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*First Sunday 3:00 P. M.
Richburg Town Hall
Richburg, S. C.

*No Meeting June, July, August

It is time again for another of our area meetings which we hold in the fall and spring. To these two meetings the public is invited, a noted speaker is engaged, a full display of all our published materials is laid out for those attending to review, and light refreshments are served during the fellowship hour.

Our speaker for this occasion will be Professor James W. Gettys, Jr. of Erskine College who until recently has been head of the History Dept. at Erskine but has now been placed in charge of the office of Admissions at Erskine. He was reared in Catawba, is related to the Pressleys and Gettys of this area and is well known throughout the A.R.P. Synod. His topic will be on the contribution South Carolina made to the Mexican War and the company of volunteers from our area and their experiences in this War. Prof. Gettys' dissertation will be of great interest to those attending since we have not had anyone speak to us on this topic and because he plans to include the names of those from this area who participated and tell of some of their experiences. For those who, because of distance, cannot attend we will ask Mr. Gettys for a list of those from this list who volunteered and will include them in our December Bulletin.

This special October meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2nd from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Union A.R.P. Church in Richburg. Please make a note of the place and time as there will be no further notice mailed to members. Come and enjoy the fellowship and hear Prof. Gettys' address and invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to come with you.

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- 1984 Membership-Surname Book -

In our next Bulletin (December) we will enclose a form for members to list their up to eight surnames they wish to have listed, along with their name, in the 1984 membership-surname book which will go to press in early June '84 and mailed to subscribers in July. It will help us greatly if members will use this form to send us their surnames and since it will be in your December Bulletin at which time 1984 dues will be announced as due, the renewal and surname list could be mailed together.

Dues for the calendar year 1984 will remain the same as for this year (\$8.00) and the '84 surname book the same (\$3.00). Every member, as of June 1, will be listed in the membership-surname book along with the up to 8 surnames, if submitted, at no cost. Only those who wish to receive a copy of this book in July should include \$3.00 extra along with their \$8.00 renewal membership check.

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- Acknowledgements -

We wish to thank the following for their contributions to our library:

1 - Ms. Irene Hulsey Murdick, 312 W. College St., Farmington, Mo. 63640 for a copy of Lutheran Cemetery Records of St. Francois County, Mo.

2 - Ms. Gwen Bradford Sealy, 833 River Rd., Shreveport, La. 71105 for "Lest We Forget - A Record of Tombstone Inscriptions of Red River Parrish, La. and Vicinity". This book of 220 pages contains app. 10,000 names in the index and about 6800 marked graves recorded. If a copy is desired, it can be obtained from Ms. Sealy for \$20 plus \$1.50 postage.

3 - Mr. Reid W. Stewart, 1215 Scenic Drive, Latrobe, Pa. 15650 for a copy of a map of the locations of Covenantor churches, cemeteries, and ministers in the Fairfield County area.

4 - Mr. Rich McDonald, 4809 Windsor Rd. B-14, Champaign, Ill. 61820 for a name index of the obituaries in the Reformed Presbyterian and Covenantor Magazines and his article on the "Reformed Presbyterian Church and its members in S. C. 1742-1847".

SOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
IN THE WINTHROP COLLEGE ARCHIVES

By Ron Chepesiuk, Winthrop Archivist

For the Chester County Genealogical Society Bulletin

Beginning in 1975 the Winthrop College Archives began a program to collect records relating to South Carolina history. The Archive's program has been directed towards preserving material pertaining to the Catawba Region, which, for the archives' purposes, includes York, Lancaster, Chester, and Union counties. During the past eight years, the Archives collection has grown steadily until it now totals over 500 collections. These collections contain the records of families, businesses, organizations, prominent and not so prominent individuals. Collections which contain information on Chester County include the Arthur Cornwall Papers, the Jean C. Agee Collection, the Nunnery family papers, and the Eliza Ragsdale Wylie Papers.

Many of these collections contain valuable genealogical information, such as ancestral charts, notes, family histories, letters, wills, land grants, indentures, biographical data and diaries. Much of this material is unique and cannot be found in published sources. Although, the amount of material varies from collection to collection, all of the collections can help different people interested in researching his or her family background and lineage.

The Winthrop Archives encourages researchers to use its collections. To publicize its holdings, the Archives has periodically issued family surname lists. As a result, the Archives has received genealogical inquiries from all over the country and as far away as Europe.

Genealogists inquiring about a particular family surname can write the Archives. The address is Archives, 5 Dacus Library, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C. 29733. The Archives is not equipped to do research for genealogists, but will spend a reasonable amount of time to inform the inquirer what genealogical information the archives has. When mailing an inquiry to the Archives, be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Genealogists are welcome to visit the Archives in person. The hours of the Archives are 8:30 to 5:00, Monday thru Friday, except for state holidays. It is always best to write ahead to the Archives so that the staff can pull material for the researcher and thus save him time.

Almost all of the collections have no restrictions and thus can be photocopied. The Archives will consider requests for limited reproduction of material when such duplication can be done without injury to the material. The cost of photocopying via the mail is .25 per copy page and .50 postage and handling per request. When a genealogist visits the Archives in person the photocopying cost is .10 per copy page.

The Winthrop Archives welcomes the deposit of records to help augment its holdings. All deposited material is stored in acid-free boxes and folders under conditions designed to insure the long term preservation of the material. Each received collection is organized and described, and the depositor is given a copy of the guide to his collection.

In addition to family papers, the archives also purchases books on various family histories and microfilm copies of collections in other repositories that are of interest to genealogists. The second category includes such items as the WPA Inventory of Church Records for South Carolina, the WPA Index to Tombstone Inscriptions of South

Carolina and the Sandborn Fire Insurance Map Collection for Kershaw, York, Chester, and Union counties.

A master surname index to the genealogical holdings of the Winthrop Archives is available for \$2.00.

Previously, a list of family surnames appeared in the March, 1980 issue of the Bulletin entitled Chester County Genealogical Society. The following is a list of family surnames not appearing in that issue for which the Archives has genealogical material. A (-) indicates a family's relationship to another family. A (,) indicates two or more spellings of the same name.

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>ACCESSION NUMBER</u>
Adair-Nixon	Elizabeth Finley Moore	327
Adams	Arthur Cornwall	289
Addison	Rosa B. Guess	373
Agnew	Arthur Cornwall	289
Aid	Miller Family	204
Aiken	E. R. Wylie	307
Albright	Arthur Cornwall	289
Alexander	Mary Wells Stevenson Shillinglaw	387
Allison	Colonel William Barry Allison	473
Anderson	Arthur Cornwall	289
Anderson	E. R. Wylie	307
Armstead-Harrison	E. R. Wylie	307
Atkinson-Kersh-Martin-Moore	E. E. Wylie	307
Bailes	Bailes Family	366
Bailey	Grace Beachman Freeman	78
Ball Wilkie	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Banks	Arthur Cornwall	289
Barker	Temple Family	330
Barker	E. R. Wylie	307
Barnetts	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Bassett	Bratton-Nishet Papers	397
Beachman	Grace Beachman Freeman	78
Beard, Baird	Fay Johnston Kerr	455
Beckham	Arthur Cornwall	289
Beckham	Nunnery Family	342
Beckham	E. R. Wylie	307
Beekman-De LaNoy	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Bell	Miller Family	204
Bell	Nunnery Family	342
Bennett	Arthur Cornwall	289
Bennett	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Bernard	Bratton Family	144
Beuel	Sherer Family	311
Bigger	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Bissett	Jaeger Family	211
Black	W. Joseph Miller	41
Black	Sherer Family	311
Blair	Arthur Cornwall	289
Blake	E. R. Wylie	307
Bonney	Arthur Cornwall	289
Boone	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Boothe	Nunnery Family	342
Bowden	Arthur Cornwall	289
Boyd	Boyd, Broyles, Laffitte	376
Boyd	Nunnery Family	342
Boyd	E. R. Wylie	307

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>ACCESSION NUMBER</u>
Bratton	Bratton-Nishet Papers	397
Bratton	Sherer Family	311
Brennan	Arthur Cornwall	289
Brevard	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Broadus	E. R. Wylie	307
Broughton	Fewell-Caldwell-Carothers	254
Brown	Arthur Cornwall	289
Brown	E. R. Wylie	307
Broyles	Boyd, Broyles, Laffitte	376
Bryan	Sherer Family	311
Buford	E. R. Wylie	307
Burdette	Arthur Cornwall	289
Burns	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Calhoun	Dora Dee Walker	104
Campbell	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Campbell	E. R. Wylie	307
Carnes	Carnes Family	424
Carroll	Joseph Carroll Smith Family	499
Carson	Walter Caswell Sullivan	201
Carter	Arthur Cornwall	289
Castles	Arthur Cornwall	289
Cauthen	Walter Caswell Sullivan	201
Caveny	Sherer Family	311
Chalk	Arthur Cornwall	289
Cherry	Nunnery Family	342
Christmas	Christmas Genealogy	380
Clark	James Clark	422
Clark	Arthur Cornwall	289
Clarkson	E. R. Wylie	307
Clawson	Freidheim Family	159
Clay	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Cockrell	Arthur Cornwall	289
Cockrell	E. R. Wylie	307
Cockrell-Harrison	E. R. Wylie	307
Coleman	Arthur Cornwall	289
Coleman	E. R. Wylie	307
Coltharp	Coltharp Family	365
Cousar	E. R. Wylie	307
Creech	Walter Caswell Sullivan	201
Crockett	Crockett Family	362
Crosby	Arthur Cornwall	289
Culp	Nunnery Family	404
Culp	Nunnery Family	342
Culp	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Culp	E. R. Wylie	307
Dargan-Harrison	E. R. Wylie	307
Dargan-Harrison-Pope-Strother	E. R. Wylie	307
Dargan-Shaffer-Strother	E. R. Wylie	307
Davis	Arthur Cornwall	289
De LaNoy-Beekman	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Dickerson	Arthur Cornwall	289
Dixon	Arthur Cornwall	289
Donkin	Miller Family	204
Douglas	E. R. Wylie	307
Dunlap	Rosa B. Guess	373
Dyches	Arthur Cornwall	289
Dyer	Arthur Cornwall	289
Eaton	Miller Family	204

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>ACCESSION NUMBER</u>
Ederington	Arthur Cornwall	289
Edwards	Nunnery Family	342
Egger	Arthur Cornwall	289
Elam	Arthur Cornwall	289
Elliott	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Erwin	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Estes-Estis	Arthur Cornwall	289
Evans	Ellen Evans Cathcart	238
Evans	E. R. Wylie	307
Falls	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Faris, Faries, Farres, Fares, Ferris, Fearis	Fay Johnston Kerr	455
Feaster	Arthur Cornwall	289
Feaster	E. R. Wylie	307
Fee	Nunnery Family	342
Fennel	E. R. Wylie	307
Ferguson	Nunnery Family	342
Ferguson	Sherer Family	311
Ferguson	E. R. Wylie	307
Fewell-Reynolds-Wall	E. R. Wylie	307
Fleming	M. W. S. Shillinglaw	387
Ford	E. R. Wylie	307
Freeman	Grace Beachman Freeman	78
Freidheim	Freidheim Genealogy	457
Gaffney	Michael Gaffney	132
Gaither	E. R. Wylie	307
Gale	Mungo Family	189
Garrett	Walter Caswell Sullivan	201
Garrison	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Gaston	Arthur Cornwall	289
Caston	Janie Rice	37
Gaston	E. R. Wylie	307
Geer	J. R. Hart	185
Gill	Rosa B. Guess	373
Gilliam	E. R. Wylie	307
Gist	Elizabeth Finley Moore	327
Glenn	Arthur Cornwall	289
Goode	Arthur Cornwall	289
Grafton	E. R. Wylie	307
Green	Michael Gaffney	132
Green	Sanidfer-Moore	364
Gregorie	Sherer Family	311
Grier	J. R. Hart	185
Griffin-Griffith	Arthur Cornwall	289
Grigsby	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Gutherie	Arthur Cornwall	289
Gutherie	Nunnery Family	342
Hall	Mungo Family	189
Hallett	Miller Family	204
Hand-Han	Fay Johnston Kerr	455
Hardin	Arthur Cornwall	289
Hardin	E. R. Wylie	307
Harris	Bailes Family	366
Harris	Thomas D. Spratt	50
Harrison	Arthur Cornwall	289
Harrison-Armstead	E. R. Wylie	307
Harrison-Cockrell	E. R. Wylie	307
Harrison-Dargan	E. R. Wylie	307

(To be continued in next Bulletin)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR MUSTER ROLLS

A₁ Return of Capt Hugh Whiteside's Company of the Upper Battalion of Col. (Richard) Richardson's Regiment was marched the 7th Inst. (December 1778) under the command of Maj^r. Joseph Brown and now in camp near Monks (sic) Corner.

Officers and Men's Names	Arms		Ammunition	(Remarks)
	Gun &	Shot Bag		
Capt Hugh Whiteside			None	
Lieut John McCaw	"	"	"	
Sergt Rob ^t Gill	"	"	"	
Sergt Sam ^l Walker	"	"	"	
(Pri) John Mills	"	"	"	
" John Latta	"	"	"	
" John Wyley	"	"	"	
" Ja ^s . McGau(g)hey	"	"	"	
" Sam ^l Neely	"	"	"	
" Joseph Steel	"	"	"	
" Ja ^s . Cooper	"	"	"	
" W ^m Elliott	"	"	"	
" W ^m McCance	"	"	"	
" George Kelso	"	"	"	
" Ja ^s . Bishop	"	"	"	
" Nicholas Bishop	"	"	"	
" Elijah Davis	"	"	"	
" Edward Patton	"	"	"	
" John Henry	"	"	"	
" Tho ^s . Gill	"	"	"	
" Joseph Walker	"	"	"	
" Tho ^s . Walker	"	"	"	
" Hugh Gaston	"	"	"	Decm ^r . ye 21 st 1778
" W ^m Morrow	"	"	"	
" Rob ^t McCleary	"	"	"	
" Sam ^l Hughston (Houston)	"	"	"	

(NOTE. This roll is in the handwriting of Capt Hugh Whiteside.)

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A Return of Capt (Andrew) Hemphill's Company of ye Upper Battalion of Colonel Richardson's Regiment who marched from Home 7th Inst. 1778, under the command of Major Joseph Brown, and now in Camp near Monks Corner. December 21st 1778

Officers & Men's Names	Arms		Ammunition	(Remarks)
	Gun &	Shot Bag		
Capt Andrew Hemphill			None	
Lieut Samuel Adams	"	"	"	
Serg ^t George Morris	"	"	"	
Serg ^t Will ^m Brown	"	"	"	
Privates				
Rob ^t Adams	"	"	"	
Jn ^o Bailey	"	"	"	
Jn ^o Corder	"	"	"	
Will ^m Fairy	"	"	"	
Tho ^s . Morton	"	"	"	
Josiah Hughes	"	"	"	
Buckner Haywood	"	"	"	
Samuel Slown	"	"	"	
Rob ^t Kelsey	"	"	"	
Peter Wylly	"	"	"	
Arthur Rodgers	"	"	"	
Banj ⁿ . Harris	"	"	"	
Francis King	"	"	"	
Ja ^s . Cooper	"	"	"	
Rob ^t Archer	"	"	"	

(Hemphill's Company)

Will. ^m Stroud	"	"
Hampton Stroud	"	"
Tho. ^s Stroud	"	"
Jn. ^o Adams	"	"
Will. ^m Turnbough	"	"
Hugh McDonald	"	"
Jn. ^o McCullum	"	"
Jn. ^o Cooper	"	"
Jn. ^o Adair	"	"
Jn. ^o McDill	"	"
Jn. ^o Boyce	"	"
Andrew Stephenson	"	"
Charles Hemphill	"	"
Rob. ^t Hemphill	"	"
David Nichols	"	"
Ja. ^s Wilson	"	"
Will. ^m Morris	"	"
Will. ^m Dunn	"	"
Benj. ⁿ Adair	"	"
David Caril (Carroll)	"	"
Elisha Dye	"	"
George Skelton	"	"
Will. ^m Adair	"	"

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A True State of Captain (James) Knox's Company now in Camp at Monks Corner belonging to Col. Richardson's Upper Battalion who marched December 7th 1778. Taken Dec. 21st 1778

Officers and Men's Names	Arms	Ammunition	(Remarks)
Cap. ^t Ja. ^s Knox	Gun	None	
Lieu. ^t Rich. Gladney	"	"	
Lieu. ^t John Knox	"	"	
Serg. ^t Ja. ^s McCammon	"	"	
(Privates)			
John Harvey	"	"	
Hugh Sutton	"	"	
Rob. ^t Morrison	"	"	
Thomas Smith	"	"	
William Porter	"	"	
David Porter	"	"	
William Hamilton	"	"	
Joseph Burcham	"	"	
Joseph McCammon	"	"	
----ten McCammon	"	"	
----- Morton	"	"	
Daniel Sample	"	"	
Henry Bishop	"	"	
Rob. ^t Knox	"	"	
Samuel Hamilton	"	"	
----- Granger	"	"	
----- Davis	"	"	
Edward Croft	"	"	
----- ---ltlany	"	"	
----- Montgomery	"	"	
W. ^m Cal(d)well	"	"	
Jn. ^o McCollom	"	"	
Jn. ^o Willson	"	"	
Dayid Morrow	"	"	
Jn. ^o Sarvis	"	"	

(Knox's Company)

Ja ^s Miller	"	"
Jn. ^o Elliott	"	"
Joshua Ginn	"	"
Nathan Osten	"	"
Daniel Cochran	"	"
Tho. ^s Richardson	"	"
William Kennedy	"	"
Ja. ^s Steel	"	"
George Rogers	"	"
Samuel Geaty	"	"

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A Return of Cp.^t William Gaston's Company of the Upper Battalion of Col.^o Richardson's Regiment who marched the 7th Instant under the command of Major Joseph Brown and now in Camp near Monks Corner, Decemb.^r 1778.

Officers & Men's Names	Arms	Ammunition (Remarks)
Cap ^t William Gaston	Gun & Shot Bag	None
Leu. ^t John Walker	"	"
Serg ^t David Gaston	"	"
Serg. ^t William Henderson	"	"
Privates		
James Crawford	"	"
W. ^m Faris	"	"
Brice Blair	"	"
Jacob Culp	"	"
Ge. ^o Beasley	"	"
W. ^m Wood	"	"
Jeremiah Smith	"	"
John White	"	"
John Canmore (Kenmoure)	"	"
John Gore	"	"
Joseph Shell	"	"
John Long	"	"
Joseph Booth	"	"
Robert Kilpatrick (Kirkpatrick)	"	"
James Dougharty	"	"
Alexander Walker	"	"
John McCluer	"	"
Hugh McCluer	"	"
Alexander Grant	"	"
James Reed	"	"
Oliver Lockard	"	"
Nat(h)an Brice	"	"
Joseph McCool	"	"
John Nichols Bell	"	"
Ebenezer Gaston	"	"

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A General Return of Lieu.^t Col.^l (John) Winn's Battalion of Militia on Service under the command of Major (Joseph) Brown & commanded by Col.^l R(ichard) Richardson.

Major Joseph Brown
 Capt James Knox
 Capt (Robert) Ellison
 Capt (Hugh) Whiteside
 Capt (Thomas) Addison
 Capt (Alexander) Turner
 Capt (Andrew) Hemphill

Capt (Joseph) Feemster
 Capt (John) Land
 Capt (Anderson) Thomas
 Capt (William) Gaston

Camp near Moncks Corner, 21 Dec^r 1778
 /s/ JO: BROWN Maj^r

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A Return of Cap^t Alexander Turner's Company of Militia Belonging to the Upper Battalion of Colonel Richardson's Regiment who marched the 7th Inst. under the command of Major Joseph Brown Esq^r now in camps near Monks Corner. Dec^r 21. 1778.

Officers and Privates	Guns	Ammunition	(Remarks)
Alexander Turner, Capt	Gun	None	
John Dick, Serj ^t .	"	"	
Privates			
Will ^m Rottenberry	"	"	
James Willson	"	"	
John McClurkam	"	"	
John Madill	"	"	
Alex ^r Chesnut	"	"	
Andrew Grimbs (Graham)	"	"	
Henry Castles	"	"	
Henry McClelland	"	"	
Thomas McClurken	"	"	
Henry McDonald	"	"	

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A Return of Capt Anderson Thomas's Company of the Upper Battalion of Col^l Richardson's Regiment who marched from home the 7th Instant Dec^r 1778, under the command of Maj^r Joseph Brown and now in Camp near Monks Corner. Dec^r 21st 1778

Officers & Men's Names	Arms	Ammunition	(Remarks)
Capt Anderson Thomas	None	None	
Lieut ^t John Pratt	Gun & Shot Bag	"	
Serj ^t James Huey	"	"	
Serj ^t John Stow	"	"	
Serj ^t John Wade	"	"	
(Privates)			
Drury Graham	"	"	
James Roden	"	"	
Aaron Rice	"	"	
Jeremiah Frick	"	"	
George Carter	"	"	
John Gore	"	"	
William Young	"	"	
Jeremiah Thomas	"	"	
Daniel Price	"	"	
Richard Allen	"	"	
James Pratt	"	"	
John Roden	"	"	
John Nunn	"	"	
Nathan Coffee	"	"	
Wilson Henderson	"	"	
Eleazer Gore	"	"	
William Nance	"	"	
John Cobb	"	"	
James Fletchall	"	"	
John Stern	"	"	
Robert Moore	"	"	
John Jaggers	"	"	

(Thomas' Company)

George Nive	"	"
Solomon Roe	"	"
Nathan Evans	"	"
James Chappel	"	"
Solathiel Coffee	"	"
John Davis	"	"
Austin Moutray (Moultrie)	"	"
Christopher Winser	"	"
Andrew Cameron	"	"
William Hitchcock	"	"
Jacob Dove	"	"

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Very few muster rolls of troops serving in South Carolina militia organizations during the American Revolution are known to exist. Either they were not regularly prepared, or they have not survived. These rolls were found by Elmer Oris Parker among the Papers of General Andrew Williamson (c.1730-1786) in the South Caroliniana Library, Columbia. Permission to print these transcripts of them has been kindly granted to the Society by the Library for which we are grateful.

Mr. Parker is known to our readers for the numerous maps of early land surveys in Chester County that he has prepared for the Bulletin during the last four years.



ELMER ORIS PARKER

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DR. S. S. PORTER LETTER

The following is the autobiography of Dr. Samuel Shaw Porter written at Williamsport, Tenn., 7 Oct. 1859, for the benefit of his daughter by his first marriage, Flora, Mrs. A. H. Nicks, who soon after moved to Missouri.

Dear Daughter,

Being about to part with strong probabilities that we shall never see each other again, I think that associated with my daguerreotype likeness, it may be interesting to you and to your children, to have a short summary sketch of what little I know of my ancestry and yours, together with a brief sketch of my own life.

My father, David Porter, was brought up in Ireland, in the county of Antrim, near Belfast, of Scotch descent who fled from Scotland in consequence of religious persecutions. They there increased and became pretty numerous and from thence many of them came to America. My father first set foot on American soil at New Castle, in the State of Delaware, below Philadelphia and from thence emigrated to North Carolina.

The Porters were and are still generally a large people, rather high-minded and proud and tolerably enterprising.

My father died when I was quite a small boy, but I very well remember him. He was large, high tempered, but accounted an intelligent man, not very enterprising.

His mother's maiden name was Shaw which accounts for my intermediate name--Shaw.

My mother, Flora Brownfield, was also of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her mother Jenny Stuart when about six years old emigrated to America, into Pennsylvania, where grandfather Robert Brownfield also came from Ireland after he was grown, and there they were married and lived until my mother was about 6 years old, when they emigrated to North Carolina to Mecklinburg County, on Stubb Creek about six miles from Charlotte, where they were during the American Revolution.

There my father and mother were married not long after the close of the Revolution and emigrated to Chester County, S. C., where we (my brothers and sisters) were born and brought up.

The Brownfield stock as far as I know were and are a sober, quiet, truth-telling, truth-loving and pretty fair talented prudent and judicious people of excellent moral character.

My mother was left a widow with eight, the eldest not near grown. She managed (and I hardly know how she did it) to raise and moderately educate us all until we became able to do for ourselves. She had a heavy task and I think that few besides her could have performed it as well in her limited circumstances.

In addition to her own family she had her poor old mother, aged, helpless, and blind, brought from North Carolina and kept her the balance of her days. She died in 1811, I think it was, at the age of ninety-five as she computed. My mother died in the Western District, Carroll county in about her eighty-seventh year. She was of a family of great longevity. I was born the 3rd day of February, 1793. I remember hearing of the death of Gen. Washington, which I think took place in 1799.

I got a slight reading, writing, and arithmetic education by my mother sending me to school. After I became nearly grown, I, with forty dollars which I had earned by hard labor, commenced my classical studies. I boarded at Abram Gill's, six miles from home, during the school days of the week, returning home Friday evenings, at 50 cents per week, went to school to his son Robert Walker Gill studying the Latin language. This was in the years 1813-14.

I boarded at home and went to school to Parson John B. Davis. In the fall of that year, I volunteered to go on a campaign of six months to Charleston, underwent a soldier's life about that city until the next spring, returned home and immediately resumed my studies under Mr. Davis.

The next year, 1816, I went to school to Rev. John M. Wilson in Cabarra County, N. C., and in 1817 I went down to Sumpter District, S. C., and there got a school on the high hills of Santee, which took the name of Woodville, taught about a year then took a school five miles below for the next year (1818), and at the end of that year went again to school in Iredale County, N. C. under the tuition of Rev. John Mushat.

The next year (1820) I went back to Sumpter District and entered into merchandising in partnership with James H. Britten, spent the year in that business; sold out to my partner and then taught the next two years at Pine Grove Academy, where I had last taught, then in 1823 I studied medicine under Dr. James Haynesworth in Sumpterville; at the commencement of my studies of medicine I had accumulated \$1200.00 and a horse and Saddle and clear of debt.

In the fall of 1823 I went to Lexington, Ky., and there I stayed until I graduated in March, 1825; visited relatives and friends in S. C. that Spring; then in May I bade farewell (as I thought forever) to my poor old mother and to my friends and relatives and again came west into Tennessee and by accident stopped at Williamsport which I have made my home since.

In the fall of 1825 I went back to Lexington, stayed through the winter and on the 23rd of February, 1826, I married your mother Jane W. Moore, daughter of Rev. James Moore. He was the first man to establish an Episcopal Church west of the Alleghanys.

Your mother and I came to this place in April or May 1826. You were born April 8, 1827; we visited your grandmother in the fall. There were drenching rains upon us almost every day and streams exceedingly high. We got home before Christmas and about a week after your mother was taken with congestive fever and died after severe and protracted suffering Feb. 5, 1828.

From a paper in my possession I discover that she was born Aug. 29, 1799. She was buried at Zion Brick Church near a large white oak tree on her right hand and on the right of the two wives of Matthew D. Cooper.

I intended for years to have her remains removed to Lexington, Ky., but her brothers Drs. John and Joseph and sisters Nancy and Betsy died in rapid succession, soon followed by their mother, so gave up the idea of removing them, but have exactly described to you where she lies.

Her parents were highly respectable. Parson Moore was accounted quite talented. Her mother's maiden name was Todd and her parents and connections were respectable and wealthy. Many of them emigrated into Kentucky and many of their offspring still remain there.

(Signed) Samuel Shaw Porter

(Note: Dr. Porter's second wife, Katherine Todd, born 17 July 1817, died 28 July 1895, was cousin of his first wife. This letter furnished to Society by Marise P. Lightfoot.)

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The following items were copied from papers in the possession of Mrs. Lizzie Reid, and at one time owned by her husband, the late James R. Reid, Richburg, S^C.

Mr. I. N. Whitesides was the first man to step out and volunteer to join the Lewisville Rifles, in front of Wylie and Roddey's Store, known to us as Whitesides' Store.

That Co. came to be known as Chester Guards.

In the 7 days fight below Richmond, Col. Steadman told his men to cease firing until he could find out whether the men who were shooting at them were our own men or our enemies. James Reid replied: "Give them a touch of the bayonet, Col., and we'll find out."

On one occasion in Va. the Confederates were being forced back so rapidly that none of the men except the mess that Mr. Robt. Blanks was cooking for had any supper. He followed with the food, saying: "If they could march and fight he could carry them something to eat."

(On information of Mr. Lathan, May 10, 1934)

At Howlett's Farm below Richmond, Lieut.-Col. Culp was ordered to take 25 men and stop the firing of a gun that was doing lots of damage. Col. Culp called for volunteers, raised the number and they started across to stop the firing. They had to cross a small open space and when they reached the desired spot only 4 were there; Col. Culp, privates Newman Hudson, William Martin, and John McGill.

Col. Culp turned to them saying: "Gentlemen, I hardly know whether to commend you for your bravery or condemn you for your rashness in following me."

Mr. Josiah Locke was blown to pieces at the Battle of the Crater.

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Congratulations to our President, Mr. Coy F. Stroud, and his wife, Leila, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th, 1983. We hope that you have many more happy anniversaries!

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THE CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, FERGUSONS
AND THE BRITISH COLONEL FERGUSON
Prepared by Howard Ferguson, March 1980. Updated 1983.

There is a long-standing and widely circulated legend among families who trace their Ferguson ancestry to South Carolina at the time of the American Revolution. The legend says that the ancestor was a brother of the British commander at the Battle of Kings Mountain--Lt. Col. Patrick Ferguson. Since Pat was a distinguished soldier, had some renown as the inventor of a greatly improved breech-loading rifle, and was a scion of a most distinguished family in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, this legend can be expected to persist.

Without ruling out the possibility of some remote, but unproven, kinship between the South Carolina Fergusons and the Aberdeenshire Fergusons, it is certain that Pat had no brother or other close Ferguson relative in the colonies. This conclusion is based upon the fact that all of Pat's brothers, sisters, and Ferguson uncles and first cousins are fully accounted for and documented in Scotland. Furthermore, it appears that the other key figures mentioned in the legend were all born in South Carolina, or elsewhere in the American colonies.

One version of the legend says that Col. Pat visited with his three brothers living in the area near Kings Mountain before the Battle of Kings Mountain. The meeting is alleged to have taken place at the home of Adams Ferguson, who was not an active military participant in the war, and included two brothers who were patriot soldiers. Pat is alleged to have attempted to persuade them that they should join the British, as many of their neighbors had done, or at least should not participate in the up-coming battle, because it would be disastrous for them to try to face the overwhelming strength of the British troops involved. At Kings Mountain, Patrick was killed, the British were routed, and the patriot brothers were unharmed. Actually, none of the Chester County patriot Fergusons are known to have been in that battle.

It did not happen the way the legend tells it, but some facts have come to light that may very well explain how the legend started.

There were various Ferguson families residing in the Chester District (now Chester County) of South Carolina at the time of the American Revolution, including several adult Ferguson brothers. There were apparently at least two sets of such brothers, but they may all have been related. One of the men was Col. James Ferguson of the British militia organized by Lt. Col. Patrick Ferguson in the western part of South Carolina. His brother William was a patriot soldier. There was also a patriot militia Colonel Paul Ferguson, who lived in the area and who may have been related in some way.

Col. James Ferguson was killed in a minor skirmish, known as the Battle of Williamson Plantation or Huck's Defeat, which took place near where the Fergusons lived, some 90 days before the Battle of Kings Mountain. William was subsequently attacked and killed in, or near, his home by Tory troops after he had gone home with wounds suffered in fighting around the British outpost at Ninety-Six, South Carolina, in 1781.

Obviously some of these events would have been recounted by descendants of the participants. Names often become obscure or confused in the oral transmission of such tales. The critical elements that would be remembered by most listeners were, of course, the battle near home in which a British colonel was killed and the British were defeated. These facts all fit either Williamson Plantation or Kings Mountain.

Anyone who tried to check out the story would find the Battle of Kings Mountain and Lt. Col. Patrick Ferguson's death in any respectable history of the American Revolution. On the other hand, only those volumes written for researchers and the most rabid Revolutionary War

history buffs mention the battle of Williamson Plantation, and not even those have found Militia Col. James Ferguson's military career worth noting. Would it be surprising if (say) a grandson of one of the participants jumped to the seemingly obvious conclusion that the family tale referred to Lt. Col. Patrick Ferguson as the brother when he could find no reference to any other British Col. Ferguson? This seems to be the only logical explanation for the story to have started and then be retold through several generations.

The oldest identifiable Ferguson in the Chester District was apparently James Ferguson whose wife was Agnes Adams. They came from Virginia in the 1750s or 1760s. They had a number of sons including Abraham (1751-1826), Adams (b. not later than 1755; d. early 1820s), Robert (d. circa 1795), and Samuel. Other information makes it clear that Col. James Ferguson had a brother William and another brother Samuel (1755-1817). Adams' son Samuel could have been this Samuel or another who apparently left the county in the late 1790s.

If there is any basis, other than a case of mistaken identity, for the legendary assumption that Chester County Fergusons were somehow related to Col. Patrick Ferguson and the Aberdeenshire Fergusons, it would likely have to derive from the fact that Col. Patrick's great grandfather, who died circa 1694-96, had three sons by a second marriage, all of whom "went abroad." Their names were Patrick, William, and Walter Ferguson. The records show that a William Ferguson and a Patrick Ferguson, both identified as Jacobite prisoners, were separately "transported to Virginia" in 1716. If we stack conjectures deep enough, the two Patricks and the two Williams could be the same. Patrick was not a frequent Ferguson name. (Col. Pat. was named for someone in his mother's family.)

We know nothing about the ancestry of the James Ferguson who married Agnes Adams in Virginia, but can be reasonably sure he was born before 1720. In the absence of information to the contrary there is a remote possibility that he was a son of one of the two political exiles.

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NOTES ON THOMAS SUMTER MILLS

By Mrs. A. W. Jones
Of Atlanta, Georgia

Rebecca Armstrong de Rosenthal Irvine (1794-1879), daughter of Brig. Gen. Wm. Irvine and Ann Callender Irvine, married in 1811, Peter Simons Fayssoux (1792/93-1833) of Charleston, S. C., son of Dr. Peter Fayssoux and Ann Smith Johnston Fayssoux. Dr. Peter Fayssoux was a son of Daniel Fayssoux of Charleston, S. C.

Their daughter Rebecca Armstrong Fayssoux, born Dec. 24, 1830, probably at the U. S. Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where her father, Capt. P. S. Fayssoux was in command; died Dec. 27, 1909 at Chester, S. C., married Dec. 3, 1851, at the U. S. Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa. to Major Thomas S. Mills of S. C. who died Sept. 1, 1897. No issue. They reared her niece, Mary McCauly (Fayssoux) Alexander (1856-1937), who was orphaned before she was twelve years old, and who now has only one living descendant, a daughter, Norris B. Alexander. The latter knew Rebecca Fayssoux Mills well, always called her Mama.

Major Thomas S. Mills (1830-1897) son of Major Robert Gill Mills (1786-1842) son of Col. John Mills (1757-1795), son of John Mills, Sr. (1732-1815) and Prudence Selena Neely (1809-1841), daughter of Major John Neely (1781-1832). The mother of Prudence Selina Neely was Rachel Craighead Dunlap, who died 1874 in Drew Co., Ark. She was the daughter of George Dunlap (1736-1796) and Mrs. Nancy Craighead Richardson (1740-1790), who was the daughter of Rev. Alexander Craighead.

Department of the Army
Office of the Adjutant General
Washington 25, D. C.

The records show that Thomas S. Mills was appointed Captain, Provisional Army of the Confederate States, 15 August 1861 from the State of South Carolina, was ordered to report to General R. H. Anderson, and was promoted to Major and Assistant General 14 July 1862.

Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured 20 July 1864 at Petersburg, Virginia, and was imprisoned at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., and Fort Delaware, Delaware, where he was paroled 27 February 1865 and forwarded to City Point, Virginia for exchange. The date that he was received by the Confederate Agent for Exchange is not shown.

He was surrendered by Lieutenant General R. Taylor, C. S. A., and was paroled 9 May 1865 at Meridian, Mississippi.

(signed) Edward F. Witsell
Major General, USA.
The Adjutant General

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HUNTER FAMILY MATERIAL
By Jean C. Agee

Book O (Deed Book) Chester County carries the following deed on Page 329. William Carbeen Hunter, of Chester District, S. C. for \$50 paid by David Hunter, of the District of York and state of S. C. - do sell my right title and Interest in a plantation of 370 acres which is situated on the waters of Fishing Creek, S. C., Chester District - originally granted to David Hunter (deceased) conveyed to David Hunter by Deed of Trust unto George Ross and Agness Hunter for the use of Samuel Goorley Hunter and said William Cockran Hunter.

Joseph Smith
Thomas Reid

William C. Hunter
11 Oct. 1809

Book J. Page 66. Archibald Kell for \$470 paid by James Hunter, Chester District, S. C. do sell to James Hunter 200 acres of land it being the south side of grant of 400 acres to John Hitchcock 1770 by William Bull, Esq., Governor of S. C. - Archibald Kell received land by deed May 3, 1780.

John Hunter
Mary X. Kell
Matthew Rainey

Archibald Kell
30 Nov. 1802

Book N. Page 446. James Hunter, of Chester District, S. C. for \$200 paid by John Hunter do sell 102 acres of land it being one half of an equal division of 204 acres granted to John Hunter by Thomas Pinckney, Governor of S. C. on Jan. 5, 1789 - 102 and two acres of said tract was sold and released to Archibald Kell by deed dated 7 Jan. 1791 and 102 acres sold to James Hunter 30 Nov. 1802. James Hunter now releases the other 102 acres to John Hunter.

Matthew Rainey
James McMillan
Racheal Hunter

James Hunter
20 Sept. 1806

Book N Page 447. James Hunter, Chester District, S. C. for \$100 paid by James Hunter of the same district and state, do sell 50 acres it being a subdivision of the south end of a tract containing 204 acres it being a subdivision of a tract of 400 acres granted to John Hitchcock 27 Nov. 1770 - 200 acres of the 400 acre grant was sold to Archibald Kell.

Land Grant Information taken from Microfilm of S. C. Plats:

South Carolina - Pursant to a precept from John Troup, Esq. dated the first day of May A.D. 1764, I have admeasured and laid out unto David Hunter a tract of land containing two hundred acres, situated lying and being on the waters of Fishing Creek and on the waters of Rocky Creek, in Craven County. Bounded on all sides with vacant land. And hath such form shape and marks as the above plat represents. Certified by me this 10th day of May 1764.

John Gaston, D.S.

2nd Grant - South Carolina - Pursant to a precept from Egiston Leigh, Esq. Surveyor General dated the first day of March 1763 - I have admeasured and laid out unto David Hunter a plantation or tract of Land of three Hundred acres of land on the branches of Rocky Creek, in Craven County, Bounding on all sides of vacant land. And Hath such shape form and marks as the above plat represents.

Certified 10th day of March 1763

John Wade, D.S.

James Hunter received a land grant 30 Jan. 1771 on the beaver Branch of Little River.

Andrew Hunter, Elisha Hunter, Henry Hunter, Dazell Hunter had land grants in Craven County.

Book O Page 237. #169

Know all men by these present that I Thomas Reed, of the state of S. C. and District of York am held and firmly bound unto Agness Hunter and William Cockran Hunter of the aforesaid and District of Chester in the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid to the said Agnes Hunter and William C. Hunter their Excutors, administrators or assignes to which payment well & truly to be made I do hereby bind myself my heirs Excutors & administrators firmly by these present. Sealed with my seal and dated the Eleventh of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand and Eight Hundred & nine & of the Indenendency of the United States of America. The condiction of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bound Thomas Reed, his heirs etc. shall well and truly do preform the hereinafter prescribed articles of agreement. That is to say--He the said Reed is to Advance the sum of one Hundred & ninteen Dollars to John Crockett on the first day of next January in order to discharge a Debt for which they the said Agness and William Cockran Hunter & Samuel Gorley Hunter hath charged against their Negro Wench Sall & other property to secure the payment of said sum due at that time. Secondly - The said Reed is to furnish the said Agness Hunter with her Grand daughter Leander a commodious Room of House adjoining to his own dwelling House and there support or furnish them with all the necessary Support of Life such as Bread, Meat, Milk, Butter, Sugar, Coffee, Tea and such as is commonly used in Reed's own home or in the Common Houses of the Country for & in during the Life of said Agness Hunter farther he th said Reed is to command or Keep the said above mentioned Negro Wench Sall, to wait upon, nurse, or attend the said Agness Hunter, so far as to Cook for wash or attend in Sickness or at night in the House with the said Agness Hunter during her life. Thirdly - He the said Reed his heirs, etc. are at the death of the said Agness Hunter Decently to Inter Her Body and to pay all funeral Expenses etc. Farther the said Agness' Body is to be Interred in the Stone Grave Yard Beside the Body of her Husband David Hunter that is there Interred-- Fourthly - At what time so ever after the Death of the said Agnes Hunter, Samuel Goorley Hunter & William C. Hunter Either or Both of them shall well & truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Reed the following sum with their Interest, that is one hundred & nineteen dollars from the first if next January

GATHERING GASTONS

By Mary Kell Wade

1760 - 1770

The earliest records of Gastons settling in Craven, later Chester County, South Carolina, are of John Gaston, eldest son of William Gaston of Clough Water, near Ballymena, Northern Ireland, and his sister Mary with her husband James McCluer (McClure).

Their plats and grants for land recorded in S. C. Archive Records are: John Gaston - plat for 100 A Craven, 1760/02/22; 100 A Craven, 1765/10/26; 100 A Craven, 1767/05/06; 100 A Fishing Creek, Craven 1767/11/20; 100 A Craven, 1768/02/01; 150 A Fishing Creek, 1768/02/23. For James McCluer - 100 A on Rocky Creek, 1760/01/15; 100 A Craven, 1764/01/28; 100 A between Fishing and Rocky Creeks, 1766/01/24; 100 A Craven, 1767/05/06. Other grants are recorded for them in the 1770's.

John, later known as Justice John, because he was the King's Justice of the Peace for this backwoods area, was also a farmer and District Surveyor as evidenced by his signature as D.S. on most early area plats. He and his wife Esther Waugh settled on Fishing Creek a few miles above its outlet into the Catawba River. The McCluer's also settled on Fishing Creek.

His brothers Robert and William were settled in Craven by 1768. Robert and his wife Margaret Logan purchased land on Little Lynch's Creek in present day Lancaster County from Wm. Stran in 1768. William, who married Ann Harbison, has a plat recorded in the S. C. Archives for 100 A on Fishing Creek 1768/03/24. About the same time his sisters Elizabeth married to John Knox, Jinny married to Charles Strong, and Martha and her husband Alexander Roseborough were settled in the same Fishing Creek-Rocky Creek area.

Two other brothers, the Reverend Hugh Gaston and Dr. Alexander Gaston visited this area, but did not settle here.

The youngest brother, Dr. Alexander Gaston, studied medicine in Scotland, and served as ship's surgeon in the British Navy. He obtained land in New Bern, North Carolina, before 1765, married Margaret Sharpe and settled there as a physician. An ardent patriot during the American Revolution, he was killed by Tories, August 20, 1781, in front of his wife and two young children. One of these children became outstanding in North Carolina history as Judge William Gaston of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

In 1766, the Reverend Hugh Gaston of Root Presbytery, County Antrim, Ireland, came for a visit to his brother Justice John. Ordained in Ballywillin in 1748, he had already become known to Presbyterians in both Ireland and America for his book, A Scripture Account of the Faith and Practice of Christians, printed in Dublin in 1763. His plans were possibly to become a minister in this country, but these were ended by his untimely death in 1766. His wife, the daughter of Reverend James Thomson of Ireland, and his large family did not come to this area, although some of his grandchildren later settled in the Northern and Western states. (An article on John McCreary written by W. H. Edwards published in the June 1983 Bulletin stated that Margaret, the wife of John McCreary, was the daughter of Rev. Hugh Gaston. This article was written in the early 1900's and he did not have access to research done later. It may have been family tradition. The article, Robert Gaston of Little Lynches Creek, Dec. 1982, Bulletin, documents her as the daughter of Hugh's brother Robert. Dr. Chalmers Gaston Davidson, of Davidson College, N. C., author of the book, Gaston of Chester, has kindly shared his notes and opinion with me on the family of the Reverend Hugh. His notes contained a MS genealogy of the Gaston Family in the papers of Mrs. Dick (?) Daly of Dublin, Ireland, a descendant of the Reverend Hugh. M.K.W.)

The following letter, appearing on page 4, Gaston of Chester, is printed with permission from the author, Dr. Chalmers Gaston Davidson. Written by John Gaston to Rev. Hugh's widow in Ireland, it explains the untimely death of his brother.

Charles Town June 3, [8?], 1767

Dear Sister,

It is with a heavy heart I take my pen in hand to give you the news of your dear husband's and my brother's death.

He landed in Charles Town the twenty and first day of August last. My brother wrote from there to me for a horse to bring him to my house, and another to carry his clothes. The man who got the letter for me forgot to deliver it and carried it fifty miles past me -- which caused my brother to stay in Charles Town till the fifteenth or sixteenth of September. When I got the letter I sent down a horse for my brother, and agreed with Capt. James Patton, one of my neighbors that was going to Charles Town to bring my brother's clothes back in his waggon. I would have gone down to accompany my brother from town, but was obliged to go and survey land for some people whose Warrents were in my hand at the time. Notwithstanding I got affairs so ordered that I got time to go about thirty miles to meet him. My brother-in-law, James McClure went with me -- we came home by the Revd. William Richardson's, our minister, and stayed there all night, and the Revd. Mr. Richardson gave my brother a list of twenty and two vacant congregations, and gave him directions how to go from one to another of them and told him there was a large field to labor in -- and was much rejoiced that he had gotten another fellow-laborer in that part of God's vineyard -- and so were many vacant congregations glad to hear of his being come to this country. But all these joys and expectations were soon to be blasted. My brother came home with me from Mr. Richardson's on Wednesday, the 24th of September, and stayed at my house till the Sabbath following, when my brother, my family, and me rode to our meeting house together. My brother preached there that day which was his last sermon.

He complained a little on Saturday evening that he seemed to have caught a cold when he went out to the top of the hill before my door to see if he could get a view of the country and stayed out till the sun was set. He was troubled a little with cough and complained of a pain in his head. He went after Sermon with brother James McClure and sister Mary to their home. He had appointed to preach at a meeting house fourteen miles farther up Fishing Creek the following Friday. The next Sabbath, at Sermon, I heard he was so much indisposed he was unable to keep his appointment. My wife and I went to brother McClure's to see brother Hugh. He did not complain much of anything but a great pain in his head. He said he wondered that his strength was gone with so little sickness. He felt he had a great drout, and when he lay in bed did not eat much. When changing his shirt we saw his back full of red spots, like one that had measles. He washed and shaved himself and seemed indifferent well, only complained that his strength was so much gone. He took physic which the doctor sent him. My wife and I went home that day which was Monday. I came again myself to see him on Thursday next -- he was then so bad that he did not know me until midnight.

The next day we got him to rise up with our help, and I opened a vein in his foot, and gave him a little of the

British oil inwardly and he seemed much better, and recovered his senses and his speech, and we were in hopes he was then in the way of recovery. About sunset he told me he had a mind to take some medicine the doctor had sent him. I advised him as he was then weak, and the night coming on, to let it alone until the next morning, which he consented to do. About dark he fell into a sound sleep which he had not done for three or four nights before. We thot that all danger of death was over. I went to bed having been up all the night before. About midnight they came in and wakened me, and told me he had gotten worse -- they knew it by his breathing. He never wakened, but went off as if he had been in a sleep. He died about an hour and a half before day on the 20th of October last [1766]. He went off the easiest of any one I ever saw depart this life. He was buried on the 21st day of October at our meeting house on Fishing Creek. My eldest daughter, Margaret, died a little time after him, and left four children behind her. She was buried by my brother. My brother's death was lamented by all in general, even by those who never saw or knew him, for it was thot that if he had lived to go home to Ireland he would have been the means of bringing more ministers with him to the Province, knowing what great need there is for ministers here, and what large salaries they get.

I received three letters from you, two from your brother James Thomson, and one from Cousin William. I also received a letter from a gentleman in Boston, addressed to my brother, which says he had sold five pounds Stirling worth of my brothers book, and he had the money ready for him whenever he pleased to send for it. The gentleman's name I think was Moody.

Dear Sister, I understand by your writing and your brother James letter what circumstances you are in -- in respect of your family affairs, my brother Hugh never told me how it was with him. If you and your family will come to this Country, brother-in-law James McClure and I would do what we could for you in helping to clear land and help to get you settled. There is about 20 pounds Stirling here for you and if you do not come I will send it to you by the first safe hand. I desire that you and your brother James and any of the family that can write, would please write me frequently, if you do not come to this Country, and let me know how all is with you, and my honored Father, and all friends.

I conclude with love to you, and all your family and all the rest of our friends with you.

I remain your loving brother until death,

John Gaston

If any descendants of these early Gastons are interested in a special event planned in this area for November, 1983, please, send a stamped addressed envelope to Mary Kell Wade, P. O. Box 6, Fort Lawn, South Carolina 29714.

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Edgefield Marriage Records:

- *Franklin Hendrick of Chunnennuga, Macon Co., Ala. and Sallie F. Cloud, daughter of Mrs. Susan B. Cloud of Edgefield, July 19, 1866, by Rev. W. G. McMichael at the residence of James R. McCord, Jackson, Georgia.
- *Thomas J. Harris and Mary Cloud, second daughter of Mrs. Susan B. Cloud, Oct. 22, 1854, by S. Posey, Esq.
- *William Cloyd and Susan Kennedy, Feb. 27, 1834.

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CHESTER COUNTY DEEDS
Copied by Jean C. Agee

Deed Book A - Chester County, S. C.

Page 101. 1 Nov. 1785 - Robert Miller, of Camden District, Chester County, S. C., planter of the one part to Elizabeth Miller, Sr. of the same district county and ste, of the other part. This is the lease for deed found pages 99-101 and given in last Bulletin. The two lease and release were acknowledged in Court at John Walkers, 19th April 1786 - Robert Miller acknowledging the lease and release to his mother Elizabeth Miller.

Test. Richard Taliaferro, clk

Page 102. 11 Nov. 1785 Between John McFadden Chester County, S. C. of the one part and Thomas Dugan of the other part. From a grant 18 May 1771, by William Bull, Esq., Lt. Gov. of the Province of S. C. a plantation of 331 acres; situated on Fishing Creek, in Craven County, bounded northwest by lands of John Mathies and on other sides on land of Jacob Beechley, Robert Martin, Andrew and Thomas Martin and vacant land. Now John McFadden for 200 pounds paid by Thomas Dugan does sell 50 acres of said 331 acres joining Robert Martin.

William Wiley

John McFadden

Robert Ferguson

At a court held for Chester County at the home of John Walker 19 April 1786 the above proved by the oaths of William Wiley and Robert Ferguson.

Page 105. 3 Jan. 1786 - John Gill and Darah, his wife of Chester County, S. C., planter and Josiah Porter of the second part - for 62 pounds 10 shillings paid by Josiah Porter, John Gill does sell a plantation estimated to contain 200 acres situated in Chester County, S. C. on Craft's Branch on the South Fork of Fishing Creek. This 200 acres being on the east end of a tract of 500 acres formerly in the County of Mecklenburg, N. C. but by the extension of the border now in S. C. Bounding or joining Edward Craft - James Porter. It being on the east side of a tract of 500 acres which was granted to John Gill - 25 April 1767 by William Tryon, Gov. of N. C.

James Gill

John Gill

Robert Gill

Sarah Gill

Proved in Court of Chester County 19 April 1786 by Samuel Porter and James Gill.

Page 108. 12 of April 1786 - Between Thomas Franklyn and Persilla, his wife of Chester County, S. C. of the one part and William Trussell of the same (saddler) whereas by a grant dated 21 Jan. 1785 by Benjamin Guerard, Esq., Lt. Gov. of S. C. to Thomas Frankly Sr. a plantation of 138 acres of land situated and being in Camden District, Chester Co. and on the waters of Sandy River - Thomas Franklyn and Persilla, his wife now sell to William Trussell 100 acres on the west side of the grant.

Richard Evans

Thomas Franklyn

John Franklyn

Persilla Franklyn

James Trussell

Page 111. The lease for the above release of land -

At a court held for Chester County 18 April 1786 - the above lease and Release was acknowledged where Persilla and Thomas Franklyn appeared in open court and Persilla signed her dower to above land.

Page 113. 15 Oct. 1788 Between Isaac Kelough, planter of Camden District, S. C. and Mary, his wife of the one part and Daniel Williams, gentleman of the same, of the second part. For 71 pounds 8 shillings and 6 pence

paid by Daniel Williams do sell land on Turkey Creek 237 acres including the plantation on which Isaac Kelough lives, which was granted to Moses McCarta by Patent 4 May 1769 - joining Seth Johnston's corner - John McKnitty Alexander's land-

John McNeal

Isaac Kelough

William Burris

Mary X Kelough

Acknowledged in Court 20 Oct. 1785 by John McNeal.

Page 114. 3 June 1774 a deed between William McClure of the Parrish of St. Marks, Province of S. C., student of the one part and John McClure of the same, planter of the other part - whereas by a certain grant bearing the date 8 Feb. 1768 by Lord Charles Montague, Gov. of S. C. did grant to James McClure a plantation of 100 acres situated on the waters of Rocky Creek, in Craven County, S. C., surrounded when granted by vacant land- Now William McClure for 175 pounds pd by John McClure do Grant Bargain sell and Release to John McClure all that tract of land containing 100 acres left to the said William McClure by the Last Will & Testament of his father James McClure-William McClure -- Witnesses: Hugh Knox - John Knox - James McClure

Page 117. 3 of June 1774 This would appear to be for the same land as the above, but will give it because of the changes, which may be clerk's errors-

William McClure of St. Marks Parrish, Province of South Carolina, student, of the one part and John McClure of the same, planter, of the other part, whereas by grant bearing the date 3 May 1764, by Thomas Boone, Governor of S. C. did grant to James McClure a Tract of land containing 100 acres on the waters of Rocky Creek, a branch of the Catabow River, Craven County, which is bounded all sides by vacant land-William McClure now for the sum of 175 pounds paid by John McClure do grant bargain sell and Release the above tract of 100 acres- This tract was left to William McClure by the last will and testament of his father James McClure -- William McClure

Page 120. 13 Sept. 1785 Between Thomas Franklyn of Chester County, state of South Carolina, planter and Jacob Dungan, of the same county and state, planter- From grant bearing the date 21 Jan. 1785, by Benjamin Geurad, Esq., Lt. Gov. of the Province of South Carolina- a plantation of 150 acres to Thomas Franklyn situated in Chester County of the waters of Sandy River- Now Thomas Franklyn for the sum of 28 pounds 11 shillings and 5 pence sterling paid by Jacob Dungan do grant bargain sell and release to Jacob Dungan the above tract of 100 acres
William Boyd
Thomas Franklyn

John Wear

Thomas B. Franklyn

Page 122. 29 Sept. 1785 Between Thomas Franklyn and Jacob Dugan is the lease of the above deed. There is a clerk's error and the lease is signed John Franklyn; however, the body of the deed reads Thomas Franklyn and the acknowledgement made in Chester County Court 5th July 186- was made by Thomas Franklyn.

Page 124. 2 Sept. 1774 Between John Gill and Sarah, his wife, of St. Marks Parrish, province of South Carolina, yeoman, of the one part and Christopher Stieght of the same (blacksmith) of the other part - whereas by a grant bearing the date 25 April 1767 by William Tryon, Gov. of the Province of N. C. did grant to John Gill a plantation of 500 acres formerly being in the county of Mecklenburg, N. C. upon Craft's Branch of the South Fork of Fishing Creek and now by the extension of the Boundary line situated in Craven County, S. C. - John Gill by the

present deed, with Sarah, his wife, for the sum of 100 pounds current money paid by Christopher Streight does grant bargain sell and release 67 acres of this 500 acre grant- This land bounded by Davies - Strieght - Cooper and Simms.

George Gill
James Cooper

John Gill
Sarah Gill

Page 127. The lease for the above deed by John Gill and Sarah, his wife, to Christopher Streight- The lease for 10 shillings.

Page 129. 16 ---- 1786 - Between Robert Gill, Sr. of Chester County, S. C., planter, of the one part and Christopher Streight (blacksmith) of the other part- for 1 pound 9 pence paid by Christopher Streight, Robert Gill, Sr. releases a tract of 1 acre situated in Chester County, S. C. on the Sludy Road- being part of a tract granted to Susannah Glover, containing 150 acres on the South Fork of Fishing Creek - received by patent dated 10 July 1766, which was afterward conveyed by Stephen Troy and Susannah, his wife, to James McClure and afterward conveyed by James McClure to Robert Gill by lease and release 8 and 9 June 1769

James Pagan
Josiah Porter
George Gill

Robert Gill

Acknowledged in Chester County Court 5 July 1786. This court held at the home of John Walker.

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SUPERSTITIONS TRANSPLANTED By Mary D. Boulware

The early settlers of Fairfield and neighboring counties had many sterling and admirable qualities. But, they also brought with them long ingrained superstitions and belief in witchcraft.

Most of us are familiar with the facts of the Salem Witch Hunt, but few realize there were similar occurrences in our own locality. In Fairfield County in 1792 the witches supposedly became quite spiteful, damaging cattle, harassing hysterical females and riding stout men, to such an extent as to become unbearable. Some of the people (perhaps one in twenty) vowed to stop them from evil by bringing some of them to citizen punishment.

The accused were old man Hening and his wife, Sally Smith and Mary Ingleman. The Henings and Sally Smith were charged with laying hands on Rosy Henley and her sister and damaging many cattle in the eastern part of the County. Rosy was more tormented than her sister, but both suffered greatly. Rosy lying in her bed, could not be restrained by four strong men from rising up and clinging to the ceiling. Both sisters were bitten on the neck and shoulders and stuck with pins and splinters.

The testimony was taken and given to those appointed to preside over the Witch Trial, which was held at Thomas Hill's plantation, five miles south of Winnsboro, the county seat. Voluminous testimony was given against Mary Ingleman, much of it being written down.

Adam Free testified against his mother. She asked him for a cow and he refused. Shortly afterwards, the cow sprang up with a convulsive bound, fell and broke its neck. He stated also that sometime his cows gave blood instead of milk. Jacob Free, grandson of the prisoner, testified that his grandmother once turned him into a horse and rode him 6 miles to Major Pearson's apple orchard on Broad River. While she was busily filling her bags with apples, he reached up with his long horse head to eat one - she drove a punch in his cheek and he suffered the effects long afterwards.

Martha Holly, nee Willingham, testified that Mrs. Ingleman put up balls of hair with pins sticking out and stuck her over the shoulders and neck with these pins and splinters, causing her great discomfort.

The star witness was Isaac Collins, who testified that he took his trusty rifle and went to hunt deer around McTyre's old field. He saw a deer and snapped the trigger several times. Nothing happened. He withdrew the ball, split it open and inserted a small sliver of silver. Ramming the ball down, he raised his rifle and fired, instead of a deer a black cat ran before him. A few days later Isaac was plowing his corn. It was extremely hot. He paused in his work to go to a nearby spring for a cool drink of water. When he reached the spring Mrs. Ingleman was seated near it, with her arm in a sling. He asked how she was. She replied, "Well except for an injury to my arm." Holding it up as best she could, she said to Collins, "This is your work." So, Mrs. Ingleman was the deer, the black cat and again herself. He testified further that Mrs. Ingleman changed him into a horse and rode him to a Witches Convention. On the way the Devil rode up beside them and commented, "Mother Ingleman, you have a splendid horse." "Ah," she said, "this is that rascal, Collins." He described the convention as being a magnificent affair, was unsure of its location, but was fairly sure it was somewhere in North America.

The evidence was deemed sufficient to be incriminating. The accused could offer nothing in their defense and the sentence was handed down. They were tied up, whipped, then placed with their feet to a bark fire until the soles popped off.

Of the persons subjected to this outrage, Mary Ingleman was the only one who sought legal redress. Rev. Samuel W. Yongue, a Presbyterian minister, was the only magistrate in the county who would give her a warrant. It was issued against Tom Crossland, who acted the part of the sheriff and carried out the sentence. He was convicted in the County Court and fined the sum of five pounds. To avoid payment he departed for the Far West.

Just prior to the holding of the Witch Trial, John Eric proposed to raise the Devil, to prove the reality of witchcraft and that man endowed with sorcery had the power to subdue Satan. A time was set and the neighborhood summoned to meet at the home of Benjamin Owens at dusk. After discussing at length the character of the Devil, Eric took a quantity of a vile smelling substance from his pocket and threw it on the edge of the fire. Soon the room was filled with an intense odor. Eric cried out, "Don't you smell him!!" "He always comes with a dreadful odor. Run outside and you will see him go up through the chimney!" Under cover of the crowd dashing outside, he threw some combustible preparation on the fire and the flames leaped out through the top of the chimney. Gleeful at his victory, he exclaimed, "Don't you see his club foot and the horns!" Nearly all those present believed they saw the Devil in a column of flame.

Mary Ingleman was of German extraction and most likely a native of Germany. She was a neat, tidy and decent old lady. Her conversation was pleasant and entertaining, her manners mild, simple and agreeable. She had a vast knowledge of pharmacy and cured many ailments with her herbal remedies. It is astounding that she could have been accused so unjustly.

There were others too who were suspected of witchcraft. Hezekiah Hunt and his wife, Mourning, were on the point of being taken up and subjected to the lash and the bark fire. It is thought that a sermon preached by an esteemed Baptist minister, Rev. William Woodward, was instrumental in putting down this disgraceful folly. In an eloquent address, he stated firmly that he believed in witchcraft, but the wise minister said it was not the withered old ladies who were the witches and appealed for a solution to the difficulty. He ventured the opinion that the blooming young girls were the true witches and potent soocerers.

Not much was heard of witches in Fairfield after the flogging and burning at Hill's and the raising of the Devil by Eric. But about 1810, in the neighboring county of Newberry, the Luiston family was troubled by witches of the eating variety. They came almost nightly, entered the dwelling house, took the smokehouse key down, opened the smokehouse and cut off rashers of bacon, then took it to the kitchen, cooked and ate ravenously. It is not known if they raided the meal tub and flour barrel, or, if they carried their bread with them.

Lancaster County continued to be a stronghold for witches until a later period. In 1825 a case was called in the Superior Court for assault and battery. The person bringing the charges was Barbara Powers, who was hideously ugly. The defendants were two strapping young men from Lynch's Creek. Their attorney stated the grounds for their defense was that Miss Powers was a notorious witch and had treated the sister of the defendants cruelly. Judge David Johnson was the presiding judge. Out of sheer curiosity, he let the defense proceed at some length. The assault and battery was proven. The injured girl was called and testified that Barbara often turned her into a horse and rode her to Cheraw and back in one night. She said upon reaching Cheraw her tormentor entered the stores through the key hole, returned and loaded her with large sacks of goods. At this point the judge stopped the testimony and charged the jury against the defendants. They were found guilty and charged a small fine.

Although superstitions remained prevalent for many years to come, there are no recorded incidents of such violent outbreaks as occurred at the Witch Trials.

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LYNN LETTER

Columbia, S. C.

July 22, 1983

Dear Friends,

Today is my 76th birthday, and I'm still in good health and mind, having come from a line of long livers on both sides of my family.

I spent my boyhood days in what is known as the Fishing Creek area of Chester County. Our house was on the road from Chester to Lando, just across the road from Pleasant Grove Church, now occupied by Mrs. Harry E. Hicklin, Sr. The old Pleasant Grove school, which I attended for 7 years, was next to our house on the same side of the road. Across from it, facing the Chester road was Uncle Joe Hollis's store. Next to the store was the blacksmith, wagon, and buggy shop. Behind the shop was the sawmill, gristmill and cotton gin. These all belonged to the Hollis family. Grandfather Peter Turner Hollis lived on top of the hill in the house next to what was known as the Hannah Wylie place. It was later owned by the Bob Kee boys. Next to Grandfather's place was Uncle Will Gaston's, now owned by his son Porter Gaston. Here the Lando road runs into highway #9, Chester to Lancaster road.

Back to our house and towards Lando, was the Smith Kitchen place, but it burned a number of years ago. Across from it was a log house (also burned) that belonged to Uncle Samuel Gaston, better known as "Uncle Wheat". He was the father of Frank Gaston, Dunlap Gaston, and Mrs. Julia Waters. Next to the Samuel Gaston place was the Smith place and behind it the Horne place. John Gaston, who lives next to the Newton Gaston place, owns the Smith place. Rodgers Reid now owns the Horne place. Across from John Gaston is the old Lyle place, now owned by the Ratterees. Next to the Lyles is the Matthew Lynn house, which has also burned. Then to Lando -- the Lynn place has been divided -- is now owned by several people.

Next time, I will tell about the road from the Kitchen place to Fishing Creek Church.

Arthur Lynn

(We asked Mr. Arthur Lynn to write down the owners of property as he remembered as a young man to help us in location of homesites no longer there. Many thanks, Mr. Lynn, and we look forward to your next letter. J.H.N.)

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THIS AND THAT

From "The Edgefield Advertiser":

Dec. 11, 1844 - We have been informed that on Dec. 3, 1844, Mrs. Unity Cloud, an old resident of Edgefield Dist., while engaged about her domestic affairs, fell senseless as she entered her house, and died about an hour afterward. She was almost 100 years old.

July 10, 1851 - On Monday night last (July 7, 1851), William Cloud was shot in the back in Edgefield. He left a family of seven children, the youngest only being a boy. (William Cloud, b. Feb. 5, 1815; d. July 7, 1851).

June 4, 1856 - Died at his residence near La Place, Macon Co., Ala. at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, June 17, 1856, John Cloud, in the 68th year of his age. He was born in Elbert Co., Ga., Feb. 13, 1789. While quite a young boy, his father settled in Edgefield Dist., S. C. He was there raised, married, and resided, until 1843, when he migrated to Macon Co., Ala. and settled the place of his residence. (Dr. Cloud)

Thomas Kennedy Hall, born in Winnsboro, moved to Randolph Co., Ga., served in the Civil War, paroled May 1, 1865, married E. Lula McCollum Nov. 23, 1869. She was from S. C., but her family moved to Micanopy, Florida.

South Carolina had four Colonial Counties and each county began at the Atlantic Ocean and went to the North Carolina line, completely across the state of S. C. The county seat was at Charleston, and there all land deeds, wills and other records will be found until 1765. The four Colonial Counties were:

Granville - along each bank of Savannah River.

Colleton - along western border of Granville.

Berkeley - west of Saluda River and south of Santee River.

Craven - above Santee River to the N. C. line.

(Berkeley later circa 1765 went to the Broad River.)

The first land was granted by the Lord Proprietors and usually 70 a. for single men and women, also when S. C. became a Royal Province, the land was given by the King on a head right basis. You can easily estimate the size of the family - 100 a. for head of house; 50 a. for his wife; 50 a. more for each child under the age of 16 years. Children aged 16 or over could take 100 a. themselves. No married women could take land unless a widow, but sons and daughters, if the daughters were single women or widows, could take their own land of 100 a. each. After the Revolution, the head right law was abolished and any body could take as much free land as he or she could find vacant, provided they could pay for surveying and locating of the lands.

Land Tax Memorials - each owner of an original grant of land, whether he took it himself or whether he bought from the original man who took it, had to make a memorial tax return in Charleston.

Robert Miller - memorial return made by Alexander Turner, May 3, 1774, for 150 acres in Craven Co. on waters of Rocky River, bounded by lands of Robert Walker, John McKeown, and lands laid out for Agnes Henry. Said lands surveyed by William Carson, Jan. 11, 1773 and granted Feb. 6, 1773 to Robert Miller.

Josias Miller - immigrant, came to Fairfield Co. in 1759, but returned to Scotland, and thence to Ireland and back to S. C. - Memorial made by Alexander Turner, May 3, 1774, for 400 acres situated in Craven Co. on Rocky River, bounded by lands of Joseph Mills and vacant land. Surveyed Jan. 11, 1773 by Alexander Turner and granted to Josias Miller, Feb. 6, 1773. (Josias Miller married somewhere in Ireland, Elizabeth Hindman and in 1772, states they have five children under the age of 16 years.)

Some Old West Chester Families
Taken from notes of the late Arthur Cornwall

The Gores lived several miles south-west from Chester on the Fish Dam road at what was called "Ninety-Six Road", crossing this county from Catawba to Ninety-Six. Elizabeth Gore died there in 1786 and in her will lists the following as heirs-in-law: James Joshua Gore, Eliaze Gore, Michael Gore and John Ashford Gore. The daughters were Mary Sanders Eastwood, Sarah Warnell, Elizabeth Noland, and Mrs Darby. Witnesses were: Joseph Tims, Elijah Nunn, and Churchill Carter

The Darby's maternal ancestor, Dorcas Gore, daughter of James Manning Gore, married Asa Darby. He settled near Baton Rouge and was among the first settlers in that section. They reared the following sons: John, Thomas, James, Wm. J., and George. Asa Darby died in 1850; William died young; and George died in 1830. John settled at what was called the "White House" in Baton Rouge; Thomas settled at the Sealy place near there; and James settled where Clyde Cornwall now lives. James Darby kept the first post office at that place. John Darby raised a large family of sons and daughters. Thomas had no sons, but several daughters. James raised two sons and one daughter.

Some of the Gores lived in other sections of the county. Among the last who lived here were Joshua Gore, who died in York, and Davis Gore, who died near Wilksburg or Carmel Hill as it was called at that time.

When the real estate belonging to Elizabeth Gore was sold, Eli Cornwall, who had come to Chester Co. from Dinwiddle Co., Va., bought it. He lived at the "crossroads" and the place was one of the first of his extending domain, for he owned over ten thousand acres of land along the waters of Sandy River. Eli Cornwall married Rhoda Calvin and had the following children: William, who married Frances Loving Bennett; Jesse and Thomas, who never married; Sarah married Thomas Wright; Cynthia, married J. Wesley Wilkes; Elizabeth married William Hardin; Nancy married Enoch Sealy; and Hannah, married Robert Douglas.

Baton Rouge is nine miles west of Chester where the road from Chester crosses the old Camden road from "Carmel Hill" (now Wilksburg) to Camden.

Among the early settlers were Smiths and the family of Reuben Wilks. The merchants were Abner Wilks, Robert Hamilton, Alexander Estes, William McCullough, and William Cornwall. William was a brother of Eli Cornwall and settled in the Baton Rouge section after the Revolutionary War. He married Levicia Calvin, a sister of Rhoda's and had the following children: Davis, married Agnes Humphries; Obediah, married Leah Hughes; John, married Harriett Crosby; Sallie, Elizabeth, Eli and Thomas Cornwall.

Reuben Wilkes was living in Chester Co. before 1800 as shown by a deed in which Mannan Gore sold land on the waters of Starnes Branch, Oct. 19, 1796, to Ruben. He also bought 186 acres on Long Branch of Sealey's Creek from Asa Darby. This was part of the grant of 1,000 acres to Peter Mazyck and had passed thru several persons to Abner Wilkes, who sold it to Daniel Jagers and later to Asa Darby.

Q U E R I E S

BALEY - McINTIRE -- Thomas Wayne Whitehead, P. O. Box 54, Shannon, MS 38868 - Looking for parents of William Baley, b. May 16, 1816, SC, d. March 29, 1888, Kaufman Co., Texas. He was baptized in 1835 at Coatbery Campground by Bro. Townsend, Preacher-in-charge, SC, Abbeville Dist. He married about 1841 in Alabama to Sarah C. McIntire b. Jan. 22, 1822, Ala., d. Nov. 21, 1891, Kaufman Co., Texas. William's father was born in SC and his mother born in Ireland. Both of Sarah C. Baley's parents born in SC. They were living in Newton Co., Miss. in 1850. In 1860, they were living in Itawamba Co., Miss. In 1870 & 1880, they were living in Lee Co., Miss. Soon after 1880, they moved with part of their children to Forney, Kaufman Co., Texas. Will appreciate any info.

PARKS -- Mrs. Sarah Parks Russell, 4607 Tarpon Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309 - Need parents of Robert Parks, Sr., b. 1784, SC; d. Sept. 13, 1853, Chester County. Also surname first wife, Mary, of same.

DEAL/DIAL - NORTON or MORTON -- Ms. Mildred Mull, Rt. 8, Box 226, Morganton, NC 28655 - Would like some info on Alexander Morton/Norton (writing was blurred) who in 1816 was the bondsman for the marriage of Alexander Deal and Clarey England, September 7, 1816, Burke Co., NC.

Does anyone know of the connection between these two men? Could it be that the Morton is the same Alexander Morton mentioned in The Bulletin, Volume VI June 1983 page 39 No. 46 Elk River: Fayetteville, Tenn.? Any info on these two men will be greatly appreciated.

Note: Alexander Morton was not listed in the 1810 or 1820 census of Burke Co.

ORR - FISHER/FISCHER - QUEEN -- Miss Geraldine C. Orr, P. O. Box 10957, Rock Hill, SC 29731 - Chester County: Robert Leonard Orr, b. Chester Co., SC, m. Laura Estelle Fisher/Fischer, b. ca 1892 in Lincoln Co., NC. Laura Estelle Fishcher's parents were El Canna Fisher/Fischer and Margaret Catherine Queen who lived in Lincoln Co., NC. Can anyone furnish any info on the parents of Robert L. Orr. Who were El Canna Fischer and Margaret Catherine Queen's parents?

COLVIN - PRICE - HUEY -- Mrs. Sallie Lou Colvin McClintock, 1110 Kennings-ton St., Wilmington, NC 28405 - I am descended from two sons of John Colvin (d. Chester, SC, 1793) and Hannah Price. William Colvin m. Martha Feaster, dau. of Andrew Feaster and unknown first wife. Daniel Colvin m. Susan Huey, dau. of James Huey. Would like to correspond with anyone researching these lines.

HEMPHILL -- Ms. Wilida Leinbach, 1040 Wychwood Road, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 - Need background info on John Hemphill, d. 1819, Chester Co., SC and Georgia. He m. Nancy Lawson. They left Chester and moved to Ga. to participate in the Land Lottery of Ga. 1800? did not get land, so returned to Chester. They left Chester in 1811 with their large family, a number of slaves, and Mary Dickson (whose first husband was James Lawson) the mother of Nancy Lawson. They settled in the Texas Territory which is now Arkadelphia, Clark Co., Arkansas.

Need info concerning the children of the 2 marriages of William Hemphill, b. before 1761 in Ireland, d. 1819, buried in the old Hopewell Cemetery, Chester, SC. He was the brother of Reverend John Hemphill, b. 1761, d. 1832, who was the pastor of Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on Rock Creek, Chester Co., SC.

HARDIN - LOVE - McCOOL -- Merle Brundage, 1902 Surrey Circle, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 - Need info on Jane McCool, (widow of Capt. Joseph McCool), who m. ? Love, a Rev. War veteran. Their plantation was on French Broad Creek 5 mi. from Chester. Among their children was a daughter ?, b. ca 1800 d. ca 1825, who m. ? Hardin and had 3 children: James L. b. in SC, Mary Jane b. ca 1821 SC m. 1848 SC, and Elizabeth Letitia b. 1825 SC m. Isaiah White 1846 DeKalb Co., Ga., d. 1890 Attala Co., Miss. Would appreciate any info and will return postage.

SLEDGE -- Mrs. Marvin E. Weaster, Rt. 1, Box 54, Wallis, Texas 77485 - Looking for a Hartwell Sledge, b. Jan. 8, 1765 in Sussex Co., VA., m. Rebecca ?. Last name unknown. She was left property in Halifax Co., NC by Owen Myrick. Could this have been Father, Uncle? Tombstone records of Chester Co. & vicinity list Julia Sledge b. May 17, 1802, d. Sept. 18, 1876, age 74 yrs. Wife of David Hyatt. Another record says, Jasper G. Sledge, b. May 8, 1835, d. Dec. 25, 1878, 44 yrs. There was a William Sledge on Chester census as born 1800/10, wife's name was not mentioned, b. 1800/10, 1 male b. 1830/40. Jasper could be the child of William. Any help on this family would be appreciated.

SLEDGE - SPENCE -- Mrs. Catherine Poteat, P. O. Box 965, Brandon, FL 33511 - Would appreciate any info on Hartwell Sledge, listed in 1860 census of Chester Co., SC and Patrick Spence of same county. Both believed to be buried in Chester Co. Will remit for all copies & postage.

MILLS - LESLIE -- David Gwinn, Rt. 3, Box 197, Brighton, TN 38011 - Seeking the descendants of James & Isabella Leslie Mills. Children: Mary, m. James Sterling; Robert, m. Abigail McDaniel; Nelly Mills; Jane m. ? Brown; John m. Anna ?. Who were James & Isabella's parents? James Mills m. Anna ?. Who was Anna? Children: John Jr., m. Eliza McQuiston; Isabella; Hugh McClellan m. Esther Caskey; William B. m. Isabella ?; Mary Jane; Abigail; Elizabeth; and Andrew. What became of all these children? Any info will be appreciated.

McCULLY - HUDSON - McKEOWN - CASSIDY -- M. R. McCulley, 202 Milford St., Apt. 251, Tupelo, Miss. 38801 - Researching the following families in SC (1800-1840): John McCully (1776-1860), b. near Belfast, Ireland; m. Ann Hudson ca 1803 (1777-1862); children: Ephriam D. (1804-1886); Daniel or (John) Tucker (1806-1886); Sebira W. (1809-1875); Josiah Hudson (1813-1895); Bill (b?d?); James Daniel (1828-1908); D. F. (b?d?); Silas (b?d?).

Ephriam D. m. Eliza B. McKeown ca 1803. Daniel or (John) m. Ann Prestige ca 1835. Josiah Hudson m. Patience Cooper ca 1845. Sebira W. m. Thomas Phillip Cassidy ca 1840. Cassidy b. 1800 Roscommon Co., Ireland. All these families migrated to Miss. ca 1840-1845.

HAMILTON - McKINNEY -- Ms. Melba Johnson, 7912 Dogwood Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 - Need parents and everything else on Elizabeth Hamilton, b. 1770, Chester Co., SC; d. 1863, Carroll Co., Tenn., m. James McKinney b. 1768, d. 1844, son of William and Barbara Culp McKinney.

ISAAC YOUNG -- Ms. Faye Berry Emory, Rt. 8, Hwy. 9, Spartanburg, SC 29303 - Need parents of Isaac Young, b. 1786, and died in Spartanburg Co. in 1873. This family was possibly in the Chester area before coming to Spartanburg Co. Also need names of his brothers & sisters.

McCULLOUGH - OMELVENEY - MOBLEY - SMITH - BOYD -- William E. Lowry, 216 Moss St., York, SC 29745 - Would like to correspond with anyone connected with these Chester and Fairfield County names.

HARRISON - WALLACE - CHANCELLOR -- Ms. Verna M. Fitzpatrick, 4780 Kings-down Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338. - Seeks info on family of George Harrison: believed to be on 1800 Kershaw Co. Census. Born ca 1762, living in NC when oldest child Jonothan was born 1789. Not found on 1790 NC Census. Children: Kitty, Levi, George, and Jackson King Harrison b. SC 1790-1804. Wife may have been named Rachel. On Twiggs Co., Ga. Tax digest 1818. In Butler Co., Ala. by 1820. Died 1834, Ala. Jonothan m. Barbara Wallace 1820. Kitty m. Gilbert Chancellor 1811. Levi m. Sarah A. ? ca 1820. Will gladly exchange info.

YOUNG -- Mrs. G. E. McGrew, 132 Lausanne Drive, Camden, SC 29020 - Needs to know if John Young, who bought land in 1770 on Fishing Creek (then Tryon Co., NC, now York Co., SC) from James and Agnes Young was the brother of James. James Young's will dated 10 May 1793, York Co., SC named son James (who late m. Margaret?); daughter Mary (who m. ? Wallace); son-in-law Elijah Fleming and grandchildren Jane Stuart and Young Elijah Fleming.

LYLES -- Ms. Minta Hardin Erbele, Rt. 2, Box 346, Groveland, FL 32736 - Desires contact on Col. Aramanus Lyles descendants, born 1748 near Buckhead, Fairfield Co., SC; died 1820; buried at Lyles Ford on Broad River.

Need info on minor orphan Ara Minter Lyles, have conflicting birthdates of from 1833 to 1840.

HICKLIN - EZELL - ATTAWAY -- Miss Helen Walpole, 300 W. Franklin St., Apt. 601 W, Richmond, VA 23220 - Seeks info from descendants of Arthur Hicklin, Jr. (Rev. Sol.), believed to be ancestor, and info about Ezell and Attaway families who went from VA, then NC, came to SC, then on to GA and Ala.

VANCE - ALBRITTON -- W. E. Vance, 362 Walthall St., Grenada, MS 38901 - John P. Vance, b. York or Chester Co. ca 1795? He was son of James Vance Sr. and ? . John m. Isabella Albritton ca 1819. Was Isabella dau. of either Matthew Albritton, Newberry Co. or Thomas Albritton of Union Co.? Both were in census of 1790 of SC. Who was father of James Vance Sr.?

ESTES -- Martha Da Lee Haidek, 1810 Linwood Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73106 - Seeks info on William Preston Estes, b. 1836, Chester Co. to Thomas Estes and Ann Hughes Estes. Preston served in the War Between the States, from SC, and was called "The Red Fox".

PARDUE/PERDUE -- Mrs. Carolyn S. Price, 1907 Midway St., Montgomery, AL 36110 - Annanias Bartow Pardue/Perdue was born 1833, Lancaster Dist., SC. He is "A", first sibling on 1850 Federal Census, Lancaster Dist. with W. S.? (L? F?) Perdue as head of household. Can someone name in order for me the other children who also are shown only by initials? Please connect names with birthyears. The youngest children, Henry & Charlotte (Lottie) are on 1860 SC Federal Census Lancaster Dist. with father W. S.? (L? F?) Perdue and Mother Elizabeth.

Who is father of W. S.? (L? F?) Pardue? What is the date of birth of W. S.? (L? F?) Pardue? What is the date of birth of his father, if name is known? What is surname of wife Elizabeth on 1860 census? Her father, if known.

MARIA McNEIL - BROWN - STEVENSON -- Mrs. Joe Malak, Jr., P. O. Box 37, New Waverly, TX 77358 - Seeking identity of Maria McNeil, b. ca 1811 SC, affiliated with Catholic Presby. Ch., listed on 1860 census from Chester Co. 1848 deed reveals her land bounded by John Westbrook, Jesse R. Stevenson, Charlotte Buchanan, & Vincent Brown. Suspect her to be related to Brown and/or Stevenson. Any info will be appreciated.

MOBLEY -- Mrs. R. W. Gentry, P. O. Box 14, McCalla, AL 35111 - William Mobley, b. SC, age 53 in 1860 St. Clair County, Al. Census. (His son Joseph L. Mobley is my g-grandfather). Wife Sarah 48, b. NC. Who was she and her parents? Ledford Mobley 84, b. SC, in same household. Is this William's father? Both William and Ledford in Campbell County, Georgia, 1850 Census, Ledford's wife also named Sarah, b. Md. Ledford listed in Walton Co., Ga. in 1830. Need info on wives, children, parents, & siblings.

KIRKPATRICK - McKELVEY - TOMB -- Patricia B. King, 62 Mountain St., Bristol, Vermont 05443 - What was relationship of John and Elizabeth McKelvey and Josiah and Jane Kirkpatrick to David Tombs of Turkey Creek, Pickney Dist., York Co., SC, 1796? Also, what was Capt. J. S. Tomb, who died Chester Co. after 1779, a captain of?

NEELY - McFADDEN -- Newton Neely, 215 Pleasant St., Spindale, NC 28160 - Would like to have maiden name of Prudence Neely (wife of Thomas Neely, b. 1752, d. 11/17/1815). She went with her daughter, Sarah McFadden to Maury Co., Tenn. about 1826.

ANDERSON - CASTON -- Mrs. James A. Anderson, P. O. Box 25013, Houston, Texas 77265 - Looking for an Anderson and Widow Caston marriage ca 1800. Their son, John Calvin Anderson, b. 1804, ran away to Miss. Territory at 16 and said to have joined a half-brother, Wm. Ransom Caston there.

McDONALD/McDANIEL - CURRY -- Mrs. Julia H. Goza, 2020 Siesta Lane, Orlando, FL 32804 - Needs parents of Neal McDonald (McDaniel) and his wife Sarah Curry. They came from Chester Co., SC, Hopewell A.R.P. Church, 1820 ca, to Newton Co., Ga. & established Hopewell A.R.P. Church there. I have all descendants and will share pay copying & postage. Children: John Curry m. Grizelah Aiken; Margaret m. Rev. Andrew McElroy; Elizabeth Ann m. William Alexander Cartwright Miller; William H. m. Malissa ? ; Young M. m. Malissa Curry. Young & O'Neal are family names. Some are buried in White Oaks A.R.P. Cemetery, Coweta Co. & others in Prosperity A.R.P. near Doraville, Ga.

WHITE - MOSS - GRIGG - LEE - WOODWARD -- Ms. Myra Davis Dippel, Box 428, Ada, OK 74820 - Sally Ellen White (1827-1889) b. York Dist., SC, near State Line. Her mother was ? Moss; several brothers, Isham and David; married ? Grigg; children: Sabra Molinda (1841-1884) and William Nelson (1844-1906). Married 2nd, Oliver Duncan, divorced. All moved to Texas about 1870. How were they related to the Griggs in Cleveland Co., NC and Hancock Co., Ga.?

BOYD - MAY - DANIEL - CRONE -- Mrs. Luther G. Boyd, 370 E. Archwood Ave., Akron, Ohio 44301 - Need parents of Elias Boyd, b. ca 1805, Ga. or SC, d. 22 April 1886, Limestone Co., Al. Who was his 1st wife? He is in Troup Co., Ga. in 1830; Randolph Co., Al. in 1860. Limestone Co., Al. in 1870 & 80. Was his 2nd wife, Susan May, the dau. of Phillip G. May and sister of Emily May, wife of Seaborn Francis Daniel (son of Eli Daniel)? Will exchange info on these lines.

Need parents of Mary Ann Crone, wife David Guthery, b. 16 April 1818 in SC or Ga. Where? Was her father George W. Crone? I find a George Crone near David and Mary (Crone) Guthrie in 1840 in Cherokee Co., Al. Is this the same George that received land in SC about 1813?

TINSLEY -- John R. Dulin, Rt. 7, Box 234A, Henderson, TX 75652 - Seeking info on the parents and siblings of Sarah Ann Tinsley, b. SC ca 1816. She m. 1843, Muscogee Co., GA to Mina Harrison Welch. They had 9 children, 8 of whom came to Texas. Would like to hear from anyone researching the Tinsley family in South Carolina.

KENNEDY - COMBEST -- Mrs. Lerlene R. Covington, 709 Sandra Lane, Burleson, Texas 76028 - Rev. John B. Kennedy, Presby. min., b. 1735, wife Jane McAfee, lived and pastored churches in Chester area; children: Dr. Wm. Everett Kennedy, b. 1767, Ky.; Joshua S., b. 1770, SC; Jane, b. 1776; Chas. B., b. 1778, SC; Clinton Harvey, b. 1783, SC; Hugh E., b. 1786, SC.

Combest: Jane Kennedy m. John Combest ca 1800 and in Chester area. Jane and John moved to Dallas Co., Ala. in 1818. Trying to find John Combest's parents and any info on these families.

McCALL - SMITH - McCELLAN -- John R. Dulin, Rt. 7, Box 234-A, Henderson, Texas 75652 - Seeking info on James McCall who died in Spartanburg Dist., SC ca 1807. His wife name was Rebecca. They had the following known children: (1) John, m. Grizzel McKenzie, (2) David, b. ca 1761, d. 13 Aug. 1838, m. Dorcas ?, (3) Elizabeth, m. Robert Smith, (4) Samuel, (5) Thomas, (6) William and (7) Polly, wife of Hugh McCellen/McCellan.

Would like to correspond with anyone researching or connected with these families. Any McCall's in North and South Carolina. Would particularly like to know who the children of David and Dorcas McCall were?

BYRD -- Mrs. Martha Da Lee Haidek, 1810 Linwood Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73106 - Stephen, Jeptha, and Moses - three brothers came from SC (where?), all born ca 1790-1800. All three moved to Monroe Co., Ala. between 1816-1823. Jeptha m. Amelia Stuckey of Sumter Co., SC in 1839 in Ala.

WINCHESTER - REAVES -- Lewis D. Reeves, P. O. Box 291, Clarcona, FL 32710 - Seeking Winchester family info: My ggrandma was Martha Jane Winchester who m. Elijah Martin, M.D., mid 1800's, Greensboro, NC. She d. ca 1860. Need family info. Have Martin line.

Need info on Descd. Thomas & Gilbert Reaves who were sons of Richard Gildert Reaves, b. 22 Feb. 1841, either SC or Fla. Richard G. Reaves & wife Jennie had Delilah, Iwilda, Bessie, Janie, Cora, & Florence. Who did they marry?

Who were parents of Mary A. Reaves, b. ca 1862? Was 18 on 1880 Horry Co. Census. Who did she marry? Children?

ROSS -- Mrs. Julia H. Goza, 2020 Siesta Lane, Orlando, Fla. 32804 - Would like to find the parents and wife of James Ross, b. 1776, NC, d. ca 1865, Ga. His wife was in 1840 Dekalb Co., Ga. census. In 1850 & 1860 he is shown with only Sarah, his single daughter. One son, Andrew Martin Ross, b. 1813, NC, m. Judith John Mann & lived in Gwinette Co., Ga. Were there other children? I have descendants & other info. Will share, & pay postage and/or copying.

MILES - DAWSON - DANIELS - JORDAN - RODGERS - FLOYD -- Miss Geraldine C. Orr, P. O. Box 10957, Rock Hill, SC 29731 - Florence or Williamsburg Cos., SC: Jonathan A. Miles, b. ca 1800, SC or NC, m. Suzannah Dawson, b. 1802, SC. Who were their parents?

Charles W. Daniels, b. 1830-1837, SC; m. Dicey Jordan, b. ca 1844, SC. Who was Charles W. Daniels' parents?

Dicey Jordan's parents were H. H. Jordan, b. ca 1801, m. Sarah ?, b. ca 1802/3. Who were H. H. Jordan and what was Sarah's last name? Who were Sarah's parents?

Alexander Morgan Rodgers/Rogers, b. ? (his father was a John Rodgers and his mother was Ellen ?) m. Margaret "Maggie" L. Floyd, b. ca 1854/55. (Her father was an Andrew Floyd). Can anyone furnish any info on either the Rodgers or Floyd family?