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We trust that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year, 1994, will bring to you much happiness, good health, and prosperity.

Please complete the enclosed renewal form and return to us as soon as possible. The form has changed: Individual/couple dues are now \$16.00. The annual Membership/Surname book is now \$5.00. You are allowed up to 12 surnames that will be printed in the membership/surname book. If your surnames are not written on our form, we will be unable to print them in the book. This helps our typists and volunteers with record-keeping.

Tom

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Editor's Notes

We appreciate all of the material that has been donated for our files and the books for our library. Thank you for sharing information for use in our bulletins.

It is our hope the coming year will be a happy one for everyone and that you will find that missing ancestor which will help solve another piece of your genealogical puzzle.

Jean H. Nichols

"HORSE SHOE ROBINSON" REVISITED by Robert J. Stevens

The book, <u>Horse Shoe Robinson</u>, a <u>Tale of the Tory Ascendancy</u>, by John P. Kennedy, based on the tales of Horseshoe Robinson, was first published in 1835 and became an instant success, causing many later editions to be published. At one time, it was even used by the South Carolina school system as a history textbook. It is now well known to all serious students of South Carolina Revolutionary War history, and is still read by others because of the romance, intrigue, excitement, and genealogy presented. The main characters in the book were Galbraith "Horseshoe" Robinson, Major Arthur Butler, Musgrove, and her father, Allen Musgrove, with hundreds of other more minor characters. It was a well written book, the plot centering around the young and beautiful Mary Musgrove's participation in the warfare of the area between 1776 and 1782, especially in circumstances leading to the Battle of Musgrove's Mill on August 18, 1780, the home of the courageous Mary Musgrove. Another exciting episode presented was the capture of Major Butler and Horseshoe Robinson by a band of Tories led by Hugh Habershaw after they had left the home of Wat Adair, a supposed friend, but who had deceived them. It was there, according to the book, that Mary Musgrove, supposedly the niece of Adair's wife, had warned them of the treachery of Adair and their impending danger. During the capture, Butler and Robinson had resisted and killed two of the Tory band, Dick Waters and Roger Bell. The prisoners were escorted toward the British prison at Ninety Six, but Robinson managed to escape and Mary Musgrove hid him behind the Horseshoe Falls on the Enoree River near her home, then occupied by British and Tory forces. Each day, she carried him food and information, which led to the Battle of Musgrove's Mill. Later, Mary Musgrove visited the Ninety Six prison and saved the life of Major Butler. Afterwards, according to the book, Mary Musgrove and her father were driven from their home and forced to wander about the countryside. Eventually, they were joined by Mrs. Butler, the former Mildred Lindsay, and witnessed the Battle of King's Mountain.

The book was accepted as completely authentic and true, so much so that most later prominent South Carolina historical writers used it for reference. Judge J.B. O'Neall, John Logan, Lyman C. Draper, A.S. Salley, Doctor J.B.O. Landrum, and Reverend J.D. Bailey were only a few who drew from the book. Hundreds of less prominent historical authors have referred to the book without question, even in modern time. Doctor Landrum, in his History of Spartanburg County, even tried to explain away obvious mistakes he discovered in the book. Reverend Bailey, in his History of Grindal Shoals, devoted three pages to his "discovery" of the location of the Wat Adair home and the capture site of Butler and Robinson, including a photograph of the latter. John Logan relied heavily on the book for his History of Upper South

Carolina. Logan had actually known Horseshoe Robinson and had accompanied him on a trip to Alabama in 1822. More modern writers have shifted away from the book to concentrate on Horseshoe Robinson and Mary Musgrove. Robinson is now accepted as having been born in the Waxhaws of South Carolina, and many persons have spent considerable time in trying to establish the names of his parents without success.

This writer, descended from the Musgrove family, began to question the authenticity of the book and began a dedicated effort of research some ten years past to learn the truth. It is now evident, well proven, that the book was no more than fiction written around some basic military facts and real persons, although their actual given names were changed with the exception of Mary Musgrove and her older half-brother, Beaks Musgrove. "Allen" Musgrove was actually Major Edward Musgrove; Galbraith "Horseshoe" Robinson was James Robertson; Wat Adair probably never existed by name; "Peggy" Adair, if real, certainly was not the aunt of Mary Musgrove; and the list continues with the other named characters. This presents the question if James Robertson deceived John P. Kennedy with fabricated tales, or did Robertson tell him the truth and Kennedy took literary license to embellish the tales to make a more salable book? The answer to that question will become apparent shortly.

An examination of why and how the book was written is needed; also the identity and history of the two main persons involved, John P. Kennedy and James Robertson.

Pendleton Kennedy (1795-1890) was Baltimore, Maryland, and served in the War of 1812. In 1816, he admitted to the Maryland Bar, but spent the winter of 1818-1819 teaching school in Seneca, South Carolina, where he met James Robertson, who owned a blacksmith shop at his home on the Horseshoe Bend of the Chauga River. He was fascinated by the Revolutionary War tales of Robertson and, unknown to Robertson, made notes. After he returned to Baltimore, he entered politics, but eventually received an inheritance that allowed him to write and he penned Horse Shoe Robinson and Swallow Barn. He also used the pseudonym of Mark Littleton. Horse Shoe Robinson was first published in May of 1835 and was such a success that it was into the third edition printing by December of that year, dedicated to "Dear Irving," his friend Washington Irving, copyrighted by Cary Lea and Blanchard of Philadelphia. It was in the preface of one of these later editions that holds the truth of the entire matter, a quote by James Robertson.

There can be no doubt as to who Horseshoe Robinson was, as his tombstone near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, proudly displays the name.

"Maj. James Robertson. A native of S.C. died April 26, 1838, aged 79 years, and was buried here. Well known as Horshoe Robinson, he earned a just fame in the war for independence, in which he was eminent in courage, patriotism, and suffering. He lived fifty-six years with his worthy partner,

useful, respected, and died in hopes of a blessed mortality. His children erect this monument as a tribute justly due a good husband, father, neighbor, patriot, and soldier."

His wife preceded him to the grave by only a short time.

"Sarah Morris wife of Maj. James Robertson a native of Vir. died Jan. 7, 1838 aged 75 years and was buried here. Long an exemplary Christian, affectionate wife and tender mother. Like her distinguished partner she was preeminent for zeal and fortitude in the war which gained our independence. She lived beloved and respected and died universally regretted."

They both rest in the Robertson graveyard directly across the road from their home, now gone, in the Romulus Community and the stones are, even today, well attended by descendants living nearby.

On October 13, 1832, James Robertson presented himself before the Tuscaloosa County Court to make a statement for a Revolutionary War service pension claim. He stated he was then

"aged 72 years and nearly 73;" that he "entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in North Carolina near the Virginia line and his parents when he was an infant removed from there to South Carolina and settled in what was then called Ninety Six District and since called Union County or District, the place he lived when he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as an enlisted soldier in the 6th Regiment...the Regiment was commanded by Thomas Sumpter the Capt. was William McClintock, he died, and Alexander Bouy as captain took command. Bouy was killed at the Siege of Savannah and Benjamin Brown took the command, when he first enlisted as a provincial under Capt. McClintock it was for 16 or 17 months, he then changed his enlistment though in the same Regiment to that of the Continental service in which enlistment he stipulated to horse three years or during the war...whilst thus serving the Regiment being greatly diminished in numbers, as entirely transferred he was then to Regiment...commanded by Charles C, Pinkney, the captain was Charles Linen under whose command he remained until he was made a prisoner in Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island. He was detained in prison about the space of one month when seizing an opportunity to make his escape, he then volunteered under the command of Capt. John Thompson, Branham's Regiment, and continued in that service until the close of the war. While in Sumpter's Regiment he was engaged in an action against the Cherokee Indians in the nation. Also, whilst in the 6th Regiment now commanded by Col. Henderson, the commanding chief being General Lincoln, he was in a battle at Stony Point or Stono. Also under the officers aforesaid he was engaged in battle at Savannah...whilst in the volunteer line he was engaged in many skirmishes besides a general engagement under the command of General Morgan at the Cowpens. During this period his marches were generally in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina...that his documents have all been destroyed...that the testimony of Thomas Lofton who now resides in the county of Pickens, Alabama, is all he can...procure of his service.

James X Robertson

Rev. Samuel M. Meek and William Dunlap of his neighborhood swore to his character.

It is important to take careful note of the fact that Robertson mentioned nothing remotely connected to any of the facts presented in Horse Shoe Robinson. It is certainly apparent, from later facts, that when giving his statement in 1832 he had no knowledge that a book about him would soon flood the literary market. It could be argued that had he then had such knowledge, he would have mentioned in his statement facts to support the novel line of the book. That argument is defeated, again, by his quote published in one of the later editions. Also, by his own sworn statement, he was in Charleston during the time of many of the events in which he was named in the book.

Shortly after the first edition was marketed in 1835, Mr. Kennedy commissioned someone in Alabama to read the book to James Robertson and ask for his opinion. In the words of Mr. Kennedy, which he published, we find the truth.

"It was published in 1835. Horseshoe Robinson was then a very old man. He had removed to Alabama and lived, I am told, near Tuscaloosa. I commissioned a friend to send him a copy of the book. The report brought to me was that the old man listened very attentively to the reading of it and took great interest in it.

"'What do you say to all this?' was the question addressed him, after the reading was finished. His reply is a voucher, which I desire to preserve. 'It is all true and right—in its right place—excepting about them women, which I disremember. That mought be true, too, but my memory is treacherous—I disremember.'"

In an interview by a pair of journalists only a few months before he died, Robertson again apologized for the book. "There is a heap of truth in it, though the writer has mightily furnished it up." The two reporters journeyed the twelve miles from Tuscaloosa to the Robertson home in late 1837 and spent the night with them. The interview was published in the Tuscaloosa Flag of the Union on January 17, 1838. From that published account, it is easily seen that James Robertson's memory had dimmed, but the reporters wrote that he had verified the names of Butler, Mildred Lindsay, Mary Musgrove, John Ramsey, Hugh Habershaw, Jim Curry, and all the other names in the book as

being correct. All, in fact, but his own, which had been changed. That was a surprising statement, if made at all, since only two years before he had stated "...excepting about them women, which I disremember." The reporters also wrote that he had told them he had been entrusted with a letter to Major Butler when he escaped Charleston as described in the book, but the book account does not agree with that statement. Obviously, the reporters, writing only for effect, elected to take advantage of his illiteracy and change his words, although they did report, in the same article, his statement of "...though the writer has mightily furnished it up." A complete contradiction!

Further confusion was added to the family history in 1930, when some three hundred of the Robertson descendants gathered on the original Alabama land for a reunion and were addressed by the Honorable C.B. Verner of Tuscaloosa, who made mention of the "Horseshoe Bend" of the "Catawba River" and other such mistakes. To compound that, an article about the reunion and address was written by Peter A. Brannon and published in Alabama Highways in 1931, which contained a most confusing paragraph that grouped Andrew Jackson of the Waxhaws, James Robertson of Ninety Six District, and "Old Hickory Jackson" at the "Horse Shoe Bend on the Tallapoosa" together in such a manner to impress the reader they were original neighbors in South Carolina.

It is quite apparent from the known life of James Robertson that he was an honest, honorable, and deeply religious man. From his own words, it is seen that he had no desire to go to his grave and leave the suspicion that he had lied to Kennedy, so he attempted to correct the situation with his limited vocabulary. "Excepting them women..." The entire plot of the book centered about a woman, Mary Musgrove, so it is seen that Robertson was setting the record straight. "...though the writer has mightily furnished it up." Again, Robertson was declaring his innocence. "That mought be true, too, but my memory is treacherous—I disremember." What a profound and wise statement! James Robertson may have been uneducated, but he would have made an excellent politician. With that one statement, he extracted himself from any suspicion of guilt about having furnished Kennedy misinformation, yet he did no damage to the author or book.

What about John P. Kennedy? Was he guilty of perpetrating one of the greatest historical hoaxes ever accomplished in American history? Certainly not. He was a skilled author and wrote a historical novel. Let's not forget he, an accomplished wordsmith, used the word "Tale" in the title of the book. If anyone is to blame, it was the later historians that were eager to use the book as reference to make their own writings more readable. However, we have to understand that John P. Kennedy did write in basis of truth and many of the events described in the book did occur, but mostly not with the characters so named, the reason their names were changed. From other sources, it is evident that Mary Musgrove did provide a valuable service to the partisan forces and certainly deserves her title "Heroine of the Enoree," the reason her name was not changed in the book. Of

course, she never lived to see her fame become national in 1835 because she died shortly before 1795, leaving a husband, George Berry, an infant son who later died in youth, and three daughters that reached maturity and married.

James Robertson earned his own place in American history long before the book, well proven by studying the battles in which he stated he was engaged, especially the Battle of Stono and Cowpens. One of the main British ships that attacked Fort Moultrie was the Romulus, making one wonder if James Robertson carried that name to Alabama and gave it to his new home?

James Robertson, born in 1759 and brought to present Union County, South Carolina, as an infant, was of illustrious ancestors. James Robertson, Sr., came to America from Scotland about 1690 and settled in Whippany, New Jersey. With him came a son, James Robertson, Jr., born in Scotland in 1685, who married, on May 21, 1719, in the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Mary Davies, a daughter of Samuel Davies. He moved his family from Pennsylvania to south of the James River of Virginia about 1729, where he died testate in Augusta County in 1751, his will mentioning his wife, Mary, and the following children:

James Robertson III--born in 1720 in Pennsylvania, he is believed to have married the widow of Joseph Royal (nee Epes) and had two sons, David and Richard, both of whom eventually settled in North Carolina.

David Robertson--born in 1730 in Augusta County, Virginia, he married Jane Howes in 1750, a daughter of John and Jane (Dunlap) Howes. They were the parents of six children, listed below.

Isaac Robertson--born and died in Virginia, little more is known of him. It's suspected he had sons that went to Georgia.

Jonathan Robertson--born in 1737 in Augusta County, Virginia, and died in Georgia in 1812.

When his father died in 1751, David Robertson was living on the Shenandoah River on two hundred acres of land belonging to his father, half of the original four hundred acres that had been bought from Joist Hite. His father left him that land and named him as an executor of the estate. Before 1759, David Robertson had moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, and, shortly after, to present Union County, South Carolina, where he died prior to 1779 when his executors sold his land. He may have been killed in the Revolution as some persons claim, but, since he had a son named David Robertson also serving, the records are clouded. David and Jane (Howes) Robertson had the following children:

David Robertson, Jr., born 1757 in North Carolina, died 1823, married Jane Headen in 1780 in present Spartanburg County,

South Carolina, a daughter of William and Jane Headen, who had come from Loudoun County, Virginia, before the Revolution. Their three known children were John (born 1786), William (born 1788), and Eli Robertson (born 1792), all of whom may have gone to Louisiana. There is some question about four more children that may have been theirs: George (born 1781), who lived in New Jersey and Virginia; Sarah (1783-1856), married Reuben Bennett and died in Louisiana; Hezekiah (1797-1857), married Frances Brewer and lived in Louisiana; and Priscilla (born 1800), married (1) Elias Murry, (2) Benjamin Millican.

James "Horseshoe" Robertson, born 1759, North Carolina, died 1838, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Married Sarah Morris Headen, a daughter of William and Jane Headen of Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and had seven children listed below.

Mathew Robertson, born in South Carolina, as were all of his younger siblings, married Susan Hogan of Union County, South Carolina.

Elijah Robertson, born 1764, died 1789, married Susannah Norris.

Mary Robertson, born 1766, married a Mr. DuBerry.

Jane Robertson, born 1768, supposedly died single.

After the war, James Robertson lived in both Union and Spartanburg Counties, South Carolina, until he was granted fifteen hundred acres of bounty land on the wild Chauga River near Westminster in Oconee County, South Carolina, for his Revolutionary service. He built his log home in a horseshoe shaped bend of the river, which quickly became the local location name and the name that John P. Kennedy gave him for the book. When Robertson moved to Alabama in 1822 with a son, he refused to sell the Chauga River land and still owned it at death. He also left behind a small cemetery near the home, the graves marked only with native stones and the names lost to time. After 1838, the home was sold to Edward Hughes, who was to later operate the Horse Shoe Bend United States Post Office in the home. Hughes added a board rear structure to the original log home and another chimney into which he scratched the date of 1843. The home passed through other owners. As of 1956, the home belonged to Jesse Carver and later photographs indicate the addition to the home was decaying, but the original log portion was still sturdy.

Most of the Headen family moved to Jackson County, Georgia, which was not far from the Chauga River home of James and Jane Robertson. One of Jane's sisters, Elizabeth Headen, married William Shedd in Spartanburg County and they, about 1800, moved to Oconee County and built near the Robertson home. Two of Jane's brothers, George and William Headen, Jr., both bought land on the Oconee River just after 1800, although they eventually moved on to Jackson County, Georgia. Another sister, Margaret Headen,

married James Turner in Spartanburg County and remained there, although there were frequent visits to the Robertson home in Oconee County. One such was recorded when John P. Kennedy was also visiting and he remained awake all night listening to the Revolutionary War memories discussed by Robertson and Turner until Mrs. Robertson finally served them breakfast to end the conversation. Doctor J.B.O. Landrum included much about these families in his History of Spartanburg County. One of the stranger events involved in this saga was that Mary Musgrove's widower, George Berry, had secondly married Edith Ligon before he died in 1806 in Laurens County, South Carolina, the Ligons having come from Virginia. Shortly after George Berry died, Edith (Ligon) Berry took her two children, Mary Musgrove Berry and Robert Goodloe Harper Berry, to live near Cherokee Springs in Spartanburg County as an immediate neighbor to James Turner and their descendants were to later marry, all of them members of the Buck Creek Baptist Church.

The home of James and Jane Morris Robertson in Alabama is now gone, but their grandson, James H. Robertson, a son of William, built a beautiful home in 1854 on the original land and it still stands, a showplace and landmark in the Romulus Community, still occupied by Robertson descendants.

All the children of James and Sarah Morris (Headen) Robertson were born in South Carolina. They were:

David Robertson, born 8/20/1784, died 2/4/1853, married Sarah W. Thomas.

John Robertson, born 1788, died 6/13/1875, married Celia Harrison.

Abner Robertson, no data.

Thomas Robertson, no data.

Sarah Elizabeth Robertson, married William Dunlap.

William Robertson, born 12/16/1794, died 11/11/1861, married Jennie Clemmons.

James Robertson, Jr., born about 1800, married Mary Holland on 11/14/1825.

The confusion about "Horseshoe Robinson" is finally resolved. By his own words, he certainly was not born in the Waxhaws of South Carolina as many have claimed, only a myth. By his own words, neither was he living in the Waxhaws and working as a blacksmith in 1776 when he joined the American forces as many have claimed, only a myth. He was then only seventeen, too young to be a journeyman blacksmith capable of owning his own shop. There is absolutely no evidence that he might have been associated with any relative in the Waxhaws

because none existed. By his own words, his first captain was William McClintock. At that time, captains recruited in their own neighborhood. William McClintock lived just upstream from Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River where the counties of Spartanburg, Union, and Laurens now merge. The history of the McClintocks and the Musgroves is tightly interwoven in existing records. Thus, we can safely assume that the part of Union County in which the Robertson family lived was very close to Musgrove's Mill. The confusion about "Horseshoe Robinson" and the Waxhaws is easily explained, even further than before presented. James Robertson's descendants, in an attempt to establish the family genealogy earlier in this century, living in Alabama and unfamiliar with South Carolina history and geography, confused their David Robertson with the David Robinson (1738-1812) of Chester County, who is buried at Catholic Presbyterian Church. That fact was instantly apparent to this writer when receiving the family photocopied documents from Alabama, an innocent mistake, but which is rather common with those unfamiliar with our area. To prevent any future mistake, it might be also added that the family had confused their David Robertson with the David Robinson that was then living on Stephens Creek in later McCormick County, South Carolina. They were not related. Further, again to prevent any future mistake, the William Robertson of County, South Carolina, whose son married the granddaughter of Mary (Musgrove) Berry, was of no relation to the family of James "Horseshoe" Robertson. That William Robertson came from Ireland after the Revolution and his descendants are still scattered about the area of Laurens County.

It should be noted that when James Robertson gave his pension claim statement in 1832, he mentioned only that he had been a private. In the 1837 interview, he stated he had risen to the rank of captain of horse before the war ended. That was probably accurate, having been given a field commission, of which he had no proof in 1832. The title "Major" on his tombstone is inaccurate, not of his fault, but assigned by his children.

THE ROBERTSON GRAVEYARD ROMULUS COMMUNITY TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

Major James Robertson (inscription before quoted).

Sarah Morris, wife of Major James Robertson (inscription before quoted).

James H. Robertson, Oct. 18, 1816-Oct. 28, 1896.

Amelia A. Robertson, wife of James H. Robertson, June 7, 1825-Aug. 16, 1863.

E.W., son of James H. and S.A. Robertson, Apr. 1, 1868- Oct. 28, 1898.

- Infant Dau. of James H. and S.A. Robertson, Born and Died Aug. 3, 1871.
- Little Early, inf. son of Jas. H. and S.A. Robertson, Feb. 3-June 14, 1867.
- John G. Robertson, Born Sept. 2, 1845. Joined Baptist Church Aug. 27, 1856. Volunteered his service to his country July 1861. Died West Point Hospital, Georgia, Aug. 10, 1862.
- David S. Robertson, Born Dec. 5, 1843. Joined Baptist Church Oct. 1853. Volunteered his service to his country Oct. 1, 1861. Died in camp near Mobile Dec. 12, 1861.
- David Robertson, died Feb. 4, 1853, age 68 yrs., 5 mos., 15 days.
- Sarah C. Robertson, Died June 15, 1860, age 1 yr., 10 mos., 3 days.
- John Robertson, son of David and Sarah Robertson, died Feb. 29, 1853, age 20 yrs., 8 mos., 15 days.
- William Thomas Robertson, born in Georgia 1837, moved to Ala. in Oct. 1859, married Mary McDonald Feb. 19, 1861, died May 22, 1862.
- Robert M., son of John S. and Martha M. Garvin, died July 6, 1849, age 2 years and 5 days.
- Jeptha N. Robertson, died Jan. 4, 1852, age 27 years.
- William Robertson, Dec. 16, 1794-Nov. 11, 1861.
- Mary E., dau. of A.G. and H.E. Robertson, Dec. 25, 1860- July 5, 1862.
- Laura W. Robertson, Dec. 25, 1861-July 18, 1862.
- Mary J. Robuck, Jan. 30, 1861-June 22, 1862.
- Kizziah, wife of Rev. Wm. T. Smith of N.C., born in Anson Co., N.C., on Mar. 4, 1802-Oct 3, 1886.
- Susan E. Prude, May 17, 1830-Jan. 5, 1873.

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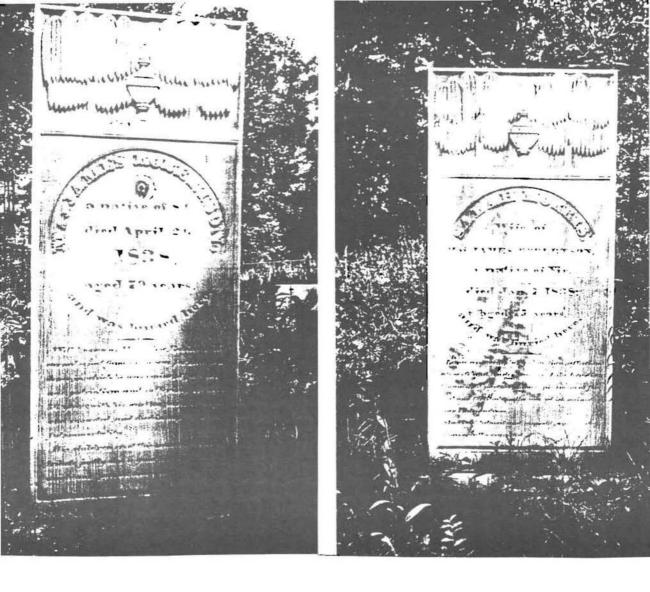
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"WINTER'S GREEN"

The setting for "Winter's Green" is the Robertson Home near the Romulus community in rural Tuscaloosa County. Constructed in 1854 by James H. Robertson, the house sits on land which was part of a federal land grant to his grandfather, James (Horseshoe) Robertson in the 1700's. Mr. Robertson's heirs still reside in Tuscaloosa County and have retained ownership of the family landmark.

The home is characteristic of many which existed in the formative years of this community and stands today as a reminder of the early Tuscaloosa families who made this area their home. First National Bank is proud to have been an important force in the development of Tuscaloosa County for 106 years.

The cover was reproduced from a watercolor painting done especially for the bank's 1977 annual report by Dan Rountree, a Tuscaloosa artist. Rountree earned a Master's degree in Christian Education with an emphasis in Art and Communication from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. He has studied Christian art in Italy in addition to doing work in book illustration and graphic design. Rountree is presently serving as Director, Education and Program at First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa.

QUERIE

GLENN - JOHNSTON - BERRY - SIMRIL - BOYD -- James Donald Glenn, 11765 Amos Gates Dr., Omaha, NE 68123 - John Glen(n) (b. 1726), immigrated to PA, then VA, then NC/SC; Wives: Elizabeth Spratt, Jane McLean, Mary (Polly) Grissom. Dau. Susanna Glenn m. George Johnston; Dau. Nancy Glenn (b. 1769) m. Robert Berry; Grandson William Glenn m. Elizabeth M. Boyd; GGrandson Robert Henry Glenn m. Elizabeth Lenora Simril. Searching for any info on ancestors or descendants of these people. Prompt remittance for any fees incurred.

THE NANCY CROWDER FOOTE BIBLE

Published in 1848 by Jesper Harding, No. 57 South Third Street, Philadelphia. Although apparently complete, the leather-bound <u>Bible</u> is in generally poor condition, needing restoration and attention to preservation.

The Footes first arrived in Chester County in 1787. In 1844, Gilson Foote and Nancy Crowder Foote moved their family from Lancaster County, South Carolina to Giles County, Tennessee. After Gilson's death, Nancy Crowder Foote purchased land in Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

In <u>Chotankers</u>: <u>A Family History</u>, the 1982 book on the Footes, I wrote that Gilson Foote had probably died in 1845, which is, in fact, the correct year, although the December 23, 1845 date is several months later than I concluded.

Family records from the <u>Bible</u> were furnished to this correspondent several months ago by Ruby Jean Tucker, 1411 Arles Drive, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Mrs. Tucker is the daughter of Lawrence Pickens Phillips, whose birth and death dates are listed in the Bible. Lawrence Pickens Phillips was the grandson of Nancy Lenora Foote and Gabriel Pickens Phillips.

The <u>Bible</u> passed from Nancy Crowder Foote to her youngest child, Nancy Lenora Foote Phillips. Her daughter, Bertie J. Phillips, who married Charlie Fields, kept the <u>Bible</u> until her death. It remained in her immediate family until her nephew, Lawrence Pickens Phillips, the father of Mrs. Tucker, asked for the <u>Bible</u> to prove his date-of-birth.

It is in my possession while I try to ensure that deterioration is slowed and the <u>Bible</u> preserved for future generations. My thanks to Jimmy Moomaw, a Phillips descendant of Florence, Alabama, who first made me aware of the Nancy Crowder Foote <u>Bible</u>, and to Ruby Jean Tucker, who has shared with all of us an important part of Chester County family history.

Births

Gilson Foote was born April the 1st A.D. 1802 Nancy Foote was born July the 4th A.D. 1805 William Foote was born May 20th A.D. 1828 Charlotte R. Foote was [born] January 17th A.D. 1830 Thomas M. Foote was born June the 4th 1832 Henry C. Foote was born January 1st A.D. 1834 Mary T. Foote was born Sept. the 4th A.D. 1836 James H. Foote was born February the 17th A.D. 1839 Thomas E. Foote was born April the 19th A.D. 1842 Nancy L. Foote was born Feb. the 14th A.D. 1846 William D. Philips was born June the 30th 1870 Mary D. Philips was born Feb. the 23rd 1873 Margaret A. Philips was born the 20th day of December 1874 Charles T. Philips was born August the 11th day 1876 B. M. Philips was born June the 20th day 1881 Noole Philips was born January the 17th day 1884 B. J. Philips was born August the 2 day 1886

Births (Cont'd.)

Lawrence P. Philips was born June 25th in the year 1904 Batlas Philips was born December the 18 day in the year of 1905

Cary McMeans was born 1899 Oct. the 4

Lucy McMeans was born 1902 Oct. the 25

- W. P. Fields was born August the 27 1912
- S. V. Fields was born December the 31 1914
- G. L. Fields was born May the 20 1917
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Marriages

Married October the 29 1911 Charlie Fields and Bertie Phillips

Deaths

Gilson Died December the 23rd A.D. (This entry is marked through.)

Gilson Foote Died Dec. the 23rd A.D. 1845

Thomas M. Foote died Nov. the 11 A.D. 1832

Mary T. Foote Died September the 24th A.D. 1857

N. L. Philips Departed this life Sept. the 1 - 1889

M. A. Philips Departed this life May the 18th - 1889

Batlas Philips Departed this life September the 4th - 1906

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Lottie Bingham Departed this life August the 2 - 1908

Died Jan. 8 - 1913 [Gabriel] Pickens Phillips Grandpaw Lawrence Pickens Phillips

born = June 25 - 1904

died = Dec. 19 - 1992

(A note in the <u>Bible</u> follows this entry which identifies the mother of Lawrence Pickens Phillips as Mollie Phillips listed earlier; she died in 1907. He is the son of Charles T. [Charlie] Philips.)

Killed in action on the battlefield, July 4, 1943 George Lee Fields

(<u>Editor's Note</u>: We would like to thank Mr. A. Edward Foote, 222 Shirley Drive, Florence, AL 35633, for sharing this family information with us.)

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BOOK FOR SALE

Velma Urquhart Klayder has presented a copy of her book, Urquhart, Coffey, Boland, and Allied Familes of the South to the Lancaster Co. Library. The allied familes include Kirk, Parker, Harris, Barnes, Goodson and Strange. The book includes letters, photos, reproductions of documents, Bible records and correspondence. It is rich in genealogical details and interesting family history tidbits. Copies may be ordered from the author: Mrs. Velma Urquhart Klayder, Hunter's Run, Apt. 191, 5358 Woodruff Farm Road, Columbus, GA 31907. Cost: \$60.00 (includes handling and shipping.)

(Editor's Note's: The following articles were sent to us by Mr. J. Thomas Williams, Sr., 2026 Welborn Street, Rock Hill, SC 29732. We appreciate Mr. Williams sharing them with us.)

"OLD TIRZAH CHURCH"

The weaving of the history pattern of Tirzah may make many an unusual turn and design, but any bit of history worth the word Tirzah A.R.P. Church of York, South Carolina catches this writers eyes and interest. So this another most unusual chapter. This was written by Mr. A. M. Grist on December 22, 1933, and published in his newspaper "The Yorkville Enquirer". Mr. Grist had been searching with much interest for information concerning a Sardis Church (A.R.P.) in York County. Sardis in North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, is well known and many people contacted him concerning that church of which he was interest, but the coming about of the facts of Sardis Church in York County and Tirzah's next door neighbor is something quite interesting. This bit of history is valuable, given this year, 1967, and all these people that are named have passed on to their reward. Thanks be to them all for having written and preserved this interesting bit of history.

By this time I had become very much interested in Sardis church in York County, and quite evidently a few others were interested as well. Dr. W. M. Kennedy, interested in church history in the county, had looked up his church history by Dr. Lathan, and told me about finding that there was a Sardis church of the A.R.P. denomination in Union County, S.C., as well as the Sardis church in Mecklenburg County, and others had mentioned the matter.

One day last week Thomas S. Simpson, Colored, of Tirzah, wrote me a postal card saying that he thought he could give me the straight of Sardis church. Then in came Mr. J. Oscar Allison and gave me a few pointers and advised that I see Tom Simpson, saying that he believed Tom could give me the correct story. It was then up to me to see Tom. Tuesday afternoon after a hurried visit to Clover, I doubled back and out to Tirzah and called on Tom at his home.

He celebrated his 77th birthday yesterday, December 21, having been born in 1856. He has been living in York County since he was six years old except for less than a year when he was on that migration to Liberia, on the West Coast of Africa, in 1871-72. The old man is not so well of late, has been suffering from a bad cold, but still keeps going. But he gives me the information I wanted about Sardis church and I believe he has the history straight, and for the history of it, I think it quite fortunate that Tom is in position to give it, because in the course of time he will pass on and with him the correct story of Sardis church will also pass. Possible it is not of great importance, but it is interesting nevertheless.

I told Tom what I wanted, though he already knew that. "I can take you to the very spot where Sardis church stood," he said, "and would be glad to do so if the weather wasn't so bad." That would have been interesting, but the hour was late, the weather disagreeable and I lacked the time. "Just tell me about it," I suggested.

"Sardis was a Baptist church," said Tom. It was established in the late thirties or early forties of the last century. It was located right close to the old Chester and Lincoln road, now abandoned. (That section is now served by what is known as the Waterree road.) The church stood about 50 yards from where the home of the late Thomas Z. Setzer now stands, near the home of L. J. Lumpkin, on the opposite side of the road. (Next door to Mary B. Rollins home)

"It was on land donated for church purposes by Hugh Carothers, who was a deacon of the church. It was only occasionally that preaching services were held there and these were attended by whites and slaves from the surrounding country, many of the slaves also being members of the church."

Tom here rather humorously observed, "Everybody went there to church. All denominations were included in the congregations. Preaching was done by preachers of other denominations than Baptists and they preached there whenever it was possible for them to do so. People went to preaching better in those days than they do now and all denominations worshipped together. There was no selfishness in religion in those days.

When the war came on Hugh Carothers and most of the men members of Sardis church went to war. A good many of them were killed, and others moved away. After the war there weren't enough white people left to keep up the church building and organization. In 1866 the Sardis church building was given to the negro members of the church on condition that they continue the church as Sardis. The negroes organized a church in 1867 and kept it going until the fall of 1871, when a majority of the officers and leading members went to Liberia in October 1871.

When the negroes abandoned Sardis church in 1871 the property then went back to the estate of Hugh Carothers, who died in 1870. Then the building was given to the white Methodists and was moved to the site of "Old Tirzah," A.R.P. church, on the Lower Rock Hill road and this church today is known as Adnah, and a part of the framing timbers of the old Sardis Baptist church are in the present Adnah church building.

"Old Tirzah" church was moved to the site where Tirzah A.R.P. church stands today, and the framing of the Old Tirzah was used in the new building, which stood until 1885, when a new Tirzah church was built. The old church was sold to the negroes (Old Sardis crowd) and they rebuilt it into a church on ground just west of the Lumpkin place. Later this was torn down and was rebuilt on what is known now as the Waterree road; then Thorn's Ferry road. Part of the framing

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I asked Tom to give me the names of the negroes who went to Liberia in 1871, as far as he could recall, of the party 166 going from this country, 36 of whom eventually returned to America. Amoung those he recalled were Elias Hill (died in Liberia in February 1872), Solomon Hill, June Moore, John C. Moore, Madison Hill, (brother of Elias), Andy Cathcarty (deacon of Sardis church), Bob Tate (belonged to late Andrew Tate), Minor Currence, Peter Watson, Scott Mason (deacon at Sardis), Joshua Brian, Dave Brian, Cythia Moore, Sarah Clinton and Eliza White. The two last names are still living in Rock Hill. Many of the party of 161 leaving York County were children.

Good day.

-A. M. Grist

[This article contains excerpts from an interview with Tom Simpson (a black man and member of Sardis Baptist Church by A. M. Grist) regarding the "Old Tirzah Church."]

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(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to us by Bessie Grantham, 7138 N. 45th Ave., Apt. C-108, Glendale, AZ 85301. She writes, "Enclosed is a copy of a letter written by my great grandmother Mary Elizabeth Shirley Dove b. 1836. She was the daughter of John Shirley b. Sept. 1811 in Chester Co., SC. The letter was written in 1871 at Neshoba Co., MS by Mary Elizabeth Shirley Dove to her sister J. Rebecca Beam in Fairfield Co., SC.

Mary Elizabeth Shirley b. 1836, SC, married John C. Dove I before July 1860 and moved to north MS. If anyone can identify any of the people mentioned I would appreciate hearing from them. Thank you."

Neshoba County, Mississippi June the 11, 1871

Dear Sister,

I seat my self to answer your kind and welcome letter that come to hand the 6th of this month and it found us all well and we was glad you was all well and I hope these few lines may find you all well. Sister you don't know how glad I was to hear from you all and to hear better you was in the notion of coming. I hardly know how to believe my self but would be joy to see you all.

You said I would get tired, I could have read three times as much and if I could see you I could talk a month. I want you all to come. I know you would decide no better. Hiram says he never intends to go back there to live. He has gone to Tennessee after his family.

I want you to try and see if you can come. If you can you can get as much sewing as you can do and I know you would like this county. You could have a cow and it don't take much to winter them.

Johnny has four head, he says to come and he will give his cousin Martin one. He is proud to hear from him and to hear his Aunt Hester was a coming. Tell her to come without fail. She will have to come to Meridian, there will be wagons every day from our neighborhood and she can come. They will bring her to us and we will pay them for their trouble. Oh. sister do come and tell all the rest to come.

Now is the time to come, you can get a place. John forty acres of land, it won't be long til Martin can plow and make you bread and John says ne will learn him to be a farmer for he is hard to beat in farming. He has got a good crop of corn but we have had so much rain the cotton looks sorry. Oh sister. I have got the nicest beans and I wish you was here to help eat them. Every time I cook the children wishes you was here to help eat them. They do want to see you all and I want you to come and if you can't come tell Hester to get Poly Dove to come and I want you to tell Dr. Hawkins to assist them in coming, if he please. Tell Hester to go and see the doctor for me and tell him to get up amoung my friends and tell them to help Hester and you to come out here. John will give you forty acres of land if you will come and I want you to come with you

and we will help her some. I was sorry to hear of her missfortune for I have got a good companion. He has never give me an angry word yet, he is good and kind to me and keeps me a plenty to eat. Moses was afraid that he would'nt treat me kind but he has, he works hard and makes a heap but has bad luck.

You wanted to know how we look. We have broken some, I have growed a heap. Hiram said he would'nt know me if he had met with me anywhere else. I wear a number 6 shoe, I am getting gray but you don't wonder at it I hope. I had the neuralgia very bad this spring but got better of it and I hope will remain so. I want you to tell Hester to come and see her old sister and her sweet little neice. She has blue eyes, she is ten month old the day I received you letter on the 6th. I call her Harriet Izyedeler_____. She is the baby, Thomas William said to tell Aunt to come see his sweet sister.

Ben Dove is married again and his wife has two children. I have not heard from them in sometime. I want you to tell Loiny I want her to come here to me if there is any chance to come. Tell Poly Dove to come and be sure sister, I will look for them.

Well I am in a hurry, it is time to put on dinner and I want to (go to) the office this evening. You may write and I will write more next time. Tell Hester to send me her photograph and I will send her mine. I can't tell half I want to, I hope you won't think hard. I will have to close this time, so farewell.

M.E. Dove and John Dove

To: J. R. Bean Hester E. Shirley

So good bye my dear sisters, give my love to all and receive a portion for yourself. Kiss the children for me.

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QUERIE

John Chesney b. ca 1840 in Belfast, Ireland. Came to America in 1774 with three sons, Alexander, Robert and John. Known to have lived in Union Dist., SC, during and after the Revolutionary War. Robert m. Lydia Crownover.

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QUERIES

WALKER - McCOLLOUGH -- Cornwell Shuman, 1715 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47906 - Need info about Colonel William Walker (possibly not a military title) b. 1813 and Rachel Eliza McCollough b. 1813. Census of 1860 lists Col. William's occupation as "Hotel Keeper" in Chester, SC. Children were: Thomas A. b. 1834, Sarah Jane (Sallie) b. 1836, Charlie T. b. 1838, William Henry b. 1840, Anna E. b. 1842, Beaty N. b. 1848, Maggie Lavicia (Lavica or Vici) b. 1849, Emma Oni b. 1852, Mamie S. b. 1854, Annie b. 1855, William R., b. 1857. Col. William and Rachel are buried in Evergreen Cemetary, Chester, SC. Will exchange.

SMITH - PATTON - McCLELLAND - DAVIS - KUYKENDALL -- Dr. Robert E. Smith, P.O. Box 529, Washington, MS 39190 - Interested in info on the parents of James Smith who married Lillis Patton and lived in the Fishing Creek area until his death in 1795. Also seek info on the descendants of their children who were Jacob; Jonathan; Robert (m. Ann McCaw); William; John; Sarah (m. Joseph Davis); Mary (m. Thomas Davis); Agnes M.; Matthew; James Patton, Sr. (m. Ann McClelland); & Ebenezer Walker (m. Mary [Polly] Kuykendall).

DONLY/DONNELLY -- Allen R. Wade, 176 Wizard Ct., Kelowna, B.C., Canada - Seeks info on James Donly/Donnelly who married Agnes Caroline Lathen, 27 Dec. 1870, Hopewell ARP Church. Left for Canada ca 1872.

CRANFORD - CRIDER - WILKES -- Birdie L. Cranford, 5536 Wagon Road Gap, Memphis, TN 38134 - John Cranford b. ca 1785 in NC; m. Elizabeth Wilkes b. ca 1896 to Abner and Martha Crider Wilkes in Chester Co., SC. John and Elizabeth m. ca 1808 and lived in Chester Co., SC, later moving to Alabama. John Cranford's older brother, Josiah, m. Winnifred Crider, sister to Elizabeth Crider. Need parents of John and Josiah Cranford, also names of other siblings. Would like to exchange info about these families.

ATKINSON - ESTES -- Mary Estes Beckham, Rt. 1, Box 373, Philadelphia, MS 39350 - Searching for the name of father of Mary Atkinson, b. Chester Dist, SC 18 Jan 1802; wed Chester Dist. 22 Oct 1820 to John Glover Estes, b. Chester Dist., SC 16 Jan 1801; he d. 2 Feb 1856 Itawamba Co., MS. He was the s/o William Estes, Jr. b. VA 3 Jan 1768; d. 17 Jan 1853 Chester Dist.; wed Sarah Tims (d/o Joseph Tims and wife Mary Glover) b. 13 Nov 1776; d. SC 17 Apr 1849.

Does anyone have material on the **Atkinson** family who lived in Chester Co., SC? Am compiling material to be published in a book and need help with the Atkinson family. Who were parents of Mary Atkinson mentioned above. Who were her brothers and sisters?

WALKER - McCullough -- Jack D. James, 351 S. Fort Christmas Road, Christmas, FL 32709 - Seeking ancestry of Col. William Walker or Rachel Elizabeth McCullough. Any help appreciated.

McNEEL - WILLIAMS/WILLIAMSON -- D'Auan King McNeel and Tynus William McNeel, M.D. - Seeking info on the parents of James McNeel who m. a Mary Williams or Williamson and is the father of Tynus Williams, Samuel, Margaret, Elizabeth, Daniel and John McNeel. Family tradition has it that James came to York from York Co., PA ca 1760--we know that he was there in 1779. Tynus lived in York and Samuel seems to have owned land in both York and the Fishing Creek area. Any help appreciated.

PITTMAN - POWERS - GLOVER - HERRING - BURGOYNE - KNIGHT -- John W. Ashcraft, 1803 W. 31st, Pine Bluff, AR 71603 - Allen A. Pittman b. 1817 NC; in TN 1840s; Prairie Co., AR 1860-70. Need wife's name and any info.

John Powers b. 1808 TN (SC?) m. Sarah Sloan in AL. In MS 1850; Bradley Co., AR 1860. Need his parents. Daughter Bethiah m. Aquilla P. Knight. Need any Knight info.

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Hudson Glover & Margaret (Peggy) Herring b. NC m.

Cumberland Co. 1823. In AL 1850 and Bradley Co., AR. Need parents and siblings.

Lewis Burgoyne b. ca 1800 France and Sarah b. ca 1800 SC in MS 1840. She head h/h Bradley Co., AR 1860. Need parents, siblings and any other info.

CHAPPELL -- Dorothy Howard, 10018 China Tree, Dallas, TX 75249 - Seeking help in obtaining info, birth and marriage certificates of John Chappell. He was b. May 1853, Chester Co., SC. His parents were Pompy and Rosa Chapell. The spelling of the name changed from Chapell with one "p" in 1870 to Chappell with two "pp" in 1880. Any info appreciated.

MITCHELL - ATKINSON -- Robert O. Bathiany, 483 Ridgecrest Trail, Redding, CA 96003 - Would like to correspond with descendants of James, Thomas and William Mitchell, each of whom received land patents in 1755, Anson Co., NC. Today these patents are located on Mitchell's Creek. a branch of Broad River, Union Co., SC. Need location of Mitchell's Family Cemetery north of Jonesville, SC. Does a list of graves exist for this cemetery?

Need info on James Atkinson, b. ca 1695, and family, who were in Camden, SC area ca 1767.

MOBLEY - HILL - BANKS -- Margaret H. D'Aulisa, 340 Saddle Creek Circle, Roswell, GA 30076 - Trying to find some descendants of Edward Mobley and Nancy Bassett Hill. Was she descended from William Hill? Edward Mobley d. when his and Nancy's children were young. Their son, Ephraim Mabry Mobley b. ca 1830 (CSA), m. Jane Taylor Banks. Their other children were: William; Thomas Biggers (w. Mary Stratford?); Andrew: James (d. in Civil War?); Mary Jane (Did she m. a Hall?); "Babe".

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