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BACKGROUND

of

CRAIG – KENNEDY CEMETERY

The Craig Cemetery is thought to be the original homestead of Alexander Kennedy.

On July 2, 1769, Alexander Kennedy was granted one hundred acres in Craven County on a Branch of Cedar Creek. The land was probably near the present town of Ridgeway, South Carolina and in the County of Fairfield. At the time, Alexander Kennedy was about 26 years of age, having been born in County Antrim, Ireland on December 6, 1743.

At around the age of 31, Alexander Kennedy married Agnes Fears, age 20, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Agnes Fears was the sister of Nancy Jane Fears who married Alexander Rosborough.

During the American Revolution, Alexander Kennedy, age 39, served for 86 days in the South Carolina Militia during 1781 and 1782. He was a private stationed at the Congarees. He also made saddles for the horsemen in the South Carolina Militia. Alexander served as a Private under Colonel Thomas Taylor, Captain James Craig, Captain John Miles, and Captain William Robertson. Alexander Kennedy received a payment for his service in the Militia on January 21, 1790 totaling 1,200 pounds, 15 shillings, and 5 pence.

Alexander Kennedy and Agnes Fears Kennedy had ten children.

Mary Kennedy (October 22, 1783 – April 4, 1853), daughter of Alexander Kennedy, married Robert Washington Craig (November 16, 1786 – August 1, 1836), on December 22, 1808. Robert Washington Craig was the second son of Captain James and Jenny Bell Craig.

Mary Kennedy and Robert Washington Craig lived on Mill Creek in Fairfield County where he farmed until the death of her mother, Agnes Fears Kennedy, in 1824. Upon the death of her mother, Mary Kennedy and her husband went to live with her father, Alexander Kennedy on Cedar Creek. Two years later, in 1826, Alexander Kennedy died.

At the death of her father, Alexander Kennedy, Mary Kennedy Craig and her husband, Robert W. Craig, came into possession of the Kennedy homestead.

Mary Kennedy Craig and her husband, Robert W. Craig, continued to live at the Kennedy homestead and farm the land until the day of his death, August 1, 1836.

After the death of Robert W. Craig, the division of the Kennedy homestead fell to his widow, Mary Kennedy Craig, and their son, Arthur Kennedy Craig, who later bought out his mother's interest of the homestead.

Mary Kennedy Craig's son, Arthur Kennedy Craig, was married to Margaret Emeline Rosborough who was the daughter of Alexander and Cynthia Neil Rosborough. He was one of the first elders of Aimwell Presbyterian Church in Ridgeway, South Carolina.

Mary Kennedy Craig continued to live at the homestead with her son, Arthur Kennedy Craig, and his family, until the death of her son in law, Alexander George Kennedy in December, 1852.

After the death of her son in law, Alexander George Kennedy in December, 1852, Mary Kennedy Craig, went to live with her widowed daughter, Mary Ellen Craig Kennedy.

Mary Kennedy Craig lived with her daughter, Mary Ellen Craig Kennedy, until the time of her death, April 4, 1853.

Arthur Kennedy Craig and his wife, Margaret Emeline Rosborough Craig, continued to live at the Kennedy homestead until January, 1854, when they moved to Ridgeway, South Carolina. At that time, Arthur Kennedy Craig was made agent of the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad which at that time had not been completed even as far as Charlotte.

In 1875, Arthur Kennedy Craig moved to Blackstock, South Carolina, where he lived until his death, December 3, 1879.

Both Arthur Kennedy Craig and his wife, Margaret Emeline Rosborough Craig are buried in the Craig - Kennedy Cemetery.

LOCATION

of

CRAIG – KENNEDY CEMETERY

The Craig-Kennedy Cemetery is located in Fairfield County, South Carolina, southeast of Winnsboro, South Carolina.

From the intersection of US321 and SC34 in Winnsboro, South Carolina, take SC34 East toward Ridgeway, South Carolina for approximately 5.4 miles. Turn right onto Cook Road. Proceed approximately 1.8 miles to the end of Cook Road. At the end of Cook Road, turn left onto Peach Road and proceed for approximately 0.4 mile to Mt. Hope Road (unpaved road) on the left. Turn left onto Mt. Hope Road and proceed for approximately 0.1 mile. The Craig – Kennedy Cemetery is located to the left in a wooded area approximately 75 – 100 yards from the road. It is not visible from the Mt. Hope Road.

CRAIG - KENNEDY

CEMETERY

The Craig Cemetery contains nineteen (19) tombstones. Of the nineteen (19) tombstones, fifteen (15) are Kennedy's and four (4) are Craig's.

Alexander Kennedy, Senior.

Born: December 6, 1743 in County Antrim, Ireland.

Died: February 11, 1826 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Agnes Fears Kennedy (Wife of Alexander Kennedy, Senior).

Born: February 14, 1754 in County Antrim, Ireland.

Died: June 7, 1824, age 70, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

James Kennedy (Son of Alexander and Agnes Fears Kennedy).

Born: August 25, 1775 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Died: March 25, 1831 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

[James Kennedy was married to Jennet Rosborough (April 30, 1797–September 16, 1871), daughter of John and Ann Cubit Rosborough, and granddaughter of Alexander and Nancy Jane Fears Rosborough].

Nancy A. Kennedy (Daughter of James and Jennet Rosborough Kennedy).
Born: February 11, 1825 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: October 13, 1826 (Age of 1 year, 8 months, 7 days).

William Rosborough Kennedy (Son of James and Jennet Rosborough Kennedy).
Born: April 22, 1829 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: December 29, 1851 (Age of 22 years, 8 months, 7 days).

Martha Ann Jane Kennedy (Daughter of James and Jennet Rosborough Kennedy).
Born: 1830 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: September 5, 1840 (Age of 10 years).

John Kennedy (Son of Alexander and Agnes Fears Kennedy).
Born: July 13, 1779 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: August 21, 1840 (Age of 61 years, 8 months, and 7 days) in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Martha "Patsy" Craig Kennedy (1st Wife of John Kennedy and daughter of Captain James
and Jenny Bell Craig).
Born: September 17, 1791 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: January 31, 1827 (Age of 35 years, 4 months, and 14 days).

James Craig Kennedy (Son of John Kennedy and his 1st wife, Martha "Patsy" Craig Kennedy).
Born: December 6, 1820 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: August 18, 1840 (Age of 19 years, 8 months, and 12 days).

Alexander B. Kennedy (Son of John Kennedy and his 1st wife, Martha "Patsy" Craig Kennedy).
Born: February 21, 1823 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: August 28, 1840 (Age of 17 years, 8 months, and 7 days).

Eliza A. Kennedy (Daughter of John Kennedy and his 2nd wife, Jane E. ___ Kennedy).
Born: October 13, 1829 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: October 1, 1846 (Age of 16, 11 months, and 17 days).

Thomas W. Kennedy (Son of John Kennedy and his 2nd wife, Jane E. ___ Kennedy).
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Born: June 1, 1810 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
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Arthur Kennedy Craig (Son of Mary Kennedy and Robert Washington Craig).
Born: April 14, 1816 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: December 3, 1879 (Age of 63 years, 7 months, and 19 days).

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Born: December 22, 1827 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
Died: March 18, 1854 (Age of 27 years, 2 months, and 25 days of typhoid fever).

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Born: January 29, 1788 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
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Samuel W. Kennedy (Son of Alexander Kennedy and Agnes Fears Kennedy).

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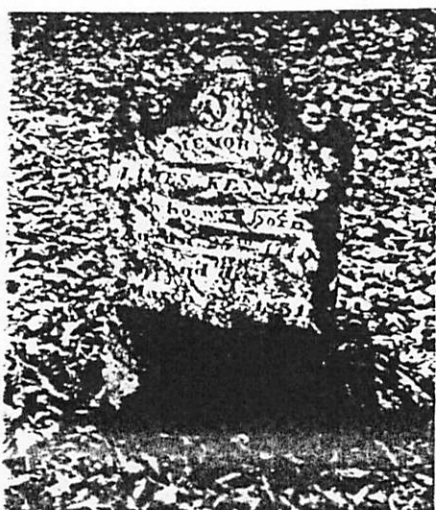
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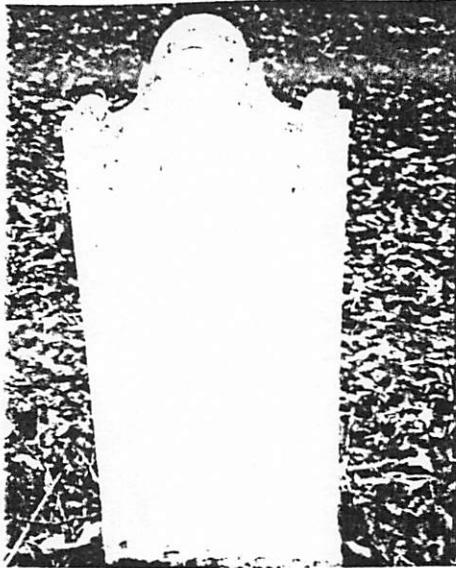
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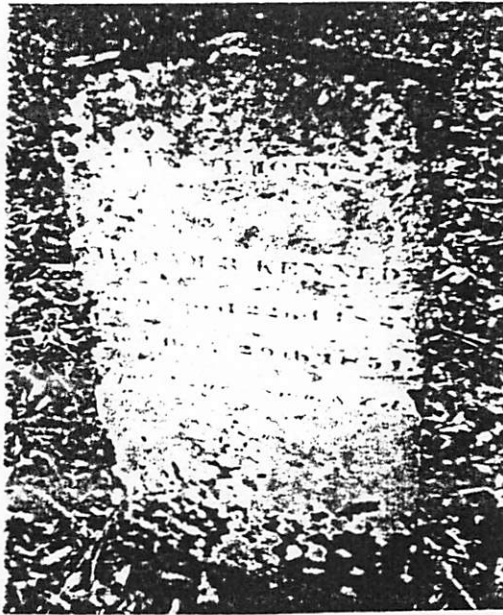
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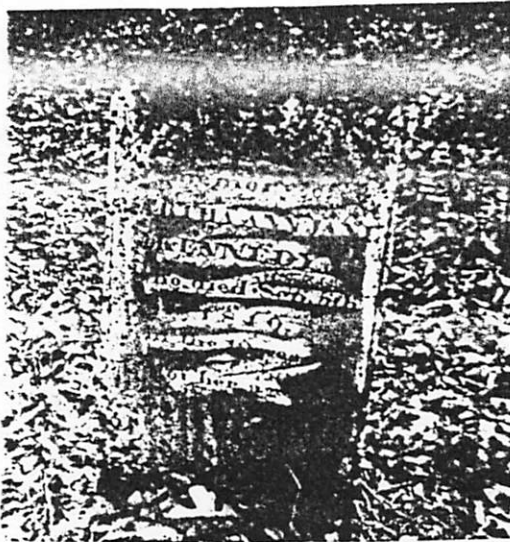
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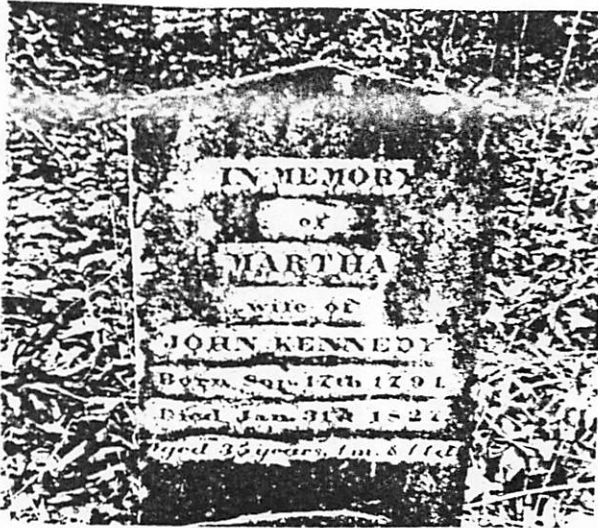
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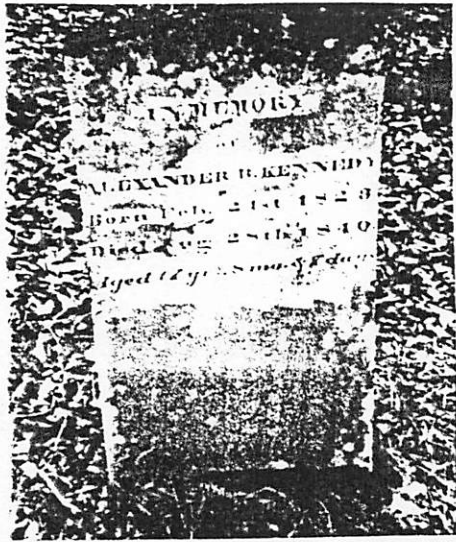
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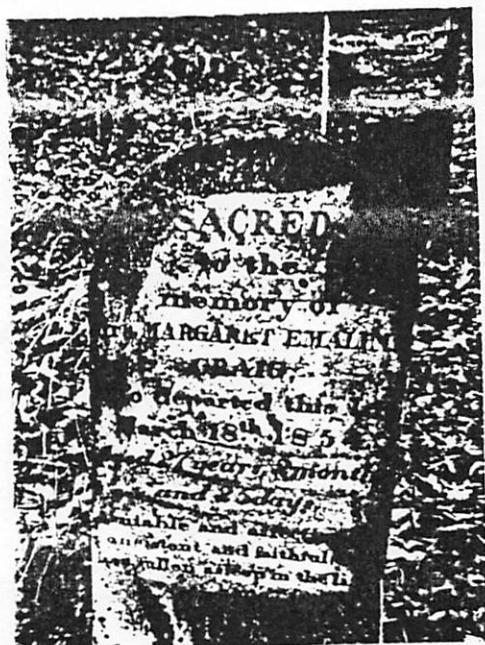
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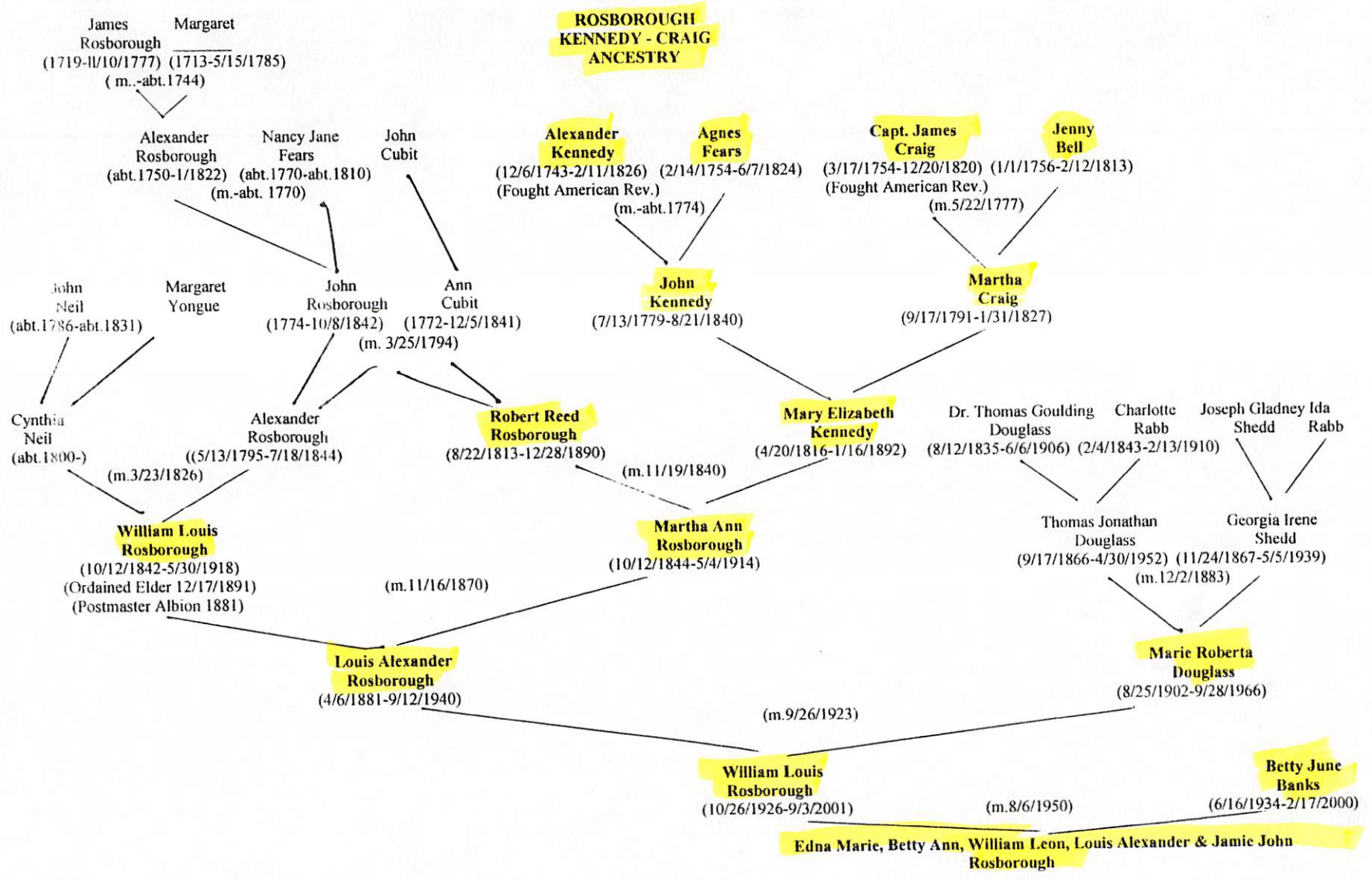


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On the end of Mount Hope Road right ~~by~~ past the interstate (77) towards Ridgeway. Mount Hope road is a dirt road. The cemetery is at the end of the road. If you see a loading dock where the field has been cut - where the stand of trees is, that's where the cemetery is located.

David Brown told Marie Rosborough where to find this cemetery

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