

# President's Page

"It seems that now is a good time to define just what is the purpose of our society. We have been in existence now for over nineteen years and we have accomplished many of our original goals. However, I feel that there are two goals that we need to focus on for our continuing growth. These are two areas that I feel we have been pretty slack and I hope to rectify this problem with this letter. First, we must concern ourselves with the needs of our out-of-state members, and secondly we need to address the needs of our local members.

The out-of-state members are constantly sending queries to our society and to our local members. Are we responding to these queries? For the most part I think that we are. But, I am certain that many are not. I personally have received many and I must confess that although I have answered some, there are several that I have started working on but have not completed. I apologize now and I promise that I will try to do better.

The main quest of our out-of-state members is information on their ancestor that left this part of old Lincoln County and ventured westward to other parts of the country to begin a new life. Primarily, they are interested in that ancestor's parents, grandparents, etc. Secondly, they are interested in the siblings of that particular ancestor. If we can supply them with just this much information, we have justified our society's existence. Whatever else we can give them will be gravy and I hope that you can supply them with as much of this information as well. I know that we are sometimes reluctant to divulge all of our information in the fear that it will be used to fill a book authored by someone else - a book that you intended to write yourself. There is also the fear that if someone does publish a book based on your research, that you will not receive the credit that you deserve. A word of caution to you who intend to publish family records. Please acknowledge the names and addresses of all persons who graciously donate their hard-gained information to you. To deny them this simple request will only cause negative feelings and make us all reluctant to give any information to any future researcher. After all, we are all cousins and you shouldn't hurt family no matter how distant we are.

For those of us whose ancestor remained in the Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union and York area, we are deeply interested in the siblings of our ancestor who ventured westward to distant territories and states. Did they find the land that they were seeking? Did they prosper and raise large families? What hardships did they suffer? What are the names of their children

and grandchildren, etc.? To paraphrase a well known tabloid at the local grocery store - "Inquiring minds want to know." All of this information is necessary to complete and publish a genealogical paper or book on the family surname. Again, I caution you. If you publish a genealogical record of your family, acknowledge and note the source where you received the information you are using in your publication. Remember, they have the same concerns about releasing their hard sought data as you had in donating your research.

We are not sending out over 800 bulletins per quarter. This number includes single members as well as other genealogical organizations throughout the country. This is something all of us should be proud to have accomplished. I know I am. If we can participate in the requests that I have made in this letter, I feel that we can continue to grow as a society."

I borrowed this page from J. Donald Gladden, President of the Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society and changed several of his words to fit our Society needs. It is very appreciative. Thanks Don, I could not have said it better.

I would like to express my thanks for your continued support of the Society. This was especially evidenced at our recent Birthday Party. Dr. Lee's talk was very interesting and thought provoking. We plan to publish his talk in the December issue.

Thanks again for sending in articles, queries, books, etc. It is you who continue to make the Chester District Genealogical Society great.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR:**

We want to thank Lt. Mark B. Guevarra for the articles contributed for use in our bulletin, but most of all, for a great books, "A Heritage of Service", a well documented family history that he has compiled on his ancestors in Chester County, SC; Lawrence Co, Miss; Wyoming Co., NY and the Philippines. A beautiful hard bound, 611 pages. Chester Co. families: Bagley, Bennett, Bishop, Cooper, Ferrell, Gill, Knox, Lina, Martin, Miller, Orr, Owens, Parrish, Walker, Wallace, Wilson and Wylie.

Mr. W. R. Wiley, Jr. has given the Society a copy of the book, "Descendants of John Wesley Wiley and Elizabeth Ray Washburn Wiley, by Robert Grier Wiley.

Our long-time friend, William Boyce White, Jr. of Roanoke, VA has sent us a copy of "Genealogy of Two Early Patton Families of York, Chester and Lancaster Counties, South Carolina." He has done an excellent job of putting all this Patton record in one booklet. Thanks for sharing this with us.

### ONE FAMILY'S SEARCH FOR A FAULTY GENE

When the Slone Family of Eastern Kentucky got together in a Virginia park earlier this year, physicians from three states flipped hamburgers and dished out potato salad. In between servings, the doctors drew blood samples from family members and filled out medical charts.

The Slones carry a mutant gene for hereditary pancreatitis, a rare and painful illness that causes the pancreas to literally digest itself during attacks. Known in Kentucky as simply "Slone's disease," it has traveled from one generation to another, affecting some family members and not others. Doctors from the universities of Pittsburgh, Kentucky and Cincinnati now think they have isolated the faulty gene that causes it, thanks to the Slone family's reunions, which have helped track down information about more than 700 family members in nine generations.

Mapping family medical histories is at the heart of genetics research. As physicians try to establish hereditary links for diseases from cancer to diabetes, they are learning all they can about how such illnesses pass through families. By doing intricate molecular comparisons of those who are affected and those who aren't, researchers hope to pinpoint the exact genes responsible. That, in turn, may lead to tests that can predict whether offspring will have the disease or not, and ultimately to possible treatments as well.

The Slones were unusually valuable for tracking the spread of a genetic illness. Most families had six to 10 children; most lived in the same geographic area and their symptoms were severe enough that doctors could readily determine who suffered from the disease and who didn't.

"We got more accomplished in one year with this group than in 50 years with anyone else," says David Whitcomb, the project's lead investigator at the University of Pittsburgh.

Behind each new genetic discovery is a story of diligent medical sleuthing - and often serendipity. In the case of the Slone family and the gene for hereditary pancreatitis, it all started with a young boy's bad stomachaches, and a poster board family tree.

The year was 1983, and the boy was seven-year-old Kevin Slone. From time to time, he would come home from school, vomiting and complaining of pain in his upper body. The attacks

continued throughout his youth, manageable only if he stopped eating for a time. Local doctors knew little about the disease - except that such pains weren't unusual in the Slone family.

Then, one day before he started eighth grade, Kevin told his parents, Bobby and Lyvonne Slone of Elkhorn City, Ky., that he needed to go to the hospital.

Local physicians discovered blood clots in Kevin's pancreas; his kidneys had stopped functioning. He was flown to the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio where he stayed for 78 days; his weight eventually dropped by 55 pounds.

Here the family first heard the official name for Kevin's disease: hereditary pancreatitis. Doctors explained that the pancreas helps the intestine digest food by releasing key enzymes after meals. Kevin's attacks meant the pancreas was retaining these enzymes and digesting itself. There is no treatment other than ordinary painkillers. While death is rare, complications aren't. Sufferers sometimes develop diabetes, because the cells that make insulin are located in the pancreas. Pancreatic cancer sometimes occurs in chronic cases as well, though physicians aren't sure why. Side effects, such as internal bleeding and respiratory failure, can be fatal if left unattended.

Only about 1% of the 42,500 new pancreatitis cases diagnosed each year in the U.S. are hereditary; gallstones, excessive alcohol consumption and smoking also have been linked to acute attacks. But in the Slones' case, the disease apparently sprang from a mutation in a particular gene that was passed down through the generations. Some family members carry the faulty gene, but never had attacks themselves. Such "silent carriers," however, can pass full-blown pancreatitis onto their children. Doctors world-wide have reported other cases of hereditary pancreatitis in families in Japan, Italy, England, France and Greece. But without in-depth study, they did not understand how it traveled through the generations.

In Cleveland, doctors fed Kevin intravenously, forbidding even ice chips. Any eating or drinking risked inflaming his pancreas. "You don't realize how many food commercials are on TV, until you can't eat," Kevin says.

One weekend, Cleveland doctors told the Slones they wanted to study the hereditary nature of the disease. They asked Kevin's father, Bobby Slone, if he had a family tree. "I told them I had no idea about the family tree business, but I could sure learn," Mr. Slone recalls.

Mr. Slone tracked down a friend who had written a history of Elkhorn City. She provided a list of the area's first settlers

on his father's side. Then he questioned his brothers: Did they have the pain? They in turn asked their relatives, and the list began to grow.

Mr. Slone began to chronicle his findings on white poster board. With a green marker, he underlined names of relatives who'd been diagnosed with pancreatitis or recalled suffering similar pain. With an orange marker he underlined those who also had diabetes. The task made him feel useful, and he was meticulous. "I may not be a doctor or a research scientist," Mr. Slone says, "but I thought at least I can get them started, like the basketball player who throws the ball inbounds."

Kevin came home and resumed eighth grade; the attacks continued into high school - one on the evening of his junior prom. His father continued tracking relatives even after Kevin entered local Pikesville College to study computer science. By late 1994, the family tree had spread onto a second piece of poster board, but there was no further word from the doctors in Cleveland about the mysterious ailment.

Then one Sunday last year, Mr. and Mrs. Slone came home from church to find Kevin curled in a ball on the floor. He was rushed to the University of Kentucky hospital. Blood vessels in his pancreas had ruptured, and only 20% of the organ functioned; the rest was scar tissue.

Meanwhile, a group of physicians from the universities of Kentucky, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati had gathered to pool their research into pancreatitis. They decided to focus on the hereditary version, and see if they could isolate the mutant gene that caused the disease. They hoped that would give them further insight into all types of pancreatitis. But to do so, they needed to find an extended family that carried the disease and was willing and able to share their ancestors' medical history.

Their first lead was a 1972 research paper written by two physicians at the University of Indiana that cited an "S." family with the disease living in Eastern Kentucky. Eagerly, the doctors called the university only to find that one author had died and the other couldn't remember what "S." stood for. Other hope were dashed too; Lawrence Gates, a Kentucky gastroenterologist working with the medical team, found an old X-ray labeled "Sloan" but it led nowhere because the name was misspelled.

One afternoon, Dr. Gates got a phone call from the University of Kentucky's hospital. It was an associate, Nicholas Nickl. "You'll never believe this," Dr. Nickl said. "I've got a 19-year-old kid here with chronic pancreatitis. His name is Kevin Slone."

Finding Kevin was a breakthrough; discovering that his father had constructed a family tree was icing on the cake. The Kentucky doctors bought software called Family Tree Maker for \$50 and quickly computerized Mr. Slone's hard-scrawled notations. Then the doctors suggested that the Slones hold a family reunion where they could draw blood from each living member.

Eager to assist, Mr. Slone called everyone he knew and even went on the radio to discuss the disease and ask relatives to attend the reunion. "Bobby did the core of the work," says Dr. Whitcomb, the lead investigator. "After seeing the suffering his son was going through, I imagine he'd do anything to prevent it. He was extraordinary."

On Memorial Day weekend, 1995, doctors and their spouses packed food to feed the entire Slone family and drove to Breaks Interstate Park, bordering Virginia and Kentucky. Slone relatives started arriving - 90 of them in all - carrying thick family Bibles chronicling marriages, christenings, deaths.

Throughout the day, doctors served food and drew blood, asked questions and filled in blanks on Mr. Slone's growing family tree. A local nurse helped and later gathered blood samples from still more Slones who couldn't attend.

The blood was taken to Pittsburgh, where researchers extracted the gene-containing DNA from the white-blood cells. Doctors magnified small regions of the DNA - known as markers - from specific chromosomes. Those markers were labeled with fluorescent dye and sorted according to size. Doctors compared markers in patients they believed had hereditary pancreatitis with markers from those who did not.

Thousand of markers wind through every chromosome. Doctors searched marker by marker until, by process of elimination, they came to a marker on chromosome seven that was shared by every person with the disease but that those who weren't affected did not have. This finding demonstrated that the gene for hereditary pancreatitis was located in a small section of that chromosome. But doctors needed samples from as many family members as possible to reduce the possibility that the findings were merely the result of chance. They decided to host another family reunion.

Again they held the picnic in Breaks Interstate Park. This time, 45 Slones came and doctors drew blood from those they hadn't sampled before. The family tree now comprised 700 names on 20 feet of computer paper. A few weeks later, doctors believed they had the gene.

Now, if final testing confirms their finding, researchers in Cincinnati, led by gastroenterologist Charles Ulrich II, will put the mutant gene into a mouse and begin testing therapeutic regimens. Those could include dietary restrictions, hormone therapy or inhibitors to prevent the pancreas from releasing enzymes at the wrong time.

Doctors admit they don't know if they can find anything to help Kevin or his generation of Slones. But the information has already proved useful to a new generation. Kevin's sister, Christy, who never had an attack herself, recently gave birth to a son. Doctors were able to determine that Christy is not a carrier, so her son will not suffer hereditary pancreatitis.

Kevin Slone, who never returned to college after his last hospital stay, works for his father, who now has a sporting-goods shop. "I know my children may have this pain," he says. "But I still think life is wonderful. And maybe the doctors will find something to help my kids."

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#### **MAKING YOUR OWN FAMILY HEALTH TREE**

Do you know what your great-grandparents died of? Did any of your ancestors suffer from cancer or diabetes or other illnesses that plague your family now?

As Doctors search for hereditary links for a growing number of diseases, genealogy is playing an ever-larger medical role. Information about the deaths and diseases in past generations can be extremely valuable in that research - in evaluating your own health risks. Unfortunately, that knowledge is not always passed down along with the family heirlooms. The American Medical Association recommends that every family maintain some kind of health history.

"Every time we investigate an illness or see a patient for the first time, the family history will guide us as to what direction to take," says Regina M. Benjamin, a family practitioner in Bayou La Batre, Ala., and member of the AMA's board of trustees. "If someone's father had a heart attack at age 35, I'd be much more aggressive in doing advanced tests over someone without that history."

Researching back two generations is a good start, Dr. Benjamin says, but she adds "the more, the better."

Living relatives are the best immediate source for

information, says Shirley Wilcox, president of the National Genealogical Society of Arlington, Va. Grandparents or great-grandparents often can provide names of ancestors, as well as any illnesses they had. Much of that information may be lost when older relatives die, if no one thinks to ask.

"Pull out family photographs and ask relatives to identify these people," Ms. Wilcox says. Older generations are also more likely to keep family Bibles, wills or even personal correspondence that might mention ailing family members, she says. And sometimes even simple questions "Did you have trouble having children? How many brothers and sisters did you have?" can yield surprising information.

Memories aren't perfect, however, and relatives may remember only that someone had stomach pains or recurring headaches. Sometimes they may recall inaccurate information. Moreover, in previous generations many medical problems weren't discussed or went undiagnosed, notes David Whitcomb, a gastroenterologist at the University of Pittsburgh. "They didn't have CAT scans and fancy blood tests back then," he says.

To flesh out relatives' recollections, more precise medical information can come from state and bounty archives, courthouses and bureaus of vital statistics. Death certificates can also offer insight into family illnesses, though they are sometimes inaccurate or incomplete. Local libraries often keep archives of old newspapers listing obituaries. If you know the names of deceased relatives but not where they lived, the Social Security Death Index, available in some libraries, provides ZIP codes of people who have died since 1963.

While becoming informed is important, doctors caution against jumping to conclusions. "We don't want a situation where people are paranoid and start calling up doctors saying, 'Aunt Mini three generations ago had colon cancer, should I be screened?'" says Charles Ulrich, a physician at the University of Cincinnati. Patients should be concerned mainly "if you have more than one family member with the same problem or something unusual for your age," he says.

Delving deeper may call for a trip to the National Archives in Washington to scour military and census records. Before 1920, the U.S. Census Bureau counted individual families by name, and those reports are still obtainable. (Records since then are not open to the public.) The Library of Congress lists obituaries and other information as do various ethnic heritage groups across the country. And the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints keeps a vast collection of genealogical information on CD-ROM and microfilm in family-history centers world-wide. Some shopping malls offer kiosks that boast quick



family-history searches; but the result is essentially an undetailed list of people with the same last name, according to the National Genealogical Society.

Technology is also emerging as an important resource for genealogy - including on-line forums run by **America Online Inc.** and **CompuServe Corp.**, which connect users with other people researching the same family surnames. The Internet offers data from counties across the nation; numerous government records, including marriage and census information, can be purchased on CD-ROM.

Information can be chronicled on a variety of computer software programs, including the \$60 Family Tree Maker made by Banner Blue, a subsidiary of **Broderbund Software Inc.** For those less technologically savvy, Ms. Wilcox's society and many bookstores also sell old fashioned lineage chart kits for about \$10.

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The Family of John Murphy Sr. of York County, South Carolina is a unique blend of genealogy and local history that traces family from its arrival in Pa, migration to the wilderness of the New Acquisition SC, and eventual settlement in the western wilderness of Miss., Ala, Tenn. and TX. John Murphy Sr. was a Revolutionary War Soldier and has numerous descendants. Other surnames included in this fully indexed vol. are Neely, Montgomery, Stephenson, Wright, Feemster, Dowdle, Greer, Sadler, Manahan, Love and numerous others. Send to: Dr. James L. Murphy, 915 Woodland Drive, Henderson, Tenn. 38340-\$25.00 includes postage and handling. Also has copies available on Elbethel Primitive Baptist Church for \$3. each.

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Glenn and Kin (Descendants of James Glen of Hanover Co., VA 1717-1993 by Jeannette May Christopher. This is the well-researched story of several of his proven children and their descendants, most of whom moved first to NC and SC, and from there to Fla, GA, Ala, Miss. La, TX and points west, 648 pages including a complete index, made of top-quality materials - acid-free paper, hard-bound in gold-stamped Williamsburg blue fabric and each is individually shrink-wrapped and boxed for shipment. Books of this nature are generally printed only once, so now is the time to get your copy for yourself and relatives. \$45.00 (plus shipping) per copy. Send check to: Annie Glenn Howell, c/o Genealogy Publishing Service, 448 Ruby Mine Road, Franklin, N.C. 28734.

JOSEPH G. ALEXANDER  
(1799-1879)

This information comes from a day book or journal that was kept by Joseph Guyton Alexander.

The following is a story that I have come up with after studying the journal.

Joseph G. Alexander, who was the father of Grandmother Bratton (Lucinda Clementine Alexander) and who was my great-grandfather, at age 39 married for the first time. He married Nancy Robbins January 8, 1839. There were 2 children born to them. Mary E. was born December 19, 1839 and Joseph S.R. May 23, 1841. When Joseph S.R. was 7 months old his mother, Nancy, died Nov. 28, 1841. Mary E. was not quite 2 years old. I could find no other references in the journal to Mary E.; however, he mentioned Joseph S.R. by writing that he left for Charleston April 11, 1861. Did he go to join the Confederate Army? The war began in the spring of 1861. He was 19 years old.

On March 7, 1844, Joseph G. married the second time. He married Elizabeth Vaughn. They had 5 children, 4 daughters and 1 son. The daughters died when very young. The son, John Smith Silveston Alexander survived. He was called Smith. Elizabeth Vaughn Alexander, the mother, died July 22, 1854. It was of interest to me that there were so many deaths in the summer of 1854. Elizabeth and 2 of the daughters died. Nancy D. died June 1854 and Elizabeth and Laura Ann Rebecca died in July. Also in the Brandon family, I will make the connection later, the father William A. Brandon and a young daughter died in September 1854. The reason I noticed this was because in the History of the Presbyterian Church in S.C. it was noted the decrease in membership in the Bullock's Creek area due to deaths. Could there have been some type of epidemic?

In 1854, this man, Joseph G. Alexander was left a widower again. He had only 2 surviving children, 2 sons,. I don't know what happened to the first daughter, Mary E. There are some missing pages in the journal. In the 1850 census, Joseph G. is listed as a shoemaker. In the 1860 census he is listed as a teacher. In his journal he writes "January 1858 commenced a school near Hopewell, York District." He also lists the names of his pupils and the dates they attended. In one place he tallies the number of days each attended and the amount owed him for his instruction. For instance one pupil for 96 days owes \$4.80. That's 5 cents a day! An interesting name listed as a pupil was Mary Brandon.

On December 21, 1859, Joseph G. Alexander, age 60 married Mary Ann Brandon, who was the widow of William A. Brandon, who I mentioned earlier. Mary Ann had 3 daughters from her marriage to William A. Brandon: Jane E. who was 11 years old; Frances C. 8 years old; Andinette (Nettie) 5 years old. Joseph G. and Mary Ann had 2 children: Lucinda Clementine (Grandmother Bratton); James Franklin W. (Uncle Frank).

Joseph G. Alexander died December 18, 1879. He was 80 years old. I don't have the date of Mary Ann's death. Grandmother Lucinda was 18 years old when her father died. She married Robert McCaw Bratton when she was 26 years old. I don't remember any of the half-sisters, but remember my father and mother talking of Aunt Jane Pursley and Aunt Nettie Brandon. Aunt Frances McCullough died in 1885 that was before Grandmother and Grandfather Bratton married. Aunt Frances' son Sam McCullough attended the Bratton Reunion at Joslin Park in the 1950's. I think he lived in Chester. Uncle Frank Alexander lived in Georgia. I don't believe he had children.

The 2 sons Joseph S. R. and John Smith Silveston, I don't know what happened to them. Does anyone remember Grandmother Bratton talking about half-brothers?

In conclusion let me say that I have used the dates of births, marriages, deaths, and other information in the journal to draw a profile of Joseph G. Alexander and of the times in which he lived.

He was a farmer for he tells of plowing and planting. He was a shoemaker. He was a teacher. He was widowed twice and left with children. He tells of having to board out the sons and paying ladies to sew for them and to do the washing. Also, to pay a Mrs. Parks and Louisa Good to take care of Smith when he was sick. He was an honest man for he kept a record of what he owed and then signed it "Paid in full". He kept records of the number of families emigrating West. He also did some legal work. He appraised the negroes of Mary and Samuel Alexander.

I have made some copies from the journal. They are of poor quality, but if you are interested you can look at them.

I have no idea where the Alexanders lived or where they are buried. If any of the Presbyterian churches have records of graves in their cemeteries, it would be helpful.

This next year I hope to do more research on our connection with Dr. Joseph Alexander, who was the first pastor at Bullock's Creek Presbyterian Church. The monument in the cemetery at Bullock's Creek gives the date of his death as 1809 and his wife

Esther as 1803. I don't believe our Joseph G. to be his son. He was born in 1799. Maybe a grandson. I have heard that Grandmother Bratton said that Dr. Joseph Alexander was her grandfather. Could she have meant great-grandfather?

I have a copy of a biographical sketch of Dr. Alexander that was written by Robert Y. Russell in 1855, and is in the History of the Presbyterian in S. C. It is very interesting but does not list his family. He was a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Princeton College (Now Princeton University) New Jersey in 1760. Licensed to preach and was sent to Sugar Creek, N.C. and about the year 1776 he settled in Bullocks Creek Congregation, York District.

If you have any information to add to this or any questions let me know. If anyone is interested in the family history I would be glad to share what I have.

A report given by Jennie Lind Bratton Mahaffey at the Bratton Reunion August 18, 1991. At Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, Hickory Grove, S. C.

August 16, 1992: Since our reunion last year I have some new information on our Alexander side of the family. This will sound like a continuing "Soap Opera."

Last year I read you a story that I had written for information from a small journal that was kept by Joseph G. Alexander, Grandmother Lucinda Bratton's father. This year I read an article in the Newberry Observer about a lady from Whitmire whose maiden name was Alexander and that she had traced a family relative back to the Confederate War. I picked up the phone and asked her if she was related to Joseph G. Alexander of York County. She immediately said that he was her great-great-grandfather. I told her he was my great-grandfather. I then told her of the journal that I have and the story I have written. To make a long story short, Linda Alexander Bullard of Whitmire is a descendant of Joseph Samuel Robbins Alexander, known as Sam, and who was a half brother of Grandmother Lucinda Bratton. You remember last year in my story that Joseph S.R. left for Charleston April 1861, and did he go to join the army? He did and served as a Corp. Co. E, 6th Rgt. SCV from Chester. He was Linda Alexander Bullard's great grandfather and is buried in Lee Cemetery at Bethesda Baptist Church, Union, SC.

Linda Alexander Bullard has also been researching the Alexander family trying to make the connection to the Rev. Joseph Alexander of Bullock's Creek. Her side of the family had also heard the story of the old preacher at Bullock's Creek Presbyterian Church having men stationed in the church with guns, during the Rev. War. Thanks to Linda I have a copy of Dr. Alexander's will. He died July 1809. His children are listed and their inheritance,

etc. Listed is a son Samuel D. Alexander, M.D. I have felt that this man could be the father of our Joseph G., especially since in the journal he lists the birth and death dates of Samuel D. and Hannah Alexander. About the first of July, Linda received a book, Alexander Kin Vol. II, c. 1991, by Charles and Virginia Alexander of Tenn. Listed was Dr. Samuel Davis and Hannah Smith Alexander and their children. Joseph Guyton Alexander was listed as their son. I had always wondered what the G. stood for. We believe that sometime after 1840 Dr. Samuel Alexander and his brother, George Baldwin Alexander, moved with their families to Pickens County Ala. In his journal, Joseph G. tells of a trip he made from Antioch, Ala. to the Carolinas in 1857. His father died in 1855.

This is the connection we have been trying to make. Grandmother Lucinda Bratton's grandfather was Dr. Samuel Davis Alexander and her great grandfather was the Rev. Dr. Joseph Alexander of Bullock's Creek.

Let me tell you a little about Grandmother Lucinda's half brothers and half sister. I have told you about Joseph S.R. He and his sister, Mary Elizabeth, were reared by the Robbins family. Their mother, \_\_\_\_\_? Last year in the story I said I didn't know what happened to Mary E. She married Moses McKeown in the Pinckneyville area. She has descendants in Chester.

John Smith Silveston, married the widow of Thomas Parks, Elizabeth Drinkall Parks. They lived in Georgia where Smith, as he was called, was a tax collector and his wife, Elizabeth, was a teacher. They had one son, Frank Wesley b. Sept. 11, 1888, d. August 7, 1964. He married Dorothy Fleming, and they had 2 children: Marion, who married a Gibson, and Frank W.J. who married a Howell. Marion and her husband live in Lockhart and Frank, Jr. lives in Union.

I must give credit to Linda Alexander Bullard, who is librarian at Whitmire Memorial Library, for this additional information in this story. She has researched the Alexander family back to Penn. and has shared this with me. She is now tracing the Guyton family for whom Joseph G. was named. He was named for his great grandfather on his mother's side of the family.

Jennie Bratton Mahaffey  
August 16, 1992

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

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**SUSANNAH MABRY THOMAS MOORMAN**

We originally set the stage for this article with the first one in the series, "Gilliam's Chapel."<sup>1</sup> Susannah (Mabry) Thomas Moorman's children and their spouses became community leaders and were among the main contributors to the founding of a true society of affluence and grace in Union County, located in the general area of Fish Dam Ford and Santuc. Many of her descendants are buried at Gilliam's Chapel in Union County.

William Poole (1700-1777) of original Brunswick County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Tapley, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Tapley, and had seven children. He married secondly, circa 1738, Elizabeth Watson, a daughter of John Watson, and had one more child, Walter Poole. That part of Brunswick County became Lunenburg County in 1746, then Mecklenburg County in 1764. His children were<sup>2</sup> Robert, William, Jr., Elizabeth, Mary, Adam, Jane, Daughter, and Walter Poole.

Mary Poole, above, married Ephraim Mabry (Maybury) in Lunenburg County, a son of Hinch (Henshaw) and Frances (Parham) Mabry. Hinch was descended from Francis and Elizabeth (Gilliam) Mabry. Frances (c1697-c1749) was a daughter of Ephraim Parham, all of Virginia. Ephraim and Mary (Poole) Mabry came to present Fairfield County, South Carolina, before the Revolution. Others that came with them were her brother,<sup>3</sup> Adam Poole, and many cousins in the families of Gilliam, Parham, and Watson.

Ephraim Mabry made a will in 1778 which was destroyed during the Revolutionary War. He died in 1789 in Wilkes County, Georgia, while visiting his son, Joel. His widow filed his intestate in Wilkes County, then in Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1789. Philip Combs and Elizabeth Duke, then of Wilkes County, swore they were witnesses to the 1778 will, which named his wife as sole executrix and left all land and slaves to her, and named heirs as Joel Mabry, James Thomas, Daniel Mabry, Cicily Mabry, Margaret Hinch<sup>4</sup> Mabry, Adam Poole Mabry, Mary Mabry, Elizabeth Mabry, and Ephraim Mabry.

Mary (Poole) Mabry made her will in 1807, which was filed in Fairfield County on 5 January 1808. From the two estates, and others, we can establish the children of Ephraim and Mary (Poole) Mabry as Joel, who married Mary, a daughter of Francis and Mary (McGaffin) Wafer; Susannah, who married Captain James Thomas; Daniel; Cicely, who married Thomas Wafer; Margaret Hinch, who apparently never married; Adam Poole; Mary, who married Edward Mobley; Elizabeth, who married her first cousin, Adam Poole, a son of Walter Poole;

Susannah married Captain James Thomas, born in Farquier County, Virginia, a son of John Thomas.<sup>6</sup> That entire Thomas family came to South Carolina. In an effort to present the colonial period Thomas genealogy as accurately as possible, we were fortunate to have the assistance of three well-informed Thomas historians, Ramona Davis Thomas (Mrs. Roland Farr, Jr.) of Alabama, and two Union County, South Carolina, ladies, Jeannette May Christopher (Mrs. J. Brian) of Carlisle, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Boughman of Union. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Christopher met in Atlanta, Georgia, for a week with a draft copy of our article and composed the following addition. Mrs. Thomas' notes are assigned alphas, ours numbers.

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THE EARLY THOMAS FAMILY  
BY  
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Susannah Mabry married James Thomas, a son of John Thomas. The first proved reference to John Thomas and his family was in 1757 when he applied for a grant in St. Matthew's Parish in Georgia (with a wife, ten children, and seven slaves,<sup>a</sup> after Georgia became a Royal Colony). Obviously, they had migrated from either South Carolina or Virginia, but most traces indicate a Virginia connection. John Thomas was evidently a man of some prominence since, according to the colonial records,<sup>b</sup> he was appointed Justice of the Peace and was named Esquire for the Ebenezer District. He served until June 1759, when political considerations established these positions effectively within the Salzburger settlement proper.<sup>c</sup>

John Thomas' daughter, Sarah, married John Hopkins (Hanover County) at the Ebenezer Church in March of 1759. [Salzburger]<sup>d</sup> After receiving grants in Georgia, John and Sarah, as well as the senior John Thomas and his family, moved into the Congarees (present Richland County, South Carolina), receiving their first grants in 1764.<sup>e</sup> John Thomas, Sr., died in 1768, after selling seven named slaves, a horse, and household goods in 1766 to his son John Thomas, Jr., who was already well established in the area.<sup>f</sup> In 1767, through a deed of gift, John Thomas, Jr., gave two slaves and a feather bed to his brother Matthew Anderson, three slaves and a feather bed to his brother James, and two slaves, a feather bed, and a bay horse to his sister Cecelia.<sup>g</sup> Through a deed of gift in 1767, John Thomas, Sr., gave an 800-acre tract of land on the Santee River to his sons Matthew Anderson and James, the transaction proved in 1768.<sup>h</sup> John Thomas, Jr., also died in 1768, naming his father as an executor. John Thomas, Sr., did not serve, so he apparently had already died. John Thomas, Jr., left three children, a wife (nee Mary Taylor), and a considerable estate.<sup>i</sup> Cecelia Thomas also died in the same year. She willed the feather bed and the horse "Chickasaw," which had already passed from John, Sr., to John, Jr., to her brother Matthew Anderson. Her mother was given a life interest in her slaves and livestock, then these assets were to be divided between her brothers James and Matthew Anderson. Her brother John Thomas, Jr., and John Hopkins were named as executors, but only John Hopkins qualified.<sup>j</sup>

The proven issue of John Thomas and his wife were John, Jr., who married

Mary Taylor; Sarah, who married John Hopkins; Mary, who married George Strother; Cecily, who died unmarried in 1768; Matthew Anderson (he later dropped the "Matthew"), who married a Susannah; and James, who married Susannah Mabry.<sup>k</sup>

George Strother, who obtained his first grant in Craven County, South Carolina, in 1756, had his will probated in 1772.<sup>l</sup> Much of the will is damaged and illegible, but his wife Mary is named. His executors were Anderson Thomas, James Thomas, and John Hopkins.<sup>m</sup> Later, the two Strother children, Mary and Anna, nieces of Sarah, received legacies from John Hopkins, with whom they were apparently living in 1775.

Anderson and James Thomas moved "upcountry" before the Revolution, selling the Santee River land they had inherited. They were both captains in the South Carolina Militia during the Revolution, serving both before and after the reduction of Charleston in 1780, well remembered and recorded in their area history.

Captain Anderson Thomas died in Chester County in 1815. There is some question regarding his marital status at the time. On 30 September 1790, there was a land transaction between Anderson Thomas and Susannah, his wife of Fairfield County, and Edward Mahan for a tract of land on Sandy River.<sup>n</sup> At the time of his death, Susannah is not mentioned. The administrator of his estate was Mary (Polly) Crosby, who was, at the least, the mother of Arthanatius Thomas' wife, Sarah Crosby, a daughter of William Crosby, Sr., who died in 1807.<sup>o</sup> In 1823, John Thomas, the eldest son of Captain Anderson Thomas, paid nine heirs, including himself, for acreage on the Sandy River. The nine heirs listed in the sale were John Thomas, Athanatius Thomas, William Thomas, Ann Ryan, Martha Thomas, William Lewis for wife Nancy, Robert Todd for wife Eleanor, Anderson Thomas, and Thomas Shelton for wife Sarah. However, the wills of John Thomas<sup>p</sup> and Martha Thomas<sup>q</sup> both mention two other siblings; Mary Wilkes (d. 1836-1841) married as his second wife circa 1817, Francis Wilkes;<sup>r</sup> and Cecily Halsey, wife of John Halsey.

Captain James Thomas died in 1790. According to a letter from Mrs. Julia Jones, she cites Mrs. Jeannette May as stating in 1931 that James Thomas lived, died, and was buried on what is now known as the Legge place in Fairfield County. Mrs. May also stated that "his brother Captain Anderson Thomas lived on Fish Dam Road near McAlly's Mill..."<sup>s</sup>

Susannah (Mabry) Thomas married, as his second wife, Colonel Robert Moorman, a widower with two sons, James and Thomas Moorman. No death date has been found for Susannah, but Robert Moorman died at age 97 on 4 July 1845.<sup>t</sup>

#### END OF THOMAS HISTORY BY MRS. R.F. THOMAS

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The following are the children and grandchildren of Susannah (Mabry) Thomas Moorman. We won't present further generations due to the limitation of space.

**A. Mabry Thomas**, born 9/22/1770, died 6/18/1841, buried Ashley-Thomas Cemetery, Conecuh County, Alabama, married Ursula Crosby, a daughter of



Richard and Rhoda (Bond) Crosby and granddaughter of Dennis and Hannah Crosby. They went to Alabama sometime before 1820.

1. Susan Hobson Thomas, born 11/21/1810, died 12/16/1881 in Conecuh County, Alabama, married Calloway Hodge Stallworth on 2/21/1826.<sup>u</sup>
2. John Anderson Thomas married Rebecca Elizabeth Kennedy.
3. Mary Ann Amanda Thomas married William Adam Ashley.
4. Frances Elizabeth Thomas married Joshua King Hawthorne.<sup>v</sup>

**B. Sarah Thomas**, born 9/2/1777, died 1/31/1848, married Allen deGraffenried, born 9/18/1764, Lunenburg County, Virginia, died 1/7/1821, a son of Tscharner deGraffenried and his third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Allen) Embry. Both buried deGrafferied Burying Ground in Chester County.

1. Allen deGraffenried, Jr., born 1794, died 5/12/1844, buried Bullock's Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, York County. He married Nancy Hughes by tradition, a daughter of Rev. William Hughes of Chester County.
2. Regina deGraffenried, born 5/28/1799, died \_\_\_\_\_. Married Thomas Garton Blewett, born 7/4/1789, died \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Thomas Blewett of Blewett's Falls, Mississippi, and moved to Columbus, Mississippi, in 1833. Both buried \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cicely deGraffenried, born 7/10/1806, died \_\_\_\_\_. Married John McCaw of York County on 9/19/1822, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Major John McCaw. They moved to Kentucky in 1837.<sup>10</sup>
4. Tscharner Hobson deGraffenried, born 1807, died 9/24/1860. Married Mary Eaton Johnson on 4/20/1852, a native of Massachusetts, born \_\_\_\_\_, died 1897. Both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.<sup>11</sup>
5. Thomas deGraffenried, born 4/14/1815, died \_\_\_\_\_. Married, 4/14/1840, Matilda Phoebe Chisolm, born 10/4/1816, died 5/10/1856, a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, buried deGraffenried Cemetery, Chester County, by whom he had five children. Married Belvedere Gott,<sup>12</sup> born \_\_\_\_\_, died 1914, Savannah, Georgia, a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, by whom he had five more children. Both buried \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Pauline deGraffenried, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, buried Louisiana. Married John Pickett, then \_\_\_\_\_ Gilmer.

**C. Cicely Thomas**, born 3/31/1782, died after 1839, Van Fleet, Chickasaw County, Mississippi, married William Hobson, born 5/6/1773, Lunenburg County, Virginia, died 5/31/1839, buried Cane Creek Quaker Cemetery, Union County, a son of Nicholas and Sarah (deGraffenried) Hobson.<sup>13</sup>

1. Sarah Hobson, born 11/27/1797, died 9/11/1870, married Little Berry Jeter, born 2/1/1793, died 1/19/1874, a son of Captain James and Mary (Crosby) Jeter. Both buried Jeter Cemetery, Union County.
2. Elizabeth Hobson, born 1/1/1800, died 11/1/1873, married James Randolph Jeter, born 1/2/1792, died 1/26/1867, a son of Captain James and Mary (Crosby) Jeter. Both buried Jeter Cemetery, Union County.
3. Jane Hobson, born 1802, died \_\_\_\_\_, married Archibald Gordon.
4. Richard Gilliam Hobson, born 1805, died \_\_\_\_\_, married Sarah Ann Frances McDaniel, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, a daughter of Robert and \_\_\_\_\_ (Davis) McDaniel.
5. Susan Hobson, born 1808, died \_\_\_\_\_, married Jeremiah Hamilton, born 5/8/1814, died 12/21/1845, buried Cane Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County, a son of Joseph H. and Ann (Parham) Hamilton.
6. Eveline Hobson, born 1810, died \_\_\_\_\_, married James McJunkin, born 1815, died 7/1/1847, buried Cane Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, a son of Abram and Margaret (Savage) McJunkin.

7. Cicely Hobson, born 1813, died \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Regina Hobson, born 1815, died \_\_\_\_\_, married William Hamilton, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, a son of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Francis Hobson, born 1818, died \_\_\_\_\_, married Margaret Beaty, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, buried Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Sartor) Beaty. (Her grave is marked, but with no dates.)

**D. David Anderson Thomas**, born 3/9/1785, died 2/15/1868, married, 1809, Elizabeth Frances Farr, born 1789, died \_\_\_\_\_, a daughter of Colonel William Farr and his second wife, Elizabeth Taliaferro (Stribling) Farr. No burial site known.

1. William Robert Allen Thomas, born 7/25/1811, died 4/15/1883. Married M.A. Louise Kelly, born 11/10/1812, died 10/28/1882, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Terry (Sims) Kelly. Both buried Fish Dam Cemetery, Union County.
2. Mabry Thomas, born 1817, died 1881. Married Louisa Humphries, born \_\_\_\_\_, died after 1881, a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dr. John Pulaski Thomas, M.D., born 2/6/1818, died 2/23/1900. Married Emiline Frances Kelly, born \_\_\_\_\_, died 8/9/1850, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Terry A. (Sims) Kelly. Married Susan Rivers, born 1/23/1847, died 6/10/1887, a daughter of William H. and Sarah Bailey (Jenkins) Rivers. He and Susan buried Gilliam's Chapel, Union County.
4. James Thomas, born 3/11/1819, died 12/14/1879. Married Frances Gilliam, born 1/14/1818, died 1/22/1886, a daughter of Reuben and Mary Coleman (Sims) Gilliam. Both buried Gilliam's Chapel, Union County.
5. Robert Goodloe Harper Thomas, born 7/29/1821, died 9/20/1854, buried Fish Dam Cemetery, Union County. Married Sarah Jane McJunkin, born 5/13/1831, died 5/14/1892, buried Cane Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Sartor) McJunkin, Jr.<sup>14</sup>
6. Eleanor F. Thomas, born 1/18/1823, died 6/20/1885. Married William T. Gilliam, born 5/8/1821, died 3/10/1882, a son of Reuben and Mary Coleman (Sims) Gilliam. Both buried Gilliam's Chapel, Union County.
7. Cicely Sarah deGraffenried Thomas, born 8/17/1824, died 2/9/1858, buried Fish Dam Cemetery, Union County. Married T.J. Jones, born 1824, died 5/15/1889, buried Cane Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, Union County.
8. Susannah Thomas, born 1820, died \_\_\_\_\_. Married James J. Thomas, born 2/6/1818, died 1880, a son of John P. and Jemima (Sims) Thomas.
9. Elizabeth Frances L.H.D. Thomas, born 1829, died after 1858. Married Richard Farr, born 1818, died 1875, a son of John P. and Mary (Sartor) Farr. They went to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in 1858.
10. David Anderson Thomas, born \_\_\_\_\_, died 1854. Married 2/11/1854 Margaret Humphries, born \_\_\_\_\_, died 1854, a daughter of William Humphries.<sup>15</sup>
11. Nancy Thomas, dsp.

**E. John Pulaski Thomas**, born 9/7/1789, died 3/3/1859, married 6/11/1815 Jemima Sims, born 5/16/1792, died 11/18/1860, a daughter of Reuben and Nancy (Sanders) Sims. Both buried somewhere near Tuckertown, Union County.

1. Murial Howard Thomas, born 3/18/1816, died 9/26/1850. Married Uriah Porter.
2. James J. Thomas, born 2/6/1818, died December 1880. Married Susannah Thomas, born 1820, died \_\_\_\_\_, a daughter of David Anderson and Elizabeth Frances (Farr) Thomas.

3. Edwin Thomas, born 5/24/1820, died 6/6/1820.
4. Reuben Sims Thomas, born 12/9/1823, died 5/29/1905. Married Frances Elizabeth Helen Jeter on 12/14/1854, born 10/14/1831, died 5/2/1912, a daughter of Thomas Crosby and Mary (Tucker) Jeter. Both buried Tucker Cemetery, Union County.
5. John S. Thomas, born 12/1/1825, died 9/4/1829.
6. Susannah Ann Thomas, born 10/24/1827, died 10/29/1890. Married Garland Thompson Meng on 1/16/1845, born 5/19/1817, died 4/18/1873, a son of James Meng. Both buried Grace Methodist Church, Union.
7. David A. Thomas, born 4/28/1830, died \_\_\_\_\_. Married Brooksy Richards who died within 12 days. Married Mary Louise Jeter, born 3/29/1839, died 1905, a daughter of Thomas Crosby and Mary (Tucker) Jeter.
8. Charles Thomas, born 11/1/1833, died 11/9/1836.
9. Mabry Christopher Gadsden Thomas, born 4/7/1836, died 12/6/1861, Charlottesville, Virginia, killed in the war.

**F. Francis Thomas**, born 1790 posthumously, died prior to 1796.

**G. Frances Pulaski Moorman**, born 1796, died 1856, married, first, James Farr, born before 1780, died 1823, a son of Colonel William Farr and his first wife, Mrs. Eleanor (Black) Jeter; married, second, Reuben Gilliam, born 1793, died 1858, a son of William and Ann (Sims) Gilliam, Jr. She and Reuben Gilliam are buried in Fish Dam Cemetery, Union County.<sup>16</sup>

1. William R. Black Farr, born 1814.
2. Regina Wiles Farr, born 9/8/1810, died 6/18/1857. Married, as his first wife, Thomas Alexander Glenn, born 1806, died 1882, a son of William Coleman and Elizabeth (Wright) Glenn. They went to Winston County, Mississippi, in 1853.
3. Cicely Green Farr, born 12/28/1812, died 6/19/1876. Married John Sanders Sims on 1/17/1828, born 11/25/1802, died 5/23/1878. Both buried Grace Methodist Church, Union.

#### ENDNOTES

1. From the massive amount of research done by Helen Ring Womack (Mrs. Jay W.) of Addison, TX, and furnished to the authors.
2. Ibid.
3. Womack, op. cit.; Elizabeth Gilliam, who married Francis Mabry, was twice previously married to a West and a Bevin by whom she had three children. Hinch Mabry was married three times: 1) Frances Parham, daughter of Ephraim and Frances (Green) Parham; 2) Anne Jackson, widow of Ambrose Jackson, Jr.; 3) Ann Clack Courtney, a widow.
4. Fairfield County Will Book 1, pp. 36-38.
5. Fairfield County Probate Court, Apt. 24, File 346.
6. Research by the late Miss Mabel Webber, Sec. and Tres., S.C. Historical Society, Charleston, and on file in that repository.
- a. Colonial Records, Vol. III, p. 463.
- b. Ibid, p. 505.
- c. Davis, Harold E., The Fledgling Province, p. 206.
- d. Jones and Exley, Ebenezer Record Book, 1754-1781, p. 88.
- e. Green, History of Richland County, p. 80.
- f. Misc. Records [S.C.], 1729-1825, Vol. MM, p. 627, witnessed and proved by George Strother.
- g. Misc. Records [S.C.], 1729-1825, Vol. NN, p. 187, witnessed by George



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EBENEZER DOUGLAS

EBENEZER DOUGLAS BORN 10 April 1794 SC Lancaster Co?  
Was in Butler County, Ohio in 1819. See Letter of Father,  
Alexander Douglas.  
Married 15 Mar 1821 Israel Township, Preble Co., Oh.  
Died 13 May 1839 Killed by log at his saw mill, Decatur Co.,  
Indiana.

Father: Alexander Douglas  
Mother: Jane Elliot Douglas

Wife: Janet Elliott Douglass Hood born 9 Jan 1800 Chester  
Co., SC; Died 10 July 1881 Decatur Co., In ; Buried July 1881  
Spring Hill Cm., Decatur Co., In

Father: Ebenezer Elliott  
Mother: Esther Gaston Elliott

mar. (2) William Hood 1840

Children:

- i. Ebenezer Elliott Douglass born 14 Aug 1822 Preble Co.  
Oh.; Bapt. 25 Aug 1822 Hopewell Ch, Preble co., Oh.  
m. ca. 1842 Amanda ( Doty) Douglass. Preble co., Oh.  
?
- ii. Alexander Douglas born 17 April 1824 Preble co., Oh.  
Bapt. 10 May 1824 Hopewell Ch., Preble Co., Oh ;  
Probably d. young in Preble Co., Oh.
- iii. Nancy Elizabeth Douglas born Preble Co., Oh.
- iv. Harriet Louisa Douglass born ? Preble Co., Oh.
- v. John Newton Douglass born : Preble Co., Oh; m. Maria  
Wilson ; d. Elmhurst, Ill.
- vi. Mary Cornelia Douglass born Preble Co., Oh ; m. W.E .  
Ferrington.
- vii. Martha Emma Douglass born Preble Co., Oh. ; m. ca.  
1880 Preble Co., Oh ? to M.J. Dowler; d. Ellis, Ks.
- viii. Martin Luther Douglass b. Preble Co., Oh; m. Mary  
Ellen Norman

The only record found for an Ebenezer Douglass in Lancaster  
Co., SC. other than letter written by father, Alexander, in  
1819 are military records from War of 1812. Ebenezer  
Douglass appears on the rolls of the 2nd Regiment

( McWillie"s) South Carolina Militia. He first appears on the Company Pay roll for period 6 Oct to 31 Oct 1814. This record indicates that he commenced his service on 6 Oct 1814. The Company Muster Roll dated 28 Nov. 1814 at Haddrils Point, covering the period of 6 Oct. 28 Nov. 1814. indicates he enlisted for a period of six months. He is present as a Private on the 28 Nov 1814 to 28 Feb. 1815 Company Muster and Company Pay rolls. He was discharged 7 Mar 1815 at Charleston. His place of residence is Lancaster and place of rendezvous with the Regiment was Camden.

Distance from his residence to the rendezvous is given as 45 miles and distance from place of discharge (Charleston) to residence (Lancaster) as 165 miles.

Three other Douglases are on the rolls of the 2nd Regiment, but do not appear to be related. They are Capt. James, Res. not given , Pvt James, Res. Fairfield and Pvt John, Res. Fairfield.

This information from Alton Douglas of Woodbridge, Va. Other references are Alexander Douglas Memorial, Alexander Douglas Letter.

On 1850 Indiana census: HH 169/171

William Hood	59 M	8000	Pa
Jane	60 F		SC
Nelly A.	31 F		Ky
John Hood	30	Dentist	Ky
Samuel Hood	27 M		Ky
Elvira	22 F		Ind
W. Thomas	28 M		Ind
Sarah	12 F		Ind
Nancy Douglas	15 F		Ind
Harriet T. "	12 F		"

Ebenezer Douglas	27 M.	Carpenter	Ohio
Amanda	23 F		Ind
Nancy	7/12		Ind

Reference: Ebenezer Elliot married Esther Gaston daughter of Joseph and Martha Gaston, Chester S.C. Heritage History Vol.I

Query: Was Ebenezer Elliot the brother of Alexander Douglas's first wife, Jane Elliot? See Alexander Douglas story where He became indebted to Ebenezer Elliot as the administraror of Wm. Elliot.

## ALEXANDER DOUGLAS LETTER

Camp Creek Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1819

Dear Son: I received your letter for which I had long many a day yea. I had almost gave up all hope of ever seeing either you, your face or handwrite again till your cousin James informed us your at his father's. We are all in tolerable health at present. Thanks be to God for it. I am very sorry to hear your are yet in such a low state of health and do blame you for exposing yourself so much to cold nay even for staying in so cold a climate and would be very glad that you were with us again if your own inclination and advantage would admit it. Would be too tedious to give you a full account of our sufferings by the old serpent and his infernal sons and associates but thanks be to Almighty God he has made his own tongue to confound him in answering my bill in equity. He has confess on oath that he had never a legal right to my slaves and it generally is belived that I will come off with them as David with the band of Rovers I know that he who hid him -- he should without fail recover all hes graciously enabled me to stand it for -- my years the most distressing calamities that the devil and his friends could get me into and as he -- their rage and supported me and my family hitherto. I know that in the end I shall be able to say with -- nothing has failed of all the good which the Lord promised All is come to pass and my dear son, tho we may never see each other on earth O let us set our waiting eyes toward him that we may have a joyful meeting in heaven where there will be neither parting nor suffering to sorrow for. We all remain as you left neither marriages, births, nor Deaths among since I bound John on his own request to Mr. Thomas Ninton for two and a half years to learn his treads Nov. last Joseph went to Cumberland that fall you left us and went a volunteer member of Jackson's life guard. He has wrote often to us and has promised to be with us this month. I have none at home but Aleadr and the four girls, these I keep at school as much as possible. We have a good master and near Robert has a large school in York. Samuel and James tended my ground this year except the new ground. We have a most excellent crop and finished fodder work this day. Corn was very scarce and dear till the new came, but I am told it cannot be sold at one and nine in lancaster.. It was from one to two dollars lately. I had all to buy and did let Aleacr and his mare work in Samuel's place in the crop and set him free to get bread for the two families the first Wednesday after the third Monday in February -- the court of Equity sits in camden when my business against the Capt. is to be tried and your presence there would be of material consequence as I need to prove all his unfounded turbulent proceedings against me. we wrote often but it seems your constant moving deprived you of getting our letters. I wish you to get and try Hamililtons worn Destroying Lozenges which I am well afterward has came many diseases, some of which were unknown and had baffled the skill of my physicians and is so perfectly harmless that no hurt need be found there from in any case whatsoever, but take care to have the real geniune stuff for I found it was counterfitted when I found you were going to Newyork I had great hopes of your finding it out as it is made ther by a Mrs Hannah Lee. It is sold also in Charleston by Joesph and I A Johnson druggists. I wish to be remembered to inquiring friends and well wishers. Your brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors generally desire to be remembered to you and do ardently long to see you return in good health. Write again speedily. I add No more but remain your Loving father till Death.

Alexander DOUGLAS

John McCarry, Lancaster, Doctort

Personally said Alex. Douglas and after being  
highly pleased with the birth of a son that he served as an instructor  
of the United States served under the command of Col. Wm. B. Lewis  
of the Third Regiment of the S. Carolina Line that he entered in the year  
1778 for the term of twelve months that he was regularly discharged that  
afterwards he entered in Captain Bivens Company of the Second Battalion  
of Marials then under the command of Col. Jos. Sturges of the State of Georgia  
factually served his term of enlistment & was regularly discharged that  
deponent further saith that from the fatigue and exposure to A. U. S. he  
did contract the Gravelly Complaint he was attacked with pains which  
fell into his Leg & often endangered his life & hindered him from being able to  
work for several years past so that he is in great circumstances & unable to  
support his poor Mother & wife & children

Wm. Bivens Doctort

4th Nov. 1779

Alex. Douglas

Alexander Douglas Application  
for Pension S. C. 1819



December 2, 1987

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Mary Lee Barnes

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART  
215 Wood #134

STREET ADDRESS

Athens, TX 75751

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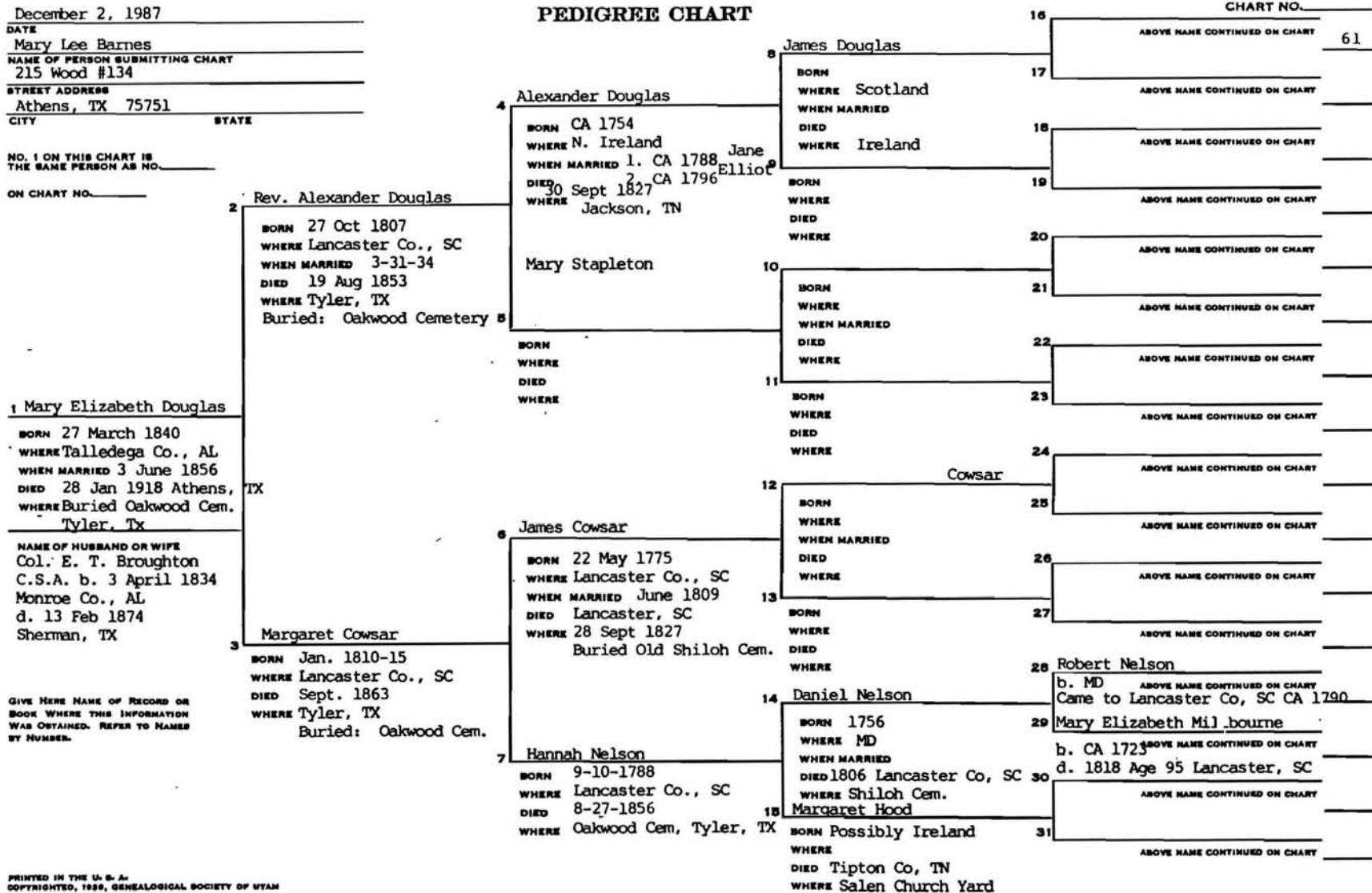
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GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES BY NUMBER.

Alexander Douglas Cont.

Note: Minutes of the Court of Equity, Lancaster District, June 17th 1822

Alexander Douglas vs. James Douglas-Bill for Injunction

June 18 1822

Alexander Douglass vs. James Douglass- Bill for Injunction

Decreed that Defendant do pay to Complt. the value of the Negro women, Kate and Doll, at the time of their delivery to Defendant if it can be ascertained, if not at the date of the Bill of Sale. Commr. to ascertain the number, value and hire of all said Negroes and their dependents.

(This is probably the slaves Douglas had reference to in his letter to son, Ebenezer, of Sept. 20, 1819.)

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Lancaster District Equity Minute Book 1822-134. P. 67-68.

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We want to thank Sarah Agnew Myers, 4 Myers Ave., Trion, GA for sharing this info with us.

**TENTATIVE INFORMATION ON GEORGE AGNEW, REV. SOL., AND HIS PARENTS JOHN & ELIZABETH AGNEW, WHO CAME FROM COUNTRY ANTRIM (1769-70)**

According to government pensions records, GEORGE AGNEW (EGNEW) pension claim #10315, was born in County Antrim, Ireland in 1762 or 1763 and emigrated to South Carolina at the age of seven and resided near Winnsboro, SC, Fairfield District.

He enlisted in the Army in 1779 and served until the end of the war.

After the Revolution he continued to live in Fairfield District for some years. He moved to Kentucky for 8 years, then Tennessee for 8 years and then to Mississippi Territory, the area that later became Alabama County, Alabama. (End of information from pension record).

From other sources it seems to me that George Agnew, Rev., Sol, was the son of JOHN & ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_\_ AGNEW, who emigrated to SC in 1799-70. Despite some sources saying they came with Rev. Martin in 1772, I don't believe George would err in remembering his age upon his arrival in America; and important date in his life.

Briefly, here is a resume of what I have found about each member of this family:

JOHN AND ELIZABETH AGNEW-JOHN was granted 300 acres of land in Craven County, indicating that he had a wife and three children. The plat for this grant is in the SC Archives, Reference-Recorded Colonial Plats. Volume 13.

When John died ca 1783, his "eldest son" George Agnew was administrator of his estate.

GEORGE AGNEW, Rev. Sol., in addition to the info in the pension report--land records and court records show that George and Jane Agnew lived in Chester County part of the 1780s and the 1790s, selling out and moving to Lincoln County, KY. about 1800 where they lived about 8 years; then they moved to Tennessee, Maury County (some of his family may have been in Giles Co., TN); then George Agnew's family and at least another family, the HENDERSONS who had been neighbors in Kentucky and had come to TN with them, went to Miss-Ala, where George lived the rest of his life, being buried in an unmarked grave near Marion, MS.

George's wife, Jane, does not appear in any records after she and George went to Kentucky. There is, however, a grave stone with the name, Jane Agnew, on it in Washington County, AL. I know this is true because Mabel Agnew Williams of Meridien, MS and her sister went there several years ago and saw it. Also George Agnew is

listed in the AL census, Washington County for 1830 and having one male under 15; 2 males 20 under 30 category, 1 60 and 70 (George); there were 2 females under 30.

Note-GEORGE AGNEW was on the Maury Co., TN Tax List for 1811.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE AGNEW, b 1762-3 in County Antrim, Ireland.

How many children George and Jane had is uncertain. The ones I have heard of follow:

1. JAMES AGNEW b. Chester County in 1783. No info on him except a family Bible in MS. He was born 7 Jun 1783. Died 23 Jul 1856. He married on 14 Nov. 1826 Susannah Busby b. 14 Mar 1803 in SC d. 17 October 1855, probably in MS. James had probably been married before this marriage. Children by this marriage were:

JOHN BARBOUR b 8 Sep 1827, d 27 Jun 1848

MARY JANE AGNEW b 3 Feb 1829, d 2 May 1846

IRA B. AGNEW b 12 Jan 1831 in Marion MS, d abt 1854

WILLIAM PATTON AGNEW b 28 May 1832 at Marion MS d abt 1854

ELIZABETH AGNEW b 9 Aug 1834, d 12 Feb 1849

JAMES WILSON AGNEW b 25 Oct 1837 in MS m. Elizabeth D.

Richey. Son, John Dunn Agnew. In 1871-(?) in Prentiss Co., MS

JOSEPH F. AGNEW b 20 Jan 1841. James died 23 Jul 1856

Laurerdale Co., MS age 73. Susannah d 17 Oct. 1855.

Ira B. and William P. were administrators James estate.

Ira B. Agnew was made guardian to James' minor children.

(This info from courthouse File 8 pages 358 and 359).

A possible discrepancy that needs to be clarified -- Mabel Wms. wrote: "I have notes from the Agnews of Springville TN that their JAMES WILSON AGNEW who was born in 1814 in SC married Elizabeth D. Richey, moved to Lincoln Co., TN in 1848 and to Prentiss Co MS in 1855--so I doubt the record of the Henderson Family's (It was a HENDERSON Bible) - yet it indicates a relationship of our Agnews. I think Bible records are filled in sometime by some descendant guessing wrong".

MORE ABOUT JAMES - James and his family seem to have lived in Butler, AL according to a copy of a plat I have. Here are two comments that were jotted down on the plat. Choctaw County AL formed 1847 has townships 9, 10.1.15; has Ranges 1-5 formerly Washington Co AL--1812 Mississippi Territory". "James and Joshua Lee also in same section Nov 24, 1834".

The Plat shows plats in same area for Coker, John and Samuel Agnew, William Henderson 2 plots, and James Agnew.

Here, written by Mabel Williams sister, are what appears to be captions under a picture. "The above Hall children belong to Margaret Agnew Hall Henderson--the Henderson children are probably

William Henderson, Sr. (?) -

James Agnew & Margaret Agnew, probably half brother and sister to our John and also Samuel Agnew (?)

The above Richard Fox that married Nancy Hall possibly son of Mrs. Martha Patsy Calhoun Fox that married our JOHN AGNEW (?) Also believe Rev. Sol. GEORGE AGNEW'S first wife a "Bar--cut off and mother of James & Margaret".

Addenda--Another note on the Butler Township plat:

"Samuel Curtis sold to James Agnew 6 Nov 1828--150 acres"

"James Agnew & wife deeded Dec 5, 1834 to Robert Lee of Washington Co AL a certain tract of land lying in the County of Wayne S27,T11, R5W, South 75 signed Dec. 31, 1831"

2. MARGARET AGNEW born in Chester County \_\_\_1786. She married Darling Hall on April 29, 1809 and later moved to Lauderdale County, MS. They seem to have gone to the Lauderdale Co. MS--Choctaw Co. AL area. There is a marker in Coker Cemetery in MS for CYNTHIA HALL COKER b 31 Oct 1809- d 14 Apr 1889. Some years later Darlington Hall left his family and was presumed dead after some years but in 18\_\_\_ there was a notice in the paper re: his buying a slave.

Just when is not known but Margaret married William Henderson. The Hendersons had lived neighbors to the GEORGE AGNEWs in KY and moved with them to TN; and later to MS. In Butler Township in Choctaw Co AL, William Henderson had 2 Sections--one bought 1819 and the other 1834. (This means Wm. H. went to MS. earlier than others). The 1850 census in Lauderdale Co MS shows Margaret Hall Henderson as "Mrs. Wm Henderson age 64".

Bob Gladden of Richburg SC has AGNEW connections 3 times in his lineage. AGNEW AGNEW b 1760 married ca 1775 William Gladden. They had 4 children, one of them MARTHA GLADDEN who married JOHN HALL, SR. It was Martha and John Halls son DARLINGTON, who married GEORGE AGNEW's Rev. Sol. daughter, MARGARET AGNEW, b 1786. It was family tradition that Darlington and Margaret were cousins also that AGNEW AGNEW GLADDEN was Darlington Hall's grandmother!

So who was AGNES AGNEW? I wonder if AGNEW AGNEW was a daughter of JOHN AND ELIZABETH AGNEW, parents of GEORGE? Agnes could have been older than GEORGE.

WILLIAM GLADDEN died in 1793 and AGNES married again to THOMAS GOODWIN. They had two daughters. One married a Tidwell and the other a Porter.

3. JOHN AGNEW born abt 1800 in Lincoln County, KY. He married Martha "Patsy" Calhoun Fox, born 1810, TN. Martha died ca 1880-1890 in Hinds Co. MS. They had 8 children; 3 males and 5 females.

Mabel Agnew Williams left a note jotted on another family sheet. "Our John-Last records he and Martha selling land in 1859; Promissory note made in 1860-Jan 1, 1860. Possibility they headed west in 1873-4".

The Butler Township plat shows a section adjacent to William Henderson assigned to John and Samuel Agnew - Nov 5, 1834.

Who was the above mentioned "Samuel Agnew"? In the caption for the picture written by Josephine Agnew, she refers to "James Agnew and Margaret Agnew, probably half-bro and sister to our John and also Samuel Agnew". This infers that George had a son named Samuel.

The above muddies the water. I have not seen any reason to believe that GEORGE ANGEW married someone else before John was born in KY. George's wife Jane did not sign any more transactions with George as she had done before and there were 3 or 3 deals George made after he went to KY.

George may have had other wives and children. The 1830 Wash. Co. AL census record shows 3 males and 2 females under 30.

?-3--Samuel Agnew - was he a child of George?

#### AGNEW FAMILY LAND RECORDS

- 1791 Deed Book B pages 517-519, 6 Dec 1791 Robert Williams and wife Elizabeth...Land deed to Jean Agnew...L 50 sterling... 100 a..n. side of Rocky Creek. (It seems certain that Elizabeth Agnew, widow of John, married Robert Williams).
- 1797 Deed Book F page 16, sg 9 March 1797 Robert Williams and Elizabeth...land deed to John Egnew...\$199... on Rocky Creek.
- 1800 Deed Book N page 323, 27 Aug 1800 George Agnew of Lincoln Co KY Land deed to John Agnew of Chester District in Craven Co now Fairfield...middle fork of the Wateree River...100 ac
- 1800 Deed Book N page 325, sg 27 Aug 1800 Robert Williams and dower Elizabeth...land deed to John Agnew...L 15 Sterling 100 ac..in Camden Dist on Bever Dam fork of Wateree River.
- 1838 Deed Book BB page 398, 3 May 1838 John Agnew...gift deed to his son John Agnew...tract on Rocky Creek. (I think this was John Agnew b. 1776 in Chester Co. and died in Chester County in 1860, leaving will. His son, John Steel Agnew who married Nancy Martin was the donee.)

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE DECEMBER 1996 ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN.....

## Descendants of Matthew Ferrel, War of 1812 Chester County Soldier

by Lt. Mark B. Guevarra

**Matthew Ferrel**<sup>1</sup> b. 1788, SC d. Oct 1860, Chester Co., SC m. ca. 1817, Elizabeth --- b. 1794, SC d. 1850-1860, SC.

Matthew Ferrel was born in South Carolina in 1788. His ancestors had come over from Ireland at an earlier date.<sup>2</sup> In his mid-20's, Matthew traveled from his home in York District to enlist in his country's defense during the War of 1812. War with Britain was declared by the United States on June 1st of that year. James Madison was serving as the fourth president of the United States, and the young country had several complaints, real and imagined, to take up with England. The United States eyed expansion into Canada at the expense of Britain, and believed she was inspiring wars on America's frontier by supplying Indians with British arms.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, British closing of American ports to British ships and impressment of American sailors enangered the United States. After declaration of war, however, little happened outside of campaigns along the Canadian border until April of 1814, when Napoleon abdicated<sup>4</sup> in Europe. Britain then turned its full attention to the United States in order to be in a favorable bargaining position before suing for peace. After reinforcement of the British blockade along the American Atlantic seaboard, British troops landed at the mouth of the Patuxent River in Maryland and marched on undefended Washington, burning the White House and Capitol Building on August 24th, 1814.<sup>5</sup>

Perhaps realizing that Charleston, which had been the fourth largest city during the time of the Revolutionary War and was still a great seaport, could suffer the same fate, or perhaps just outraged that the capital of his young country had been razed by the British, Matthew took up arms. He enlisted in Captain Robert Caldwell's Company of Infantry, 2nd Regiment of South Carolina Militia commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Adam McWillie, at Haddrill's Point, South Carolina, on October 1st, 1814. He served in Charleston for the length of his service as part of the American forces protecting the seaport from British invasion. During this time, he was paid the healthy sum of \$8.00 per month. The British did not strike Charleston, and upon the United States victory at the conclusion of the War of 1812, Matthew congratulated his fellow soldiers, collected his pay, and said his goodbyes. He was discharged on March 7, 1815, and paid \$4.50 for his 225 mile trek back home.<sup>6</sup>

Matthew had bought 55 acres in York County from John Stewart in 1813.<sup>7</sup> By 1817, Matthew was married to his wife, Elizabeth, born in 1794 in South Carolina.<sup>8</sup> In 1820, Matthew worked in manufacturing as a turner<sup>9</sup> (lathe worker) in York County where he and Elizabeth raised a family.<sup>10</sup> The Ferrel family lived close to the Chester County line and in April of 1824, Matthew and his wife joined Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church in Chester, South Carolina.<sup>11</sup> Matthew and Elizabeth's family continued to grow during the 1830's and 1840's,<sup>12</sup> and of their ten children, nine were baptized at Fishing Creek Church: Robert on 24 May 1818, James on 2 July 1820, Thomas LeRoy on 11 August 1823, Harvey Monroe on 5 June 1825, Martha on 24 June 1827, Mary Anne on 27 April 1829, Eliza Adeline on 10 November 1831, Minerva Jane on 9 November 1834, and Amzi Francis on 25 August 1840.<sup>13</sup>

Around late 1835, Matthew and Elizabeth moved their family from York to Chester. They first mortgaged,<sup>14</sup> and then bought, 158 acres in Chester County on the waters of Fishing Creek for \$632.<sup>15</sup> In Chester, Matthew and his family devoted their occupation to farming.<sup>16</sup>

By 1850, Matthew's oldest son, Robert, was farming next door to his father and raising a family of his own.<sup>17</sup> Matthew and Elizabeth valued their estate at \$800 by this time and had plenty of help on the farm from their many children.

Elizabeth passed away sometime between 1850 and 1860,<sup>18</sup> but the family continued to remain very close. In 1860, Matthew continued to farm in the Lewisville township of Chester

County with the help of his younger children while his older sons, Robert and LeRoy, raised families of their own nearby.<sup>19</sup> In October of 1860, at the age of 72, Matthew, the founder and unifying factor of the Ferrell family, passed away. He left his 158 acre estate to be settled among his children.<sup>20</sup>

Children of Matthew Ferrel and Elizabeth --- Ferrel:<sup>21</sup>

1	Robert Ferrel	b. 1818
2	James Ferrel	b. 1820
3	Thomas LeRoy Ferrel	b. 1823
4	Harvey Monroe Ferrel	b. 1825
5	Martha R. Ferrel	b. 1827
6	Mary Anne Ferrel	b. 1829
7	Elizabeth "Eliza" Adeline Ferrel	b. 1831
8	Minerva Jane Ferrel	b. Jul 1834
9	Matthew J. Ferrel	b. 1835
10	Amzi Francis Ferrel	b. 1840

**1. Robert Ferrel** b. 1818, York Co., SC d. 1860-1870, Chester Co., SC m. Eliza --- b. 1819, SC d. 1860-1870, Chester Co., SC.

Robert was born in 1818, the first son and oldest of ten children of Matthew and Elizabeth Ferrel of York County, South Carolina. He was baptized by his father on May 24th, 1818, at Fishing Creek Church in Chester County, South Carolina.<sup>22</sup> In 1836, he moved with his parents from York County to Chester County where he helped his father on the farm.

By 1845, Robert and his wife, Eliza, had started a family. In 1850, they farmed immediately next door to Robert's parents.<sup>23</sup> Robert and Eliza remained in Chester County but moved a short distance to Wallace township sometime before 1860.<sup>24</sup> At this time Robert undertook a career change from farmer to chairmaker. When Robert's father died in the fall of 1860, Robert represented his brothers and sisters in the settlement of his father's 158 acre estate.<sup>25</sup>

Robert and Eliza, by 1860, had been blessed with a daughter followed by five sons. Between 1860 and 1870 however, both Robert and Eliza passed away at a young age, in their forties. Their children went to separate homes.<sup>26</sup>

Children of Robert Ferrel and Eliza --- Ferrel:

1.1	Martha M. Ferrell	b. Nov 1846
1.2	James Henry Ferrell	b. Mar 1848
1.3	Robert Calvin Ferrell	b. Jun 1851
1.4	Madison Munroe Ferrell	b. 1853
1.5	Joseph Harrison Ferrell	b. Jul 1856
1.6	Osmonde Ferrell	b. 1859

**1.3 Robert Calvin Ferrell** b. Jun 1851, Chester Co., SC d. 1904, Chester Co., SC bur. Mount Prospect United Methodist Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC m. ca. 1879, Nancy Elizabeth Bishop b. 1849, Chester Co., SC d. 1899, Chester Co., SC bur. Mount Prospect United Methodist Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

Robert Calvin was born in June of 1851, the second son and one of six children of Robert and Eliza Ferrel of Chester County, South Carolina. When his parents died at a young age, the family was broken apart. Robert went out on his own and, by age 18, he labored as a farm hand for Matthew N. Sturges in the Lewisville township of Chester County.<sup>27</sup> In 1875, he purchased a mule under the following contract:



"730 Agreement  
R.C. Ferrel  
To  
W.R. Doatz



Robert Calvin Ferrell and Nancy Elizabeth Bishop Ferrell

State of South Carolina  
Chester County Know All men  
by these Presents That, Whereas, W.R. Doatz has  
supplied me R. C. Ferrel with Stock, to wit; One Mouse  
Colored horse mule three years old for the purpose of  
enabling me to make a crop during the present year  
1875, on condition that I, the said R. C. Ferrel do pay to  
the said W.R. Doatz on or before the fifteenth of  
October next One hundred and Sixty five Dollars  
without interest.

Now in consideration of the premises and for the better Securing the payment of the Said Sum of money  
aforesaid, I, the said R. C. Ferrel do hereby assign and pledge to the said W.R. Doatz all the crops that may be made by  
or for me during the year 1875 on the plantation of J. H. Westbrook, said pledge and assessment to be in preference to  
all other assignments of or upon the said crops, said pledge to be in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the  
General Assembly passed 20th September, A.D. 1866, entitled " An Act to Secure advances for agricultural purposes."  
And it is further agreed that I, the said R. C. Ferrel will deliver up the said mule to the Said W.R. Doatz, on or after the  
fifteenth of October next, for him to sell in Open Market and apply the proceeds of Such Sale to the payment in full or  
in part of what may be then due and owing, Should the Said Sum be not then wholly paid.

And it is further agreed that the title to the Said mule Shall remain in the Said W.R. Doatz until paid for,  
except that I take all risks as to death, disease or accident, and it is furthermore agreed that I the said R C Ferrel will  
pay all expenses and costs of obtaining the above amount Should there be any. Witness Our Hands and Seals this 30th  
day of January A.D. 1875.

Witness

J Salmon

R. C. Ferrel {LS}

State of South Carolina Chester County J Salmon makes oath that he saw R.C. Ferrel Sign, Seal  
and deliver the foregoing Lien, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth. Sworn to before me this the  
1st day of Feby AD 1875.

Geo. W. Curtis Not[ary] Pub[lic]

J Salmon

Received Feby 1st AD 1875 Delivered To W. R. Doatz" 28



Robert and daughter, Ella Louise

Around 1879, Robert married Nancy Elizabeth Bishop from a nearby Chester family. Nancy was born in 1849, the oldest daughter and one of five children of Zacheria Bishop and Dicey Wallace Bishop. She had much in common with Robert : both had been born and raised in Chester and both of their families had come over from Ireland generations earlier.<sup>29</sup> By 1880, Robert and Nancy were raising a family in Hazelwood township next to Nancy's mother.<sup>30</sup> Robert was a farmer like his father but, unlike his parents who had raised one girl followed by five boys, Robert reversed the order. He and Nancy raised six girls and their last child was a boy.

Shortly before 1900, around 1899, Nancy died of typhoid fever.<sup>31</sup> The family was devastated. Robert was left to raise six children under the age of 15 (his eldest daughter, Mary, had married Joseph Collins<sup>32</sup>) while continuing to farm in the Landsford township of Chester County.<sup>33</sup> The strain may have been too much for Robert for around 1904, five years after his wife Nancy, he too died from the typhoid fever

epidemic.<sup>34</sup> In a tragic repetition of fate, like Robert's parents, Robert and Nancy were taken at a young age and their children were split apart to be raised by family members.

Robert and Nancy were laid to rest at Mount Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery in Chester County, South Carolina. Their final resting places went unmarked but for a rosebush planted by their daughter, Ella, until 1994. It is known that other members of the Ferrell and Bishop families are buried there also in unmarked graves,<sup>35</sup> but plot records do not exist for this cemetery today.



Descendants present at the 1994 dedication of Robert and Nancy's marker (L-R): Albert Bagley (with wife, Josie), Dorothy Bagley Bennett, Jill Sprouse, Mark Guevarra, and Jean Bennett Sprouse (not pictured). The marker was erected by the author, Robert and Nancy's great-great-grandson. Visible at left is the marker of their son, Robert Harley Ferrell; the rosebush at right was planted by their daughter, Ella.

#### Children of Robert Calvin Ferrell and Nancy Elizabeth Bishop Ferrell:

1.3.1	Mary C. Ferrell	b. Dec 1879
1.3.2	Elizabeth Ferrell	b. Jul 1882
1.3.3	Amanda J. Ferrell	b. Aug 1884
1.3.4	Ella Louise Ferrell	b. Apr 1886
1.3.5	Plumy Attaway Ferrell	b. Oct 1889
1.3.6	Alice Emma Ferrell	b. May 1892
1.3.7	Robert Harley Ferrell	b. Jun 1894

The author is the eldest grandson of Dorothy Bagley Bennett, who is the daughter of James Alexander Bagley and Ella Louise Ferrell Bagley. He may be contacted by writing to 148 NW Doncee Dr., Bremerton, WA, 98311.

<sup>1</sup> Other forms of the name in census, land, probate, and military records: Ferrell, Farrell, Farrel, Ferril. The modification from Ferrel to Ferrell occurred between Matthew's children and grandchildren's generations.

<sup>2</sup> 1993 interviews of Dorothy Inez Bagley Bennett and Albert Frazier Bagley as told to them by Ella Louise Ferrell Bagley.

<sup>3</sup> Hofstadter, Miller, and Aaron, The American Republic, Volume One: to 1865 (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1959), p. 338.

<sup>4</sup> Napoleon's first abdication.

<sup>5</sup> Hofstadter, Miller, and Aaron, The American Republic, Volume One: to 1865 (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1959), p. 344.

<sup>6</sup> War of 1812 Military Service Record, 2nd Regiment (McWillie's) South Carolina Militia, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

<sup>7</sup> South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book G, p. 451, 1813.

<sup>8</sup> 1850 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 59B.

<sup>9</sup> 1820 Federal Census, South Carolina, York County, p. 159.

<sup>10</sup> 1820 Federal Census, South Carolina, York County, p. 159.

<sup>11</sup> Brent H. Holcomb and Elmer O. Parker, Early Records of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Chester County, South Carolina, 1799-1859 (Greenville, S.C.: A Press, Inc., 1980), p. 49.

<sup>12</sup> 1830 Federal Census, South Carolina, York County, p. 341, and 1840 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 304.

<sup>13</sup> Brent H. Holcomb and Elmer O. Parker, Early Records of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Chester County, South Carolina, 1799-1859 (Greenville, S.C.: A Press, Inc., 1980), pp. 38, 41, 43, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, and 64.

<sup>14</sup> South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book AA, pp. 271-272, January 4, 1836.

<sup>15</sup> South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book BB, p. 42, January 4, 1836.

<sup>16</sup> 1850 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 59B.

<sup>17</sup> 1850 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 59B.

- 18 1860 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, p. 131 (66A).
- 19 1860 Federal Censuses, South Carolina, Chester County, Wallace and Lewisville townships, pp. 155 (78A) and 127 (64A), respectively.
- 20 South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse administration file, apt. 109, package 134, Book 1, p. 207, administrated October 15, 1860. Heirs of Matthew Ferrel's estate were Robert Ferrel, James Ferrel, Thomas LeRoy Ferrel, Harvey Munroe Ferrel, Martha R. Ferrel, Mary Anne Ferrel, Elizabeth Adeline Ferrel, Minerva Jane Ferrel, and Matthew J. Ferrel.
- 21 The 1820 Federal Census, South Carolina, York County, p. 159, indicates that Matthew and Elizabeth Ferrel may have had two more older sons born between 1806 and 1810, but also within Matthew's household that year was another woman of Elizabeth's age, most probably a sister of Matthew or Elizabeth. Since it is unclear whether the two boys were Matthew and Elizabeth's or the second woman's children, they will not be included herein under his offspring until the issue is resolved. In the 1830 Federal Census, South Carolina, York County, p. 341, and subsequent censuses, the second woman and two boys do not appear within the Ferrel household.
- 22 Brent H. Holcomb and Elmer O. Parker, Early Records of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Chester County, South Carolina, 1799-1859 (Greenville, S.C. : A Press, Inc., 1980), p. 38.
- 23 1850 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 59B.
- 24 1860 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Wallace townships, p. 155 (78A).
- 25 South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse administration file, apt. 109, package 134, Book 1, p. 207, administrated October 15, 1860.
- 26 1870 Federal Censuses, South Carolina, Chester County; Landsford, Lewisville, and Lewisville townships, pp. 32 (122B) / 49 (161A) / 48 (160B), respectively.
- 27 1870 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, p. 48 (160B).
- 28 South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book XX, pp. 732-733, January 30, 1875.
- 29 1993 interviews of Dorothy Inez Bagley Bennett and Albert Frazier Bagley.
- 30 1880 Federal Census, Chester County, Hazelwood township, ED 40, p. 37.
- 31 1993 interviews of Dorothy Inez Bagley Bennett and Albert Frazier Bagley.
- 32 1900 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, ED 14, p. 2.
- 33 1900 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Landsford township, ED 11, p. 9.
- 34 1993 interviews with Dorothy Inez Bagley Bennett and Albert Frazier Bagley.
- 35 1993 interviews with Dorothy Inez Bagley Bennett and Albert Frazier Bagley.

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## Q U E R I E S

110. **MARIANNE A. PLATT** - H. W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803: seeking info on **MARIANNE A. PLATT**, a single woman of 22 or 23, in 1947 gave up her infant son for adoption by **GEORGE W. & LURLINE PETTUS TROXLER** of Bethesda, MD. who renamed the child **G. WILLIAM TROXLER**. The Troxlers gave the infant a fine home and a good education witnessed by the fact that he is now the president of Capitol College of Laurel, MD. He is now diligently searching for his birth mother and an account of his efforts was published in **NEWSWEEK**, 27 May 1996, pg. 16. One person interviewed by Dr. Troxler related that Marianne was from Laurinburg, NC. Please forward any info on her.

111. **MIERS/MYERS - CARNEY - WRIGHT** --Sarah Agnew Myers, 4 Myers Ave., Trion, GA 30753 needs info re connection between these families who were in Norfolk Co., VA in late 1600s/early 1700s; then Bertie Co., NC; then Anson Co., NC; Chesterfield Co., SC area. Was Thomas Myers, who m Elizabeth Carney, and lived on Thompson's Creek in 1788 the father of DAVID CARNEY/CARNA MYERS, who m. MAHALA JACKSON, abt. 1800, dau of EDWARD JACKSON, Rev. Sol.? Were other sons THOMAS & MARMADUKE?

112. **DUETT** - Dorothy D. Jones, 5038 Lakeside Dr., Atlanta, GA 30360 needs any info on WILLIAM SHERMAN DUETT b. 1835, SC. Need parents name. Also what District William born. Died Holland, Texas.

113. **JOHN HENDERSON** - Susan Furrie, 101 Rainbow Drive #2349, Livingston, TX 77351 interested in info about **JOHN HENDERSON** (abt 1796-1844) who m. MARTHA BOYCE, son named WILLIAM TELL HENDERSON and probably other children. I think one might have been ROBERT HAYNE HENDERSON who at one time was in Colliersville, TN.

114. **PARKS** - Sarah P. Russell, 4607 Tarpon Lane, Alexandria, VA. 22309 seek further info on JAMES PARKS who was granted 634 acres of land, Camden Dist., SC on McCoor's Creek, a branch of Sandy River, Aug. 1784. His name appears census Fairfield Co., SC 1790-1830. What were names of his wife and children and where did he die?

115. **PEARSON-JAYCOCKS** - John Pearson, Box 6554, Altadena, CA. 91003-6554 seeks info on exact location of Pearson Cemetery south of Union, SC, apparently on property of Enoch (3m,25,1718-1780) and Tabitha Jaycocks (1734-1811) Pearson. Union Carneigie Library has county history with handwritten remarks showing cemetery "50 yards west" of S-16 (Sardis Road) at a point on S-16 south of Padgett's Creek and just north of S-16's intersection with S-18 (Buncombe Road). After Enoch's death, Tabitha married (1799) John Townsend.

116. **PEARSON-CAIN-TOWNSEND-HEAD-COOPER-McKENZIE** - John Pearson, Box 6554, Altadena, CA 91003-6554 seeks info on John Pearson b. PA 1728 - d. SC/OH?, wife Sarah Hall, emigrated from PA to Berkeley/Craven (later "Union") Cos., SC, ca. 1750-60 with Quakers at Bush River MM (members of Padgett's Creek MH) Pearson's children married (neighboring?) Cain, McKenzie and Head families, his sister a Townsend, his brother a Jaycocks, his aunt a Cooper. Deeds (1770-1798) show possible neighbors Caleb Edmondson, Wm. Martindale, Samuel Campbell, Smith, Oliphant, Will. Johnson, Sims, Thos. Brandon. Will correspond with anyone with info on Pearson, his neighbors and his children's fathers-in-law.

117. **MARTIN WORTHY - SPENCE FAMILY** - Venita Spring, 921 Cr. 913, Joshua, TX 76058 would like to know where MARTIN WORTHY that died in 1819 is buried. Also needs to correspond with someone working on the Spence family with info on Ann Spence and Martin Worthy or Patrick Spence on Rocky Creek.

118. **DEMPSEY GRAHAM/GRIMES** - Graham Lover, 5307 Oak Lake Drive, Dallas, TX 75287-7512 seeking info no matter how trivial on DEMPSEY GRAHAM/GRIMES of Chester/Fairfield/Lancaster area (b. 1775) until 1840's. He m. c 1799 Elizabeth ARLEDGE/ALDRIDGE dau. of Joseph (d. c 1804). Their son CHARLES PICKETT GRAHAM m. MARGARET KNIGHTON dau. of MOSES c 1833. MOSES KNIGHTON d. 1795 Fairfield; wife SUSANNAH (HOLLIS) d. c1815. Their ancestors included PICKETT and KING. Any info of these families please. Much to share.

119. **GILL/EXUM** - Jack W. Gill, 4022 Seven Springs Road, Cookeville, TENN. 38506 seek family history of THOMAS JEFFERSON GILL b Oct. 1834 NC. m. Malissa (Melissa) M. EXUM b 1840 Smith Co. TN. His family possibly moved from SC to TN, suspect anywhere from late 1830s to 1850s. He is in 1860 TN Census, unable to find him in 1850 Census. Who were his parents? Where did they come from?

120. **LEWIS BURGOYNE** - Mae Ashcraft, 1803 W. 31st, Pine Bluff, AR 71603: LEWIS BURGOYNE b. France. m. Sarah b. SC were in Ms 1830 and she and children were in AR 1860. Who were their parents? JOHN ASHCRAFT m. Rebecca c. 1790 NC. They lived in Chester until 1850 and went to AR. Who were her parents? SAMPSON KNIGHT m. Nancy Robertson 1820 TN. Who were his parents?

121. **TURKEY CREEK ROAD** - Rudena Kramer Mallory, 6920 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, Missouri 64113-2065: seeking present-day (if possible) location description or map showing TURKEY CREEK ROAD located near "a Dry Branch of Sandy Creek", presumably near Chester, SC. Would like to see geographical relationship between Turkey Creek, Turkey Creek Road, and Dry Branch of Sandy Creek. Source: 1772 royal grant and land plat of 200 acres of PAUL FERGUSON, SR.

122. **BISHOP, HOLLINGSWORTH, SIMONSON, TEAGUE** - James W. Turnipseed, Jr., 311 Sparta St., Warner Robins, Ga 31088-5153 needs help on BISHOP. Family tradition has that before the Revolution they lived in present day Chester County. James b. ca 1741 and Stephen b ca 1743, brothers married SIMONSON sisters, Phoebe and Hannah. In 1773 the brothers, with families were granted land in Georgia. Will of Magnus SIMONSON, Union Co., SC 21 June 1795 names daughters MARY HOLLINGSWORTH, LYDIA SIMINSON (sic) ELENOR TEAGUE, HANNAH BISHOP and PHEBE BISHOP, Grace, Maryann, and Nancy; sons ISAAC SIMONSON, Magnus; wife Elizabeth Simonson. Info on ancestors and/or descendants wanted. Will exchange info.

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