollar. Near Ashford's ferry lived John Hutcheson, David James, and Ashfords, Pools, Duncans and higher up Broad River the Sheltons, Chapmans, Meadors, Mobleys, Colemans, Feasters, Coopers, Hills, Dyes, and old Tommy Williams, who I have often heard tell at my store how he shot the British who landed at Haddrel's Point for water, near Charleston, in the War of 1812. It seems their landing created wild consternation, and our whole force was ordered from a distant point of the Island to march, double-quick, to that point, but before the could all arrive, Tommy saw the man-or-war getting ready to move off, after watering. Being in the front, he left his command hastily and slipped behind some obstruction intervening and let off his "blunderbuss" as he called it, a musket at the crew who were unarmed, from what he could see, and he "leveled" a man. After he had gotten old he was often asked why he ventured so near the enemy alone. He would reply, "I went there to fight, and this was the first chance I had, and I determined not to lose it." He and the old patriarch, David R. Coleman, who died at 90 would hunt squirrels and fish but a few years before their demise. D. R. C. was a land surveyor, possessed a store of useful knowledge and had several sons of usefulness. His brothers, Capt. H. J. Coleman was a good man, neighbor, citizen and officer. He raised several sons of usefulness, industrious and beloved by neighbors. Among

these were Dr. Robt. and W. P. Coleman. Andrew, Jacob and John were sons of John Feaster, noted for their industry, honesty and economy. Jacob Feaster surveyed more land and handled more estates and was guardian for more orphans than any man I ever knew. He kept a diary of all notable events for many years before his death, which one of his sons has in possession, and which is a valuable work of reference – such as the temperature of the weather, seasons, wet, dry, hot and cold, depth of rainfall, freshets, marriages, births, deaths, crops, market, etc. He died near Buckhead, as many know, since the late war.

W. E.

In 1905 L. M. Ford wrote several articles about the Rocky Mount Area, this article is from the February 22, 1905 Issue of the Fairfield News and Herald.

Memoirs, Traditions and History of Rocky Mount and Vicinity by L. M. Ford

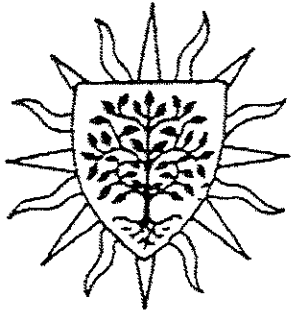
Face of the County

Before the advent of the white man these hills were an open forest, destitute of undergrowth and covered with wild peavines from one to two feet high, while great cane brakes grew to great height on the creek and river bottoms. The woods were made noisy by the chattering of the cat squirrels and the fox squirrel made his home in the pine and waxed fat on its juicy cones. Numbers of wild turkeys stalked leisurely through the forest partaking of the daintiest morsels only. Deer browsed and gambled on the hillside unmolested, while the more ferocious animals such as the wild cat, panther etc., made their homes in the swamp on the streams. In winter blackbirds and wild pigeons visited the hills in vast numbers and ducks and geese could be seen gliding on the surface of every stream. The streams teemed with fish of many varieties. Occasionally Indian wigwams could be seen clustered about a spring near some stream.

Names

When the first settlers came here they found a tribe of Indians who made their home on the banks of our river and its tributaries. They were called Catawba and from them the river took its name, Catawba. As such it is known from its source in North Carolina to the mouth of Wateree Creek where it changes to Wateree. The Indians called the river Eswa Tavora. These Indians were friendly to the settlers from the first and have held sacred every obligation entered into and every treaty made. They fought on the side of the patriots in the Revolution and on the side of the Confederates in our late war. A remnant, less than a hundred, still live on a reservation in York County on the banks of this river. They make pipes and earthenware which they exchange with neighboring merchants for such goods as they desire. They may be hired to perform some labor also.

The names of Turkey Branch, Rocky Branch, Rocky Creek and Crooked Creek suggest a reason why they are so called. On the banks of one of our branches a deputation of the whites would meet a deputation of Indians in council and transact business and adjust their differences to the satisfaction of all. The calumet was passed around and all went home in



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Is this your last issue of the Newsletter?

This will be true unless you have "03" or "04" above your name. Anyone with "02" needs to renew their membership.

the wounds of the soldiers and in carrying water to allay their thirst. A Catawba Indian severely wounded was succored by them and his last looks were turned in gratitude to those who had soothed his pain and supplied his want.

For the account of the battle of Rocky Mount and the Revolutionary incidents above mentioned, I am indebted to that part of "The Women of the Revolution" written by Daniel Stinson, Fishing Creek.

These are two more articles written by W. E.

From the July 6, 1880 Issue of the News and Herald

Reminiscences of The Past

Sketches of Some Prominent Men of Fairfield, Now No More

Messrs. Editors: Allow me to apologize for omitting in my last the names of some of our most prominent citizens of Fairfield. Amongst them allow me to commemorate the memory of Maj. Nathan Cook, Maj. Thos. Cook, Burrell B. Cook, John and General Philip Cook. I well recollect them all – men of worth and integrity of character, well worthy of our remembrance. East of the Cooks lived Maj. Joshua Player. I was invited in 1825 by him to partake of his hospitalities from a barbecue given on the Fourth of July near his residence, at which his son Thompson delivered a Fourth of July oration – his maiden speech on that occasion, as the Major expressed it. I knew but little of Major Joshua Player at this time. I was afterwards told that he removed for Santee to Fairfield – was once a supercargo of a merchant ship from the West Indies to Charleston, and was an officer in the War of 1812. He was a practical farmer and a high-toned gentleman. I knew his son Thompson Player very intimately – a prominent lawyer at our Winstboro bar, and Solicitor of our Judicial District. He was a bold advocate of the doctrine of Nullifications, with Levy, of Camden. He removed to Louisiana and there died. Amongst the immigrants from Virginia was our esteemed friend, Benj. V. Lakin, and Maj. Henry W. Parr, who settled near Alston about the year 1830. The former married Grace Pearson, the daughter of Gen. John Pearson, now the oldest lady in Fairfield. He died many years ago, beloved for his many virtues as neighbor and Christian. His nephew, Maj. Henry W. Parr, died not long since, beloved for his many virtues as neighbor and Christian also. Allow me here to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of my esteemed friend, James Andrews. I first knew him as a clerk for Col. Wm. Kincaid, in my boyhood, afterwards as merchant and planter. I thought in him were concentrated more virtues than in any other man I ever knew. He belonged to no Christian denomination, but yet of exemplary and moral deportment, and beloved by all who knew him. He died not long after my visit at the home of his friend Mr. Scruggs, in the lower part of Fairfield. My only prayer to his memory is *-Requiescat in pace. Rest in peace, my cherished friend.*

I will now recall to memory my old departed friend and neighbor, Col. Alexander B. Hall, a native of York District. He married the daughter of Captain Jas. Kincaid, whom I have mentioned in a former article. Colonel Hall possessed more of the milk of human kindness than is generally allotted to man. He was a neighbor indeed. He died where he lived, and his remains

were entombed at Rock Creek Church, with those of his amiable and pious consort – the first in 1832 and the other in 1835.

Mr. Rook lived for many years on Rock Creek, and was a member of Rock Creek Church. He was indeed a farmer. He raised on his own farm his horses, mules, Hogs, and cattle, and had his corncrib at home. He removed in 1835 to Lancaster District, where he died in 1850. I must not forget Dr. Thos. Furman, a native of Chester, S. C., who lived and died just below Monticello, not long before our late war. He with George O'Neal, his near neighbor, were among the most useful citizens of that vicinage. Dr. John McMahan was a worthy citizen of western Fairfield, and lived but a few years near Ashford's Ferry, where he died during our late war. Capt. Jas. Lyles was a consistent member and deacon of Rock Creek Church. He was a native of our District, but removed to Mississippi, where he died about 1845, beloved by all who knew him for his integrity and Christian virtues. W. E.

From the July 15, 1880 Issue of the News and Herald

Sketches and Anecdotes

A Few More Citizens – How a Tory was Popped – Splitting a Gum Log

Rock Creek, July 8 – Some of the most prominent citizens of Western Fairfield had escaped my notice in my sketches; among them was David R. Evans an Englishman by birth. At what time he settled in Fairfield, I am unable to state. I was told that he was the first lawyer in our county that practiced at the Winnsboro bar. I heard my father say that he once presided as the judge at Winnsboro, the judge of that circuit being absent. He was said to be a profound judge of law for that age. Kind and urbane in his manners, he was beloved by all who knew him. He lived, when I called upon him in 1825 for counsel after his retirement from the bar, east of Little River. He removed to Winnsboro where he died about 1830. He left no offspring. I was told that he was once a Representative in Congress from our district and served his constituency with ability and entire satisfaction. His brother Joseph also came over from England with him, read law, but never practiced his profession. He lived for many years east of Little River on his plantation as a farmer, and died there about the date of his brother's death, I think, leaving a respectable family of children. William and Abner Fant lived for several years near Lyles' Ford, removed from Stafford County, Virginia, before by recollection, with their father, and were respectable citizens and planters.

William Fant removed in 1821 to Union County on Tyger River, where he died at an old age about 1854. He married my sister in 1818, and she is now living with her son, Dr. F. M. E. Fant, near Lyles' Ford at the advanced age of ninety-two and a half years. Abner Fant was one of the first Baptist preachers I ever heard. He and Dr. Wm. Woodward were pastors of Rock Creek Church at the same time. He could preach louder and longer I think than any man I ever heard. He died at an old age in Anderson County. Three of his sons were Baptist preachers, and a son of the eldest is now living in Winnsboro, known to most of your readers. Chancellor Harper, although not a native of Fairfield, and whose high order of talents, with amiability of character as jurist, citizen and statesman, I am unable to do justice to, settled near Salem Church about 1825, I think, and died about 1845 or '50. His labor and counsel in the cause of States Rights, are in the memory of some of his compatriots to this day. A true patriot, a consistent

DEATH NOTICES

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DEATH:—Mr. Geo. Brown, an old and respected citizen of the Rock City neighborhood, died on Saturday night after a long and painful sickness, with cancer of the face. His remains were buried on Sunday in the old Alston and McKinstry grave yard. He leaves a family all of whom are grown.

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September 8, 1881 Issue

Mrs. Lucy R. Harrison, relict of the late **John Harrison Sr.**, died at the residence of **Dr. John Boyd** in this county on Tuesday at the age of eighty-eight.

September 13, 1881 Issue

Miss Carrie Means, daughter of the late **Dr. David C. Means**, died at her mother's residence on Tuesday at the age of fourteen

Mrs. C. B. Souter, living in the Cedar Creek section, died on Saturday. She was ninety-four years of age.

Mrs. Grace Lakin, the widow of the late **C. J. Lakin** and daughter of **Gen John Pearson**, died at her home in this county Saturday last. She was ninety-nine year of age. The funeral services were held at Little River Baptist Church and she was buried in the adjoining burying-ground.

September 17, 1881 Issue

Mr. Calvin Gibson died on Thursday at the age of seventy-one.

October 5, 1881 Issue

Major John Woodward Durham, formerly of Fairfield County but more recently of Chester County, died at his residence on the 29th of September of heart disease at the age of forty-five. He leaves a wife and five children.

Mr. Thomas Lauderdale Sr. died at the residence of **Mr. John M. Lemmon** on Wednesday last at the age of eighty-eight. He was born in County Down, Ireland on January 20, 1793 and immigrated to this country in 1817. He married **Miss Mary McMullen** and moved to the Salem neighborhood. He was buried at Jackson's Creek (Lebanon) Church.

October 12, 1881 Issue

Laura McCants, the infant child of **Mr. James Glenn McCants**, died on Wednesday.

October 26, 1881 Issue

Mrs. Anne G. Johnston, wife of **Col. Wm. Johnston** of Charlotte and mother of **Mrs. T. R. Robertson** of this place, died on the 13th inst. in Charlotte. Her father, **Dr. Franklin Graham**, was a son of **General Joseph Graham** of Lincoln County, North Carolina, moved to Memphis early in life where he died.

November 2, 1881 Issue

William H. Williams died in Winnsboro on Saturday the 29th instant of consumption at the age of forty-one. He was a private in Co. G, of the Sixth Regiment. He was buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard.

November 16, 1881 Issue

Mrs. Lavinia Nooks died on Monday at the age of ninety years, ten months and twenty days.

Mrs. Eleanor F. Miller died on last Tuesday at Ocala, Florida. She was the widow of the late **Col. Hugh Miller** and mother of **Mr. A. P. Miller** of this place. She resided most of her life in Winnsboro but of late lived with her sons in Florida, **Hugh L. Miller** and **D. A. Miller**. She was seventy years of age. Her remains were interred in Ocala.

December 7, 1881 Issue

Mrs. Elvira C. Rabb, wife of **Mr. Wm. S. Rabb** of this place, died on Sunday at the age of fifty-five. She was the daughter of the late **John Chaplin** of Beaufort and leaves a husband and daughter. The funeral services were held in the Episcopal Church and she was interred in the cemetery.

BERNIGHTON'S HISTORY

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VARIOUS FAIRFIELD FAMILIES

From The News & Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., June 18, 1901

Rev. James Rogers was for many years Principal of the Monticello Academy in its early existence. He first married a Miss Boyd; they had one son, John. After her death he married Miss Celia Davis, sister of Colonel John Davis; she left no children. Rev. James Rogers was for many years pastor of the Presbyterian Church near Kincaid's bridge, called the Brick Church. He died at White Hall, where Mr. Thomas McGill now lives, about the year 1830. Colonel Hugh Stevenson afterwards lived and died in the same house. Colonel Jonathan Davis was a son of James Davis, who came from York County a short time after the Revolutionary War, and married Miss Mollie Ederington. He became a Baptist preacher about the year 1835. He was a man of liberal education and a rigid disciplinarian in church government. He served Rock Creek, Little River and other churches for many years, even after he became a cripple. He was much devoted to the cause of his Master, and died near Monticello about the year 1860 in full assurance of eternal bliss. I should have mentioned before that Colonel Jonathan Davis married Miss Rebecca Kincaid, a daughter of Captain James Kincaid, one of the pious women I ever knew. While I boarded with them in 1822, she became a cripple for life. She bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and lived many years afterwards. She died at the home of her son-in-law, the Rev. James C. Furman, in Greenville, South Carolina, having been blessed with a long life. No purer woman ever lived. Colonel Jonathan had nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Dr. James B. Davis married a Miss Scott, practiced medicine in Winnsboro, then he became a large planter where he lived near Monticello.

He afterwards spent five years in Turkey in the interest of the Sultan in regard to producing cotton in his Empire. He returned to South Carolina with his family about the year 1845, and died soon after in Fairfield. William K. Davis married a Miss Zimmerman of Darlington County, S.C., and was a planter near Monticello for many years. He afterwards moved to Charleston; he did not remain in the city long before he returned to Fairfield, and died about 1871. He read law in Union County at Mr. John Wolke's, but never practiced that profession. He was a very intelligent and well-read man, a devoted husband and father and much beloved by all who knew him. He has a son in Charleston, bearing his wife's name, Zimmerman. He was colonel of the 5th South Carolina Cavalry in Butler's Brigade, Confederate States Army. W.K. Davis had three other sons and two daughters; Major William J. and Cline C. Davis, of Louisville, Ky., and Glenn E. Davis, of Charleston, S.C. One of his daughters married Frederick Tupper and the other C.J. Eugenia, both of Charleston. Benjamin F. Davis read and practiced medicine; he graduated at Louisville, Ky., married a Miss Adams, moved to Mississippi and there died. He was regarded as a skillful physician and was a man of more than ordinary calibre. Jonathan Davis moved to California.

Colonel J. Bunyan Davis, fifth son of Col. John Davis, was a brave and efficient officer in our late war. He raised the first company in Fairfield after the State seceded. He was colonel of the 15th Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers and did good service in both state and Virginia. After the war he married a Miss Fuller of the low country, Beaufort, S.C. She died a few years ago, leaving two sons and two daughters, and after her death, Colonel Davis went to Texas a few years, but he returned to his native county and is now engaged in practicing medicine and teaching school near Monticello.

Nathan Davis, a son of Colonel Jon. Davis, is living in Greenville, S.C. Harriet was the oldest daughter of Colonel Davis. She married the Rev. J.C.

Furman and died not long after. The second daughter, Rebecca, died quite young. Mary Glenn Davis was the youngest child; she married her brother-in-law, Rev. James C. Furman. He is now president of Furman University in Greenville, S.C. He and his wife are leading lives of great usefulness to the present and succeeding generations.

I will here make a quotation from Mills' "Statistics of South Carolina," published in 1826, by an act of the Legislature: "Jacob Gibson removed to this State from North Carolina in 1762. He was a minister of the Baptist persuasion and a teacher. There is no calculating the good which resulted from his labors of love and patience. He was an excellent scholar and a sound, practical preacher. St. Pierre esteems the individual who introduces a new species of fruit which may afford support to man, as more useful to his country, and more deserving of its gratitude than the laurelled chieftain of victorious armies. Still more, we might add is to be esteemed he who spends, as Mr. Gibson did, forty years of his life in devotion to the propagation of the gospel and in sowing the seeds of literature and refinement in a new and scarcely civilized settlement. Mr. Gibson died about the year 1796, but his memory is held in profound veneration by many who remember his exemplary worth."

Believing that but few persons in the county have a history of Fairfield, I again quote from "Mills' Statistics," "Colonel Aronnes Lyles, Col. John Winn, John Grey, Benjamin May, William Strother, John Strother, William Kirkland, Joseph Kirkland, Robert Hancock, John Buchanan, William McHarris, John Cook, Capt. Belar, Capt. Watson and Edward Martin, were among the brave defenders of their country, suffered in her cause, and closed in honor their mortal careers."

General John Pearson was a native of Richland County, he was a well

educated and influential gentleman, and at the first alarm flew like a faithful son to his country's standard. He rose to the rank of Major in the militia, was incessant in his exertions to fulfill his duty to the State, and bore the character of a brave and skillful officer. He was chosen colonel of Fairfield (which at the time made but a single regiment), by a popular election shortly after the war, and was afterwards brigadier-general. General Pearson filled many civil offices to the entire satisfaction of the people. He died in 1817. Gen. John Pearson was a member of Congress in Jefferson's administration and received from him a donation (\$100) to Hartselle Academy, which was named for Jefferson's residence near Charlottesville, Va.

I saw General Pearson at a regimental muster ground when I was a boy, during the War of 1812. I recollect him as he sat upon a large horse in his uniform, as a man of low, well formed stature, of dark complexion. I know his sons, Philip and John; the latter married first my cousin Nancy Furney. They had several children. After planting on Beaver Creek several years, he moved to Alabama about the year 1830. This was after he had married his second wife, Sallie Hill, who lived a few miles above old Buckhead. Philip moved to Union County where he died. Gen. Pearson's daughter, Martha, married James Rush about the year 1825, who kept a hotel in "Cotton Town" first, and then lower down in Columbia, S.C. One daughter, _____, married Richard O'Neal, Sr., well known as a merchant and cotton buyer in Columbia, for more than fifty years. Gen. Pearson's other daughters married the following named gentlemen: James Elkin, Jr. McNary, Thompson Mayo, and another, Benjamin V. Lakin. James Elkin had several children. David John Ford's daughter. I know but one of his children, Beylise, who died not long since, near Ridgeway; he was a member at one time of the State Legislature. Rev. William Elkin, a Baptist minister, is now living at Wallhalla. One of James Elkin's daughters married her cousin Major Elliott Elaine. Both are dead. They left several children. David E. Elkins is a merchant at Alaton. J. Bunyan Elkins is living in Greenville, S.C.

Grace Pearson married Benjamin V. Lakin, an intelligent and useful citizen from Fauquier County, Virginia. He died some years since, a pious and consistent member of the Baptist Church. His widow died a few years ago at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. She also was a good Baptist.

In this connection I will mention Major Henry T. Parr, a nephew of B.V. Lakin, from the same State and County. He died at the old homestead of Gen. John Pearson. This house was built during the Revolutionary War, or just after.

The eldest daughter of Gen. Pearson married Dr. Smith of Columbia, who was a half brother of B.V. Lakin. They left several children, two of them were physicians.

I again quote from "Mills' Statistics", "James Kincaid was a native of Ireland. In the Revolution he took that 'better part' which so many others, natives and foreigners, thought at the time was a hazardous enterprise, and would in the end be stigmatized and punished as a rebellion. Mr. Kincaid commanded a troop of cavalry at the Battle of Eutaw, in which affair he greatly distinguished himself. He was, after the return of better times, a member from Fairfield, for many years, of the State Legislature. He was the first purchaser of cotton in the up-country and did more than any other individual to enrich it by giving encouragement to the production of that great staple of South Carolina. Captain Kincaid died of a malignant fever in Charleston in 1800." History awards the invention of the cotton gin to Whitney, but it seems wrongfully, from the following paragraph published in the Columbia Register during the New Orleans Exposition:

"Among the South Carolina exhibits at New Orleans will be the original letters patent of parchment, signed by G. Washington, President, and granted to H. Holmes, of South Carolina, for a cotton gin. A letter accompanies the patent

written by Mr. George H. McMaster, of Winnsboro, S.C., which expressed the belief that Whitney filched the invention from Holmes, and that James Kincaid, a soldier of the Revolution, being told by his friend, Holmes, who lived near Hamburg, in this State, that he had invented a cotton gin, agreed to take the gin and try it at his mill, which was located in the western part of Fairfield County. He did so, and while the mill was closed for a few hours, in the absence of Kincaid, a young man rode to the house and requested of Mrs. Kincaid permission to examine the mill. She, forgetting the injunction of her husband not to permit anyone to enter the mill during his absence, gave the key to the young man, who returned it in a short time and rode off."

Mr. Kincaid subsequently learned that the young man was Whitney, and this is believed by Kincaid's descendants, who still own the mill site. The old, original cotton gin was burned, along with the mill, at the time of Sherman's destructive march through the State. Dr. William Cloud, who married a daughter of Holmes, preserved the parchment. Accepting it as true that the cotton gin was the invention of a South Carolinian, it will be seen that she has led all the States in everything connected with the great southern staple. She invented the cotton gin, and her legislature was the first to pay a royalty for its use. The only improvement on the gin now has recently been patented by a South Carolinian, and the "Cotton Harvester" is a South Carolina invention."

I have heard my father say that the first cotton^{gin} ever saw was owned by Capt. James Kincaid and propelled by waterpower. There were no cotton presses then, nor for many years afterward. What little there was produced was, after being ginned, packed in round bales. The process was this: A circular hole was made in the gin house floor, the bagging sewed together, making a round bale about six feet long, and two and a half in diameter. This bag was confined at the top around the circular hole, into which the cotton was put from above in small quantities at a time, and trodden down by a heavy man, having a maul, or

often a crowbar, to peck it with. Another person was on the ground below whose office it was to keep the bag wet outside by means of a tub of water and a broom. The bales weighed from two hundred and fifty to three hundred.

The first cotton presses, (then called screws) were used about the year 1810 or 1812. The common weight of a bale of cotton prior to 1828 was three hundred pounds.

Captain James Kincaid had several daughters and one son. Daniel McMahon, of Pinckneyville, I think, married the eldest daughter. I knew their sons, James, Daniel and John. James went to the West. Daniel remained in Union for many years. He practiced medicine and planted there. John, after graduating in medicine, practiced his profession for a few years, and turned his attention to planting. He married Miss Sue Haynesworth, of Sumter, in 1858, and died at his home near Ashford's Ferry in 1865 of typhoid fever. His widow, two daughters and son, are now living in Columbia. His son, John, graduated this year at the South Carolina University with high honors. One of Capt. Kincaid's daughters married Dr. Erwin, of Greenville, another Col. Hill, of Alabama, one a Mr. Harris, of Mississippi, and, I think, one married Colonel John Glenn, of Newberry County. A Mr. Pope, of Edgefield, also married a daughter of Capt. Kincaid. She did not live long and left one son, James Pope. Another daughter, Nancy, married Colonel Alexander B. Hall, of York County. They lived near my father's. Colonel Hill was a tailor, the only one in the vicinity. He was fond of a joke and kept a tavern on the Chester and Winnsboro road. They had two daughters, Mary, the elder, died in the bloom of youth, a beautiful girl, Jane, the other daughter, married James B. Mobley, in 1821 and died soon after. Colonel William Kincaid, the only son, married a Miss Calms of He lived at his father's homestead and was an extensive and ... (part of me missing) He built a large brick barn and stables, reared his horses, mules, cattle, hogs, and sheep. He owned a mill propelled by water power, and ground grain as well as

sawed lumber. He was noted for his industrious and economical habits. He kept a store in which he sold general merchandise. He bought cotton in the seed and ginned. He was the owner of a landed estate and many slaves. He commanded a company of militia during the War of 1812. He died in Charleston in the year 1835. His widow lived many years afterwards and proved to be an efficient manager of her planting interests. Colonel Kincaid left four sons and many daughters. The eldest, Elizabeth, married Mr. Edward Anderson, of Charleston, a nephew of John Kirkpatrick, factor and commission merchant. He died not long after their union and she never married again. She was a very intellectual and estimable lady, and died a few years ago, leaving an only son, Thomas. He managed her farm and mill many years, and is at present an agent on the Columbia Canal. Nancy Kincaid married a Mr. Hastings. She died in 1836, leaving no children. One daughter of Capt. Kincaid married a Mr. Armstrong, who died not long after, leaving a son and daughter.

MARRIAGES
LISTED IN THE
FAIRFIELD HERALD
AND
THE NEWS AND HERALD



Albert Grover Brown and Mary Frances Roberts

Marriage Picture – February 1, 1906

November 18, 1880 Issue

William Cloud Boylston married **Augusta Shoemaker**.

December 18, 1880 Issue

Martha Ann Williamson, daughter of **Rolling Williamson**, married **Osmund Woodward**.

December 25, 1880 Issue

Mrs. G. A. White was **Miss Miles**.

March 10, 1881 Issue

Mary E. Gerig, daughter of **Francis Gerig**, married **Jno. W. Seigler**.

March 22, 1881 Issue

Mrs. John L. Black was **Miss Black**, the daughter of **Joseph Black**.

Belle Milling, daughter of **John M. Milling**, married **J. T. Stitt**.

April 28, 1881 Issue

Mrs. Margaret J. W. Clowney was **Miss Milling**, daughter of **David Milling**.

April 30, 1881 Issue

Mary C. Brooks, daughter of **Preston S. Brooks** and granddaughter of **Robert Means**, married **George B. Addison**.

July 9, 1881 Issue

Henrietta Fuller married **Jno. B. Davis**.

September 13, 1881 Issue

Grace Pearson, daughter of **John Pearson**, married **C. J. Lakin**.

October 5, 1881 Issue

Thomas Lauderdale Sr. married **Mary McMullen**.

October 26, 1881 Issue

Anne Graham, daughter of **Franklin Graham** and granddaughter of **Joseph Graham**, married **Wm. Johnston**.

Mrs. T. R. Robertson was **Miss Johnston**, daughter of **Wm.** and **Anne G. Johnston**.

December 7, 1881 Issue

Elvira Chaplin, daughter of **John Chaplin**, married **Wm. S. Rabb**.

Claude Sleigh married **Miss Price**.

December 28, 1881 Issue

Cynthia Robertson, daughter of **William Robertson**, married **Robert Emmett Ellison** in 1842

**Index of Implied Families
of
Fairfield County, SC
from
Deed Books
1785-1841**

This index is taken from Indirect Index to Deeds, Conveyee (buyer) from Conveyer (seller) 1785 - 1841 and from Direct Index Deeds, Conveyer (seller) to Conveyee (buyer) 1785 - 1841. It covers Gifts, Guardians, Marriages and Relinquishes. Each section is in alphabetical order along with the book and page number for each :

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GUARDIAN

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Bird, John (Free Negro)	Owens, James F.	1833	LL	64	Guardian
Bird, William (Free Negro)	Owens, Henry	1838	NN	66	Guardian
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This book is dedicated to the memory of
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DEATH OF MRS. S.E. CLOWNEY

A private letter from Texas brings the sad tidings of the death last week from consumption, of Mrs. Margaret J.W. Clowney. Mrs. Clowney was the daughter of the late David Milling of this county. Hers was a lovable character, gentle and kind and true, and she won the esteem and affection of all who knew her. Though her death was not unexpected, it nevertheless causes much sorrow in her former home. To her bereaved husband and family heartfelt sympathy is extended.

We are pained to learn of the death of little Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Douglass, which took place at three o'clock on Friday morning of diphtheria. The little boy had been in usual health up to the Sunday previous, when he was attacked with something like a bad cold which soon developed into the fearful disease. He was about one year old, and had always been a very robust child. The sympathy of many friends is with the parents in their sad affliction. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon. /88/

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. ELI F. HARRISON.

The friend's and acquaintances of Mrs. Eli F. Harrison...will be surprised and shocked to hear of her sudden death, which took place at her home in Longtown early on Wednesday morning from heart disease after a short illness. Mrs. Harrison was the daughter of the late Dr. John Douglass, of Chester county, one of the most prominent physicians, surgeons and citizens of his day who represented his county in the State Legislature. While quite young she married Capt. Eli F. Harrison and moved to Longtown, where she has since resided. She was the mother of our ex-representative Jno. D. Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was much beloved in the community where she lived, and her death is a sad blow to her family and friends. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. T.W. Mellichamp... /88/

DEATH OF MRS. LAKIN.

Mrs. Grace Lakin, the widow of the late C.J. Lakin, and a daughter of Gen. John Pearson, of Revolutionary fame, died at her home in this county on Saturday last. Mrs. Lakin had reached a ripe old age being in her ninety-ninth year. She was a woman of true Christian worth. The funeral services were conducted at Little River Baptist Church on Sunday morning, Rev. T.W. Smith, and the remains were interred in the adjoining burying-ground. Peace to her ashes. /88/

Little Mamie Rosborough, a daughter of Mrs. N.E. Pressly, died on Tuesday of consumption. Her health had been failing for some months and

MASON.—Mrs. Rebecca Mason was born in Fairfield, B. C. Nov. 15th, 1803, and died at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. J. T. Eligo, in Darlington, July 8th, 1887. The exact date of her conversion and when she joined the church we do not know; but we know that she was a member of the church more than sixty years. Through all of those years she was faithful, consistent, and singularly exemplary in all the relationships of life, demonstrating the genuineness of her piety in the midst of the most difficult duties and the worst afflictions. She was happily married to Rev. Washington Mason, June 22d, 1826. Her strong good sense and sterling piety made her a "help-meet" indeed to the "God of God." Alas! how short the duration of their marital union. "God's finger touched the husband and father, and he slept," leaving a young widow with three little children to raise and educate. Nature had endowed her liberally; and having embraced religion, grace came in to furnish the needed "help-meet," with the addition of "help" literally to the task of self-education, the maintenance and proper training of her children, and the discharge of her obligations to the church. While she was not a student of the "importation of systems," which she had, and which she had to reject, she had a sound and correct Christian example in every department of her life-work. And she

"Allured to higher worlds, and led the way."

The Holy Bible was her guide-book, both as to faith and practice, through life. An incident during the war, while both her noble boys were in the army, will illustrate its preciousness to her under the most trying circumstances. On one occasion a deep sense of distress came upon her while engaged in business. She dropped everything and went to her Bible, and she opened upon a passage to which she seemed to have been directed by the Holy Spirit: "As my days, so shall thy strength be." She was instantly comforted, and felt that she could trust her Heavenly Father for all that concerned her. By a wise and economical management of her affairs she prospered, and had means to educate and properly train her children for the best of life. She left them consistent members of the church— one of them the noble self-sacrificing wife of our best preachers. Sister Mason was noted for her benevolence to the poor and afflicted. She was "given to hospitality," which she dispensed with the greatest cordiality. Her home was a sweet resting-place for the weary pilgrim. She loved the church most ardently, and she contributed most cheerfully and liberally to the support of religious institutions. Her daughter, with whom she has lived for years, writes: "I never knew my mother to neglect her religious duties—family and private prayer and public worship. She sang a great deal, along through the year. She would lie in bed and sing when not able to sit up. The morning of her last illness, she rose early as she was always accustomed to do. She sang a portion of the hymn, 'O Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear, My voice ascending high.' While she was yet conscious, her

...the death of his residence in this county of Mr. Robert P. Sloan, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. He had been afflicted for some time with dropsy. Mr. Sloan was for many years a consistent member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. /88/

Mr. Samuel Stirling, died near Blackstock, Chester county, July the 20th, in his eighty-four year. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, November 16, 1797. /88/

A glorious life, being cast over our community by the death of the highly esteemed and noble Christian woman, Mrs. P. M. S. ...

DEATH.

Mrs. Mary Boyd died at her residence on Cedar Creek on the 7th inst. at 2 o'clock a.m. She was in the seventy fifth year of her age. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The funeral services were held on Monday. Peace to her ashes. /890/

DEATH OF WILLIAM BRICE

William Brice died on Thursday night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Brice was first stricken about a year ago and received a second stroke a month ago, since which time he has been quite a sufferer. He leaves a wife and several children besides many friends to mourn his death. /890/

DEATHS.

It was not often that two funeral processions slowly and sadly conveying somebody's loved ones to rest, are seen on the same day, passing through our streets, and much less frequent has it happened that two families, so close neighbors, on the same street, are called upon to watch anxiously by the bedside in their respective homes on the same night, but this sad coincident occurred last Monday night when God called, and the two souls of Mrs. Mary Rebecca Williams and Miss Mary Elizabeth Caldwell answered.

Mrs. Williams had been in very feeble health for a number of years, but since last October she had been helpless. The deceased was married in 1867 to the late W. H. Williams, who at one time was one of the proprietors of this paper. To them were born three children, two daughters and one son, all three of whom survive their parents. The mother with her little children in 1881, were called to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and a loving father. Her maiden name was Miss Nelson. She spent most of her life in Winstboro, being forty-three years of age at the time of her death, and for a long time was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Pall bearers: Jas. A. Brice, J. M. Smith, J. W. Seigler, W. H. Williford, Jno. J. Nell, W. B. Gilbert.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, was cut off in the bloom of young womanhood, about two hours before Mrs. Williams. She was twenty-four