

Winnsboro, S.C.  
Jan. 22, 1980

Mrs. Lucile N. Morris  
3506 Hillstone Court N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga.

RE: Nelson Family

Dear Mrs. Morris:

Sorry I am late in getting anything to you about the above family. -- So am listing a little that I have found.

From Greenbrier Cemetery - (Fairfield Co.)

1. Mary Ellen Nelson- Oct. 24, 1839 - May 9, 1911
2. Erected to Memory of Thomas and Margaret Nelson and their children  
James - William T. - Thomas W (Woodward)  
Mary C. - Margaret E. - Eliza C. Isabelle
3. William R. Nelson 1873-1924  
Eliza Nelson Parks July 7, 1875 - June 17, 1953
4. Thomas Woodward Ruff - (Headstone Ruff)  
Aug. 21, 1859 - Nov. 17, 1935 (on marker)  
Isabelle Swygert Ruff (On marker)  
Dec. 11, 1863 - Dec. 25, 1950

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State of South Carolina  
County of Fairfield  
Dec. 30, 1898

"Personally appeared before me, W. C. Smith a magistrate in and for the fore said County and State, Miss Eliza C. Nelson, who being duly sworn - says: I am now about eighty-two years of age and am a direct descendant of James Nelson who was my grandfather and he married a Miss Woodward, a daughter of Thomas Woodward and their son, Thomas Newlson was my father. My grandmother who was Miss Woodward before she married my grandfather, James Nelson, made a flax or linen handkerchief when she was a young girl before the Revolutionary Ward and that handkerchief has been handed down from generation to generation until now I am the owner of it. My grandmother spun the flax and wove the fabric out of which the handkerchief was made. We estimate this handkerchief to be about one hundred and sixty years old and it is now in family good state of preservation, the most damage it shows was caused by being buried for a week in the ground without any thing around it. It was buried because of the approaching of Herman's army through this county. It is blue and white plaid and measures thirty inches square. This handkerchief passed through the Revolutionary War and through the Civil war and has always been taken the greatest care of