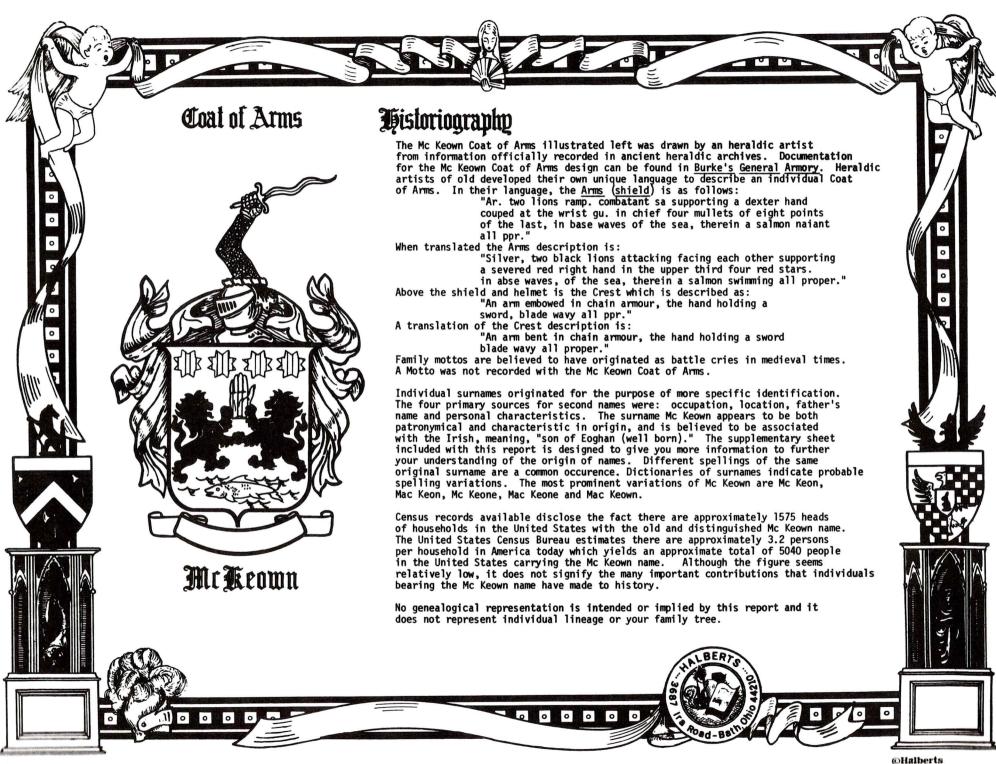
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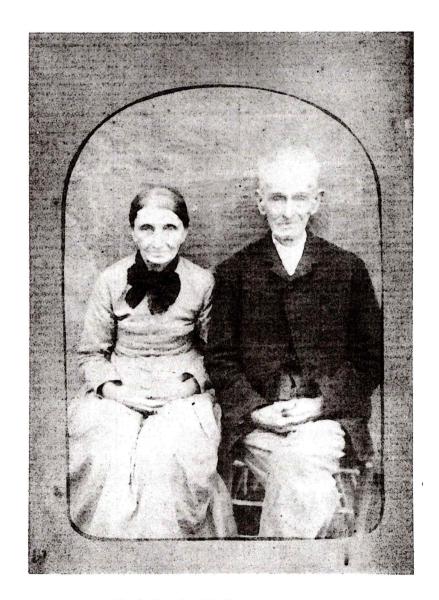
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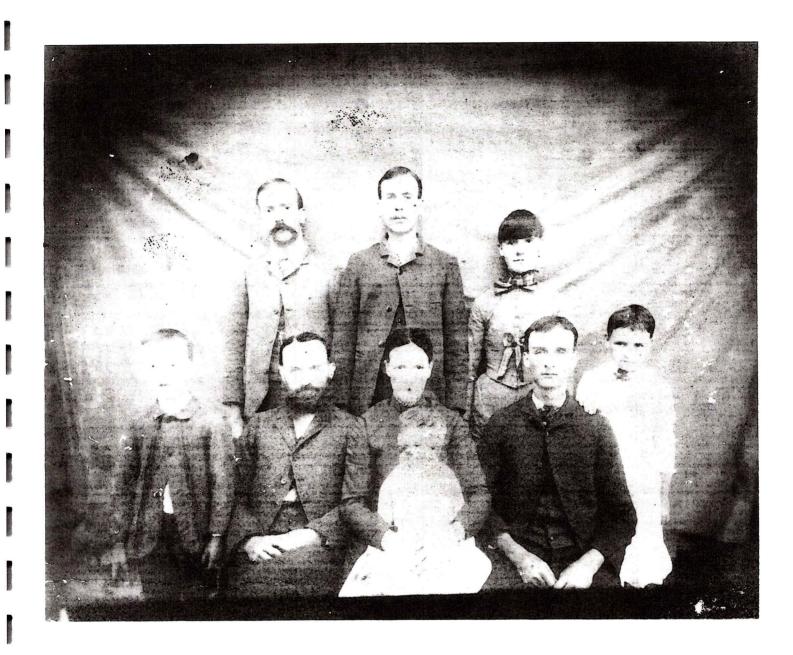




Hugh Crawford McKeown September 6, 1812 — May 30, 1897

"Married" Susan Lewis

D.O.B. Unknown — March 22, 1917



John Seed McKeown and Family
Left to Right
(Back Row)
Emphriam Fant McKeown
James Pressley McKeown
Sarah Agnes McKeown
(Front Row)
William Lee (Jack) McKeown
John Seed McKeown
Sarah Lucinda Dove McKeown
Minnie Jane McKeown (held by mother)
Henry Colvin McKeown
Ella Sue McKeown

Jackson McKeown, Sr. came from Ireland in 1763 with his family and settled west of Blackstock in Chester County, South Carolina on Little River Creek. His house stood across the creek, south of the old McKeown cemetery. He is buried in the McKeown cemetery. His grave is marked by a hand made soapstone marker and bears this mark "J. McKeown". (copied by W.T. Castles, Jr.)

It is not known how many children he had. One daughter married James McKeown. A son, Samuel, married a Miss Caldwell who came from Ireland.

Robert, who was John Seed McKeown's grandfather, married Mary McKeown. They settled west of Cornwell and were farmers and raised a family of six children.

Their children were: John Seed — born November 22, 1799 and died early in life.

Robert Chambers — born May 2, 1802 and died early in life.

Margaret Jane — born August 11, 1804. She married Vincent Wages, moved to Mississippi and raised a family. W.W. Lewis of Blackstock married Mary Ann (his first wife) who was one of their daughters.

Susannah Scott — born April 15, 1806. She was never married and died in 1888.

Esther Seed — born September 15, 1809. She was never married and died in 1892.

Hugh Crawford — born September 6, 1812. He married Susan Lewis. They raised a large family of nine children. He died May 30, 1897. She died March 22, 1917.

Their children were: Mary Ann — born July 16, 1845. She married John Hair and died on April 5, 1933.

John Seed — born January 19, 1849. He married Sarah Dove and died May 26, 1931. She died August 12, 1925.

Thomas Mabry — born April 9, 1852. He married Margaret Jane Cameron. He died November 8, 1932 and she died March 16, 1934.

Robert B. — born September 24, 1854. He married Katherine Dove who died on March 16, 1885. He died in May 1904.

Katherine Jane — born April 17, 1858 and died at the age of four months on August 11, 1858.

William James — born September 15, 1861 and died October 12, 1868 at 7 years of age.

Hugh Bigham — born October 21, 1864. He married Nannie Boney and died July 17, 1922.

Christopher — born December 16, 1867 and died October 4, 1886 at nineteen years of age.

Eliza L. — born April 5, 1871. She married William Peay who died on February 4, 1919. She died September 28, 1951.

John Seed McKeown married Sarah Lucinda Dove May 15, 1844. She died August 12, 1925. He was born January 19, 1849 and died May 26, 1931, buried in Bethlehem Church cemetery.

Their children:

Emphriam Fant — born December 16, 1865 — died May 30, 1942.

James Pressley — born June 12, 1868 — died November 24, 1954.

Henry Colvin — born November 17, 1870 — died September 18, 1951.

Sarah Agnes — born February 5, 1873 — died October 28, 1918.

John Thomas — born July 13, 1876 — died September 12, 1880.

Ella Sue — born December 24, 1879 — died September 22, 1957.

William Lee (Jack) — born May 2, 1881 — died December 30, 1950.

Minnie Jane — born March 17, 1885 — died April 27, 1969.

All this family is buried in Bethlehem Church cemetery except for:

Ella Sue McKeown Swearingen — Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Woodward, S.C.

William Lee McKeown — Heath Chapel Methodist Church, Great Falls, S.C.

Ephriam Fant McKeown married Emma Brice Lewis (1-11-1872) on December 4, 1889. He died May 30, 1942. She died January 29, 1960.

Their children:

Nettie Estelle — born December 16, 1890 — died November 26, 1975.

Daisy Alma — born March 2, 1893 — died October 14, 1961.

Lila Sarah Jane — born December 23, 1895.

Birdie Lewis — born May 29, 1898 — died November 1, 1900.

Hugh James — born May 8, 1902 — died March 2, 1905.

Emma Katherine — born July 26, 1906.

Nettie Estelle McKeown married James Carrol Lewis (8-17-1874) on January 14, 1912. He died February 3, 1965. She died November 26, 1975.

Eva Jane born April 1, 1913.

James Clifton born September 11, 1914. He died December 6, 1972.

Ephriam Paul born November 24, 1915.

John William born October 19, 1918. He died September 23, 1920.

Thomas Leslie born May 7, 1921.

Emma Elizabeth born January 3, 1924

Guy Oswald born March 21, 1925.

Lillian Floride born April 20, 1928.

Edward Douglas born February 14, 1933.

Sherod Carrol born May 14, 1937.

Eva Jane Lewis married James Boyce Bolick (3-19-1929) on December 23, 1961.

They have no children.

James Clifton Lewis married Eliza Spence Shirley (12-11-1916) on September 27, 1935. He died December 6, 1972.

Their children:

Ethel Juanita born September 12, 1936.

James Clifton Lewis Jr. born July 4, 1938.

Mary Ann was born September 28, 1940.

Nancy Jeanette was born November 26, 1942.

Carolyn Scottie born January 19, 1947.

Thomas Shirley born March 10, 1950.

Donald Keith born November 25, 1955.

Ethel Juanita Lewis married Charles Robert Pearson (11-18-1931) on August 4, 1956. He died August 26, 1979.

Their children:

Cheryl Ann born October 3, 1957.

Charles Scott born February 7, 1959.

Steven Lin born June 21, 1962.

Cheryl Ann Pearson married Eddie T. Crouch III (3-5-1956)

Christel Ann Crouch was born February 8, 1978.

James Clifton Lewis, Jr. married Kathy Wilson. She died March 20, 1977.

They had one child James Charles born September 12, 1975. He married Emmie Wilson (2-18-1948) on June 2, 1978.

Their children:

Amanda Nicole born December 3, 1979, died same date.

Tina Charlene born May 25, 1980.

Mary Ann Lewis married Samuel Edenfield (9-18-1938) on September 23, 1960.

Their children:

Teresa Renee born June 22, 1961.

Mark Lindsey born May 17, 1967.

Nancy Jeanette Lewis married Tris Terrall Watkins, Jr. (11-10-42) on December 18, 1964.

Their children:

Tris T. Watkins III born August 4, 1970.

Jennifer E. Watkins born December 17, 1973.

Carolyn Scottie Lewis married Henry Lee Wright (12-13-38) on September 20, 1968.

Their children:

Shannon Lee Wright born June 25, 1970.

Henry Lee Wright, Jr. born October 25, 1979.

Thomas Shirley Lewis married Danna Marlene Ramey (3-29-1954) on October 27, 1970.

Their children:

Brian Thomas born June 13, 1971.

Christel Denise born August 12, 1973.

Donald Keith Lewis married Gwendolyn Nell Crawford (8-14-57) on June 15, 1975.

They have no children.

Ephriam Paul Lewis married Louise Wilkes (10-19-1921) on October 29, 1938.

Their children:

William Paul born July 28, 1939.

John Henry born January 9, 1943.

Tony Wilkes born June 24, 1954.

Alan James born June 20, 1956.

William Paul Lewis married Fay Clayton on November 8, 1959.

Their children:

Joye Lynn born July 6, 1960.

William Clayton born March 16, 1962.

Joye Lynn married Daniel Boyd December 29, 1979. they have one daughter, Paula Danielle, born July 8, 1982.

They were divorced and William married Nancy Chappell Lee on December 1, 1974. They have no children.

John Henry Lewis married Brenda Wright on February 16, 1969.

Their children:

Janet Elizabeth Lewis born January 10, 1971.

Henry Paul Lewis born June 16, 1982.

Tony Wilkes married Brenda Sheehon on August 14, 1975.

They have no children.

Thomas Leslie Lewis married Euple Rodgers (4-30-1923) on September 14, 1946.

Their children:

Sandra Marie born February 25, 1947.

Jackie Thomas born April 24, 1949.

Stephen Ray born April 6, 1951.

Sandra Marie Lewis married Ronald Lee Chapman (2-25-47) on August 9, 1968.

Their children:

Sherrie Noel Chapman born December 12, 1968.

Jackson Sloan Chapman born November 15, 1970.

Jackie Thomas married Pamela Mae Clark

Stephen Ray married Martha Christine Walker.

They have one child, Stephine Roy born August 4, 1974. They were divorced.

Emma Elizabeth Lewis married Ernest Carpenter Simpson, Jr. (2-2-27) on December 24, 1944.

They have one son, Gerald Lewis born December 22, 1945. He married Joyce Ann Holt. They had no children, they were divorced. He married Beverly Jean Pitts on September 22, 1971. They have no children.

Guy Oswald Lewis, Sr. married Norma Cassels (10-22-1922) on October 14, 1955.

Their children:

Guy Oswald, Jr. born March 20, 1957.

Claire C. Lewis born July 1, 1958.

Lynn D. Lewis born July 21, 1959.

Lana C. Lewis born April 2, 1963.

Michael L. Lewis born April 3, 1965.

Guy Oswald Lewis, Jr. married Helen Roddy (9-8-59) on September 25, 1977.

Their daughter Chasity was born January 18, 1979.

Claire C. Lewis married Charles Helms on July 4, 1976. No children.

Lillian Floride Lewis married William J. Wright. He died May 6, 1949. They had one son, William J. Wright, Jr. born on April 12, 1947. She married Howard Donid Boulware (12-24-17) on October 15, 1950. They have one daughter, Teresa Annette born August 23, 1952. She married Richard Alvin Orr August 7, 1970. They Have a daughter, Kathryn Alexa Orr — Born October 4, 1981.

Edward Douglas Lewis married Angie Johnson (12-28-32) on June 12, 1953. They have two daughters:

Kathy Estelle born November 13, 1954.

Robin Wrenn born September 8, 1956.

Kathy Estelle Lewis married Randy Dale Morris (2-1-55) on July 13, 1973. They have two sons:

Eric Douglas Morris born January 12, 1974.

Joseph Brian Morris born August 20, 1976.

Robin Wrenn Lewis married Lemuel Ellis Faulkner (2-18-54) on August 24, 1974. They have two daughters.

Angela Susanne born July 5, 1978.

Natalis Wrenn born June 22, 1983.

Sherrod Carrol Lewis married Edith Varnadore (6-22-39) on December 28, 1957. Their children:

Edith Carol born February 12, 1958.

Olin Randy born September 4, 1959.

They are divorced, Sherrod married Dorothy Roberts September, 1977.

Daisy Alma McKeown married Wallace A. Collins, Sr. (4-19-1895) on May 8, 1920. She died October 14, 1961. He died July 10, 1964. They had one son:

Wallace A. Collins, Jr. born February 4, 1921, died December 25, 1980. He married Johanna Kohlruss June 15, 1952, she was born in Germany January 6, 1927.

Their children:

Wallace A. Collins, III born May 13, 1953.

John David Collins born April 11, 1954.

Barbara Lynn Collins born November 19, 1957.

Lila Sarah Jane McKeown married Henry Grafton Jackson (4-27-1894) on December 20, 1916. He died November 27, 1957.

Their children:

Henry Grafton Jackson, Jr. — born June 16, 1919

Infant daughter — born July 8, 1921.

Emphriam Glaze Jackson — born September 27, 1922.

James Richard Jackson — born November 18, 1924.

Thomas Allen Jackson — born June 25, 1928.

Lila Jean Jackson — born September 23, 1933.

Henry Grafton Jackson, Jr. married Alice Blue Gibson (9-5-1919) on March 3, 1937.

Their children:

William G. Jackson, III — born January 9, 1938.

Barbara Blue Jackson — born October 30, 1948.

Alice Teresa Jackson — born November 23, 1959.

William Grafton Jackson, III married Ann Broome.

Their children:

William Charles Jackson — born December 7, 1962.

Cathy Ann Jackson — born July 19, 1965.

Christopher Blair Jackson — born February 2, 1970.

Barbara Blue Jackson married Lacon Ryans, III.

Their children:

Elbert Lacon Ryans — born June 21, 1970.

Barbara Leigh Ryans — born August 30, 1972.

Alice Teresa Jackson married Mark Thornton.

Their children:

Teresa Joy — born October 23, 1968.

Mark Hampton — born December 20, 1973.

Emphriam Glaze Jackson married Mary Lee Johnson (8-10-23) on June 15, 1946.

Their children:

Infant daughter was born September 4, 1951 (died day of birth).

Ephriam Michael Jackson — born September 27, 1952.

Martha Gay Jackson — born June 26, 1957.

Robert Traywick Jackson — born October 2, 1965 (adopted), died December 31, 1981.

Emphriam Michael Jackson married Martha Lynn Bankhead on August 1, 1975.

James Richard Jackson married Jean Elizabeth Mackey (5-3-23) on December 5, 1941.

Their children:

James Richard Jackson, Jr. — born January 7, 1948.

Pamela Jean Jackson — born July 31, 1951.

James Richard Jackson, Jr. married Phyllis Culp. They have one son, James Richard Jackson, III.

Pamela Jean Jackson married Clyde Sistare. They have a daughter, Sherry Allison Sistare born September 3, 1975.

Richard and Elizabeth were divorced. He was married for a second time to Elizabeth (Betty) Agnes Benson on June 25, 1960. Richard died September 17, 1978.

Thomas Allen Jackson married Louise Yongue (3-31-19) on July 7, 1949. They have one son, Thomas Allen Jackson, Jr. was born February 10, 1956. Thomas Allen Jackson, Jr. married Tina Karen Broom on June 21, 1981.

Lila Jean Jackson married James Harvey Bailey (7-31-34) on July 3, 1954.

Their children:

James Harvey Bailey, Jr. — born March 15, 1955.

Kimberly Diane Bailey — born September 8, 1959.

Stacy Anne Bailey — born July 12, 1972.

Kimberly Diane Bailey married Davey Keith Ghent on June 21, 1980.

Emma Katherine McKeown married John Wesley Leitner (12-8-1901) on December 22, 1923. He died October 23, 1959.

Their children:

John W. Leitner, Jr. — born April 2, 1925.

Hugh James Leitner — born January 15, 1928.

William Daniel Leitner — born September 23, 1933.

John Wesley Leitner, Jr. married Viola Eleanore Hawkins (11-7-1925) on January 29, 1946.

Their children:

Robert Wesley Leitner — born February 7, 1947.

James D. Leitner — born July 6, 1950.

Joseph M. Leitner — born October 12, 1951.

Amy Catherine Leitner — born November 21, 1961.

Robert Wesley Leitner married Rebecca Kristine White (5-29-47) on June 2, 1967.

Their children:

Michele Leitner — born July 1, 1970.

Rachele Leitner — born June 8, 1972.

Mark W. Leitner — born June 29, 1974.

James D. Leitner married Teresa Marie Decenzo on August 23, 1977.

Their children:

James Matthew Leitner — born April 23, 1979.

Amy Catherine married Paul Tronsgard October 16, 1982.

Hugh James Leitner, Sr. married Doris Virginia Wiles (11-11-30) on July 18, 1948.

Their children:

Hugh James Leitner, Jr. — born February 8, 1951.

John Kevin Leitner — born August 19, 1955.

Kristi Ann Leitner — born August 22, 1958.

Dena Teresa Leitner — born August 29, 1959.

Martin Shealy Leitner — born April 27, 1963.

Hugh James Leitner, Jr. married Doris Mae Hobgood (8-30-53) on January 7, 1972.

Jamie Marie Leitner — born October 15, 1976.

Loretta Katherine — born April 2, 1980.

Michael Hugh — born November 11, 1981.

John Kevin Leitner married Janet Dale Rabon on November 25, 1975.

Kristi Ann Leitner married Chalmers Edward M. Godwin on November 27, 1976.

Dena Teresa Leitner married Robert Allen Shedd, Jr. on December 15, 1974.

William Daniel Leitner married Virginia Starey (3-1-38) on July 14, 1939.

Their children:

William Daniel Leitner — born December 22, 1964.

Gyles Scott Leitner — born October 23, 1968.

James Pressley McKeown was born June 12, 1868 and died November 24, 1954. He was married to Carrie Elizabeth Aiken born December 1, 1876 and died June 9, 1967. They were married on January 15, 1896.

Their children:

Ada — born January 4, 1897.

Raymond John — born March 29, 1899.

David Earle — born August 19, 1902.

James Preston, Jr. - born July 25, 1905.

Sarah Belle — born December 1, 1908 (never married).

Laurie Aiken — born December 13, 1917.

Ada McKeown married Nathaniel Westmoreland on June 30, 1920. He was born June 9, 1895 and died June 9, 1933. She then married Claude Hunter on November 16, 1959. He died November 22, 1972.

Ada and Nathaniel had two daughters:

Vivian Elizabeth — born April 2, 1921.

Iris Kathleen — born December 21, 1933.

Vivian Elizabeth Westmoreland married Jack Anderson (12-7-18) on January 6, 1938.

Their children:

Sarah Jane — born April 26, 1939.

John Anderson — born September 16, 1942.

Iris Elizabeth — born October 28, 1943.

Faith McKeown — born January 16, 1946.

Sarah Jane Anderson married Thomas Newsome (1-23-38) on September 2, 1960.

Their children:

Mary Elizabeth — born September 4, 1962.

Thomas David — born September 19, 1964.

Michael Patrick — born December 13, 1965.

Carol Victoria — born December 13, 1965 TWINS.

Jonathan Paul — born August 31, 1965.

John Anderson married Debra Tuttle (9-17-44) on June 6, 1962.

Their children:

John Anderson — born January 17, 1964

Angel Hope — born February 20, 1966.

Iris Elizabeth Anderson married Rev. Messer D. White (10-12-40) on September 8, 1970.

Their children:

Wade Eric — born February 14, 1973.

Rebecca Styers — born February 24, 1977.

Faith McKeown Anderson married Craig C. Ashton (9-10-45) on May 13, 1972. Their daughter, Carrie Elizabeth, was born on October 25, 1976.

Iris Kathleen Westmoreland married Harry Gore (5-19-22) on February 22, 1944.

Their children:

Carolyn Patricia — born December 26, 1944.

Michael Scott — born December 16, 1946.

Anthony Andrew — born January 1, 1954.

Christopher Allen — born October 13, 1956.

Carolyn Patricia Gore married George McKecuen (5-17-42) on September 27, 1966.

Their children:

George Dixon — born November 9, 1968.

Brent Jamerson — born May 13, 1971.

Michael Scott Gore married Mary McFadden (10-12-46)

Their daughter, Mary Kathleen was born September 6,

Raymond John McKeown married Phebe Ann Lawrence (3-30-08) on July 4, 1925. She died October 1, 1963 and he died December 27, 1967.

Their children:

Raymond John, Jr. — born January 15, 1927.

Hilary Kenneth — born October 17, 1932.

Mary Frances — born July 7, 1934.

John Thomas — born November 19, 1937.

Raymond was married for a second time to Nellie E. Matthews (3-14-03). She died December 27, 1967.

Raymond John McKeown, Jr. married Betty Jean Yokely (1-16-29) on March 13, 1946.

Their children:

Linda Jean — born August 31, 1947.

Joan Carol — born July 24, 1948.

Judith Ann — born February 2, 1954.

Linda Jean McKeown married Micheal Owen Vandomer (7-29-48) on January 31, 1969.

Their children:

Suzanne Micheal — born November 5, 1969.

Kathleen Ryan — born March 21, 1974.

Jean Carol McKeown married Donald Roy Kimel (5-7-41) on September 19, 1969. They have no children.

Hilary Kenneth McKeown married Shelby Jean Williams (4-17-37) on June 16, 1956.

Their children:

Hilary Kenneth, Jr. — born March 20, 1957.

Crystal Hope — born July 6, 1960 and died October 31, 1966 at the age of 6.

Mischa Hope — born March 15, 1970.

Mary Frances McKeown married Ray Albert Veach (9-7-35) on March 29, 1959. They have no children.

John Thomas McKeown married Patricia Ruth Lucas (1-8-39) on June 8, 1958.

Matthew John — born March 30, 1967.

Nathaniel Adam — born July 9, 1968.

Josh Stephen — born June 30, 1970.

David Earle McKeown married Estelle Lewis (4-28-1900) on December 13, 1920. She died October 10, 1927. He married Sarah M. Fessler (1-1-1901) on September 23, 1929, she died October 8, 1964. He then married Edna N. Wroten (12-18-1903) on July 3, 1965. They have no children.

James Preston McKeown, Jr. married Natalie Abbott (5-21-1905) on July 10, 1928. She died March 4, 1949.

Their children:

Charles Donald — born June 28, 1932.

James Preston, III — born May 9, 1935.

Le Anne Elizabeth — born June 4, 1939.

James Preston McKeown, Jr. married a second time to Ruth A. Floyd (11-3-1904). Married on June 4, 1950.

Charles Donald McKeown married Pat Waldrep on April 29, 1949.

Their children:

Brenda Dianne — born November 5, 1951.

Donna Natalie — born November 10, 1955.

Preston Waldrep — born April 2, 1960.

Charles Donald and Pat were divorced. He married Peggy Ruth Whitney (6-5-33). She had three children by a previous marriage:

Donald Larry Clack - born December 2, 1950.

Clara Denise Clack — born August 2, 1953.

Ronald Dale Clack — born October 26, 1954.

James Preston McKeown, III married Alice Lucille Addy (1-1-36) on July 22, 1956.

Their children:

Susan Allison — born May 15, 1965.

James David — born February 21, 1968.

Le Anne Elizabeth McKeown married Cecil Howard Jarrett II (11-11-34).

Their children:

Cecil Howard Jarrett III — born June 13, 1960.

Elizabeth Ruth — born October 13, 1963.

Laurie Aiken McKeown married Annie Mae Croft Klultz (7-13-12) on November 1, 1940. She died February 19, 1975. Annie Mae's daughter by a previous marriage Frankie Klultz (12-31-37). She is married to R.M. Campbell. Laurie's and Annie Mae's daughter Linda Aiken was born March 19, 1943. She married David A. Young on December 22, 1966. The have two daughters: Wendy Allison Young born April 10, 1971.

Shannon Lee Young born May 10, 1974.

Laurie Aiken married Virginia Davis Goings (10-10-32) on February 18, 1976.

Frankie Klultz and R.M. Campbell had two children:

Rhonda Marie Campbell — born December 2, 1956.

Cheryl Ann Campbell — born October 18, 1959.

Henry Colvin McKeown married Ella Jane McKeown (8-16-1877) on December 23, 1896. This was the first wedding in Bethlehem Methodist Church. He died September 18, 1951. She died January 12, 1969.

Ella Marie — born September 12, 1897.

Annie O'Neal — born March 28, 1899.

Janie Colvin — born October 28, 1912.

Ella Marie McKeown married James J. Nabors. He died December 10, 1970. Their son, James Colvin Nabors was born May 31, 1924.

Annie O'Neal McKeown married John Moore Gaston II on May 11, 1923. She died July 23, 1975. He died April 12, 1968.

Their children:

John Moore Gaston III — born May 7, 1924.

Annie Sue Gaston — born June 28, 1926.

John Moore Gaston III married Thelma Bumgardner on February 5, 1970.

Annie Sue Gaston married Charles Banyon Agee on June 11, 1949. She died February 22, 1973.

Their children:

Elizabeth Ann — born November 5, 1952.

Jane Gaston — born January 11, 1954.

Susan Leigh — born May 24, 1956.

David Charles — born January 12, 1958.

Sarah Katherine — born December 1, 1959.

Nancy Ellen — born April 17, 1961.

Mary Mark — born July 23, 1963.

John Scott — born September 2, 1965.

Elizabeth Ann Agee married Joseph Graham.

Their children:

Michael Charles — born January 21, 1976.

Keven Lee — born April 28, 1977.

Jane Gaston Agee married Ronnie Wade.

Susan Leigh Agee married Ted Norman.

Sarah Katherine Agee married Jesse T. Earles.

Their children:

Sabrina Marshina — born July 10, 1976.

Jenny Marie — born July , 1979.

David Charles Agee married _______. They have 2 children.

Nancy Michelle — born August 26, 1978.

Daniel Scott — born June 27, 1980.

Nancy Ellen Agee married Gordon C. Wilson.

They have one child: Christan Ann — born July 7, 1980.

Janie Colvin McKeown married Leon Jesse Castles on May 24, 1939. They had no children. He died January 12, 1964. She married Thomas Chisolm McKeown on October 2, 1971. He died July 14, 1980.

Sarah Agnes McKeown married Robert Alexander Lewis (9-15-1867) on February 3, 1892. She died October 28, 1918. He died October 3, 1931.

Young Grover Lewis — born February 26, 1893.

Roy Alexander Lewis — born March 4, 1895.

Herbert Hugh Lewis — born September 28, 1897.

Mary Estelle Lewis — born April 28, 1900.

Sarah Rebecca Lewis — born November 29, 1902.

Max Lewis — born September 28, 1905, died October 1, 1905.

Agnes Irene Lewis — born May 20, 1907.

Sue Lewis — born July 20, 1909.

Robert Alexander Lewis Jr. — born August 21, 1915.

Frances Pryor Lewis — born October 27, 1918, died November 27, 1918.

Young Grover Lewis married Sarah Lynn Millen (2-8-1894) on June 22, 1917. She died August 15, 1923. He married Grace Elder Black. She died February 16, 1974. He died August 16, 1974.

Young Grover and Lynn Millen Lewis' children:

Agnes Isabel! — born November 25, 1917.

Eva Simpson — born May 7, 1919.

Catherine — born October 2, 1920.

Young Grover Jr. — born January 19, 1922.

Lynn Millen — born August 15, 1923.

Agnes Isabel Lewis married Theodore Julian Limehouse. He died November 26, 1960. She later married Carl William McElheny. He died August 10, 1978.

Agnes Lewis and Theodore J. Limehouse had three daughters:

Theresa Lynn Limehouse — born April 23, 1943.

Agnes Elizabeth Limehouse — born August 21, 1944.

Grace Lewis Limehouse — born March 17, 1951.

Theresa Lynn Limehouse married Thomas Mendenhall Finucan (4-14-40).

Their children:

Kristin Lynn — born February 15, 1971.

Thomas Mendenhall, Jr. — born July 19, 1977.

Jack Theodore — born July 19, 1977 — Twins —.

Agnes Elizabeth Limehouse married James Harry Avant (7-15-43). They have one daughter:

Traci Elizabeth — born August 10, 1970.

Grace Lewis Limehouse married David Montgomery McLaughlin (3-24-50). Their children:

Derek Lance — born June 14, 1973.

Daniel Limehouse — born January 3, 1979.

Eva Simpson Lewis married Ralph O. Limehouse (8-28-1909) on June 24, 1945. They have no children.

Catherine Lewis married John David Weir (8-29-1918).

Their children:

John David Weir, Jr. - born August 24, 1945.

Frank Weir (infant) — born August 2, 1948 (stillborn).

Donald Edward Weir — born November 19, 1951.

John David Weir, Jr. married Mary Ann Bigham (4-9-47) on December 26, 1964. Their children:

Creighton Lynn Weir — born October 25, 1965.

John David Weir III — born March 21, 1967.

Anissa Weir — born May 16, 1971.

Donald Edward Weir married Janice Mobley Hartsell (4-2-49). They have a daughter, Jandoa Annette — born August 10, 1979.

Young Grover Lewis Jr. married Vivian Rutland. She died September 10, 1966. He married Helen Louise Hullander (8-25-25) on October 28, 1967. Their children: (adopted)

John Rutland Lewis — born September 24, 1957.

Mary Catherine — born April 17, 1961.

Lynn Millen Lewis married Susan Dorothy Malone (1-13-24). Their children:

Sue Lynn — born Septemer 5, 1945.

Young Grover Lewis — born January 4, 1947.

Jeffrey Dennis Lewis — born October 6, 1949.

Bruce Micheal Lewis — born July 4, 1951.

Sue Lynn Lewis married Joe Galante (1-27-43). Their children:

Charles Galante — born August 10, 1967.

Christopher Galante — born October 14, 1970.

Tracy Lynn Galante — born September 3, 1971.

Young Grover Lewis married Sharon Carr (7-10-49).

Their children:

Randy Thomas — born May 19, 1968 (adopted)

Young Ryan — born January 3, 1978.

Jeffrey Dennis Lewis married Linda Gylardo (6-14-48).

Their children:

Jeffrey Vincent — born February 19, 1977.

Vincent Henry — born February 19, 1979.

Roy Alexander Lewis married Jessie Elizabeth Caldwell (3-25-1898) on June 27, 1917.

Their children:

Roy Alexander Lewis, Jr. — born May 24, 1918.

Frank Caldwell Lewis — born September 7, 1919.

Sarah Elizabeth Lewis — born August 22, 1921, died August 29, 1977.

Jessie Louise Lewis — born September 23, 1923.

Annie Laurie Lewis — born May 2, 1925, died October 21, 1935.

Martha Lucy Lewis — born September 14, 1933.

Roy Alexander Lewis, Jr. married Mildred Evans (7-20-31).

Their children:

Vickie C. Lewis — born June 9, 1954, died October 21, 1970 (adopted).

Roy Alexander Lewis III — born September 6, 1974.

Frank Caldwell Lewis married Nona Williamson (6-21-15) on December 11, 1949. They have one son.

Frankie C. Lewis — born September 30, 1958 (adopted).

Sarah Elizabeth Lewis married John Arrington on May 20, 1962. John was born 7-7-19 — died 10-29-64. Sarah died August 29, 1977. They had one son.

Mark Arrington — born April 13, 1963.

Jessie Louise Lewis — not married.

Martha Lucy Lewis married Charles L. Abbott (10-14-27) on June 3, 1955.

Their children:

Beverly Elizabeth Abbott — born June 8, 1956.

Martha Charlene Abbott — born December 5, 1957.

Charles Lewis Abbott — born July 21, 1960.

Karen Annette Abbott — born June 7, 1963.

Martha Charlene Abbott married Larry Lavern Self. They have one son, Larry Lavern Self, Jr. born January 1, 1974.

Herbert Hugh Lewis married Carnie Mae Harrelson (1-20-1898) on February 2, 1929. He died June 4, 1980.

Their children:

Robert Clayton Lewis — born December 15, 1930.

D. Jacqueline Lewis — born November 9, 1933.

Robert Clayton Lewis married Mary Alice Banks (12-10-28). Their son Hugh Herbert was born June 6, 1955. Hugh Herbert Lewis married Barbara Walsh on August 2, 1980.

Jacqueline Lewis married Dave Ford (10-26-32).

Their children:

Susan Marie Ford — born March 22, 1962.

Herbert Ford (Herbie) — born March 28, 1968.

Mary Estelle Lewis married David Earle McKeown (8-20-1902) on December 13, 1920. She died October 10, 1927.

Sarah Rebecca Lewis married Robert Sloan Banks Sr. (7-25-1895) on February 14, 1924. He died December 4, 1940.

Their children:

Robert Sloan Banks, Jr. — born October 21, 1925.

Willie Estelle Banks — born July 3, 1929.

Mary Agnes Banks — born May 4, 1933.

Robert Sloan Banks, Jr. married Sarah Elizabeth Gwin (10-15-25) on January 7, 1945.

Their children:

Robert Sloan Banks — born February 18, 1948.

Sarah Dianne Banks — born July 27, 1949.

Margie Lea Banks — born January 7, 1954.

Nancy Lenora Banks — born August 21, 1956.

Robert Sloan Banks married Cynthia Sue Schurz (9-28-48) on December 21, 1973.

Sarah Dianne Banks married James Colvin Huey (10-25-49) on May 9, 1968.

Their children:

James Michael Huey — born July 10, 1969.

Franklin Mark Huey — born June 14, 1974.

Sarah Elizabeth Huey — born May 31, 1983.

Margie Lea Banks married Roger Hall Atkinson (4-2-52) on June 5, 1971.

Their children:

Roger Hall Atkinson Jr. — born February 28, 1972.

Robert Waddell Atkinson — born December 1, 1974.

Nancy Lenora Banks married Robert Franklin Rockholt on August 23, 1975. They have no children.

Willie Estelle Banks married Charlie Colvin Shirley (10-30-22) on May 30, 1953.

Their children:

Charles Colvin Shirley — born September 29, 1956.

Edward Sloan Shirley — born September 18, 1963.

Charles Colvin Shirley married Karen Sue Rawdon (7-7-56) on January 28, 1977. Their daughter, Amanda Brooke Shirley was born June 3, 1982.

Mary Agnes Banks married Fletcher Wood (1-31-25) on October 31, 1953.

Their children:

Ronald Dean Wood — born November 24, 1954.

Teresa Ann Wood — born May 19, 1961.

Mary Agnes and Fletcher Wood were divorced and she married Charles Monroe Smith. He died August 27, 1979. They had one daughter, Deborah Kay Smith, born July 5, 1965.

Ronald Dean Wood married Joan Alice Smith (12-23-55) on July 2, 1977.

Their children:

Tammy Michelle Wood — born February 25, 1980.

Amy Lynn Wood — born November 19, 1981.

Teresa Ann Wood married David McLemore (10-21-62) on January 22, 1982. They have no children.

Agnes Irene Lewis married William Walker Leitner (3-13-1899) on December 23, 1924. He died October 29, 1961.

Their children:

Paul Revere Leitner — born November 11, 1928.

Elizabeth Irene Leitner — born March 15, 1947.

Paul Revere Leitner married Suzanne Joy Wisman (10-29-30) on December 27, 1950.

Their children:

David Walker Leitner — born October 29, 1953.

Douglas Aubrey Leitner — born December 10, 1955.

Gregory Marc Leitner — born April 19, 1957.

Reid Daniel Leitner - born October 27, 1958.

Cheryl Beth Leitner — born March 3, 1960.

Suzanne and Paul were divorced. He married Sandra Strickland.

Elizabeth Leitner married Robert Clinton Stokes, Jr. (1-15-46) on January 27, 1968.

Their children:

Robert Clinton Stokes III — born March 20, 1971.

Scott Anthony Stokes — born August 10, 1974.

Elizabeth Karen (Lisa) Stokes — born May 30, 1980.

Sue Lewis married Clifton Louis Cota (7-6-1898) on September 12, 1927. He died May 12, 1958.

Their children:

Ruth Elizabeth Cota — born November 9, 1929.

Clifton Louis Jr. — born September 22, 1933.

Mitchell William Cota — born November 2, 1934.

Ruth Elizabeth Cota married James Edgar Joyner (3-21-27) on October 30, 1948.

Their children:

Sue Ann Joyner — born April 19, 1950.

Ruth Devineau Joyner — born December 23, 1954.

James Edgar Joyner, Jr. — born July 21, 1964.

Louis Cota Joyner — born February 27, 1968.

Sue Ann Joyner married Larry Mason Bolick (12-25-46) on May 16, 1970.

Their children:

Charles Scott Bolick — born December 25, 1972.

Clifton Joyner Bolick — born March 30, 1981.

Ruth Devineau Joyner married Patrick Timothy Murphy (8-29-52) on February 26, 1977. They have one son, Patrick Timothy Murphy III, born March 3, 1981.

Clifton Louis Cota Jr. married Lola Catherine Wiggins (9-22-33) on February 1, 1960. They have one son, Warren Bruce Cota, born May 27, 1960.

Mitchell William Cota married Jessie Wilson. They were divorced.

Their children:

Jacqueline Elizabeth Cota — born December 22, 1955.

Carol Sue Cota — born January 17, 1957.

Mitchell William Cota, Jr. — born June 10, 1958.

Todd Wilson Cota — born October 4, 1966.

David Patrick Cota — born July 13, 1970.

Mitchell William Cota married Lori Lee Plyter (5-29-58).

Their children:

Karistan Kay Kathleen — born December 8, 1978.

Brooke Lee - born May 26, 1980.

Joshua Allan — born May 22, 1982.

Jacqueline Elizabeth Cota married Jerry F. Platczykon on June 28, 1975. They have one son, Jerry F. Platczykon, Jr.

Carol Sue Cota married Micheal Langley on February 14, 1978. They have one son, Daniel Langley, born January 27, 1979.

Robert Alexander Lewis, Jr. married Mildred Hackle (1-4-20) on August 19, 1937. She died September 7, 1973. He died October 16, 1975.

Their children:

Wayne Alexander - born November 28, 1940.

Donald Richard — born July 16, 1943.

John David — born July 28, 1946.

Mildred Ann — born December 2, 1949.

Cathy Susan — born August 11, 1953.

Wayne Alexander Lewis married Sarah Joan Powell (7-29-43).

Their children:

Wayne Alexander, Jr. - born August 20, 1962.

Deborah Lyne — born December 30, 1964.

Sarah Joan died August 10, 1969. Wayne married Debbie King (8-25-51) on May 21, 1971. They have two daughters, Mildred Reagan, born November 30, 1974 and Allison Kingsley, born February 16, 1979.

Donald Richard Lewis married Jean Mattox (10-7-44) on September 12, 1977.

They have one son, Christopher born April 26, 1974.

John David Lewis married Paulette Cook (10-15-51) on July 11, 1970.

Their children:

Carla Leneve — born December 12, 1971.

John Dallas — born May 6, 1973.

Cathy Susan Lewis married Lynn Micheal Garris (10-27-48) on June 19, 1971. Their daughter, Jennifer Rebecca Garris was born November 27, 1971.

Ella Sue McKeown married James Bert Swearingen (9-12-1878). He died December 23, 1953. She died September 23, 1957.

Her son Thomas Schley McKeown was born February 26, 1899 and died March 19, 1972. He married Fannie Inez Smith (11-11-97) on May 7, 1922. She died June 7, 1975. They had no children. John Swearingen was born November 28, 1922.

James Bert Swearingen's children by a former marriage (wife deceased) and Ella Sue's step children were:

James Riley (12-8-1909) married Jean Sterling (10-25-1911). They have two daughters.

George W. (8-24-12) married Zelma S. Sterling (2-10-10). They have one daughter.

Lena Maymie (8-8-14) married Robert Grier Sterling (5-1-05). They have two sons.

Donie Wincie Swearingen (11-2-16) married Clyde E. Cathcart (9-15-16). They have three sons.

John Swearingen married Essie Marie Wilkes (7-21-30) on April 9, 1948.

Their children:

Patricia Ann — born November 16, 1948.

Margaret Ellen — born March 15, 1950.

John Albert — born March 22, 1951.

David Walter — born July 24, 1954.

Mary Catherine — born June 5, 1956.

Donald Bruce — born August 8, 1960.

Debbie Sue — born December 13, 1962.

Infant male — born February 4, 1965 — died February 5, 1965.

Patricia Ann Swearingen married Nathan Earl Causey (10-7-49) on December 20, 1973.

Their children:

Alison Cooper — born May 17, 1977.

Leslie Marie — born November 10, 1979.

Sarah Elizabeth — born February 22, 1983.

Margaret Ellen Swearingen married Melvin Douglas Enlow. They had one son, George Scott Enlow, born November 26, 1971. They were married on March 14, 1969. They were divorced and she married Cesar Augusto Mijares on July 29, 1978. They had one son Caesar Alexander Mijares born March 5, 1980.

John Albert Swearingen married Rebecca Sue Peeples on July 13, 1974. They have no children.

David Walter Swearingen married Kathryn Hungerpillar (10-12-53) on August 13, 1972.

Michael Paul — born May 5, 1973.

Geoffrey Martin — born December 30, 1975.

David Adam — born November 5, 1980.

Patricia Green — born April 21, 1983.

William Lee McKeown (5-2-1881) married Mamie Kathryn Lewis (12-25-1885) on December 6, 1905. He died December 30, 1950 and she died November 13, 1973.

Their children:

Lee Max McKeown — born October 20, 1906.

Hugh Davis McKeown — born July 14, 1908.

Aubrey Weir McKeown — born September 18, 1911, died October 8, 1968.

William Crosby McKeown — born July 30, 1914, died September 21, 1919.

Macie Kathryn McKeown — born December 18, 1917.

Lee Max McKeown married Mary Jane Brannon (12-9-08) on July 17, 1926. She died on November 28, 1939.

Their children:

Lee Wells (Jack) McKeown — born July 31, 1931.

Infant Son — born May 12, 1929 (died at birth).

Lee Max McKeown married Pearl Snipes. They are divorced.

On April 28, 1948 Lee Max McKeown married Ruby Irene Neal Davis (4-3-16). He died April 29, 1975.

Their children:

Larry James McKeown — born June 27, 1949.

Terry Max McKeown — born November 12, 1953.

Ruby has a daughter, Sylvia Irene Davis (10-9-44) by a previous marriage.

Lee Wells (Jack) McKeown married Frankie Jeanette Knopf (1-19-33) on June 9, 1951.

Their children:

Lee Wells McKeown, Jr. — born September 12, 1954.

Janice Robin McKeown — born December 12, 1957.

David Brannon McKeown — born January 10, 1951.

Lee Wells McKeown, Jr. married Carol Louise Waterstradt (1-6-53) on December 6, 1974. Their sons Lee Wells McKeown III was born December 13, 1979. John Lewis McKeown, July 22, 1981.

Janice Robin McKeown married Phillip Norton Thomasson (6-22-57) on August 2, 1975.

David Brannon McKeown married Amy Joe Fendley (9-15-62) on January 9, 1982. Their son Joseph Rory McKeown was born July 8, 1982.

Larry James McKeown married Wanda Renee Ellison Roddey (7-11-52) on May 25, 1973. They are divorced.

Terry Max McKeown married Sherrie Dale Haynes (10-19-57) on July 12, 1975. Their son Brian Max McKeown was born June 6, 1976. They are divorced.

Hugh Davis McKeown married Carrie Nadine Reynolds (8-30-16) on September 13, 1936.

Their children:

Maxine Catherine McKeown — born January 11, 1941.

Williene Eunice McKeown — born January 11, 1941.

Willene Eunice McKeown married Charles Henry Griffith, Jr. on September 2, 1961.

Charles Henry (Chipper) Griffith, III — born October 1, 1962.

Christopher Hugh (Chris) Griffith — born April 26, 1964.

Aubrey Weir McKeown married Sarah Estelle McDowell (4-13-13) on April 8, 1933.

Their children:

Aubrey Elizabeth McKeown — born February 8, 1935.

William Bailey McKeown — born October 30, 1938.

Aubrey Elizabeth McKeown married Robert Charles Wanser (9-15-32) on September 15, 1956.

Their children:

Linda Marie Wanser — born April 6, 1958.

Katherine Elizabeth Wanser — born July 29, 1960.

Linda Marie Wanser married Loyd Lawson Laffitte on December 18, 1976. Their child — Robert Loyd Laffitte — born May 2, 1982.

William Bailey McKeown married Dolly Virginia Lee Joplin (5-19-41) on July 7, 1963.

Their children:

Sheri Lee McKeown — born April 10, 1965.

William Russell McKeown — born December 19, 1967.

Macie Kathryn McKeown married Claude Raymond Hagood (1-4-13) on March 27, 1937.

Their children:

Raye Kathryn Hagood — born February 19, 1939.

Mary Jane Hagood — born January 4, 1947.

Ray Kathryn Hagood married Frederick Henry Duncan (7-21-43) on April 9, 1966. They have one daughter, Melanie Marie Duncan, born July 2, 1970. They are divorced.

Mary Jane Hagood married Larry James Parker (6-28-46) on September 17, 1966.

Their children:

Stephanie Raye Parker — born October 24, 1968.

Jason Hagood Parker — born April 6, 1971.

Minnie Jane McKeown (3-17-1885) married Charlie Rawls Shirley (6-21-1871) on December 19, 1909.

Their children:

Margaret Jane Shirley — born November 20, 1910 — died February 3, 1982.

Helen Lee Shirley — born October 15, 1912 (was never married)

John Curtis Shirley — born October 14, 1914.

Baby boy stillborn on October 21, 1916.

Sarah Shirley — born May 30, 1918.

Mattie (Pat) Dunbar Shirley - born July 5, 1920.

Charlie Colvin Shirley — born October 30, 1922.

Lucy Ann Shirley — born August 21, 1925.

Minnie Jane McKeown Shirley died on April 27, 1969.

Charlie Rawls Shirley died on May 3, 1963.

Margaret Jane Shirley married James Dunbar Simpson (8-8-85) on September 9, 1933. James Dunbar Simpson died May 9, 1967.

James Dunbar Simpson — born July 1, 1934.

Eva Evelyn Simpson — born May 11, 1939.

James Dunbar Simpson married Alice Lucille Brandon (9-12-37) on April 19, 1958.

Their children:

Cynthia Lynn Simpson — born November 9, 1959.

James Dunbar Simpson III — born September 9, 1961.

Eva Evelyn Simpson married Robert Elmore Williamson (11-8-37) on June 27, 1964.

Their children:

Margaret Edye Williamson born September 8, 1968.

Robert Elmore Williamson, Jr. born March 30, 1972.

John Curtis Shirley married Mary Evelyn Cathcart (1-5-28) on July 8, 1947.

Their children:

Peggy Jean Shirley — born June 11, 1950.

Helen Andrea — born September 26, 1951.

Evelyn Lucille — born September 5, 1957.

Peggy Jean Shirley married John Henry Travis (4-12-48) on July 17, 1971.

Their children:

Amy Rebecca — born February 11, 1975.

Laura Ashley — born September 5, 1980.

Helen Andrea married Joel Ray Branham (7-25-51) on September 23, 1977. They have a daughter, Julie Renee, born July 21, 1980.

Evelyn Lucille Shirley married George Edmond Yongue III (5-19-51) on June 16, 1979.

Sarah Shirley married John Wilson McDaniel (6-8-17) on October 7, 1945.

Their children:

John Wilson McDaniel, Jr. — born July 28, 1947.

Sara Ella McDaniel — born May 13, 1951.

Shirley Ann McDaniel — born June 24, 1954.

John Wilson McDaniel, Jr. married Martha Ann Page (2-13-49) on August 22, 1970.

Their children:

John Wilson McDaniel, III — born September 1, 1973.

Meredith Page McDaniel — born September 1, 1973 (Twins)

Lauren Elizabeth McDaniel — born September 9, 1977.

Sara Ella McDaniel married James Everette Fleming (4-20-49) on July 1, 1972. They have two daughters, Rebecca Anne, born October 6, 1975, and Sara Kathryn Fleming, born February 12, 1982.

Shirley Ann McDaniel married William Lee Sanders (7-16-54) on June 25, 1978. They have one daughter, Anna Leigh Sanders, born August 24, 1982.

Mattie (Pat) Dunbar Shirley married James Arnold Betts (6-20-20) on September 2, 1948. They have one son:

James Arnold Betts, Jr. - born November 16, 1949.

James Arnold Betts, Jr. married Kristen Jane Greiner May 29, 1982.

Charlie Colvin Shirley married Willie Estelle Banks (7-3-29) on May 30, 1953.

Their children:

Charles Colvin Shirley, Jr. — born September 29, 1956.

Edward Sloan Shirley — born September 18, 1963.

Charles Colvin Shirley, Jr. married Karen Sue Rawdon (7-7-56) on January 28, 1977. Their daughter, Amanda Brooke Shirley was born June 3, 1982.

Lucy Ann Shirley married Thomas McFerrian Patrick, Jr. (12-3-20) on October 27, 1948. They have one daughter, Jane Wylie Patrick, born July 11, 1952. Jane married Daniel Robert Young (12-10-50) on September 21, 1974.

HISTORY OF BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH (1795-1956)

The church is situated in Chester County four (4) miles west of the town of Blackstock and near the Fairfield County line.

The church, or society, was established by a white Irish family named Stockdales who came to this country from Ireland about 1795. They belonged to a Methodist Society in Ireland and had had the privilege of hearing John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, preach.

The Stockdales' home was situated near a lovely rock spring on land afterwards owned by the late W.W. Lewis. This place is across the highway near Mr. B.A. Robinson's. The land is now owned by Dr. A.L. Lewis, a former member of this church.

A member of the Stockdale family, James Stockdale, was a preacher and services were conducted in the home (Stockdale) for a number of years. This James Stockdale married a McKeown and moved to Alabama and the records were left with the McKeown family here.

A couple of glass goblets that had been brought from Ireland by the Stockdales and, which had been used by John Wesley, were used in the early communion services of this church were also, at one time, in the possession of Mrs. Elizabeth McKeown, deceased. She gave them to Reverend J.J. Stevenson who was at one time pastor of Bethlehem.

The first preachers were circuit riders and, as travel was slow and uncertain in those days, they served in pairs. The first, namely, were

There is no official record of who preached for the next ten years but worship was continued in the Stockdale home, once a month, until 1824.

In that year a camp meeting was held in September on the present site of this church and a church organized. A log church was built.

On February 5, 1825, John Stockdale deeded to the church two (2) acres of land. The church is recorded in Vol. 7, page 47 and the deed to the land is recorded on Page 48 in the Clerk of Court's office in Chester County, South Carolina.

The old log church was used as a place of worship for a number of years, about thirty or more. They named the church Bethlehem. This church building was bought by Mr. W.W. Lewis, Sr. and moved to his home and used as a cow barn.

The second church was a frame structure built just beyond the cemetery. There is no record of when this building was erected. It was never finished or ceiled. It was dedicated on May 20, 1860, by Reverend Gamewell, who was the Presiding Elder. In August of that year a protracted meeting was held with Reverend Lemon and Reverend McElhaney doing the preaching. On September 8 of that year, 1860, the first quarterly conference was held in the new church. The preacher was Reverend Staley, Presiding Elder was Reverend Gamewell. About this time a cemetery was laid out and a Confederate Soldier, Mr. Thomas Lewis, was the first body buried there.

Preaching continued in the second church from 1860 to 1878. There are no records to be found covering this period only that services were held regularly.

The names of the preachers of this period were as follows:

Reverend Hawthman 1860	
Reverend Connor	
Reverend Dagwell1862	
Reverend Lemmon	
Reverend Connor)
Reverend Lemmon1865-1866 (second time))
Reverend Creaston1867-1868	
Reverend Gannt 1869-1871	
Reverend Bass	
Reverend Williams 1873	
Reverend Pooser 1874-1875	
Reverend Johns 1876	
Reverend Barber1877	
Reverend Mann	

In 1883 the congregation had outgrown the old church and deserving a better place of worship sold the old church and built the present one. The first service was preached at 3 o'clock P.M., February 8, 1884, by Reverend A.H. Lester, using for his text Luke 18:37, "And they told him Jesus of Nazareth passeth by...". The membership had grown and the Sunday School was en-

couraging. Reverend G.P. Watson followed Mr. Lester and served four (4) years.

In June 1886 the present church was dedicated by Reverend Coke Smith. People came from far and near and a large crowd assembled to hear this great man.

The Chester District was organized in 1883. From then on we have very little church history except that services were conducted twice a month and there was Sunday School. The church prospered under Mr. Watson's leadership. At this time Reverend G.T. Harmon was Presiding Elder.

There was no parsonage on the charge. The pastor lived in Winnsboro (on Winnsboro charge). The customs of the church were respected. Quarterly conference and church conferences were held regularly.

Miss Maggie Holley was first church secretary. She served in 1883 and 1884. Sam O McKeown served from 1885 to 1901. Mr. John S. McKeown was Chairman of the Board of Stewards for a number of years and Miss Maggie Holley as Superintendent of Sunday School. After she resigned Mr. John S. McKeown served until his health failed. He was a faithful and earnest churchman and many who went out from old Bethlehem remember him as a Godly man.

Reverend J.W. Humbert was pastor from 1891 to 1894. The church had grown to a membership of 105 and was prosperous. The members were loyal.

Great stress was laid on Sunday School and placing the Christian Advocate in the homes of the members. It was a grand and helpful magazine to young and old. Children's Day was observed each year and made interesting by some prominent speaker. God was good and blessed the church spiritually. Ministers were serious in their convictions and received only a minimum salary. At this time the church had three appointed Stewards.

In 1890 Blackstock Charge was formed consisting of three churches — Blackstock, Bethlehem, and Antioch Churches. Reverend Duncan preached in 1889 through 1890; Reverend Wiggins in 1891 through 1892, and Reverend J.W. Humbert in 1893 through 1894. Reverend J.J. Stevenson was pastor for three years, 1895 through 1897. He was unmarried and had to board among his congregations. At his suggestion and with his help the people of the circuit built the parsonage at Blackstock. The people worked and gave their time as well as their means and soon Mr. Stevenson's dream was a reality. Mr. Stevenson married Miss Jessie Bond and was first to occupy the parsonage in 1897.

Mr. Burke was the only pastor ever to serve more than four years. He was loved by his church members and was very outstanding. Bethlehem thrived and prospered under his leadership. He came to this church and preached from 1931 through 1938. In 1938 the General Conference in Birmingham adopted the plan of Unification. The M.E. Church South would be merged with all branches of the Methodist Church. There were objections and many withdrawals taking their memberships to other denominations or otherwise. But a church founded on a rock will stand while Bethlehem was crippled by this unfortunate situation, time has healed a lot of the bruises, and with the help of God we feel sure Old Bethlehem will sound again as in the day long since gone by.

Below is the names of the pastors who served the circuit and charge from the earliest church to the present time.

Reverend P.B. Ingraham 1898-1901
Reverend R.W. Barber 1902-1903 (second time)
Reverend W.A. Fairey 1904
Reverend J.H. Noland 1905-1906
Reverend H.C. Singleton 1907-1908
Reverend H.B. Hardy 1909-1912
Reverend J.N. Isom 1913
Reverend William Hardin 1914-1915
Reverend J. Gary Lee 1916
Reverend S.B. White 1917-1918
Reverend J.R. Copeland 1919
Reverend D.C. Gregory1920
Reverend J.W. Shell 1921-1922
Reverend T.L. Bryson 1923
Reverend W.C. Kelley 1924-1925
Reverend F.G. Whitlock1926
Reverend G.T. Hughes 1927-1930
Reverend G.W. Burke 1931-1938
Reverend J.L. Jett 1939-1940
Reverend L.B. George 1941-1942
Reverend Frank Moore 1943-1945
Reverend J.H. Montgomery 1946-1947
Reverend Hartsell 1947-1948
Reverend A.E. Belk 1948-1949
Reverend D.L. Smith 1949-1950

Reverend John L. Sandlen	1950
Reverend C.E. Peele	1951
Reverend John Cely	1952
Reverend H M Montgomery 1952	1953

In 1926 Blackstock Circuit was dissolved and Bethlehem was attached to Chester Circuit. The first pastor to serve Bethlehem from Chester Circuit was Reverend F.G. Whitlock who served one year, 1926. Then followed Mr. Hughes for four years, 1927-1930. Next was Mr. Burke who served eight years. About this time Bethlehem was transferred to Winnsboro with Gordon Memorial. Since that time it has not been easy going all of the time. But the loyal members and families have done a great work having Sunday School and enjoying services twice a month.

The condition of the church property is fair and hopes for some interior work to be done in the near future with other improvements added.

In September 1953 a Committee was formed to paint the church. The work was begun in October 1953 at a cost of over six hundred (\$600.00) dollars. Four hundred and fifty (\$450.00) dollars were donated by friends and former members who now hold their membership elsewhere. The balance was raised by the congregation. Much of the labor was given free. Now. August 1954, the old church is much dressed up and waiting more improvements, which, is hoped, will soon be in the making.

During the year thirteen (13) members were added under the leadership of Reverend H.M. Montgomery.

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