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LEITNER, WILLIAM ZACHARIAH (1829-1888).

William Zachariah Leitner, son of George Leitner and Elizabeth Owens, was born 23 September 1829 near Winnsboro. Initially educated at Shirley's Institute in Fairfield District, he attended South Carolina College, graduating in 1849. Subsequently, he taught Greek and Latin at Shirley's Institute and in 1852 began reading law with Robert Bentham Boyleston (1822-1865) in Winnsboro. Admitted to the bar in 1853, he practiced law in Winnsboro until 1858 at which time he moved to Camden. As an attorney, he was associated at various times with JOHN DOBY KENNEDY (1840-1896) and his brother-in-law Joseph Dunlap. During the Civil War, he was commissioned a first lieutenant (9 April 1861) and captain (13 May 1862) in Company E of the Second South Carolina Infantry and participated in a number of battles, including First Bull Run (21 July 1861) and Gettysburg (1-3 July 1863) where he was wounded and lost a leg; assigned to the Bureau of Conscription (11 November 1863), he served as enrolling officer for Kershaw District until poor health forced him to resign 13 August 1864. Elected to the House, he represented Kershaw in the Forty-sixth (1864) and Forty-seventh (1865-1866) General Assemblies and was on the committees on privileges and elections (1864-1865) and printing (1864-1865). Leitner resigned from the House upon his election as Kershaw district judge on 21 December 1865; he served in that post until the office was abolished in 1868. Although mostly inactive during Reconstruction, he did serve as a delegate for Kershaw at the Union Reform Party convention (1870), vice president of the Conservative Club of Camden (1872), and delegate for Kershaw to the conservative Democratic convention (1874). Kershaw chose him for the state Senate for the Fifty-fifth (1882-1883) and Fifty-sixth (1884-1885) General Assemblies. While in the Senate, he served on the committees on agriculture (1882-1885); contingent accounts (1882-1885; chairman, 1882-1883); enrolled bills (1882-1885); privileges and elections (1882-1885); public buildings (1882-1885; chairman, 1882-1883); roads, bridges, and ferries (1882-1885); judiciary (1884-1885); and mines and mining (chairman, 1884-1885). He was elected Secretary of State of South Carolina in November 1886 and served until his death. Other offices and memberships he held were incorporator of the Lancaster and Camden Railroad Company (1872), member of the Wateree Lodge No. 8 and grand worthy patriarch and delegate for the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance (1874, 1875), vice president of the Kershaw County Survivors' Association (1875), council member for the fourth judicial circuit of the South Carolina Bar Association (1885), and intendant for Camden. A Methodist, he attended Washington Street Church while in Columbia. On 2 January 1858, he wed Ann D. Dunlap, daughter of James Dunlap of Camden. They were the parents of at least six children, including Bessie Doby, Sally Virginia (m. Samuel M. Reynolds), Mary D., Thomas Salmond, and an unidentified son and daughter. Suffering from heart disease, William Zachariah Leitner died suddenly 15 April 1888 in

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Columbia. Survived by his wife and five children, he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.

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<i>Fifty-sixth General Assembly</i>	<i>Kershaw</i>	<i>1884-1885</i>

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LEPPARD, BEN TILLMAN (1892-1957). Brother of JAMES ERNEST LEPPARD (1895-1960).

Ben Tillman Leppard, son of James Franklin Leppard and Alice Adair, was born 15 October 1892 in Greenville County. A graduate of Greenville High School, he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Clemson College in 1919. During World War One, he interrupted his education to serve in the United States Army and was assigned initially to Plattsburg Training Camp (3 May-16 September 1918); commissioned a second lieutenant 16 September 1918, he was stationed as an instructor at the Students' Army Training Corps at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, until his discharge 3 January 1919. Subsequently, he attended the law school at Furman University and was admitted to the bar 10 July 1930. He settled as an attorney in Greenville and was associated with the firm of Leppard and Leppard. Elected to the House, he represented Greenville County in the Eightieth General Assembly (1933-1934) and was a member of the committees on judiciary (1933-1934) and rules (1933-1934). Greenville chose him for the state Senate for the Eighty-second (1937-1938) and Eighty-third (1939-1940) General Assemblies. While in the Senate, Leppard served on the committees on claims and grievances (1937-1940), education (1937-1940), incorporations (1937-1940), judiciary (1937-1940), penitentiary (1937-1940), police regulations (1937-1940), privileges and elections (1937-1940), public buildings (1937-1940), retrenchments (1937-1940), banking and insurance (1938-1940), and social security (1938-1940). Other offices and memberships he held included chairman of the state Democratic executive committee (1934-1938) and delegate at large to the national Democratic convention (1936); elective trustee for Clemson College (1934-1938, 1947-1957); aide to Governor Olin D. Johnston (ca. 1935-1939); member of the state