

The Mobley's
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Their Connections



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To
Marion Mobley Durham:

In considering the gentle sex, to whom this volume should be dedicated, and by whom it should be defended, the writer chooses you for the qualities with which your nature is endowed. Critics we fear not. Of them, a fair public will but recall the lines of Lord Byron:

“As soon

Seek roses in December-ice in June;
Hope constancy in wind, or corn in chaff,
Believe a coy woman or an epitaph,
Or any other thing that's false, before
You trust critics.”

What we do apprehend, are those whom Pope so well defined, those who—

“Damn with faint praise, assent with civil leer,
And without sneering, teach the rest to sneer,
Willing to wound and yet afraid to strike,
Just hint a fault, and hesitate dislike.”

As to the historical part of the volume, you need have no fear that the traditions are unsupported by the records, which are open and accessible to all mankind. If ever the superficial should charge that the work is irreverent as to Religion, quote as the author's convictions from the lives of J. A. F. and Juliana Stevenson Coleman this: Religion, like life, is changeful and evolutionary. To allow it to remain in one form or ritual is death. There is salvation in all churches of the Christian faith. Every man, who lives to the Ideal, will never die; every good woman will some day “sit in the tresses of the white rose of Paradise”.

There is a regret as we look over the “proofs”. The personal pronoun “I” is too much in evidence. It must be stated in extenuation of this vice, that a great part of the work was written with no idea of publication in the lifetime of the author, and it is easier now to think of the transposition, than to effect the change from the subjective to the objective way of statement. What would have been gained, in modesty to self among acquaintances, would be lost in force of expression to those whom the writer has never seen and the latter are greatly in the majority. Time and consanguinity of relationship will cure this.

Cousin Bandello was an author of the sixteenth century. From him Shakespeare derived Romeo and Juliet, other plots, and even complete characters, word for word. Literary honesty makes me proclaim, in a measure, you will suffer the same treatment in this family history, but it shall not be without acknowledgment. Again, you have led me to see the dignity and worth of the family. Greater than all, however, you have kept INSPIRATION near and with me always. Inspiration is of the aerial. There is nothing pendant that one can clutch and hold. She vanishes like a star to the Sun of some sensuous thing, or flies away like the lovely rose and white flamingo, the sportsman's despair. Be it known, if the author does not dig on, as the miner does when the earth has fallen on him; if the author contemplates his difficulties and does not conquer them, one by one, as the lovers in fairy tales overcome each new enchantment, the work remains incomplete. It perishes in the mass of data about him, and he gloomily looks, as Coleridge must oft have done, on the suicide of his own talent. Our language has no generic word nor derivative in the gradation of affection that I should like to use to you. Permit this paraphrase: Daughter of three great families, Mobley, Woodward and Durham, angel III your home, a child in your faith, a woman in heart and hope, a poet in your dreams, and Beauty itself withal—this work, in which your love and your fancy, your faith, your experience, your hopes and your dreams, are like chains by which a web less lovely than the poetry cherished in your soul—the poetry whose expression when it lights up your countenance is, to those who admire you, what the characters of a lost language are to the learned—this work is yours.

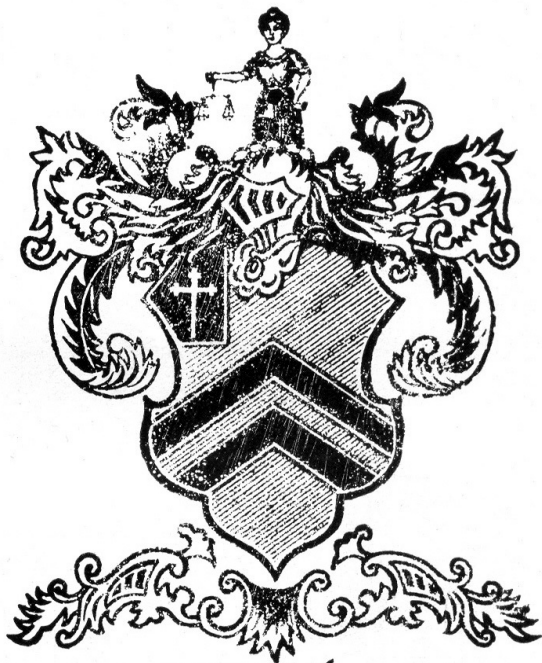
-THE AUTHOR.

To
Frances Marion Mobley:

There are fugues in all the harmonies of expression, as well as in music and life. In considering many kindred male, to whom this volume should be dedicated, and by whom it should be defended, the writer chooses you, for the qualities that have made you known so widely and affectionately among men. We have entrusted its historical and ethical defense to another. And now we charge you. As to its worth as a commentary, point to the lives of the first Samuel Mobley, John Feaster, James Biggers Mobley, Dr. Isaiah Mobley, H. J. Coleman, and others, for the period prior to the great civil war; and for the period subsequent to that war, point to the sketch of Biggers Mobley, your father, Edward P. Mobley, David R. Feaster, Trezvant DeGraffenreid Feaster, Gov. Allison, of Florida; Col. J. Feaster Cameron and others. When it shall be said that the work breathes no love of Nature, cite simply the life of John G. Mobley; should the word Valor ever be mentioned, you need not go out of the name of Coleman, for Glory marks their graves.

And now in bidding you read of our family, one more word. I wish to remind you of that friendship that had its origin around your father's old gin house, that continued through childhood to youth; that has been cemented with our common ideals in manhood and remains perhaps to solace us in the evening of our years. "As you climb up a mountain towards nightfall, the trees and the houses, the steeple, the fields and the orchards, the road and even the river will gradually fade, and at last disappear in the gloom that steals over the valley. But the threads of light that shine from the houses of men pierce through the blackest nights undimmed". It is thus of friendship. On we climb with our age, pass the houses of mirth, the steeples of our day dreams, the fields of ambitious projects, and the gardens of pleasure, the road to learning, even, all fade in the gloom of care that steals over our hearts and lives as we approach upward to Death. Only Friendship is the one thing that yields naught of itself. It shines on and ever reveals its light of affection in the heart of a friend like you to the eyes of a man like me.

-WOOD DIXON.



Mobley

COAT OF ARMS.

INTRODUCTION

We scarcely have a prologue for this history and genealogy. We became more lively Interested in the family's origin in Charleston, in 1886, while in the home of Col. A. G. McGrath, in hearing the *modus operandi* of certain persons who wished to attend a function of the St. Cecelia Society. We wrote back home describing, as well as we could, society in Charleston; and in a few days received a letter saying, ancient and good as the St. Cecilia families might be, they were neither more ancient nor better than the Woodward and Mobleys. Continuing, Wm. B. Woodward said: "Don't feel ever, in the final analysis, that you are better for an accident of birth, than any man, unless your sympathy for others is manifestly greater than his. A man should not be puffed up over his ancestry, unless he can reflect back on the ancestor at least some of the honor that has been transmitted down to him by that ancestor's illustrious deeds. Don't be a fool over the thing, but it will always give, as it has given me, a kind of satisfaction to feel that you are well born, and that it depends on your own individual efforts to be the inferior of no one in any society, position or place". From this, dates this history, or at least its conception. A book was gotten and the pen, while oft interrupted, has kept moving along its tortuous way. The writer has been assisted by many, and in the course of the narrative proper acknowledgment will be made, but as we may not speak of her again, we desire to note that it was first cousin Sallie L. Woodward who approved and encouraged the idea for this work, as well as for its companion, THE WOODWARDS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS. We confess that it is rather a Mosaic than a work of Art, but it is essentially true. We have presented it to the family in consonance with an idea suggested in a letter from Annie L. Pickett, one of our relatives in the volume: That it is the duty of the Artist to bring out the good points in the subject of portraiture, and to soften the defects, but not failing to show these, that the likeness may be recognizable and true.

Pardon us for not permitting it to become an advertising medium for the worldly successful. Plato said: "I found that the men most in repute were all but the most foolish, and that some who were regarded as inferior men, were really wiser and better than those who were greatly esteemed". A man may be piling up skyscrapers, filling his vaults with gold, and yet be a dead failure; a man may be, to all appearance, a failure, but be performing usefully and successfully the task his Maker has compassed out for him. Who should judge? Who knows?

Neither can we be persuaded to allow this work to degenerate into a gazette of good looks and fashion. Love alone shall drip from this pen. All our boys and girls are not physically beautiful. Why sit around the family circle and expatiate on the beauty of this one, the intellect of that one? Aside from good taste, and the negation of these qualities in others, just as lovely in character, more than half of three thousand individuals would have to be described. Such a task would have daunted Don Quixote, and have overcome the strength of Sisyphus; and we are neither a Chevalier Casse-Cou, nor are we cousin germaine to Hercules. This volume is a serious, plain genealogy of, and a commentary upon, the lives and times of the descendants of William Mobley by his wife, Phoebe Lovejoy. This rule shall govern. Praise for our DEAD, and hope for our LIVING. Notwithstanding, to encourage higher education, we have, perhaps, here unwisely, permitted a brief statement of the institution of learning where a relation or connection completed his or her course of instruction

Finally, we have used the term, Civil War, throughout this history--not through ignorance, dear critics, but because it is the name commonly employed by our people who fought and suffered in and through it all, and afterwards called it so. We are of the North, we would call it the War on Slavery; as we are of the South, we individually think of it as the hell that robbed our people from the cradle to the grave; the canker of care that took the peach and bloom from our women's fair faces; that left our chimneys the solitary spires of our sorrows; that made the countless battlefields white with the bleaching bones of our loved ones; that caused for every drop of blood shed, two tears to course their way down the cheeks of our mothers and sisters;

that made Sherman's expression, war's definition – “war is hell”. The Prince of Peace so taught it; the greatest true living American so proclaims it, and you and I deep down in our souls so believe it. Apropos of War: It is something that we should ever strive to put at an infinitude of distance from us, as States in an indissoluble Union of indestructible States; something among nations, that should be kept, as far removed as the East is from the West, as far as the Earth is from the cobalt vault above us, where Omnipotence hangs His jewels.

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BOOK I EARLY HISTORY

To Florence Grace Feaster:

As you are descended from Norris, the Secretary of William Penn, and also from the first Moberly in America by his wife Phoebe Lovejoy, kindly permit the dedication of the first book of this family history to you. -the Author.

Encouraged by Charles Fox in the year 1680, a new sect had arisen in England styling themselves, FRIENDS, but called in derision by all other religious denominations, Quakers. William Penn was one of these, a nobleman who had been four times imprisoned. He petitioned for a grant of land in America with the result that history tells. Connected with the first settlement of Pennsylvania is the love story of the first Moberley, now spelled Mobley, who came to this country and from whom our family are descended. He came direct from England with William Penn. It has been thought for a long time that this Moberley was the son of a baronet He was descended from a baronet Sir Edward Moberley in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. This Moberley had three sons, one succeeded to the title and Estates and became Sir Edward Moberley. He had one brother who went into the church and became a bishop; the third bought a commission in the English army. His name was William, went to India, amassed a fortune, returned and brought an estate near Sheffield. His son Edward purchased a large estate in Cheshire and was a country gentleman.

WILLIAM MOBLEY I

On one occasion the father, Edward Moberley, was about to go on a trip to London with one of his dependents, Adam Varnadore. He called his son William to superintend the planting of some apple trees in his absence in a certain field

during his stay in London. The son objected to the spot in which he was directed to plant the trees, saying the site selected did not suit him, and that the trees should be planted elsewhere. The father insisted and enjoined that the trees be put out as he directed while away. With that the elder Moberley and the elder Varnadore went on to London. Adam Varnadore had a son Adam, the companion of young William Moberley. Edward Moberley, the father, and Adam Varnadore, the father, returned from London to find the trees set out against the wishes of Mr. Moberley. In concert both fathers pulled up a sion of the trees with which each whipped his own son soundly. The boys enraged under the lash ran away together. They got into a ship belonging to William Penn, the founder of the colony of Pennsylvania. On board Penn's ship was a beautiful girl, Phoebe Lovejoy, a governess of Penn's household. She was a girl of good family, educated and refined. Phoebe Lovejoy was a Quakeress, and to her must be ascribed the oft repeated statement, that the Moberleys have Quaker blood in their veins. In talks around the family fireside, down from one generation to another, Phoebe is said to have been a relative of Penn or his wife, and that she was as accomplished as she was fair and beautiful, that she was as good as she was lovely. She and William Moberley loved in secret, and upon reaching America were married without the knowledge of Penn, the Proprietor of the province of Pennsylvania, and of course all-powerful. Fearing his displeasure, not to speak of his anger against young Moberley, they fled to the Indians and concealed themselves among them. This is not strange for the Indians lived toward Penn and his people in the spirit of their chief's address to the colonists, "we will live in love with Penn and his children as long as the moon and the sun shall shine." That promise was never broken.

When William Moberley landed in Pennsylvania he was 18 years old. After the marriage and uncertain life for two years

he moved to a point in Maryland, near what was called a few years ago, Point Tobacco (known now as Port Tobacco). He and his wife settled down in that State and raised eight sons. How many daughters we cannot find out. We cannot ascertain whether there were any daughters at all. When the youngest son was a boy of 5 years and after the death of his wife whom he deeply mourned, William Moberley, stricken with loneliness and sorrow, craved the sight or rather, the old home, and native land. He returned to England, sad of heart and much changed in physical appearance. He had left a beardless youth, he returned a bronzed, hardened pioneer of the New World. So great was the transformation of physique, or manner and expression, that his father not only did not know him but pronounced him an impostor. The matter of his identity the father could not for the moment be brought to believe. He had sought him over a third of a century and as one whom his enfeebled eyes would never behold again. William Moberley with the tales of his childhood, of how he had incurred his father's displeasure about the apple tree scions, his flogging, his running away with young Adam Varnadore, and at once going to the window and pointing out the orchard and the very spot he was whipped, convinced his father that he, indeed, was his long absent boy: Whereupon it may be imagined a scene of affection and reconciliation. William Moberley remained but a short time in England and returned to Maryland, died there, and was the first of our Moberley ancestors whose body given to him in the Old World returned to its mother Earth in the New.

CHAPTER II

THE FIRST MOBLEY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Edward Moberley, son of the first Moberley in America, was the first one of that name to come to South Carolina, some of the family now say as early as 1735, but circumstances and contemporaneous events lead one to believe that it was later, more likely between the years 1758 and 1761, for soon after his

arrival he and his sons and one Hans Wagner participated in the troubles and war with the Cherokees. The Cherokees went on the war path, scalped some white settlers, burned their homes and took Fort Loudon. The second William Bull was then the Royal Lieutenant Governor of the Colony. He got together and mobilized a body of up country people with rifles and placed them under the command of Thomas Middleton. Francis Marion was among them. A force of British regular troops were sent under Colonel Grant to assist the up country people also. The friendship commenced with the Mobleys and Francis Marion in this war lasted as long as the life of General Francis Marion. The Mobleys still bear testimony to that friendship in the Christian names of their descendants.

The first South Carolina Mobley had married Susanah DeRuel and of this union were six sons and six daughters, William, Clement, Benjamin, Edward, John, Samuel, Polly, Susanah, Sallie, Elizabeth, Keziah, and Dorcas. We know this much that Clement married Mary Fox, Ben married the widow Hill, Edward, Susanah, Sallie, Elizabeth, and Keziah all married Meadors, Dorcas married Richard Hill and John married Mary Beam. The youngest son of the first South Carolina Moberley was Samuel, who married Mary Wagner daughter of Hans Wagner, and had four sons and eight daughters to live to maturity. Recurring to an incident of early history, it can be substantiated that the Moberleys came to South Carolina shortly after Braddock's defeat when so many Pennsylvanians, Virginians, and Marylanders settled in the upper part of South Carolina. And it can be said with certitude that when the Patriarch Edward Mobley came, he brought not only his own family, but with him were families of his brothers and sisters and their children.

On route, on the banks of the Yadkin River, they admitted into the caravan of travelers Hans Wagner, a Hollander. At the time his family consisted of himself and a number of daughters. He joined the Moberleys to immigrate to South Carolina for the

better security of his family of daughters, recognizing at the same time that the gentle air of refinement of the Moberley women would be an educative and cultural force upon the lives of his family.

It has been assigned as the reason for the Moberleys leaving Maryland for the Colony or South Carolina, that it grew out of the continual unsettled condition of Maryland politics in respect to property rights, but as no specifications have been given as to just what the older Moberleys meant by that, we are induced to give an incident that more likely caused the migration. It must be remembered that when William Moberley ran away from his father's home in England he took with him young Adam Varnadore who married and continued in his capacity as a dependent worker for the Moberleys. We find the Varnadores with the Moberleys in Maryland, and they came on to this State with them. They are here now, and some have confirmed in statements to Miss Marion Durham the family tradition of the run away of the two boys from England to America. The first Edward Moberley it is said left Maryland on account of incidents growing out of a trial in the Courts of that colony. It seems that the Presiding Judge was severe in his rulings and sentence in a case against an indentured to service white man of Edward Mobley's. Either it was a Varnadore or a Varnadore was present, but, this is pretty certain, Mr. Moberley treated the Court with contempt, kicked and otherwise assaulted the Judge in the Court House. This cost him no doubt a good deal, and afterward, as the Judge had his friends and connections in the colony, there ensued from time to time many fights and difficulties about the matter. After the Moberleys came to South Carolina, being the only Episcopalians in their neighborhood it is said that whenever religious discussion engendered high feeling in dispute they were taunted with disfigured tales of the reasons why they left Maryland which invariably brought on the lie and a fight.

As stated the first South Carolina Moberley and his sons and Hans Wagner with the riflemen and British troops went on long marches, engaged the Indians in battle and put them to flight to a large Indian town. The whites followed them, burned their shacks to ashes. The Cherokee Chief, Attakullakulla (Leaning Chief) asked the whites for peace. Afterward he went to Charleston and smoked a pipe of peace with Gov. Bull, among an assembly of people in silence.

The Moberleys settled on what is known as Poplar Ridge, the East side of Beaver Creek. Hans Wagner and his family of girls, no boys, near Reedy Branch. Past the meridian of life he was so solicitous of their welfare that he constructed a strong fort of white oak logs, hewn twelve inches square, for their protection, and when there was danger from the Indians, the neighbors would gather there to defend themselves, with Hans Wagner and his girls. By certain means not very creditable to the Hamptons – the Moberleys were fretted about their lands for a long while and moved a few miles from the place of their first location further to the East and built another fort, and near it erected later the Moberley Meeting House which we will refer to later. Hans Wagner stood his ground against whatever potent influence the Hamptons had brought to bear on the Moberleys and with his girls held the fort until he got his grant confirmed. The Beams, another family were also harassed in the same way by the Hamptons but held their ground.

Hans Wagner married five times. One of his wives was a French woman, Marie DeLashmette. She was the mother of our ancestress, Mary Wagner, who married Samuel Mobley. Another wife of Hans Wagner was Elizabeth Johnstone. She was the mother of Nancy Agnes Wagner who married Capt. Andrew McLean whose daughter Katie married John Mobley. Therefore it may be well to note right here that the descendants of John Mobley and his wife Katie are descended from Hans Wagner through two wives, Marie DeLashmette and Elizabeth

Johnstone. The DeLashmette name in this country has been corrupted to DeLashmet, and I have seen it written Lashly in information furnished me as to the wife of Clement Moberley a son of the first South Carolina Moberley. The first DeLashmette to come to this country, Mr. Wade Brice informed Miss Marion Durham, was the Marquis DeLashmette, that he was a French nobleman, banished from France for political offences against the Monarchy of Louis XIV., that he owned nearly a principality of land, some on the Yadkin River in North Carolina, that he once owned the lands on which Mr. Brice lived and now owned by his widow, Mrs. Matilda Brice, near Woodward, S. C. The deed is on record here at Winnsboro. Some have thought the Marquis moved with other DeLashmettes to Kentucky, but that is an error. He went from South Carolina to Chickahominy, Mississippi.

ANDREW McLEAN

The McLean family, of which Captain Andrew McLean was such a distinguished member as a Revolutionary soldier, came to this country from the Isle of Mull, off the coast of Scotland and settled in South Carolina, finally locating in York County. His family were violent against the mother country and were whigs to the marrow bone after the Revolutionary war. He was a high degree Mason, a brave soldier, and had exposed himself with such intrepidity in skirmishes and battles that it was said that "there was scarcely an inch on his body that had not received a wound in the defense of his country." In politics after the Peace of Paris and Versailles, he transferred his fighting qualities to the party of Jefferson and Jackson and disinherited his only beloved daughter "Katsy" for marrying into a family who entertained different views of government. Many times it has been told me, how Uncle John Mobley had to take Katie McLean up behind him and gallop away with her. Captain McLean became a Major of a regiment, was an educated and accomplished gentleman and was present when

General Francis Marion offered roasted sweet potatoes to a British officer. He fought at Cowpens, and Kings Mountain and was in the engagement along with the Woodwards and Mays of this county at Eutaw Springs.

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“Edward Mobley from Virginia, with six sons, all with families settled on Beaver Creek, in the vicinity of Wagner’s Fort from whom the settlement on the Creek has taken the name of Mobley settlement. There is one circumstance connected with these early settlers that appears extraordinary, which is, that none of the lands were surveyed until 10 years after they were taken up. The first settlers built their log cabins near the margins of Creek or rivers. At the termination of the Cherokee war of 1760, Wilkinson’s Creek was the seat of the Welch.” Mills Hist. So. Co. page 556.

As stated Samuel, the youngest son of the Patriarch, married Mary (Polly) Wagner. They had four sons, Edward who married Mary (Polly) Mabry, Samuel who married the widow Elizabeth Whitehead (in girlhood a Pickett) Biggars who married a Corbell, and John who married his cousin Cathrine (Katie McLean) Uncle John often referred to himself as the youngest son of a youngest son and stated that this enabled him to possess more of the intimate personal history of the family and reach personally farther back than any other member of his family, which was very true. A great part of this history which may not be of record or the result of personal information and investigation comes through him. He was the writer’s great, great Uncle with whom in childhood he has been and felt the force of his magnetism and personality. Uncle John said, and has stated in letters to Theodore Mobley of Cleyburn, Johnson County Texas and to Zebulon Mobley of Neosho, Mo., that the Moberleys came from Cheshire England, and Burk’s Heraldry of The British Gentry bear out this statement In a letter of Theodore Mobley to a daughter of Dr. Isaiah Mobley he says

among other personal matters: “I have seen many other men who agree with his (John Mobley’s) account of the family. Dr. Johnson, a confederate surgeon, who married Mary Moberley of Baltimore says the Moberleys came from England and settled in Pennsylvania.” “I saw an Englishman, his name was Higginson. He said he knew the Moberleys in Cheshire England and that they were a fine family. There were 4 Captain Moberleys from Kentucky, Confederate officers.” This letter of Theodore Mobley was dated September 21, 1902. There was current a belief once in the family that the run-a-way boy William was the eldest son and by the law of England had a right to succeed to the estate, but I think from the evidence it should be discredited. The eldest son in England was named Edward. In fact the proof is the stronger that when William went back to England his older brother was on a visit to the continent and he did not see him.

TWO OPINIONS AS TO THE MOBLEY MEETING HOUSE

Mr. A. Wash Ladd wrote:

“Now where was the Mobley Meeting House? Just where one would naturally think it would be built – on a beautiful eminence, near the main Chester road, and on the then Mobley plantation. According to the late Samuel Stevenson and Wyatt Coleman, two men who were very clear in their recollection of dates and places, and who were born about 1800, the site of the Meeting House was about 200 yards in front of the old Mobley house, where now stands Capt. Estes’ gin house. Dr. Douglas, Capt. Estes and others recollect seeing some of the old red logs at this place. This was the place always pointed to by old men in this neighborhood where the fight between Wade Hampton, McCarley, Blackstock, (from whom Blackstock took its name) and others, and the Tories took place. These old citizens even stated that McCarley was wounded and one Tory killed on the steps of the church.

Mr. D. R. Feaster mentions Fort Wagener as being on the lands of the late T. D. Feaster and on Beaver Creek. I have been told that the fort is on the waters of Reedy Creek and lands belonging to James Turner, formerly owned by Gov. J. H. Means deceased.

Excerpt from the letter of J. Feaster Lyles:

“The Mobley Meeting House was situated in the fields of Fairfield county near where S. S. Bolick and S. T. Clowney now join lands, one-fourth of a mile East of the Means grave yard. Fort Wagner is located on Beaver Creek, just below where Reedy Creek flows into it. It is a mistake about Mobley’s Meeting House being near Pearson’s Gin House.”

The best article in defense of Feaster Lyles’ position was written by the late A. S. Douglas, Esq. It may be found among the files of The Fairfield News and Herald in the South Carolina Library where also may be found articles from the pen of Maj. Thomas W. Woodward and Capt. David Roe Feaster. What we are concerned about is the history of the meeting house as a place of worship. The Mobley’s built it as an Episcopalian church. They permitted other denominations to use it. It also became a meeting place for Whigs and Royalists in the days of the Revolution. That a battle or skirmish took place here is quite true, that the whole body of Mobleys has suffered from this fact through reports is true. The name of the battle being that of the Moberly Meeting House, the uninformed have written, the gullible have believed and the jaundiced have asserted that the Mobleys were Tories in the Revolution. We deny it and say it is false. That they were rich people is true. They were slow in their anger against the British troops and the English ministry, but they were mighty in their wrath. That is true. Now will all descendants from people who fought in the red uniform of a British monarchy and then came over here after it was all over, put up or shut up.

CHANGE OF NAME

Great grandmother Mary Robinson became blind. Mrs. Anne Jane Neal, still living came once to see her. Mrs. Neal was born just a year before the battle of Waterloo and celebrated her 101st birthday on May 14th last. On the particular visit we are now alluding to the great grand mother said to her: "The first Mobley, that came to South Carolina spelled his name Moberley. He and his oldest son had an idea that they might succeed to property in England and were always careful to spell the name that way, but the neighbors spelled it M-o-b-l-e-y." Another account is from Miss Marion Durham who handed the author a letter from Zebulon Mobley to her, a part of that letter says: "My uncle John Mobley told me our original name was 'Moberley.' Our forefathers came to this country from England. There is a Moberly Parish in England, and a Bishop Moberley wrote a book called Moberley's Forty Days which I have read. Uncle John Mobley told me that within his recollection his grand father Edward Moberley went to Maryland to buy slaves, and that the relatives in Maryland (Frederick, Md.) took a notion that he was a speculator and deemed the business of selling slaves beneath one of their family, and gave to) him a cold shoulder and an averted face. That when he returned to South Carolina he called all his relations together and said: "Our relatives did not treat me as we would have treated one of them if he had visited us. In spite of our earnest protests, our neighbors will persist in writing our name "Mobley." I now move we change our name and sign it henceforth as our neighbors write it, Mobley. I am as you know as far above selling slaves as they are." Most of the family present agreed, a few clung to the old name. I remember the altercation as if it were yesterday. I was a lad present and felt sorry about the fuss and the change in the name." Aunt Nannie Nicholson informs me since the above was written that her grandmother told her that her grandfather Sam said the reason he liked the change was it took too much trouble to write it

“Moberley” and of one thing we are certain, he went further than the neighbors did, He signed his will “Sam Mobly.” Again when his wife died he chiseled it “Elizabeth Mobly” on her tomb. It is thus on his vault in Fellowship. The now accepted surname is “Mobley”.

THE FIRST SAMUEL MOBLEY

married Mary, a daughter of Hans Wagner. After marriage they had thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to maturity and married. We are sorry that we cannot give the children in order of their ages. The record recites first, the names of his sons, and then his daughters. This is not chronologically true, because we know that the son John was the youngest child. As treated In this history, we are taking for the first Book the descendants of Samuel although we know that Edward was older than he was. After that we will try to place them forward with some regard to age.

Samuel Mobley, the first, cared little about the Stamp Act, as it affected him little; neither was he or the upcountry much interested in precipitating a war with the mother country. His father-in-law looked on George III as the elector of Hanover, as well as the King of England. Being self sustaining, they were not greatly wrought up over exports to England, nor imports to Charleston.

It took Tarleton’s invasion of the up-country to make the first Wade Hampton a Revolutionary soldier, so it need not be surprising that our ancestors did not sooner participate in the struggle, which under the providence of God and the aid of a generous ally was to set a new star in the firmament of Nations. However when the people of the up-country could no longer stand the brutalities of the soldiery and camp followers of Tarleton, and when Cornwallis gave the order to them to take up arms for the British ministry, they refused and joined the bands of partisans like Marion, Sumter and Pickens, who showed in the darkest hour that “though the soil of South

Carolina might be over run, the spirit of her people was invincible". When they did get into the strife, their knowledge of the country, their deadly shots in the peculiar kind of warfare waged in those times were found to be the means necessary to arrest the conquering Cornwallis in his march northward. They, with others of their kind (the Scotch-Irish steelers) prevented the British commander from reaching Portsmouth, and receiving re-enforcements from New York with which to surround and capture the army of Washington (see McCrady's History) It gave time for the French fleet under Rochambeau to sail out of New Port, time for a second French fleet to arrive and for Washington to bring his army into Virginia and effect a junction with the French. When Cornwallis finally reached Yorktown, he found to his dismay that he was hemmed in by land and sea, and surrendered his sword. Those who have written history with the exception of McCrady have magnified everything the Charlestonians did, and dismissed our people of the up-country with an occasional line. Not a word is said about Capt. Clement Mobley, Capt. Thomas Mobley, Capt. Eliazer Mobley, nor that great courier John Mobley who was constantly between the partisan bands. When Edward Hampton had his horse shot under him in the rout of Dunlap's British, Thomas Mobley presented him with a horse. This is in part borne out by the records in the Historical Commission, but no historian has mentioned it. Nothing is said of Andrew Feaster who gave his field of growing ripe grain to the cause of the Republic. No mention is made of Andrew McLean at Williamson's plantation, and it was Samuel McConnell a connection of our family, who killed a contemptible Tory Huck on his horse. We do not minimize the low country's efforts in the early days, but the eleventh hour servant in the vineyard should receive his mead of honor according to Divine justice.

The children of Samuel and Mary Wagner Mobley were Samuel md (md will be the abbreviation for "married"

through this history) Elizabeth Pickett; Edward md Mary Mabry; Elizabeth md Richard Mansel; Drusilla md John Feaster; Susan md John Taylor; Mary md David Shannon; Biggers md Joanah Corbell; Lucretia md John Robinson; Nancy md Moses McKeown; Savilla md Thomas Colvin; Simeon died a boy; Dorcas md William Price; John md Katie McLean.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Alexander S. Salley, Sec'y. and the writer have examined the records of this department of the State Government and find the following connections who fought and served in the cause of the Republic: Edward Mobley, Sr., Edward Mobley Jr., Capt. Eliazer Mobley, John Mobley, Jr. (Private Horseman), Samuel Mobley, William Mobley Sr. William Mobley Jr., Capt. Thomas Mobley, Capt. Clement Mobley, Benjamin Mobley, Isaiah Mobley, Andrew Feaster furnished his whole crop of oats and gave Col. Henry Hampton a mare. (Mr. Sally remarking on the handwriting of Andrew Feaster to me said: "Dick did you ever see such a beautiful hand? I tell you those old fellows did things if anything neater and better than we do now.") The period of duty in that war was sixty days in a year. In 1781 and 1782 the Mobleys mentioned above served everyone of them more than that number of days and Mr. Salley again remarked: "Every day over sixty should be regarded by us as excessive patriotism for our country." James Pickett also served.

UNITED STATES CENSUS

The Census of 1790 contains the following connections of our family: Edward Mobley Sr., Micajah Mobley, Thomas Mobley, Levy Mobley, Thomas Meador, John DeLashmette, Robert Coleman, Richard Hill, Andrew Feaster, Job Meador, Thomas Means, William Woodward, Philip Rayford, Andrew Cameron. Thomas Holsay, Thomas Hill, William Rabb, Colin Mobley, William Mobley, Sr., William Mobley, Jr. Edward

Mobley 2nd, Jr. Arramauns Lyles, John Rogers, Samuel Mobley, Jesse Beam, William Coleman, David Coleman, Thomas Lyles, William Robertson, John Woodward, James Rabb, Celia DeLashmette, Nazarine Whitehead, James Pickett.

BOOK II

SAMUEL MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

To Ellen Mobley Screven:

By the ingleside in the wonder days of childhood, we were told the tales of our family. You had been a girl at Shady Grove, had married and gone. The impressions formed then of you ha ve not been dissipated by the lengthening chain of years. With esteem, we dedicate this book to you – the Author.

Samuel Mobley was a man of large frame, with blue eyes, light hair and fair complexion, showing his Teutonic origin. His wife was of the opposite type. Elizabeth Pickett like the family of Alsace and Lorraine was small with black hair and eyes. Samuel Mobley had been given a tract of land in the lifr time of his father and some slaves. The former he added to, and through his care the latter greatly multiplied. The old home place lies near the East fork of Little River. The well is still open and an oaken bucket hangs from a rusty chain. He was a splendid agriculturist and stock raiser. He made quantities of rice on his river bottoms, raised great numbers of hogs and cattle, and sold his cotton in Columbia.

Elizabeth was the only wife of Samuel, but he was not her first husband. When sixteen she had been persuaded to marry an old man, Wm. Whitehead. Our ancestor it is said was quite happy and as uxorious about her as Richard the Lion Hearted was about his queen, but he used to tease her a great deal with a phrase that Dickens employed in Pickwick Papers, “Beware of the Widows.” Mr. Whitehead was a rich man, but here is all he left his widow: “To my darling beloved wife Elizabeth, I give and bequeath one Negro boy, Bob, my bay mare, two cows and their calves and a bedstead and featherbed.” She could have claimed dower, but there is no record of it. Our ancestor however was a lucky beneficiary of

this testamentary instrument, it being handed down in the family that he received Bob, the horse, the cows and their increase, the bedstead, featherbed and the widow. Bob had many descendants, as did the cows. What be came of the featherbed is conjectural. The bedstead passed down under the will of Samuel to his daughter Mary Woodward, afterward Robinson. Our family will remember it – one of those old rope beds. It descended to William B. Woodward. Where it is now is worthy of consideration.

CONTENTS OF HIS WILL

To his daughter Mary he gave two tracts of land, the Huffman and McDaniel tracts, a large section of the country in the heart of which is the present station of Woodward. He makes some specific legacies to his grandchildren. The date of the will is July 13, 1854. He died Aug. 16, 1854, aged 83 years. His wife Elizabeth was born Sept. 18, 1774, died Sept. 12, 1836. By this will he disposed of three slaves that had a local habitation and a name. June Mobley the Republican, Silas, the Democrat and Larkin Woodward, a respectable restaurant keeper yet in Winnsboro. He also gave his daughter 65 slaves.

GRAVES OF SAMUEL MOBLEY AND MARY WAGNER

Now to put beyond the peradventure of a doubt the last resting place of our common ancestor and ancestress, here is an extract from the will of Samuel Mobley, their son: "To my son Edward P. Mobley, I give and bequeath seven hundred acres of land, more or less, lying west of a line which shall be run beginning in the stream or run of Little River binding on John Mobley's land to be run in a straight course from thence through my plantation to where my father and mother are buried." (With few exceptions, we are all descended from Samuel Mobley and Mary Wagner, why not suitably mark their graves?)

To Edward P. Mobley he also gave \$10,000 in Negroes

(estimated) and made him his executor and residuary legatee. There were but three branches to descend from Samuel Mobley.

MARY MOBLEY'S BRANCH

Mary Mobley first married John Barrette Woodward. To them, four sons and two daughters were born. Her husband dying after birth of her last child, she returned from Georgia to her father with the children. When she was a girl fourteen she had held in her arms and fed with a spoon a little chap John A. Robinson. When she became the widow Woodward she was a most charming one. Theodore Mobley says she was very beautiful. In fact, Mrs. Anne Jane Neal says there was a duel about her. We think however it was just a fist fight. A Kentuckian came to see her and was rejected. Not satisfied with dismissal, and not knowing the relationship, he said that John Robinson was of too low a family to be courting the widow Woodward. This made John A. Robinson so furious he fought and whipped him just below Youngsville where they met in the big road. By the Robinson marriage they had four children, Lizzie Cassandra, and twins, (E. P. M. and Harriet.) She lived to be 86 years old. She was a remarkable Woman. She kept busy all her life though blind many years before its close. She had her cotton cards and knitted all the family socks and stockings after the war. At the close of a busy day she ate a hearty supper, lay down to sleep and slept on. Without seeming agitation, her life stream swept out and onward into the infinite sea of life. Her body rests under the green turf in Fellowship Church yard, shadowed by the whispering swaying trees, in sight of the sighing willows on the river where she angled when a girl. Mysterious Death; but more mysterious Life! Out of her thousands will receive their direction and being. Already they are busy in their "little journeys of the world." How the thought takes possession of our faculties, that there is hardly any possibility now for Time to ever stop the

flow of her life current, but that it must ceaselessly flow on evermore.

Samuel Mobley Woodward was her eldest son. He was a man of bright mind, and had he developed his histrionic power would have made a great success. His interpretations of Shakespeare's Maketh, Brutus, and Mark Antony were splendid. He went to Texas, was meeting with some success there, but took the fever of the Forty-niners, and went to California, was kicked by a mule in a livery stable and died.

William B. Woodward was the second child. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1818. His father dying early in life, he was raised by his grandfather Mobley on Little River. He was married to Eliza Boulware Pickett, as lovely a woman as will be spoken of in this history. Of this union four children John, Joseph, Thomas, James and an unnamed infant did not reach maturity. Captain Woodward was one of the few scholars we have ever known who had a university education and had never been to college. His reputation for honesty was as high in the community where he dwelt as that of any man we have ever known. He was inflexible where honor or principle had to play a part. If there was any thing more noticeable in his religious life than an other, it was his observance of the golden rule. Again, he was particular about paying his obligations promptly. On the second day of January he made a rule to owe no one. He hated liquor and would have his children shun it as the leprosy. He did not like begging either. Just after the war our people were annoyed by white tramps. We had no vagrancy laws. It was fearful the grilling he would put them through when they came to his home. When he decided it was meritorious cause, he had an open hand; when the contrary his scorn was frightening, and when that was met with insolence, he had a half bull dog that Edward P. Mobley gave him named "Old Watch" that would stand bow-legged, a questioning look in his faithful eyes at grandfather in his discussion with tramps.

On one occasion he saw anger in his master's countenance – on the tramp he rushed and tore the strapping fellow's pants into a thing of shreds and tatters. When the tramp got disengaged, at some distance, he turned and shook his fist at grandpa, and out ran old Watch, and the way ran that tramp – what a dust he raised! Mr. Woodward was not a member of the church, but his life was such that he was the common arbitrator of neighborhood disputes – everyone recognizing his fairness and superb integrity of mind and character. It is hard to define what he was as a religionist. The writer once thought he might be a Unitarian, he was so pronounced in admiration and love for the life and character of the Savior. He got him Channing and Emerson to read, but they did not interest him. More than half the life of this noble man and thinker was taken up with religious thought. I am sure those, who knew him, will bear me out in the statement. He was a great admirer of Tom Payne's *Age of Reason* and considered Ingersoll a greater orator than Daniel Webster. His one great book was Volney's *Ruins*. For the benefit of his descendants we think it best to state that his belief approached nearer to that of a Universalist than any other in the writer's judgment. He certainly was a Christian under their definition. While he could trace his ancestry back to William the Conqueror's times, he said: "A man should not be puffed up, but rather cast down, who cannot reflect back on an ancestor at least some of the honor in his life that the ancestor has transmitted down to him by illustrious deeds." He was fond of Shakespeare and a careful reader. For instance, he pointed out that in the play of *Julius Caesar*, Shakespeare makes a clock strike three in Rome centuries before any such a thing as a clock; that the great writer made a mistake to have King John warring with his rebellious subjects with cannon a hundred years before one boomed in England; that in the *Two Gentlemen from Verona*, Valentine proceeded by sea from Verona to Milan a thing as impossible as a marine excursion from Woodward to Charleston. He showed also that Dickens

made a mistake in putting a new moon in the Eastern skies at sunset. Again he said the latter author made a mistake in speaking of "St. Paul's First Epistle to the Ephesians, when Paul wrote no such epistle.

He gave the present sight of the station of Woodward to the railroad company, contributed to the building of Concord church, and we will excite no contradiction when we record that he lived as nigh as any man to the injunction: "Let all the aims thou aimest at be thy God's thy country's and Truth's." He died the 4th day of October, 1897, the very day of the birth of his first great-grandson, William Woodward Dixon, Jr. He passed away very peacefully, undaunted, trusting in the goodness and righteousness of the Divine Father, and was buried in Fellowship cemetery. Over his dust is the simple marble stone with his name, birth, and death and the motto of his life recorded, "An honest man is the noblest work of God."

Mary Woodward married Thomas Satterwhite. He was a handsome man, with an ungovernable temper that perhaps cost him his life. He was killed in Texas by a school teacher in a fuss about his children. They had two boys and a girl, some say. Of the last we know nothing. John became a State senator of California, president of a bank and married a Mormon girl of Utah. He has many descendants in the West. Thomas DeGraffenreid attracted the attention of Don Cameron, while on a visit to California. He took him to Philadelphia, educated him and graduated him as a lawyer. During Harrison's administration he secured the appointment of his protege to the attorney generalship of the territory of Arizona. He was a widower when he visited his uncle Wm. B. Woodward in South Carolina in 1883. He never remarried, but what became of his children we cannot learn. He could speak Spanish and the Indian dialect of the western states. He is dead now many years. Nancy the other daughter of Mary Mobley Woodward md her cousin John Woodward Rabb. Their children were Woodward Rabb a soldier of the confederacy who was

wounded in battle, married and moved west and last accounts had three children in Mississippi. He is dead. Nancy's daughter Elizabeth md Worther Yonque and their children are in Florida, Alex married Carrie Gibson, Mary md a McCauley, Janie md a Carter. Then there were Bessie and Worther Jr. All these will be sketched in THE WOODWARDS & THEIR CONNECTIONS it is hoped more fully. In this latter work we shall set forth the proof that the Woodward descendants of Congressman William and Nanza Barrette are related to the Empress Josephine. Nancy Woodward Rabb was born Aug. 19, 1823 and died Aug. 29, 1858. Her grave is surmounted by a granite mausoleum in the Presbyterian cemetery in Winnsboro.

Edward P. M. Robinson is the son of Mary Mobley by her second husband John A. Robinson. He married a Miss Bolick. Their children, Janie died unmarried, Maggie married John Phant. At her death John moved with his children to Texas. Lizzie md Moses B. Clark, died leaving three children, Colvin who is dead, Mabelle md William Propst and Charles who died about a year ago. A fine boy with a promising future. Truly man cometh forth like a flower and is cut down.

Kasandra Robinson md Thomas Rabb – two children before death, Edward who married and moved West and Mittie one of the loveliest of women and a genius for music. She married Willoughby Rabb.

Harriet Robinson md Preacher David Phant. She died leaving Robinson who has a family in Texas, John who has been spoken of, Carrie md Henry and has children, and Sallie you may remember for a strawberry birth mark on the left cheek. She md Stein, no children. Death of Stein, md Lackey, children in Texas. Living last accounts.

SARA PICKETT WOODWARD

Eldest daughter of W. B. Woodward and Eliza Boulware Pickett married Samuel Lee Dixon, as good and

brave a man as ever carried a gun to war and never wanted nor secured a furlough. My mother died when she had been married but eighteen months and when her child was scarcely six months old. My father md the second time Reeves Harrison and she is dead. My half brothers and sisters are Eli Harrison, Eugene Rochelle, John Lee, Elizabeth Harrison, Edna Wade, and Mary Douglas Dixon. They all live at Ridgeway, R. F. D. No. 1. The writer of this history won an appointment to the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina in 1886, was graduated in 1890, taught school six years, was admitted to the bar in 1895, and has been in the legislature since 1907. His term will expire in 1916. His public life may be found in the journals. He md Edith Wallace in 1906, a descendant of a revolutionary soldier. She was educated at Winston-Salem Moravian School and then at Miss Mary Baldwins, Staunton, Va. We have had seven children, William Woodward, Joseph Wallace, Glenn Ragsdale, and Thomas Woodward (The Regulator) the youngest. Our twin girls lived but eight months and died within eight days of each other. We had a sweet little fellow to pass away named Eugene, in infancy. As it is permitted only praise in this history of persons in respect to education allow me the same. I claim more credit for the extension of the buildings of the Citadel from King to Meeting Streets than any other citizen of South Carolina. My bill last session on the subject of education received a special message of praise from R. I. Manning Governor and a bill of mine passed the House placing a statute of Wade Hampton in Statuary hall at Washington by the side of Calhoun last session. Should you ever walk in the Carnegie Library at Union, S. C., you may credit the author for labor in helping to secure it, while residing there.

WILLIAM B. WOODWARD II

Was a son of W. B. Woodward and Eliza Boulware Pickett. Born 1846. He received his education at Mr. Elder's school near Blackstock until fourteen. The war coming on he

ran away to the army. First was in Barber's company but later served in Co. B. Hampton Legion, T. J. Lipscomb, Colonel, James Macfie Captain, Col. Lipscomb was proud of "Little Bill" and selected him from a whole regiment once to lead a charge, such was his reputation for dash and courage. He was a Klu Klux and a good one. He did much to carry the election for Wade Hampton in 1876. Like his father he was an omnivorous reader. There was hardly anything in Scott, Dickens, and Alexander Dumas that he could not grow enthusiastic over. Of all men we ever expect to know he was the best company for men. He had a laugh that was infectious and expressive of his own enjoyment. He could extract humor out of his own personal misfortune, and was one of the few men I ever really liked to hear curse and swear. His tongue gave it a resonance and his eyes robbed it of all profanity. Had slavery and the war not been, he could with his qualities have accomplished almost anything in public life. He married one of the best of women, Florella Brice, who loved him devotedly and was as fine a woman, mother, and Christian as ever lived. Their children are Jos. J., unmarried. Wm. B. married Sunie Woodward, Thos. S. md Elizabeth Swansey, Lila unmarried, Laura married a Mr. Angle of Baltimore and has a daughter Woodward Angle, and Mary married Leland Hall. They have a boy Jos. Woodward.

EDWARD MOBLEY WOODWARD

Was a brother of William Woodward, just sketched. He was born in 1864. He was "gentle as a woman and brave as a lion." He was nearly all Pickett in his looks and temperament. He had sudden dangerous fits of temper but like his mother, his eyes would melt in tenderness before the flush of anger had passed from his face. It is impossible to think of him in connection with fear in any situation that man might devise. He inherited a passion for reading standard literature like his father and brother. What has been said about the former can be said

of him. They exchanged books every Sunday and it was interesting to hear them discuss such characters, as Rob Roy, Ivanhoe, Saladin, DuBois, Guilbert, Halbert Glendenning, Noah Claypole, David Copperfield, Mr. Pickwick, Sam Weller, Athos, Arimis, D'Artagnan and others of Dumas. We cannot think of either of these two men without emotion. They were in nature uncles; in affection they were far more than brothers. Edward M. married Matilda (Tillie) Mobley a daughter of Andrew J. By them were the following descendants: Lila married John Walker; Alice Eugenia md Thomas Tison; Sunie md William B. Woodward; Wm. Dixon unmarried; Robt. Ellison unmarried; Mattie unmarried; Edward M. and Andrew minors with their aunts in Virginia. Edward Woodward is buried, at the feet of the mother he loved so well in Fellowship cemetery. Mary Woodward is the eldest surviving daughter of Wm. B. Woodward and his wife Eliza. She married T. M. Boulware. Their home is at Montreat, N. C. Their interesting family are T. M. Jr., a prominent lawyer of Barnwell; Catherine, Lila, and Barrette Boulware, unmarried. Nannie Woodward, the second living daughter married Angus Rose Nicholson. They are the only ones remaining in that cultured community of our family. On the death of mother, she a girl eleven years old, assumed the care of the writer. Aunt Nannie's children are Angus R. Jr., md Eva Graham of Virginia. They have two children, Eva and John Vinson. Nannie her daughter md Peter Stokes Minus. They have a boy, Edward N. Tattie md A. W. Brice. Wm. W. Nicholson is a student at the University. Samuel W. is a student, Emmie teaches the Feasterville school and Lila is a student at Limestone.

Mattie Catharine is, and has always been, a pet and has stood it well. She md Eddie Graham. They have a daughter, Eliza Pickett and live at Salem, Va.

Lila, the youngest daughter md Jno. E. Graham of

Salem, Va. Their children are Angus Woodward, Rosemary, and Abner Pickett Graham. She is my aunt, but only nine months older than the writer.

Returning to the children of John B. Woodward and Mary Woodward, Joseph and Sara Pickett – child Nannie and R. T. Lumpkin – children, Patience as lovely a child girl as ever descended from Mobley, Woodward or Pickett. She was in feature, character and expression of the last named family. We recall her clear cut sad tender face as we write. She died in her sixteenth year and is buried in the Methodist cemetery at Winnsboro. The remainder of the family are in Florida. Thomas Mobley Woodward graduated from the College of Physicians in Paris, married, had one child that married Dr. Wallace. They and descendants last heard from were in Texas. Dr. Woodward practiced in Atlanta and died early in life.

EDWARD P. MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

He was a son of Samuel Mobley and Elizabeth Pickett. He was one of the most remarkable of the Mobley men, certainly for his generosity to his relatives, accompanied with practical sense. He assisted in the education of his sister's children, bearing a great part of the expense of sending Thomas Woodward to the College of Physicians in Paris. When war was rumored between the North and South, he was asked what effect it would have on him. His reply was, that the abolitionists would never rest until the slaves were set free, and that they would get no consideration for them. He then estimated his slaves to be worth \$103,000. At that time he owned 6978 acres of land. It must be supposed that his other property and money were considerable. Perhaps it is safe to say he was worth a quarter of a million dollars. He married Harriet Hill of Union county. His children were: Edward P., Harriet, Moses Hill, Samuel L., and Elizabeth Mobley. He died on the 14th day of February, 1861, and is buried in the family graveyard at White Hall.

1. EDWARD P. MOBLEY-THE SECOND

“Then comes a voice to Ossian and awakes his soul. It is the voice of years that are gone; they roll before me with all their deeds.” – Ossian.

He was the son of the first Edward P. Mobley and received his primary education at Mt. Olivet. He next attended Mt. Zion College. At the latter institution he learned rapidly, but it must be declared that he was more noted for his popularity than distinguished for good marks in Greek and Latin. He was born with a fondness for hounds and hunting.

He was a member of Company H., Hampton Legion, T. J. Lipscomb, Colonel. There are but four of that old company left: William Ferrel and James B. Mobley are two of them.

He once said that James B. Mobley could whip any man in the company. Their company was in the calvary arm of the service. Towards the close of the war they were rushed from Charleston to Wilmington to be attached to the army of Johnson. On arriving there, they were ordered to Charlotte to protect Davis and his cabinet. At Charlotte they received fresh instructions to go to Chester. In the mean while, Lee and Johnson surrendered, and Jefferson Davis went to Abbeville, S. C. Col. Lipscomb called them together near Chester and addressed them about as follows: “Soldiers, I am sorry but the fortunes of war seem to be against us. I know not what is best to do. Left without a Capital or government, I deem it best to permit you to go to your homes and firesides. Should circumstances justify, I will call you again together. All who are willing to come at a future call, made by your Colonel will give his assent by kneeling.” All of the soldiers knelt but one man, not connected with our family, he said: “Colonel, I have been shot nearly all to pieces. I have done my duty, but my flesh and blood can stand no more.” They were never called together again.

But it is not amidst scenes of war that Mr. Mobley is entitled so genuinely to the gratitude of his race and country. However he did his duty as a soldier, he more than did his duty in the rehabiliament of his prostrate State. No man did more for South Carolina than he did to restore white supremacy and wrest the government from the Negroes. To control their votes, he knew that he had to furnish them with money to carry other Negroes to the polls. Again white men would come and say that they needed so much money in the course of the campaigns and at the ballot boxes. He never hesitated. His money poured out in one continual stream from 1874 to 1880. On election day he would bring to Winnsboro a column of Negro voters extending from the Court House up as far as the rail road crossing – every Negro with a ballot held close in his hand until it went in the ballot box for the democratic candidates. The orator and theorist are well enough in their time and place, but it is to such men as this that we are under an everlasting debt of gratitude for their means, time, and their rich personality – men who knew what to do and did it. It is to men like this that we owe our present white supremacy of race and progressive civilization.

He married Marion Rebecca Mobley, daughter of his great uncle, John Mobley.

THE AIKEN TRIAL

In those troublous times the republican county treasurer Clark was killed by W. D. Aiken in an altercation growing out of a dispute on the Winnsboro Hotel corner between Samuel Dubose and the Treasurer in reference to certain taxes. Dubose was a small man and the Treasurer a very strong one. Aiken interfered for his friend and cousin. In the struggle that ensued, he killed the republican county Treasurer.

After the difficulty, Aiken, Jack Frazier and Dubose went down to T. L. Bulow's and from there rode to Edward P. Mobley's. Mr. Mobley advised Aiken to stay out of the way,

which he did. A \$20,000 reward was talked about with the republican governor. This didn't phase Aiken and his friends a bit. Mr. Mobley laughed over this and said, "Why, Bill, that would be fine. I'd just surrender you, get the money, and hand it to you." When he and others got ready they came to Winnsboro, submitted to the proceedings, and gave the bond required, signed by Thomas W. Woodward, E. P. Mobley, et al. It was the most celebrated cause ever tried in Fairfield. With the solicitor appeared Daniel Chamberlain, attorney general, and Zeb Vance, both afterward Governors of South and North Carolina respectively. For the defense were Col. James H. Rion, James B. McCants, and M. C. Butler, afterward U. S. Senator. Chamberlain made one of the greatest speeches of his brilliant dishonest career. As a legal argument it could not have been surpassed on the facts of the celebrated case. He said in one flight of eloquence, I try to paraphrase. On the continent of our greatest civilization, a range of mountains draws its lengthy chain of peaks in grandeur and beauty. It is the frequented spot of all nature lovers. One of its grandest peaks is that of Mont Blanc in Switzerland. As the rains come from heaven above, the drops falling on one side trickle their way down, forming rills and streamlets that reach the beautiful valleys. They are dotted with the homes of a happy and prosperous people. Here is peace. Homes with innocent laughing children. Here man loves his fellow man. Justice rules. Nothing is feared but God above. On the other side of the Alps, the rain-drops meet the biting freezing Eastern winds. They precipitate into icy pellets. They collect and form the dreadful avalanche. In time, the force of gravity causes it to rush down the mountain-side carrying destruction to all in its pathway. On that side, life and habitation are impossible. The verdict of this jury will decide on which side our civilization will fall – Law or Anarchy! He continued the simile – but in spite of all this able advocate and his resourceful conferees could do, the inscrutable design of Providence ruled that our race made white and superior should

come out victor in this verdict. Of course the case had its elements of self-defense and it was a just verdict, but the writer taking a retrospect of the past sees in the range of great events this trial to be one of the greatest peaks in the advancing civilization of our Southland.

Mr. C. H. Scruggs, father of A. Lee Scruggs, present county treasurer, was foreman of a mixed jury of republicans and democrats. When they came in after deliberation to render the verdict, his face was grave and set with the light of a high and noble resolve. A mist came before his eyes, and two tears coursed their way down his cheeks and fell on the indictment – jewels from the mine of a great nature conscious of duty well performed. So intense was the interest in the verdict that a quietude fell on the assemblage as if all Nature stood still. Men ceased to breathe. A feather would have made a noise in its fall as the clerk turned over the indictment to read. When the words “not guilty” were pronounced, the shouts were terrific and deafening. In vain old Judge Rutland stormed, and the sheriff commanded “silence.” Matthew C. Butler, clad in a plum colored broad cloth suit, handsome as Apollo, hero of many battle fields, was the only composed man in that throng. He stood with a proud smile on his face by his client’s side. The judge had ordered the arrest of everybody. Butler, made to command on such occasions, impressed Chamberlain and they with Col. Rion and others quieted the crowd. One feature of this trial is, it was a political one. The judge and prosecuting officers were republicans, the deceased was a republican county treasurer. When Aiken shot Clark, it was said that his language was: “Take that you d-d radical scoundrel.” The defense’s testimony went to show that the language was, “Take that you d-d rascally scoundrel.” Another thing was, old sheriff Duval was known far and wide as L. W. Duval. No one knew what the initials were for. Butler used them through all the trial as Louis William Duval. To preserve the old man’s memory, be

it known that General Bratton always said he could, at any critical time, be depended upon. General Butler in the course of his remarks spoke of Mr. Aiken as one of the most gallant dashing soldiers of his cavalry, under Hampton and his Legion, and said it was impossible for a brave man to commit murder. Every decent white man, woman and child, rejoiced in the verdict. Mr. Aiken moved. from this State to Charlotte where he is living now, the father of a cultured family.

A TRAGIC INCIDENT

Living citizens of Winnsboro say that in 1874 there had been sent to Winnsboro a body of Yankee soldiers, whose presence gave the Negroes encouragement to the extent of becoming insolent; that they would congregate in numbers, and were loud with their claims of equal rights and privileges; and that as they were in the majority, the majority should rule. It was in such an atmosphere one day in 1874, the quadrangular space where the Confederate Monument now stands in Winnsboro, was packed with Negroes, and they were crowded on the side walks abutting the Court House yard, where Edward P. Mobley and a few white men were. These decided that the situation was past standing, that the police could do nothing. It was determined that if occasion arose, Edward P. was to shoot a Negro and others were to do likewise, that the desperate times demanded a desperate remedy. The uproar in the streets continued. A prominent citizen, James R. Aiken, walking along just under Edward P. Mobley was rudely pushed by a big Negro who was attempting to strike him. Mr. Mobley jumped down from the elevated court yard, placed his pistol to the Negro's head, and fired. The ball ploughed under the skin of his head, rendering him insensible. Thomas Black, now of Charlotte, shot a Negro Jim Milligan; then he shot a Negro on the run, Burrel Fair, in the hip which caused him to turn over like a rabbit. The Negro Mr. Mobley shot was Alf, Col. Rion's

coachman, afterwards. In three minutes the quadrangle was free of Negroes. Some of the oldest said, "You shot too quick." The timid said, "See my pistol, I didn't shoot." Mr. Mobley said, "If when a Negro is about to strike a white man like James R. Aiken if it isn't the time then I would never know when it would be time." The young men got Tom Black out of town, so Mr. Preston Rion tells us, placed him on a horse, and he rode to North Carolina. The Negroes, shortly afterward, demanded a warrant. It was placed in the hands of sheriff Duval. Pandemonium broke loose. Some of the white people wanted him to submit to arrest. He declined. Dr. Mobley returned about this time and became highly excited, saying that the only way that E. P. Mobley could be arrested would be over his dead body. Many conferences were had. It was proposed that he be confined in the hotel. This he and his friends refused. Finally as Dr. Mobley had treated all the Negroes as a physician and gave assurance that all the injuries were slight – not mortal, it was decided that it was aailable case and Dr. Mobley went on the bond. Mr. Mobley went to his home, White Hall. Several days afterward he came to town and went to his attorney to arrange for his defense. In coming out of the office, he remarked that the price of Negroes was still high. Col. Rion on understanding what he meant insisted on defending him for nothing. He did so in his usual satisfactory way.

His home and plantation life was an engaging one. He had two old Negroes he was very fond of, Joe Raines and Joe Gibbes. Mr. Mobley gave Joe Gibbes a good cussing on one occasion and he complained to old Joe Raines about it. Joe Raines said, "Well he didn't mean nothing". When he cusses me, I cusses him back. This is a free country and we democratic Negroes has more rights than other Negroes. Just cuss him back the next time, and he will stop." Sometimes after that Joe Gibbs got a beating and complained to old Raines about the advice given. "Why you fool nigger you didn't cuss

him right. You oughter gone way down on the June Place in the big corn where nobody could hear you and cuss him right and left, that's the way I cusses him. You jest don't know how to cuss him," said Joe.

Like all great natures, Mr. Mobley liked the illiterate and poor, and liked to have them around him. He knew that in the soul of one who is not educated, there is always room for an idea. But he did not like people who were stupid with conventionality, people who are full of book opinions, not one of which they understand, people who have ridiculous estimates of their learning and importance.

He was a man six feet two inches tall, and of commanding form and noble face. I recall the first time I ever saw him. He had been on a visit to his cousin John Durham in Chester county to see a reported gold mine in Durham's well, and brought specimens to our home which I think turned out to be pyrites of sulphur or iron. He was driving a pair of jet black horses, that had taken the premium at the fair My uncle Ed, who was named for him and I – five years old – met him and escorted him into the sitting room. When he had warmed before the fire, he said. "Ed go out and look in the back of my buggy and bring me that black bottle of kerosene. I have a cold. And Wood, you go tell your grandma to send me a glass of water and a little sugar." Not finding my grandmother I proceeded to get the water and sugar. When I returned, he sweetened the water and poured some of the contents of the bottle into the glass of water. I looked on greatly interested. When he lifted it to his lips, I could restrain myself no longer, and childlike shouted, "You surely aint going to drink carrys'ne!" He exploded with laughter, spilling about half of it, sat down in a chair and roared. Then getting up again, he said solemnly. "Yes Wood, it will not hurt me. You see, when a man is as tall as I am, nothing else will help his cold. It would not do for a little boy, or even your pa, to drink kerosene, he might ketch afire and blow up, but my legs are so long it never reaches my heels, but just soaks down to my knees and helps my rheumatism."

One of the most beautiful parts of his life was its ending. It showed that magnificent as he was when rich, he was none the less interesting and commanding when poor. Wealth had not made him arrogant, nor could adversity make him weep. He is buried in the family graveyard at the home where he lived nearly all his life and “if today everyone to whom he had done a kindly deed would go and place a blossom on his grave, tonight he would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.”

Samuel L. grew up to manhood, but died in 1860, unmarried.

Moses Hill in this day would be considered a wonder in his nerve for adventures in speculation. He was a friend and companion of Dr. Thomas Woodward. They spent many hours in the Latin Quarter of Paris and they would have been wonderful subjects for the characterization of a Dumaurier. He never married. He died on Pikes Peak in Colorado and his body is buried at White Water, Wisconsin. He was one of the first Southern millionaires. His death was in 1860.

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD P. MOBLEY THE SECOND

1. Edward P. the third, married Alice Goodman. They have two children – Edward P. Jr. married Miss Sherwood and Frances Alice married a Smith of Virginia.

2. Moses Hill, to whom this book owes so much, married Minnie McCrorey in 1880, by whom were the following children: James McCrorey married Carrie Lyles, Nannie Lee married Prof. W. B. Crompton, William McCrorey married Gussie Lyles, Mary Hill married Jesse T. Reese of Columbia, and Moses Hill was killed in a railroad accident near Peaks, S. C. On the death of his wife Minnie, Moses Hill, the second, married Miss Emma McCrorey, sister of his first wife. She has kept the South Carolina Historical Society busy about her ancestors, the McCroreys in the Revolutionary War. Indeed

it is one of the oldest and best families in the State. By this last marriage are the following children: Dr. Marion Rudolph, not married and practices at Florence, S.C.; Emma Alice (Queenie) married Dr. Frank Crawford of Hendersonville, N. C.

3. Kate Mobley was a daughter of Edward P. and Marion R. Mobley. She had an exquisite dimple in one cheek that added to her loveliness. She was the idol of her father, who thought and acted as if she were too good for any other than a crowned head or a St. Galahad. When she ran away and married Mr. P. C. Mellichamp, some who believed in the omnipotence of her father would not have been surprised had he brought about the end of world. You, who have read *DOROTHY VERNON OF HADDON HALL* will recall the allusions to Sir Thomas Mobley's daughter and her run-away marriage Edward P. Mobley loved his daughter and felt and acted just about the same way as such men as old Sir Thomas Mobley did, and as did Sir George Vernon in respect to Dorothy, whose descendant is at this date, the Earl of Rutland. Once years afterwards in walking the streets of Columbia, Mr. Mobley stopped abruptly to emphasize his words to me: "I did Mr. Mellichamp a great injustice, a great wrong and I deeply regret it. He is, and has proved himself to be a perfect gentleman. How I wish I had acted differently, for I did him a great injury."

After her marriage she lived at Woodward, S. C., for a short while. She died early in life leaving two children. Marion who married John H. McMaster and Catherine who married M. J. Young. The children of Marion and John H. McMaster are John H. Jr., J. Riley, Catherine, and Mary Elizabeth, the youngest child of this book.

The children of Catherine who married M. J. Young of Winnsboro are Marion and Kate.

4. James Jones Mobley is about the size of the late Emperor Napoleon, and would invade the lower regions unafraid to chastise Satan with a corn stalk. He married a Miss

Spray. There is one little “Juglet”, Francis Marion Mobley.

FRANCIS MARION MOBLEY

Is connected with the management of the State Penitentiary. No change of administration has affected his tenure of office. He is now one of the executors of his cousin John G. Mobley’s will, and one of the five principal legatees. Had it not been for his persistent requests which later became demands, and finally threats, this book would never have been written, at least not by the present writer as a participant. Marion, that is “Pig” has never married. He had an attachment once, but it is too sacred to mention. If you are ever fortunate enough to possess his confidence, you will find it full of interest enough to write a novel of very thrilling balcony scenes and regular star gazing episodes.

Andrew was a son of Edward P. Mobley, the second. His death was the result of playing with a supposedly unloaded navy revolver, when he was fourteen years old.

Nancy Jones – and who would know her by such a name at this day? Be it known that this is “Love.” She married Richard Walker Brice, a son of R. Wade Brice, so often quoted in these chronicles. They live at Wedgefield and have an interesting family of children: Robert Wade, Marion Mobley, Marshall M., Catherine M., Edward P. Mobley, Walter Scott, and Matilda Watson Brice. Marshall has just won a scholarship to Clemson.

Hattie Winman married Dr. J. Riley McMaster of Winnsboro. They had one child, “Little Riley,” who died. After Dr. McMaster’s death, she married James F. Mobley of the North Carolina branch. He was engaged in the real estate business in Columbia until his death about a year ago. They had no children. Mrs. Mobley survives him.

HARRIET REBECCA MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

She was a daughter of Edward P. Mobley, the first.

Married Dr. J. Riley McMaster of Winnsboro. Her children, grand children and great grand children are seen by the author some every day. No more beautiful character has ever come to Winnsboro; and contributed, by her life and family, more to the tone and excellence of its society. She had thirteen children; eight lived to maturity. She died March 26, 1890, aged forty nine years. Her husband was one of God's noble men. He was born in 1822, and was a distinguished physician. Their children to live to maturity were, Hattie, who married William Witherspoon Ketchin; Mary Hill, who married B. F. Boulware; Dr. J. Riley married Hattie Mobley; John H. married Marion M. Mellichamp; Marion married James E. Coan. The following are unmarried: Laura, Beulah and Thomas Madden. These are the children who died before maturity: Rachel, Elizabeth, George Todd, Sallie and Margaret. Hattie and Mary Hill had a double wedding. The children of the Ketchin marriage are: Tirza, who married S. C. Cathcart by whom she has two children, Samuel K. and Joseph K., Mary Ella married P. A. Lowery – children – P. A. Jr., Harriet. Then comes Harriet Rebecca, then Jo Cummings. Next is Laura Elliott and last William W. Ketchin, Jr., unmarried. Mary Hill Boulware's children are: Hattie M., married John Woodward Durham – four children – J. W. Jr., W. S., Mary M. Marvin; Sara Richmond, md J. M. Gettys – children – Sara, J. Riley, Jasper, and Donald; Marcus Butler is at Rion; and the twins, John Hugh and Rich Hugh, John Hugh is a student at the South Carolina College, Rich Hugh of Presbyterian College, Alice md P. A. Matthews – child – Jas. Palmer. Cousin Mary Hill Boulware had three boys to live to maturity and died, B. J., F. S., and Riley H.

DR. J. RILEY McMASTER (1861 - 1898)

Dr. J. Riley McMaster, eldest son of Harriet Mobley McMaster, married his cousin Hattie Winman Mobley. The writer never saw young Dr. McMaster, but twice; once at Woodward, where he was affectionately regarded as a leader of a crowd of Winnsboro boys, and after his graduation from the

Medical College. He was not a man to pass by without a second glance. If he had faults, they evidently did not obscure the noble qualities that his friends, yet speak of. He seems to have been of a generous and manly disposition, trustful of others to a fault; and while of an aristocratic family as we define it in this country, had that Mobley trait to love poor people, and turned no deaf ear to their troubles, because they lacked money – a reprehensible trait in so many of the modern practitioners of medicine. Of finest intellect and of extensive general information, he was of a nature to be good company for the serious and thoughtful, but equally could he be a good comrade. He did not make himself a nuisance with his scientific knowledge and facts about his cases. He was unusually successful in his treatment, and soon acquired a very large practice. There is no man of his age and time who is more talked about than Dr. Riley McMaster, though dead many years. If we were writing his obituary of what others say of him, that his memory is a green spot in the waste of so many meaningless things going on in Winnsboro; that he was a loyal friend; that he was good company; that he was not envious as so many doctors are of their fellow practitioners; that he was neither a pharisee nor a hypocrite; that he put the best construction on the acts of others; that he honored his father and mother; that he was an affectionate husband; that his sayings and doings give him a yet local fame; that he loved his family; that he had eminence as a physician; that he died under a necessary operation, a gentleman with physical courage and a man without moral fear. He had one child. "Little Riley," that lived only six months. Their graves are side by side in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery.

John H. McMaster, son of Dr. J. Riley Sr., has twice been elected to the head of the municipality of Winnsboro. He makes a success of everything that he undertakes. His last venture is farming. He has had two drug stores in Winnsboro.

He married his second cousin Marion Mellichamp and they have four children, John H. Jr., J. Riley, Catherine, and the baby of this book, Mary Elizabeth.

Marion McMaster, daughter of Dr. J. Riley Sr. and Harriet Rebecca McMaster, married Jas. E. Coan of Spartanburg. He is a cotton buyer and now lives in Winnsboro. He has been Mayor. Their children are: Harriet, a student of Winthrop, and Elizabeth. He is a man of pronounced views, terribly argumentative, a very poor set back player, and good company.

Elizabeth Mobley was a daughter of E. P. Mobley 1st. It has been impossible to trace her line more than we have under the head of John Mobley and descendants.

JAMES BIGGERS MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

James Biggers Mobley was born on the 5th day of March, 1801, and died on the 11th day of August, 1852. He was a son of Samuel Mobley by his wife Elizabeth Pickett. He was a man of great natural ability. He acquired his education at Mt. Zion College. He was a farmer and rapidly accumulated lands and slaves. He became one of the wealthiest men in Fairfield before his death. He married, first, Elizabeth Hall – no children. After her demise, he married Elizabeth Glover, a daughter of Dr. John Glover of Fairfield.

James B. Mobley always had a tutor and governess in his family. The education of this era possessed some distinguishing features. There were no free schools. The system, while faulty, produced many accomplished men and women. The boys were found to be good classical scholars, and the girls accomplished in French, music, botany, astronomy, embroidery and painting. His daughters were well educated in the sense that they possessed nearly every accomplishment of the ante bellum times.

The first paying job John B. Mackorell received when he came to this country, from Ireland was from James B. Mobley. He overhauled and varnished the wainscoting of his

rooms, all his magnificent furniture, and painted and varnished his carriages and buggies. James B. Mobley's home was called Shady Grove. The old house is still standing. Built out of superior lumber, it may last another century. The approaches to it are marked on either side by a row of cedar trees, set out in his young manhood and from which avenues, the place is now called "Cedar Shades."

In addition to his fine residence and broad acres of land, he left a personal estate of \$76,000. On his vault in Fellowship Cemetery is recorded, the fact of his joining the church in 1832, and these words that fell from the lips of the Savior: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." When he married Elizabeth Glover she was fourteen. It has been remarked that she looked like a girl with her first children. She was but fifteen years older than Dr. Samuel F. Mobley, her eldest son. The following are the descendants of James B. Mobley: Dr. Samuel F. Mobley graduated from the South Carolina College in the class with Dr. James H. Carlisle. Their friendship was life-long. Three years after leaving college, he was graduated from the Medical College of Charleston. He was a man of very advanced ideas from the following: My mother was predisposed to consumption. In her frail condition, Dr. Mobley urged and advised an out door life as her only chance. In that day most people thought him a crank on the subject; the family doctor advised an opposite course — hot-house treatment. She rapidly succumbed, dying when the writer was five months old. The physicians said that her child had developed tuberculosis. Dr. Mobley decided that the infant should be mothered by a strong Negro woman and kept in the air, night and day. His advice was taken and is now appreciated. On the death of his father, he was the active administrator of the estate, which required a bond of \$100,000. This he gave. In addition, he was made guardian of his minor brothers and sisters. Under the strain, his health gave way, and then the innumerable calamities of war struck him, hard.

Facing new conditions with impaired health, he succumbed to nervous as well as bodily troubles, and then came the final blow, the destruction of his beautiful home, Cedar Valley.” He moved to Texas shortly afterward, died, and is 'buried in Hood county. He was a gentleman, always striving for the right, always ready to do for others. His home was an open house to everybody connected with him. Wm. B. Woodward and Edward P. Mobley said he was the purest man they had ever known. They were his neighbors. They ought to have known. He married Elizabeth Rice of Barnwell. His children now follow. Marion Glover eldest child, grew to womanhood in that eventful time of war. She realized, as none the others could, the vast difference in the old and new conditions of their family. She was, in a refined sense, a beautiful woman and the persistent brown curls of her Pickett blood, was a nice setting to her lovely face. Prof. Henning was one of her tutors, and her musical instruction was presided over by Albertine Hansen, who for years was a teacher in St. Mary’s School, Raleigh. She was ever the confidante and guide to the younger children. All looked up to “Sister.” What is more affecting than to read on one of the little tomb stones in Fellowship to a younger child of Dr. Mobley: “Her last words were, ‘Sing to me sister’.” And as she sang, the little spirit joined the Choir Invisible. Marion Mobley md Maj. John W. Wilks, a wealthy man of Wilksburg, S. C. He was a great Baptist. The marriage ceremony was much talked about. Preacher Erwin, a Presbyterian, it was said, was not good enough for her, because he traded horses on Sunday. She liked Mr. Erwin, however, and he, it was, who officiated. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom lived to maturity. They all went to school to the writer at the York Baptist High School. She is buried at Calvary church. and is still remembered by the many poor people who found in her a friend.

HER CHILDREN

Samuel Faust Mobley Wilks, the eldest, attended Furman University, settled in Plainview, Texas, married Vera Canon, daughter of Dr. R. V. Canon. Their children are Ham Wilton and Malcolm V. Wilks.

George Washington Wilks writes from Dallas, Texas: "I consider it very thoughtful of you to say nothing of the credit due you for such an undertaking. My mother is buried near Baton Rouge at Calvary Church. She died June 17, 1887. I am going to speak for two of these books, one for myself and one for my sister, Marion."

David Rice Wilks had the brightest mind in mathematics we have ever had under instruction. After leaving Yorkville, he was graduated from Furman University with high honor, taking the A. M. degree. He studied law in Atlanta, his health failing him. He went to Alpine Texas, where he died May 2, 1908.

Marion, named for her mother, is yet unmarried and lives at Greenville, S. C.

William Malcolm attended the York Baptist High School and the schools at Union, S. C. Leaving here where he had been with his sister Ora, wife of Maj. John A. Fant, he went to Atlanta with his brother David. Attended the Atlanta Business College. He was next with the So. Ry. Co. as stenographer. He is now in charge of the Raleigh Territory of the Continental Gin Company. In 1913, he married as high as an American gentleman can in society. Zella Fisher, a direct descendant of President James Monroe. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. P. H. S. Fisher of Batavia, N. Y., now of Raleigh, N. C.

(b) James B., first married Mary V. Elliott of Winnsboro. (By them Janie Elliott, who became the wife of Albert Taylor, of Lubbock, Texas.) On the death of his first wife he married, in 1889, Laura Davis of Culpeper county, Va. No children. He resides in Lubbock, Texas.

(c) Stephen Decatur Mobley married Martha George

Cleburne, Tex. Of this union, there are Mary Elizabeth, Henry Brown, Helen Wilson, and Steven D. Jr. Steven D. Mobley is now Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. His address is Cleburne, Texas.

(d) Sallie M. married John C. Coleman. Both dead, They left one child, Marion M. Coleman of Lubbock, Tex.

(e) Elizabeth M. married Rev. T. C. Scaife. He is dead. Her children are Eloise, wife of Leland Berry, Mary, wife of Joseph Jones, and Glover Scaife, unmarried, an of Campobello, S. C.

(f) Rebecca R. married Dolphus Robinson. Children, Louise E. and Flora, of Texas.

(g) John Glover married Cora Williams, had one child to die at eighteen. There never was a nobler character than this John Glover Mobley, He showed the strength of his race, when he looked death in the face. He was an engineer for the G. C. & S. F. railroad. In a wreck his body was pinioned under the debris, for ten hours. The fireman was caught in such a way, that his dead crushed face was just above, six inches from his own. The blood oozed down into his. He told those about him, that life was sweet to him, but that he came of a race that believed in God, and that knew how to die – and thus passed away one of our heroes.

(h) Theodora married W. S. Norton and lives in Lubbock, Texas.

(3) Theodore, son of James B. Sr., married Lizzie Jones or Barnwell. They raised four sons, Samuel, Theodore, Richard, and John. The first two are dead. Theodore was a member of Co. "G," 6th Reg., S. C. V., Jenkins Brigade, Fields Division, Longstreet Corps, Army of Northern, Va. He was shot three times, once at the Wilderness in the shoulder, once at Petersburg in the right leg, and once severely, a ball passing through the cheek, cutting his tongue in two, and coming out of his throat, at Petersburg. Record at Washington says, "He answered last roll call, and surrendered the ninth day of April, 1865 at Appomattox, with General Lee. He is still living at Cleburne, Texas. Col. Gillard's regards.

(3) William B. W. was the next son under this heading. He was in more battles, we think, than any other soldier of the Confederacy. He fought from Fort Sumter to Appomattox. Strange are the vicissitudes of war! He was in eighty real battles and many skirmishes and was never shot. He was in the same company with Theodore. He had an idea that he would never get a scratch. In the Wilderness, when the bullets were flying like hail pellets, he said to his brother, "Theo put your head between my legs when we lie down. My bones may save your head." Theo did. A ball came over behind and took Theo in the shoulder. Had he not obeyed this injunction, he would have been killed. What men they were! Strange vicissitudes of life! Ten years ago, as a contractor for the U. S. government, he was going to take Christmas Turkey with his daughter in Brooklyn and was killed before day, by a moving train. He married a Miss Margaret Day. He has two daughters. Virginia Lee who married Bradley Whiteley son of the first editor of The Louisville Courier Journal, now of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Roberta who married D. D. Cooke of Chicago. They have one boy John Philip Cooke. Bradley Whiteley is a cousin to Carter Harrison.

(4) Dr. John Glover Mobley was born in 1829, was educated at Mt. Zion and the South Carolina College. He was graduated in medicine from Tulane University. He married Fannie Means. He died in 1860, and is buried in Fellowship cemetery. The life of his only son is as follows:

Hon. John Glover Mobley was born near Buck Head at the commencement of the war and died last January. He went to Kings Mt. Military Academy. We have read of boys in fiction taking the part of the little and weak against the bully and strong, but John G. Mobley was one in real life, in his school days. He also attended Col. Thomas' school. He was generous as a boy and more so as a man, as his many gifts to others prove. They took the range from a knife or a game cock, to a Guernsey cow or Shetland pony. He was too young to be a Klu-Klux, but no man or boy ever rode better in a red-shirt in

1876-78. In after years he was honored with the presidency of the survivors association of red shirts, which he rightly conceived to be a high honor.

We now come to the catastrophe of his life. In his adolescent years, he was paying some attention to a handsome widow, much older than himself. They went out driving. The horses became frightened and ran away. Her body was taken up unconscious. She suffered a slight disfigurement. He married her out of the chilvaric sentiments of his nature, and had leisure to repent in the sack-cloth of her extravagance and the ashes of their utter uncongeniality. They had no children.

John G. Mobley's great love for his mother was well known. He promised her, on one occasion, never to take a drink of intoxicants and he kept that promise. With his nature and the company that politics and his associations made inevitable, we bow down and honor such strength of purpose in any man, but especially in one who has lost the restraining influence of a wifely hand.

He was a regularly enrolled attorney at law, but did not accustom himself to its devious ways. His short record, at the bar, may be dismissed briefly, by saying that he could never win a bad cause nor did he ever Jose a good one.

There was something about newly unturned soil, the scent of the meadows, the noise of fowl and livestock, and the rustle of a breeze over corn blades and among cotton blooms that appealed to John; and the poetry of the landscape at sunset, through the vista of the pine trees, was more beautiful to him than the softened light coming through the stained glass windows of a city's Cathedral. The song of the brown thrush bird of evening and morning was as much a song of peace and praise to "God in the Highest" as the most well rendered Te Deum, by any paid choir, he ever enjoyed.

We don't believe that John would care for us to make a poem or sermon over his memory, nor place a whole lot of rattles around his name; that he filled this or that position, but

as some people require it, here it is: He was twice a member of the House of Representatives, three times president of the South Carolina Fair, once or twice president of the State Livestock Association, once a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, five or six times elected member of the Board of Directors of the State Penitentiary by unprecedented majorities. John G. Mobley would like for us to say, that he was a farmer by choice; that he did more to better the breed of horses and cows in Fairfield than any other man in it; that he was a progressive agriculturist; that he loved literature; that he could feel tragedy and interpret the loving kindness of his Creator in the humble daisies in his fields and in the sun penciled clouds above his daily horizon; and that we believe, as it takes pure sun light to make the dandelion exquisite and the bank of cumulus clouds glorious in mid-heaven splendor, so had John been bathed in the ineffable light of a wifely love, he would have been among the incomparable men that have so distinguished our family and its connections.

He is buried in the historic church yard of the first Presbyterian Church in Columbia, nestled as he prepared it, close to his mother's heart side, and near the cenotaph that he erected to the distinguished Governor, John H. Means of Fairfield county. And how this man did love Fairfield, and its red hills! How oft had his friends listened to his quotation from Walter Scott:

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself has said,
This is my own, my native land!”

He died without father, without mother, without children, but with more friends than any other man in South Carolina.

(5) Marion Mobley, daughter of James Biggers and Elizabeth Glover, never married.

(6) Elizabeth married Dr. David Means. Their children

were (Frances Marion, a girl, Robt. Means and D. H. Means.)

(7) James B. Mobley was a soldier of the confederate armies. He was a member of Co. H. Hampton Legion. After the war he studied medicine, married Mary Mobley, daughter of Biggers Mobley. His son, Frel Mobley, now lives at Smiths Turnout, S. C. Frel was a Captain in the Spanish-American war. He married Anna Hope, daughter of Dr. Hope of Rock Hill, S. C. Capt. Frel has two children (Dr. Charles Arden Mobley, who married Susie Bailey of Edisto Island and has a son Charles Jr. Capt. Frel's other son is Robert Hope Mobley.) Recurring to his father, after the death of his first wife he married a Miss Earl, moved to Florida and is one of the richest men of that State at the age of 82. He is now the oldest living male person of our family. To show you his physical prowess: When he was on the way to marry his first wife, Mary N. Mobley, he came by Winnsboro to purchase his wedding clothes. He donned them and stepped over to the Court House before starting. He became involved in a row with two brothers, who were veritable bullies. More than one person have told me that he whipped them both without so much as disarranging his clothes. Someone was holding his horse for him in front of the Court House. After it was over, he smilingly put on his gloves, mounted his horse, and gaily rode to his marriage. I sat on the sepulchre of his wife the other day, and mused on what a reputation he left in Fairfield. James B. Mobley, M. D. was born on the 27th day of Sept. 1834. His children by his second wife are Dr. H. L. Mobley who is married and has three children, and a daughter Janie who married Dr. Hathcock and has seven children.

Zebulon Mobley died at his home, Neosho, Missouri, on Jan. 5, 1912. He was educated at Mt. Zion school in Winnsboro, and afterwards attended the South Carolina College and was there when the call for volunteers was made. He left college and entered the Confederate army, Sixth South Carolina

Regiment. He was a gallant soldier, and was shot down at the battle of Drainesville, and carried from the battle field by General John Bratton. His leg was amputated from the wound. Miss Day of Virginia was his nurse during the entire time that his life was despaired of, and when his leg was amputated. When he recovered, he married her and came back to this State to live. His wife died a few years afterwards, and he moved to Texas, and became one of the officials of Cleburne county. While residing there, he married a Missouri lady and moved to Neosho in that state. There he held a position of Manager of the Neosho Building and Loan Association to the date of his death.

(9) Edward G. Mobley also went to Mt. Zion at Winstboro, S. C. and later to the South Carolina College. He went through the war a brave soldier. Afterward he married Isla Graham of North Carolina, They had ten children to live to maturity. After her death he married again and moved to Texas and had four more children. Mrs. Screven has furnished me the address of more than one, but they have never answered my letters. We are more than sorry, but we can't be blamed. Edward's son, Drayton, is in Paducah, Texas.

(10) Ellen married William James Screven, youngest son of Thomas E. Screven, an aristocratic family of Beaufort, S. C. Her husband was a courier of Gen. Hardee's staff in the Civil War. Mrs. Screven has only three living children, William James, Elizabeth Glover, and Thomas E. Screven. Wm. James, the eldest, married Frances Cleveland, daughter of John B. Cleveland of Spartanburg, S. C. William James Screven has three children, Ellen Mobley, John Francis, Priscilla Alden, Amelia Dozier, Mary Blasinghame, William James Jr. Thomas E. Screven, son of Wm. James Screven and Ellen Mobley Screven, is president of the Colonial Trust Company of that city. He and his mother and sister live in their home on the corner of East Main and Clifton Avenue.

(11) Katherine G. was the last child of James B.

Mobley, born Dec. 6, 1849, and married Dr. Hugh Southerland, Oct. 20, 1875. Children-Alexander, born 1876, (unmarried) Samuel Faust married Donnie Taylor, children (Glover Phine, Shelva, and Lettice;) Mary Faust is unmarried; Hugh Jr. married Ethel May Briges, children, (James Ray and Mary Katherine;) Edward Farrior married Lockie Carpenter and has seven children: Anna Ruth, Hugh Dixon, Mary Louisa, Edward Forest, Virginia Dare, Albert Ralph, and Frank Collins.

One of Katherine's governesses was Miss Henry, daughter of the President of the South Carolina College before the war. She is the most beautiful woman of North Carolina. One time the woman had not the last word.

N. B. "Mistakes occur in the very best regulated families."

1. At page 44, E. P. Mobley's son, E. P. married Linnie Sherwood, of Little Rock, Dillon Co., S. C. His daughter Frances A. married Eugene A. Smith of Roanoke, Va. In this same chapter it should have been stated that his brother Berry H. Mobley married Laura Emma Griffin of Atlanta, in 1909. He is a dentist now in Atlanta.

2. At page 47, P. A. Matthews' son is given incorrectly, "James" He is named for his grand father John P. Matthews, deceased; a man who loved integrity as much and hated a sham more, than any man in Winnsboro.

3. At page 33, the writer's own marriage is put down ten years later than the time his real life began. He married Edith Wallace October 26, 1896. She has been a benison to the writer every hour since that day. She has relieved this history of many inelegant expressions and has softened its asperities many times, while aiding in the conception of the work as a whole, that it might be of lasting interest and worthy of preservation.

-the Author.

BOOK III**EDWARD MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS**

To
Lily Douglas:

Varied emotions possess me in dedicating this book to you, for I feel, in a sense, it is a painful parting to you and to me. It is hard to lay down the pen and say to you, dear, good-bye. The mind records its gratitude and the heart beats a sad farewell. "Do you remember," wrote a woman to her friend, "when we sat together by the window that looked on to the sea, and watched the meek procession of white sailed ships as they followed each other into the harbor? How that day comes back to me! And do you remember, too, that the hour of separation was upon us, and that the last boat of all was to be our signal for departed?" It is with such kindred regret that I send out this manuscript. We are no longer coworkers, with our thoughts intertwined, in a task we love. Yet as affection absorbed that woman's sadness whose words we have used, so the heart has its quiet gladness that you are my kinswoman. In the coming years, treasure this volume not for its binding, nor for its leaves, but for what it is. In the writing, I have appealed to all sources from which I might justly have expected sympathy; to men and to women, and not once have I found a broader or more kindly understanding than you have displayed out of the goodness of your beautiful heart.

-the Author.

Edward Mobley, a large land and slave owner, laid the foundation of the great wealth of his family before the Civil War. He sold his cotton to the O'Neals in Columbia, and their old books show that he was the largest cotton producer in the up-country, of his times. He married Mary Mabry. Many tales

are told of Edward's love and courtship. Here is one, most probable in connection with her father's will and the U. S. Census of 1790. The will names her brothers and sisters, and recites that she is single; the census shows that Edward was a slave owner and single. Mr. Mabry was a Whig and the Mobleys were Federalists. He opposed the marriage on this account. The match was not consummated until after his death. When Mr. Mabry died, Edward again appeared as a suitor, but the mother said: "I will not hear of it until my year and a day of mourning expires." Edward went to the brother, Dan, and said: "Dan, I will do anything, if you will either persuade Mary to run away with me, or your mother to give her consent to our marriage, at once" Dan replied: "I would not, for anything, allow my sister to run away with you in our mother's present grief, but I might persuade mother to consent to an early marriage. You say you'll do anything; will you join our party?" Edward said: "I'll join your old party and go with you – anything to get Mary." This brother and Mary persuaded the mother, and the marriage took place, quietly, on the 4th day of July 1790.

Their descendants follow:

(1)

Dr. Isaiah Mobley

"When private men shall act with vast views, the luster will be transferred from the actions of kings to those of gentlemen." -Emerson.

The subject of this sketch was born in Fairfield county the 23rd day of December, 1804, and the "twilight and evening star" came to him on the 16th day of February, 1859. His primary education was obtained in schools, taught by Professors Spence, Hall and Shirley. He entered Chapel Hill in 1821, where he remained two years. He matriculated in the South Carolina College in 1823, where he was a member of the Euphradian Society. He graduated with distinction in 1828. In 1829, perceiving the necessity of a knowledge of medicine in respect to the institution of slavery, he entered the Charleston

Medical College and graduated from this institution in 1831. Being talented, it was but natural that his personality should find expression in the newspapers of the State. He was a frequent contributor to the Mercury and other papers. He married Mary Mobley, Oct. 5, 1837. The progressive classes besought him to become their candidate for governor, but he deferred his acceptance until he could consult his wife. Her entreaties against it prevailed. Dr. Mobley's library was a collection to be envied. Many men, such as Prof. Lieber, visited it. Dr. Mobley first met Prof. Lieber at a banquet of the alumni of the South Carolina College. Their acquaintance ripened into friendship and their correspondence was over a period of years. He had but one boy, but educated a number of others, permitting them to chose their college.

Dr. Mobley represented Chester county in both the House and Senate, and was one of the leading men in the latter body. He served with activity for his people. Translating ourselves to those times, can it not be said that his crowning glory was, not a breath of suspicion ever touched him, nor did prejudice or partisanship ever characterize his public conduct? Judging from what we have read, we know that, had he not been called into the silent halls of death, a year before the disunion, he would have followed the flag of the confederacy through sunshine and storm, with unfaltering devotion and absolute loyalty. In ability and familiarity with parliamentary procedure, the late Judge Wallace said he had few superiors in repute. It is but natural that he had faults, but after a painstaking search, his personality becomes more and more exalted to the vision. We declare him a type of high honorable American character, with the manners of a Southern gentleman. His fellow citizens and descendants may well be proud of him. He was worthy of any public trust, and competent to fill the position of chief executive of South Carolina.

In the possession of his daughters are many little things

that bring a fond remembrance. His Virgil has, "Isaiah Mobley, Chapel Hill, N. C. 1821." His Cicero, "Isaiah Mobley, South Carolina College, June 12, 1826." That he was not a mollycoddle may be shown in that he had two fights at college—each time for the slander of an absent friend, Tscharner DeGraffenreid, and Nicholas Peay; and whether, right or wrong, he whipped his man.

Some years ago, we read a book on the Shaftsbury Papers, that deal with the occult science of communication with the spirits of the dead. We take an interest in this, vouched for by members of his family. While he was at Chapel Hill he lay down to sleep (not being very well.) Soon it seemed to him he was in a neighbor's house in Chester county. The old man lay dying. He saw each member of the man's family and where each stood. He also saw the familiar faces of others who had come to offer sympathy. Presently he saw his parents. His mother entered and greeted the wife of the dying man. His father was at the door, but did not enter. His mother did not sit down, but soon joined her husband, and departed; as they were doing so, the clock struck six. The clock, in his room, awoke him, striking SIX. What he had dreamed, or seen, made such a strong impression, that he, at once, sat down and wrote his mother the precise details. She replied, that what he had written had taken place, exactly as he had related it.

George W. Hill, of Carlisle, said that Dr. Mobley was far above the ordinary men of his day, and that he was the best classical scholar outside of a college faculty he had ever known. In truth, he could write and compose in the dead languages — one of his efforts was a morsel of Greek poetry to Mary Mobley. We will not enter the sanctuary of their inner life, but over her, he ever held "the banner of love." The foregoing is a commentary of his life, and, however expressed, is intended, as a chaplet to garland the memory of a distinguished representative of the Mobleys and their connections. His descendants are the following:

Catherine McLean was educated at Limestone College. She married Capt. R. T. Mockbee who did so much for this state in 1876. One daughter survived her, Catherine McLean who married Steven Baxter-children, Mary Wagner, Robt. Mockbee, Sara, and James.

Mary Wagner was educated at Limestone; then, the first years of the war she followed her beloved teacher, Mary Judson, to Anderson College. She married Maj. John Woodward Durham. Four children survive her, Marion Mobley, a graduate of Hollins Institute, Mary Wagner who married Rev. Samuel Hughes, Wardlaw who married Edgar L. Culler, and Francis M. who married Virginia Cook Cardwell. Mary Hughes has one child, Harold Durham Hughes, a student of the University of Los Angeles. Elizabeth Wardlaw Culler has four children, John Woodward, Durham, Edgar Leonidas, Oscar Zeigler. Mr. Culler has been Superintendent of Education of Orangeburg County and a member of the Legislature. Serving together, we can say, with certitude, that he is a firm, true representative of the people and their best interests. Dr. Frank M. Durham has a boy, named for himself. He graduated from Charleston Medical College and took post graduate courses in Tulane and in New York.

Nannie Thompson died young. (d) Edward gave up his life for his country on reaching his sixteenth year. His body servant was named Sapp, and he was faithful. Before joining the army, he had gone to school to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Elder at New Hope and Blackstock respectively. He is buried at Woodward Church. A beautiful stone marks his grave and this is his epitaph: "He died for his country. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow."

Alice Francis Marion was educated at Blythewood. She married John B. Cornwell. Three children survive them, Eleanor Frances, (Nell) Mary Lily, and Kate Mobley. Nell married William Ely Cornwell-children, William Ely, Mary Mobley, John Bennett, Marion Durham, Tom Douglas, James Jeter, and Kate Jeter.

Cicely Narcissa (Lily) is the only living daughter. She was educated at Miss Laurens' school in Charleston. She married Dr. T. J. H. Douglas. Instead of praising her, we take her space for the following letter:

Editor of The Lantern: "Some time in April, between the surrender of Lee's army and that of Gen. Johnston's, Mrs. Davis with her escort reached our mother's home, nine miles South of Chester on the Ashford Ferry road, and stated that they had spent the night at Woodward Baptist church. Had intended reaching our home the night before, but owing to the condition of the roads, darkness had overtaken them and they camped at the church. We remember one lady being with Mrs. Davis besides a white nurse and the three children. Maggie, Mrs. Davis' oldest child must have been eight or ten years old; then there was the boy "Little Jeff" and the baby, Winnie, in long dresses. She was placed in our arms by our mother, who told us always to remember our beloved President's little baby girl. They were served with lunch and then went to the rooms upstairs to rest. Mrs. Davis seemed hurried, not staying more than two or three hours. Our mother put up fresh milk for the baby and flowers for the other children, and we remember our mother's tearful farewell to Mrs. Davis." This was signed by Mrs. R. T. Mockbee, Mrs. Alice M. Cornwell and Mrs. L. M. Douglas (Cousin Lilly).

Susan Lucretia educated at Mrs. Laurens' school in Charleston, was the perfect type of the Mobley girl. She was a lovely Christian woman, and her kindness and hospitality were proverbial. She married T. J. Cunningham. They had no children.

John W. Durham, Capt. Mockbee and John B. Cornwell were all Masons. Prof. Means Davis said the two former were prominent in the Klu Klux Klan. The writer did not know any of the three, but Capt. Mockbee, and knows him to be as true a man as ever married into our family. He was a member of the Legislature of the Wallace House, and we heard him make a

great speech at Blackstock at the conclusion of a torch light procession for democracy. John Woodward Durham was educated at Mt. Zion. Dr. T. J. H. Douglas went to the Citadel, from there to Chapel Hill. He entered the S. C. College, where he was a member of the Euphradian Society. While here, he joined the army. After the war, he entered the Medical college in Charleston. He and Dr. Cornwell got into trouble with the Yankee garrison and had to leave. John Bennett Cornwell, when he ran for Legislature from Chester, received the highest majority vote, we are told, yet had in that county for that honor. Col. Cunningham has held many honorary positions under the State government.

(2) Ephraim died in youth. (3) Biggers married first Narcissa Gilmore, children – Edward Biggers and Mary N., who married James B. Mobley-one child Capt. Frel Mobley (see life Dr. James B. Mobley.) She is buried at Fellowship. Edward B. Mobley, the son, married Corrie Massey, daughter of the great Klu Klux, Dr. Massey. Their children, Aline married Gilbert Green; Ladson married? Corrie was a pupil of the writer in the Rock Hill graded school, a lovely girl and as good as she could be. She married G. L. White and died within a year without children. Hazel G. is married and lives at Riverside, S. C. Speaking of Edward B. yesterday, Col. H. A. Gilliard said: “What a handsome man, he was. He was a brave soldier. I liked him, immensely.” He built the first home of colonial style of architecture in Rock Hill. He died a few years ago. By the second marriage of Biggers to the widow Gibson, there was George Mobley who married Kate McCrorey. Their children are mentioned under her life. The death of George, in December 1880, altered the whole of cousin Kate’s life.

Biggers Mobley, father of George just after the war went to his field and reprovved a negress for the way she was working. Enraged she cut him several times with a hoe, in a way to leave the scars to the day of his death. He shot her, but the wound, according to Dr. J. W. Babcock, was only trivial.

He was arrested and, as we were under Military District No.2. he was taken to Charleston, where he and others of the best people in the State were treated, by the Negro jailors, worse than beasts. When the tub of corn meal mush was brought around, they had to extend their palms into which was ladled the stuff they were fed on, solely. Mrs. Biggers Mobley went to Charleston and, from what Dr. Babcock tells me, I gather, she had a hard time gaining access to, and administering food to her husband and others. The filthy prison told on their health, and when he was finally liberated, he did not live long. If the whole history of those times were known, it would make the hearts at the North sad at the participation of our country in such horrors; They threatened, if he did not pay them \$10,000, they would send him to the Dry Torguas. Some say that he did, others, that he refused to the last.

(4) John Mobley md Mary Young-one child Mary; md first William Dunnovant-two children-John, who married Helen Mobley and has a daughter Helen, and Quay who married a Miss Williams-no children. After the death of Col. Dunnovant, his widow married Col. John L. Agers of Chester -children, Nannie who married Judge Starbuck of Winston-Salem and has children, and a daughter Mamie who married A. M. Aiken of Chester.

(5) Edward married Nancy Woodward Hill-children, Nancy who married a Hall and lives in Atlanta. The rest of this family is not obtainable at this time.

(6) Samuel Wagner was a colonel of militia. It was at his father's home that Capt. Clement Mobley, with his family and many kindred, camped the night before the immigration to Kentucky. The caravan consisted of sixty wagons. He first married Mary Cloud. A child died in infancy. He married the second time Martha Wilks-no children.

(7) David Mobley first married Catherine Dixon. On her death, he married the widow Heath, daughter of Osmund Woodward. He left the following children: Edward D.,

William D., David, Mary, Amelia, Samuel. By the Heath marriage he left one daughter, Mannie who married a Pendleton. The other children of David are;

1. Edward Dixon Mobley married Roxana Dixon. The descendants of Edward Dixon Mobley, as well as all the descendants of Mary Mabry, have the blood of the English Mobleys, the blood of the French nobility through Marie DeLashmette, the Teutonic strain, through Hans Wagner, and the heroic Celtic blood of the ap Pooles; and truly in his life may be found a great deal of what is best in these several sources of his composite being. The traits of an English gentleman were natural with him; his courage in the rehabilitation of his country, after the war marked his German descent; his elegance of manner caused him to be spoken of often in this regard-this from the French; and from the Welsh side there was the clannish love of kindred, and a pride in the hills and vales of his home. His love was broad enough to cover his own family with tenderness; to mantle his kindred and friends, and it extended to cover the well behaved Negroes. We enclose a clipping from a Chester paper at the time of his death. "Mr. Edward Mobley is dead. This announcement will bring sorrow to a host of relatives and friends. He was descended from one of the oldest families in South Carolina. The Mobleys have, since their arrival in this country in 1683, been among the wealthiest and most cultured citizens of this country. He was a worthy son of a fine old family, and Fairfield county can ill afford to spare him. The war swept away the vast bulk of his estate, his home, barns, and stables, cotton and grain were all burned by Sherman, and his stock and cattle taken by that same vandal army. His stables and barns were the largest in Fairfield county, and his home palatial. He was a large slave holder, and to this day many an old Negro delights for it to be known that he belonged to 'Mars Edward.' He was ever of a cheerful disposition. Even in the trying times during and after the war, and prosperity soon smiled upon him again. No man welcomed

visitors more heartily or treated them with more kindly consideration than did Mr. Mobley. No one left his home without longing to visit it again. The gentlemen of the old school are fast passing away. They will never be replaced.”

2. William Dixon Mobley married Elizabeth A. Dixon. He enlisted in Co. “D” under Capt. Walker, and when Walker was promoted, he joined the 1st Reg. S. C. Cavalry. They went to Virginia in ‘62, joined Hampton’s Brigade, Stuart’s Division. He was in the battle of Brandy Station and served in Virginia for two years, being transferred to the Signal Corps, and was at the bombardment of Charleston. He joined Johnston’s army towards the close, and when Johnston surrendered his regiment was disbanded at Monroe. His wife, aunt Lizzie, writes the best hand of anyone I have ever seen. She is a noble, sweet woman, and the writer thanks her for her assistance. There is a strange thing about the Mobleys. In the past they have been given to marrying young, and having many children. Perhaps they are God’s new chosen people. If not, then the Feasters and Colemans must be, for H. J. Coleman and his wife, Mary Feaster, had sixteen children. The first Edward Mobley to South Carolina had twelve, just the same number as the tribes of Israel. Uncle Billie and aunt Lizzie have twelve as follows: Lee Dixon, W. D. (dead), Eliza Lee, Samuel Wagner, Catherine, Mary Roxana, David Mabry, Elizabeth, Mary Estelle, Martha Wagner, Henrietta, Edward Dixon. W. D. married Drusilla Smith; Eliza married James Wallace; Catherine married W. B. Caldwell-children, Elizabeth, Mary Estelle, Catherine, Eliza Lee, James W., Susana, Herbert, Lily Douglas, Henry Grafton; Martha Wagner married D. P. Dye-one child. Mary Elizabeth; Mary Estelle married Lewis Dye-child Drayton; Henrietta married J. W. Sell-child Edward Dixon; David married Rebecca Hicklin-children, James Hicklin, Tom Dixon, Elizabeth, Susan, William.

3. S. W. married a Kee. He moved to Brazil-children,

Martha married Scofield of Caravallas, Bahai, Brazil; Celia married Boykin; Sam and Kee both are mentioned under Book of Bigger's Mobley.

4. Amelia married J. B. Dixon-children D. M. (dead) S. L. of Lufton, Texas; Martha, a noble woman, married a Blake and lives with two children at Barry, Texas.

5. Mary married Tillman Lee Dixon, a fine generous man who was drowned-children, Cattie married W. D. Harrison (a family that are descended from the first Harrison's of America, Capt. Lunsford, and Geo. Wade, the last two, early wardens of Columbia. In fact Capt. Lunsford's grave is on the State House grounds where a monument has been erected to his memory. He was a merchant, went to Charleston to buy goods, contracted yellow fever, died, and his body refused interment in any public cemetery. He then owned the land and woods where the State House now is. His family and slaves buried him there. The State acquired it for a site for its Capital afterward. The writer's half brothers and sisters are among his descendants, Cattie has one child, Mary, now Mrs. Beattie Ferguson who has one child Mamie Lee married Weldon Dye; Lyda B. unmarried; Susie P. married Alexander Goodwin; Alma G. married T. M. Center-children, Miriam and Lula Conners; William Howard Dixon married Lily Gladden and has four children (Frank Wm, Howard, Mildred Mobley, Margaret Gladys.) You will find Howard on the honor roll, and the Gladdens always bring good books to the family. Edward (deceased) married Maggie Gladden-children, Tillman Lee, Sara Margaret, Edward Mobley.

6. David Mabry Mobley was a brave soldier, a wealthy citizen and kind owner of many slaves. He married Minnie Heath-children, Catherine died an infant. Minnie Mabry married Wm. B. Dixon-children. David Mabry, W. B. Jr., Kate M., Minnie Heath, Janie, Elizabeth, Roxana, Sallie, Robert Bailey, Viola Porcher, Osmund Woodward, Margaret Amanda. They are all living except David. He was killed in a railroad

accident. One of the most promising young men of our family. He had gone to Charlotte to take his train as a conductor. He was to bring the engine and tender back to Columbia the next morning. A telegraphic order was miss sent and a head end collision occurred a mile above Winnsboro, about 4 o'clock in the morning. It so chanced that the writer was the first to climb up and discover David, his body entirely covered with anthracite coal, with the exception of his' pale handsome face in striking contrast to the blackened mass about him. It is the finest roses that are the ones plucked in a garden. Sometimes it is the same way in the garden of life. It seems to me that way about David. His brothers would have us say this.

Wm. B. Jr., married Elizabeth Grayson-children David, Julius, Hatarine; Minnie Heath married Samuel Patrick.

We now recite the descendants of Edward and Roxana Dixon Mobley.

1. Cattie died about the time the correspondence for the publication of this work began, and in many letters there runs a vein of sadness, occasioned by her demise. Some said that she was the prettiest girl they had ever seen; some that she was the most beautiful woman they had ever known all spoke of her goodness and truth. She never married.

2. Lyda Barnes married Geo. L. Kennedy, and they live at Blackstock, S. C. Their children, Edward M. graduate of the Citadel, married Ruth Brice-children. Edward M. and Ellen Brice; Mary, graduate of Chicora, married Dr. Curtis Crosby-children. Curtis E., and Mary; Alexander George, graduate of Clinton Presbyterian College; Geo. L. Jr., of Clinton Presbyterian College; Kenneth is a Cadet at the Citadel. 3. Edward Lee married Sara T. McCrorey-children, Sara Kathleen, Law McCrorey, Sara Josephine, Mattie Hawthorne, Frances Lucile. 4. Frances Elizabeth married Daniel Hall, a descendant of one of the best families of the early history of South Carolina and Virginia. Their home is White Oak-children, Leland

married Mary Woodward-child, Joseph Woodward; Bessie married Joseph Sprot-children, Lizzie, Louise, Thomas, Mary, Dan H.; Sara married Robert Evans Arnette-children, Robert, Hall, and Caroline; Dan Jr., married Fay Sweety; Susie married Daniel B. Davis who was killed in the great cyclone at Manning, S. C., children: Frances, Daniel Beasley; Jason married Bessie Wallace, grand daughter of Dr. John Wallace who was so prominent in county politics in 1876-children, Andrew Wallace. Other children of Daniel and Frances Elizabeth Hall are William Bratton, J. Maxwell and James Carlisle.

Incident in the life of Dr. John Wallace. He was a highly educated man. Once riding on a train in a seat with a companion right behind the Rev. Dr. Plumer, he was discussing politics. Dr. Plumer turned in his seat and said: "My friend, it pains me very much to hear you take the name of "God in vain!" Dr. Wallace apologized, but resumed his animated conversation. Talking along for a while, he became highly interested and excited and forgot the presence of the Divine in front, and cursed a certain well known politician and demagogue. Dr. Plumer again turned in his seat and said: "My friend, I told you, your language was painful to my ears!" Dr. Wallace at the interruption said: "Who are you, sir?" Plumer got up, straightened himself, and replied: "Sir, I am a follower of my Lord and Master, the meek and lowly Jesus." Dr. Wallace looked him, from head to foot, in the aisle of the train, and said: "Well, sir, you may be a follower of the Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, but you are a damned long ways behind Him!"

Samuel Dixon Mobley md Louise Allen of Spartanburg. He, has been quite a help in the genealogy of this particular book possessing information through his having been one of the administrators *de bonis non* of the estate of Col. Sam W. Mobley. His residence is Blackstock, S. C. 6. John Douglas Mobley is named for old Dr. John Douglas. John

reminds one of the lines: "A bee through many a garden roams, and sings his lay of courtship o'er, but when he finds the flower he loves, he nestles there and hums no more." He married Leonora Gross. They have one of the loveliest babies, Master John Douglas Mobley. 7. David Mabry Mobley now of Birmingham married Augusta Georgia Pierson-children, John Pierson, Edward Dixon, David Mabry, Augusta Mabry, Charles Pierson, Wm. Lee. 8. Susie married D. A. Crawford, children, Geo. W., Edward D., David M., Earnest and Susie student of Chicora. 9. D. B., married Mary Mills, child James Mills. 10. Arthur, unmarried. 11. Eugene W. married Lois Mills. 12. Martha, unmarried. This completes this interesting family except to say that the mother is still living near four score years, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great grand children. Time and sorrow may have wrought their lines on the gentle face, but the Divine Artist has kept busy with His brush and colors, and age and care has only rendered it the more beautiful to those who know and love her.

8. Susan Mobley first married Alexander Robinson and had three daughters: 1. Cicely married Peter Zachary Ward. 2. Elizabeth married a Kittridge. 3. Mary married Warren Lovejoy Mobley a descendant of John Mobley, the revolutionary soldier. Now the first daughter Cicely had these descendants: Susan Ward md C. L. Adamson, Mary Ward died unmarried, Eliza Ward md G. F. Turner, Mabry Ward married J. A. Arnold and was survived by one child, Walter E. Arnold; Thomas Alexander md Masouri Glass, no issue; Edward died unmarried; Cecilia md J. W. Hardwick, Martha L. md J. W. Hardwick, Mildred md H. V. Hardwick. Let us go back to Walter E. Arnold. He married Hattie Murphy. Their children are Mabry Ward, Emma, Edward Zachary, a member of the Georgia Legislature at this writing; Walter E. Jr., and Charles Arnold. Edward Zachary Arnold md Jimmie McLendon, and his sister Mabry md E. O. Batson of Sylacanga, Ala., and have

one child, E. O. Jr. Walter E. Arnold, Jr. md Edna Speight and has a daughter, Catherine. Walter E. Arnold, Sr's. other children are unmarried. Children of H. V. Hardwick and Mildred are: Mary md G. H. Purvis and died, leaving Minnie, Harry, and Alice. Martha Louise md M. A. Chandler-children, Mary and Ward. Then down the primrose path comes one of our unseen favorites. We pray divine guidance in our introduction of this daughter of Dr. Hardwick, wife of Charles Kenon Gailey, and mother of Charles Kenon Gailey, Jr., born May 14, 1901. They live at Conyers, Ga. Now we retrace our way to Susan Ward Adamson. She died in 1898 leaving descendants: Mrs. Cicely Crim, Will. E., Gertrude, and E. L. Adamson and a grandson, Z. W. Adamson. Eliza Turner died leaving C. A. Turner and Mattie Camp of College Park, Ga. We now go back to Eliza who md Kittridge. She has two sons Amos and Edward who won't write. Now we go back to Martha Hardwick. Her line lengthens with Thomas R, Cecilia, J. W., Mary, Eddie, Mattie Sue, and Marvin who died in 1915. Thomas md Annie Tatem, no children. J. W. md Maud Carlton, children Ruth, James C., John W., and Maud. Mary md H. R. Bloodworth and is now a widow; children, Martha, Thomas H., and Mary Hill. Eddie, unmarried. Mattie Sue married P. A. Wright, children, Cecilia, James H., Martha W., and Paul A. Jr. Children of Mary who married -Warren L. Mobley are Warren and Samuel, both unmarried and aged, and Jethro A. Mobley, a Mason and Methodist of Temple, Ga., (Warren and Sam are also Masons.) Jethro Mobley's children are David Henry and Warren O., and a daughter, Lucile. His son David Henry is married and has five children.

On the death of Robinson, Susan married into the fine family of Taliaferro, pronounced "Toliver" and means "such iron." By this marriage of Susan to Richard Taliaferro were the following children: Mildred md S. Q. Pegg and died childless; Susan md J. I. Whittaker, no children living; two of Susan's boys died without marrying. The third, Edward Mobley

Taliaferro lived to be a man of distinction in Georgia, prominent in society and politics, and was a member of the Georgia Legislature, a Democrat. He md Margaret Rebecca Poole,- had nine children, only three of whom lived to maturity. The oldest, Samuel, md Emma Gilbert -children, William Edward, unmarried; a daughter md E. H. Elleby. Mary, the youngest daughter of Edward and Margaret Taliaferro married J. W. McWilliams-children, the eldest is a widow Susie T. McWilliams with one child, Hallie Gertrude, the next is J. W. McWilliams, Jr., the next is S. Mobley McWilliams, and the youngest is Margaret KaSusie, Thryne McWilliams, unmarried.

We come again to one so important in this history that we pray a special power to defend us against mistake. Susie Taliaferro, daughter of Edward Mobley Taliaferro. She married Dr. Ely Griffin. Dr. Griffin is a son of Mary Mobley who married Leroy Griffin. Before his marriage to this cousin he had a previous marriage to Medora Westmoreland. He has two sons, John W. and Leroy Griffin, M. D. Cousin Susy has no children. Susy Taliaferro Griffin has helped us in every way with this volume.

9. Cicely married James Atkinson. They had four sons and two daughters: James, John, Valentine and Ephraim, Cicely and Susan. James Atkinson married Sue Crosby. Then he married Sarah Woods. John Atkinson married Mary Cherry. Valentine Atkinson married Jane McAlily. Ephraim Atkinson married Adaline O'Neill. Susan Atkinson married Dennis Crosby. Cicely Atkinson married James Pagan the first time, then married Biggers Griffin, her first cousin.

N. B.-Capt. R. T. Mockbee was in the Legislature 1882 - 1886 (not the Wallace House, as stated). Elizabeth Wardlaw Culler was educated at Hollin's Institute, and Conservatory of Music, Gainsville, Ga; Mary Hughes at Limestone College.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The Feasters and Colemans, early settlers of South Carolina, have ever constituted a body of citizenship, unexcelled in the Palmetto State for high ideals. They have made that part of the county of Fairfield (Feasterville) noted for its conservatism of what is best and worth while, and for its responsiveness to any progressive spirit tending to the higher elevation of society, civic betterment and commendable reform. The first is of Swiss origin, from the canton of Berne. The name was originally "Pfeister," but changed to Feaster in the early days of this country. The family came to the colony of South Carolina from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The grants of land, to Andrew Feaster, may be seen in the office of the Secretary of State, Columbia, S. C.

The Colemans came from Wales to America; first to Virginia, then to Halifax county, N. C., and, finally, to South Carolina, purchasing lands to the North of the Mobleys and Hans Wagner, a Hollander. David Roe Coleman was a remarkable man in the early history of Fairfield. He was a surveyor, a humane slave owner, and an affectionate husband and father – a useful citizen. To quote Dryden, he was "One of God Almighty's gentlemen." It was his eldest son, Robert Fitz, who first allied his family with the Mobleys and Feasters.

The first intermarriage of the Mobleys and Feasters was that of John Feaster and Drusilla Mobley. John Feaster was a son of Andrew Feaster, who came direct from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Andrew was a soldier of the Revolution, and on various occasions rendered substantial aid to the Revolutionary cause, as attested by the records of the Historical Commission of South Carolina.

(See Book "O" as kept by the old Commissioners of the Treasury during the Revolution.)

BOOK IV
DRUSILLA MOBLEY
AND
DESCENDANTS

To
Jennie Isabel Coleman:

In sending forth this book, a sense of respectful consideration for you, and an appreciation of your fidelity to the family, makes the writer proclaim, now, and to posterity that, without your aid, it would have been indeed impossible. With esteem, and the hope that it will meet with the kindly consideration that its defects may need, we remain, dear cousin, as ever, faithfully yours.

- the Author.

Drusilla, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Wagner Mobley, was born in the year 1774, and married John Feaster, a son of the Revolutionary soldier and patriot mentioned in the introduction, when she was fifteen years old. Her husband, at the time of the marriage, was just twenty-one. There have been seven hundred and eighty-six descendants of this marriage – many since the first day of July. John Feaster was six feet in height, broad shouldered and well proportioned. One distinguishing feature, the blue eyes, yet marks his descendants. His complexion was fair, but ruddy; his hair light. He had the aquiline or Roman nose, that you see in the family still. He was open in his nature and loyal in his friendship. He possessed great public spirit, and to promote education in the community, gave the lands and erected the building of the Feasterville Academy, a school well known in the history of upper South Carolina. Drusilla died in the maturity of her beautiful womanhood, April 17, 1807. John and Drusilla Feaster had nine children. Seven grew to maturity, whose lives and descendants we now attempt to tell.

SUSAN FEASTER and DESCENDANTS

Susan married Robert Fitz Coleman – children, a. Drusilla md Judge William Coleman – children, 1. Elizabeth md Hon. A. K. Allison, of Florida. He was twice governor of that State. His life may be found in all Florida histories. One notable event, we call attention to, was his arrest with Secretary Trenholm of Davis' Cabinet, and long incarceration. By the marriage, there is surviving one child, Sarah Fannin, who married Ross Gilliam Harris of Quincy, Fla. She is prominent in the work of the Eastern Star and will soon be inaugurated as the Grand Matron of the order in that State. 2. Rebecca died childless; 3. Isabel md Boone; 4. David Roe md a Miss Wilcox; 5. Henry md Miss Gormley – children, Ernest M. Coleman is a native of Cuthbert, Ga. He is a prominent musician, soloist of the lyceum, chatauqua platforms, a director and teacher. He and Mrs. Carrie Coleman Luper are also descendants of Soloman Coleman and William Coleman (See U. S. Census). Ernest is the last male descendant of that branch. The town of Coleman in Randolph county, Ga., was named for Andy Coleman. He won a free scholarship at the New York Institute of Musical Arts (Damrosch Conservatory). He has a violin we attach interest to, as once owned by Gov. Allison, and when imprisoned, the governor well nigh played his way out with it. At least it gave him the well wishes of the Jailors. 6. Caroline; 7. Mary Eliza. The last two reside at the old home, Springvale, Ga.; 8. Alice md J. A. Slaughter, – children, Mary Elise md Sumate Walters, – children, Amarine, Alma, Robert, William, Ethel, Lewis, Julian, Lucia Bell; William Slaughter md Frances Walters – children, Mildred, Martha, Darius, Belle Slaughter md Woodson Bealle, – children, Alice, Susan, Harris, Mary, Hattie, Edith.

(b) Edith Coleman first md Mike Atkins, – children, Susan md John Cox, – children, Mike first md Lucinda Peacock, – children, Atkins and William; the second time Mike md Cliff Arthur, – children, Sallie Sue, Arthur. The other Cox

children are Ella, Robert, Thomas, Chapel, and Frank. Mike Atkins, Jr. md Ella Allison, daughter of Gov. Allison, and half sister of Sara Fannin Allison Harris, – children, Sallie, Floride, and James. Of the three, James unmarried, Sallie md James Dunne, and Floride md Alex Perry, – child, Kathleen. The other children, Mike has a daughter Geraldine and Clarence reported married. Edith, after the death of her husband Atkins, md Andrew Hancock, children, John md Parolee Cole, – children, Pearl, Florence and Lynn; Jos. md Susan Sutton, – children, Charlton, Arthur, Robert, Susan, Wilton, Sallie, Augusta, Ruth, Jack md Eliza Cotchings, – children, Ralph, Todd, Eliza, Cleveland, Josephine – address, Lumpkin, Ga., Sallie md Phil Catchings, – child Seymour, Cordele, Ga.

(c) Eliza married four times. 1st, Martin Coleman, 2nd, James Brennen, no surviving children; 3rd, John Q. Arnette, – children, Feaster killed in the civil war; Berry died childless; Susan md Andrew Cameron. By them three boys, one lived to maturity, Dr. Samuel Cameron, graduate of the Charleston Medical College, who died unmarried. Robert Coleman Arnette, son of Eliza, and a graduate of the Medical College, Louisville, Ky., md Mary Caroline Evans. Their children are Susan, md Edwin R. Lucas, formerly of Hartsville, S. C. They make their home now in Walhalla, S. C. Their children are Eleanor Simons, William Ernest, Suzanne. The name Eleanor Simons arrests your attention to the Lucas family, no doubt. The writer asks pardon for stating his service on the Citadel Board of Visitors with Maj. J. J. Lucas, of Society Hill. He learned then of Dr. Benjamin Simons Lucas and his wife Melitia Eleanor (Tiller) Lucas. The family possesses the blood of the Huguenot and the Tiller English blood. The founder, Jonathan, came to Charleston in 1785, and invented a rice mill two years afterward, which was patented. The Simons family came to this country from France, in 1685, upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and have ever since been prominent in the public affairs of the State; John Coleman

Arnette md Marie Agnes Simonton, – children, John C., Sara Elizabeth; Robert Evans Arnette md Sara Hall, – children, Robt. Evans Daniel Hall, Mary Caroline; Mary Arnette md B. E. Woodruff and died childless; William Julian is unmarried. He is manager for the Fidelity Insurance Company for the State of Florida. His prototype appears in this history. He was mainly instrumental, with the author, in founding the Winnsboro Guards of which he was an officer. Both Dr. Arnette and his wife are dead. He will long live in the hearts of men and women, for his kindness and interesting conversations among the people with whom he worked and associated. The mother married the fourth time Wesley Mayfield, who survived her, and died, aged 98 years.

(d) John Feaster Coleman married and moved to Texas;
 (e) Andrew md Bettie Williford and moved to Randolph county, Ga. (f) Susan married the famous physician, Dr. Samuel McClurkin, – children Eliza md Robert Mills, – children, Edna md Pryor, died childless; Sam lives, in California; Eugene does not answer inquiries; Strauss and Susan both md, no children. Samuel son of Dr. McClurkin, is dead. Isabelle McClurkin married Robert D. Perry who was a soldier of the confederacy at the age of sixteen. He was a descendant of Gov. Perry of Florida and a relative of the late Gov. Perry of this State. He was a man of education and refinement and was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church. He was a large man, rather dictatorial in manner, but, at heart, kind. He was born in Lancaster county, and was related to the Perry's of Liberty Hill, S. C. Both Isabelle and her husband are dead, survived by three children, Robert md Etta Truesdale – children, Robert, Jesse Stevenson, William Banks, and Daniel; Helen Perry graduated from Fredericks College, Va., and married Hollis Garvin. Their home is Kitchings Mill, S. C. Mary Louise Perry is unmarried. She has taken a course in McFeat's Business College, and has a position with August Kohn Co. in Columbia, S. C.

JACOB FEASTER and DESCENDANTS

Jacob md Isabelle Coleman, – children, (a) Edith Drusilla md Henry J. Lyles – descendants, Wm. Woodward, a gallant confederate soldier, who was mortally wounded at Ft. Donaldson, and died unmarried; J. Feaster Lyles md Carrie Evelyn Lyles. He was an instructor in Kings Mt. Military Academy after the war. He contributes interesting articles to the daily press, is fond of history, mathematics, and lately has shown interest in the geology of South Carolina. His children are Henry J., unmarried; Mary Woodward, student of Winthrop, deceased; Isabelle, graduate of Winthrop, married William F. Hetrick, of Pennsylvania, now of Gainesville, Ga.; Jennie Preston md William Gunter; Nicholas Peay at Clemson; Florence Feaster at Winthrop, and Edith Eliza at Mt. Zion. A. Coleman Lyles, his brother, md the widow Josephine Willie, nee Smith, – children, Armanus C., and Edith md Roland G. Hill of Carlisle – children, A. Coleman. Mr. Hill is dead. Edith lives with her child and brother in Chester. A. Coleman Lyles was a man six feet tall, with the Feaster blue eyes and the Feaster nose. He was commanding in appearance, of much mentality and a loyal friend. He was prominent in State and county politics from Union county, representing that county in the Legislature for a number of years, until his death.

We come now to their sister, Isabelle, one of the most charming women of our Southern Society. She was splendid in her beauty, and regal as a duchess in her manners. She seemed to cast a spell of fascination wherever she was seen. She was fond of her relatives and they, in turn, adored her. She was graciousness personified, and could lend a color of interest to even triviality in conversation. She never married. She attended Limestone and the Yorkville Female College. Her death was at the residence of her kinswoman, Mrs. Rebecca V. Woodward. For fourteen long weeks of trial and suffering, she bore her burden of pain and suffering with fortitude, such as only could characterize persons of her moral strength and confiding trust in God.

(b) David Roe Feaster was born December 25, 1832. He was a soldier in the confederate army, enlisting in the Buckhead Guards. He was a man of such intellect as to be the leader in his section in the cause of white supremacy, in 1876. He married first Victoria Rawls, – children, Annie Isabel md McConnell Coleman; John Rawls died unmarried; Edith Caroline md Preston F. Coleman. Their children are mentioned with the descendants of Henry Jonathan Coleman, Sr.; Mary Victoria married Albert W. Clayton, children, – Philip died, Donald graduate of Clemson, Edith md W. B. Wright, Jr.; David Robert Feaster md Virginia Marks, – children, Donald, Edith, Jacob, Christine and John. They live at Fordyce, Ark.; Jacob Henry is unmarried. He is a graduate of Peabody Normal of Nashville. Many will remember him as the great left handed pitcher for the Feasterville base ball team about 1885. Jacob Polk is with the Eagle Lumber Company of Arkansas, unmarried.

Capt. D. R. Feaster on the death of his first wife married the widow Hattie E. Coleman. The children by this second marriage are Charles McCants, cashier Bank of Carthage, Margaret Fry, wife of Dr. C. C. Cox, Roger Williams and Hattie Josephine, a teacher of Princeton, Ark.

Capt. D. R. Feaster's memory is still cherished in Fairfield. He did as much as any individual to wrest the State and county governments from the corrupt hands of the radicals and carpet baggers. When that was accomplished his services should have been compensated with high office and honors. It is not enough to say he did not actively seek them. They should have been thrust upon him. He was one of the organizers of the Grange, out of which developed the Farmers Movement. Capt. Feaster felt and said this: "The jugglers of high finance try to show a distinction between the government's promise to pay in specie and a simple promise to pay. Reduce this to a final analysis and you find a distinction without a difference. A silver or gold certificate and a simple promise to pay each depends upon the perpetuity of the government. If the

government ceases to be a nation, it can no more pay its silver and gold certificates than it can meet its simple promissory note.” People who thought as he did, with modified views, started the Farmers’ Movement, which led by B. R. Tillman, captured the State government in 1890. Such men as D. R. Feaster were the fore-runners in the wilderness preaching real democratic government, the rule of the majority. Briefly stated, he would ask in the grist mill where the writer delivered the mail, “Why should not a man, who has done his duty in the ranks, as a confederate soldier, his duty as a Klu Klux, his duty as a ‘red shirt’, be the political equal and share in the honors of government, as well as certain privileged families of the State and their sycophants?”

Capt. Feaster is now dead. His widow is living in Princeton, Ark. The family was an interesting one. His seven children by the first wife, her five by her first husband, and their six, made a large family in all. A stranger would sometimes think that she was the mother of all, and indeed, so far as her kindness was concerned, she was.

(c) Jacob Fry md Elizabeth Stone – children, William died in the service of the Confederacy; Isabel died unmarried; Moses md Belle Dickerson. They are both dead, survived by one son, W. L. Feaster, graduate of Furman and now Principal of the Lancaster Schools. Moses Feaster was much esteemed by everybody who knew him. He was small of stature, was a fair violinist, devoted to fox hunting, a baseball enthusiast and the champion checker player of Fairfield and Union. He died in the last named county, where he, for the last years of his life, lived. Noble little fellow, God rest your large soul!

(c) John Coleman Feaster married Sallie P. Lyles, one boy, a beautiful child, Thomas lived to be eight years old.

(d) Susan md S. Milton Simons – children, these dead: Virgil Pingree, John, Paul and Ophelia. Lizzie and Cornelia married and are in Arkansas.

(f) Mary Andrews, a beautiful girl, died unmarried, aged twenty years.

ANDREW FEASTER and DESCENDANTS

Andrew was born August 25, 1793; died April 15, 1869. He married Mary Norris, of Edgefield county, S. C. was a daughter of Nathan Norris, whose ancestor, William Norris, tradition says, was a secretary of Wm. Penn. When married in 1818, they rode horseback to Feasterville, and on coming into the home of the father, he said: "Throw on a lightwood knot and let's see Andy's wife." And it is told that the father was astonished at her beauty. Her mother, before marriage, was Mary DeSaussure, of Orangeburg. Andrew was slight of stature, but had the blue eyes and fair complexion of the Feasters. His wife had fine black eyes and was large and tall. She had a wealth of black hair. These characteristics are noted, because they appear in many of their descendants. He was a great lover of trees, a good husbandman and always made more grain and flour than he could use. The flour was put into barrels and placed away, and in the use of it they were ever one year behind the making. His wife was a woman of originality and strength of character, was possessed of a strong constitution and enjoyed almost perfect health throughout her life. She was skillful in those arts that the civil war brought out of the nature and fiber of our people, and was careful of the slaves in sickness, and, besides bringing up her own family, she and Andrew adopted and brought up two other children. In 1868, Andrew and his family moved to Sandpoint, Fla., where he died in 1869. Mary Norris Feaster survived him nine years. Their children:

(a) John Christopher Columbus married Martha Cason, died without issue. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding.

(b) Nathan Andrew, born 1820, married three times. First, Maria Louisa Rawls. One child, Louisa Georgiana, who married Jno. G. Wolling several times a member of the Legislature and once a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Children, Jno. G. Jr., and Kate Coleman—children mentioned under her life. Narcissa and Harry D. Coleman –

children, Mabel J., Florence B., John Feaster, H. D., Jr., Julian, Reginald, Narcie Bess, Lula Wolling. Emma Louise married Hon. S. T. Clowney , once a member of the Legislature – children, George M. md Elise Martin – children, Emmie Gene. The other children of Emma Louise Clowney are Russel, Little Sam, Meynel, Cleora, Bessie Frances, Emmie Louise. The other Wolling children are James Trezvant, Wm. Meador, Bessie who married J. P. Fletcher, and the youngest, Lula Geiger who married R. Galloway Fletcher and has one child, Master Galloway Fletcher. After the death of the first wife, Nathan Andrew married Emma E. Brown – daughter Emma married J. L. Tribble – children, James L., unmarried; Feaster died leaving a wife and two children, Bessie, unmarried and Blanche, married F. J. Johnson; Anna and Frances – all of Anderson, S. C.

His third wife was Annette Gerrard McClanahan – children, Samuel Andrew md Taloola Johnston – children, Annette Gerrard md John Mc. Palm – child, John Mc. Palm, Jr.; Albert Martin md Mamie — ; James Johnston married Inez — ; David Verner; Marshall McClanahan; Mary Emily.

The second child of Nathan A. Feaster and Annette G. McClanahan was Harriet Harrison, who married, first, Albert Francis Martin – children, Elizabeth Katharine md Earle Mauldin – child, Elizabeth Katharine; second time, Rev. W. H. Davis – children, Dolphus Alston, Mary McPhail. Nathan Feaster was a merchant in Greenville, S. C., until the breaking out of the war. He was one of the first to enter. He was killed at the battle of Sharpsburg.

(c) Jacob Norris married first the widow Boozer, nee Sees, and lived in Columbia. Their children, Julia, married S. J. Fields – six children, Jacob M., Cocoa, Fla.; Ethel, now Mrs. John Reed, Indianola; Mattie, now Mrs. A. A. Buick; Bartram, of Indianola; John R., of Indianola, and Emmet, who died. The other children of Jacob are Jno. J., dead, and Ethland Brooks, now the widow of Dr. Benj. R. Wilson, a much loved and honored citizen. There were born to Ethland B. Wilson, 1.

Julian Preston md Ella McGuire – children, Vera Clarice, Helen, Julian P. 2. Trezvant De Graffenreid Bartram md Alice McFadand – children, Jeanette, Julia. 3. Leonidas Sees md Edith Skedgel – children, Mildred, Vivian, Dorothy, Ethland, Leonidas, Benj. Rush. 4. Jeanette md W. C. Thomas, and resides in Jacksonville. 5. Ethel Lorena md Carl Milton Battle. 6. Helen Alicia md Edward Connell, of Lyttleton, Mass. They have a child, Edward Wilson. 7. Benj. Rush and the youngest is (8) Karl Schuyler.

Jacob N. married second time Mrs. Trellis, nee Twitchell, of New Orleans – children, Jerome T., of Miami, married Addie King – children, Irene Grace, Trezvant DeGraffenreid, Frances Elzacla, Thomas Andrew, Jeanette Elizabeth; Julia Narcissa married Carl Breitwisch – children, Julia Feaster, Katrina, Mary Drusilla, Cora Twitchell, Trezvant DeGrafienreid, Mary Drusilla married Thomas W. Anderson – children, Edward J., Walter T. and Jeanette Feaster; residence, Seale, Ala.

Ethland B. Wilson left Columbia after the burning of that city. She passed the next six years as a girl in the convent of The Sacred Heart, New York. At fourteen she was taken to France and placed in a school in Paris, where she studied two years. Returning to the United States, she visited her father and aunts, Julia Coleman and Narcissa Feaster in Florida. She married Dr. Wilson at La Grange, Fla., moved to Titusville, where she has lived ever since. Her much esteemed husband died in 1913.

(d) Elbert H. married Caroline M. Teague. He became blind when two weeks old, but attended the schools with his brothers. Later, he was instructed at the Blind Institute in Boston, where he made a specialty in music and languages, which proved a great asset to him after the war. His son, Norris Teague, edited the first newspaper in the Indian River country, The Florida Star. Children of Elbert H. – Mary Emma married William S. Norwood, of Perry, Ga. He was a Confederate soldier, a Democrat and a member of distinction in the Georgia

Legislature. His is an old family. Those versed in heraldry will know that the arms of this ancient baronial family of Norwood of Norwood is blazoned on an escutcheon in the roof of the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral (ermine a cross gules). There were fifteen children born to this marriage, thirteen lived to maturity and married. 1. Lena md James Finlay Mitchell, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland. He is now clerk of the very circuit Court in which he was naturalized over twenty years ago. Children, Margaret Cameron, Mary Emma, Lena Norwood, Catharine Stanley, James Finlay, deceased. 2. Henry Teague married Frances Eaton – husband, wife and child are dead. 3. Burnham A., deceased, married Delia Harris – children, Earl E., Emma Louise, Ethel Grace. 4. Florence E. married Paul E. Puckett – children, Willie Norwood, Paul E. 5. Carrie Lee married Frank Reid – both dead. 6. William Chaudoin md Mittie Cox – children, Carolyn and Martha. 7. Norris Feaster md Bessie Creason – children, Florence and Tyrus Cobb. 8. Julia Christine md Julian T. Knox – children, Julian T., Emma, William N. and Call. 9. Annie Louise married Judge S. J. Overstreet, of Brevard county – children, Cornelia Margurite, Annie Norwood. 10. Russell McCrorey married Ina Jennings – child, Stephens. 11. Call Alexander married Nellie McFarland – child, Call McFarland. 13, Marguerite L. married Edwin Ryals Wager – child, William Ryals. The other children of Elebert H. are, Lavinia E., married Andrew Froscher, of Germany. He came to New York as instructor in German in Schenectady College, later moving to Florida – children, Elbert A. married Eleanor Mills – children, Elbert and Frances. William Myers married Harriet Bowers – child, Ruth. Mary Julia married F. T. Baker – children, Andrew, Frank, Lester. Norris Teague Feaster married Mary Feaster Coleman – child, Mary Norris. Bertha K. married Edward Miller – daughter, Lavinia Alice. Carrie Belle, Andrew and Nainee Lavinia are unmarried. John Griffin, son of Elbert, married Minnie Cooper – children, Lillian, May, John, Trezvant DeGraffenreid. Julia Alice, daughter of Elbert H., married Geo.

Franklin Duren. Their children are Arthur Franklin, deceased, Saidee Lee, George Foy. Arthur Trezvant, son of Elbert H. Feaster, married Abigail Osteen. Their children are Wurtz, a beautiful boy, who died, and Arthur Trezvant, a graduate of the Alabama Technical College, who bids fair to reflect honor on his ancestry. This cousin has been very helpful in this history, as will be seen in the descendants of Savilla Feaster. Their home is Birmingham, Alabama. Elberta Lee, daughter of Elbert H., married Asa W. Buie – one son, James Elbert.

(e) Trezvant DeGraffenreid Feaster was the youngest son of Andrew and Mary Norris Feaster, and was the fifth of their eleven children. When an infant his eyes were seriously affected. It was feared that he would lose his sight. As Dr. Trezvant DeGraffenreid cured him, his parents, to show their gratitude, named him after that physician. He had dark eyes and hair like his mother; and, like her, had a fine constitution, enjoying perfect health almost the whole of his life.

He went to school at Feasterville, most of his fellow pupils being cousins, and in the days when vacations were not considered necessary, the term beginning on the first day of January and ending on the last day of December. Of all his studies, he liked mathematics best, and all his life, he enjoyed solving mathematical problems, by methods of his own, which, mysterious to anyone else, seemed obvious to him. He liked to play checkers, chess and solitaire, This latter game he would play whenever he had any serious thinking to do, and he played it so much that the cards would be worn into holes and have to be replaced, one deck lasting three, four or five years, usually.

As a young man, he did not care for farming, and went to work in a corn mill, being especially attracted by the abundant opportunity for reading given him by the long waits between grindings. This taste lasted through life, and he was an almost omnivorous reader.

Later he became railroad agent at Alston, where he also kept a store. His first wife was Martha Dawkins Connell, who died young, leaving one infant daughter, Martha, who did not

long survive her mother. His second wife was Julia Fowler Collins, of Philadelphia. They had three children: Trezvant Collins, Adelaide and Julia Collins, all of whom died in infancy, the youngest surviving her mother but a few months. His third wife was Mary Carr Cubbison, a half sister of Julia Collins, and they had three children: Franklin Cubbison, Florence Grace and Miriam Helen. Franklin died at ten years, Miriam at three weeks, surviving her mother but a few days. Florence Grace is the only surviving child. Many know her home, Buena Vista, in South Carolina.

In 1858, he moved from Alston to Columbia, where he went into partnership with his brother, Jacob, having a store on the east side of Main street, one door below the corner or Washington, on the south half of the lot occupied by The Loan and Exchange Bank. The store was burned by Sherman, and was one of the last of the cellars on Main street to be rebuilt. For thirty years, it remained as the fire had left it, until Dr. Kendall erected a four story office building over it and the adjoining corner lot. This was regarded, by the conservative citizens, as too large an edifice for a city like Columbia, but in a few years it was torn down to give place to the city's first "Sky Scrapper."

Trezant DeGraffenfeid Feaster went into the army, being in the Sixth Regiment, under General Bratton, and in Company H. He was shot three times, but none of the wounds left any permanent disability. At the time of the surrender, he, among others, was offered by a Northern officer an opportunity of settling in the North, but he preferred to return and try to rebuild his fortunes at home. All that he had accumulated up to that time had been swept away. His houses had been burned and were a total loss, all the insurance companies having failed; his slaves were freed, and all his stocks and bonds worthless. Even the money that he had, that issued by the Confederacy, had become valueless, so, at thirty-nine, he started in life again. He returned to Fairfield and went to farming.

Labor conditions were chaotic at that time. No one was

accustomed to hiring Negroes, and they were not accustomed to being hired, and the old bonds being swept away, they found it hard to realize the new obligations were binding. There are in existence, some of the contracts made between him and his hands, and many items now taken for granted, had to be specifically enumerated. Both sides were willing to yield somewhat on account both of necessity and mutual liking, and a status quo was gradually evolved which, with all its defects, was something to be appreciated after the general upheaval all had suffered from. For several years he devoted himself to farming, and then went into merchandising again, but in the country where he could still superintend his landed interests, which were always to him the most important ones.

He was fond of animals, and his horse was always permitted to refresh itself with an occasional mouthful of grass from the roadside, as it went leisurely its way; the family cat was cared for, while the nestling wren in the blacksmith shop, and the black snake, desiring shelter in the crib, were alike protected.

For many years he enjoyed a close friendship with Dr. Francis Fant, and they spent more than half their time together. So much accustomed were their horses to this, that if the friends were out riding and wanted to go separate ways, they found it difficult to do so. This intimacy was broken only by the death of Dr. Fant, which was a great grief to his friend – thoughts of whom continued to awaken in him emotions of sadness and deep regret, during the few years that he survived.

Trezvant DeGraffenreid Feaster lies near his grandparents and greater-grandparents in the Feaster Graveyard, and is the only man of his name to be buried near the place of his birth.

Mary Drusilla and Thomas Rawls, M. D. – one child, Benjamin A. Rawls, deceased, who married Ada Glimph – one son, Reginald McCreary Rawls, a physician, now of New York City. He married Grace Annetta Birrell, of Canada. They have

two sons, Burrell Reginald and Douglas. Mary Drusilla Rawls was a strong character, and lived at least sixty years in Columbia. She owned the first sewing machine in that city.

Sophia Carolina md Wm. Williams – children, Hattie, deceased; Drusilla; Irene died in infancy; Nellie md J. W. Crocker – children, Margaret and Jennings. Margaret is a teacher in Arlington Training School of Texas, in the department of domestic science. A. Erwin is a graduate of West Point, now a Captain in the U. S. Army, stationed at San Antonio, Texas. Capt. Williams md Nelly Edwards – children, Agnes, Caroline, and Mary, one of the children of the book, aged 23 days.

Chaney Isabel md Wm. Lonergan – children, Mary Catharine, Caroline Elizabeth and William – all three died in childhood; Annie Julia (See life of Geo. W. Coleman.)

Julia A. Coleman, child of Andrew Feaster, grandchild of Drusilla Mobley, and great-grandchild of Andrew Feaster, as well as of Samuel Mobley, two Revolutionary soldiers, is the only surviving granddaughter of John Feaster, who allied his family with the Mobleys. How we would like to see her! She is the center of interest, the personage most talked about, by all our relatives. She has lived a life out of the ordinary. Two States have been the scenes of her kindly, affectionate deeds. She was born in Feasterville the 18th day of April, 1835, and married Robert H. Coleman – two sons, Lewis A. and Robert Feaster. After the death of her husband during the civil war, she moved to Florida with her brothers. Many things are told of her life in South Carolina and Florida. Her relatives have written back what an oasis in the desert her home was, with its inmates and piano, in the early life of the country where she made her home. She was one of the organizing members of a Sunday school, of which she has been a teacher for forty-five years. She, like one of those beautiful characters of which we read, has grown sweeter and lovelier with age, and is ever happy for a smile that she can cause to break through the tears of some person whose sorrow she has assuaged. Robert, her

son, was accidentally killed while hunting. Lewis A. md Missouri Carter – children, Robert Feaster, Margaret Narcissa, George Wilson, Andrew Jackson, Lewis A., Jr., Julia R. and Edith Isabel.

Sara R. md Geo. Butler – child died young. Sara was very beautiful and died young.

Margaret Narcissa taught the first school on Indian River. She is a splendid teacher and an accomplished musician.

MARY FEASTER AND DESCENDANTS

She married Henry Jonathan Coleman, a soldier of the war of 1812. After that war he resumed business, and soon was one of the largest landowners of Fairfield. He had contracts to construct certain sections of the Spartanburg, Union & Columbia Ry. For the immense work he completed, he received worthless scrip. The contribution of this man and woman to posterity, in the useful lives of their descendants, is worthy of much study. While we shall treat it without the use of superlative phrases, we point out that in peace and war, as citizens and soldiers, in the arts and sciences, it is conspicuous for its deeds – the brightness of its glory would shine through the pen of a dilettante, if only by physical power he brought the names to the pages. They had sixteen children, five died in infancy. The others: (a) Jno. Feaster md Sallie Gladden, a woman remarkable for her goodness and beauty. She survived her husband six months, leaving five children, Silas (dead); J. Gladden registry clerk Columbia Post Office for 22 years. He is living in Feasterville. Allen had to leave this State on account of his activity as a Ku-Klux, went to Louisiana, md Mrs. Narcie Hodge – two children, Janie md Dr. Wiggins, of Arkansas. After his death she returned to Shreveport, La., and lives with her half sister, Mrs. DeGraffenreid. The son, Allen, is at Kingsville, Tex. Mary Rebecca md Jos. Carter Roney, a descendant of a Revolutionary soldier – children, Charles M., who died; Annie Bell, educated at Ye Forest Glenn Seminary,

Maryland, md Dobbins Holmes. They have a lovely girl, Dorothy, who has won two gold medals in the graded schools of Cordele, Ga. Joseph Coleman is the second child. He attended the Georgia School of Technology and is at Memphis. Charles Fernando, youngest child of Sallie Gladden Coleman, md Alice Martin – children, Charles, md a Miss Rheme – child. Residence, Camden, S. C. Claudia md W. H. Suber – children, Alice, Gladys, Elizabeth. Charles Fernando is dead.

Sara Edith, youngest child of Sallie Gladden Coleman, was born five weeks before her mother's death. She was raised by her grandmother, md Martin D. C. Colvin – eight children, D. Coleman Colvin, educated at Georgia School Technology. md Essie Rudisill – one child, Sara Elizabeth. Eva Colvin completed her education at Claremont College, and assisted in the revision of this manuscript. Charles F. graduated at The Citadel. W. Jerome graduated at Erskine, md Lillian Sipple – daughter born Aug. 15, 1915, Edith Sipple. Henry G. attended Edgefield College, and Mary Alice Colvin, Greenville Female College.

(b) Elizabeth Drusilla married Micajah Boulware Pickett, of Fairfield county, S. C. He was a grandson of a Revolutionary soldier, James Pickett – children, Mary and Sara, were born near Feasterville. When Sara was several months old, the family moved in 1842 to Plains of Dura, Ga., and settled on lands purchased by Maj. Pickett. Micajah was commissioned a major of militia by the Governor of Georgia and bore that title throughout his life. His children remember him a handsome man in uniform. His wife retained her singular loveliness until the end. She was slender, erect of carriage and graceful. Her brow was high and broad, the features, clear cut and regular; the eyes large and clear blue, and set wide apart, from which shone the kindness of her heart. Her complexion was fair, finely grained in texture, with the soft blush of the rose in her cheeks, which never wholly faded with age. To her last days, a heavy mass of rich brown hair contrasted unusually with her blue eyes and fair skin. In character, she was charitable, a Christian

without ostentation; an ideal mother and handmaid to her husband. Together they were ever in unity in the rearing and education of their children. Hers was a well kept home, nor was a love of literature and music forgotten in her accomplishments as a needle woman, delightful home keeper and mistress of many slaves. Maj. Pickett was born in Fairfield Jan. 24, 1812, a man of marked individuality, public spirited, unselfish and aggressive for his community in all elevating plans. He was a great reader, a writer of note, and a controversialist of power in the public press. He was a Universalist that kept the Faith. One striking feature of Maj. Pickett was his splendid black eyes that would flash on occasion, but melt with tenderness when his sympathies were touched or as he fondled children. He, like many others of our family, were stripped of all property by Sherman, with the exception of his lands. He did not falter or pine, however. Having still children to educate, he and his noble companion rested not from labor until this work was accomplished, and they lived to see and be proud of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Maj. Pickett passed to the higher life in his 75th year and Elizabeth Drusilla in her 70th. They died in the Universalist faith as they had lived, with the esteem and lament of their neighbors and friends. The children and descendants are keeping up the standards of the father and mother in looks, fine character, and ability. Mary Elizabeth md Cadwallader B. Raines – two girls, Ida and Elizabeth Micajah. Dr. Raines, graduate of Princeton, entered the Confederate army, was made surgeon, and served until the close. He graduated in medicine in New York, practiced and died in Quitman, Ga. Lizzie Micajah md Stephen R. Johnson – children, Elam R., Sallie Schumpert, Mary F., Amos Steve, Coleman Pickett. Elam was killed, a baggage master, in a railroad wreck, unmarried. Salley Schumpert Johnson was graduated in her teens, and won the “Laura Clementine Davis Medal”, and endowed medal to be given by

the Albany, Georgia, Chatauqua to the best pianist under twenty years in Georgia. She received the medal in 1905. She is the author of a manual, "Helps to Teachers and Students in the Faelton System". Lizzie Micajah died in 1909. Ida is unmarried, with her mother and flowers. Sarah Kizannah Pickett md Amos K. Schumpert – one child, called for him, "Amos", who married Joel Walter Hightower-three girls and one boy- Edith Schumpert, Sara Vashti, Joel A., Sue Clifford. Louisa Jane md Wm. Harvey – children, Pickett, died young. Mary md Thos. W. Stuart – child, Wm. A. Stuart. Louisa died 1903 and Mary died 1910. Edith Schumpert Hightower's picture appears as she was the day the small hand laid the first brick in the Universalist church, which Maj. Micajah B. Pickett founded in Americus, Ga.

Annie C. Pickett died young. Capt. Jno. Feaster Pickett md Julia Brown. a graduate of Vassar. Capt. Pickett died survived by two daughters, Mary Lorena and Eloise Elizabeth. Mary Lorena md D. C. Pickett. Eloise E. was graduated from Wesleyan Female College and has taught school in Georgia and South Carolina. Emma Henrietta md Capt. John Rufus King, a Confederate soldier – children, Miriam md Emmet E. Cook (their children, Jno. Rufus, Emmet E., Jr., and Coleman Pickett). John Amos md Elizabeth Louise Stephens – children - (Jno. Amos, Frank P. and Anna Margaret). They are at St. Andrews, Fla. Robt. Lee md Lois Katharine King – (not related) children, Emma Frances, Miriam. Jos. Coleman is in the U. S. Navy. Henry Coleman. the second son, purchased a seat on the New York Exchange, but gave it up to be with his mother in her last illness. He md Evylin Kelleher, while President of the Oklahoma City State Bank, but moved to Los Angeles. He is tall, commanding in appearance, not stingy.

Musco Pickett md Minnie I. McGarah – children, Jerome, in U. S. Army; Anna Mary and Edna Elizabeth are unmarried. Musco was an alderman of Americus. but is now in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Micajah Boulware Pickett, Jr., was killed accidentally in a cotton compress plant, of which he was superintendent.

Annie Lizzie Pickett, the youngest girl of Maj. Pickett and Elizabeth Drusilla Pickett, is richly endowed with the qualities and traits that so distinguished her parents. She lives with her sister, Sarah Schumpert. For ten years she was an artist of talent in Americus, where she purchased a lot and built her own studio. Her eyes failing her for this work, the talent for which she received from the Picketts and Colemans, she turned to her Mobley and Feaster talent and plunged enthusiastically into agriculture, and made an old worn out place blossom as the rose. She has finally nestled down with her sister and is ardently endeavoring to make this family history a success; after which we hope to place our family of Picketts in a like niche of fame.

(c) Dr. Robert Coleman (1822-1873), a fine physician and lover of fine horses, md Nancy McConnell, a connection of the hero who killed the notorious Tory, Huck. with his long flint and steel musket. Dr. Bob was of that temperament that attracts a man's confidence and a woman's respect, in professional life. The record shows that he enlisted for the civil war in the Buckhead Guards, but he was picked out unanimously by the people to remain at home. The community thought it would not do for him to leave. In 1861, he sent his brother, G. W. Coleman, to the military school at Kings Mountain to prepare him for the war. During the Klu-Klux days, he was the counselor in his neighborhood. Never was his judgment at fault, or his counsel unheeded in those trying times. His children – Fannie Marian md Dr. V. P. Clayton; one daughter, Daisy Lucille, who md Robt. Willis Buntz. She is now a widow. 2. Sallie J. md W. B. Davis; their son, Leroy, md Hattie Vale – children, Julia md J. M. Lake – twins, William and Ethel; Mary Elizabeth Davis md G. W. Beuhler – child, Coleman – residence, New York. 3. Mary Elizabeth md W. Yongue Coleman – see his descendants. 4. Andrew Mc., only

son of Dr. Bob. md Annie I. Feaster – children, Robt. W., Thos. Woodward, Andrew Mc., Victoria Elizabeth, Virgil C., David R., Allen Griffin, Nancy Ann, Lewis Rawls. Robt. W. md Elva Hearnberger, was killed by a log train in Arkansas – no issue; Thos. Woodward md Lena Dunn and was killed by log train in Arkansas; Andrew Mc. suffered the same fate in Louisiana; Victoria md Cecil Gray – children, Annie, Allen, John, Lucille, Nettie and Baby – residence, Fordyce, Ark. David Robert killed by log train.

(d) Jacob Feaster Coleman md Rebecca Meador, and died a soldier's death at Wilmington, N. C. In his day he was the best farmer in Fairfield. He had the best mules of any man in his community – and they were his own raising. His herd of red cattle and great flocks of sheep are yet remembered and spoken of by old inhabitants. His hogs tipped the beam of the steelyards nearer the end than any others. His Negroes worshiped him, and never looked “ashy”, as Negroes do, who get no bacon. He raised fine wheat, and a writer says: “The only time I ever saw a straw hat thrown out on the top of growing wheat to lay on top of the wheat was in Jacob’s field”. His body was brought back from Wilmington by an old slave, Tone, and a friend, Wm. Mabry. His children – Mary died young, Sibbie md T. W. Traylor, who has served in the Legislature and was a gallant Confederate soldier. They had twelve children; eight died young, the others– Thomas Woodward md Maggie Boulware – children, Frances Eunice md Davis Boulware – children (Davis Earl, Thos. Jefferson and Emmie Lucille); Clide; Herbert; Conrad; John; William; Edith; Chesly; Harby; Maggie H., Fannie, daughter of Sibbie md H. Gibson – children, Lillian md Edward Brownlee, of Sanford, Fla. – a son, Laurie. Clarence, deceased son of Sibbie, md Minnie Belk– child, Clarence Arthur. Horace Cleveland, son of Sibbie, is now an attorney of Winnsboro. He is unmarried and is a member of the Legislature from this county. We are in the House together and stand for the same principles, the interests

of the people against predatory wealth.

Jacob Feaster, son of Jacob and Rebecca, md Hattie Robinson, of Union, S. C. – children, J. Wallace, graduate of the S. C. University; Roy Meridith, of Clemson, is with Swift & Co., Jacksonville, and the youngest. George Franklin, is a friend to the family from the Arnettes to Zachary Ward. He is with the Produce & Storage Co., of Birmingham. Jonathan Meridith, son of Jacob, md Stella Mattoon – no surviving children. On her death he md Kathryn Linthicum. He died without children. For, the last ten years he was a resident of Chester, where he was an alderman.

(e) Sarah Carolina Coleman (1827-1890) was one of the singularly beautiful characters that has enriched our history. She is yet spoken of as a favorite pupil of Mrs. Kate Ladd. She married Beverley C. Mitchell. There was never a sister more deservedly loved than she. This fair flower of womanhood, transplanted from our State to Georgia, spent its fragrance and had its fruitage in the sister State. Her body rests there in the cemetery of Americus, and her memory is kept green by relatives in both South Carolina and Georgia. Her husband, when they married, lived in Webster county. He was refused enlistment in the army because of white swelling, but he did his duty caring for the interests of the country at home and surrounding him, and had a liberal and open hand. After the war he moved to Americus, where he died. Children, Henry Coleman received an appointment to West Point, but had to decline on account of measles, which impaired his eyesight. He has been city alderman of his home town. Franklin Preston was postmaster of Americus for twelve years. Ella inherited her mother's talent for music and painting, and Sallie is very much like her mother. After the war Mr. Mitchell sold his cotton for \$55,000 in gold, and moved to Americus, Ga.

(f) David Roe had his eyes injured while blasting for his father on the construction of the S. U. & C. Ry. He was sent

to the Blind Institute, Boston. He md, first, Elizabeth Crooks – children, Mary J., Laura E., Sara E., John R. By his second wife, Elizabeth Trapp – three children, Mary Rebecca, Wm. Henry, Ernest Eugene. Of the Crooks marriage, three children died; David md Ida Crosby – children, Elizabeth and Edith – neither married. Jno. Robert is a graduate of the Charleston Medical College. He is not only a splendid practitioner, but as noble a man as you will meet in a wide range of experience. He md Mattie Rabb – children, Robt. Carl, Ruby, Phillip Allen, Clyde C., Allen Roe, Grace Elizabeth, and a little chap that will some day be black headed, a wonderful source of relaxation to the writer one day in writing this history. This child is named Julian Kinloch. Of the Trapp marriage, Wm. M. md Lottie Rabb, whose ancestor is in the U. S. Census, 1790 – children, Ancil Roe, Wm. D., Allen G., Chas. R., Clarence D.; Ernest E. md Annie Coleman – children given in her line. David Roe Coleman’s daughter, Mary (See Henry M. Owings).

(g) Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr., (1831-1874) md Hattie E. Porter, of Ridgeway, S. C. He entered the Buckhead Guards and witnessed the bombardment of Ft. Sumter. His enlistment, soon expiring, he reenlisted in W. P. Coleman’s company, was captured at Ft. Stedman, on Grant’s lines in front of Petersburg. Was taken to Point Lookout, Md., and paroled in ‘65. He received a severe wound at Kinston; a grape shot took him square in the cheek, went around under the flesh, and came out of the back of his neck. He was nicknamed “Foot.” After his death, even, people would speak of cousin Hattie as Hattie Foot. After she left this State the name clung to her old place, that is called to this day “The Hattie Foot Place”. Children, Preston Franklin md Edith Caroline Feaster, and live with their two children, John Feaster and James Rawls, at Ramsey, Ark. Porter Feaster Coleman md Dora Halsell (who is a descendant of Hans Wagner. Lest we forget: You will find in some histories the migrations made in England, when America produced eight bales of cotton, and an official enquiry was set

on foot about it. Hans Wagner produced two of those bales). Their children, Blanche, Winnie, Lorena, “Henry Foot”, Hugh Gladden; residence, Princeton, Ark. 3. Jacob David md Lillian Hardeman – children, Horace Jonathan, Mahala Elizabeth, Benj. Hardeman, Henry (farmers), Fordyce, Ark. 4. Mary Emily md R. W. Parham – children, Wilkins, Wylie, Tabitha, Nancy, Margaret, Mary Ellen, Hattie, Sue, Paul Henry Jonathan, residence, Fordyce, Ark. 5. Henry Jonathan md Rosa Gist – children, Vanita Rose and Henry Jonathan, Jr.; residence, McAlister, Okla.

(h) Preston attended the Arsenal School in Columbia, and was graduated in medicine in New York. While practicing in Louisiana, he came back to this State, and married Jane Secrest, of Lancaster. Dr. Bob persuaded him to come back and take part in his practice, and his father settled him on the Hart Means place, now owned, by Lee Fee. He was a violinist of such sweetness and power that it should be mentioned. Gov. Means induced him to raise a company for the civil war. He got his brother, Dr. B. F., from Louisiana, to take the first lieutenancy. Means was the colonel, the 17th Regiment. Its operations were first at Charleston, then, they went to Virginia. After the battle of Malvern Hill, we state for fear of forgetting, that Andrew Mobley and John Banks swapped places with G. W. Coleman and Allen Coleman that they might be with their brothers, they being transferred to the 6th Regiment. In the battle of Second Manassas, Capt. Preston had his leg shot off and was carried from the field by Dr. Frank. The regiment itself pursued the northern army into Maryland. Dr. Preston died without children a short time after his return home.

(i) Allen Griffin was educated at Kings Mountain Military Academy. He did not marry – went through the entire war and was shot mortally, July 7, 1864. He was considered the best soldier of his regiment, Maj. William Betsill told the writer at Union, S. C., in 1896. In establishing lines in front of

Petersburg, he was detailed among the skirmishers to hold the federal's in check, while the main body were digging trenches. The whole line was commanded by Maj. Betsill, of the 18th. He spoke in the highest terms of this soldier afterward, saying to Col. Fitz Hugh McMaster, that if he had a thousand such men as Allen Griffin Coleman he would not be afraid of any line of troops in battle. He received a severe wound at Malvern Hill.

(j) Dr. Benj. Franklin was educated at Kings Mountain Military Academy and at The Arsenal, Columbia. and was graduated in medicine in New York. He practiced in Louisiana until as stated. He ended his career in the Confederate army. The "taps" and the muffled drum were for him at Bruceton, Va., and his next reveille was in a brighter land, where the war drum beats no longer, and where the descendants of Cain no longer ask: "Am I my brother's keeper"? He never married, was six feet tall, handsomest of all, and was his mother's favorite.

(k) Geo. Washington Coleman was born September 4, 1844, and is still living. He received his primary education in the John Feaster Schoolhouse. He attended Kings Mountain, the famous school of Jenkins and Coward. He entered the army, April, 1861, and, side by side, went that great heroic brother, Allen Griffin for four long years, being captured at last, April, 1865, and was a prisoner at Point Lookout until June, 1865. He reached home July 4, 1865. He is now at the old place. He first rnd Mary Elizabeth Stevenson – children, John Franklin, Samuel Allen, Henry Lee, Sara Isabelle and George Wade. On the death of his first wife, he md Annie Julia Lonergan – children, Louis Andrew, Annie Julia Elizabeth, Robert Charles, Mary Feaster, Wm. Lonergan and Virgil Preston. All of these are grown and present a picture a picture of health and comeliness enough to make the heart of a father glad. Children, John Franklin md Eva Shields – children, George James, Nellie Elizabeth, John Franklin, Jr. Samuel Allen md Gertrude Isabelle Shields – children, Samuel

Stevenson, Franklin Lee, Feaster Shields, Henry Jonathan. Sarah Isabelle md first Howard Allen – children, Etta Coleman, Hiram S. and Mae. Etta, just named, md Karl Finstrom, a Swede. Sarah Isabelle the second time md Wilson – no children. She lives at Shelton, S. C. Wade md Kate Skipper – children, Florence Elizabeth, Lonie Louise, Geo. Wilbur. Second wife's children: Louis Andrew md Mary Ella Crim – children, Robt. Lewis, Henry Crim, Mary Sawyer, Annie Lonergan, Julia Elizabeth, Florence Feaster, Ella Serena. Annie Julia Elizabeth md Jesse Chappel – children, Annie Belle, Drusilla Mobley. Mary Feaster md Norris Teague Froscher – child, Mary Norris, born at Titusville, Fla., July 21, 1915, 9:20 p. m. Wm. Lonergan is unmarried.

CHANEY FEASTER AND DESCENDANTS

She was born August 26, 1800, and died July 11, 1878; married Henry Alexander Coleman December 5, 1822 – children, 1. David Andrew md Sarah Anne Martin Yongue – children (a) Henry Calhoun md Anna Owens – children, Dr. D. A. md Lizzie Clowney – children, Robt., Anna, D. A., Jr., Thaddeus C., Margaret Brice; Mary Edith; Sarah I.; Nell Williams; Carrie; Rebecca C., Henry A. (Hal); (b) Hester died; (c) Chaney Isabel. (d) David Roe md Lucy Hamilton – children, Elizabeth, Annie Yongue; Helen Mills md Albert Ladd; David md. Savina Bell Propst – child, John Propst – then Charles Howard, of Clemson; Margaret and Mary, twins, at Winthrop, and James Osborn. (e) Wm. Yongue md Mary Elizabeth Coleman – children, Chaney Isabelle, Sarah Kathleen, Robt. Yongue, Mary Bess, Nancy McConnell. (When Cousin Yongue gets to Heaven, he will want a horse instead of wings. The Wings? The horse will have to have wings.

2. Savilla E. md Wm. Mobley Yongue – children, Sarah Hester md James B. Turner – children, W. J. md Elizabeth Turner, died survived by widow and children, Earl A., Wm. J., Bertha Ray, Louise. Robt. Y. md Sarah Isabelle Timms – children, R. Y., Jr., James Andrew, Harold K, Katharine

Thelma, Sarah Elizabeth, Charles Elbert, Fred, Wm. Alexander, Jno. Grady. Clarence K. md Annie Stuart – children, Stuart L., Sarah Louise, Elizabeth. Pierce C. md Mamie Stevenson – children, James B., Coleman, Agnes, Kathleen. Sarah Isabel md. Lawrence McKinnon – no children. Alexander and John Grady, unmarried. Laura J. Yongue md Thos. Owings – children, Chaney md Wm. Brooks – children, Louise, Annie, Pauline, Sarah, Edith, William, Jno. F., Charles M. Henry M. md Mary Coleman – children, Mary, Laura. Thomas, David, and an infant. Savilla md Robt. Riddle. Annie md Thos. Howell – children, Cora, Sara, Susy, William, Thomas, Edith, Kate, Clark and James. Margaret Drusilla md. John B. Propst – children, Eunice md S. S. Bolick – child, S. S., Jr. William Y. md Mabelle Clark – children, William and Elizabeth Drusilla. Then John Henry and Stella, unmarried. W. Y. Propst owns the old Gov. Means place. Then there is David Crosby Coleman, called Coleman, lives with John Henry and Stella at the old home place. Savilla Belle md David Plumer. Henry C. died unmarried.

3. John Albert Feaster Coleman, born June 9, 1828, died April 30, 1898. The Fairfield News and Herald said this on his demise: “Mr. John A. F. Coleman, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Feasterville, is dead. The news was brought to Winnsboro by delegates to the convention from that community. He was a Confederate soldier and a good citizen. He was captain in the 17th Regiment”. Rev. D. B. Clayton, of interstate distinction, his pastor, said: “On Monday, in the presence of one of the largest congregations I ever saw at the funeral of a private citizen, J. A. F. Coleman was laid to rest in the family cemetery, in which repose the remains of his family for the last three generations. I paid to him the highest eulogy my language could enable me to pay. How I rejoiced to say that there was not then, nor ever had been, a widow or an orphan who could say that such an one had ever suffered wrong at his hand; and to aver, in the presence of the colored people present,

that no laborer who had ever been employed by him, could say that J. A. F. Coleman promised him a cent and had failed to comply with his promise. In his death, Fairfield has lost as good a citizen as it ever had! Peace to his ashes; honor to his memory, and Heaven's richest blessings on his loved ones"!

J. A. F. Coleman entered the army as a private in 1861, served with honor throughout the war and sheathed his sword a captain with Lee at Appomattox. He married Juliana Stevenson October 13, 1853. The matter of his death is replete with pathos. He and the wife, with whom he had lived and loved through the sunshine and shadow of their lengthy days, walked out in the gloaming of an April day to the pasture. In returning, she preceded him a short distance. When she opened the gate and looked back, the cows were coming leisurely along, but she did not see him behind them. She called, and failing of his response, she returned, to find in a recumbent position, his noble face upturned to the soft evening sky, his features composed and manly in death. Juliana Coleman was called to the Great Beyond December 3, 1912, and practically the whole country attended her funeral.

Some of the characteristics of her noble husband were, he put principle before policy, and the public good above private opportunity; he was liberal in his views, and chaste in his thought and actions; he had a mind open to conviction, but after sifting the evidence of a matter, his fine intelligence reached its conclusion, and then, he was, a rock against insidious change. Martin D. C. Colvin remarks of him, that he was one of the very best men he ever knew, and that if he is to be measured by the good he did in this life, he died indeed a wealthy man.

Much has been written the author on the subject of religion during the progress of the family history. One wants to be put down as a Methodist, another a Presbyterian. One wishes to Keep out about the Mobleys once leaning to the Quaker religion; another insists that we stress that they were

Episcopalians, and a belated letter says that way back yonder they were Roman Catholics. Kin people, what does all this prove? Call that which you plight your troth with, a “ring” or a “band”; call that which aids you a “cane” or a “stick”; refer to one of Sistine’s or Raphael’s Madonnas as a “picture” or a “painting” does not alter the nature of the object or essence of the ring or cane. And the painting is to each how it effects you. It remains what it is. These requests excite the reflection: Is not all spiritual aspiration the same thing with the “Peasant of Galilee” as the Way, the Truth and the Light? Is any creed better than its component parts, the congregation? Is not the congregation an average of the families that compose it? The families are what its individuals yearn, hope for, aspire to, and do. Perfection is unattainable in public and private conduct. Moses struck the rock in anger; Elijah, after his victory at Mt. Carmel, ran off and complained under the tree; John cursed on Patmos, that devils were being cast out in other, than in his way, Calvin was intolerant; Luther irreverent, and Peter swore falsely, but, see the tremendous push toward godliness each advantaged the race. The sage, from the height of his serenity, learns that all should be tolerant, as our forefathers came here to be tolerated. Star differeth from star, but when you come to the “twilight and evening bell” should you lay down your work and burden at the confines of everlasting life with one-half the exemplary deeds that these two people did, happy indeed will you be! They were of the salt of the earth that never loses its savor. If all men were like him, we would have no need of Law, for there would be a reign of Love. And she, his companion – was her worth not far above rubies; did not the heart of her husband safely trust in her; did she not stretch out her hands to the poor and needy? “She looked well to the ways of her household. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that loveth the Lord she shall be praised.” That posterity may know that which is striving for expression, we believe in the Divinity of

Christ! For this reason, if there were not others – the great warring nations, children in the slums and sweat shops, thieves, people in prisons, vagabonds, the grief-stricken and pain-racked, the immediate moment the mass or the individual brings itself into contact with the spirit of Jesus, “the ugliness of sin is taken away, and the beauty of sorrow is revealed”. Intellect cannot do it. However, Religion, like Life, is changeful and evolutionary. To allow it to remain in one form or ritual is death. There is salvation in all Christian churches; still, let not “dry rot” overcome the creed. Every man who lives to the progression of the Ideal, as J. A. F. Coleman did, will never die; every good woman will, some sweet day, “sit in the tresses of the snow white rose of Paradise”.

Children of J. A. F. Coleman: (a) Sam S. md. first, Rebecca Gladden – children, Kate md J. G. Wolling, Jr. – children, James W., Sarah E., Sam C., Julia Kate, Jessie G.. and Trz, who died. 2. Annie Bell md Ernest E. Coleman – children, Rebecca May, Claude Wagner, David R, Ernest Eugene, Marvin Gladden, Robt. Lester. 3. J. A. F. md Mamie Crowder – child, Sam Stevenson. 4. Sara Edith. Samuel S. md the second time Alice Faucette – no children.

(b) Jennie Isabel md Edward Wilson Coleman – son, John Albert Feaster. E. W. Coleman, by previous marriage to Lola Jackson Marsh, has two sons – David, present County Supervisor, and James Marsh. Each of the boys bears a name of a grandfather, David Roe, James Marsh and John Albert Feaster. Cousin Jennie and the writer and her son visited Hans Wagner's grave. Two other graves are near, and shadowing them all, the spreading branches of a walnut tree a century old.

(c) Sallie Drusilla died young. (d) Henry David md Narcissa Wolling – children, Mabel Janet, Florence B., John Feaster, Henry David, Robert Julian, Samuel Reginald, Narcie Bess and Lula Wolling. (e) Mary Feaster md Charles W. Faucette – children, Julia, a student at Greenville Female College; Louise, Henry C., Andrew McConnell, Mary Isabel.

(f) Chaney Savilla is unmarried. 4. Margaret Drusilla md J. L. Hunter. Powder Springs, Ga. – children, Mary Edith md Wm. S. Duncan, of Atlanta – children, James Leroy, graduate of Emory, md Martha McKinzie – no children. Martha, two years old when her mother died, graduated at Agnes Scott, md Thaddeus Banks Johnson. They live at the father's beautiful home in Atlanta. (Thaddeus Banks Johnson is the boy of the book – August 19, 1915.) Martha Isabel lives at Powder Springs, Ga. John Henry, son of Drusilla Hunter, was a doctor, md Cora Bowen – children, Frederick Coleman, graduate in pharmacy, P.O., Greenville, Ga. Annie is with her mother, Douglas, Ga. Isabel Susan md Thomas Manning, of Marietta, Ga. – children, Cornelia Drusilla, Henry S. md Louise Aymar – children, Henry A., Thos. S., Jno. Lipsey md Mamie Scott – children, Mary Isabel, Thos. J., Cornelia, Edith. Chas. William md Kate Fowler – no children; Thos. Lawrence unmarried; Robt. Feaster.

Henry Alexander md Rebecca Yongue. He was one of the bravest among the brave in the civil war, was wounded three times at the second battle of Manassas, and died soon thereafter, leaving one daughter, Sarah Edith, who married Geo. R. Lauderdale. They make their home in Winnsboro. They have two sons, George R, with his father in business, and David Thomas, who is a minister of the Associate Reform Presbyterian church. He is an honor graduate of Erskine, and represented that college in the inter-State oratorical contest in his senior year. His pastorate is Lexington, Va.

Sallie Amanda md A. J. McConnell, a lieutenant of Burley's company and died a hero's death at Petersburg, Va. Sallie died without descendants.

Robert Charles was a soldier of the Confederacy and the pet of his family. They all speak of him yet with tender evident emotion. He was drowned near Johns Island. June 6, 1862, brought home and buried.

SAVILLA FEASTER AND DESCENDANTS

Savilla Feaster md R. Gregg Cameron, a Scotch-Irish citizen, who in the excitement of a parade of Robinson's circus and amidst the blowing of the pipes of the first steam piano that had ever been heard in this part of the country, had heart failure and died almost instantly. The last words he was heard to say were: "It's a damned humbug", and as for music, we may find many to agree with him. Savilla survived him thirteen years – children, 1. Chanie md Henry Young – children, John L. and Hattie. The former married Nannie (Babe) Brice, and died without issue. Hattie md H. S. Terris – no children. 2. James md Drusilla Feaster – children, Nanie md Chas. T. McCrorey – children, Maidee and Adger. 3. Jane md Chris Simonton – children, Robert, died unmarried, and John md Nora Miller. 4. John md Lizzie Caldwell who before the Caldwell marriage was the widow Huffman. Before marriage to Huffman she was Lizzie Robinson. She is a descendant from Samuel, who married the widow Whitehead. 6. Dr. A S. Cameron md Sue Arnette – children have been given. 7. Robert S. Died a prisoner at Elmira, N. Y. The epitaph on his tomb at Concord is: "Tis sweet to die for one's country." 8. Alexander md Henrietta Yongue – child, J. Feaster, who is married and lives near Pickens Courthouse. Alex is dead. 9. Harriet was celebrated for her beauty and personality. In the "Leopard Spots", of Thomas Dixon, Jr., is this dedication to her: "To Harriet, Sweet Voiced Daughter of the Old Fashioned South". She married Col. Leroy McAfie, an uncle of the author mentioned, and to whom the same author dedicated his "Clansman" in these words; "To the Memory of a Scotch-Irish Leader of the South, My Uncle, Col. Leroy McAfie, Grand Titan of the Invisible Empire, Klu-Klux Klan". He is buried in Concord cemetery. Over his remains was a beautiful commemorative stone of pure Italian marble. Some vandal hand has broken and defaced it. They were survived by a handsome child, Leroy, who md Frances Brice, now Mrs.

Hughes, who lives with her last husband and Leroy's two children, Leroy and Gregg, in Charlotte, N. C. 10. While not the youngest of Savilla's children, we have reserved him specially to close this chapter.

COL FEASTER CAMERON (1835-1878)

“What I must do is what concerns me, not what the people think. This rule equally arduous in actual and intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness. It is easy to live in the world after the world's opinion; it is easy to live in solitude after our own, but the great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect indifference the independence of solitude. * * * The inequalities of the Andes and Himalaya are insignificant in the curve of the Sphere * * * and truly it demands something Godlike in him who has cast off the common motives of humanity, and has ventured to trust himself for his taskmaster. High be his heart, faithful his will, clear his sight, that he may in good earnest be doctrine, society and law to himself, that a simple purpose may be to him as strong as iron necessity is to others”. -*Emerson*.

Emerson has this other idea somewhere, perhaps in “Representative Men”. It suits us to use it – that men like Napoleon or Feas Cameron it is hardly fair to think of them in connection with Morality. As well measure the former by a straight-laced Presbyterian's yard stick, or the latter in a Hard Shell Baptist's half bushel. Such men set at naught and defiance ordinary standards of comparison. What would be right for me to do, in given circumstances, would have made him ridiculous. What would have been unbecoming in W. B. Woodward or J. A. F. Coleman, seemed the natural predestined and appointed thing for this man to do and he did it. As we gaze down the corridor of time, we see an opportunity for the white race, and we focus our eyes on the man as he appears in

luminous eloquent light – and thank God that man was Feas Cameron, who sheds unfading glory on the hour, his Family and his Country. He was the morning star of our county's redemption from the night of radical misrule. In this county, of all the actors in the tragic drama of those fearful days, with the world as a stage, Feas Cameron was the protagonist of the Play – a resplendent magnetic Star, that pulled all men as if they were iron filings to the center of his eloquent being. The moment he faced his audience, there seemed to pour forth from his person, a subtle power, impressive and commanding, that silenced all wilful inattention. What was it? It escapes analysis – perhaps it was his utter abandoned manner; disregard of conventionalities – a manifest determination to have his way; a sure conviction of his purpose – the righteousness of which ought to be felt and not greatly argued, and, thrown into the whole, a fearlessness that regarded his own life as a mere pawn in the great game we were playing for white supremacy before a hostile nation. Again, it may have been in the veins of the man; the Switz hate of oppression; the English pride of race; the Scotch ready mother wit, or the Irish impulse and natural eloquence. Who knows how to pen or paint eloquence, and science will never wholly reproduce it by phonography. His character is not susceptible of analysis, neither is his oratory to be defined. You fastened your eyes on him the instant he rose; you kept them there until he closed, and your vision followed him when he came down until lost in the crowds. He was about five feet eight inches, the forehead high and broad – the Feaster aquiline nose; the eyes grey, but seemed to change color with the variant emotions of his nature. All the best disparate elements were in this relative, born to lead an Arkansas Regiment as. Colonel in two great charges in the war, and be left for dead on the battlefield; born to renown as a lawyer in an adopted State; to hear his call to South Carolina; to return and by forensic power place the banner of Fairfield for Straight out Democracy in the vanguard, and to witness its triumph and

blessings; born to amass a competency for his mother and kindred – his work accomplished, who will say that he lay not down to “pleasant dreams”?

One of his great feats of impelling action by oratory was in the Courthouse in 1876, when many of the prominent men believed that the time was not ripe for the straight out fight for white supremacy. On the day of the meeting of the convention, it was still a matter of controversy, and no one could foretell what that body would do until Col. Cameron made the most effective speech of his life; a speech that is talked about until this day. It was received with great demonstrations of applause at its conclusion, and the resolution to make a straight out fight, from the mountains to the seaboard, was carried almost overwhelmingly, and he, the orator, was carried out and down the courthouse steps on the shoulders of his admirers.

Col. Cameron had one great vice; He drank; but in spite of it, no advantages and powers of the able opponents in the subsequent campaign, that fall, were any match for him.

That year he advised all boys who could ride, to vote, and most of them voted. The casuist may see a crime in these youthful acts of fraud, and society may defend them on the ground that self preservation is the first law of nature, to a race, as well as to an individual; but one thing is certain, those boys never had any compunctions of conscience. As to Col. Cameron, he said that it was a condition, not a theory, that confronted us; that half our votes had been left on the battlefields of the country; that we were already the political serfs of our former slaves, and if things kept on as they were, we would become inevitably their industrial servants also; that not content with political supremacy, ownership of lands and property, the scum of the North’s disbanded army and the unemployed scalawag’s of every part of the Union would come down South, intermarry with the Negroes, and demand social equality. The South, held down by bayonets, would have to grant it, live among its horrors, or seek asylums and homes in

other parts of the country.

If every act is to rest upon its own justification, Col. Cameron had grounds on which to rest his reason for irregularly assisting in the election of Hampton. Once Col. Cameron appealed to Mr. Edward P. Mobley: "I think a boy, who can mount a horse and ride in this campaign, ought to be allowed to vote; don't you"? Mr. Mobley replied: "Why, yes Feas; and I go further and say, he ought to vote if he can ride a rocking horse".

One day in the Presbyterian woods at Winnsboro, Col. Cameron was lying down, apparently asleep. Gov. Chamberlain was the orator of the day. No one was on hand to reply for the Democrats. After some dispute as to the advisability of waking him, and getting him to speak, it was done. He rose, mounted the rostrum and soon had Negroes and everybody laughing, applauding and shouting. To the utter amazement of all, he replied to everything Chamberlain had said. In that campaign there was a Negro called "Rode Island" Smith, that, say what you please about the Negro, was one of the greatest orators on abstract questions of freedom and liberty and equality before the law for all men, as ever gave tongue to words. None could handle the Ethiopian until Feas Cameron met him at Jenkinsville and made a perfect laughing stock of him.

Feaster Cameron's classical education wrought him a defeat on one occasion, at New Hope church. As usual, he was holding the large crowd of Negroes breathless under the spell of his oratory; carrying them along with his personal magnetism; showing them that their leaders were using them as horses, riding them to the haven of office and plunder and hitching them outside penniless and hungry. He shouted; "On election day, all good citizens want you to clean out the Augean Stables, and send these rascals back to the place from whence they come". Winding up, he again said: "We must clean out the Augean Stables". The Negroes took this literally, and were persuaded by their leaders that Col. Cameron wanted them, on

election day, to stay at home and clean out stables. They muttered and slunk away, and thus a great speech was shattered into ineffectiveness. He left a considerable estate orator; an instinctive democrat within a necessary oligarchy. One of the pleasures in writing this family history is to give him the recognition, sycophants, who write history, may deny him. He could have been elected to anything in the gift of Fairfield county had he lived. In life. His accomplishments were not obscured by his one great vice. His body was interred in Concord cemetery. The bier was followed by both races, a concourse of sorrowing numbers, with faces silent and wondering, that one so young and gifted, and one who came forth yesterday like a flower was today cut down; that the place of persuasive dominance that knew him once would know him no more forever. The young, the middle aged, the old, the rich and poor, the black and white, crowded about the newly upturned soil, with such demonstrative grief, that it composed a funeral scene befitting a king of men. We write: He had courage. He was a born orator. He exercised Charity, the most availing of the trinity enjoined. Long will his bright sayings give him a local fame, and the *lapsus liguae*, “Augean Stables”, be associated with his name – expressive of his high purpose in the revolution of 1876. May his memory be kept green by the chronicle, and may he or she who reads and believes that the *summum bonum* is Love, believe, also, that the eloquent voice has joined the Choir Invisible, and the restless spirit takes its sleep in The Green Fields of Eden, under the Ever Blooming Tree of Life.

JOHN MOBLEY FEASTER AND DESCENDANTS

He was the last child of Drusilla Mobley Feaster, and was but a few months old when his mother died. He married a half-sister of the author’s grandmother. Her name before marriage was Kizanna Pickett. To them were born John Pickett, Elizabeth Boulware, Kizanna Drusilla, Sallie Pickett and Andrew Mobley Feaster. He moved with his entire family

to Micanopy, Fla., where he lived until after the civil war. His wife dying there, he married the second time his first cousin, the widow Dorcas McCrorey, daughter of his uncle, John Mobley, of Fairfield, and moved with his son, John Pickett Feaster, and family, to the Indian River country, Florida. By the last marriage were no children. His children – Sallie Pickett died unmarried, and Andrew Mobley died an infant. His other children, John Pickett md Rebecca Belton Kennedy – children, Charlotte Kizanna, Margaret Evans died young. John Kennedy, Mary Kennedy, Andrew James, Jacob Rochelle, Drusilla Isabelle. John Pickett Feaster died 1870. His widow was and is a remarkable woman. With her six small children, after the war, in those hard unpropitious times, she had the strength, the energy and nobility of character to face the conditions, and with a heart fully resolved, an intellect well discerning, and a faith in kind Providence, she presents today her family as a worthy contribution to this family history. She gave five of her children a good education. She, we think, is the oldest connection of the family, aged 84 years. Her son, John Kennedy Feaster, born 1859, md Adelaide Albuie Linzer, daughter of J. H. and Meta Albuie Singer Linzer, of Berlin, Germany, later of New Jersey – children, Sallie Pickett, Rebecca Kennedy, Meta Albuie, J. K., Jr., Mary A., Thos. Albert, Chas. William, Henrietta Louise. Andrew Jacob, Margaret Isabel. Of these, Sadie md John Capers Smith – child, John Capers. Rebecca md Arthur M. Bauknight – no children. Meta Albuie md Paul E. Spencer – child, Mary Adelaide. 2. Elizabeth Boulware md Benjamin Reeves – children, Edward md a Johnson – lives at the old home, Alachua, Fla. One of his daughters married an Everett. 3. Drusilla md James Cameron (See Savilla Feaster and Descendants). 4. Jacob Feaster md Ann Crankfield – child, Kizannah. Jacob md second time a Lynn – children, Otis, Lela, Bessie, Jacob and Sallie. The foregoing is all we can ascertain, after much hard work. They do not answer letters.

BOOK V-----
JOHN MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

To
WARDLAW DURHAM CULLER

In presenting this book to the family, I dedicate it to you. The interest attached to your grandmother and your mother – who often felt to me like mine – will make this tribute touch chords of gratitude that have their harmony in your pure and lovely heart; while to the writer it gives an opportunity wherein he may assure you of the sincere esteem with which he remembers her. In your home, with you and your sisters, there was not a thought or feeling, an act of beauty or nobility, whereof men and women are capable, but found expression in her adurations. Where she acquired an acquaintance with the external realities of life, that she proclaimed so innocently; or where she gained her knowledge of life's inner realities that are interwoven in all that is profound and sometimes illogical in love and duty, we do not know, but have we not found them, by experience, to be eternally true? She often told us of the misery of those who live for pleasure, alone – the strange poverty of the rich, who are simply *rich!* The writer never sees a beggar, in his rags and woe, that he does not recall your mother saying once, with her face wreathed in an adorable smile: “What a beautiful thing it was, in the Savior, to take the beggar to Heaven just because the poor man had been unhappy!” It must be a source of pride to realize that she loved you in the way that you now regard your children. The difference in our ages and the remembrance of the times you would throw a broken song on the wind among the flowers, when you were a girl, has drifted me to write toward you as yet a child. Let us change.

De Balzac says, somewhere, that the painters and sculptors of the Middle Ages, when they placed figures in adoration on each side of a saint, they never failed to give them a. family likeness. When you see here your name among those under whose auspices I place this family history, remember that touching harmony, and see that this is an act of homage as well as an expression of brotherly affection. - *The Author*

JOHN MOBLEY (1794-1879)

He was the youngest son. From his youth, he was a most interesting personality; Shrewd and money making until fifty, like a sage, he tired of it from that time forward. Before the war, he was one of the richest men in Fairfield. He was the first man in that county to present himself for the civil war. The officers refused him on account of his age, and his son, Andrew, then stepped forward, and has the honor of being soldier to enlist from Fairfield.

He married Catherine McClean; born 1796, died 1877; daughter of Maj. Andrew McClean. Her battle-scarred father used to take a delight in seeing her dance, with her long hair just touching the floor. Uncle John said "she could dance with a glass of water on her head".

The first Mobley who joined the Baptist Church was Dr. Isaiah Mobley. Afterward, Uncle John, like the jailor, "joined with his whole family and was baptized". He gave the grounds for the church and cemetery, which was named "Fellowship". It was his care all his life. He and his wife had the same birthday, March 27th, with two years difference in age.

A wonderful man was this old ancestor, deferred to, and fawned on by hypocritical friends, and feared by his foes. The Great Reaper gathered him after the close of his four score years and five. His body reposes in the cemetery of his gift. The rows of earth about him, mark the last resting place of his people. The ministering angel and companion, "Katsie", is there, too, beneath the sod by his side.

THEIR DESCENDANTS

1. Simeon married Adelaide Gibson – child, Dr. John C. Mobley, who is still living, but a helpless invalid. He married Catharine Caldwell – no children.

2. Nancy married first a Thompson – one child to die in infancy. Upon her death, she was reputed to be the richest woman in the up-country. She married the second time James Jones, from Kentucky. They had no children. She had the greatest influence, of all the children, over her father. It will be often asked, what became of her property? It can be answered only in this way: Mr. Jones came to this country a man of slender means, but shortly after marriage, we saw this notice: “Mr. James Jones came to town, and handed over a thousand dollar bill for his taxes and received a few dimes in return from the treasurer”. We gather that Mr. Jones, at her death, was in control of over \$100,000 of property. The irony of it is, Mr. Jones followed her to her grave a well provided for dependent. It seems that he gave the property away before his death. We have neglected to mention, however, that after Nancy’s death, he married Patsie Gilbert, a lovable woman. She took a dose of wood alcohol through inadvertence and died. He was a shrewd man, and we do not refrain from drawing the lesson, that people who have property should entail it on their descendants, at least to the second generation after them, and on failure of issue, the property should revert to the heirs of the original grantor.

The commemorative stone over cousin Nancy is a ponderous block of Kentucky marble, weighing many tons; then there is a strong iron railing about it, without wicket or gateway. The monument to old uncle John and Katie is by it. The marble cutter has his name chiseled at the base – “W. E. Francis”.

3. Mary Wagner was a daughter of John Mobley. If we had to fashion all women to our desire of the ideal woman in time of war, and were compelled to select one woman in the time of the Confederacy for that ideal, we would select this

woman, who, when the first tocsin was sounded though rich and influential, gave up her only son, a youth sixteen years of age, to a nation then on the threshold of national existence. She gave that life as a mother's sacrifice to her country, praying that under the Providence of God, that country might live, though it might take the last breath from the youthful form that so often had been rocked to rest on her fond mother's breast.

There was once a beautiful custom in the South. A wife or sister would take as a part of her Christian name, a dead relative's whom she mourned. Mary Wagner Mobley, upon the death of her husband, Dr. Isaiah Mobley, dropped a part of her name and assumed the name of Mary Isaiah Mobley, (It is singular that Edward L. Culler, who married one of her granddaughters, Wardlaw, says, that his mother had an only brother killed in Virginia, in battle, and that she took his name. His name was David Hayne Zeigler, and she afterwards assumed the name of Anne David Ziegler). Mary Mobley was an affectionate daughter, and had love for her husband that was touched with admiration, approaching idolatry. To his memory is erected one of the most beautiful monuments in the up-country. It is fashioned by an artistic designer and cut out of the finest Italian marble, a tribute from a loving wife. It is said that it cost several thousand dollars, and has been pronounced, by a connoisseur, to be a miracle, in stone, that will ever be as if fresh from the affectionate hands of the sculptor. During and after the war, her home was known as the "Nine Mile Place", in the vocabulary of the Confederate soldier. It was there that many a soldier went, knowing the kindness of his reception. The name of the place, however, was "The Oaks". After the disbandment of Lee's army, scores of them were housed, fed and clothed by this gentle woman and her daughters. On the burning of this home, in 1891, it was reported in many papers outside the State, and we give you an abstract from one: "Veterans whose good fortune it was to receive the kind

administrations of Mrs. Mary I. Mobley and her accomplished daughters, we are sure, will read with sincere sorrow the announcement of the destruction of the old ‘homestead’”. She was a product of the South’s lovely refinement and civilizations, as naturally as flowers are of our soil. The delight in reading, and the happy faculty of expression of ideas by her daughters, is not only due to her husband, Isaiah Mobley. She, herself, was a great reader and lover of literature. She was deeply religious. Her life was spent under the spell of three influences: love of church, love of family and, love of country. An old soldier said of her: “She never turned her face from us except to weep for our condition and lost hopes”. She was greatly beloved by her slaves. Mrs. Mobley loved and venerated old Woodward Church, beyond measure; there she communed and her children were baptized – some of them by the father of the author, Thomas Dixon, Jr. She died May 23, 1892, in her 73rd year, and her last remains lie in company with those of her husband. This “Wee White Blossom”, as a poor old Scotsman called her, is gone, but not all the good that she did is interred in her last resting place. The perfume of her life as daughter, wife, mother, and woman of the Confederacy, is still sweet to our memories, while her spirit is in the bosom of her God.

4. Ruben never married, and died leaving his nephew, Edward P. Mobley, the third of that name, his property.

5. Dorcas Drusilla married, first, John McCrorey, by whom she had the following children: James, who was killed at the Second Battle of Manassas. His body was carried off the field by his uncle, A. J. Mobley, and a body servant, Jordan McCullough. Their son, John M., is now living in Florida. Their son, Charles T., married Nanie Cameron. Elizabeth McCrorey married James Mobley Hill, of Union county. James Mobley Hill was a First Sergeant in the Palmetto Battalion of Light Infantry, and received honorable mention for bravery and chivalric conduct in the three days fight during the siege of Charleston, July, 1863. Their children: 1. Dr. Geo. W. Hill, a

graduate of the Southern Medical College, of Atlanta, third in a class of thirty-two, married Harriet Virginia White – children, Willie Mobley, Mattie Louise, Catherine Elizabeth and Edward Glenn. Dr. Hill has assisted the author a great deal in this family history. He practices at Catawba Junction, S. C. 2. J. McCrorey, of Columbus, Ga., married Jessie Burrows – children, Feodora Burrows and J. McCrorey Hill, Jr. 3. Lyla died young. 4. Carl, a master mechanic, is at Live Oak, Fla. 5. J. Mobley, of Chillicothe, O. 6. Annie married Senator G. W. Wightman, of Saluda county – children, Madge, Elizabeth, Carrie Boyd, Wm. Hill, Geo. Edward, Annie Amelia. 7. Mary Adger married E. J. Hisey, of Charleston. 8. Edward Pickett Hill, has been nine times across the equator. He was standing near Ensign Bagley, his friend, when he was killed, and saw the shell strike that hero. Edward Pickett Hill saw service all through that war. When Bagley was killed, he was on the gunboat Wilmington. He is now living in Savannah, foreman, coppersmith shop, Central of Ga. Ry. Company.

Susan Jane, daughter of Dorcas, married William Hill, a son of Barrette Hill, a descendant of Thomas Woodward, The Regulator. They had five children – Mary K. died young. Nellie died unmarried, William Stewart married Faith Harris and lives in Miami (their children are William Stewart and Agnes). Bertha married James Hill, of Abbeville, and they have five children – Nellie died in infancy, Andrew Mantz, William, Judith Stewart and Richard Henry. Kenneth Wagner, brother of cousin Bertha, married a Mrs. Peters, nee Clara Lenox, and lives at Texarkana, Texas. (We acknowledge indebtedness to cousin Bertha for the assistance she has given in the entire work of this book.)

6. John Wagner died when sixteen. 7. Catherine Elizabeth married James T. Jeter, of Union county, a brother of Gov. Jeter. She was educated at Barhamville. She was one of the most accomplished women of the old time South. Her children are: 1. Kate Mobley and William Cornwell – children,

William, James, Lily. 2. Little Berry md first, Janie Hamilton, who died leaving six children: Essie died young, Jos. H., Jno. M., Ethel L., Little Berry, Robt. P., Frank H. Ethel married John Okeef. After the death of his first wife, L. B. Jeter md Addie Crosby, and has seven children. Malcolm, Mildred, Kate, Bell, Louise, Christine, Nancy. 3. Sarah Hobson md J. T. Walker and died childless. 4. John Mobley, unmarried. 5. Nancy Thompson died unmarried. 6. William Hobson md Maggie Farr – children, Esther, Harold, Margaret, Hobson. 7. Mary Elizabeth (cousin Bessie) was born August 14, 1865. She married James Parham Jeter, April 23, 1890. These are their interesting children: Kathleen, James Parham, Robert Russell, John Mobley, Mary Elizabeth, Douglas DeLashmette and Hugh Jeter. 8. James Thomas md Corrie Belle Jeter, and they have four children, Rion, Lizzie, Manning and Bothwell. He is a beloved physician and citizen. He graduated from the Charleston Medical College. The next son of Catherine Elizabeth Jeter was Marion Russell, md Octavia McKay, of Greenville, S. C. – their children, Marion, McKay, Louise, dead; Beth, dead; Ed Reuben, A. B. Jeter, dead; Octavia Lois, and Rent Jeter, who died. The last son and child of Catherine Elizabeth Jeter is Edward Reuben, unmarried. Kate Mobley Jeter had three children. The eldest son, William, married Nellie Cornwell, and they have seven children living – those living are William, John, Mary, Marion, Tom Douglas, James and Kate. Alice died in infancy. L. B. Jeter, Sr., has three grandchildren. Mobley Jeter has two of them, Lillian and a young son not named. L. B. Jeter's daughter, Ethel, has a son, John Peter O'Keefe. William Hobson Jeter has one grandson. His daughter, Esther, married Arnold Siler. Their child is named William. L. B. Jeter's son, Jno. Mobley, md Louise McKissick – children, Lillian and Joe McKissick. His son, L. B., Jr. md Louise McDow (the old Liberty Hill family). His son, Frank H., md Irene Albert. He is an editor and teacher at Raleigh, N. C.

8. Sarah F. married Dr. J. M. Glenn. She died in 1846. childless. After the death of Sarah, Dr. Glenn showed refined feeling, by returning every trinket of her property. What a pity other sons-in-law were not actuated by such a sense of delicacy! What an admirable thing it would have been for Mr. Jones to have done likewise!

9. Andrew Jackson was an accomplished gentleman. Mr. Wade Brice, speaking of his service as a Confederate soldier, told Miss Marion Durham: "Andrew Mabley was as brave, if not the bravest, soldier in the Confederate army". After a conspicuous act of gallantry, he was made a Lieutenant, and when informed of it, he said: "I believe they could select some one else more suited for it than I am, but I will accept" He was reported to have declined. Some men would have contended over this mistake, but when the appointment went to another, he showed no color of disappointment, although his disappointment may be, imagined. After his father's death, the will could not be found, and Nancy Jones applied for letters of administration, which were granted her. She partially administered. The will was then found, making cousin Andrew executor and giving several of his brothers and sisters hardly anything but slaves, which, of course, had been set free. By the terms of this will, he could have legally claimed nearly everything. Nothing so strikingly manifests the greatness of his soul than his decision. He determined that what his sister had done should stand, and that the whole estate should be estimated and an equal division be had among the heirs at law. To his everlasting honor, be it said, he sacrificed his worldly consideration – and acted in response to the promptings of natural brotherly love. After the settlement – more properly, after the greater part of the administration had been effected – he fell a prey to parasitic mouths and hands that soon stripped him of the major part of his portion. He was easily accessible to anything he had by people whom he liked. Again, he would hire clerks just because he liked them, whether he needed them

or not, in his mercantile business. I saw him do this myself on one occasion. One evening in January, I was standing before the fire in his store, when a young man came in and applied for a situation. Mr. Mobley took the greatest pains to explain to him that the winter trade was over, that there would be very little doing; that he would not need a clerk before the fall; that really he ought to dismiss some clerks that he had. The young man went out, and in less than five minutes, E. M. Woodward came in, whom he liked, and applied for a clerkship. He seemed overjoyed, and hired him on the spot, with a good salary and not a thing to do. He remained a child where his own interests lay until the day of his death. He credited everyone, and nobody thought of paying him, or he was put off, like the doctor and preacher, till the last. With his own troubles and trials (and, reader, he had them) he never depressed his associates and friends. Yet the sunshine of his personality and powers to please often drove away the sadness and cares of others. He was a perfect providence to the poor whites and the old slaves who lingered around in the "Mobley Quarter".

He married a highly cultured woman, Alice Eugenia Bynum. By them were the following children: N. F. Mobley, Matilda (Tillie), Mary U., Emma Tyler, Andrew J. and Clarence W. Mobley.

He is interred in Fellowship Churchyard. Strong in his faith, of his Hope assured, and exercising Charity, the greatest of the three, the mantle of an Infinite Providence now enfolds him. Rest on, brave soldier, indulgent husband, loving father and faithful friend!

Matilda (Tilly) Mobley was a daughter of Andrew J. Mobley. She married Edward M. Woodward. If the Mobley family is distinguished for its men, it is more distinguished for the many pure, noble women in its annuals. "Tillie" was one of the best of these. She had a tenderness and a refinement of heart that attracted you. While never given to tiresome fault finding and moralizing, she had a beautiful way of finding some passage in a book, which she would read, transcribe and quietly

hand it to you. Here is one, that lies before me now: “A pleasure that liveth for a moment may make a sorrow that abideth forever”. She was referring to intemperance, the cause of so much of our sorrow in life. She was full of harmony and music, and possessed of a temperament too beautiful and full of sentiment to live a long life of prose. Andrew J. Mobley, her brother, is now residing in Columbia. He was elected to the Legislature and declined re-election. Mary Unity is still unmarried, one of the admirable characters of our family. Emma Tyler married T. J. Cunningham – one child, Rebecca. Clarence W. Mobley married Alice Rhodes.

10. Susan A. C. died unmarried.

11. Lucretia was born January 5, 1833. She was one of the most lovable wives and mothers. She married James A. McCrorey, a Christian gentleman. He was truly a man in whom there was no guile. You could not come in contact with either of these two beautiful characters without taking away with you an aroma of their goodness and truth. They died towards the later part of the 80's. Their children were: Kate, who married her cousin, George Mobley. Expression fails us in interpretation of her personality and character, as daughter, sister, wife and mother. Death robbed her of her husband, and one by one of three of her beautiful children, Lucretia, Bessie and Katie, and yet she loves and trusts on. “Her voice is gentle and sweet, an excellent thing in woman”, as Shakespeare says of Cordelia. It is impossible for one not to be a little better for having known one like her. Her daughter, Annie (Wiete), is a lovely unmarried woman. There is something about and in her eyes that brings that wonder you feel in looking at the stars. Though the eyes are dark, they never need tears for lustration – they are as good as the Feaster – Girl’s eyes, that so often remind you of corn flowers in a mist filled with the poetry and feeling of every lovely thing in the world. She is Mobley on both sides, and we have singled her out with such fine brutality to show as the family historian that the Mobleys were possessed of some

personal charms before the springtime in which uncle John Feaster's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of love, or ere cousin Robert Fitz Coleman looked at the adorable face of cousin Susan in the light of the glowing pine knot fires. See what the writer would have gotten into had he have written every lovely girl up as he has "Wiete".

The next child of Lucretia McCrorey was J. A., Jr., who died unmarried. John E. McCrorey, son of Lucretia, was a handsome boy. He had a voice of most remarkable range and sweetness, and could sing nearly an octave higher and an octave lower than anyone. In the old days the minister would give out the hymn and someone would raise it. This part was always deferred to John. Sometimes mischief would flow through his veins like vitalizing wine. He would raise the song so high that no man could follow, and the women would grow red in the face with effort. With the most innocent air in the world, he would say at the end of the first verse, "Perhaps I had it a little too high"; then he would pitch the tune so low that the women could not get down to it on their knees. The preacher, at the conclusion of the hymn, would look reproachfully at cousin John, and the young folks would titter, but as for himself, he would never crack a smile. Many incidents I could relate of this man, who was the glass of fashion of our boyhood days, but I must leave him, with the statement that his young life was cut short by a case of pneumonia, and he died greatly bereaved by his relatives and a legion of interested and affectionate friends. Reubie Mobley McCrorey md Annie Louise Carter, daughter of Hon. D. J. Carter, of Lancaster, S. C. To them the following children were born: Brantley Louise, Katherine Mobley, Anne Carter, Reubie Mobley, Jr., Lillian Lucretia, Albert Lane, Clara Ruthven and Addie Kershaw. None of them married. Jones McCrorey married Lillian Carpenter, of Charlevoix, Mich.

12. Harriet K. died in infancy.

13. Marion Rebecca, the youngest child, was born April

19, 1836. She married her second cousin, Edward P. Mobley, the second one of our history. Her children are mentioned in that part of our work. There are people of such lucent purity of heart and such sympathy of nature that their very presence is elevating. Mrs. Mobley was one of these. In her home she was most delightful to her kindred and friends. All her affairs were performed in love. Her goodness was proverbial. Her home was a retreat and refuge to many a Confederate soldier during and after the war; and she was ever the benefactress to the old Negroes, freed slaves, of her husband and father-in-law. We can't think of her except in connection with goodness. There was something about her, warm, deep and friendly that made you love her, that made you know that He whose footsteps turned Sinai's crest to sapphire had passed her way, and His reflection remained with her always. We heard an old preacher once call her "the flower of his flock", and, indeed, cousin Marion, like so many of the Mobley women, may be thought of as lilies lifting their Holy white grails brimmed with the sunshine of God's love to the affectionate vision of our men. They are the "interpreters of large certainties": Each generation cuts them down; they reappear in another. Every generation is a new page in the book of our revelation, wherein we may read that goodness has not passed away; that it endureth forever in women like her. Some lines of Adelaide Proctor run through the mind like a refrain as we write; and may thoughts of the Mother affect her children as some lost chord of existence to flood their crimson twilight with the touch of an infinite calm! May it quiet their pain and sorrow as love overcoming strife, and be an harmonious echo from our discordant life. May it link the perplexed meanings into one perfect peace, and fade not from their vision until all life has ceased!

GENEALOGY OF THE MOBLEYS LEFT BY JOHN MOBLEY

The "R" denotes that the author finds such an one a Revolutionary soldier in the records at Columbia; S. C.

The original S. C. Edward Mobley (R) married Susanah DeRuel. His issue: William (R) md a woman, the name of whom is obliterated; Capt. Clement (R) md Mary Fox; Ben (R) md the widow Hill; Edward (R) md Drusilla Meador; John (R) md Mary Beam; Samuel (R) md Mary Wagner; Polly md Thomas Halsell (R); Susanah md Lewis Meador; Sallie md Jason Meador; Elizabeth md Job Meador; Kesiah md Thomas Meador; Dorcas md Richard Hill (R).

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND WIFE

Capt. Eliaser (R) md the widow Lyles; William md Fanny Rogers; Sam died single; Isham md Susanah Mobley; Jemima md Edward Lovejoy (R); Capt. Thomas (R) md Mary Funderburg; Dorcas md William Hill (R); May married Richard Hill (R); Keziah md Colin Mobley (R); Elizabeth md Micajah Mobley (R).

CHILDREN OF CAPT. CLEMENT MOBLEY

Edward md Nancy Sutton; Ben md Mary Sutton; Clem md Poeby Lashly; Billy md Nancy Coleman; Isaiah md Fanny Coleman; Nancy md Richard Neely; Polly md Charles Coleman; Susanah md Isham Mobley.

CHILDREN OF BEN MOBLEY

John md Nancy Jenkins; Ben md Luvinia Meador; Edward md Nancy Roebuck; Margaret md Francis Coleman; Elizabeth md William ---- ; Polly md James Rogers; Sam md a Shelton; Isaac md a Shelton; Tabitha md a Turner; Nancy md an Addison; who knows?

EDWARD AND DRUSILLA MEADORS' CHILDREN

William md Betsy Jenkins; Edward md Amy Hill; Levy md Rachel Rabb; Reuben md Sarah Coleman; Elizabeth md Henry Rogers; Susanah md ---- ; who knows?

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY BEAM

William md Drusilla Meador; Isaac md --- Brown;
Susan not known.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARY WAGNER

Edward md Mary Mabry; Samuel md Elizabeth Whitehead, nee Pickett; Biggers md Joanah Corbell; John md Katie McLean; Elizabeth md Richard Mansell; Drusilla md John Feaster; Susanah md John Taylor; Mary md David Shannon; Nancy md Moses McKeown; Lucrecy md John Robinson; Savilla md Tom Colvin; Dorcas md William Price.

BOOK VI

**BIGGERS MOBLEY, HIS DESCENDANTS
AND OTHER DESCENDANTS OF
WILLIAM AND PHOEBE LOVEJOY MOBLEY**

To
REV. JAMES HENRY YARBOROUGH:

“An honest man is the noblest work of God”. That a man of your heart, mind and soul has married into this family, and that your children's children's children will have a common source with ours, is a thought that cannot fail to give a sensation of pleasure. In esteem, we dedicate this book to you, accompanied with a request: As we have been unable to treat all the individuals in a sustained historical way, for lack of time, we have determined to give only the genealogy. Should we treat the lives, for instance, of William Holmes Hardin, John D. Smith, and our kinsman and attorney, William Sanders, without setting forth others, it would be unfair: If we waited another year it might be done, but the author exercises his best judgment and yields to an immediate publication of his work. Some day, some one will do better than he has done. Until then, may I not count on your friendship, which has never failed, to assure the descendants, who come hereunder, that the greatest value of the volume, in the lapse of time, will be found in its simple genealogies. Some poet, philosopher, statesman, humanitarian or divine may arise, a benefactor to mankind, and looking back to this unpretentious book discover his origin from a family of men and women of whom he need have no cause for shame. And, in this last book, permit me to interpret one thought of yours to the whole family, which is,

“Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman's blood.”

– THE AUTHOR.

Biggers Mobley md Joanna Corbell – children, Samuel md Polly Shelton; Harriet Drusilla md John Smith; Judith died young.

Samuel and Polly Shelton Mobley's children: Ariminta md John Hicklin Buchanan; Jeanie md Bishop Cramer, of New Orleans; Stith – no information.

Harriet Drusilla and John Smith's children: Mary md John Gregory; Lucinda md William McCollough; Joanna Corbell md Jesse Hardin; Judith md W. Holmes Hardin; Anne md Blurette Worthy; John D. md Sarah Hill, Ellen V. and Frances died young; Harriet md Dr. Wm. Hicklin Heath; William F. md Sally Gregory; Elmira md B. P. Gregory.

Mary Smith and John Gregory's children: Harriet md Lee Darby; Elmira md Samuel Harlem; Benjamin md — ; Harrison md Elmira Bennett; Fanny accidentally killed; Fanny Bothwell died young; Emily md Ob Cornwell.

Joanna Smith and Jesse Hardin's children: Jennie md William Sanders, Esq.; Willie md Maggie Shannon; Smith md Sallie Jeter; Jesse md John Oates; Hattie unmarried; Thomas md Ray Cooner; Lilly md Rev. James Henry Yarborough.

Children of Judith Smith and W. Holmes Hardin: Marion died young; Jos. md Maggie Alice Colvin.

Children of Anne Smith and Blurette Worthy: Harriet md Allen Crosby; Joe unmarried; Blurette unmarried; Nannie md Rhet Sanders.

Children of John D. and Sara Hill Smith: Fanny md Darby; Biggers; Maggie md William Atkinson; Ellen died young.

Children of Harriet Drusilla Smith and Dr. Wm Hicklin Heath: William Hicklin Heath; Mildred Wren md Isaac McPherson Gregorie; James md Sallie McNeil; William and Mobley Heath unmarried.

Children of William F. and Sallie Gregorie Smith: O. D. and Lottie Smith unmarried; Drusilla md William Mobley; Fanny md Samuel Mobley; Lena md Key Mobley; Jennie May md C. E. Waters; Annie Lou md J. O. Barwick; John md Lila

Castles, Frank md Mary Smith. Lena and Key's children are given elsewhere. Book of Edward Mobley.

Children of Elmira Smith and B. P. Gregory: W. T. md Etta Meador; Eugene md Minnie Sanders; Lula md Gill Cornwell. Upon his death; she md Leger Westerland; Edward md Mattie Worthy; Augustus md Betty Banks; Vivian unmarried; B. P. md Maggie Mayfield.

Children of Lucinda Smith and William McCollough: Delia md Wm. Fain; Annie md Geo. Fleetwood; Ellen md Wm. Jones; Mary md Allen Crosby; Jimmie died young.

Children of Ariminta Mobley and John Hicklin Buchanan: John Buchanan died young; Moultrie Buchanan md William A. Corkhill.

Children of Moultrie Buchanan and William A. Corkhill: William McCoy Corkhill and John Buchanan Corkhill.

Children of James Moses Heath and Sallie McNeil: Mildred Wrenn md Walter Freeman; McKay Heath; Harriet Elizabeth; Mary McNeil; James Moses Heath.

Children of Mildred Wrenn Heath and Isaac McPherson Gregorie are: McPherson Gregorie, died Feb. 2, 1891; William Heath Gregorie, died Sept. 25, 1900; Isaac McPherson, Jr., named for his father.

OTHER RELATIVES

Mrs. Annie Young, of Georgetown, S. C., descendant of Daniel Coleman, and these descendants of the first Edward Mobley: When Capt. Clement Mobley moved to Kentucky, he left a daughter, Polly, who had md Charles Coleman. These are ancestors of Sallie, who md Allen Coleman; Nancy, who md Robt. Coleman; Vashti, who md Reuben Manning – Edward Wilson Coleman, Mrs. Elitia Jeffares, Polly McLain, Daniel Coleman come down through Nancy; Miss C. D. Manning through Vashti as well as through Drusilla Mobley. Again, Clement's sister, Polly, md Thomas Halsell. Halsellville is named for that family. Mrs. Sallie Halsell and her niece, Maggie Halsell Harris, are descendants of the first Mobley, as well as Nancy William Jenkins and her line.

Betsy Mobley md Simeon Hill. She was a daughter of Colin Mobley; he is a descendant of the first Mobley in America. Therefore, Simeon Hill, children of Mrs. W. B. Wright, of Mrs. Mell Dickerson, of T. E. Dye are descendants of William Mobley and Phoebe Lovejoy.

Isham Mobley, son of Capt. Eliazer Mobley, md Susannah Mobley, daughter of Clement Mobley – all the descendants therefore of Hester Mobley and Robin Yongue are the descendants of the first South Carolina Mobley, among these are: Arthur Maynard Owens md Louise Herron – children, Virginia, Laurens and Joe. Frank Mobley Clark comes through Hester. He married Mittie Sease (same family as Judge Thomas S. Sease). His children are: Thomas Sease, deceased; DeSausssure Ford, graduate of The Citadel; Isabel, teacher at Woodward; Marcissus md George Pearson – child, Mary Milton, Izetta and Elizabeth. F. M. Clark's father was a school teacher before the civil war, and judging from a diary kept at that period, he was a man of literary taste and an accomplished writer. Under this same line, come Susan Cathcart's children, W. J. Lemon; children of Robt. Lemon, deceased; others in identical source; descendants of Moses Clowney, deceased; C. W. Bolick and others of identical source of descent. Again Dorcas Price md Samuel Brice. Her daughter, Margaret, md Robt. Clowney, who was a member of the Legislature; Mrs. Charlie McClurkin, her children and her brothers and sisters descendants are of the family; D. Roe Coleman and Coleman Colvin, Mrs. Samuel Wright are descendants. Mrs. Sarah Gladden's descendants come down through the marriage of Nancy and Robert Coleman, as did Henry Coleman, and that splendid man and citizen, Jonathan D. Coleman, whose memory will live long in the hearts of our people. There has long been a doubt as to Robert L. Mobley, of Woodward. There can now no longer be a dispute about it. He was a descendant of Isham Mobley. Isham was a son of Capt. Eliazer and married Susan Mobley. His descendants therefore, have their rights, and we claim them. Isham Mobley was perhaps the best man in a fight

with the weapons nature has provided of any man ever in South Carolina. Dr. Lem Meador's and John Meador's descendants are of the family. David Shannon, of Chester, comes down through the marriage of Polly Mobley and David Shannon. The following come down through Nancy Mobley, who married Moses McKeown, all descendants of Polly, who married a Simpson; all of Moses, who married a Wilks; all of James, who married Mary Lominack, the children of Rev. W. A. Hafner by Studie his first wife; and all of Polly, who married Hiram Shannon – some of whom are Robt. E. and James C. Shannon. The children of John and Nancy Ross are of Mobley descent – Hiram S. and Miss Maggie we know personally. All the descendants of James R. Watson, who married Lucretia Robinson, daughter of John and Lucretia Mobley Robinson, are of the family, some of whom are Thomas W. Watson, of Monticello. Ark, and James and W. Walker Watson.

It is said that William Mobley returned from India and married a daughter of Mordecai Jarvis, or Jarvis Mordecai, a rich millionaire silk manufacturer. It is said that one son of the first William Mobley was born in Pennsylvania and six in Maryland. Some say seven.

It is said that of the sons, four finally came South. One settled in North Carolina; one in Lancaster county, South Carolina; one went to Edgefield, and our ancestor, Edward, with his sons and nephews and relatives, settled in Fairfield. The last is incontrovertible.

It is known that all the brothers did not leave Maryland, but when Edward went back to buy slaves, he found his kin people near Frederick, Md. This gives the inference that one of these relatives was Mordecai, the father of John Mobley, who married Ruth Elder. The genealogy is as follows: Mordecai Mobley md Mary Davage – children, John md Ruth Elder – children, Jesse R., Almedia, Lucretia, John H., Mahala, Sarah, Lewis, Reason D., Catharine M., William and Warren W. Mobley. The third son, Lewis Mobley, md Julia Rhorer in

1854 – children, Darius A., Laura J., Alta F., Minnie M., John Orion, Mattie E., Lewis Dana, Lyda Blanche Mobley. Lewis Mobley, the father of all, was graduated from Hartsville University, and was a professor of that institution for seventeen years, occupying the chair of Natural Science. He died in 1902. All of his children are still living. The eldest, Dr. Darius A. Mobley, is a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Valejo, Ca. He was born 1855, graduated at Hartsville University, Ind., and Union Biblical Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. He was President of San Joakin Valley College, California 1879-1892, declining re-election. From 1892 to 1902 he was Principal of Stockton College, California, since which time he has served actively as a minister, residing now in Valejo, Cal. Minnie M. first married Edward M. Howard, and to them was born one son, Harold Howard. On the death of her husband, she married John W. Brumit, of Bunker Hill, Indiana. John H. Mobley married and has these children: Wm. H., Theodore T. and James Hunter.

The son mentioned as Warren Wesley married Mary Ryan and had eight children – four lived to maturity, Warren Wesley, Lewis F., Elsie, Nina A. and Otto W. Nina md Tyrell; Elsie md Day. Lewis F. Mobley, M. D., is a practitioner of medicine, and lives in Summitville, Ind. He married Louise E. Taylor, and has one little daughter, Ethel May. Dr. Mobley has sent us his photograph. It is the image of Dr. George W. Hill, one of the relatives of this history. The mouth is like Bryan's; the nose is good; the chin is expressive of the Mobley stubbornness; the eyes shine good humor and mirth; the protuberance above them shows a man of great perceptive power; the forehead broad and high, denoting mentality; the ears, set out from the head and large, would indicate that he is a good listener as well as a great talker. A man with those large ears will never do anything little and mean. Taking the ensemble from the shoulders to the crown of the splendid head, we would say this man could be a friend, and like the writer, at a banquet would not be averse to the froth of amusement, but

next morning would come down town with all the dignity of a bishop of the High Church of England. The family are widely scattered, but its record compares well with other branches, in law, medicine and scholarship, and possesses the only ordained minister of the Mobley name recorded in these annals.

Dr. George W. Hill places J. Pack Mobley, of Catawba Junction, S. C., as one of the family, to which we agree.

BOOK VII

JETHRO MOBLEY AND DESCENDANTS

To
MINNIE MERLE MOBLEY

Maeterlinck says: "When a man of inferior soul endeavors to estimate a great sage's happiness, this happiness flows through his veins like water; yet is it as heavy as gold, and as brilliant as gold to a brother sage". Far be it from your heart, with flare of trumpet, to thank God that you are not as others, in a pharisaical sense, but that you are in this family will be gold to thee. You have more of the Lovejoy, and your face is more of the Lovejoy, than many of the descendants; therefore we think it appropriate to dedicate this little Quaker sounding book to you.

– The Author

To the north of Brunswick, near Hanover, in the present German Empire, there lived a family by name, Beemes, we have been told, from whom the first Beams who came to Fairfield are descended. John Mobley, the Revolutionary scout, referred to, in the records at Columbia as "Private Horseman", married one of the girls, Mary Beam. They were the parents of Jethro, who md Esther Lovejoy Mobley. Their children were: Eliazer; Ruthie md a Barnes; Telithe md a Freeman; Tebitha md a Barnes; Matilda md a Billings; Elsie md a Gahagan; Eldridge md Eliza Finney, and Warren Lovejoy md Mary Mobley Robinson.

Eldridge H. Mobley taught school early in life, and was a large land and slave owner. He was born April 19, 1810, and died July 5, 1885. His children were: Thomas Perry, Eldridge Chappell, Eliazer, Annie, Mittie Lavonia md Joshua Starr; Susie md Dr. W. B. Armstrong; Julia Pauline; Teresa md J. R.

Farlow; Junius Percival md Mary Smith; Judson Finney md Mary Allie Hudson. He was President of the bank of Hogansville, Ga. The union was blessed with five children, Harvie H., Ellie Judson, Percival, Hubert Lowry, Robt. Chappel.

Eliazer, son of Eldridge H., was born in Chambers county, 1843. He went out to the war in the Newman Guards, First Georgia Regiment, and fought to the end. He saw Gen. Evans' horse shot from under him. He md Aldora Moreland – children, Willie Pierce md Maggie Turner, residence, Marietta, Okla.; Benjamin Eldridge md Tennie Warsham, residence, New Wilson, Okla.; Gordon Judson md Viola Plunkett; Roy Moreland md Della Merritt, residence, New Wilson, Okla.; Eliazer Chappell (single), New Wilson, Okla.; Robt. Thomas md Grace McPhail, residence, Duncan, Okla., Route 5; Aurelia died unmarried; Minnie Merle Mobley (single), and Gerald Mobley, of Marietta, Okla. After the death of his first wife, Eliazer md Tallu Dorothy Page, in 1896. He died of la grippe, 1913. Merle attended The Cherry School, in Atlanta, and took a two years' course at LaGrange Female College in English and Expression, when Prof. Rufus Smith was president. Warren Lovejoy Mobley's children have been given partly in Book III. His children living now are Mrs. Susan C. Whitaker, Warren R., Samuel O. and Jethro Alexander. The last md Lula Georgia Henry – children, David Henry, Mary (deceased), Warren O. and Lucille. David Henry md Lena Bonner – children, Janet, Sarah, Julia, Samuel Henry and David Hugh. Susan C. Whitaker has a son, S. W. Whitaker. Warren Lovejoy Mobley md second time Mary Elizabeth Whitaker – child, Lizzie md Stipe. D. H. Mobley is both a Mason and an Odd fellow.

DERIVATION OF NAME

It has been a hard search for us to find the derivation of our surname. It defies such tests as these: Personal characteristics, such as Bishop, Gailey, Coleman, White and

Brown; rank, profession or occupation, as Culler, Screven, Clark, Miller, Turner, Woodward and King, natural objects, such as Hill, Jeter, Arnett, Pickett, Hardwick, Lauderdale, Boulware and Ragsdale; and the most prolific source, patronymics, such as Nicholson, Dixon, Whitely, McWilliams, Manning, McCrorey, Wilson, McMaster and O'Neale. The author has no idea other than that it comes as tradition sayeth it comes. That the Moberleys fought in the Crusades under the name of Blount (pronounced Blunt). That the name was given by a king of England to a Blount for converting a mob, unfriendly to his person, into a well mobilized body for his defense. I am ingenuous of etymology to pronounce on the matter. It is worthy of consideration, by those interested in such things.

CORRECTIONS AND NOTES

BOOK II

Perhaps it would be better to say, on page 44, “quartier latin”, instead of “Latin Quarter”.

It must be noted that Jo Cummins Ketchins is the “Bride of the Book”. She married Laurens Elliott McAlpine, October 12, 1915.

Dr. James B. Mobley still persists that we are entitled to a large sum of money in the Bank of England.

We failed to give the names of two of Wm. Bratton Woodward Mobley’s children, John Glover and Emma Day. The last is with her sister in Brooklyn, and by still spelling the name Moberley we came near not having this man or fair woman in our history.

BOOK III

The correspondence of Dr. Isaiah Mobley and Prof. Lieber was destroyed when the fine home was burned in 1891. It would have thrown much light on the educational and political questions of those times.

Samuel W. Mobley, son of David and Catharine Dixon Mobley, mentioned at page 69, married Mary Key, and just after the civil war moved to Brazil, with two children, and there remained sixteen years, occupying their time with the coffee plant and the cocoa bean, which brought a nice income. Their children, Sam, Celia, Martha and Edward, were born there. They returned to the United States, purchased lands in Sumter county, this State. Samuel Mobley was a fine man, devoted to his family, and in personal appearance looked like the prototype of Edward Mobley Taliaferro, that appears in this volume. He has been dead about eight years. Walter Schofield, his son-in-law, is prominent in politics in Brazil. He has a large family of boys and one girl, Eleanor, who is married. Celia Mobley, who married Boykin, has eight children – the first four by her first

husband, Frank Jackson, the others by her second husband. Key's brothers, Martin and Edward, are dead. His brother, Sam, and Fanny Smith. We get this from cousin Lena, a descendant of Biggers Mobley, as her husband is a worthy descendant of Edward Mobley and Mary Mabry. Key and Lena's children are: Walter Key, Lena Mae, Clarence Wendell, Mary Lois and Malcolm Chalmers.

At page 72, Dan Hall, Jr's. wife should be given Fay "Swealey", of Wisconsin, "instead of "Sweetey". They now have a son, Ridgely Lee. There is an addition in Robert Evans Arnette's family-a boy, Berry Feaster.

On page 74, we should have said more about cousin Eliza Kittredge. Her son, Edward Mobley, has written that he had not gotten any communication about the book. We insert here his honorable life:

Edward Mobley Kittredge married Eliza Scarborough, of Palmetto, Ga., in 1864. He was wounded three weeks after he was married, at Resacca, Ga., during the civil war. The ball penetrated both legs and, as a result, he was without their use for two years.

There were born to Edward and Eliza Kittredge three children, all girls. They are: Minnie Lee, Mattie Mobley and Susan Emma.

Minnie Lee Kittredge married George Bugg, and has six children: Eddie H., George Parks, Mamie Clyde, Frank, Clarence and Mattie.

Mattie Mobley Kittredge married John B. Hudgins, and has five children: Thomas Scarborough, a Master Mason, LL.B. Atlanta Law School, and a young practitioner at Decatur, Ga.; Ruth, Harold, Mary Emma and Ruby.

The last child of Edward Mobley Kittredge is Susan Emma. She has never married. She takes the position that single wretchedness is better than double wretchedness.

BOOK IV

The family is connected with Emily Geiger in this way: All the descendants of Nathan Andrew Feaster by his wife, Maria Louisa Rawls; all the descendants of Capt. David R. Feaster by his wife, Victoria Rawls, are blood kin to this Heroine of the Revolution.

This family is connected with George Washington in this way: Capt. Christopher Newport, for whom Newport News is named, and who came to the assistance of the first English colony, married a daughter of Joseph Ball. She was a sister of George Washington's mother. Dr. V. P. Clayton and Albert Wilburn Clayton are direct descendants of Captain Newport and wife. Therefore Daisy Buntz and her children and Mary Victoria Clayton's children are consanguineous relations of the "Father of His Country".

Through an inadvertence, on page 82, Virgil Clayton, of Princeton, Ark., and Susan Amanda, a teacher, of Princeton, Ark., have not been placed as children of Capt. David Roe Feaster. We regret this very much. The children of that marriage, we repeat, are: Charles McCants, Virgil Clayton, Susan Amanda, Margaret Fry, wife of Dr. C. C. Cox; Roger Williams, locomotive engineer, and Hattie Josephine, a teacher in Princeton, Ark.

Dr. Reginald McCreary Rawls' second son is John Douglas Rawls.

There is a county in Arkansas named for Feaster Cameron.

On pages 78 and 79, these corrections: "Mary" should be added to Susan Cox's children, and "Zack" should be inserted wherever "Jack" appears.

James Dunn's children are: James, Jr., and Floride.

It should be added that Ella Cox md a Mathis, and that Lila Hancock md M. M. Griffiths – children, Joe, Ernest, Louise, Robert, Charles, Azile, of Cuthbert, Ga. Michael I. Atkins, Jr., md Annie Sanford. Clarence Allison Atkins md Lila

Fentress – children, Clarence A., Jr., and Lila Fentress.

“Sara” has all light about the name; and an “h” is but to add gloom.

Page 94, we should have said “helpmeet” instead of “handmaid”. Annie Pickett insists she is but a photo graphic artist.

Cousin Hattie Feaster says: Lizzie Simons md a Thiehoff and have children in Texas, and Cornelia md Washington Brumley.

Relatives out here have given, as one of Dave Feaster’s children, “Jacob” Polk – trusting to historical inference, we place it “James” Polk.

Page 105, the Sistine madonna is one by Raphael, in the Sistine Chapel. *Zapatero a tu Zapata.*

Brother Frier, of the Baptist Church, calls my attention to Luke, 9:49-55.

Feaster Cameron, son of Alex, md a Watson – children, Hattie, Gregg, Bruce and Edmund.

Otis Feaster md Sallie Mixon; Sallie md Bruce Zetroner.

Maidee McCrorey, page 108, married John Duncan Spencer, of Jackson, Tenn. I cannot now leave out about cousin Gregg Cameron using the word “damn”, but I will say this: He was a noble man, descended from Lord Cameron. As for his family, it had nothing whatever to do with the Camerons who settled in and about him. His family came direct from Ireland.. You will find them in Cromwell's Ironsides, and the old clans of Scotland.

Little John Mobley McCrorey, who, as manager of election at Woodward, voted all the women by their initials after the tombstones gave out, is still living, the oldest grandson of uncle John Mobley.

On page 132 at 16th line the name should be George Pearson Martin.

Blank pages are provided for all other notes and corrections.

OF MY GRANDMOTHER

Grandmother was a granddaughter of James Pickett, the Revolutionary soldier, mentioned in the archives of the Historical Commission, at Columbia, S. C. Her father was John B. Pickett. Her mother, Sarah Boulware. Before marriage to her mother, her father had married her mother's sister, Elizabeth. Her only brothers to live and marry were her half brothers, Micajah and Musco P. Pickett. Micajah has been treated at length, as he married into the Mobley connections. Musco P. is not connected with the Mobleys, but he was connected with the family through the Woodwards, Barbers and the Arnettes, marrying Jane Arnette Barber. He moved to Stewart county, Ga., in 1840, and raised two sons and two daughters. James Barber, John Micajah, Eugenia and Eliza. Their descendants are near where Musco P. Pickett settled. They are among the substantial people in that county. Uncle Musco was much loved by grandmother, and her descendants will be glad to know that he had courage and valor, and had honor done to him in his day in fights against the Indians in his adopted State, and in the councils of his country's early development, where he lived. Grandmother made one trip to Florida; by boat, from Charleston, to visit her sister, Kizannah, who married John Mobley Feaster, mentioned in these annals. How we used to crowd about her chair in the old home at Woodward, and how our eyes would grow large at her recital of the wonderful voyage on the sea. When the writer was born she had a daughter only nine months old, and when his mother died, she became in every way his mother as well as grandmother. There was never a task too infinite in pains that she did not undertake for us. Dear lovely mother, who would sit so quietly and hear of the greatness of Woodward and Mobley, and knew not that your people were as ancient and honorable as they – you would only adjure us to goodness and

truth, and though so beautiful, you'd ever say, "Pretty is as pretty does". While thoughts come of that storm tossed boat, another comes that her beloved spirit is now

"Where tempests never beat nor billows roar,
And her loved consort on this dangerous tide
Of life, long since has anchored by her side;
That thought that she is safe and he,
Is happiness and joy, come whatever may to me."

NOTE

All the descendants of Thomas M. Mobley by his wife, Harriet Coleman, ought to be in the book, but we can hear of but two with certainty, C. L. Mobley of Walton County, Ga., and his brother, D. H. Mobley of Social Circle, Ga.

GREATEST THING OF THE BOOK

No., 178	}	Issued the 10 th of May 1785, to Mr. Edward
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CONCLUSION

Scientists do not coldly observe that the plumage of birds may be made more gorgeous by mating, and that the size and beauty of flowers can be enhanced by care in the selection of the seedlings and proper cultivation. A deep affection runs along with their investigations, and the author will have failed of his greatest lesson if the relatives do not learn that while treasuring the past with reverential regard, they should love, guard and preserve the family from pollution and deterioration. They should love it enough to prevent vicious alliances, and esteem it sufficiently to preserve the children against illiteracy. In published articles on the Constitution of South Carolina, the writer said this: "Plant a garden, as some one has said, in strawberries and roses of the finest varieties, and leave them for a period of years. When you return, you will find only small wild berries, and the rose beautiful will have become the primitive dog rose of the hedges". There is something about this of the Divine – more than we confess to know, but why should it not be a work that God requires of you in the development of the human species? Should not the development, the blossoming and the fruition of human lives be as great a work for you under Divine guidance and Nature's laws, as the reproduction of animals and plants after their own kind? Verily, yes.

And now, kin people, while Tennyson's lines will ever remain a poetic truth,

"That it is better to have lived and loved,
Than never to have loved at all";

It does not follow that,

It is better to have lived and married,
Than never to have married at all.

How careful people are sometimes in the selection of the scions for their orchards, and the poultry about their homes; but when it comes to a daughter-in-law, anyone with elephantine proportions, and of the like stupidity will do, provide the lands and appurtenances correspond, in bulk. While as to the son-in-law, any old thing from a scare crow, with a figure like an oblate spheroid and a head like a cash box, down to a dude with the features of a monkey, will answer, so there's money! Mothers haven't improved much, since Ouida wrote "Moths". Lady Dolly talks yet to Vere: "You must learn to understand, my daughter, that life is not poetry and love; it is prose and good clothes. Truth compels me to point out that in the age we live in, a great position means vast power and ability to do good, and that is a thing not to be slighted. Sergious Zouroff adores you. He can give you anything. Opposition on your part is foolishness. Marry him, child! He has thousands!" And neither have fathers improved since Walter Scott wrote "The Bride of Lammermoor", and fixed the limit of tragedy in disappointed love. Select, oh, father, as your daughter-in-law, a girl who can see "the highway of eternal right, through all the winding paths – one pure as light and stainless as a star". And, dear mother, whom should you have to call you "mother", though you gave not birth to his being? Choose, oh Mother, a MAN. Even if his family is obscure and he doesn't know who his grandfather was, take him in preference to one of effete blood, though he have a titled name and be a veritable Money-Bag. Health above all things; cleanliness of thought, next, and one of at least average brain – choose a MAN.

Finally, the writer has not written to please critics, nor for popular opinion, but he has brought himself before the court of his own conscience, which gives judgement: "You have done the best you could. Angels can do no more".

— WILLIAM WOODWARD DIXON
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