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This is a re-quote of an article written in the December 1982 issue of The Bulletin by Coy F. Stroud:

What will our children wish we had done? Could one of their wishes be - a written record of our heritage - a family tree - a clue to who their ancestors were - where these ancestors came from - where they worshipped - and where their remains now rest?

Maybe, we have all of this tucked away neatly in the back of our minds but until we put it down on paper, it too, will fade away when we can no longer recall those precious memories.

As we enter another year, let us determine to put our genealogical house in order, so our children and grandchildren will not wonder why we did not do for them what they wish we had done.

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#### Membership Dues - 1986

This brings to a close another great year for our Society - 1985. As of November 1st, the membership has increased to over 800 members.

We have only asked for one increase in membership dues; however, for the society to continue in operation, we must ask for a raise. We now have a room to store and display our genealogical information. As most of you know, we have no paid employees, no officer or director has ever submitted an expense account, but we do have to pay rent, printing, postage - which has increased. We want, and intend to remain, a non-profit organization.

The increase for individual membership will be from \$8.00 to \$10.00, for couples it will remain \$12.00 and the membership-surname book will be \$4.00.

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We want to thank our members for their promptness in renewing for another year. We will again be forced to require \$1.00 extra for those who renew after our mailing of the March bulletin. This \$1.00 is for extra postage and envelope expense, since our mailing permit does not cover single items mailed.

We cannot find enough words to thank all the wonderful volunteers in the society, without you and your generous donation of time, money, material, and help, we could not continue to work in preserving the past for a better future.

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We (the Society) are seriously considering purchasing a computer. With the help of a computer, we could provide better service to our membership. The volunteers will be able to search our records much easier and quicker. Numerous members have already made donations to the Computer Fund, now that we are an I.R.S. approved tax exempt organization. All money received over the membership dues and surname book will go into the Computer Fund. I would like to ask that those of you with computer experience - which model, make, etc. would you recommend your society buy, both pro and con letters welcome.

I thank each of you. The President.

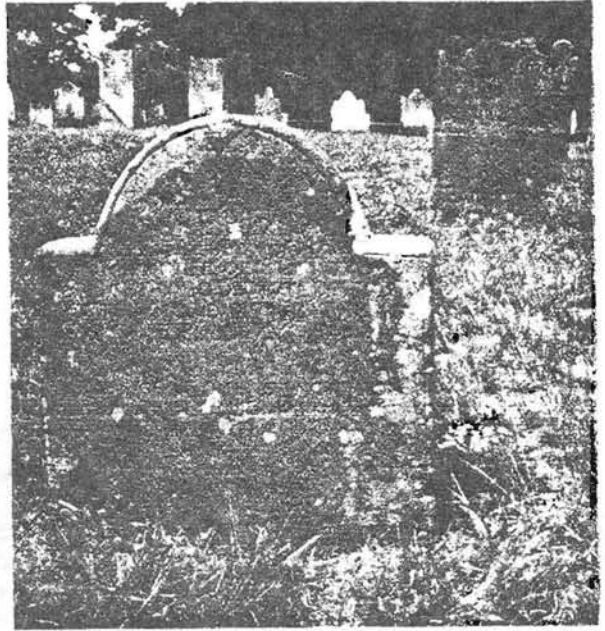
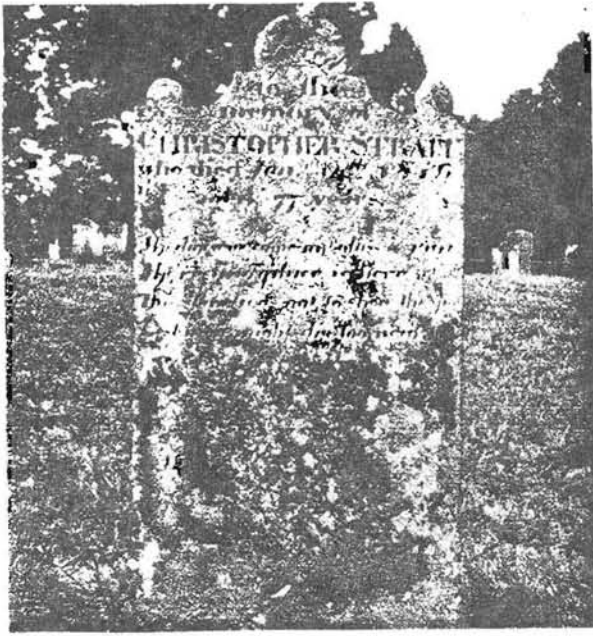
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We have received a letter from the Chester County Chamber of Commerce selling a book, "Pictorial History of Chester County". Your society, along with the Board of Directors, did not sponsor, advertise, solicit or make any sales settlement with the "Chamber" over this book.

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The officers and staff of The Bulletin wish all of our members a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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THE GRAVESTONES OF CHRISTOPHER STRAIT AND HIS FIRST WIFE MARY COOPER IN THE CHURCHYARD OF OLD FISHING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHESTER COUNTY, S.C. The stone shown at head of Mary's grave is that of her nephew Capt. Robert Cooper.

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THE COOPER-STRAIT CONNECTION  
By Elmer Oris Parker

In a recent article entitled "The Cooper-Amberson Connection" (The Bulletin, June 1985), this author provided irrefutable documentary proof that it was the wife of Hugh Cooper who married "Mr. Amberson," and not the widow of William Hamilton of New Jersey as has been alleged. Circumstantial but reasonable evidence was offered to show that the woman in question was Mary, wife of Hugh Cooper of Basking Ridge, Somerset County, New Jersey, who had left his bed and board in 1762 with no apparent intention of returning. Some readers of this article have expressed doubt that this was the Hugh Cooper who migrated to present Chester County, South Carolina about 1770 and settled on the South Fork of Fishing Creek. I now would like to address this point. First, The Pennsylvania Gazette, January, 1758, and December 1761, advertised unclaimed letters in the Philadelphia post office addressed to "William Hamilton, Basking Ridge, N. J.,"<sup>1</sup> thus showing that a William Hamilton also resided in Basking Ridge. William Hamilton and Elizabeth McCullough, both of Somerset County, were married on February 11, 1752,<sup>2</sup> and their daughter Jane, future wife of Capt. Robert Cooper, was born nine months later.

Christopher Strait (1739-1816), who married Hugh Cooper's sister Mary Cooper (1737-1784) as his first wife about 1761, was a son of Johann Leonhard Streydt, who lived about five miles west of Basking Ridge in the township of Bedminster, also in Somerset County,<sup>3</sup> a perfectly logical mating situation for in the colonies in the eighteenth century modes of travel and methods of communication were so primitive that men usually found their mates in the same locale or neighborhood. It should be noted that some have mistakenly stated that Christopher's first wife was a widow Rhemer, but the Somerset County records clearly show that it was his step-mother and not his wife -- Mrs. Catharine Rhemer married his father on July 29, 1748, after the death of her husband Adam Rhemer in 1747.<sup>4</sup>



Christopher Strait and his wife Mary also migrated to present Chester County about the same time as her brother and likely with him, as both Strait and Cooper acquired in 1772, within days of each other, adjoining plantations on the "Old Saluda Road," now highway 72.

This writer has been unable to find any record of another Hugh Cooper living in New Jersey between 1760 and 1768, the period of residence alleged by Colonel Robert M. Cooper. Colonel Cooper stated that all the Straits in Chester County were relations of his Cooper family. He and his wife Catherine furnished 15 of these Coopers over a 27 year period, the last being born only two weeks before the mother's 45th birthday!

While the evidence seems to be reasonably conclusive that Somerset County was the New Jersey residence of these individuals, each reader will have to make his or her own judgment in the matter

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<sup>1</sup>Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey, vol. 20, Newspaper Extracts, vol. 4, pages 170 and 654.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., vol. 22, Marriage Records, 1665-1800, page 171.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Newspaper Extracts, vol. 4, pages 286, 287.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., Marriage Records, 1665-1800, page 363.

<sup>5</sup>Charleston (S.C.) Deeds, A-4, pages 165-167, and C-4, pages 129-131.

<sup>6</sup>The Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison. The Draper Collection, 4 VV 12-15.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., 9 VV 88-91.

<sup>8</sup>Lesbia Word Roberts, Hugh Cooper (1720-1793) of Fishing Creek, South Carolina and His Descendants (Fort Worth, Texas, 1976), page S-32.

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*The following article is continued from the June 1985 Bulletin. It is taken from the August 12, 1886 issue of the Chester News & Reporter.*

#### PERSONAL REMINISCENSES.

By Rev. James H. Saye

A short distance above the Steel homestead on the western bank of Fishing Creek was the home of John Gaston. He was a native of Ireland where he was educated and grew up. His ancestors were French Huguenots. Driven from their country by the \_\_\_\_\_ measures of the government, they took refuge in Scotland and thence many of them or their descendants came to the north of Ireland. Here John Gaston grew up, but like many of his countrymen sought a home in Pennsylvania while the dews of his youth were yet upon him. Having married Miss Esther Waugh he came to the Catawba region of South Carolina while it was yet a wilderness. Here he acquired a home as above stated on the western bank of Fishing creek. His occupation was that of a land surveyor, and a large quantity of the soil in that section passed into the ownership of immigrants under surveys made by him. He was also a justice of the peace under the royal government. Like the descendants of the Huguenots in our State generally have been, he was a man that loved justice and mercy; was intelligent and industrious and a man of devout piety. Perhaps by the force of his example many of his relations sought homes in the eastern portion of Chester county. He had nine sons and three daughters. Some of these were married and had families growing up before 1780. When Charleston fell and the British forces were pushing their way in the up country, he urged his sons and neighbors to make resistance and the first check to the conquerors was given by his sons and neighbors with a few others of like mind. When the old justice was visited by an agent of the British army and urged to cease rebellion against the king, he declined and hissed on the boys and went into exile. These young men under his instruction carried their arms at Mobley's meeting house, the old field at Beckhamville, Brattonsville,

Rocky Mount, and Hanging Rock. At the latter place his nephew, Capt. John McLure, led the van that charged up the hill and drove the Tories from their camp. But a dear charge to McLure and the Gastons. Several of the latter were prostrated by the tory foe and the gallant McLure received his wound of which he died in a few weeks. But though greatly afflicted in the sufferings of his family, John Gaston died in peace and honor among his descendants, and has never been without one of them to maintain the honor of the family.

His grand-son, Rev. Samuel McCreary, was an honored minister of the gospel among the Baptists. His brother, John McCreary, Esq., followed the profession of his grandfather, and has left many a monument to perpetuate his fame in the shape of a land plat. And moreover the people thought his head was level enough in politics for a member of Congress and so sent him on that errand. His sons dwelt in the region round about in honor and usefulness and several of them succeeded their father in the office of ruling elder either in the old Richardson church or churches elsewhere. The old justice was buried at the church just named near his brother, the Rev. Hugh Gaston, author of "Gaston's Collections," a theological work.

His youngest son, the late Joseph Gaston, Esq., became the owner of the plantation of his father. On this place he spent his life and left his family in possession of it. Joseph Gaston was badly wounded in the battle of the Hanging Rock, being one of the Gastons shot down in that fight. He married Jane Brown, the daughter of Walter Brown for whom the writer feels the very highest degree of respect and veneration, without knowing much of the details of his life, yet there is cause enough. He was an elder of the Richardson church and has a posterity with capacity to speak with the enemy at the gate. Walter Brown was a native of Ireland and came to this country with his family before the period of the revolution and obtained a home in the Lewisville section of our county near the present home of Dr. Atkinson. If there was now an estate of \$100,000 to be distributed among his descendants we should doubtless see an army assembling from the various portions of the continent and claiming a share in the distribution. But as the facts have been their legacy is that which arises from a life spent in well doing and ardent piety. Joseph Gaston having survived the severe wound received at the Hanging Rock, where three of his brothers were killed, on the return of peace married Jane Brown and spent the residue of his days on the old homestead near Cedar Shoal. He was an elder of the old Richardson church and with others took measures to have the present Cedar Shoal church organized in its stead in the year 1834. In this church he continued to discharge the duties of ruling elder and was mainly instrumental in having the present house of worship erected. He for many years was a justice of the peace and was emphatically a keeper of the peace. His death occurred in 1836 and he was buried in the cemetery of the Fishing creek congregation where repose the remains of many of his relations and the friends of his manhood, and where since have been laid the bodies of his widow and youngest son, Capt. James Gaston.

The oldest son of Joseph Gaston and Jane Brown was the late John B. Gaston, M.D., no doubt well known by many of the people of Chester county. John Brown Gaston acquired sufficient education in early life to follow for a time the business of teaching and taught for a time a large school at Fishing creek church. But desirous of extending the sphere of his knowledge he went to Athens, Georgia, where his uncle, the Rev. John Brown, was then president of Franklin College. There for a time he prosecuted classical study, but presently devoted himself to the business of teaching in connection with his uncle Brown. It is known to the writer that they had charge of the academies in the town of Monticello in the year 1821. Mr. Gaston was then giving attention to medical studies and soon after the end of that year repaired to Philadelphia and took a regular course in the great medical institution in that city. This done he returned to his father's, settled on land given by his father and

prosecuted the business of his profession till prostrated by his last sickness. It would be hard to find standards by which the degree of confidence and affection which he acquired could be measured. Equally difficult to sum up that constellation of his virtues and amiabilities by which he retained everything in this line he ever acquired. His death was regarded among his associates as a public calamity. Everybody deplored the loss of a dear friend. We may sum up some of his qualities as illustrated by his useful life. He was a man of truth, sincerity and honesty. He was a physician in whose judgment and practice every neighbor had confidence and he devoted himself to the welfare of his patients. Like every good citizen should do, when he was ready he married a wife, namely, Miss Polly B. McFadden, only daughter of the late James E. McFadden and his wife Susan Buford. Children came to gladden the household. So that as a parent Dr. Gaston had duties to discharge in large degree. He and his wife believed that a good education was about the best thing parents could aid their children in procuring. As a result of this conviction a good school house arose in the grove where the Cedar Shoal church now stands and a good classical teacher occupied that house so long as Dr. Gaston had children needing the services of such a teacher. In this he was heartily aided by some good and intelligent neighbors. As a result of his efforts in this line five of his seven sons took degrees in the South Carolina College and his four daughters were at the proper age sent to the best schools to complete the education begun at the ancient school house in the grove. So that Dr. Gaston left to society an intelligent and refined posterity.

I am at a loss to conjecture what better he could have done for the coming generations. He, however, had his sorrows with his family. Not because there was a bad specimen of manhood in it. Every son that reached maturity could safely have been exhibited as a model of true manhood and gentlemanly qualities. His son Isaac died of disease in the army in 1861. And his sons, Capt. J. L. Gaston and his younger brother William, were killed near each other in the battle of Seven Pines in 1862. I need not speak of the daughters of this family as three of them live and are altogether competent to speak for themselves. A very good thing Dr. Gaston did in early life. He made a profession of religion and through the residue of his days was known as a Christian and it may truly be said that his example was a safe one. In youth, manhood and old age his light shone with no uncertain lustre. Everybody expected him to do right in all cases, and none were disappointed. His convictions were strong and he acted them out with firmness, but there was no obtrusiveness about him. His religion was his own and he allowed others the same freedom of action which he claimed for himself. On the death of his father in 1836 he was chosen with others to discharge the duties of a ruling elder in the Cedar Shoal congregation which he did as long as he lived. His death occurred in 1864. It is well remembered by me, but not written down. His widow, Mrs. P. B. Gaston, survives, but encompassed by the infirmities of age. I may at some time return to the descendants of Joseph Gaston, as there are various things about them worth remembering.

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*The following article is continued from the September 1985 Bulletin. It was copied for us by Mrs. Jean C. Agee.*

Annuities for Persons Hurt in the Service of the State

1785		
June 10	Children of John Calhoun, lost his life in service	8.15
	Catherine Adair, widow of Benjamin, killed March 81	8.15

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June	16	Susannah Porter, widow of Shadrack, taken prisoner by the enemy and died in confinement	8.15
	17	Mary Orr, widow of William, killed by the enemy	8.15
July	1	Mary Nixon, widow of John, killed 20 Nov. 80	8.15
		Children of Neal Lacey, who was killed in action	7.10
	2	Thomas Farrow, wounded in actual service	13
	19	George Goslin, in 2nd Regt. State Troops, wounded at Eutaw	8.15
	25	Simon Martin, 1 yrs. annuity	13
Aug.	2	Mary Kirkwood, widow of James, who lost his life in service	8.15
	3	John Reardon, wounded by the enemy, 1 April 1784	13
	4	Moses Liddle, wounded by Indians in 76	13
		Rebeckah Lindsay, widow of John, who died of wounds he received at Tarlton's Defeat	8.15
	10	Elizabeth Fairey, widow of John, killed at Hanging Rock	8.15
	13	Mary Morrow, widow of John, killed at Hanging Rock	8.15
		Ann Hart, widow of Jacob, killed Dec. 1, 1781	8.15
	15	John Parker, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
		Martha Abney, widow of Samuel, killed by Cunningham	8.15
	19	Margaret Anderson, widow of George, killed in 81	8.15
	20	Mary Maben, widow of William, taken prisoner at Sumpter's Defeat 20 Aug. 80 and died in confinement	8.15
		Susannah Sullivan, widow of Owen, killed Nov. 81	8.15
	20	Christina Davis, widow of Zachariah, killed Nov. 81	8.15
	23	Lydia Scisson, widow of William, killed Nov. 81	8.15
	27	Duncan McCrevon, wounded at Wright's Bluff in 81	13



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Aug. 27	Joseph McJunkin 1 yrs. annuity which is due 24 Dec. next	13
31	Henry Weems, 1 yrs. annuity which will be due 9th Sept. next	12.17.1
Sept. 1	Mary Foy, widow of Richard, killed at Suvannah	8.15
2	Martin Hammond, wounded at Kings Mountain in 80	8.15
	Joseph Vaughn, wounded by Tories in 81	12
6	Mary Cummins, widow of Jeremiah, killed 8 July 81	8.15
	Racheal Cox, widow of James, killed by Indians 77	8.15
7	Paid the children of Charles Smith, killed by the enemy	8.15
		Total of <u>1662 pounds</u> 4½ pence
	Brought forward 1075 pound 7 sh 9 pence	

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Apr. 22	James McGowan, mained in service, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
	Milicent Letcher, widow of James, killed	8.15
25	Lucy Hatcher, widow of Ben, killed	8.15
29	Mary Brown, widow of Thomas, killed	8.15
May 6	Thomas Maze, 6 months annuity, to 27th inst.	6.10
7	Vardy McBee, for Joseph Reid, wounded in thigh and knee in service	13
	John Gribey, wounded at Kings Mountain	13
	Mary Boyd, widow of Robert, died on board prison ship	8.15
9	Elizabeth Wagner for the children of Sgt. Jasper	8.15
14	James Reed, wounded by Indians in 76	12.17.13
15	Edward McDaniel, wounded at Rocky Mount	13
19	Mary Kerr, widow of Samuel, killed 81	8.15
24	Amy Barton, widow of Thomas, killed	8.15
	Children of William Anderson, killed 1 Sept. 80	8.15
	Sarah Adair, widow of John, killed 82	8.15



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May	24	The widow of Captain Robert Campbell, killed by the Enemy Gallies in Savannah River	8.15
	26	Mary Land, widow of John, killed in Mar. 81	8.15
		Mary Land, widow of Benjamin, taken in March of 81 and died in confinement	8.15
	28	Benjamin Clarke, wounded by the enemy	13
	30	Mary Leonard, widow of Captain Laughton, killed	8.15
		Mary Miller, widow of Anderson, killed	8.15
		Frances Brown, widow of John, killed 20 April 81	8.15
			<u>8.15</u>
		176 pounds	7 sh 1½ pence
June	2	Elizabeth Barret, widow of Joseph, killed by Tories in 81	8.15
		Racheal Watkins, widow of John, killed by Tories in 81	8.15
	7	Jane West, widow of Ben, killed by enemy	8.15
	8	William Hill for Edward Hill, wounded in shoulder by Hanging Rock	8.15
		Joseph McJunkin, balance of 1 yrs. annuity	4.5
		Mary Barber, wife of Joseph, taken prisoner by the British in Sept. 80 and died a prisoner	8.15
	10	Sarah Johnston, widow of John, killed at Black Rock	8.15
		Jane Lansum, widow of John, lost his life in service	8.15
			<u>8.15</u>
		65 pounds 10	shillings
		Total 330 pounds 13 sh 3 pence	
Mar.	1	William Dawkins, balance of 1 yrs. annuity	4.5
	2	Mary Ann Shephard, widow of John, wounded 1 April 81 died Congaree Fort	8.15
		Grace Martin, widow of William, killed in service of the state	8.15
	4	Robert Cosby, 1 yrs. annuity from 4 Mar. last	8.11.5
	10	Jane Patton, widow of Thomas, taken prisoner by the enemy 18 August 80 and died in confinement	8.15

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Mar.	15	Jane Jones, widow of James, taken at Briar Creek and died in confinement	8.15
	16	John Latta, Jr., wounded in his left arm on 4 May 79 in the Battle with the enemy at Tulifinny	8.15
	18	Jane Lusk, widow of William, who lost his life to the enemy	8.15
		Ferribe Izard, widow of Harrison, killed in service Nov. 18, at Jassel's Creek	8.15
	26	William Williams, wounded at Tarlton's Defeat	8.15
		William Brown, wounded 18 August 80 with General Sumpter	13
	29	Martha Coil, widow of Burnet, made prisoner by the Tories 7 Dec. 81 and murdered by their Indians	8.15
		William Leslie, wounded by the Indians	8.11.5
		Mary Stevenson, widow of Thomas, who lost his life in the late war	
		Robert Walker, wounded in action at Kings Mountain in 80	13
	30	Janet Knox, widow of James, killed in service	8.15
Apr.	1	Frances Gelder, widow of Jacob, killed Feb. 81	8.15
	16	John Young, wounded at Fort Moultrie 28 June 76	3.4.13
	21	Eliza Porter, widow of Hugh, taken by Tories and murdered by their Indians	8.15
		Eleanor Morris, widow of William, made prisoner by Tories and Indians & murdered	8.15
		Owen Hinds, 6 months annuity	5.14.3
1785		Brought forward 30.10 704 pounds 9 sh 9 p	<u>1075.7.9</u>
Feb.	3	Elizabeth Owens, widow of Captain John, who fell in defense of this state 18 Nov. 81, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
		Margaret Dunlap, widow of John, who fell in defense of this state in May 81, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
		Elizabeth Hancock, widow of Clement, who fell in defense of this state 18 Nov. 81	8.15

<u>1785</u>			
Feb.	3	Jane Hardy, widow of Christopher, fell 18 Nov. 81	8.15
		Mary Melvin, widow of John, fell 18 Nov. 81	8.15
	4	David Evans, wounded by the enemy 4 Sept. 80	8.15
	7	Elizabeth Adair, widow of Robert, killed by Indians	8.15
	8	James Norton for the children of James Boyd, who was killed by Indians	8.15
	12	James Harbison, wounded by the British at Wright's Bluff	8.15
		James Hall, wounded at Eutaw	13
	16	James Hatcher, who lost his leg by the enemy	8.15
		Mary Weir, widow of John, who was made a prisoner at Augusta in 80 and died on prison ship	8.15
	21	Mary Gill, widow of John, who fell in defense of this country in Dec. 1781	
		Sarah Davison, widow of John, killed at Hanging Rock	8.15
	24	Emelia Bledso, widow of Berryman, killed by Cunningham and his party	8.15
	25	Children of John Watson, taken at Defeat of General Ashe at Briar Creek in 79 and died with the enemy	8.15
		Jane Neal, widow of Hugh, taken at Sumpter's Defeat and died aboard prison ship	8.15
		Mary Croft, widow of Daniel, taken at Briar Creek in 79 and died on board prison ship	8.15
		Martha McBride, widow of William, who lost his life in Service of this state	8.15
	26	Eleanor Black, widow of Robert, who lost his life in action against a party of British	8.15
		Eleanor Pickens, widow of Joseph, wounded at the seige of 96 in 1781, of which he died	8.15
	28	Ruth Anderson, widow of Henry, killed Oct. 81	8.15
		931 pounds 14 sh 16 pence	
<u>1785</u>			
Jan.	8	Jacob Barnett, wounded at Rocky Mount, 1 yrs. annuity	13

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Jan. 8

Margaret McCallister, widow of Nathan, lost his life in skirmish with Tories, 1 yrs. annuity 8.15

11 Rhoda Craig, widow of James, who lost his life on duty 1 Feb. 81, 1 yrs. annuity 8.15

18 John Neal, wounded in his left arm at Tarlton's Defeat, 1 yrs. annuity 13

James Bell, wounded in action at Musgrove's 13

Daniel McJunkin, wounded in defense of this country, 1 yrs. annuity 13

William Kennedy, Jr. wounded in defense of this country, 1 yrs. annuity 13

Widow of Captain Gabriel Brown, killed at Sumpter's Defeat of Tarlton at Blackstock's, 1 years annuity 8.15

Mary Hughes, widow of Richard, who died in Prison 8.15

Thomas Brandon for the children of William Hughes, killed in defense of this country, 1 yrs. annuity 8.15

Agnes Brandon, widow of Richard, killed Aug. 1781, 1 yrs. annuity 8.15

Jane Brandon, widow of John, killed by Indians 8.15

19 James Armstrong, wounded by the enemy 13

Josiah Tanner, wounded 13

James Swan, wounded in action at Musgrove's 13

21 Mary Crawford, widow of Patrick, who lost his life in defense of this state, in 81, 1 yrs. annuity 8.15

Elizabeth Bishop, widow of Henry, who lost his life by a wound received from British 1 Aug. 80 8.15

27 Francis Jones, for Elizabeth Smith, widow of Smallwood killed in service of this state by a party under the command of William Cunningham 8.15

28 Mary Bryan, widow of John, taken prisoner and confined Charleston, where he died 8.15

Feb. 1 Thomas Farris wounded in the service 13

3 Jane Weaver, widow of Aaron killed in service 8.15



Feb.	3	Mary Butler, widow of James, killed in service	8.15
		704 pounds	<u>9 sh and 11 pence</u>
<u>1784</u>			
Nov.	15	Janet Johnson, widow of Matthew, killed Aug. 18, 1780 against British troops	8.15
		Captain Hugh McClure, wounded June 80	13
	15	Racheal Brice, widow of Daniel, who lost his life in defense of this Country, in 1780, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
		Alex Ray, wounded 1781, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
	7	Eleanor Hueston, widow of William, who received a wound in August 80 at Hanging Rock, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
		Catherine Jones, widow of Captain Thomas, killed in defense of this state 3 April 81, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
Aug.	9	John Young, 1 yrs. pension agreeable to resolution of the General Assembly 12 June last, 2nd Regt.	12.17.15
	10	George Mason, 1 yrs. annuity agreeable to resolution passed by General Assembly, 12 June last, 2nd Regt.	12.17.1½
	27	William Bratton, for Catherine Allcorn, widow of James, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
Sept.	1	John Parker, 1 yrs. annuity, being wounded at the Fort of Augusta, by Resolution of the General Assembly of March last	8.15
	2	Simon Marten, 1 yrs. annuity, wounded at Eutaw	13
	3	Lt. Thomas Farrow, 1 yrs. annuity	13
		Elizabeth Waters, widow of Capt. Bordwin, who was killed 5 Sept. 1782, 1 yrs. annuity	13
	9	Henry Weems, 1 yrs. annuity to 31 July 1782	12.17.1
Oct.	1	William Webster, 1 yrs. annuity from Oct. 1, 83 to this date being wounded at St. Tilly's and provided for by the General Assembly	3.11.5
	18	Owen Hinds, 1 yrs. annuity due him this day	11.8.7
		John Young, 3 months annuity--Fort Moultrie	3.4.1½
		Joseph Murray, 1 yrs. annuity, wounded at Hanging Rock	8.15
		George Mason, 1 yrs. annuity due 18th inst., Fort Moultrie	12.17.1½

Nov. 1	James Mitchel, 1 yrs. annuity, wounded at Hanging Rock 5 Aug. 1780	13
11	Agnes Duff, whose husband was killed in Battle at Kings Mountain, Ferguson's Defeat, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
12	Ann Crage, widow of Samuel, who was killed at Hanging Rock, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
	Hannah Craig, widow of James, who was killed at Hanging Rock, 1 yrs. annuity	8.15
	Rebecca McCullough, widow of Thomas, whose husband was taken prisoner at Sumpter's Defeat and died aboard prison ship	8.15
	Total	<u>261 pounds 9 pence</u>

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State of South Carolina  
York County

Know all men by these presents that we, JULIUS W. WILFONG and wife MARGARET J. WILFONG and DAVID E. WILFONG and wife, of Brady County in the state of Arkansas, for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand dollars to be paid to ALEXANDER WILFONG of York County in the state aforesaid have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these present do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Alexander Wilfong, all that tract of land situated in the county of York, in the state of South Carolina on the waters of Fishing Creek adjoining lands of GREEN BLAKE, AMZI STEELE, THOMAS BANKSUNN and the McCULLOUGH land containing three hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less known as the home place. Also all the tract of land situated in same county and state on waters of Fishing Creek adjoining land of A. Wilfong, Green Blake, and Amzi Steele containing twenty-five acres more or less, both aforesaid tracts being back of the ALEXANDER CRAWFORD place listed under his will to his two daughters, MARY and JANET SUSAN ISABELLE, being the two present above named.

Together with all and singular, the rights members here \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ acres to the said premises unto Alexander Wilfong and his heirs and assigns against us and our heirs and ever person and persons, Crawford by claiming or to claim the same or any part there of. In witness whereof we Julius W. Wilfong and DAVID ELLENBURG through our duty considered attorney George M. Wilfong and we Margaret Wilfong and Susan Isabella Wilfong have here unto set our hand and seal this twelvth day of December 1874.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of --

W. B. Kibler  
Lizzie Kibler  
E. Y. Campbell  
D. C. Williams

J. W. Wilfong  
G. M. Wilfong  
D. E. Wilfong  
Margaret J. Wilfong  
Susan S. Wilfong

(Note: This deed was apparently the property of GEORGE BUTLER CORNWELL and ORA SHANNON CORNWALL and was inherited by Mrs. MARIE CORNWALL THOMAS, last survivor of this family. RAYMOND and ELIZABETH THOMAS inherited her home and this old document was found there. Many thanks "Betty" for sharing this with us.)

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Revolutionary Times

The occurrence at Beckhamville and a similar one at Mobley's Meeting House alarmed the commander at Rocky Mount and he sent out Captain Christian Huck, a profane and unprincipled man, with four hundred cavalry and body of well mounted Tories "To push the rebels as far as he might deem convenient." He executed his orders with alacrity. He destroyed Colonel Hill's iron works and burned the residence of Rev. William Simpson, pastor of Fishing Creek Church. He hated the presbyterians bitterly and made them suffer when he could. Well loaded with plunder, he fell back to Rocky Mount and made preparations for other depredations.

Sumter was gathering a little army together and Huck proceeded to execute his orders before Sumter's approach. He marched to and encamped upon James Williamson's plantation, now Brattonville, July the 11th, 1780. Shortly after midnight Colonel Neil and the companies of Captain Bratton and McClure came down from Sumter's camp in Mecklenburg and cautiously approached the sleeping enemy in his encampment which was in a lane. At dawn they fell upon Huck's party with fury. The surprise was complete and the battle ensued fiercely for about an hour when Colonel Huck with Colonel Ferguson of the Tory militia were killed and the party dispersed. The whole patriot force consisted of 133 men. McClure and his men, who were well mounted, pursued the fugitives almost to Rocky Mount and within four hours the army of Huck was as completely dissolved as if they had never seen each other. Colonel Neil lost only one man.

These defeats had encouraged the Whigs and had the opposite effect upon the Tories. Many joined Sumter and he soon felt able to attack the force at Rocky Mount, which was to be a third larger than his own. The post at Rocky Mount at this time was under the command of Lieut. Col. Turnbull and consisted of about one hundred and fifty New York volunteers and some South Carolina militia. They were stationed in three log houses upon a slope surrounded by a ditch and abattis and encircled by open wood.

At an early hour July 31, 1780, General Sumter, accompanied by Colonel Neil, Irvine, and Lacy, Captain McClure and some of the Gastons, appeared upon an elevation northeasterly from the forts. The British commander having been warned by a Tory was prepared to receive them, and though the Americans poured some severe volleys upon the forts, but little effect was produced thereby. They leaped the abattis and after three assaults drove the garrison into the houses. They were without artillery and could not dislodge them with musketry. They endeavored to burn the houses by throwing burning fagots upon them and this failed also. An old wagon was procured which was loaded with brush and straw and these were lighted and the wagon was rolled down against the house. The British, seeing their danger, hoisted a flag. Supposing they intended to surrender, Sumter ordered the firing to cease. Just at that moment a shower of rain fell and extinguished the flames. The enemy defied him. Having no other means to dislodge or seriously injure the garrison, Sumter withdrew. The Americans lost the gallant Colonel Neil early in the action, two white men and a Catawba Indian lost their lives and ten were wounded. The British loss was ten killed and ten wounded.

Some trace of the foundation of the old forts may be seen today. The rocks behind which some of Sumter's men fought were bespattered with British bullets during the fight. During the digging of the old canal some of these rocks were split up and used probably in the lock at the mouth of Rocky Creek.

Hoping John Miller, one of Sumter's partisans, would get behind a big rock, carefully load his gun, come out openly when about to shoot, and always after taking deliberate aim utter the brief ejaculation as he pulled the trigger: "may the Lord direct the bullet."

Some days prior to the battle, William Stroud of Beckhamville section borrowed some ammunition of the garrison at Rocky Mount to kill some Whigs, he told them. He went into the battle with Sumter's men and while the fight was raging, he told the British that he was then returning his borrowed ammunition. After Sumter withdrew, a squad of British went up and caught him in a neighbor's crib shelling corn. He was arrested, carried to the main road, and hanged to a tree on the west side of the road a few hundred yards north of the residence of Mrs. R. B. Boyleston, Beckhamville, and there his body hanged three weeks in August with a placard attached to the corpse forbidding its burial under severe penalties. But at last a few friends, bold enough to risk the vengeance threatened came at night, dug a hole under the corpse, climbed the tree, cut the rope and let the body fall into the grave. This young man during the last months of his life killed more soldiers than any other man during the entire war. Captain Dickson, York county, cut him down. Other accounts state that he was buried by Sumter.

Some time previous to the battle of Rocky Mount, Captain Ben Land was drilling some patriots near where the Ebenezer Methodist church now stands, when they were charged upon by some British dragoons. The patriots, having no previous notice of their approach dispersed. Captain Land was overtaken and surrounded by the dragoons who attacked him with their broad sword. He defended himself with his sword, to the last and wounded several of the enemy severely before he fell. Soon after his death his widow gave birth to a son whom she called Thomas Sumter in honor of the American General. The grave of Captain Land is still pointed out on the waters of Little Rocky Creek.

It is said that the person who carried the information which led to the death of Captain Land's men were at a neighboring shop having their horses shod. They were followed, fired upon, and one man was killed. The dragoons then crossed Big Rocky Creek and went to the residence of Rev. William Martin, took him prisoner and carried him to Rocky Mount, where was Thomas Walker, who had been taken prisoner some time previous. During the battle of Rocky Mount these two men were bound to the floor of one of the houses. The British had a wholesome dread of the stormy eloquence of Rev. William Martin.

Esther Gaston and her sister-in-law, Jane Gaston, having been informed of the expected attack upon Rocky Mount early in the morning of the day of the battle, mounted their horses and galloped toward the scene of action. When nearly there they met two or three men coming away. Esther stopped the fugitives, upbraided them with cowardice, and entreated them to return to their duty. While they wavered, she advanced and seizing one of their guns exclaimed: "Give us your guns and we will stand in your places." The most cowardly of men must have been moved by such a taunt. Covered with confusion and for very shame, these runaway soldiers wheeled about and returned to the fight with these two heroines. During the action these two ladies were idle spectators, but busied themselves diligently in rendering whatever services were required, assisting to dress the wounds of the soldiers and in carrying water to allay their thirst. A Catawba Indian severely wounded was succored by them and his last looks were turned in gratitude to those who had soothed his pain and supplied his wants.

For the account of the battle of Rocky Mount and the Revolutionary incidents above mentioned, I am indebted to that part of "The Women of the Revolution" written by Daniel Stinson, Fishing Creek.

#### Richard Gaither.

Richard Gaither migrated from Maryland some years prior to the Revolution and settled on Little Rocky Creek, Chester County, but spent the greater part of his life in the vicinity of Rocky Mount, where he



accumulated a considerable estate of lands and some slaves. Much of this land is still in possession of his descendants. He died in 1825, at more than ninety years of age.

Richard Gaither was a Whig soldier in the revolution. Very little is now known of his soldier life or military record. At one time he was confined by the British in Camden until he was nearly eaten up by vermin. He was condemned to die and the day of his execution was set and near at hand, when a British officer intervened and his life was spared. It is regretted that the crime for which he was to die was that he loved his country and fought against the King.

His daughter, Rachel, obtained permission to carry some clothing to the place of that infested with vermin. After accomplishing her mission she and a neighboring lady Mrs. Ben Land who had accompanied her, started on their way home, a distance of forty miles through an unbroken forest. They had not traveled more than half the distance when a party of mounted Tories who had no regard for ladies commanded the weary travellers to halt. As soon as Miss Rachel ascertained that they wanted her horses she bestrided the back of her fleet-footed animal and used her whip to good advantage. After racing several miles, she made good her escape while her more timid friend gave up her horse and trudged her way home on foot.

On another occasion a squad of Tories came to her father's house and ordered a meal for themselves. Rachel informed them that nothing could be kept on account of the British Tories. After she was threatened, her mother told her where she could find some coarse meal and to prepare some bread and milk for them. When ready she set before them the milk, in an old pewter basin. After they had partaken of the bread and milk, Rachael said to them: "If the basin was melted and poured down your throats, it would be the desert, of all other, that I desire you should have."

This lady had descendants, Bradshaw and others, in York County.

#### William Lewis.

William Lewis came from Virginia before the war of Independence and settled in the vicinity of Rocky Mount where he continued to reside until his death in the thirties at an advanced age, probably more than ninety years. He was twice married and left a large family of children.

The record of Mr. Lewis in the Revolutionary was excellent, although little of it is now known. He was at Gates' defeat near Camden, Rocky Mount, Sumter's surprise at Fishing Creek, Hanging Rock and other places.

Some Tories stole a number of horses and encamped on Big Wateree Creek in the plantation now known as LaGrange and belonging to Mr. John G. Mobley. They had divested themselves of all their clothing save their shirts and had them hanging around rusing fires to dry them. The night was very dark. Mr. Lewis and a few others charged upon completely surprised them, and captured the horses. But the Tories jumped into the creek in their denuded condition and betook themselves to the woods.

On another occasion he chased a Tory and captured his horse and two sides of bacon which he had stolen from a poor woman.

Reuben and John Pickett came from Virginia and settled on Wateree Creek. They often aided William Lewis in his raids and skirmishes.

A Tory was killed at the spring near the present residence of William S. Sibley and another was shot and killed climbing the fence on the roadside near the house now occupied by Robert Meeks, colored. These were cold-blooded and were probably done to expiate some former offenses against the Whigs.

Samuel McCrarey, Fishing Creek, was an ardent patriot and did much service against the British and Tories around Rocky Mount. When hostilities ended, he secluded himself from his neighbors and friends for ten years. He then joined the Baptist Ministry and served his church for

many years. Mentally he was much above mediocrity. His arguments in favor of the tenets and doctrines of his church were considered the best advanced in his day. His sermons brought delight to the Christian and terror to the sinner.

These are all the Revolutionary incidents we have been able to gather.

#### Grimkeville.

On the crest of hill west of Rocky Mount ferry the town of Grimkeville was surveyed in 1792. The two main streets, which trended northerly and southerly, were called Washington and Pinckney. The Cross streets were Blanding, Manigault, Izzard, Cripps, Barnett, Laughton, Davie, Kean, and Allen.

Among the first lot owners and probably residents were Mr. J. F. Grimke, L. Smith, J. Allen Smith, Manigault, John D. Maxwell, William Houston, and Hugh McMillan. The hill on which this town was built is the true and original Rocky Mount. Lots were reserved for a seminary, parsonage, church, and cemetery. The residence of John G. Johnstone stands upon the church lot.

It was named in honor of J. F. Grimke, prominent in South Carolina affairs in his day.

Judge J. F. Grimke owned much land along the west bank of the River. The legislature passed an act. Dec. 18, 1817, to purchase these lands, which purchase was consummated May the 1st, 1818. The price paid was \$19,258. This purchase was probably made preparatory to digging the canal.

This once populous and growing town bade fair to increase in size, population and importance. It was situated at the head of flat boat navigation, and the bugle blast announcing the arrival and departure of boats was often heard. It was surrounded by fields of fertile soil, cultivated by thrifty and energetic husbandmen, and a considerable trade was carried on in it. Now the town is desolate and forsaken, no boat now comes or goes. Those who walked to and fro on the streets have passed, and their habitations have moulded into dust. The streets have been obliterated by the plow share. The lowing of cattle on the hill side and the plowman's phrases in the cotton field, take the place of the bustle and hum of business on the crowded streets.

#### Catching Shad.

William Wall came from Virginia and settled near the Catawba Falls, Chester County, probably shortly after the Revolutionary War.

In his Virginia home, shad were caught in a dip net. As he settled near a river in his new home, nothing was more natural than for him to try it in the Catawba. Success crowned his efforts. From this beginning catching shad and carp grew to be very lucrative business and continued to be so for many years. Some time until the State established a fish commission, whose business it was to put millions of young shad in the upper part of the river. After that, fish were caught in increased numbers and became plentiful. To lee some expense the fish commission was abolished, so that for the past several seasons shad are scarcely caught at all.

#### The May Picnic.

The writer heard Mr. William Nichols, who was born in 1797 and spent his entire life in the vicinity, say he could not remember when there was not a party of some kind at the Falls on the first Saturday in May.

As the proprietors of the fisheries needed their hands on their farms afterwards, the first Saturday in May was the last day on which they fished. Some of their friends were invited to a dinner of fish, cooked on the river bank on the last day. Very likely fish were served in different ways and everybody partook of the toothsome delicacies until all were satisfied.

"Migration West" took promising S. C. figures

By Louise Pettus and  
Ron Chepesiuk of the  
Winthrop College faculty

In the fall of 1824, a caravan of wagons carrying 47 members of the Harper and Hutchison families left Lancaster District for "the West."

They were small farmers looking for fresh land on which to grow cotton and grain. It was part of a pattern of "out-migration" to be repeated for years to come.

The small farmers were leaving because of lack of capital and know-how in use of fertilizer and crop rotation as well as the expansion of the large plantation system.

The tide of out-migration generally flowed into Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. The Harpers and Hutchisons pushed all the way into northwestern Tennessee.

They forded the small streams. If ferries were available on the rivers, they used them; if not, according to a newspaper account given by one of the party years later, they "took their bed-cords, lashed timbers together, made a pontoon or raft, and crossed their wagons and teams on it."

It took three months of hard travel. The party arrived in the dead of winter to a territory still largely unsettled by white men and women.

The first two weeks the men scouted about for the best lands to "enter" (establish legal claim to).

The women, in addition to the usual camp chores, busily spun wool which they got "on shares" from the few surrounding farmers.

Rosanna Harper, a widow with teen-age sons and 12-year-old-Polly, entered a large tract of land with a fine spring of water on the crest of a hill.

Polly, when in her 80s recalled how her family camped on the spot all spring and summer. They slept in the wagon and fought great clouds of mosquitoes.

The boys brought in a crop using the horses which had not a grain of corn but ate cane and peavine instead. Bear, deer, turkey, and squirrels supplied plenty of meat.

As soon as the corn crop was harvested, the pioneers began building permanent homes.

The first to die of the 47 who made the trip was a young daughter of William and Jane Hutchison who fell into a fire and "expired in great agony." The last was Polly, the Polly Hogue, who was 87. They buried her on the site where she camped in the wagon in the year 1825.

The out-migration of people like the Harpers and Hutchisons has been estimated to be nearly half of all white South Carolinians born after 1800.

The Camden Journal in 1854 expressed concern about the loss of some of the state's best talents. The newspaper pointed out that of the 12 graduates of South Carolina College who had become governors, five were governors of other states. Of the 21 who had become judges, 10 were judges in other states.

Until the census of 1850, there was no data collected to show the origin of birth. It is estimated that in 1850 the number of out-migrants was equal to two-thirds of all free persons still living in the State.

By 1850 the average size of a South Carolina farm was the largest in the nation. The United States average-size farm was 114 acres; the South Carolina average was 541 acres.

Many historians believe that there is a strong connection between South Carolina's plantation size and her leadership role in events leading to secession from the Union in 1861. The out-migration, over the years,



of the small dependent farmers like the Harpers and Hutchisons, along with a high slave population growth, caused more conservative social and political policies to emerge. Nevertheless, when South Carolina seceded, the "kin folk" across the South and Southwest and into Missouri and Arkansas responded to the old ties. After all, they had corresponded regularly, and when the railways came they had visited back and forth continuously.

This closeness of family ties survived the Civil War. It was a York County Hutchison family that received and preserved the newspaper account of the burial of Polly Harper Hogue, pioneer to Obion County, Tenn., who had left South Carolina in a wagon 75 years earlier.

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#### DRENNAN Family Notes

The progenitor of this family seems to have been one JOHN DRENNAN who, on 24 December 1765, was "John Drennan, Yeoman, late of Pennsylvania". He bought from William Hagens and Mary, his wife of the Waxhaws, 200 acres of land situated on both sides of Twelve Mile Creek on the west side of the Catawba River. This land was considered at the time of the original deed to have been in Mecklenburg County, N.C., but when the deed was recorded in 1785, the line had been adjusted between N. C. and S. C. and the line fell so that the Drennan purchase was in York County, S. C. This is found in old deed book A, page 30, York Co., S. C. Witness: Andrew Nutt, Robert Crockett, Samuel Thompson.

HUGH DRENNAN, born 1723, died March 12, 1802, buried at Fishing Creek Church Cemetery, Chester Co., S. C.

HUGH DRENNAN, Esquire and his wife HANNAH were the parents of HARVEY HUGH DRENNAN and MARY, the wife of CHRISTOPHER STRAIGHT.

HARVEY DRENNAN, Esq. died 22nd Nov. 1835, aged 53 years, 8 months, 6 days.

HANNAH died April 29, 1837, aged 57 years.

The children of this HUGH DRENNAN were found in the deed of JANE DRENNAN's property to Archibald Steele. Mary's husband, Christopher Strait, was the son of the original settler, Christopher Straight, Sr., who had an original land grant on Fishing Creek, in what later became known as the Wylie's Mill Section. Christopher Straight, who married Mary Drennan was born ca. 1806 and died 1855. Mary was born ca. 1807. The three children of Christopher and Mary were: ELIZABETH, HARVEY, and HUGH D.

Harvey Hugh Drennan was born in 1813 and died August 10, 1890. He married ELIZABETH MOORE AGURS, born 1817, died August 24, 1890, both buried at Fishing Creek Church Cemetery. Elizabeth was the daughter of WILLIAM and MARGARET CULP AGURS, also members of Fishing Creek Church. The CULP connection ties the Agurs family to one of the earliest families of the Lower Fishing Creek section. BENJAMIN CULP, her father, was on Lower Fishing Creek before 1761 and in that year, his sister, BARBARA MCKINNEY, was scalped by the Cherokee Indians. The brothers and sisters of Elizabeth Drennan were: CYNTHIA KIRKPATRICK; MARTHA L. KEE; JULIA FARLEY; JOHN L. AGURS, who married MARY MOBLEY DUNOVANT; WILLIAM C. AGURS, who went West during the gold rush of 1849, finally settled in Greenwood, La. and FRANCES T. MORGAN.

Harvey Hugh Drennan who was one of the trustees of Shiloh Church, was raised in the Fishing Creek Church. He lived at what is now the interchange below Mt. Holly, off I-77 and #901. There was a two-story house on the southwest corner of the present intersection, and it was in this house that Harvey and Elizabeth raised their family.

1) WILLIAM AGURS, born Sept. 13, 1838, died Nov. 29, 1920, married first MARGARET MONTGOMERY, second, MARGARET JANE WATERS.



- 2) SARAH SUSAN, born Feb. 28, 1854, died March 14, 1924, married W. R. NEELY.
- 3) JOHN HARVEY, born March 9, 1848, died 1871, age 23 years.
- 4) HUGH WALLACE, died Sept. 15, 1848, age 7 months and 18 days.
- 5) MARTHA MARY, born Aug. 8, 1844, died May 22, 1871, married DICKEY.
- 6) MARGARET, born 1839, died Dec. 25, 1868, age 29 years, 1 month, 6 days.
- 7) CYNTHIA ELIZABETH married WILLIAM HUEY.
- 8) ROBERT FRANCIS married LAURA J. POAG.

MARGARET DRENNAN married ELIHU J. LYNN, born 22 Nov. 1831, died July 3, 1871. This couple are buried in Paul's Cemetery, Chester Co. This was the cemetery used by the Covenanter Meeting House on Beaver Dam Creek, which was the church from which these early settlers freed their slaves. The early immigrant was JOHN LYNN, who emigrated from Ireland and fought in the Revolution.

CYNTHIA ELIZABETH, married WILLIAM HUEY and there is a family story about Cynthia and Mt. Holly Church. "Miss Lizzie" as she was known, was one of the younger daughters of Harvey and Elizabeth. There was a night meeting at the church and as young ladies have through the ages, her sisters dressed up for the occasion, "Miss Lizzie" was told she was too young to go to the meeting and would have to remain at home. Resentfully she watched the rest of the family leave, then she went up to her sisters' room and put on some of their clothes. She left the house and walked to the church. The meeting had already begun, so she walked down the aisle and sat down by her father. The clothes of this period required a hoop skirt, and if you have seen ladies with hoop skirts, you know the front will kick up. The little girl sat down, up flew the skirt, showing the bare feet. She laughed and said when telling her story that she was bare footed under her finery, having forgotten her shoes. Mr. Drennan took the "little lady" out of the church and walked her home. His children found him a rather stern parent, so they were shocked that she was not punished.

HARVEY HUGH DRENNAN and his son WILLIAM AGURS, both served in the Confederate Army. Harvey as Captain, Co. E, 6th S. C. Reserves. He enlisted from York District Nov. 18, 1862.

WILLIAM AGURS served as Private in Infantry, Co. A 17th Regiment, Evans Brigade.

HUGH DRENNAN, Esq., father of Harvey Hugh Drennan died intestate. WILLIAM DRENNAN served as administrator for his father's estate and HUGH DRENNAN and JOHN NEELY were bondsmen for the estate. The estate listed six heirs for HUGH DRENNAN; however, when his daughter JANE died in 1844, there were seven heirs shown, when her brothers and sisters sold her land to Archibald Steele.

ROBERT DRENNAN made a quit claim to the property of his father, which makes it possible to locate HUGH DRENNAN's land. There were four tracts listed:

- 1) A tract of land for which no acreage was given on the Stony Fork of Fishing Creek. This tract was sold to Hugh Drennan by Samuel Lusk in 1784.

- 2) A 100 acre tract on both sides of Fishing Creek conveyed to Hugh Drennan by Hugh Whyte on 16 June 1785.

- 3) A 44 acre tract on the west side of Fishing Creek, on the north side of the road leading from Robert Gill's on the South Fork of Fishing Creek to White's Mill, conveyed to Hugh Drennan, Sr. by Robert Lusk, Jr. and Jane Lusk to Hugh Drennan 25 Nov. 1800.

- 4) An 89½ acre tract on South side of the Stony Fork of Fishing Creek, being an original grant to Hugh Drennan.

Hugh Drennan's three grandchildren served in the Civil War:  
HARVEY HUGH DRENNAN and Hannah both buried at Fishing Creek  
Church Cemetery.

Captain - Co. E 6th S. C. Reserve

Enlisted at York District 11-18-1862

Remarks: 90 days, 11-18-1862 through 2-18-1863 Confederate  
Service Record

WILLIAM M. DRENNAN married Martha Jane Robinson. William born ca.  
1825, died 1-20-1896, son of John Drennan who died before 1847.  
William is buried in Concord Methodist Cemetery, York Co.

Military Service in Civil War - no record, but a war pension went  
to his widow, Martha born 4-1-1839, died 3-12-1919, buried Shiloh Pres-  
byterian Church, York Co.

JAMES S. DRENNAN, born 8-5-1835, died 3-16-1907, son of James and  
Mary Ann Boyd Drennan. Married Louise McFadden, born 12-29-1839, died  
10-21-1929, both buried in Union A.R.P. Church Cemetery, Richburg, S. C.

Private/Lieutenant

Co. S. A & B 6th S. C. Inf.

Enlisted at Chester, S. C. 4-11-1861

Wounded near Richmond 10-21-1864

Paroled - Appomattox 4-9-1865

On last roll call below Richmond, 12-27-1864 - Confederate Service  
Record.

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*The following article was taken from the scrapbook of the late Arthur Cornwall.*

#### PINCKNEYVILLE NOTES

"Thomas C. Taylor, who was born in Ireland, 25th of March, 1776,  
and died in Pinckneyville, S. C., 19th of June, 1832 in the 57th year  
of his age."

*"Silent grave, to thee I trust,  
This precious part of worthy dust,  
Keep it safe, O sacred tomb,  
Until a wife shall ask for room."*

However, his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, does not rest beside her  
husband. She moved to Dallas Co., Ala. and in 1839, through her attor-  
ney, James Fowler Walker, sold lots in Pinckneyville, containing 5 acres  
to William McGwan, who was living there at that time. The witnesses to  
the deed were G. M. Plexico and James H. Alexander. Squire Alexander  
was a merchant and for years a magistrate of Pinckneyville. He and  
J. F. Walker were brother-in-laws, having married the daughters of  
William Reid. Robert Black was another merchant of the village.

The Taylor house was occupied by Congressman Joseph Gist before he  
built his home a mile from the village. The latter place was after-  
wards the home of the late J. C. Farrar. William F. Gist was a merchant  
of Pinckneyville in 1805, and in 1821 was one of the justices of the  
quorum for Union District.

Districts have been called counties since 1868. Isaac Going was  
one of the justices of the quorum in 1828. Judge William Smith lived  
for a time at Pinckneyville and afterwards moved to Alabama.

An old letter states that Judge Grimke held court at Pinckneyville  
in 1796. In "Bay's Reports" can be found the case of Ferdinand Hopkins  
against Allan DeGraffenried, Pinckney District, 1798. Judge Bay  
presided on the trial.

At one time Thomas E. Suggs, the clock vender, lived in the Taylor  
house. He came from Waterbury, Connecticut. His clocks had wooden  
wheels and works, were considered good timepieces, could be placed on  
the mantel and were made at the Waterbury Clock Factory at Bullocks  
Creek. In after years, Suggs moved to Alabama.

It may not be amiss to mention that Seth Thomas of Plymouth, Litchfield County, Connecticut, owned six acres of lots in Pinckneyville and sold them to James F. Walker in 1847, who afterwards sold them to Dr. W. H. Sims. Dr. Sims owned and lived in the Taylor house for eight or ten years. He sold it to the late B. F. Foster, who lived there before moving to Union.

The Taylor house was a two-story wood building and was put together with wooden pegs. Part of what was a boarding house has been moved across the street and is used as a barn. The only land marks left of this almost deserted village are two brick buildings - the old jail and the store - the latter said to have been built by Daniel McMahan. Both of these have been fitted up for tenant houses and are occupied today.

On May 28, 1801, "The Times" of Charleston, gives an interesting notice of William Buford's trip from his home on Broad River near Pinckney court house through the Santee Canal to Charleston. He passed down Broad River, through the canal at Columbia, down the Congaree and Santee, through the Santee Canal and landed in Charleston on Cooper River. Mr. Buford went in his own boat, which was built on his own plantation and loaded with his own cotton. This was a great achievement and is the first mention of boating in this country.

Mills says Broad River was navigable to the Ninety-nine Islands for boats carrying sixty bales of cotton - that the obstruction at Lockhart Shoals was overcome by a canal with seven locks executed by the state. Benjamin F. Logan and John McEntin owned a cotton house in Pinckneyville in 1828.

Stage coaches took the place of trains in those days and ran rain or shine. They drove four horses every ten miles. They carried the mail as well as passengers and luggage. The driver would blow one long distinct blast on the York side approaching Pinckney Ferry as a warning, and after that a short blast for each passenger, so the inn keeper at Pinckney would know how many guests to expect.

It is said on good authority that the chickens became so accustomed to being chased immediately after the stage horn's daily blast that they would hide in the bushes or run for their lives when they heard it.

Time has made many changes in Pinckney since those good old days. After the court house was moved to Union and the tide of travel changed, when railroads took the place of stage coaches through the country, Pinckney went into a decline from which it never recovered. From a once thriving village, it is left to a lone fate.

*"So sleeps the pride of former days,  
So glory's thrills is o'er,  
And hearts that once beat high for praise,  
Now feel that pulse no more."*

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State of South Carolina

December 1, 1836

ANDREW HOOD of Chester District, did grant, bargain, sell and release to WILLIAM A. HOOD all that tract of land whereon said Wm. Hood now lives on the waters of Rocky Creek containing 102½ acres. It is bounded by lands formerly owned by JOHN KELL on the north; PATRICK HARBISON on the south; JAMES HARBISON on the east; JOHN COOPER on the west. Wit: Robert Ross - John Hood

signed Andrew Hood

ELIZABETH HOOD, wife of ANDREW HOOD, appeared before JOHN ROSBOROUGH, Justice of Quorum to release her right and claim of dower to above land.

signed Elizabeth Hood

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*The following article is taken from the January 18, 1898 issue of "The Lantern" - J. T. Bigham, Editor.*

### Among the Farmers.

This reporter spent several days last week on the eastern side of the county. Everywhere the farmers were making preparations for the coming crop. Almost without exception the opinion prevailed among them that it was best to reduce the cotton acreage and give their attention chiefly to the cultivation of corn and other home supplies.

Taking an easterly course our first stop was at the residence of Mr. J. R. Hicklin. He has the reputation of being a successful farmer and a good manager. Of one thing we are assured, he makes the best persimmon beer we ever tasted. According to our notion it was more refreshing and invigorating than the Columbia lager.

Pursuing our way, Richburg was soon reached. We were glad to find the good merchants of that town, Messrs. Drennan & Gill, Wylie & Millen, and W. H. McFadden, in good spirits and looking forward with cheerful hearts to more prosperous times. Mr. McFadden was very successful in his farming operations last year. Running four ploughs, he made 43 bales of cotton, and plenty of corn, wheat and other supplies to answer his purposes. He farms on the true plan -- to make his own supplies and have cotton as a surplus.

We rested awhile with our good friends, Messrs. Whitesides & Reid. This firm is so substantial and solid that they can snap their fingers at dull trade and hard times. To use in common parlance, they are "getting there just the same."

Mr. R. R. Proctor, having bought a half interest, has become associated with Mr. Whiteside in the sawing and ginning business. There were about 580 bales of cotton ginned at Lewisville this year.

A brief stay was made at Lando. Mr. Heath gave a good report of the Monetta mills, formerly known as the Fishing Creek Factory. These mills are running night and day -- an evidence of their prosperity. With good management a cotton mill in our State is sure of success.

Continuing our course, we passed Hollis' Store. There we met Mr. Jason Hicklin, one of the good farmers of that vicinity.

We arrived at Rodman in due time. The good firm of Lewis & Henry are still doing business at the same old stand. Mr. Rodman is also there, engaged in the same business.

From there we went to Edgmoor, stopping on the way with Mr. J. B. Ferguson, a good farmer and a good man. One of the merchants of Edgmoor has made an assignment, which was not calculated to do the place any good. Besides Mr. Clinton and Mr. Glass, we were pleased to meet Rev. Mr. Griffith and Mr. T. W. Whiteside. The latter is said to have matrimonial intentions, but we have our doubts about it.

Our next stopping place was at the residence of Mr. W. B. Crosby. He has a very desirable place, and is a very successful farmer. He is very much interested in the farmers' movement in reference to the reduction of the cotton acreage, but does not believe that resolutions will accomplish any good unless they are backed by legislation that will give them force and effect. His plan is to pledge every farmer not to plant in cotton more than 15 acres to the plow, and to levy a tax of five dollars (\$5) on every acre in cotton that exceeds this amount. The constitutionality of this plan might be questioned, otherwise we believe its enforcement would bring about the consummation devoutly to be desired.

We called to see our old friend, Mr. R. M. Cross, but unfortunately he was not at home. He was off in the field engaged in the good work of sowing oats.

At Landsford we met Col. J. M. Hough, formerly of Chesterfield, but now of this county. He is highly pleased with Chester and promises to



become a prominent citizen of our county. He is said to have congressional aspirations, but of course he must bide his time for a couple of years before he can expect much support from Chester.

On our return we stopped at Ferguson's store. Our good friend, the proprietor, was in his accustomed happy frame of mind. He does a good business, and is not over troubled with financial cares.

We made a short stop at Mr. Walter Garrison's, near Lewisville. He is an intelligent, industrious, energetic young farmer, and without doubt he will meet with the success he deserves.

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#### Dots from Wise.

Christmas of '97 is now a thing of the past, and it, like many of our happy resolutions for '98, will soon be brought to mind only by a retrospective glance.

The college boys and girls have all returned to their respective schools and are again striving with renewed vigor to burst asunder the almost adamant bonds of learning. The memory of their visit to that hallowed spot, home, will doubtless throw a halo of soft light on many of the tasks which before seemed arduous, and beguile many of their sad fancies into smiling.

Our youthful pyrotechnist, Master Robt. Wilks, who was quite painfully burned by an explosion of gun powder while manufacturing Roman candles, has about recovered from the effects of his burn and is now trying his fortune as a disciple of Nimrod. His greatest achievement in this line was the bagging of a large wild turkey one day last week.

All votaries of pleasure are delighted with a rainbow party given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wise on the evening of the 14th. There was in attendance quite a large crowd, and the merry peals of laughter and the sound of much talking are conclusive evidences that all drank deeply of pleasure's effusion. The zeal with which some of the young men worked at heming the girls' aprons and the pleasure they evinced at being accorded that privilege showed that they were worthy aspirants for the prizes. The prize, a box of stationery, for the best hemmed apron was given to Mr. J. H. Gilkey, who doubly deserved it for his excellent work and some "to the point" talk. The prize, a bandana handkerchief, offered to the one who displayed the least skill in the art of sewing, was very justly awarded to Rt. Hon. T. H. Hardin. One of the leading features of the entertainment was the delightful music, furnished by Messrs. John and Will Trussell and Arthur McKeown. The party over, every one left feeling that an encore would not be out of order.

Mrs. Robt. L. Douglas and bright little son, of Rodman, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilkes, of Chester, are visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Eva Wilkes, of Baton Rouge, visited Misses Emma and Jessie Wilkes last week.

Mrs. P. W. Hardin, Mrs. Amelia Fry and Mr. Jno. Hardin, of Rock Hill, are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. States Worthy, of Wilksburg, paid a recent visit to this section.

Mr. John W. Wilkes, Jr., has accepted a position with the chain-gang, as night guard.

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State of South Carolina

April 11, 1811

JAMES KELL of Chester District, did grant, bargain, sell and release unto SAMUEL McCALLA, the plantation of land purchased by said James Kell at public auction against the estate of THOMAS McCALLA containing two hundred acres. Wit: David McCalla - James Kell  
signed - James Kell

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY BONDS AND NOTES  
Copied by Sarah Wylie Arnette

Pages 96 & 97.

State of South Carolina  
Fairfield County

Know all men by these present that I GEORGE PURVIS of State and County aforesaid have bargain and sold to WILLIAM GRIMES of this State and County of Chester a certain bay horse (markings identified)... In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day Nov. 1790 now the condition of the above that if the above George Purvis do well and truly pay unto William Grimes the full and just sum 5 pounds 10 shillings sterling...the same to be paid in merchantable whiskey...

signed George Purvis

Witness

James Johnston  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brown

Pages 98 & 99. Know all men whom it may concern that I JOHN WOODWARD of Fairfield County and State of South Carolina yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of 12 pounds Sterling current money..to me in hand paid by BURBIGE WOODWARD planter of same State & District I do hereby acknowledge have bargained sold and delivered (livestock feed and household furniture)... In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of Nov. 1790

signed John Woodward

Signed Sealed and Delivered

Isham Fair

Edw<sup>d</sup> Watts Senr.

Proved in open court 9th Nov. 1790

Page 100.

State of South Carolina  
Fairfield County

Know all men by these present we DAVID EVANS The Rev. THOMAS HARRIS McCAULE CHRISTIAN (SENF?) and FIELD FARRAR Gentlemen of County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound to PETER (BORQUIT?) and JOHN EDWARDS Jr. Treasurer of the State aforesaid and to their successors in office for the sum of 1000 pounds lawful money to be paid to the said Peter B \_\_\_\_\_ and J. Edwards Jr. and their successors...

Sealed with our seals dated this 12th day of May 1788

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound David Evans shall will truly and faithfully do and perform the several duties of the Clerk of Court for the said County of Fairfield...

signed David Evans

Thomas H. McCaule  
C. Senf

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of William Evans

Pages 101 & 102. Know all men by these present that I JOHN CLYTON of Richland County So Car have for and in consideration of 45 pounds Sterling to me in hand paid the receipt hereof I acknowledge myself to be satisfied have bargain sold and delivered unto GRACEY MURPHEY of Fairfield County (livestock feed furniture)...which cattle and horses and furniture I do sell in open market I do will warrant and defend the said bargained property from my heirs or any person laying any right title or claim to her the said Mrs. Gracey Murphey...as witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April 1790

signed John Clayton

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Thomas Hodge

Pages 102 & 103. Know all men by these present that I ARCHIBALD GAMBLE of Charleston for and in consideration of the sum of 1570 pounds current money of So Car to me in hand paid at or before the sealing and of these present by ALEXANDER McKEOWN the receipt whereby I do acknowledge have bargain sold and delivered 1 negro fellow named PRINCE... In witness set my hand and seal dated at Charleston 4th June 1778  
signed Archibald Gamble

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

James Cannon

Charles B. Ferguson

Ann McKewn of Rocky Creek in S<sup>O</sup> Carolina being duly sworn maketh oath that she was present and saw A. Gamble sign seal and deliver the within Bill of Sale...that she at the same time saw James Cannon and Charles B. Ferguson the two within subscribing witnesses set their names as witnesses

Sworn before (?) this 3rd day Nov. 1779

Recorded 15th Mar. 1791

Pages 104 & 105.

So Carolina

To all to whom these present shall come be seen and made known I THOMAS MARPOLE send greetings Know ye that whereas THOMAS MARPOLE am intituled to sundry tracts of land some of which is situated in ninety-six district I have constituted and appointed...my trusty friend ROBERT RABB my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name stead and behalf and to his use to sell and dispose of any tract and tracts of land my property or any other property for the best price... In witness whereof hereunto set my hand and seal dated at Mill Creek this 1st Sept. 1790  
his

Thomas X Marpoles  
mark

Sign Sealed and delivered in presence of

his

Henry A. X Smith

mark

William Cato

Personally appeared ALEXANDER SMITH and made oath that he was personall present and did see Thomas Marpole sign his mark...& that William Cato signed his name.

Sworn before John Winn J.P. 1 March 179(?)

his  
Alec A. X Smith  
mark

Page 106. Know all men by these present that I LEWIS BOUTNER of Fairfield County and State of So Car am held and firmly bound unto JAMES BLAIR of Chester County and State aforesaid in the just and full sum of 5000 pounds Sterling to be paid unto James Blair his certain attorney... By virtue of these present as witness my hand and seal 22nd Dec. 1790

The condition of the above obligation is such that Lewis Boutner his heirs...right title lease or release unto 500 acres where said Boutner now lives...

signed Lewis Boutner

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

Phil Walker

Jos McDaniel

State of So Carolina

Chester County

Personally appeared PHILLIP WALKER before me JAMES KNOX and being duly sworn as the law directs... that he saw Lewis Boutner sign seal and deliver the within bond to James Blair

signed Phillip Walker

Sworn before me John Knox J.P. 10th April 179(?)

Recorded 2? April 1791

Pages 108 & 109. Page illegible - torn and patched - Seems to be a bond between HENRY NELSON Fairfield County State of So Car planter and SHADRACK JACOBS same State and District 5th Jan. 1791

his  
Henry X Nelson  
mark

Signed Sealed and delivered  
William Alexander

? Nelson

Sworn to by Thomas Nelson and William Alexander

subscribed his name

16 May 1791

Saml. W. Yongue J.P.

signed Thomas Nelson  
Recorded 19 May 1791

Page # Missing. - badly torn and repaired

Witnessed by Joseph Payne, James Boler and Robert X Smith  
his  
mark

Page # Missing. Torn

Bond between JOHN PATON Fairfield County and State of So Carolina schoolmaster to WILLIAM GIBSON 2nd Feb. 1792

Witness by James Barkley, Robert Gamble

Sworn to by Robert Gamble, James Barkley

Subscriber S. W. Yongue J.P.

Recorded 7 Feb. 1792

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REVOLUTIONARY PLOT, HEATH SPRINGS CEMETERY  
Lancaster County, Heath Springs, S. C.

GLASS CASTON  
Patriot of American Revolution  
S. C. Wagon Master  
1779

S. C. Tax Collector  
1779-1782

Member of The S. C. Assembly  
1785-87

Born Essex County, Virginia  
Died Lancaster Co., S. C. 1804

ALEXANDER INGRAM  
Colonel Marshall's, S. C. Regt.  
Revolutionary War  
1730-1793

THOMAS BALLARD  
Colonel of S. C. Militia  
Revolutionary War  
War of 1812  
Born March 7, 1751  
Died Dec. 28, 1843

WILLIAM BAILEY  
Continental Line  
Halifax District  
Warren County, N. C.  
Born Ca 1755

JOHN INGRAM  
Colonel Marshall's, S. C.  
Infantry  
Revolutionary War  
1757-1829

WILLIAM CAUTHEN  
1760-1836  
Born Essex County, Virginia  
Served from Warren Co., N. C.  
Died Lancaster Co., S. C.

THOMAS CAUTHEN  
1750-1822

JAMES CAUTHEN  
1755-1832

Mrs. Viola Floyd, Lancaster County Historian, left in her papers a write-up on Glass Caston, which traces his family back to Virginia. The papers of Mrs. Floyd can be found in the Lancaster County Library.

The Castons were early settlers in Essex County, Virginia and there are records of their sojourn in that County. In 1705, John Ferguson and his wife Ann (She was the daughter of Stubble Stubbleson and married John Ferguson prior to 1683.), deeded land to their son-in-law Glass (Class) Caston and wife Cary. This deed was for one hundred acres of land and to include the house where Glass and Cary lived.



There was a provision that the property was to go to John Caston, son of Glass and Cary, after their deaths. Glass was dead nine years later and there is an inventory of his estate in Essex County dated July 6, 1714. Cary Caston was Executrix of Glass Caston's Estate and made her last report in 1719 at which time she signed the return as Cary Perkins.

The will of Joseph Ferguson, of Essex County, made 1717 and named John Caston as one of his heirs, but did not mention a relationship. In 1738 Glass Caston died in Essex County. He was perhaps a second son of Glass and Cary Caston. The only heir mentioned in his will is a married daughter named Cary.

John Caston died Essex County in 1748 but there is no list of heirs of his estate. This John Caston is supposed to be the son of Glass and Cary Caston. He had two sons John and Glass, who first moved to North Carolina and finally to Lancaster County, South Carolina.

Glass Caston with John White purchased land in Corbington, N. C. (now Hillsborough). Glass Caston paid his part of the purchase with Virginia money. In 1756 Glass served as constable for Orange County, N. C. Two years later (1758) Glass sold his property and for a period of five years there is no record of where he lived.

On Dec. 8, 1763, Glass and his brother John each bought a tract of one hundred acres of land on Lower Camp Creek, Lancaster County, S. C. from Ephriam Clark. Here at least Glass remained for the rest of his life.

Mrs. Floyd names the Croxton family as one of the families associated with the Caston family. The name of Benjamin Haile and the Fergusons who came with him to the Lancaster County area should also be added. Benjamin Haile's wife was Catherine Ferguson. They named a son Ferguson Haile.

"Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution" by Bobby Gilmer Moss list the following on Thomas Ballard. In 1779 he moved to Kershaw District. From Dec. 1779 to May 1780, he was Lt. under Captain William Nettles and Colonel John Marshall. He was in the engagement at Ridgeway's Fort. In 1780, 1781, 1782, he was Captain under Colonel Frederick Kimball and General Sumter and was at the battles of Hobkirk Hill and Biggins Church - AA 265 - W 165.

Moss has the following on Alexander Ingram: He served on horseback in the militia during 1781 under Colonel Marshall - AA 3933 - X 3862.

Moss: John Ingrem - served as a footman in the militia under Colonel Marshall from 1 November 1778 to 20 November 1779 and as horseman from 10 August 1780 to 10 March 1781 - AA 3936 - Y 562.

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#### BOYD Notes

Dr. CHARLES BOYD married ELIZABETH CLOUD and were the parents of Rev. C. L. R. BOYD. This record was given by CHARLES to the family of his brother WILLIAM ROBERT BOYD.

There were two brothers, ROBERT BOYD and WILLIAM BOYD living in Antrim County, Ireland. They were members of the Coventer's Church at Scotland. Robert Boyd married MARY PEOPLES, they lived and died in Ireland. William Boyd married MARY DORMAN - had four children: MARY, MARTHA, JENNIE and ALEXANDER. They came to America prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in Newberry District, S. C. Later Alexander Boyd, son of Robert and Mary, came to America alone about 1790 and lived with his uncle, William Boyd for sometime. He later married his cousin, MARTHA, daughter of William Boyd, and settled in Chester Co., SC.

Alexander Boyd born 1763, died Nov. 15, 1815, buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Chester Co., SC, wife Martha Boyd, born 1772, died April 13, 1832, buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

WILLIAM BOYD, son of Alexander and Martha, born Chester Co., married MARY McDANIEL.

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*The following article was copied from Mrs. Eliza Wylie's original papers on McWillis Cemetery - Kershaw District. This cemetery is located 15 or 16 miles North of Camden, S. C. The original name was Old Beaver Creek.*

1. Eliza Hood / d. Feb. 3, 1817 / age 69 years
2. Agnes L. Dye / wife of Charles L. Dye / d. 26 July 1832 / age 33 yrs.
3. John Shropshire / son of James and Elizabeth Shropshire / b. July 16 1796 / d. Feb. 18, 1825
4. Eleanor Thompson / wife of Peter Thompsin / b. 1763 / d. Oct. 25, 1825
5. William Thompson / son of Peter and E. Thompson / b. Nov. 26, 1787 / d. Oct. 10, 1826
6. Sarah Thompson / wife of William Thompson / daughter of James and Elizabeth Shropshire / b. Oct. 11, 1793 / d. May 12, 1819
7. William J. Hood / son of Samuel and Eliza J. Hood / d. Jan. 20, 1832 aged (19?) years & 4 days
8. J. Hood / wife of Willie Hood / 1757 / d. Jan. 28, 1828
9. William Hood / b. May 18, 1750 / d. Jan. 23, 1828
10. This is dedicated by and only so to the Memory of Elizabeth Dunlap / died August 17, 1800 / age 67 years.
11. Andrew Shannon / d. Oct. 24, 1813 / age 29 years / leaving a wife
12. Samuel McKee / d. July 24, 1815 / age 50 years / leaving a wife
13. W. A. Russell / died March 1822 / aged -----
14. E. L. Russell
15. In Memory of Mary Barber / wife of Colonel N. Barber / d. Sept. 11, 1836 / aged 53 years
16. Colonel N. Barber / d. Sept. 11, 1836 aged 52 years
17. Col. N. Barber / died June 6, 1832 / age 32 years
18. Adam McWillis, Jr. / d. Oct. 21, 1829 / age 23 years
19. Col. Adam McWillis, Sr. / d. April 23, 1827 / 61 years old / Native of Ireland in early life removed to this neighborhood where he resided until his death / Son became Governor of Mississippi
20. Dr. John Mcackey / Died Jan. 3, 1826 / in the 31st year of his age / Native of Ireland Received Education in Glasgow
21. Albert McWillis / d. Sept. 1, 1822 / 23 years old
22. James Davidson McWillis / d. Oct. 3, 1823 / age 18 years
23. Margaret Jane / daughter of William and Nancy L. McWillis / d. Nov. 15, 1824 / age 15 months
24. George Saufield McWillis / d. Oct. 18, 1812
25. Nancy Louisa McWillis / d. April 6, 1827 / age 29 years

Q U E R I E S

HENRY - LOVE - GLADDEN - TIDWELL - HOLLIS -- Sylvia Mione, 1718 Ridgemont Drive, Wichita Falls, TX 76309 - Does anyone know of a connection between the HENRY and LOVE families living in Buncombe Co., NC, 1830 and 1840 and families with the same names in the Fairfield and Richland Counties of SC in the same period?

Would like to exchange info with anyone working on the family of JESSE GLADDEN and his wife NELLIE. Their children were: LYDIA b. 1782; WILLIAM; SILAS; SARAH; JAMES; JOHN; JANE; MARY; KEZZIAH; JESSE and DORCUS b. 1802. The family is listed on the 1790 census for Fairfield Co., SC.

Will exchange info with anyone working on a TIDWELL line.

Need info on MOSES HOLLIS and his wife ROSANNAH. Moses d. ca 1794 and Rosannah ca 1817, both in Fairfield Co., SC.

AYRES - VITTITO - McFADDEN -- James A. Ayres, Rt. 2, Box 272, Terrell, TX 75160 - MOSES and ELIZABETH (VITTITO) AYRES and MOSES, Jr. and RACHEL (McFADDEN) AYRES lived in the area of Fairfield, SC from ca 1780 to 1800. Would appreciate info on the names of these families.

WELDON -- Mrs. Irma Weldon Best, 84884 Lorane Hwy., Eugene, OR 97405 - JOHN WELDON, b. Halifax Co., VA, 1759, moved with parents to St. Marks Parish, Craven Co., SC about 1774. Who were his parents? Had brother SAMUEL. Served in Rev. War. Any info on WELDON family will be greatly appreciated. Will pay for postage, copy work, etc.

ESTES - LAY - HALL - SAVAGE -- Mrs. Janie Estes, 2304 Meadowview Dr., Tupelo, MS 38801 - Need the parents of JOHN ESTES, b. 1777, d. 1885, md. SARAH, b. 1775. Had issue: WILLIAM; ELISHA m. ELIZABETH LAY 16 Oct. 1827; EVAN m. EMALINE HALL 10 Sept. 1835; MOSES m. REBECCA SAVAGE 17 July 1827; MARGARET m. \_\_\_?\_\_\_; JANE m. ALLEN HALL 9 July 1835; NICNIN m. \_\_\_?\_\_\_; BENJAMIN m. SUSANNAH HALL 14 Dec. 1840.

McKINNEY - GILLESPIE - EVANS -- Peggy H. Broadway, 800 Commerce, Euless, TX 76040 - Need info regarding the following families: AUGUSTUS McKINNEY b. 23 Sept. 1792, m. Sept. 1823 Lancaster Co., SC to MARY ANNIE GILLESPIE daughter of CHARLES GILLESPIE (brother ANDREW) d. 19 Mar. 1853 Carroll Co., TN. Son ANDREW GILLESPIE McKINNEY b. 7 July 1832 SC, d. 1886 Texas, m. 1855 in TN to EMILY T. EVANS b. 1839 daughter of B. F. EVANS b. 1804 NC and ELIZA K. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ b. 1813 SC.

ALDERSON - RUSSELL - COLE -- Janice Richardson, 5884 Rimrock Drive NE, Bremerton, WA 98310 - Need info on BENEDICT ALDERSON and wife ANN COLE in York Co. Census 1790. Benedict Alderson's will (1795 York) named wife Ann and heirs JAMES COLE, JAMES, ARMSTEAD, JEREMIAH, WILLIAM, ROBERT, NANCY, and MARY. JAMES ALDERSON m. ELIZABETH RUSSELL and moved to Sumner Co., TN, ca 1804.

FORE - DAVIS - ROGERS - ALLEN -- Mrs. Ellen Byrne, 8600 Lancaster Dr., Rohnert Park, CA 94928 - ARCHELAUS FORE built courthouse in Union Co., SC, 1790-1800. 1810 to Buncombe Co., NC. Would like name of wife and children. JESSE FORE who m. NANCY DAVIS, 1815, Buncombe Co., NC may be his son. Hugh McDonald, Revolutionary soldier m. 1778 REBECCA ROGERS in Fairfield Co. Was he the grandson of Hugh McDonald who d. 1814 in Chester Co., SC? SAMUEL ALLEN, b. 1756, Bedford Co., VA, m. 1782, Orange Co., NC, to NANCY EASTER, to SC, by 1804 to Pulaski Co., KY. Samuel was a Revolutionary soldier. Need his parents names. Some researchers say they were WILLIAM ALLEN and Miss ELIZABETH WARREN. Believe his mother d. Orange Co., NC during the Revolution.

FERGUSON - THOMPSON - NICHOLS -- Mrs. Margie Owen Hanna, 523 W. Taft, Lafayette, LA 70503 - ROBERT FERGUSON b. Chester Co. 1803, m. (1) "Miss THOMPSON", m. (2) MARY A. NICHOLS; d. 1874 Ark. In Chester Co. censuses 1830, 40, 50; York Co. 1860. Who were his parents? Miss Thompson's name and parents? Two sons, ROBERT AMZI and WILLIAM P., married younger sisters of #2 wife, all daughters of THOMAS NICHOLS, carpenter, by his first marriage to a "Miss YARBROUGH"?

MOBLEY -- Richard Mobley, P. O. Box 279, Russellville, AR 72801 - Need parents of brothers ELIJAH, ISAIAH, SION MOBLEY, all b. SC 1780-1790. Possibly in KY 1809. All in Franklin Co., MS 1810. Possibly Chipley, GA 1809. Will pay reasonable expense for copies, etc.

McARTHUR -- Howard Key Dixson, 9826 Bartley Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 - CHARITY McARTHUR b. 1774, KY, widow with six children. Enumerated in census 1820-30-40-50 Knox-Sullivan Cos., Indiana. Need more info and will correspond and exchange.

COATS - WILLSON - STARKE - ALEXANDER - GIDEON -- Caroline Jarvis Coats, 440 Dorchester Drive, Venice, FL 33595 - Why were land grants given to NOTLEY and SION COATS in Camden Co. in late 1700's? FRANKY (FRANCES) COATS (widow of Notley) will indicates a connection with a WILLIAM and GEORGE WILLSON. What was the relationship? SARAH COATS and Capt. MOSES WILLSON were executors of Class Hermonson CRAMERS will--willbook 1720-21. Sarah had son WILLIAM and they resided in CRAMERS house. What was the relationship?

WILLIAM COATS, will dated June 1783 Chester Dist., SC names wife FRANCES - dau. ANNE STARKES & PRISCILLA COATS. Sons: BARTON, WILSON, WILLIAM & BENJAMIN. Last 2 not of age. Inventory of goods & chattels Feb. 1784. Barton went to Robertson Co., TN; Wilson to Sumner Co., TN. What happened to the others? Who was the STARKE Ann married? Where did William & Frances come from? Any info!!!!

WILLIAM COATS (son of WILSON) m. HANNAH ALEXANDER probably Bedford Co., TN ca 1814-15. They had at least 2 sons before moving to Monroe Co., MS about 1817. They were parents of 7 children before Hannah died in 1827. Wm. m. ELIZABETH GIDEON 1828. Eliz. b. SC 1804(07). Who were Hannah's parents? Elizabeth's parents? Where did Hannah's family come from? Where in SC was Elizabeth born? Wm. & Eliz. were parents of 12 more. Any info on any of the above families will be greatly appreciated.

BAXTER - REEVES - PRIMM - NORRIS -- N. H. Ratliff, 614 Windsor Place, Tyler, TX 75701 - JOHN BAXTER, Sr. was married to JANE ---. They were living in York Co., SC and on 1 June 1813 deeded property to their son, JOHN BAXTER, Jr. and THOMAS REEVES, husband of their daughter ELIZABETH. The Reeves moved to Lowndes Co., AL and raised a large family. Also in York Co. was a JOHN BAXTER (1749-1796) with wife JANE and had issue: MARGARET BAXTER, b. 1775, d. 20 March 1798, bur. in Charlotte, NC; ANDREW BAXTER, b. 1776, d. 31 Dec. 1798, bur. in Charlotte, NC; JOHN BAXTER, living in 1821; JAMES BAXTER md. before 1821; MARY BAXTER, b. before 1782, living in 1821 & md. before 1796 DRURY WILSON; MARGARET BAXTER md. before 1821 Z. W. WRENN; ELIZABETH BAXTER; WILLIAM BAXTER, b. 6 Mar. 1787, d. 28 Nov. 1821, bur. Old Unity Cem. in Fort Mill, SC; JANET BAXTER living unmarried in 1812. Which of these JOHN BAXTERS is the parents of ELIZABETH BAXTER who married THOMAS REEVES prior to 1813? Is there any connection between these two families? Any help appreciated.

JAMES (JIM) W. PRIMM m. JANE ADELAIDE REEVES in AL. He d. 18 June 1854 in Calhoun Co., AR and was bur. Hicks Cem. near Smackover, AR. When was Jane Adelaide Reeves born and when did she die? Where was she buried? Their dau., MARY (MOLLIE) A. PRIMM was md. to WILLIAM ANDREW NORRIS 7 Jan. 1863 in Union Co., AR, d. 5 Nov. 1872. Where was she buried? Will exchange info.

BAILEY - CHAMPION - MARTIN - BEASLEY - PICKETT(PICKENS?) - McCUEN - BELL - McCOWN -- Mary B. Smith, 604 W. Church St., Greenwood, MS 38930 - Desire info on THENY JANE BAILEY, dau. of JACOB CHAMPION lived in Camden Dist. Theny Jane d. before 1832. Are the orphan records of Lancaster Co., SC available?

JACOB SHADRACK CHAMPION b. ca 1750, d. 1832 in Lancaster or Kershaw Co., SC, md. ANNE MARTIN of the Halifax Co., NC Martins. Can anyone identify this Anne Martin?

JACOB BEASLEY, whose will was proven in Fairfield Co. 9 May 1791, md. MARGARET PICKETT(PICKENS?). Their children were PETER, who died in Rev. War; GEORGE b. 1731-40, d. 1832, md. MARY CULP. Six more children were born. Need names of parents of Jacob Beasley & Margaret Pickett(Pickens).

Need info on JOHN McCUEN and wife MARY ELIZABETH BELL, parents of my 4th generation grandmother, REBECCA McCUEN, b. 1828, Chester Co., SC, d. Union Co., MS 1915. Who were the McCuen parents & Bell parents?

Where can I obtain info on BEAVER CREEK METHODIST CHURCH, no longer in existence?--in Lancaster Co.? Where can I obtain info on ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH on the west side Wateree River?--Possibly a Methodist Church? Are there any cemetery records available?

Where is LIBERTY HILL on Singleton Creek?

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*The Society would like to offer their sympathy to our President George Harvey Moore in the death of his father who passed away on October 9, 1985. He was also a first cousin of our editor, Jean H. Nichols.*

GEORGE HICKLIN MOORE,  
former county coroner

Mr. George Hicklin Moore of Route 2, West End Road, a retired Chester businessman and former veteran Coroner of Chester County, died Wednesday afternoon, October 9, at the Chester County Nursing Center where he had resided since last December. He was 80.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Friday in Purity Presbyterian Church with his pastor, Dr. George H. Fitzgerald, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Barron Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Moore was well-known in Chester County not only for his some 16 years of service as Coroner of Chester County, but also for his 57 years as a local barber. He owned and operated Moore's Barber Shop in Chester prior to his retirement in July 1984. He was also a beef cattle farmer and a member of Purity Presbyterian Church.

His wife of some 54 years, Mrs. Mamie Lathan Moore, died Jan. 5, 1984. Together, they raised all of his half brothers and half sisters along with their own children.

He was born in Chester County on April 7, 1905, a son of the late Mr. William Claude Moore and the late Mrs. Ella Hicklin Moore McDill.

He is survived by three sons, George Harvey Moore, Edward Lathan Moore and Hugh Berry Moore, all of Chester; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Lee, Mrs. Betty Nichols and Mrs. Frances Hjalmer, all of Chester, a half-brother, J. Nixon McDill of Chester; a half-sister, Mrs. Leon (Susie) Head of Lancaster; 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers included Jerry Burgess, Paul Hemphill, Chris Stevenson, John C. Elliott, James Gwin and Joe Lee. Honorary pallbearers were James F. Robinson, Buck Holly, Joe Wilson, Ray Peterson, Chris McKeown and Ben Wall.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Purity Presbyterian Church or to a charity of one's choice.

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