

President's Page



We wish Mr. Tom Mayhugh best wishes in his new job. He had to resign as President due to his job. He has promised, as time allows, to do plats, etc. for the Society. We thank him for his efforts and continue success in his new job.

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It's that time again **OUR ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY**. The speaker this year will be noted genealogist **GE LEE CORLEY HENDRIX, C.G., F.A.S.G.** She is known throughout the genealogical field, is a contributing editor to the National Genealogical Society, numerous book reviews, has published numerous articles, etc., and is a great lecturer. Her topic will be **Tracking Land Purchased with Indents Received From South Carolina Treasury Accounts Audited (AA) of Claims Growing Out of the Revolution.**

Again, the party will be at the **FRONT PORCH RESTAURANT**, Highway No. 9, just off I-77, Exit 65. The restaurant is located between McDonald's & Kentucky Fried Chicken and is across the road from the motel, Super 8. **THE DATE IS 6 AUGUST 1994. TIME 1:00 PM. YOU NEED YOUR RESERVATION BY 1 AUGUST 1994. THE COST IS \$8.00 PER PERSON.**

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT SPEAKER.

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1994 MEMBERSHIP/SURNAME BOOK

The above book will be ready for mailing the last of August to those who have placed their order. It is not too late to add surnames to this book. The cut off date is 15 July 1994. The cost of this book is \$5.00. **NOTE:** If your address label on **THE BULLETIN** does not have #101 beside the expiration date, we have no record of your order for this book.

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We do not know who submitted the Queries on Page 31 and top of page 32 in the March issue. We would appreciate hearing from the person who submitted them as we have had several inquiries.

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NOTES FROM EDITOR

Trust everyone has had a good year so far. It has been a busy one for all of us here at the society library. We still need volunteers to help answer letters and open the library for our visitors.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our charter members, Mrs. Eleanor Guy Bankhead. She was very active in our society and contributed articles for publication in our bulletin. When she was packing to move to a retirement home in Spartanburg, she donated several boxes of books from her library, among them "Tinkling Springs" and many more rare books. She continued her interest and love of history after her move.

Another of our long time members, Mrs. Susie Thomas Westbrook, also passed away. Susie was an active member, helped in the indexing of our publications and answered letters that did not require a lot of research. She was descended from the early settlers of Landsford and Harmony section of our county.

Since we haven't been publishing many articles on Union County, S. C., Robert Stevens and Linda Crissinger, got together and have decided to contribute an article on Union County for each issue of **THE BULLETIN**. We appreciate this and look forward to these articles.

For years our society has been trying to locate a copy of "House of Dunlop" for our library, so one of our members, Mrs. Ruth Blue of Texas was kind enough to share an address with us. We wrote Rev. James Hanna and received a nice letter stating it could be ordered from him for \$22.00. If anyone would like to order a copy, the address is: Rev. James A. M. Hanna, The Manse, Box 277, Oak Hill, Ohio 45656.

Another out of print book, "Archibald Steele and His Descendants" by Newton Chambers Steele (1900) can be ordered from a reprint company for \$21.50 plus postage. Higginson Book Co., P. O. Box 778, Salem, Mass. 01970. Thanks to Daniel Troublefield of Rock Hill, S. C. for this info.

Several years ago, a group visited our library and three copies of "Scotch - Irish Migration" disappeared. We have tried everywhere to find a copy for our library, since we only had a Xerox copy of it. Mr. Michael Price visited us this spring and had located a copy for himself, so when he returned home, he mailed two copies back, one for Jean Agee and one for myself, since two of the lost books were ours. We were so thrilled and appreciate his giving them to us.

Mr. C. A. Cloud of Georgia and Robert Perrone of Florida visited us and made a donation to our library fund, sure did help out in purchasing much needed books. Thank you from all of us.

I want to thank all of you for sharing material for use in our **BULLETIN** for after fifteen years of trying to come up with something new and of interest to you, our members, it is hard.

We enjoy our visitors and look forward to your coming, but please let us know so someone will be available to help you.

Mrs. Wofford Kee continues to donate books and rare articles from long ago, in scrapbooks. The Kee home had been in the family for generations and hold many treasures - Thanks for sharing with us.

Good luck to each of you in finding that missing link.

Jean N.

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THE PINCHBACKS OF CHESTER COUNTY

The Pinchback family was a very wealthy family here in Chester County. They owned thousands of acres of land here and hundreds of slaves. The graveyard was located just off of our Highway No. 9, where the first John Pinchback is buried. They all moved to Texas in the late 1850's:

MARY ELIZABETH ANN CARTER

Mary Elizabeth Ann Carter, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Wilkes) Carter, was born near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina on 15 February 1829. She married William Pinchback (8 July 1811 - 26 Oct. 1867) in Chester County on 5 August 1845. They lived in Chester County until about 1859, when they moved to Colorado County, Texas and bought a tract of land from John Pinchback for \$40,000. John Pinchback was a brother of William and had purchased the land from James Pinchback, another brother, in 1844. James Pinchback bought the land in 1842.

In the 1860 U. S. census of Colorado County, William Pinchback is listed with \$40,000. in real estate and \$60,000. in personal property, and living with him was Mary Pinchback, 73 years of age, with \$13,000. in personal property. William Pinchback had 47 slaves and Mary Pinchback had 17 slaves according to the slave schedule for the 1860 census. This Mary Pinchback was undoubtedly Mary (Anderson) Pinchback, mother of William, and the widow of John T. Pinchback. She died at Hampton Springs, Arkansas and was buried in the cemetery there. At the time of her death on 8 March 1878, she was living with her son, Alexander Pinchback, and was 90 years, 4 months and 16 days old.

William and Mary Elizabeth Ann (Carter) Pinchback had the following children born to them:

1. Elizabeth Woods Pinchback
2. John Joseph Pinchback
3. William Alexander Pinchback, b 25 Dec. 1850, d 6 Oc. 1867.
4. Mary Theoxna Pinchback, b.29 Aug 1853; d. 16 Aug. 1854.
5. David Anderson Pinchback, b. 4 Dec 1854; d. 26 Aug. 1855.

ELIZABETH WOODS PINCHBACK, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth Ann (Carter) Pinchback, was born at Chester, South Carolina on 26 July 1846. She died on 7 August 1899. She married Peter Lewis Clapp at Columbus, Texas on 20 December 1865. They resided at Columbus, where Mr. Clapp was a farmer-rancher.

JOHN JOSEPH PINCHBACK, son of William and Mary Elizabeth Ann (Carter) Pinchback, was born at Chester, South Carolina on 25 March 1848 and died at Garwood, Texas on 15 February 1915. He was a farmer-rancher. Mr. Pinchback married Alamor F. Howland at Columbus, Texas on 25 March 1869.

WILLIAM HOWLAND PINCHBACK, son of John Joseph and Alamor F. (Howland) Pinchback, was born at Columbus, Texas on 18 January 1870. He was a farmer-rancher and lived near Garwood, Texas, where he died on 12 January 1944. Mr. Pinchback married Daisy Brownson near Garwood on 30 June 1909.

SUSIE PINCHBACK, daughter of John Joseph and Alamor F. (Howland) Pinchback, was born at Columbus, Texas on 25 September 1873 and died on 21 April 1941. She married James L. Chapman at Columbus, Texas on 1 December 1895. They resided at Garwood, Texas, where Mr. Chapman was engaged in the banking business.

JOHN TONY PINCHBACK, son of John Joseph and Alamor F. (Howland) Pinchback, was born at Columbus, Texas on 8 November 1880. Before his death on 26 December 1946, he lived at Garwood, Texas and was a farmer-rancher. Mr. Pinchback married Pearl Adair Hopkins at Garwood.

JOSEPH WARREN PINCHBACK, son of John Joseph and Alamor F. (Howland) Pinchback, was born at Columbus, Texas on 5 December 1885. He died on 25 January 1936 and was buried at Eagle Lake, Texas. Prior to his death, he lived at Garwood, Texas where he was a farmer-rancher. Mr. Pinchback married Ada Griffiths at Garwood on 23 July 1911.

(Taken from Wilkes Family History and Genealogy by Ivan Ernest Bass.)

.... TO BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN.

WE WANT TO THANK WALTER BREWSTER FOR THIS ARTICLE. HE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND CONTRIBUTOR SINCE OUR ORGANIZATION.

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24 March 1994

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Dear Mrs. Nichols,

Enclosed is an article in which I have stated my theory re the ancestry of the Edwards brothers, Jarrott, Joseph, Stourton, and John [my ancestor] who migrated from Halifax County, N. C., to the Chester District in the last decade of the 18th Century. Also included is a section map of the Northeastern part of St. Mary's Co., MD, which has the approximate location of the tract of land called "Diamond's Adventure (Venture)", which I believe to be the homeplace where Joseph Edwards, Sr., was born.

I hope you can use it for publication in an issue of the "Bulletin". If you need to serialize it, please feel free to do so.

In an old issue of the "Bulletin", a gentleman from Sheridan, Ar, was thanked for sending the Society a list of all families migrating from Chester District to Souther Arkansas. This was gleaned from Ark. Censuses. Have you given any thought to publishing that list in serial form? I think all of us from Ark. would enjoy, and appreciate having the census information.

Sincerely,

Walter

P.S.-I am sending a back-up cy to Jean Agee.

THE ANCESTRY OF THE EDWARDS BROTHERS
JARROTT, JOSEPH, JOHN, AND STOURTON
BY
WALTER WHATLEY BREWSTER

My grandmother, Mary Arabella Josephine (Ferguson) Brewster, was the daughter of James Lawrence Ferguson and his second wife, Mary Ann Edwards, all three natives of Chester County, South Carolina. Mary Ann (Edwards) Ferguson was a granddaughter of John Edwards.

Until I was a teenager, I was privileged to spend my Summers with my paternal grandparents who lived on a large farm outside of Fordyce, Arkansas, the city of my birth. Each evening after supper, we sat on the front porch until bedtime. The adults would discuss items in the newspaper and talk about the work to be done the next day. Sometimes my grandmother would tell me stories about her family, her home in South Carolina, and the move from there to Arkansas. In my files are tablet sheets with notes I made while listening to her stories. Among those notes are the names of her mother's parents, John Joseph Edwards and Margaret McCammon; her grandparents, John Edwards and Olive Exum; her great grandparents, Joseph Edwards, Jr., and Maryan Suit; and the children of each of these generations. As a child she knew a kinsman who was a babe-in-arms during the American Revolution. My grandmother with her stories knew someone who lived during that time! It is no wonder her stories took me back to the eighteenth century; to an eight year old, it was equivalent to the "dark ages" - a fascinating time. It was those stories, and the notes I made and saved, that sparked my interest in genealogy.

During my sophomore year in undergraduate school, I learned the address of my grandmother's first cousin, Mr. Robert Lee Edwards, of Chester County, South Carolina. The following is an excerpt of his answer to my letter of enquiry about my g-grandparents: "Catawba Junction, RFD S.C.

Mr. Walter W. Brewster
Dear Sir -

Jan 16, 1940

Am writing you a few lines in reply to your letter of Nov 23 - 39...I am glad indeed to receive a letter from you and will give you all the information that I can in regard to your family in S.C. Your great grandmother Mary Ann Ferguson was my full Aunt. She was my father's Eldest sister she was born Dec 11-1826. I dont know when she and James L Ferguson were married but I think they moved to Arkansas about 1850 [1856]. He was lost during the war between the States, but was not killed in the army [he died a POW at Rock Island, IL]. I think Aunt Mary Ann died about 1892...I am sending you a history of the Edwards family. I am trusting that you are perfectly honest and I feel sure that I am not mistrusting you.

I want you to type this history and then return it to me as I prize it highly...

Hoping that I might be able to give you at least a part of the information desired, am as ever Yours Truly
/s/R.L. Edwards"

Of course, I was pleased to receive his letter, and I promptly typed a copy of his "history" and returned the original to him. The paper was actually written by one of his sisters, Mrs. Frances C. (Edwards) Jordan of Fort Lawn, South Carolina. It contained no dates, or references to the documents that would prove the data included. One item that intrigued me was the statement that Joseph Edwards, Jr., father of Jarrott, Joseph, John, and Stourton Edwards, "...was the son of Thomas Edwards and Isobel Dowling, 1620...". Obviously, a man who died in 1784 was not likely born by a mother alive in 1620; more likely he was a great grandson.

In an old history of Edgefield County, South Carolina, Mr. John Crowder Edwards, a grandson of Jarrott Edwards, is quoted as saying "Joseph Edwards...emigrated to Maryland and lived in the old town of Benedict at the mouth of the Patuxent River..." In response to my enquiry to the Historical Society of Charles County, Maryland, Mr. George Dyson, President, wrote that he had found a reference to a Stower'tn Edwards in 1751 of St. Mary's County, Maryland. He continued that the family I sought probably had lived across the river from the small settlement of Benedict, which is in Charles County. It was the statement in the Edgefield history that led to my research in St. Mary's County. Raphael Semmes, in his book CAPTAINS AND MARINERS OF EARLY MARYLAND, tells of an attack by a party of Indians on the family of Daniel Cunningham at the head of the Patuxent River in St. Mary's County. The settler and a boy who was with him at the time, were killed outright as they were working in a field. Mrs. Cunningham was tomahawked in the house, "where she was afterwards found lying prostrate in her blood and not quite dead...". Though unable to speak, Mrs. Cunningham was removed to the house of Thomas Edwards at the Northern Branch of the Patuxent River... A witness said, "he heard Mrs. Edward's mother say to Cunningham's wife at the same time, as...she did...believe that the rogue Wassetass had been there and done the mischief...". Thanks to Mr. Semmes, we know a Thomas Edwards and his wife were in St. Mary's County, not as early as 1620, but in 1678. Then I faced the problem of proving that the family of Jarrott, Joseph, John, and Stourton Edwards has migrated from Maryland to North Carolina. The Stower'tn Edwards deed recorded in Charles County provided the key to the puzzle. Leonardtown, the St. Mary's County seat, was the logical place to start a search for the proof needed. The early records of land transactions in this county were destroyed in a Courthouse fire. The clerk in whose care wills were entrusted was a resourceful person; when the fire was discovered the office staff pitched the Will Books out of the windows and they were saved.

Stourton was an unusual name to me. I thought that if I could find why an Edwards family chose it as the Christian name for a child, perhaps that would be a clue to the ancestry of the four brothers with whom we are concerned. My instinct proved to be right, as you will see from the following document from WILL BOOK P.C. #1, pp. 200/1, St. Mary's County, Maryland:

THE LAST WILL OF ROBERT STOURTON: "In the name of God amen, the fourth day of December 1714 I, Robert Stourton of St. Mary's County, in the province of Maryland, being of (sic) sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory,...and being conscious to settle things in order, so make this my last will and Testament - in the manner & form following... ITEM, I give & bequeath to my loving wife Margery Stourton, my now dwelling plantation, with all the lands thereto belonging, called by the name of the parting path containing three hundred ackers (sic), also a tract of land called the Garden Spot, containing Eighty Ackers, also a tract of land called Hopewell containing one hundred ackers to her and her heirs forever...ITEM, I give and bequeath to my Godson STOURTON EDWARDS, one tract of land that I bought of Mr. James Hay, called Saint Thomas containing one hundred and ninety ackers to him and his heirs forever - he or they keeping up the name of STOURTON, with maile (sic) or to the next apparent heare (sic) by law he keeping up the name of STOURTON - ...ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Margery Stourton all the rest of my estate...I doeth appoint [her] to be my Executor of this my last will, and Testament...and I doeth appoint JOSEPH EDWARDS, and Captain Thomas Greenfield to see it Executed, according to the true meaning.

/s/ Robert Stourton (Seal)

in the presence of us)
/s/ Charles (U) Smith) Then came before me Charles Smith,
) Cosmas Parsons, & Robert Scot Clk,
/s/Robert Scot) and made Oath, that they saw the
) within named, Robert Stourton,
acknowledge the within will to be his act and deed.

/s/ William Aisquith, Dept. Comm."

Robert Stourton's will answers the question of why an Edwards has the Christian name of Stourton; but who is he, and who is the Joseph Edwards appointed to see that the wishes of the testator are truly executed?

In 1746, Joseph Edwards [hereafter referred to as Joseph, Sr.] died in St. Mary's County, and left the following will recorded in WILL BOOK T.A. #1, pp. 207/8:

THE LAST WILL OF JOSEPH EDWARDS: "In the name of God, Amen - I Joseph Edwards of St. Mary's County in the province of Maryland, so make, constitute and appoint, this my last will and testament in manner & form following: IMPRIMIS, I give, and bequeath to my dear and loving wife Mary Edwards the Tract of Land called DIAMONDS VENTURE, with all the improvements thereon being the land whereon I now live, during her natural life, and after her decease to be divided between my two sons, JOSEPH EDWARDS & Benj'n Edwards by a line drawn from the third bounded tree being a Spanish Oake to the head of the Huckle Berry Branch, and with the Huckle Berry Branch to the Great Branch to my son JOSEPH EDWARDS all the land on the Southernmost side of the said Huckle Berry Branch, and to my son Benjamin Edwards, all the land on the Northmost side of the said Branch, to them and their heirs forever - ITEM, I give to my son STOURTON EDWARDS all that tract of land lying in St. Mary's County called Taunton Dean containing one hundred & sixty four acres to him and his heirs forever, ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN EDWARDS all that tract of land lying in St. Mary's County, called Edwards Backland to him and his heirs forever, and my will is in case Either of my sons aforementioned should die without issue their part or dividend of land shall return to my son JOSIAS EDWARDS to him and his heirs forever, and as for what moveable Estate it has pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, after all my just debts is truly paid, I give, and bequeath to my loving wife, Mary Edwards, and lastley I constitute & appoint my loving wife Mary Edwards, & my son Stourton Edwards, joynt Executors of this my Last will and Testament, In Testimony wereof, I have herewith set my hand, and affixed my seal this third day of May Anno Domini 1746.

/s/ Joseph Edwards (Seal)

Seal'd & delivered) St. Mary's County May y'e 2d 1746
 in the presence of) Then Mev'l Locke, John Edwards & Robert
 /s/ Mev'l Locke) Edwards the subscribing witnesses to the
) foregoing will, being duly and solemnly
 /s/ Jn'o Edwards) sworn on the Holy Evangels of almighty
) God depose, and say that they saw the
 /s/ Robert Edwards) Testator, Joseph Edwards, sign the fore-
 going will, and heard him publish and declare the same to
 [be] his Last will and Testament, that at the time of his so
 doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound, and
 disposing mind, and memory and that they subscribed their
 respective names as witnesses to the foregoing will in the
 presence of the said testator, and at his request--

Sworn before me, /s/ Tho. Aisquith, Dept'y Comiss'ry
of St. Mary's County--
July Y'e 4th 1746 Then the deceased's widow)
made her Election and stands to the will)

Certified by me, Tho. Aisquith, Dept'y Comiss'ry of St.
Mary's County----"

We know that the home of the Cunninghams who were attached by Indians lived on the upper reaches of the Patuxent River in St. Mary's County. Mrs. Cunningham, who was scalped, but not dead was moved to the home of Thomas Edwards and his wife. One is led to believe that the Edwards must have been the closest neighbors, which would locate their home near the Charles County line in the Northernmost part of St. Mary's.

Joseph Edwards, Sr., left his wife the "...Tract of Land called Diamonds Venture...whereon I now live." The approximate site of Diamonds (Ad)venture is only about twelve miles from the Charles County line. The little town of Benedict, in Charles County, is only three or four miles North of the boundary between the two counties. In the eighteenth century, it was the town nearest to the location of the section of St. Mary's in which the Edwards lived, which lends credence to the statement that Jarrott Edwards had migrated South from Benedict, Maryland.

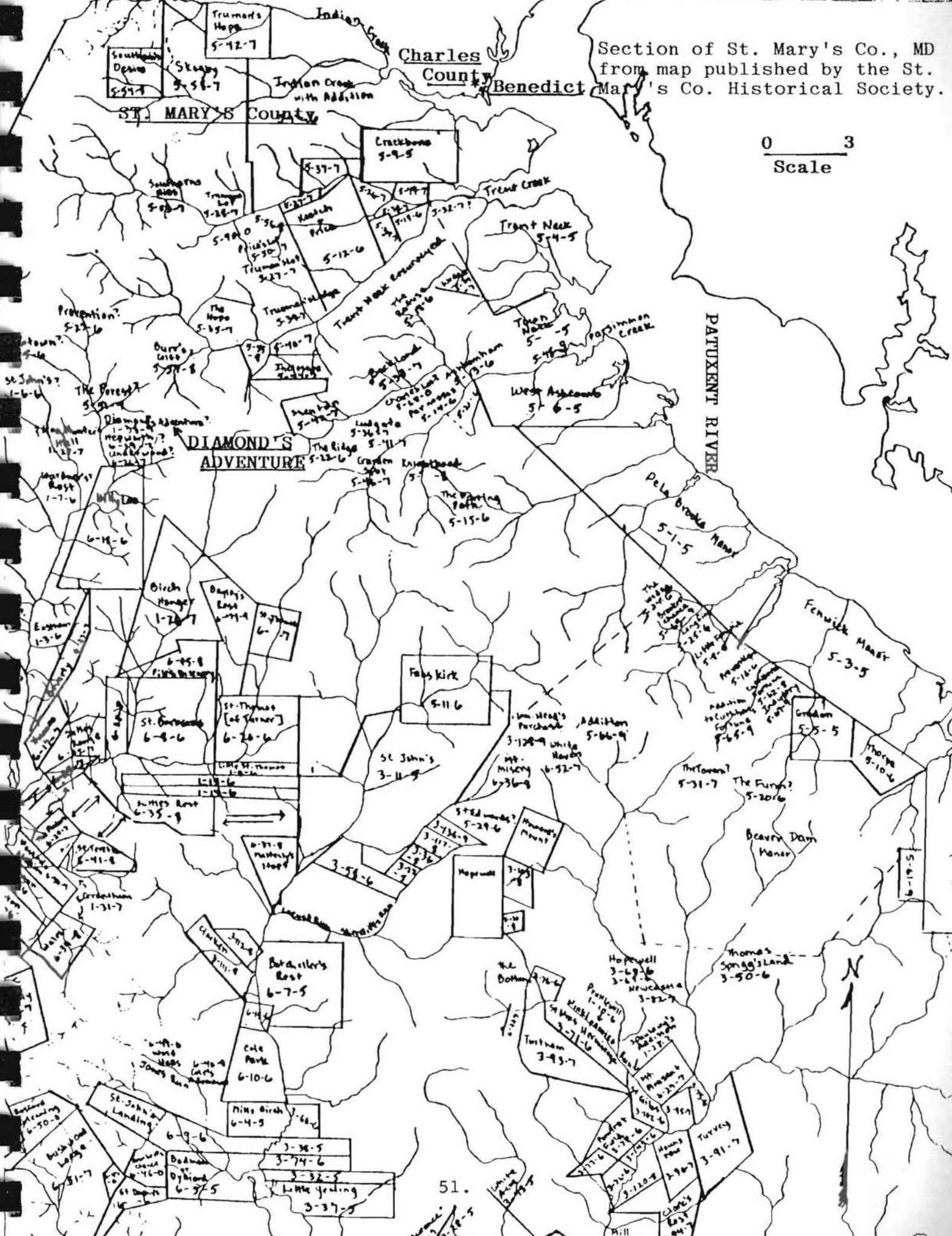
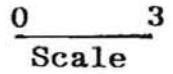
Since the early Deed Books of St. Mary's County were destroyed in a courthouse fire it is necessary to use other sources to follow the ownership of land tracts. It is my belief that Joseph Edwards, of Halifax County, NC, is indeed Joseph Edwards, Jr., the son of Joseph Edwards, Sr., testator of the will abstracted above. To support my contention, I searched the Tax Lists of St. Mary's County to 1762, and found that MARY EDWARDS, the widow of JOSEPH, SR., paid the taxes on the 110 acre tract called DIAMONDS ADVENTURE through 1761.

On the 10 April 1762 list, the tax on Diamonds Adventure was paid by BENJAMIN EDWARDS, co-heir with his brother, Joseph Edwards, Jr., to this tract of land. The tax he paid was for the entire 110 acres. Joseph paid his tax on two other tracts he owned in 1761, and does not appear in the lists after that year. It appears that he must have sold his interest in Diamonds Adventure soon after his mother's death and moved from St. Mary's County.

Joseph Edwards, his wife, Maryan, and their children may have arrived in North Carolina as early as 1765. According to a deed registered in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, a Joseph Edwards purchased a 100-acre tract of land on the North bank of Town Creek in that year.

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Section of St. Mary's Co., MD
from map published by the St.
Mary's Co. Historical Society.



Charles County Benedict

ST. MARY'S County

DIAMOND'S
ADVENTURE

THE FOUNDING OF A SOUTH CAROLINA BACKCOUNTRY SOCIETY
UNION COUNTY, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL

BY

Robert J. Stevens and Linda Stevens Crissinger

The Society has graciously allowed us a few pages as a regular feature in THE BULLETIN to present genealogy relating to Union County, South Carolina. During the series, we will explore many of the old families who settled in the area and their history. Included in future articles will be the families of Thomas, Sims, Sartor, Gilliam, Farr, Hughes, Buford, Crosby, Mabry, Moorman, Crenshaw, McDaniel, Chandler, Gordon, McJunkin, Brock, Stevens, Musgrove, and Bobo, to name only a few. Also, we will occasionally have an invited guest author joining us in these articles.

For our readers who have never visited Union County, we will give only a very brief history and description. The area that became Union County in 1785 was first settled, generally, by the English and French from Virginia, the Scotch-Irish and Quakers from Pennsylvania, and a smattering of German immigrants that came through the port of Charleston. Even though there were a very few families settled along the Enoree River by 1749 with North Carolina land grants, the main stream of settlers began in 1755 immediately after the land was purchased from the Cherokee Nation by the State of South Carolina. Long before that, perhaps as early as 1730, there were Indian traders that established camps along all the main rivers there, but their wives and families were left in Virginia and Charleston. Many of those traders fathered children by Cherokee women in the mountains of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia and their family surnames abound in the Nation even today. One such child is well written into history and his name lives on even today. He was George Gist, Sequoyah by Cherokee name, the son of Nathaniel Gist, who invented the Cherokee alphabet in 1821 and for whom the Sequoia National Forest in California is named.¹ In many instances, great fortunes were made by the traders as the streams and rivers allowed convenient shipment of the hides and furs to Charleston for export to England.

A group of early Scotch-Irish Presbyterian families built a meeting house on Brown's Creek and allowed other denominations the use of it. Due to that, it soon became known as Union Church, and the newly formed county was named for it in 1785. The site selected for the courthouse was the village near Union Church, which was also named Union and remains today as the county seat.

¹. Mildred E. Whitmire, Noland's Cherokee Diary (Spartanburg, S.C., 1990), 85. When the National Forest was formed, the spelling was changed.

Union County was originally part of Ninety Six District. The county today is almost surrounded by rivers, with the Pacolet on the north, the Broad on the east, the Enoree on the south, and is traversed by the Tyger River and many smaller streams. Located about fifty miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains, it is truly a foothill region and still beautifully wild and scenic in places. In 1897, part of the original county was used to form Cherokee County.

Most modern persons are quite surprised that a very large percentage of all the battles of the Revolutionary War were fought on South Carolina soil, and many major ones were fought in what became Union County. Even before that, many colonial forts were constructed during the Cherokee War of 1760-1763 and later used during the Revolution. Some of these old fort sites are still visible.

We will begin the series with a visit to Gilliam's Chapel, a historic Methodist burying ground of descendants representing many old families.

PHOTOS TAKEN 1984 BY ROBERT STEVENS





GILLIAM'S CHAPEL

Gilliam's Chapel was a quaint wooden Methodist church located about three miles from the settlement of Santuc in Union County, South Carolina, and not far from the site of Otterson's Fort used during the Cherokee War of 1760-1763. Unfortunately, the church building burned during an electrical storm in April of 1992. It was built entirely of wood, resting very low to the ground on pillars of native made brick, and the pine siding showed evidence of many coats of whitewash. On one of the corner pillars there was a date scratched into a brick, but too weathered to be read in 1984.² The roof was last covered with modern materials, but surely the original construction included hand-split, commonly called "rived," shingles. There can be no doubt that in its early days Gilliam's Chapel was a very poor church and probably furnished with native-made furniture.

Until recently, the origin of the church has remained a mystery, aptly stated as "unfortunately lost in antiquity" by one historian, Dr. William Farr Gilliam.³ A few months ago, Mike

². Visit by Robert J. Stevens in 1984.

³. Dr. William Farr Gilliam, "Gilliam Chapel," Union County Heritage (Union, S.C., 1981), 358-359, hereafter cited as Dr. Gilliam.

Becknell published a series of one-paragraph histories of old Methodist churches in Union County. The histories included facts he had recently discovered concerning Gilliam's Chapel, discovered concerning Gilliam's Chapel, establishing its origin.⁴ Mr. Becknell uncovered a history of the church written in 1919 which stated it was built in 1857, and in 1859 Reuben Gilliam gave four acres of land on which it stood although no deed was ever recorded.⁵ His daughter, Mrs. Drucilla M. Gee, deeded one and a quarter acres to the church trustees in 1860, that deed recorded and made to B. C. Jennings, Dr. R. S. Gilliam, W.R.A. Thomas, Charner Stevens, and James Thomas.⁶ The church membership declined; it was closed in 1895, reopened in 1905, closed again in 1923, then reopened again in 1955 and remained so with a limited membership until it burned, at which time it was the oldest Methodist church building in Union County.⁷ During the time it was closed between 1923 and 1955, the deteriorated building was saved and renovated by the Howell and Adams families.⁸ The masonry steps, iron railings, and bottled gas heating, obviously modern, must have been added at that time.

All of the above coincides perfectly with the limited research done by the authors. We established that Cane Creek Methodist Church was established very early, possibly by 1793 when Bishop Asbury was in the area forming churches. It is well known that early Methodist churches met in the homes of congregational members due to the lack of meeting houses. After 1828, the Cane Creek Methodist congregation was using the Cane Creek Presbyterian Church building, along with the Cane Creek Baptist Church, until they were both expelled in 1857. At that time, Cane Creek Methodist Church appointed a committee consisting of B. C. Jennings, Dr. R. S. Gilliam, and W.R.A. Thomas to select a site and build a church, after which Cane Creek Methodist Church disappears from the records.⁹

Methodist churches were not named in the annual conference reports until 1878. That year, four churches appear in the Cane Creek Methodist Circuit of Spartanburg County: Gilliam's Fishdam, Zoar, and Sardis. Gilliam's was reported by John W. Tarbourx to have had fifty three members, one church building, and attended by Isaac J. Newberry and John M. Carlisle. By 1880, it reported fifty one members, one church building, one Sunday School, one parsonage, & attended by James Ware Brown & John M. Carlisle.¹⁰

4. Mike Becknell, "Some Early Methodist Churches in Union County, Historical Newsletter (Union County Historical Foundation), January 1994, hereafter cited as Mr. Becknell.

5. The 1919 historian had to be mistaken as to the year or person because Reuben Gilliam died in 1858. If the 1859 date is correct, the land was given by his son, Dr. Reuben S. Gilliam.

6. Drucilla M. Gilliam (1822-1892) married Wilson P. Gee (1802-1852), both buried Fishdam Methodist Church Cemetery, Carlisle, Union County, S. C.

7. Dr. Becknell.

8. Dr. Gilliam.

9. Mr. Becknell.

10. Notes compiled from the Methodist Annual Conference records by Mr. Herbert Hucks, Archivist, Historical Society of the S. C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, Sandor Teszler Library, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

While the building was standing, a visitor would have first noticed the oddity of the cemetery being on the front lawn between the church and highway. That, combined with the fact that the oldest marked grave is 1854, predates the cemetery to the church and leads us to suspect it was first a Gilliam family burying ground. Along the front of the cemetery are a number of obvious graves, marked only with native rocks. Another thing instantly noticed by a visitor is the unusually large number of Confederate Iron Crosses, an indication of the family's commitment to the Southern Cause.

Since many of the stones are badly weathered, no recent attempt has been made by the authors to record them. Instead, the inventory presented in this article is taken from a published source.¹¹ The reader is warned there is at least one typographical error of date, and could be more. We have made no attempt to genealogically identify all of the seventy one marked graves, only those persons that will appear in later family genealogies in this series. At the end of the inventory we will include a list of unmarked graves reported to exist in the cemetery and the source of the information.



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AUTOMOBILE AT ORIGINAL BUILDING SITE

¹¹. Mrs. E. D. Whaley, Union County Cemeteries, (A Press, Greenville, S.C., 1971).

GILLIAM'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

1. Gilliam, Dr. R.S., 6/1/1825-5/1/1875, Conf. Vet. (Dr. Reuben S. Gilliam, a son of Reuben Gilliam and Mary Coleman Sims).
2. Gilliam, Mary Drucilla, 3/25/1870-1/20/1875, daughter of Dr. R.S. and A. Gilliam.¹²
3. Lake, Ellen E., 1871-8/1923.
4. Humphries, William, 3/1/1804-4/30/1872.
5. Bentley, John H., 10/15/1881-9/27/1948.
6. Bentley, May Lillie, 4/25/1916-1/28/1920.
7. Gregory, Isaac, 1811-9/9/1868, (Isaac Franklin Gregory, second husband of Charlotte Humphries and son of John Wesley Gregory and Elizabeth Young).
8. Thomas, Infant, 12/11/1862-2/23/1863, infant son of Col. M. and L.E. Thomas. (Col. Mabry Thomas and Louise E. Humphries).
9. Thomas, Willie, 8/7/1858-6/6/1863, son of Col. M. & L.E. Thomas.
10. Thomas, Capt. James, 3/11/1819-12/14/1879. (A son of David Anderson Thomas and Frances Farr).
11. Thomas, Frances Gilliam, 1/14/1818-1/22/1886, wife of Capt. James Thomas. (A daughter of Reuben Gilliam & Mary C. Sims).
12. Thomas, Harriet Frances, 2/28/1869-10/13/1873, daughter of D.A. and Mary Wilks Thomas. (David Anderson Thomas, a son of Capt. James Thomas and L. Frances Gilliam).
13. Thomas, Beauford, 12/1859-10/23/1864, son of James & L.F.Thomas.
14. Thomas, William R.H., 10/20/1843-7/19/1854, son of James and L. F. Thomas.
15. Thomas, Mabry, b. & d. 10/27/1862, son of James & L. F. Thomas.
16. Thomas, Newton H., born 9/10/1811, died in Va. hospital, Conf. Vet., son of James and L. F. Thomas.¹³
- ~~12.~~ His wife was named Ann, but a diligent search has failed to identify her.
13. This birth date is obviously a typographical error.

17. Thomas, Mary Elizabeth, 11/8/1841-4/8/1883, daughter of James and L. F. Thomas.
 18. Thomas, Reuben Gilliam, 11/29/1839-1/1/1880, son of James and L. F. Thomas.
 19. Thomas, N.G., 9/29/1864-10/4/1867, infant son of R. G. and C.S.J. Thomas. (Reuben Gilliam Thomas and C. Sallie J. Thomas).
 20. Thomas, Annie M., 9/4/1865-6/6/1865, daughter of R. G. and Sallie Thomas.
 21. Thomas, R. Gilliam, Jr., 7/19/1881-1/8/1901.
 22. Thomas, Sally J., 5/17/1841-7/13/1911, wife of R. G. Thomas.
 23. Thomas, Woodly R., 8/23/1876-4/2/1917.
 24. Stevens, Charner, died 4/29/1862, Our Parents, Conf. Vet.¹⁴ (Tscharner Stevens, born 1810, a son of Elizabeth Stevens, father's given name unknown).
 25. Stevens, Jane, died 10/6/1888, age 67 years, Our Parents.¹⁵ (Sarah Jane Chandler, a daughter of Mordecai Chandler and Elizabeth Musgrove).
 26. Thomas, Susan F., 7/15/1871-7/30/1872.
 27. Thomas, John, 11/7/1841-11/30/1884, Conf. Vet., Father.
 28. Thomas, Mary, 5/4/1847-3/25/1889, Mother.
 29. Thomas, Willie G., 2/13/1870-5/11/1889.
 30. Goree, R.M.T., 2/15/1843-12/21/1863, son of Reddin and Sarah T. Goree. (Thompson Goree, per WPA list, a son of Reddin Goree and Sarah Thompson Gilliam).
 31. Goree, James B., 1/7/1841-2/22/1864, son of Reddin & Sarah T. Goree.
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14. Tscharner Stevens was not a Confederate veteran. Mrs. Whaley innocently recorded him so due to a Confederate Iron Cross mistakenly placed on his grave by the U.D.C. It was intended for his sons who lie unmarked beside him, all of whom perished in the war.
 15. Sarah Jane Chandler was first married, about 1840, to William J. Sartor who died in 1842 and left an infant daughter, Mary Jane Sartor. Tscharner and Sarah Jane Stevens share one stone, erected by their children after her death.

32. Brown, Thomas H., 11/5/1880-10/12/1881, son of Rev. J. W. and C. L. Brown. (Rev. John Ware Brown was pastor of Gilliam's Chapel at this time).
 33. Gilliam, Eleanor F., 1/18/1823-6/20/1885. (A daughter of David Anderson Thomas and Frances Farr, and wife of William Thompson Gilliam).
 34. Gilliam, William T., 5/8/1821-3/10/1882, Conf. Vet. (A son of Reuben Gilliam and Mary C. Sims).
 35. Goforth, S.E., 3/31/1848-10/29/1873.
 36. McJunkin, R.D., 8/21/1833-1/22/1866, aged 32 years, 5 mo. 1 day, Conf. Vet.¹⁶ (A son of Joseph McJunkin, Jr. and Nancy Sartor).
 37. Thomas, Jimmie J., 3/28/1878-8/26/1913.
 38. Thomas, J. Reuben, 1/15/1875-8/30/1920.
 39. Thomas, Susan A., 1/23/1847-6/10/1887, 2nd wife of Dr. John P. Thomas. (A daughter of William H. Rivers and Sarah Bailey Jenkins).
 40. Thomas, John P., M.D., 2/6/1818-2/23/1900.¹⁷ (A son of David Anderson Thomas and Frances Farr).
 41. Thomas, David Farr, 9/22/1876-6/1889.
 42. Baldwin, Sallie J. Comer, 3/6/1827-10/30/1874, wife of B. F. Baldwin.
 43. Adams, John P., 3/10/1889-3/13/1945. (John Paul Adams, son of Josiah Franklin Adams and Mary Ida Smith).
 44. Adams, Eleanor McCrackin, 8/25/1889-7/3/1932. (Wife of John P. Adams, and a daughter of D.R. McCrackin and Sallie F. Gilliam).
 45. Thomas, Sallie E., 10/25/1873-5/10/1911.
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16. Robert D. McJunkin was first married to Sarah Jane Jeter, 1/12/1832-9/26/1861, buried Jeter Cemetery, a daughter of Little Berry Jeter and Sarah Hobson. He then married Della J. Thomas, a daughter of Dr. John P. Thomas and Frances Kelly. She later married Dr. J. H. Gilky.
 17. Dr. John Pulaski Thomas was first married to Emeline Frances Kelly, a daughter of William Kelly and Elizabeth Terry Sims (a sister to Mary C. Sims who married Reuben Gilliam), by whom he had three children: Adela J., Mary E., and William Kelly Thomas.

46. Adams, Willie C., 9/15/1925-5/5/1928. (A son of John P. Adams and Eleanor McCrackin).
47. D. R. McCrackin, 6/16/1856-10/21/1923.
48. Adams, Eleanor, b. & d. 7/1919. (A daughter of John P. Adams and Eleanor McCrackin).
49. McCrackin, Sallie F. Gilliam, 9/22/1854-7/20/1920, wife of D. R. McCrackin. (A daughter of William T. Gilliam and Eleanor F. Thomas).
50. Gilliam, D.A. Thomas, 4/9/1815-8/9/1875, Conf. Vet.¹⁸ (David Anderson Thomas Gilliam, a son of William T. Gilliam and Eleanor F. Thomas).
51. Lyles, Fannie G., 1849-7/26/1923. (Frances Gilliam, a daughter of William T. Gilliam and Eleanor F. Thomas).
52. Jeter, Thomas Berry, 3/18/1840-7/5/1888, Conf. Vet. (A son of Jesse Lovelace Jeter and Sarah Crosby Jeter).
53. Confederate Veteran.
54. Baldwin, David F., 10/13/1854-4/15/1948.
55. Baldwin, Mary M., 12/26/1858-4/1/1916.
56. Baldwin, Frances Blanche, 8/26/1894-1/8/1896.
57. Baldwin, Bessie Mae, 12/3/1887-10/13/1888, daughter of D. F. and M. F. Baldwin.
58. Sanders, Mary, died 1/15/1940, aged 95 years.
59. Stokes, Mary N., 2/23/1868-8/18/1885.
60. Stokes, Mary S., 3/3/1831-12/6/1888, wife of G. B. Stokes.
61. Northum, John Allen, 10/12/1895-10/27/1900, son of J. T. and M. A. Northum.
62. Nance, J. Thomas, 1860-1893, son of J. H. and F. S. Nance.
63. Nance, Mary A., 11/9/1824-2/20/1893, wife of T. D. Nance.
64. Comer, Betty E., died 9/1888, aged 70 years, wife of Jason Comer.

¹⁸. The correct birth date is 4/9/1845.

65. Comer, Jason, died 7/10/1888, aged 84 years.
66. McGowan, John G., 12/4/1875-12/4/1879, son of J. W. and M. J. McGowan. (John William McGowan and Molly Johns).
67. Wages, Earnest Earl, 9/27/1898-6/9/1899, son of J.E. & Ada Wages.
68. Nance, James H., died 8/30/1893, aged 44 years.
69. McGraw, Elizabeth, 2/6/1815-10/28/1879.
70. Puckett, Maybell, 3/1/1901-6/5/1901, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Puckett.
71. Mary Jane Sartor Hargrove, wife of Patrick Henry Hargrove, 4/4/1842-1/1/1888.¹⁹

REPORTED UNMARKED GRAVES

72. Thomas, Col. Mabry, Conf. Vet., dates unknown.²⁰
73. Jeter, John Brown, Conf. Vet., dates unknown.²¹
74. Stevens, James W., born 1842, died 1864, Conf. Vet.²²
75. Stevens, Francis M., born 1846, died 1864, Conf. Vet.²³
76. Stevens, John H., born 1840, died 1864, Conf. Vet.²⁴

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19. This stone was recently erected beside that of Tscharner and Sarah Jane Stevens, her mother.
 20. From "Confederate Veterans, Union County, S.C., Their Place of Burial," compiled 1936, WPA Project #1885, hereafter cited as WPA.
 21. WPA.
 22. WPA and the Confederate Enrollment Book located in the Union County Probate Court. A son of Tscharner Stevens and first wife, name unknown, he was killed in Virginia.
 23. Ibid. A full brother to James W. Stevens, he died of disease at Hardeeville, S. C.
 24. Confederate Enrollment Book. A full brother to J. W. and F. M., he died at Charleston, S. C.

N. C. UNIVERSITY HONORS HISTORIAN CROCKETT
The Lancaster News - Wednesday, April 6, 1994

BY: Murray Glenn
Staff Writer

Officials from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill honored a Lancaster woman at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon as part of the school's bicentennial celebration.

Chancellor Paul Hardin presented **Nancy Crockett** a proclamation of appreciation and a medallion from the school's bicentennial celebration committee for her efforts researching the historical background of Gen. William Richardson Davie, the founding father of the University of North Carolina.

"It has been one of the joys in my life...All I have done is keep his name before the public," said **Crockett** as she received her award from Hardin at the ceremony at the church.

The event was attended by nearly 40 people, including four of Davie's descendants.

Since 1949, **Crockett**, 81, a retired Lancaster County School teacher and an elder at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, has regularly tended to Davie's grave at the church grave yard. **Crockett's** father tended to the grave before her.

Crockett's interest in history stretches beyond Davie and his background. She has also studied the background of President Andrew Jackson and the history of her church.

Born in 1756, Davie came to the United States in 1760 to stay with a relative who lived in the area between Riverside Road and the Catawba River.

He practiced law in Salisbury, N. C., and participated in the Revolutionary War before founding the college in 1793. He also served as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly before returning to upstate South Carolina in 1805.

Davie spent his last days at Trivoli, a 1,000-acre plantation on the western shore of the Catawba River, which includes the present site of Landsford Canal State Park. He was also instrumental in getting the canal constructed which in turn made the Catawba River more navigable.

The year-long University of North Carolina Bicentennial Celebration concludes Saturday with an open house at the Chapel Hill campus.

NANCY CROCKETT IS A MEMBER OF THE CHESTER DIST. GEN. SOC.

ELIZABETH BROWN
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TO

DEED

NOBLE BROWN
CARTER BROWN

The State of South Carolina

Know all men by these presents that we, Elizabeth Brown, Elias N. Presley, Catherine Presley, Mary Brown, Thomas Brown, Frances Griffin, Clementine Griffin, and Elizabeth Griffin, heirs at law of Abraham Brown, Dec'd of Chester County in the State aforesaid in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred and twenty dollars to us paid by Noble J. Brown and Carter Brown of Chester District in the state aforesaid have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Noble J. Brown and Carter Brown all our rights, title and interest in the plantation or tract of land where as Abraham Brown, late of Chester District resided containing one hundred and ninety acres by resent survey made by William J. Lucas, DS, dated December the sixth 1855. Particular reference to said platt bounded North by lands of John Presley, East by lands of James S. Turner, South by lands of Moses Gresham, Dec'd and West by lands of John Presley and Richard H. Presley.

Together with all and singular the rights, member _____
ments and appurtinances to the same premises belonging or in any
wise incident or appurtaining to have and to hold all and singular
the premises before mentioned unto the said Noble J. Brown and
Carter Brown them and their heirs and assigns forever and we do
hereby bind ourselves and our Heirs, Executors and Administrators
to warrent and forever defend all and singular the said premises
unto the said Noble J. Brown and Carter Brown them and their heirs
and assigns _____ against us and our Heirs and all other
persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part.
Witness our hands and seals this Fifteenth day of Jan'y in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six and in the
eightieth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United
States of America.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
William [X] A. Duncan
James S. Turner

Elizabeth [X] Brown (LS)
Elias N. Presley (LS)
Katherine Presley (LS)
Mary Brown (LS)
Thomas Brown (LS)
Frances [X] Griffin (LS)
Clementine [X] Griffin (LS)
Elizabeth [X] Griffin (LS)

State of South Carolina) Personally appeared before me
Chester District) William A. Duncan and made oath
that he saw the herein heirs of
Abraham Brown, Dec'd sign seal and deliver the within written deed
and that with James S. Turner in the presence of each other sign
the execution thereof. Sworn before me this 15th. day of January,
1856.

James S. Turner
Magistrate

William [X] A. Duncan

**Frances, Clementine and Elizabeth Griffin were the three oldest
children of "Betsy" Elizabeth Griffin. Have been trying for 7
years to find "Betsy's" maiden name. She died in 1855. If anyone
knows, please write me in care of the society.

Mary Ross**

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AN ACCOUNT OF THE SCALPING OF BARBARA CULP McKINNEY,
WRITTEN BY HER GRANDSON ROBERT McFADDEN TAKEN FROM
"THE WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION" BY MRS. E. F. ELLET, VOL. 3 (VOL. 5)

In a few years the little settlement had spread over the rich
lands on Fishing and Rocky Creeks, the dwellings being gathered
into clusters of which there were some three or four within a short
distance of each other. Not a great way from Steel's and Taylor's
was another settlement consisting of a few families, among which
were those of William McKenny and his brother James. These lived
near Fishing Creek. In the summer of 1761, sixteen Indians, with
some squaws of the Cherokee tribe, took up their abode for several
weeks near what is called Simpsons Shoals, for the purpose of
hunting and fishing during the hot months. In August the two
McKenny's being absent on a journey to Camden, William's wife,
Barbara, was left along with several young children. One day she
saw the Indian women running towards her house in great haste,
followed by the men. She had no time to offer resistance; the
squaws seized her and the children, pulled them into the house, and
shoved them behind the door, where they immediately placed
themselves on guard, pushing back the Indians as fast as they tried
to force their way in, and uttering the most fearful outcries.
Mrs. McKenny concluded it was their intention to kill her, and
expected her fate every moment. The assistance rendered by the
squaws, whether given out of compassion for a lonely mother, or in
return for kindness shown them, proved effectual for her protection
till the arrival of one of the chiefs, who drew his long knife and
drove off the savages. The mother apprehending another attack,
went to some of her neighbors and entreated them to come and stay

with her. Robert Brown and Joanna his wife, Sarah Ferguson, her daughter Sarah and two sons, and a young man named Michael Melbury, came in compliance with her request, and took up their quarters in the house. The next morning Mrs. McKenney ventured out alone to milk her cows. It had been her practice to take the children with her, and she could not explain why she went alone this time, though she was not free from apprehension; it seemed to be so by a special ordering of Providence. While she was milking, the Indians crept towards her on their hands and knees; she heard not their approach nor knew anything till they seized her. Sensible at once of all the horror of her situation, she made no effort to escape, but promised to go quietly with them. They then set off towards the house, holding her fast by the arm. She had the presence of mind to walk as far off as possible from the Indians who held her, expecting Melbury to fire as they approached her dwelling. As they came up, he fired, wounding the one who held Mrs. McKenney; she broke from his hold and ran, and another Indian pursued and seized her. At this moment she was just at her own door, which John Ferguson imprudently opening that she might enter, the Indians without shot shot him dead as he presented himself. His mother ran to him and received another shot in her thigh of which she died in a few days. Melbury, who saw that all their lives depended on prompt action, dragged them from the door, fastened it, and repairing to the loft prepared for a vigorous defense. There were in all five guns; Sarah Ferguson loaded for him, while he kept up a continual fire, aiming at the Indians where ever one could be seen. Determined to effect their object of forcing an entrance, some of the savages came very near the house, keeping under cover of an outhouse, in which Brown and his wife had taken refuge, not being able on the alarm to get into the house. They had crept into a corner and were crouched there close to the boarding. One of the Indians, coming up, leaned against the outside, separated from them only by a few boards, the crevices between which probably enabled them to see him. Mrs. Brown proposed to take a sword that lay by them and run the savage through the body, but her husband refused; he expected death, he said, every moment, and did not wish to go out of the world having his hands crimsoned with the blood of any fellow creature. "Lst me die in peace" were his words, "with all the world". Joanna, though in the same peril, could not respond to the charitable feeling. "If I am to die", she said "I should like first to send some of the redskins on the journey. But we are not so sure we have to die; don't you hear the crack of Melbury' rifle? He holds the house. I warrant you that red-skin looked awfully scared as he leaned against the corner here. We could have done it in a moment."

Mrs. McKenney, meanwhile having failed to get into her house, had been seized by the Indians, and desperately regardless of her own safety, was doing all in her power to help her besieged friends. She would knock the priming out of the guns carried by the savages, and when they presented them to fire would throw them

up, so that the discharge might prove harmless. She was often heard to say, afterwards, that all fear had left her, and she thought only of those within the building, for she expected for herself neither deliverance nor mercy. Melbury continued to fire when ever one of the enemy appeared. They kept themselves, however concealed, for the most part, behind trees or the outhouse. Several were wounded by his cool and well-directed shots, and at length, tired of the contest, the Indians retreated, carrying Mrs. McKenney with them. She now resisted with all her strength, preferring instant death to the more terrible fate of a captive in the hands of the fierce Cherokees. Her refusal to go forward irritated her captors, and when they had dragged her about half a mile, near a rock upon the plantation now occupied by John Culp, she received a second blow with a tomahawk which stretched her insensible upon the ground. When after some time consciousness returned, she found herself lying upon the rock, to which she had been dragged from the spot where she fell. She was stripped naked, and her scalp had been taken off. By degrees the knowledge of her condition, and the desire of obtaining help came upon her. She lifted up her head and looking around, saw the wretches who had so cruelly mangled her, pulling ears of corn from a field near to roast for their meal. She laid her head quickly down again, well knowing that if they saw her alive, they would not be slack in coming to finish the work of death. Thus she lay motionless till all was silent, and she found they were gone; then with great pain and difficulty she dragged herself back to the house. It may be imagined with what feeling the unfortunate woman was received by her friends and children, and how she met the bereaved mother wounded unto death who had suffered for her attempt to save others. One of the blows received by Mrs. McKenney had made a deep wound in her back; the others were upon her head. When her wound had been dressed as well as was practicable, Melbury and the others assisted her to a bed. Brown and his brave wife having then joined the little garrison, preparations were made for defence in case of another attack; the guns were all loaded and placed ready for use, and committing the house to the care of the Browns, Melbury sallied forth, rifle in hand, and took to the woods. He made his way directly and as quickly as possible to Taylors' Fort at Landsford. The men there, informed of what had happened immediately set about preparations for the pursuing the trecherous Indians who had thus violated the implied good faith of neighbors by assailing an unprotected woman. The next morning a number of them, well armed men, started for the Indian encampment at the shoals. The Cherokees were gone; but the indignant pursuers took up the trail, which they followed as far as Broad River. Here they saw the Indians on the other side, but did not judge it expedient to pursue them further, or provoke an encounter.

In the meantime William McKenney had reason for uneasiness in his absence from home, for he knew that Indians had been at the shoals sometime, nor was the deceitful and cruel character of the

tribe unknown to him. He was accustomed long afterwards to tell of the warning conveyed to him while on his road to Camden. Two nights in succession he dreamed of losing his hat, and looking upon this as an omen of evil, became so uncomfortable that he could proceed no further. Taking one of the horses out of the wagon, he mounted and rode homeward at his utmost speed. Reaching his own house a little after dark, he was admitted by the women as soon as he made himself known. The scene that greeted his eyes was one truly heart-rending; the slain man, John Ferguson still lay there, and in the same apartment the dying mother of Mrs. McKenney, more like one dead than living, mangled almost past recognition-the blood still gushing from her wounds; and drenching the pillows on which she lay. No fictitious tragedy could surpass the horrors of this real life. The wounds in Mrs. McKenneys' head never healed entirely; but continued to break out occasionally, so that the blood flowing from them stained the bed at night, at sometimes fragments of bone came off; nevertheless, she lived many years afterwards and bore several children. She was at the time with child and in about three months gave birth to a daughter, Hannah, afterwards married to John Steedman and living in Tennessee in 1827. This child was plainly marked with a tomahawk and drops of blood, as if running down the side of her face. The family of McKenney and McFadden residing on Fishing Creek are descended from this Barbara McKenney; but most of her descendants have emigrated to the West. The above mentioned occurrence is narrated in a manuscript in the hand-writing of her grandson, Robert McFadden.

Thomas Garrett of Rocky Creek chanced to kill the Indian who had tomahawked Mrs. McKenney. And actually found the scalp in his shot bag.

HISTORY OF THE MCKENNEY FAMILY

Copied from old family record in hands of Ann Grogan, in Calloway County Ky. by W. I. McKenney, of Mena, Ark. Jan. 6, 1900. Prepared by Charles E. Williams, Mena, Ark. March, 1933. Courtesy of Dr. G. Y. McKenney, 224 N. 4th, Henryetta, Okla. Jan. 23, 1953.

The first McKenney that came to America was a full blood Scotchman who worked for an English Merchant named Agnew at an English port. He came to the United States and settled in Virginia. Married and raised a family there. He hired his oldest son to a horse drover who took horses to South Carolina. Later he carried horses to South Carolina and sold them on his own account.

He finally settled in South Carolina and secured (purchased) a tract of land about a mile west of Fishing Creek, nine miles from Chester on a large farm with a very large spring on it.

They had four boys, John, James, William, and Henry - and two girls Mary (called Mollie) and Margaret (called Peggy). Mary married Ralph McFadden and Margaret married Mike Hefley.

TOM HARRIS PAYS THE PENALTY ON GALLOWS.

THE TRAP IS SPRUNG AT EIGHT AND ONE-HALF MINUTES AFTER ELEVEN.

THE NECK IS BROKEN AND HE DIES WITHOUT A STRUGGLE...

A FULL HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF HARRIS, THE CRIME AND THE EXECUTION.

The first execution in the history of Cherokee County occurred today when **Tom Harris**, alias **Thomas Childers**, paid the death penalty on the gallows within the enclosure erected just in rear the jail which formed one of the four walls.

Although the execution was private and Sheriff W W Thomas only admitted the number required by law and the representatives of the press there was a large crowd of people in town. They came from every section of the county. A great many lingered in the vicinity of the jail for hours before the execution took place. It was a curious conglomeration of humanity that lingered near the place of execution each eager to catch a glimpse of the prisoner or to hear some word that might interest him.

Sheriff Thomas had notified those who had been selected to witness the execution to assemble at the jail at 10 o'clock promptly. The hour set for the execution by law is between 10 and 2 o'clock. He had consulted with Harris and the two had agreed that the work should commence at 11 o'clock.

A Ledger reporter saw Harris in the jail this morning at 9:45. In reply to questions he said he slept last night from 11 o'clock until daylight. He ate a hearty as ever, his breakfast consisting of beef steak, eggs, bread and coffee. All morning the received visitors, shaking hands with them and greeting them cheerily. He even addressed those with whom he was acquainted by their given names.

At 9:59 he was closet with his spiritual advisor, Rev. E. G. Ross for a few minutes.

While talking to the visitors a crowd on the outside climbed up at the window and kept up a hubbub. Harris turning to them said: "If you fellows don't keep quiet the sheriff will lock you up."

At 10 o'clock the sheriff cleared the jail yard. He then came into the jail and called the roll of witnesses. The following witnesses answered to their names. D. C. Phillips, F. A. Goforth, R. J. LeMaster, M. C. Lipscomb, Harrison Gardner, J. L. Plaxico, Price Martin, R. E. Linder, A. W. Doggett, W. A. Turner, Chas. Robbs, B. S. Lipscomb, W. F. Smith, J. N. Nesbitt, W. F. Brown, James White, J. W. Becknell, J. Eb Jefferies, E. F. Parrott, Rev. E. G. Ross, Joe Watkins, Chief Thos. Lockhart.

At 10:05 Harris sang one verse of "Jesus Lover of My Soul." In his voice could be detected only the slightest tremor.

At 10:21 the sheriff went to the gallows and tried the drop.

At 10:26 the sheriff read the death warrant. During the reading of the death warrant the condemned man was apparently unconcerned, all the while chewing and picking his teeth with a straw.

To a visitor who said he was glad to see him so cool Harris replied: "Yes, I am as cool as a cucumber, as the old saying is, and I expect to stay that way." Harris said he wanted his brother to have his children, and if he could not have them he wanted the Rev. W. P. Smith, of Spartanburg, to place them in an orphanage.

At 10:56 the death march commenced. Harris went to the scaffold without being hand cuffed, walking by the side of Sheriff Thomas. The witnesses followed behind.

As Harris was taken out the door he beheld hundreds of curious spectators who had gathered to get a last glimpse of him. He paused for a moment and said, "Everybody who wants to shake hands with Tom Harris hold up your hands." Many hands in the large crowd went up and Harris said, "Now, as I wave my hand just think of yourself as shaking hands with me. I want you all to meet me in heaven. I am going home to Jesus. Good-bye."

He was then taken into the enclosure and mounted the scaffold with steady steps. When the handcuffs were being put on he said, "Not too tight, please" and after they were adjusted he told the sheriff that the cuffs were hurting his wrists.

After he was manacled he requested that the Rev. E. G. Ross offer a prayer. After Ross had finished Harris offered a prayer commending his soul to his Maker, and putting himself on God's mercy. He prayed that this fate might be a lesson to others and turn them from their sinful ways: for those present who had been summoned to witness his execution and for the sheriff who was soon to pull the trap that would throw his soul into eternity, and finally for all people. He commended his spirit to God and thanked Him for forgiving him and expressed the faith of being with Jesus in a few minutes.

At 11:07 the noose was adjusted and the black cap put over his face and at 11:07 1/2 Sheriff Thomas said, "Tom, are you ready?" "Ready," replied Tom and the trap was sprung.

His neck was broken by the fall, the body only slightly twitching. At 11:13 1/2 Dr. J. N. Nesbitt, the physician, pronounced him dead and at 11:18 the body was taken down and turned over to the undertakers.

The hanging had a marked effect on those present, strong men, breaking down and weeping like babies.

The hearse was waiting on the outside and as soon as the body was stripped of the manacles it was turned over to Shuford & LeMaster, the undertakers, who conveyed it to the depot.

THE HISTORY OF HARRIS' LIFE.

A representative of The Ledger called on Harris at the county jail yesterday and asked him to give a history of his life. In response to the request Harris said: "Where do you want me to begin?" "At your birth."

"All right. I was born about 400 yards from where Col. J. L. Strain now lives, in the lower part of what is now Cherokee (then Union) county on the 28th day of December, 1877. My father was Will Harris, who is now said to be living at Santee, in Union County. My mother was about twenty years old at the time of my birth. She afterwards married Frank Pruitt, and is now living at Blacksburg. I lived at Etta Jane, on the farm with my grandparents until I was fifteen years of age. I then left my grandparents and went to Pacolet to work in a cotton mill where I stayed two years and then came to Gaffney to work in the mill of the Gaffney Manufacturing Company, when they first started up. I was the first man to put a drawing roll through a draw frame in that mill. I stayed there six months and then went to Star Farm to work on Mr. John R. Jefferies' place, and stayed there about three years, going from there to Lincolnton, NC where I worked three months on the railroad section. I then came back to Wilkinsville, where I stayed for three months working for different people. My grandmother died while I was at Wilkinsville, and after her death I went to King's Creek, where I stayed two years with Mr. W. J. McGill and Wm. Borders working on the farm. I then went back to Star Farm and worked a couple of months for George Jefferies; went from there to Cherokee Falls and worked in the mill about three months, then I went Hickory Grove. I have lived at and about Hickory Grove for the past six years working at the Magnolia gold mine and on the railroad section. The first fight I ever had in my life was while I was at the Magnolia gold mine. Where I got into difficulty with George Spruce. I was then about twenty-five years of age. The next July after I went to Hickory Grove I married Clara Lee Childers. Two children - both boys- were born to us. One is three years old and the other will be one year old in June. In 1903 I experienced religion, and tried to live pleasing to my God. In a year after my marriage, I fell from grace because of the ill

treatment of my wife's relatives. In July, 1905, I went to Glenn Alpine, N.C. staying there thirty days. I went from there back to Hickory Grove, staying there less than one year. I went to work on a farm for John Smith but violated the contract and went to the York county chaingang for thirty days. This was the only time I ever had any trouble with the law. When my time was out I went to Salisbury, N. C. and stayed there until September, 1905, and then went back to Hickory Grove, staying there until February, 1906, when I went to Cherokee Falls. After two months I went to Bessemer City, N.C. staying there two months, then going to Hickory Grove and stayed there until the 23rd of July, 1906. From there I went to Camp No. 6 eighteen miles above Marion, N. C. on the South and Western grade. I left there the second week in August and went to Marion. I left Marion on September 28th and went to Forest City, N.C. staying there a short while and then going to King's Mountain, I went to Grover. On November 20th I came to Gaffney.

HARRIS' STORY OF THE CRIME.

When I left Grover I had not fully made up my mind to kill Mrs. Morgan. I knew she carried a lot of money about her because I had heard my mother-in-law and others who know her talk about it. Between Blacksburg and Gaffney, I fully made up my mind to kill her for her money. When I got off the train at Gaffney, I went to the end of the waiting room and lit my pipe. I then took my suit case to Mr. Davenport's store and asked him to let it stay there. I then started toward the Gaffney Manufacturing Company, but remembering that was not the purpose for which I came to Gaffney, I turned around and went to Mrs. Morgan's house. On the road I met several people, and inquired of two as to where Mrs. Morgan lived. I arrived at Mrs. Morgan's about 11 o'clock. I found her sitting on her front porch; I approached her and pretended to want to rent a farm; she told me all her land was rented; I stayed there about two hours; I couldn't make up my mind to do the deed; finally the clock on the mantel struck once I waited a few minutes longer; for five minutes before I took hold of her, I did not speak to her nor her to me; finally I nerved myself and reaching over caught her in my arms - she was still sitting in the chair - a lifted her up. At first she seemed to realize what I was going to do, and then she kinda fainted away. I had carried her into the room by this time and choked her down on the bed. I believe she was dead, but I took my knife from my coat pocket and cut her throat. I then searched the cupboard or safe for her money and not finding it I remembered that in the struggle I felt something like a package tied about her waist. I searched her person and found the money in a pouch or sack. I took the money from the sack and threw the sack on the floor near the door. I then walked back to Gaffney went to a store and bought a new suit of clothes, an overcoat, a grip and a pair of shoes. I expected to get off on No. 11 of the Southern, and if the train had been on time could have gotten away, but the officers arrested me a short while before the train arrived. I realized

from the time that I was arrested that I must hand for the crime. I was tried, convicted and sentenced and tomorrow will pay the penalty of my crime."

After the story had been read over to Harris he said it was correct and the reporter asked him if he had any other message for the public, and he replied: "You may say I am sorry for what I did. I wouldn't do it again for a million worlds like this. I am going to die. I have made peace with my God. I pray everybody as I pray for myself. I want people to forgive me for what I done. I know it was wrong and I am sorry for it."

The Ledger representative shook hands with the condemned man, and bid him good-bye and Tom said: "Good-bye Mr. DeCamps. If I never see you again in this world, I hope to see you in heaven."

On Thursday, Sheriff Thomas moved Harris down stairs to a cell apart from the other prisoners. During the interview the sheriff remained in the corridor, but when the reporter came out he noted a diamond in his eye. The huge iron doors were closed, the bolt clicked, and the sheriff and reporter went out into the glorious sunshine and to breathe the free air, and we couldn't help entertaining a feeling of sorrow for poor, untutored Tom Harris, the perpetrator of one of the most awful crimes in the history of man.

Tom Harris was twenty-nine years of age on the 28th of December, 1906. He was reared in poverty and received practically no education, nine weeks at school constituting his course at the seat of learning. As can be seen by the accompanying illustration he is not a bad looking man. He was a child of disgrace, of the lower order of humanity, and while he may not be classed as a lunatic, there is no question about his not being of bright mind. Still he was bright enough to know right from wrong.

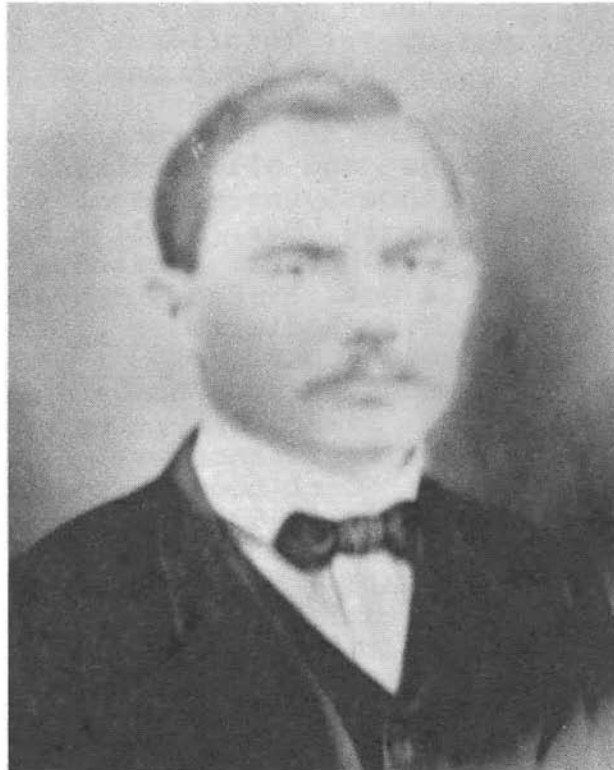
THE SCAFFOLD

The scaffold is in an enclosure 12/24 feet at the north end of the jail. It was finished last Monday. The door to the enclosure is on the west side. On the right hand side of the entrance is a pair of steps which leads to the platform above. Running up through the center of the platform, are two upright beams 4x8 with a brace cross beam over head. Through the centre of the cross beam is a bolt with an eyelet and a one inch hemp rope. A rock that weighs about one hundred and fifty pounds was fastened to the rope Wednesday and remained there until his morning to stretch it. In the centre of the platform are two trap doors arranged so that they both will fall at the same instant. These trap doors were held in place by two oak strips 3-4x1 1/4 inches and about two feet long. A five foot lever made of oak completes the apparatus. This lever runs from triggers through the floor and up to the scaffold and is

held in place by a pin. The sheriff pulls the lever, knocking away the braces and the condemned man shoots through the trap doors. In a few minutes the pulse ceases to beach, the law has been vindicated and all that is mortal of Tom Harris is conveyed to its final resting place.

The funeral will take place tomorrow about 11 o'clock on the ground where he is to be buried near Unity Baptist Church in York County. The remains will leave Gaffney on No. 12 and remain in Blacksburg tonight and will not be entered in the church graveyard proper but adjoining it. The funeral will be preached by Rev. E. G. Ross of this City.

This was taken from the Gaffney Ledger dated April 7, 1971. This was a reprint from the Gaffney Ledger March 29, 1907.



Tom Harris was an ancestor of Sgt. Paul Martin of the State Highway Patrol. Paul shared this information on his relative with us and we appreciate it.

Q U E R I E S

PAIR - DAVIS -- I would like to have information on my grt. grt. gnd. parents and their ancestors, if available. **ANDREW PAIR** b. S. C. June 3, 1813; d. Bradley Co., Tn. April 6, 1886. **NANCY DAVIS** b. S. C. Sept. 26, 1815; d. Bradley Co., Tenn. June 23, 1890. They married about 1833 in S. C. and moved to Tenn. about 1845. They had at least 11 children. The first 6 being born in S. C. Please contact: William E. Leeper, 221 Cottonwood, San Angelo, Tx. 76901 (915-655-6023).

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ATKINSON - PAGAN -- Seeking info on **CECILY ATKINSON** m. great grandfather **ARCHIBALD GILL PAGAN** in 1850's. Also grandfather **JAMES ATKINSON PAGAN'S** first wife **MARY ELLEN ATKINSON** who died in childbirth leaving two sons, Eugene Gill and Walker Alan Pagan. Help need from Fla. Branch of Pagans. Eleanor H. Howard, Box 2005, Vero Beach, Fl. 32961.

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PHILIP SIDNEY SMITH - Seeking any information reference my great grandparents, their siblings and allied families. **PHILIP SIDNEY SMITH** (son of David F. Smith & Lynna M. "Sumey" Smith) B. 23 Feb. 1858, Catawba Co., NC, D. 19 Mar. 1935, m. 11 Aug. 1878 Nancy Adalaide Avery (dau. of _____ Shuford? & Barbara Avery) B. 21 Mar. 1861, Lincoln Co., NC, D. 14 Oct. 1958. Sidney Lawrence m. Mattie Elizabeth Withers; Beverly D.; Addie m. _____ Lineberger; Hessie m. Robert H. Caldwell; Henderson F. m. _____ Cole; Lula m. Verne Lee Modlin; Hattie m. Marcus Merton Bumgardner; Nelson Leon m. Frances Edwards; Sally M. m. Edward Gray; Lester m. Annie Hefner; an unknown child _____? Any assistance will be appreciated and I will share other information: Carl Leon Smith, Jr., 1043 Thornsby Lane, Matthews, N. C. 28105 (704-847-6314).

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DAVID F. SMITH - Seeking any information reference my great-great grandparents, their siblings and allied families. **DAVID F. SMITH** b. c 1828, Catawba Co., NC, & Lynna M. "Sumey" _____? b. c 1829. Children of David & "Sumey" Smith: Sarah C. b. c. 1852; Rufus F. b. 1853; Jeremiah P. b. c 1855; Philip Sidney m. Nancy Adalaide Avery; Adlisa R. b. c 1858; Jonas C. b. c 1859; Margaret b. c 1861; Daniel b. c 1863; Berry E. b. c 1865; Charles A. b. c 1868; James A. b. c 1869. Any assistance will be appreciated and I will share other information: Carl Leon Smith, Jr., 1043 Thornsby Lane, Matthews, N. C. 28105 (704-847-6314).

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CHRISTOPHER & MARY BRAKEFIELD - Besides Henry, who were the children of **CHRISTOPHER & MARY BRAKEFIELD** Who were the children of Henry Brakefield? Mrs. Gary Williams, Route 1, Box 232, Comanche, Texas 76442.

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ALEXANDER DORSEY- Who were the parents of Martha _____, born in VA in 1787, who married **ALEXANDER DORSEY** in Chester? Mrs. Gary Williams, Route 1, Box 232, Comanche, Texas 76442.

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CORNWELL - James E. Snyder, 16626 Grapperhall Drive, Huntersville, N.C. 28078 (704-892-9726) - seeking owner/location of photo of **JOHN CALHOUN CORNWELL** b. 4/1/1847 resided in Baton Rouge section, d. 10/30/1896 buried Calvary Church Cemetery, son of **JOHN CORNWELL** and **HARRIET P. CROSBY**; will exchange info for free copies of photo (to be copied in owner's home); all photos owned by family destroyed in house fire in mid 1950's; also have extensive genealogy on Baton Rouge **CORNWELL** family available; interested in other **CORNWELL** lines in Chester Co. and neighboring counties.

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LOCKHART - Sunta C. Rosapepe, 6900 Apamatica Lane, Chesterfield, VA 23838 - seeks father and paternal ancestors of **EDWARD M. LOCKHART**, b. ca 1841/1842, York District, SC Mother was Elizabeth Cooper Stephenson/Stevenson, b. 1810, d. 1846, buried Sharon ARP Church, Sharon, SC. He enlisted at Yorkville, SC, 13 April 1861, in Company I (later "E") 5th SC Infantry, CSA, and served until April, 1865.

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BLAKE - **VAUGHN** -- Charlotte W. Holly, 501 SE Madison, Idabel, OK 74745 - would like to hear from all descendants of **JOSHUA BLAKE, SR.** b 20 Feb. 1778 and his wife, **CHARLOTTE VAUGHN** b 20 July, 1778. I am extremely interested in all help on **CHARLOTTE VAUGHN BLAKE** and her parents. Also, would appreciate any proven information on **JOSHUA BLAKE'S** parents, **WILLIAM BLAKE** d 22 Jan. 1781 and **PHANUELA HORNSBY** b 1743 (5 Feb.)

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WILLIAM HICKLIN --Kathryn S. Carter, 718 West Washington Street, Tecumseh, OK 74873 - seeks information: **WILLIAM HICKLIN** who sold 100 acres on Bull Run to James Burns of Chester, 31 March 1787? (Chester Bk. A: 269) This was a 12 Jan 1768 grant to John Waugh who had sold it to James Nickle who then conveyed it to Hicklin. Was the above **JAMES NICKLE/NICHOLS** the same man who moved to Lancaster County and purchased in 1787 the 300-acre grant of **ROBERT LOVE**, sold to **NICKLE** by son and heir, **JAMES LOVE** (Lancaster Bk. A:

188)?

LOVE, DIXON, HURST, SNELSON, MARTIN, CHAPMAN - Arthur Love Manning, 1617 Grandview Drive, Arlington, TX 76012-2224 seeking to confirm **JOHN "JACK" LOVE** of Scotland was a descendant of the MacGraw and Douglases Clans. He had (5) sons who came to SC about 1806. The sons were Robert, Joseph, John Thompson "Blackjack", Thomas and James. John Thompson LOVE, bc 1780, mar Mary DIXON 1806, Scotland and d bef 1848, Madison, MS. They had seven issues: John b 22 Jul 1809, Chester, SC, mar Mary HURST 1834, Madison, MS, d 08 Feb 1871, Williamson, TX; Robert b 06 Nov 1810, Chester, SC, mar Susan Ann SNELSON 19 Apr 1846, Holmes, MS, d 1849, Bastrop, TX; James Thompson b 16 Nov 1815, Chester, SC mar Marth A. MARTIN 13 Jul 1846 Madison, MS, d 01 Aug 1896, Navarro, TX; William bc 1820 Chester, SC, d 1864, Coleman, TX; Henry Dixon b 05 Dec 1825, Chester, SC, mar Cornelia A. CHAPMAN 29 Nov 1855, Williamson, TX d 02 Mar 1908, Williamson, TX; Elizabeth b 1826 Chester, SC, d bef 1848 Madison, MS; and an earlier daughter, name unknow, d bef 1848, Madison, MS. I am seeking to confirm family in Chester, SC from 1806 until move to Madison, MS. Will be happy to pay costs of copies and postage, also will share information.

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NEELY - William S. Vinson, F78569 looking for information on **JOHN NEELY** b/c1772 and his brother **ANDREW** b/c1776, or their stepbrothers **WILLIAM AND SAM JACK**. Below is a summary of what I know. The first paragraph has not been documented, the rest has.

ANDREW'S father may have been named Andrew and possibly came to America around 1750. He married a widow, Jack who had two sons, **WILLIAM AND SAMUEL** born around 1760, there is no indication of any previous marriages for him. Mr. Neely and the widow Jack had two sons, **JOHN**, 1772, and **ANDREW**, 1776. There is no indication of any younger children. The widow Jack died prior to 1779. In 1779 Mr. Neely was killed by Indians near his home on Fishing Creek. The two Jack boys who were teenagers took **ANDREW** and **JOHN** and hid in the woods and watched Indians burn their home. Then took John and Andrew and carried them to NC where some of their family lived. The distance is unknown.

John married an orphan girl, **MARY POLLY STEWART** (Stuart). Marriage recorded in Guilford Co. NC, in 1788 same sheet of paper is the marriage record for Andrew and Agnes Stewart, Mary's sister, dated 12/1799.

March 5, 1811 John Neely sold 179 a on Fishing Creek, bounded on West side by land owned by his brother Andrew, on the East by Patrick Connelly, the North by Thomas McCullough and on the South by Hugh Drenmam. Record was signed by Mary in Maury Co. Tenn. in 1813. G478

April 2, 1811 John Neely sold Andrew 85a on the West side of the Stoney Fork of Fishing Creek. This was part of a tract that had been willed to John. Record was signed by Mary. G377

December 31, 1813 Andrew Neely sold this same 85a, to Archibal Steel. This was also signed by Agnes. G510

If anyone has any information on Andrew, or John, or suggestions on determining previous ownership I would appreciate hearing from you.

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CALLIE JANE WITHERSPOON -- Charles R. Robbins, Jr., 1161 Mary Dale Lane, Rock Hill, S.C. 29732 - Needs information on her parents. She was b. 7 Jan. 1883 in Lancaster Co., S.C. and d. 9 Aug. 1964 in Rock Hill, S. C. She was the third wife of Isaac Marmaduke Hyatt they had eleven children. It has been said that her parents were George McCottry Witherspoon, Jr. and Fannie Stevenson and that they were never married.

NOTICES

ALFORD REUNION: Annual meeting Holiday Inn-Airport, Richmond, Virginia Oct. 7-9, 1994. **MORE INFO:** **JOE ALFORD**, 309 Beechmount Drive, Hampton, VA 23669. Phone: 804-851-3564 or Gil Alford, P. O. Box 1586, Florissant, MO 63031, Phone: 314-831-8648.

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August 6

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Speaker:

G. E. Lee Corley Hendrix

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