

on who was then solicitor of the Sixth
on under the firm name of Patterson,
on and Gage. Later, he and J.K.
y formed a law partnership of Henry
Gage which continued until Henry
me solicitor.

December 21, 1881, Judge Gage
married to Janie Gaston, the daughter
of Captain J. Lucius Gaston who was killed
at Seven Pines in the War Between the
States, leaving his young widow, Mrs.
Margaret Hemphill Gaston and two very
young children.

Judge Gage was a gifted writer, scholar
and jurist. He was a member of the Con-
stitutional Convention in 1895 from
Chester County which sent four members,
Judge W. Gage and T.J. Cunningham
were termed "mild reformers", and
Glenn and R.O. Atkinson who were
conservative. These four men were
elected unanimously in the county
convention.

A tablet in the Chester County Courthouse
to Judge Gage's memory reads:

Cultured in mind, pure in morals, his life
glorified by his noble manhood and
dedication to duty as a lawyer and jurist."
From writings of A.L. Gaston 1948

GEORGE WILLIAMS GAGE

George Williams Gage was born at
Low Woods, Union District, South
Carolina on 4 February 1856, son of Col-
onel Robert James and Martha Ann
(nams) Gage. He received an A.B.
degree from Wofford College, Spartan-
burg, South Carolina in 1875, LL.B from
Yerkes University in 1880. He was
elected the Founders Medal for Law.

21 December 1881, he married Janie
Gaston of Chester. He was admitted to the
South Carolina bar in 1881 and practiced
law in Chester from 1881-1898. He was a
member of Chester City Council in 1884,
a Democratic presidential elector in
1888, and a member of the South Carolina
Constitutional Convention in 1895.

George Gage was a member of the
South Carolina House of Representatives
from 1897. He was appointed judge of South
Carolina Circuit Court and served from
1897-1914, then became assistant justice
of the South Carolina Supreme Court in
January 1914. He served in this capacity
until his death in Chester on 13 February

George Williams Gage's sons were
Robert Gage of Chester, George W. Gage,
of Columbia, and Gaston Gage of
Yerkes University, Clemson. Chalmers
Gage Davidson

ROBERT GAGE

Robert Gage of York Street, a retired
bank executive long known as the
"father" of South Carolina bankers, died Mon-
day afternoon, 19 January 1981 at the
Chester County Nursing Center. He was

Funeral and burial were at Evergreen
Cemetery.

A member of a prominent Chester fam-
ily, Mr. Gage was born here on 19 July
1885, a son of the late South Carolina
Justice George Williams Gage and the late
Mrs. Janie Gaston Gage.

He attended Kings Mountain Military
Academy at York and Wofford College at
Spartanburg. On 18 December 1906, he
married Mary Graham Smith of Chester,
who died 6 August 1970.

During his long and successful career,
Mr. Gage held most of the important bank-
ing positions in South Carolina, the
metrolina area, and several of national
significance. He served the Commercial
Bank of Chester for 65 years, during 25 of
which (1941-1966) he was president and
the last four (1966-1970) as chairman of
the board.

He was a member of the South Carolina
Board of Bank Control from 1936 until
1957 when he resigned while chairman to
become a director of the Federal Reserve
Bank of Richmond, Virginia, a position he
held from 1957 until 1960.

In 1936-1937, Mr. Gage was president
of the South Carolina Bankers Association,
and served from 1946 until 1968 as a
member of the Board of Directors of the
J.P. Stevens and Company. His honors
and awards are listed in Who's Who in
America.

During his 20 years on the South
Carolina Board of Bank Control, he aided
in the reorganization of the banking system
of the state following the Great Depression
and was noted for impartiality, practicality
and farsightedness. His bank in Chester
was conspicuously solvent during the crisis
years, a factor which attracted depositors
from throughout the state.

Mr. Gage is survived by a daughter, Mrs.
Chalmers G. Davidson of Davidson, North
Carolina; three grandchildren, Robert Gage
Davidson of Columbia, Mrs. William H.
Sims, III of Falls Church, Virginia, and Miss
Mary Gage Davidson of Davidson College;
two great-grandchildren, Robert Gage
Davidson, Junior, and Jane Brandon
Davidson, both of Columbia; and two
brothers, George W. Gage, Junior of Col-
umbia and retired Clemson University dean
Gaston Gage of Clemson. Chalmers G.
Davidson

RICHARD GAITHER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Richard Gaither migrated from Maryland
to South Carolina some years prior to the
Revolution, bringing with him his wife and
her mother, Mrs. Jacobs. His wife's name is
not known. He settled first on Little Rocky
Creek, Chester County, South Carolina.

Richard Gaither spent most of his life
near Rocky Mount, Great Falls, South
Carolina. He was an energetic, economic
man and he accumulated a considerable
estate of lands and some slaves. Much of
the land is still in possession of his descen-
dants. He built the first cotton gin in that
section. He died in 1835 about ninety years

old, and was buried in the family burying
ground.

He fought in the Revolution on the side of
the Whigs. Very little is now known of his
soldier life or military record. At one time he
was confined in Camden, South Carolina,
under sentence of death but was saved by
a British Officer. The crime for which he
was to die, was that he loved his country
and fought against the king.

Rachel was a brave patriotic daughter of
Richard Gaither. She tangled several times
with the Tories. As the story goes she had
taken some clothing to her father to
replace the ones infested with vermin, while
confined in Camden. Rachel and Mrs. Ben
Land were on their way back home when
they were over-taken by the Tories, who
took Mrs. Land's horse, but Rachel was
brave enough to escape with her horse.
The distance back to their home was forty
miles through an unbroken forest.

On another occasion a squad of Tories
came to her father's house and ordered a
meal. Mrs. Gaither being threatened,
Rachel was told to cook them some corn-
bread and to give them some milk. The
milk was served from an old pewter pitcher.
After the meal was finished, Rachel told
them if the pitcher was melted and poured
down their throats it would be the desert,
she most desired them to have.

The children of Richard Gaither were
Jeremiah, Eli, Deli, Deli, Rachel, Nancy,
Mary and Sophia.

Jeremiah Gaither born October 14,
1783, married July 4, 1815, Mary Elizabeth
Guntharp who bore him Richard, who died
in infancy; Vitha Huger who married Robert
Ford and Jeremiah Richard Gaither who
married Martha Macon.

Eli Gaither married Peggy Estes, the
children were: William, Sarah and
Elizabeth. This family all went to Georgia.

Beli Gaither's wife name is not
remembered. His children were Jeremiah
and Sallie, who married Lewis Dye. They
went to Alabama.

Deli married Miss Kitchens, children
John and a daughter who married Lacy
Dye. This family went to Alabama also.

Nancy Gaither married James Bailey and
the children were Richard C., Sallie and
Mary. Richard died in young manhood.
Sallie married Green B. Montgomery. Mary
married Andrew McDonal. Robert C. mar-
ried Sarah Arledge.

Mary (Polly) Gaither married a Jacobs
probably, and they went to Alabama soon
afterwards.

Sophia married Philip Cloyd Dye and
their children were: Nancy, Lewis, Lacy,
Richard, Thomas, James, Shelby, Melinder
and Elizabeth. Sophia and part of her
children remained in South Carolina, but
most of them went west.

Rachel Gaither children were: Basil
Jacobs and Sallie, who married a Brad-
shaw. Her children lived and died in York
County, South Carolina and very probably
they have descendants in that county.

In reading the Gaither History in the Ford
History Book, many of the Gaithers went
west. Some remained in South Carolina. As
in all families from the many marriages
there was lots of happiness, and at the
births of many of the little Gaithers, there

was much joy. There was also tragedies as in all families.

Sarah Ann, daughter of Jeremiah Richard Gaither, husband, Stark P. Martin was shot at his back door and he died the next day, December 18, 1900.

Richard C. the son of Sallie Gaither Montgomery graduated from medicine school, his heavy drinking caused the loss of his practice.

Richard C's sister Mary married Jonathan B. Mickle, a lawyer, and at one time editor of "The Chester Reporter".

Mary's brother, Robert A. was a school teacher.

William Montgomery married Camilla Steele and left the same day for the war. Death prevented his return to her.

Emma Montgomery married Robert Milton Ford.

There are many more events of the Gaithers which have not been listed, and the source of this information was the Ford History Book By Lucius Ford. Kathleen S. Brown

ROBERT GLENN GARRISON FAMILY

My father, Robert Glenn Garrison, was born on December 30, 1902. He is the son of Walter Charles Garrison (1866-1929) and Mary Frances Campbell Garrison (1865-1942) and the youngest of five children: William Westbrook (1890-1958), Martha Pearson (1895-still living), Walter DeKalb (1897-1960), James Monroe (1900-1967) and Robert Glenn (1902-still living).

The Garrisons came to this country from Ireland and settled along the Catawba River in Union and Mecklenburg Counties of North Carolina. Our Garrison ancestors were members of Flint Hill Baptist Church in York County, South Carolina. J. Milton Garrison (1809-1891), my great, great grandfather, a long-time minister of this church, was married to Ann Starr (1809-1879).

Their son, E. Monroe Garrison (1834-1905), my great grandfather, fought bravely for the Confederacy. He was a successful farmer and owned a plantation in the Waxhaw Community of Union County, North Carolina. Six children were born to him and his wife, Martha L. Boyd (1843-1875): Walter Charles (my grandfather), Robert L., James, William, Molly, and Nettie. Martha L. Boyd Garrison died in 1875 at the age of thirty-one. E. Monroe Garrison then married Melissa Austin (1842-1919). They had two children, J. Estus and Green. E. Monroe Garrison is buried in Flint Hill Baptist Church Cemetery beside his first wife, Martha Boyd, and his parents, the Rev. J. Milton Garrison and Ann Starr Garrison. On his tombstone is inscribed his epitaph: "He was a kind, affectionate husband, a loving father, a friend to all." His second wife, Melissa Austin Garrison, is buried in the Waxhaw Cemetery beside her son J. Estus Garrison (1881-1964).

My grandfather, Walter Charles Garrison (1866-1929), the son of E. Monroe Garrison, was raised on his father's plantation near Waxhaw, North Carolina. On January

9, 1890, he and my grandmother, Mary Frances Campbell (1865-1942), of the Rossville Community of Chester County, South Carolina, were married. They bought land south of Richburg on Rock Creek where he farmed and raised their family of five children. They attended the Richburg Presbyterian Church. Walter Charles and Mary Frances Campbell Garrison are buried in Union ARP Church Cemetery at Richburg along with their son, James Monroe. Walter DeKalb is buried in ARP Cemetery at Newport in York County and William Westbrook is buried in Mount Prospect Cemetery near Richburg, South Carolina.

The ancestors of my grandmother, Mary Frances Campbell Garrison (1865-1942), are among the original settlers of Chester County, the Stevenson (Stinson) family who came to America from Ballymoney, Ireland in 1772 and settled on Rocky Creek near the falls of the Catawba. Robert Stevenson raised a family of five children in Ballymoney, three sons and two daughters. William, my great, great, great grandfather, was born in 1744. The others were: James (b. 1746), Elizabeth (b. 1748), Nancy (b. 1750), and Robert II (b. 1752). William, James, Elizabeth and Nancy, along with their husbands, wives and children joined with their minister, the Reverend William Martin, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Ballymoney, and other colonist to go to North America in 1772. The youngest son of Robert I, Robert II, remained in Ireland. It was his son, George Stevenson, the engineer, who invented the locomotive and promoted its usefulness during the period 1814-1830.

William Stinson, my great, great, great grandfather, joined Captain Barber's company when the American Revolution began. He fought in many battles during the Revolution, including the Battle of King's Mountain. His sister, Nancy Anderson, was one of the distinguished women of the American Revolution. William Stinson owned much land, farmed and did a general merchandising business, hauling his goods in wagons from Charleston, one hundred seventy-five miles away. He was married in 1764 to R. Green Beattie. They had five sons born in County Antrim, Ireland: Hugh, John, Robert, James, and William. They also had twin daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy, born in Chester County. His first wife, R. Green Beattie, died in 1787 after the twins were born. In 1789, he married Elizabeth Wylie, my great, great, great grandmother. They had four children: Samuel (b. 1790), Mary (b. 1792), Daniel Green, the historian, (b. 1794), and Catherine, my great, great grandmother (b. 1796). William Stinson died in 1809 and is buried between his two wives in the Old Burnt Church Cemetery near Green Meeting House. This cemetery is also known as the Anderson Family Burying Ground. It is located on the Great Falls highway past Richburg and a short distance beyond Heath's Chapel Methodist Church. Others buried there include the first husband of Nancy Stinson, William Anderson, who was killed in 1780 by the Tories, her second husband, Daniel Green, along with other relatives.

My great, great grandmother, Catherine Stinson (1796-1867), married Jc Westbrook (1787-1860). They had four children: Jane Agnes, (my great grandmother), Jacob, Terzie, William and Nannie. John Westbrook owned land and farmed in the Rossville community. Jc and Catherine Westbrook are buried Catholic Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

My great grandmother, Jane Agnes Westbrook (1838-1909), married Jarr Campbell (1834-1869) on March 3, 1861. They had two children, Mary Frances Campbell, my grandmother, and Bro Campbell. My great grandfather, Jarr Campbell fought for the Confederacy a few years after the war was over, he died at the age of thirty-five. He was buried Union ARP Cemetery at Richburg. When Jane Agnes Campbell died in 1909, her children honored her request by burying her in the same grave with her husband. When the grave was uncovered, all that could be found were the brass buttons of James Campbell's Confederate uniform.

After her husband's death, Jane Agnes Campbell and her children, Mary Frances my grandmother, and Brown, lived near Rossville at the home of her brother William Stinson Westbrook. Mary Frances was educated at Yorkville Female Academy in York, South Carolina. She and my grandfather, Walter Charles Garrison were married on January 9, 1890 Catholic Presbyterian Church.

Robert Glenn Garrison, the son of Walter Charles and Mary Frances Garrison, was raised on their farm south of Richburg and graduated from Richburg High School in 1922. He attended Davidson College for three years and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1926 with an A.I. degree in Education. He taught school for several years and was with the Chester County School System for twenty-seven years prior to his retirement in 1970.

On December 11, 1937, he married Mary Emma Grant (b. Sept. 2, 1908) the house of the Reverend J.H. Yarbrough. She is the daughter of Major Johnson and Emma Eliza Knox Grant, who were farmers in the Knox's Station community. Mary Emma graduated from Oakley Hall High School in 1928 and attended Pryor Hospital School of Nursing in Chester and Grady Hospital School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia. She was on the nursing staff of Chester County Hospital until her retirement in 1971.

They have two children, Emma Frances (b. March 30, 1939) and Robert Glenn, Jr. (b. September 3, 1942). They were born in Lancaster County where Robert was teaching school at that time. After Robert Jr. was born, they moved back to Chester where both children attended school.

Emma Frances graduated from Chester High School in 1957 and attended Wirtthrop College where she majored in Secretarial Science. She married Ralph Wayne Roof (b. April 16, 1939) on August 13, 1960. He is the son of Ralph Brown and Bonnie P. Roof of Chester. Emma Frances and Ralph have one daughter Jennifer Marie (b. November 26, 1969) who was born in Cheverly, Maryland. They reside in Springfield, Virginia, and are