

Centenarian Slave Visits Master's Old Home

The old southern darkies who be-longed to the generation that lived and flourished before the War Between the States are few in number now.

Living in New Brookland today is Louisa Davis, who has entered her one hundred third year, according to the best age record that can be obtained. Her people came originally from somewhere along the banks of the Catawba River. Her claim to Indian ancestry is strikingly borne out in her high cheekbones and well-formed aquilin nose. She and her father, 'Daddy Ben', as he was fondly called by the white children, were owned by the late John Montgomery Lemmon, of Fairfield County.

This past Saturday, Aunt Louisa spent the day in the old colonial home as the guest of Misses Janie and Belle Lemmon. 'She was very reminiscent of the good old days as she sat and talked with her white folk. The highest compliment that she could have paid her old master was summed up in these words: "Marse John was good and kind to his slaves. He never punished them unless they gave him great trouble."

In the afternoon Aunt Louisa and her only living child, Sarah Glenn, were driven home by Robert L. Lemmon, a nephew of Misses Janie and Belle Lemmon

Newspaper clipping found in old book of Misses Janie and Belle Lemmon

FACTS FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF MONTGOMERY LEMMON
AND HIS WIFE MARY YONGUE LEMMON

John M. Lemmon was a son of James Lemmon and his wife Mary Ann Lauderdale was married in America, December 30, 1824.

The Lauderdale's emigrated from Scotland to the northern part of Ireland in 1641. We think the Lemmon's also came from Scotland to Ireland.

James Lemmon came from Ulster, Ireland in 1797 as a young man and his wife came with her parents William Lauderdale and Jane Milling in 1817 when was fourteen years of age.

Two of James Lemmon's brothers came from Ireland with him. One married but had no children and, we think, the other one settled in one of the lower counties of South Carolina and the family did not keep up with him.

James Lemmon died March 30, 1864 and wife Mary Ann Lemmon died May 2, 1894.

John Montgomery Lemmon was married to Mary Yongue November 15, 1850. Mary Yongue "was the daughter of Robert Yongue who was one of three children. Her mother was Hester Mobley who was the granddaughter of both Captain Clement and Captain Eleazer Mobley, her father being a son of Captain Eleazer and her mother a daughter of Captain Clement Mobley.

John M. Lemmon and his wife Mary Yongue Lemmon had seven children:
Robert Young who married Agnes Milling; Mary Ann who married Robert Russell Milling;
Sara Janie and Hester Isabell (Belle) who did not marry; Susan Russell (Sue) who married James Erwin Cathcart; William James who married Bernice Chappel; and. John Lauderdale who married Fern Carroll.