

"There is an account of 'The Agricultural Convention' 'composed of delegates from the agricultural societies of South Carolina' at Monticello, Fairfield County, July 5 and 6, 1843. There the planters discussed curtailing of cotton crop and the increase of provision supply, bread stuffs and stock of all kinds. There were complaints about the selling of cotton, and its weighing."

April 28, 1869, what was probably a reorganization, after the Confederate War, in the *Fairfield Herald* is an account of a meeting of the Fairfield Agricultural Society, at which the officers elected were: George H. McMaster, president; Thomas W. Woodward, vice-president; J. S. Stewart, secretary; and S. B. Clowney, treasurer. The delegates elected to the (State) agricultural convention were: H. L. Elliott, T. W. Woodward, W. D. Aiken, N. C. Robertson, R. E. Ellison, Jr., ~~Dr. Thomas McKinstry~~, G. B. McCants, and S. B. Clowney.

The next year, 1870, the officers were: H. C. Davis, president; Thomas W. Woodward, vice-president; ~~Thomas W. McKinstry~~, vice-president; S. B. Clowney, treasurer, W. E. Aiken, secretary; and H. A. Gaillard, corresponding secretary.

September 8, 1869, John Simonton sold to J. H. Cathcart two bales of cotton at 32 cents a pound, and on September 15 Thomas Sessions at Ridgeway sold to R. S. DesPortes one bale at 30 cents a pound.

In October, 1869, Dr. Joseph LeConte, in Columbia, is advertising officer to sell cotton seed cake as a fertilizer.

In the same issue of the paper Gen. E. P. Alexander is advertising to buy cotton seed within 100 miles of Columbia for the Columbia Oil Company, giving 33 pounds of oil cake for 100 pounds of cotton seed, the company to pay freight on seed and the purchaser, on cake. The directors of the company were: A. B. Sorings, Fort Mill; James Pagan, Chester; Gen. John Bratton, Winnsboro; Gen. Johnson Hagood, Barnwell; Col. Wm. Wallace, and Col. John C. Haskell, Columbia.

The earliest historical sketch of Fairfield County is that found in Mills Statistics of 1826, which is published in the appendix. Also in the appendix is the manuscript narrative of Philip Edward Pearson, who is credited with having written the one in Mills Statistics. Mr. Pearson did not have access to a number of records that have in recent years been made available, he consequently made a number of errors.

- 1860 R. B. Boylston, T. W. Woodward, J. B. McCants.
 1862 T. McKinstry, P. D. Cook, J. B. McCants.
 1865 W. J. Alston, Jas. R. Aiken, B. E. Elkins.
 1868 Lewis W. Duvall, Henry Johnson, Henry Jacob.
 1870 Alfred Moore, W. J. McDowell, S. M. Smart.
 1872 Isaac Miller, Levi Lee, M. S. Miller.
 1874 John Gibson, Joseph Thompson, Joel Copes.
 1876 J. Gibson, P. R. Martin, D. Bird.
 1877 Thos. B. Brice, Henry A. Gaillard, Prince B. Martin.
 1878 R. C. Clowney, T. S. Brice, H. A. Gaillard.
 1880 John W. Lyles, C. E. Thomas, G. H. McMaster.
 1882 Hayne M. Meekin, A. S. Douglass, G. H. McMaster.
 1884 Chas. A. Douglas, Thos. S. Brice, S. R. Rutland.
 1888 O. W. Buchanan, J. D. Harrison, T. Bruce Kinstry.
 1890 T. S. Brice, O. W. Buchanan, T. W. Traylor.
 1893 W. J. Johnson, T. P. Mitchell, R. Y. Lemmon.
 1894 T. P. Mitchell, R. Y. Lemmon.
 1896 R. Y. Lemmon, W. J. Johnson, T. P. Mitchell.
 1898 J. G. Wolling, R. A. Meares.
 1900 W. J. Johnson, Jno. G. Mobley.
 1901 J. G. Walling, J. B. Morrison.
 1902 J. B. Morrison, J. G. Walling, W. J. Johnson.
 1903 W. J. Johnson, C. S. Ford, T. W. Traylor.
 1905 J. G. McCants, C. S. Ford, A. H. Brice.
 1907 W. W. Dixon, C. S. Leitner, T. S. Brice.
 1909 F. H. McEachern, A. J. Mobley, W. W. Dixon.
 1911 W. W. Dixon, T. H. Ketchin, R. A. Meares.
 1913 S. Clowney, T. L. Johnston.
 1915 W. W. Dixon, Horace Traylor.
 1917 C. S. Ford, Clarke W. McCants.
 1919 J. W. Hanahan, R. A. Meares.
 1921 J. W. Hanahan, Jno. G. Walling.
 1923 J. W. Hanahan, A. McC Faucette.
 1925 L. S. Hinderson, Thos. J. McMeekin.
 1927 F. A. DesPortes, J. P. Isenhower.
 1929 J. P. Isenhower, C. S. Ford.
 1931 J. C. Darby, J. W. Hanahan.
 1933 J. P. Isenhower, O. C. Scarborough.
 1935 J. P. Isenhower, F. M. Roddey.
 1937 Boyd Brown, F. M. Roddey.
 1939 Boyd Brown, F. M. Roddey.
 1941 Boyd Brown, F. M. Roddey.