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I am copying this to Fritz Hamer (SC State Museum), Rodger Stroup, and Sheriff Herman Young. Interestingly, Herman told me that he remembered German POWs working on the roads around western Fairfield and that the prisoners brought empty bottles to his grandfather Solomon Young's mineral spring located (and still housed) at the foot of the hill where he presently lives on the ancestral land. They were convinced of the health qualities of such water and enjoyed this special privilege afforded them by their wardens. Herman says that there are others who regularly come from across the south to partake of the healing qualities. Notably, Gen. N. Greene, in early July of 1781, after the siege of Ninety Six, gave his army two days' rest "at the Big Spring on Rocky Creek, in the present District of Fairfield (W. P. Johnson, in his **Sketches of the Life and Correspondences of Nathaniel Greene**). This is the same spring that Herman's grandfather so carefully preserved by building a cement spring house over it, and it is just beside the paved Old Blair Road .