

President's Page

Well, I really made several blunders in the March, 1997, issue of **THE BULLETIN**. SORRY!

We now have a different person printing the labels. Well, I was told there would not be any changes to the label. Was I surprised as well as you. I have now been promised that the address label will look like this, i.e.:

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George H. Moore
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NOW FOR THE SURNAME BOOK: IF YOU JOIN AFTER THE SURNAME BOOK GOES TO PRESS (ABOUT 15 JULY) THEN YOUR NAME WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE, THE BULLETIN, BUT WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT YEAR SURNAME BOOK. IF YOU WANT A COPY, PLEASE ORDER EARLY FOR WE ONLY PRINT A FEW EXTRA COPIES.

WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY--AUGUST 2, 1997, 1:00 PM AT PURITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE DR. DAN PATTERSON, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL. HE WILL DO A SLIDE AND LECTURE PRESENTATION ON HUGH KELSEY--STONE CARVER OF FISHING CREEK, SOME UNKNOWN DISCOVERIES ABOUT HIM AND SOME PUZZLES HE NEEDS TO SOLVE. INCLUDED WILL BE CEMETERY MARKERS FROM YORK, LANCASTER, CHESTER AND OTHER LOCATIONS. THIS SHOULD BE AN EXCITING MEETING AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LARGE CROWD. WE WILL NEED YOUR RESERVATION BY JULY 28, 1997. WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER OUTSTANDING LUNCH. COST WILL BE \$7.50 PER PERSON. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

It is vacation time again and we look forward to meeting our members as they visit, but please let us know when you plan to be here. As most of you know Jean Agee has slowed down on her research to the courthouse and library due to her health. She is the one available to open our library during the day so you need to check with her. Jean as the only remaining member of the County Cemetery Commission and has worked alone for years. Last month she appeared before County Council and asked that they appoint a new commission and she agreed to work with them showing them the locations of our old county cemeteries. She requested some help from the County in cleaning up these cemeteries so our visitors can get into them. They have become overgrown, trees have fallen on markers breaking them, so a lot of work needs to be done to restore these pieces of history. She requested that anyone with ancestors in Paul's Graveyard, the old Covenanters, and would like to send a donation to help restore markers, it would be appreciated. Several need repair real bad, Old Stone Anderson/Cloud, Chisholm to name a few. The Union A.R.P. Church and Mt. Prospect United Methodist Church have had stones repaired in their graveyards and family members have replaced or marked some unmarked ones.

Many thanks again for your support and donations to our library.

Jean N.

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FOUNDING FAMILIES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In honor of South Carolina's two hundred and tenth birthday, the Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is sponsoring a new heritage program titled "Founding Families of the

State of South Carolina". Persons who are directly descended from an ancestor living in South Carolina when the state was admitted to the United States in 1788, or before, are eligible for membership in this permanent remembrance of their family history.

To qualify for membership in the "Founding Families of the State of South Carolina", the applicant must directly descend from an ancestor who settled in South Carolina prior to May 23, 1788. The applicant must be able to prove descent from the ancestor (male or female) by an acceptable record or records for each generation, including proof for the applicant. Current South Carolina residency is not a requirement for membership.

The information that applicants furnish as proof of their lineage will be placed in the archives of the Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. There it will serve as a valuable resource for other researchers and genealogists. The collection will be a valuable addition to the history of South Carolina and a source of information and pride for future generations.

Applicants who qualify and are admitted to membership in "Founding Families of the State of South Carolina" will receive a handsomely designed certificate issued by the Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society featuring the applicant's name and the name of the applicant's ancestor.

For more information on this exciting project, or for an application form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Columbia Chapter, SCGS, P. O. Box 11353, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1353.

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The Gaston-Lincoln Gene. Soc. will have a seminar on "Using Land Records to Trace Your Family" on September 27, 1997. Speakers are Dr. Bruce Pruitt and Miles Philbeck. For more info contact The Society at POB 584, Mt. Holly, NC 28120

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The 1997 PARDUE/PERDUE/PURDUE FAMILY REUNION WILL BE JULY 25-27, 1997 IN ATLANTA, GA. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT NEA PIONEER PLACE, DEBORDIEU, GEORGETOWN, S. C. 29440.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 1998 CONFERENCE IN THE STATES, DENVER, CO. 6-9 MAY, 1998.

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THE OLD PURITY SOCIETY WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC THE 4TH SUNDAY IN JULY AT 4:00 PM AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CORNWELL STONE, P. O. BOX 117, CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29706

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AS WE GO TO PRINT, WE ARE SORRY TO REPORT THAT JEAN AGE, OUR RESEARCH DIRECTOR, WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON FRIDAY, MAY 2ND AND WAS HOSPITALIZED AT ROCK HILL AND LATER TAKEN TO COLUMBIA. SHE IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED THERE AND MAY ENTER MEADOW HAVEN REHAB FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. I'M SURE ALL OF YOU WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR HER.

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Enclosed is a copy of the book entitled **ONE MOORE FAMILY TREE**, which is based on descendants of Abel Moore. I would like to donate this copy to be placed in your reference library, or any local library which might share my interest in family history.

Thank you!!!

Margaret J. Wallace
Drawer R
Mesilla, NM

WE WISH TO THANK MARGARET J. WALLACE FOR THE COPY OF THE BOOK ENTITLED ONE MOORE FAMILY TREE, WHICH IS BASED ON DESCENDANTS OF ABEL MOORE, 230 PAGES. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HER AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

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As you may recall, Civil War diaries were mentioned. Enclosed is a copy of the diary kept by **JAMES LAW McCROREY** after he was captured at Old Church, Virginia, in the spring of 1864. J. L. McCrorey was my great grandfather and the husband of Mary Adger. After he died in the war, Mary married Lewis Mullic(g)an and as a member of Old Catholic, is buried under that name in the Ragsdale plot. Her son-in-law, James Parker Ragsdale, and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth (McCrorey) Ragsdale were my grandparents. They are in the same plot.

On page 132 of the Revolutionary Solders of Catholic Presbyterian.. under the heading of Thomas Thorn (page 131) the above named James McCrorey is shown with wife Mary Adger, but this notation also shows John McCrorey as deceased at Fort Delaware. In fact, it was James Law McCrorey who met that fate as shown by the above mentioned diary. If corrections can be made, it would certainly be well to set the record straight.

DIARY

James Law McCrorey, 2nd. Lt., Co. B
4th SOUTH CAROLINA CAVALRY
1864

Transcribed by Margie Peak, from the original Manuscript
in possession of Mr. J. L. McCrorey, Columbia, South
Carolina - October, 1940.

J. L. McCrorey, 2nd Lt. Co. B.
4th South Carolina Cavalry--1864
Pge#

I was captured Monday, 30th in a Cavalry fight near Old /1
Church, about 4 o'clock P. M. I was in command of my
company. Lt. Osborne being in command of the squadron,
Captain Barber being sick. The squadron was ordered by
General Butler to charge the house where the enemy were
posted. We obeyed the order, made the charge through an
open wheat field on foot, distance about three hundred
yard. My Company with two others succeeded in driving the
Yanks from the house, capturing six prisoners. The enemy
reinforced and came at us again, with a tremendous fire
which caused us to fall back. In doing so I broke down,
and consequently fell

into the enemy's hands /remainder of page torn off/ 2
was killed. Shot through /remainder of page torn off/
W. Sanders-leg broken. T. Heffley wound in leg. T. C.
Worthy, Frank Boulware and Taylor Marvin captured.
Robert Nichols, Robert Cameron, Walt Adams, and Tom
Gibson, were captured Saturday 28, May. They are
prisoners here at this same point, in a different Bull Pen
from the one the officers are confined. The night after
my capture I was marched about until 9 o'clock with the
Provost Guard, hunting Corp's Headquarters. I was guarded
very closely all night. After all I got a good nights
rest. I was marched six miles next day (Sun awful warm)
without anything to eat. After about four hours rest we
were taken two miles farther, where we were put in an
oblong Bull Pen in open air, we remained until one or two
o'clock next day Wednesday. We then took up our line of

march through the hot sun for the White house, 3
distance about thirty five miles. I soon gave out. I got
permission to ride in one of the wagons, rode until 2
o'clock in the night. After marching six miles the next
day (Thursday) we arrived at our place of destination.
While we were forming in a line to be counted there came
up an awful rain. I did not get wet much, having a good
blanket to keep my body warm. I found said blanket in the
road that day. We were again put in open air, with a
heavy guard posted all around. It rained nearly all

night, lay on the wet grass, covered with my blanket. James Law having no blanket I took him in with me. We made a stay of four days at this place, after which time we were put on a boat and sent to this place

(Point Lookout Maryland). There was four South Carolina 4 officers captured with me. Two from my own Regiment (Cap't. Pinkney and Lt. Newell). Two from the 7th, Lt. W. E. Johnson, Lt. Bonney. On my arrival here I met with Lt. Samuel Anderson who was kind enough to furnish me with a suit of underclothes. This is a very nice prison. We have plenty of good rough food and access to the Bay for bathing purposes. I never was much of hand for soup, but now I can eat several plates of it at a meal. We have only one meal cooked a day (dinner); that which is left is taken to the tents for breakfast and supper. Our dinner is eat [Sic] in a long dining room, in one end of the Bull Pen. It is prepared by men detailed from the Privates prison. They do this voluntarily to get more to eat and to be employed. Our privy is in an excellent place, about 30 yards out in the water with platforms to it. I have /been/ here six days.

June 13 th Fresh beef and soup the first day. Irish 5 potatoes also. Every day since salt pork and beans-soup. Our negro guard has left us for the front, I suppose. I wrote a letter to a young lady in New York (today) for clothing. June 14th, 1864. "Red Horse" f. . Warm this afternoon "Red Horse" for dinner (Salt beef)- out of tobacco just borrowed a chew from Lt. Bonney. Wrote a letter to Wife this morning.

June 15th 1864 I have been at Point Lookout for one week. Fresh beef, Irish Potatoes soup. The weather has been cool several days, warm today. I wrote to a friend in Baltimore this morning, for money. If I don't soon get money will have to give up chewing tobacco. There is a rumor today. That Butler will make no more exchanges until the Confederate Government recognizes the negroes as soldiers and treat them as such. We have the New York Herald of yesterday issue.

Fremont and Lincoln nominated as Presidents. 6

June 16th. Quite a pleasant day nothing new except Forrest has played the "Devil" with the Yankees in his Department. Federal papers are quarreling about the nomination for President. News just arrived Grant changing his base. We had a nice breakfast of fresh beef this morning. June 17th. Pleasant morning. "The Herald" says Gen. Grant has crossed the James River, to the South side. Baltimore Lodge has sent word to this prison for all Masons to send their names, for such clothing as they need. I have sent for a change of clothes and one pair of shoes. I went in bathing this evening and found two "Greybacks" in my flannel shirt.

This has been quite a warm evening and very dull. It is very hard for one to understand that which he reads here--he can not settle his mind on it besides there is so much noise. The Testament I have was taken by

a Yankee officer from the dead body of one of our men, 7
(Mr. Higgins 7th S. C. Cav) saying I could keep it and send it to his family. I will do so when I get away from this place, or when I am exchanged. I forgot to mention on my arrival here my watch and money was taken away from me. I have the promise of them when I leave. A Yankee General and his staff have just rode through our camps. I have not learned his name, the artillery fired a salute. June 20th. Cloudy Lt. Johnson is quite sick with his bowels Cap't. Hartsfield had colic very bad last night about midnight. I hope we will have a better dinner to-day than we had yesterday. I am getting very tired of "Red Horse" and bean soup. I think Irish potato soup will come to-day. June 21st Maj. Emanuel Agt. Manigault, Lt. Epps and Gordon of the 4 th S. C. came in as prisoners last evening. 14 men of Co. B. also came in. I understand Thos and John McCollough were in the party, I have

been trying to hear from them. Some of the men died 8
in the march. I am anxious to hear if any of my men met with that misfortune. June 22nd Some excitement... We suppose we are in for a move of some sort. I hope it is for an exchange, but am afraid Ft. Delaware will be more apt to be a place of destination. June 26th Sunday Ft. Delaware. I arrived at the above named place yesterday. Left Point Lookout Thursday, on the water two nights and nearly two days. About six hundred officers were crowded together in one boat in the lower deck, "On down in the hole". The men were so thick they could not lie down. Luckily we had a jolly time after all our suffering. I don't like the looks of this fort, it is too flat our quarters are very good, provision light. Took breakfast this morning with Cap't. E. J. Hall--drank the best tea I ever drank. Preaching this evening, about twenty joined the church

Our minister has very long hair--long as a ladies, he 9
was sent to prison by Gen Butler; I do not remember his name, but will learn it again. all those belonging to different churches, partook of the Lords Supper this afternoon. June 29th Quite cool last night and this morning. I am very hungry breakfast over, one slice of bread and a piece of salt pork, cup of water. Dinner over, it was very light, neither plate, spoon, knife nor fork on the table. I suppose they taken from us because some of the men had been in the habit of carrying them to their quarters. It was the first time I ever had to eat soup without a spoon but having it in a tin cup, I managed

to drink it. July 1st It is late afternoon, no dinner yet. I am "so hungry"-but what will dinner amount to when it is ready. It will be of the worst kind

and short in the bargain. I could do a great deal 10
better if I did not see so many eating good things around me. I often think of the good things I once got at home. Now I would be glad to get such as I gave my darkies. If I succeed in getting my money, I will live better for a while. But thank God I am well which is a great consolation. Cap't. E. J. Hall gave me a plug of tobacco which revived my spirits a good deal. July 3 I rose early, took a wash and made a search for lice, but found none. A hard rain fell yesterday. Some of the officers and men made escape night before last. Tomorrow will be the Fourth of July. Where will Grant be? Gold North is to /illegible/ closed 2.55. Some sickness in prison mostly Diarrhea. Smallpox in hospital.. I saw an officer this morning who had just got over smallpox, Dr.

Handy is our preachers name-he gave us a good sermon 11
today. I think he is a Pres preacher minister. Nothing but corn bread for breakfast. I happened to get breakfast with a friend, my bedfellow. If I only knew of some of Capt Beatys friends North, I could do fine. Capt. Hall and myself wrote to Angie Kelly of New York for funds, have not received no reply yet. I hope we will make the drive. July 4th 1864 Pleasant morning-The Yankees show no sign of celebrating the day. There is time enough yet, before night. I finished reading the Testament through today. I commenced since captured. I will now commence /in/ the Bible. When I left off reading last, I think I had read to the 40th Psalm. I had a drink of whiskey offered me just now /as/ I was reading the last chapter

in the Testament. I refused as I usually have done 12
of late. 1 1/2 o'clock The Yankees have fired a salute of 35 guns. I had a cup of ice cream a few minutes ago. July 5th Two of our officers dressed in Yankee uniform went out yesterday. Our Barracks were all searched today for blue clothes; we were made to leave the Barracks, had to remain in hot sun several hours. All were searched for Greenbacks and gold as we returned to our quarters, men were made to pull off their blue pants, others were given them. More ice cream today, it is delightful. I hope to have more to eat after this, at least for a while, as Lieut. Johnson has received one hundred dollars and Lt. Bonney fifty. Capt. Hall and I wrote to Angie Kelly again to-day. I hope we will make the drive this time. July 6th Two more officers left last night. Two others had a fight today. Very hot this evening,

the men are nearly naked trying to keep cool. 13
July 7th Several more officers attempted to make their

escape last night most of them were caught. I expect there will be another search today. Preacher Handy fell yesterday while preaching. He with several officers who are studying the ministry had their photographs taken together. I will have mine taken when I get plenty of money. Col. Jones of Va. was shot by a sentinel this evening- it is feared mortally wounded. Roll call just as my table was ready for dinner, I did not get my dinner until late /night/. Only one Yank called the names, which took some time, as there was about 12 hundred of us. July 8th Lieut. Bonney received money this morning, he bought some coffee sugar butter and jar of pickles and treated me to as much ice cream and cakes as

I wished. July 9th I had a severe attack of colic 14 yesterday evening. The officers attempting to get away has caused the Yankees to be very tight on us. The guns of the Fort have all been turned on the Barracks. Newspapers have all been stopped from coming into us. /I have just had my mustache shaved off/ I can now drink my soup and coffee with more pleasure and will not have to wash my hands so often. I have done no washing yet, only my socks and handkerchief. I have hired the washing of the balance. A number of the officers do the washing for the others for the money, five cents a garment. I have just been here two weeks today, have suffered terribly with hunger. Thank God, I have enough for the present and will have as long as my money holds out. I have been to the sutter purchasing a coffee pot tin plate a lb of butter and eight loaves of bread. Sunday July 10th 1864 Very strict orders have been passed this morning we are

liable to be shot at any moment. Breakfast over, we 15 had coffee ham and onions, butter and bread, green corn, crop of 1863. Lieut. Bonney received a nice box of provisions from a young lady in Baltimore "Ain't we living?" Dr. Handy preached in our division this morning Mathew 7th Chapter 13th and 14th verses. I suffering some today with pains in my stomach and right side. I have cold and cough also. July 11th Col Jones is dead The officers subscribed money enough to buy a metallic coffin to send his remains to Baltimore but the authorities would not allow it. Our mess had soup for breakfast this morning. I cooked the breakfast, had coffee, ham, butter and cheese loaf bread and crackers and pickles. Last night was the warmest night I ever felt. The officers who tried to make their escape were brought back this morning. I have heard since that five succeeded in making their escape to Baltimore. July 15th It is reported

that our forces have taken Georgetown Heights. If 16 the rumor is true we certainly have Washington by this time, we are not allowed any papers, all the news we get is by the "Grapevine" telegraph, with an occasional paper

smuggled in by the guards. My bowels are running off constantly. I still have a cold and cough. I have eat today cheese, molasses, bread, coffee, butter and raisens. We have a pleasant day, I have just been taking a view of the old fort and river. I have a window at the head of my bunk, ten by twelve inches, where see out of, but I do not put my head out as it would be very apt to receive a minnie ball. Water is scarce, we are no allowed to use drinking water for washing purposes. There are two drains running through our pen which we use for washing our dishes and persons.

I saw one of our officers working to a cart to-day. 17
I have seen as high as sixteen Rebs drawing a wagon or cart. July 16th "No Globe" to-day perhaps dispatches will come in this evening. We have been drinking Lemonade. "Oh me", I am so tired of prison. The sun is so warm, I cannot stay anywhere, only in the Barracks then I lie all the time having no chairs or benches to sit on. I have tried to amuse myself and drive away some of the monotony by read, but cannot get my mind steady long enough at a time to make the reading interesting. I will finish reading the Bible through in a few days, but will have to read it over again to understand it, even partly. Oh! may this war soon end or an exchange be effected, so I can get home. Lt. W. E. Johnson, Lt. W. P. Bonny and I messed together, we have been living high since Bonny received his money. I have not drawn my money yet. I scarcely ever go to the

dining room now to eat. It almost makes me sick to 18
pass by it, our Privy is on the back where the tide rises, the water washes off everything. The fish come in then in great numbers hundreds of them are caught by the men with hook and line every day. The fishing is done through the holes in the Privy. The fish are mostly cat, very fat I have never eaten any of them. "Latest Globe"-Petersburg and Washington have fallen, England and France have recognized the Southern Confederacy. Empress of France has sent Mrs. Jeff Davis the latest fashions. Queen Vict is in a pet because she did not have the honor of sending first. July 17th. Nothing new this morning. Breakfast over and dishes washed. Plenty of tobacco to chew or smoke. I have quit laying by my old chew for another time. I finished reading through the Bible this evening. I will now

go and make coffee. Lt. Johnson is writing a letter 19
home, by way of Hilton Head. July 19th. There is said to be a newspaper in this morning. No certainty of Grant falling back. Lt. Anderson is taking the rounds hunting the paper. No sugar for supper. Lt. Johnson has a check for one thousand dollars, has not been able to get money for it. Lt. Anderson has returned, not able to find the

paper. July 20th. I am unwell this morning, my bowels are either costive or running off. I need more exercise, I am too lazy to walk. I am quite or I feel well enough, but my belly is considerably swollen. We are drinking tea to-day. Green and black mixed. I am a good hand at making it. I had a good glass of sweet milk this morning. Lt. Johnson bought some corn meal. I will try my hand at making cornbread in the morning. I have nothing but a fry-pan to cook in. I think I will step

off a mile after roll call and walk every evening. 20
I must take some exercise. Some Dixie letter came through yesterday. July 22nd. More Dixie letters last night. "Latest Globe". There will be an exchange of prisoners soon. God grant it. I succeeded admirably in making corn bread. Lt. Johnson had his fill. I walked my mile yesterday after or about dark. It is just 50 yards between two drains in the "Bull Pen" I have to travel twenty two times to make a mile. I walked fast, when I got through I was very tired. I received a letter from Mrs. Anna Benton of New York last evening. She said my clothes would be sent soon. I feel very well this morning, had to go out last night to evacuate, I disliked it very much, as there is danger of being shot by the sentinels. It is rumored this morning that Johnson has been whipped

by Sherman, also that there will be an exchange of 21
about 25000 officers and men shortly. July 24th About thirty more prisoners came yesterday-amongst them was May Mills of Chester. A paper came in last evening. The Yankees have whipped Joe Johnson and now invest Altona. I rose early this morning to wash, put on a clean shirt, blacked my boots and cooked breakfast, had splendid coffee, loaf bread and ham. Lt. Johnson had the blues sometime, I think he is better to-day. I will now read a few chapters in the Testament. I heard an officer say he would rather be a negroes dog than be here. July 25th. Rained all night, wind high, river rough, the water comes dashing through the privy, hard enough to wash it down. I went out to cook breakfast it rained so much I returned. I made some coffee afterward which made

me feel good. I have just had a game of cards with 22
some of my friends. Several cases of smallpox in the Barracks -vaccinating this evening. I will not have any matter in my arm, it is said to be impure. Some have lost their arms and legs by it. The weather is now quite warm. My cold is no better. cough same & pain in my breast. July 26.th I received a letter from Mr. Hoyt by the last mail "Globe" says Atlanta is not (w?) in the enemies possessions. Bragg & Long Street have gone to assist Joe Johnson. July 28th. received a letter from Mrs. Harvy

Doromus yesterday saying she had sent me 2 shirts 2 pr of drawers 2 pr socks 2 handkerchiefs, sugar & coffee, hope they will come to hand tomorrow. Wrote a letter to Pa this morning. My cold & cough is better to-day, coughed considerably yesterday, very warm July 29.th

Mess breakfasted on fried Irish potatoes, & boiled 23 ones for dinner. 30.th Captured two months to-day, yesterday was decidedly the hottest day I have felt, from all ap-pearance to-day will be no cooler. A sentinel made an officer mark time this evening. The officer was reading a paper and gave some thing the d-m lie which offended the sentinel. Aug 1.st Warm. 16 officers taken from the Barracks to the fort, purpose not known. The Yankees are watering the yard to lay the dust. It is done with a hose. A Yankee Lt. has holt of the hose, now he is amusing himself by throwing water on Rebel officers. I burned my hand this morning making coffee. I have just had my hair cut short, nearly to the skin. Returning from the cook place, I found Lt Anderson lying very sick on the road. This is the hottest day yet. Oh! that I could get out of this place. News by "Grape vine" Grant dead some say Sherman

Aug 2.nd I received a bundle of clothing this morning 24 from Miss Ellen Smith of Baltimore. 2 shirts 2 pr of drawers 2 pr socks 2 towels 2 handkerchiefs, comb toothbrush book & pencil. Caught a big louse out of my head this morning, also one off my body. Aug 3.rd Several privates made an attempt to get away last night one of them was drowned. Rained nearly all night. Aug 4.th I am suffering with Rheumatism this morning. Have wet weather, I suppose is the cause of it. Lieut's Johnson & Bonny have gone to make coffee and cook ham & eggs. Aug 5.th I am better of Rheumatism. I took dinner with Lieut. Anderson yesterday, he having received a box of provisions. I joined a Bible class a few days ago. Aug 8.th We are fed very light to-day corn bread & two Irish potatoes a meal, no meat. The Surgeons

all left yesterday for Dixie. More rumors of an 25 exchange. Had a bate of Watermelons. Aug 9.th had some fine peaches. Aug 12.th Rumored this morning that some six hundred officer will be sent to Charleston. Aug 13.th Officer for Charleston were selected this morning. I was not one of the lucky ones. Lt Johnson's name was called. Aug 15.th The officers selected for going to Charleston have not been shipped yet. Lt Carlisle of Co. B. 4.th S. C. Cav arrived here Friday night, he says I was reported killed & published so in the papers.

Lt. J. L. M'Crorey died Aug. 20.th 1864 of congestion of the lungs.

This copy made from the transcription in University of S. C. Library, by William Ragsdale Long, 5201 Prestwick Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4526 (1988) Gr/Grandson of Lt. James Law McCrorey

Note:

Bill Long visited Fort Delaware, N. J., in 1988, where the Custodian stated that the deceased prisoners were buried in a mass grave of more than two thousand within the confines of the Fort. A large monument was established to the memory of Confederates buried here and Lt. McCrorey's name appears among those inscribed thereon.

A monument to James Law McCrorey was also erected in the churchyard of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Fairfield County, S. C.

(According to the prisoner record, Thomas (d. 15th August, 1864) and John (d. 18th August, 1864) McCollough passed through Ft. Delaware on the way to Elmira, N. Y. where they both died, three days apart and within two months of capture).

A monument to these soldiers is in churchyard of Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Fairfield County, S. C.
Bill Long 1988

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LIBERTY BELL CRACKED BECAUSE OF SAD EVENT

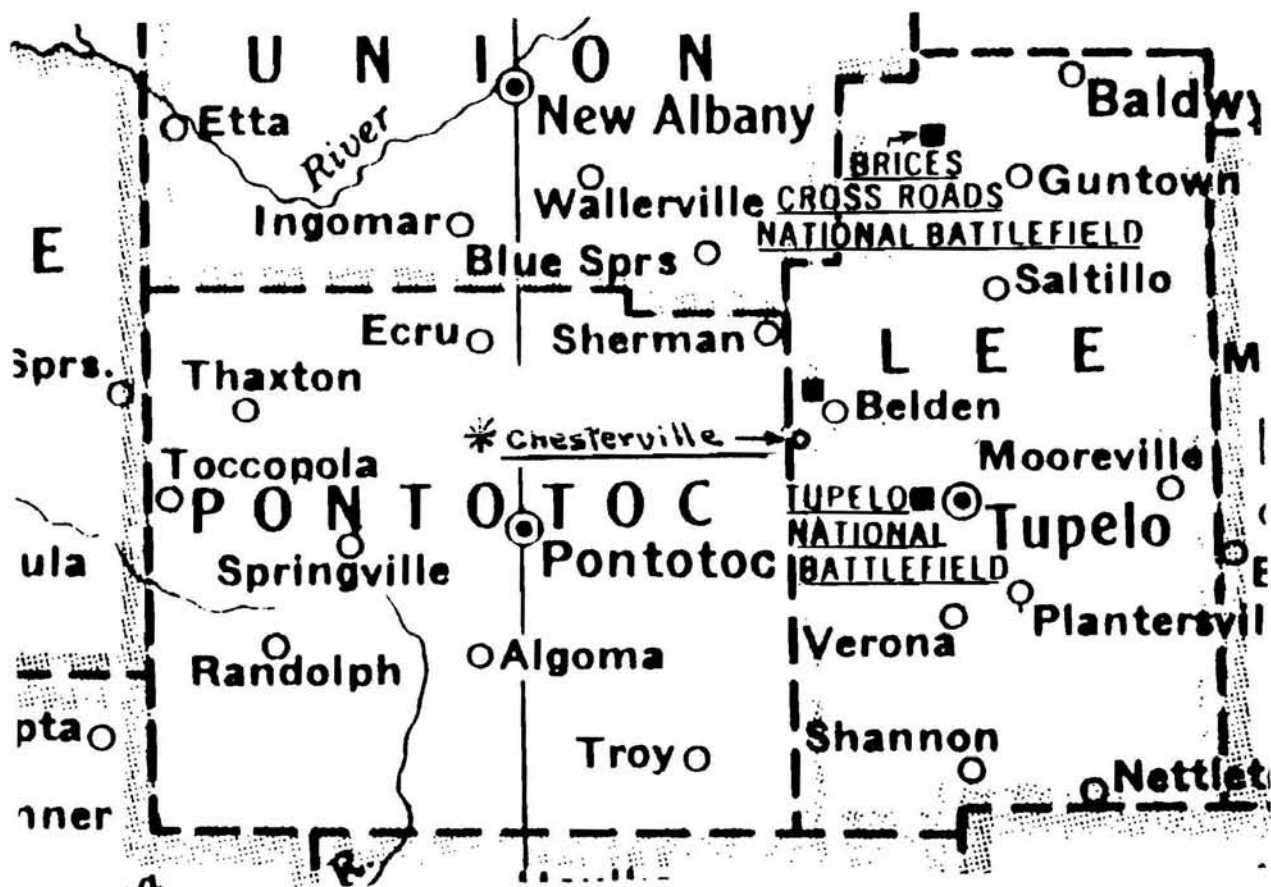
THE STATE - APRIL 25, 1997: "How did the Liberty Bell get cracked? The bell was made in an English foundry for the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly. It was to hang in the new State House, which is now Independence Hall. It arrived in Philadelphia in 1752 and was not yet called the Liberty Bell. The bell became cracked when it was first being tested. It had to be recast twice, and it was finally hung in the State House in 1753. Contrary to legend, the bell first rang on July 8, 1776, for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. From then on, the bell rang on all important patriotic occasions. It rang every July 4 and to mark the birthdays or the deaths of great men. In 1835, the bell cracked while tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. It was repaired some time later. In 1839, the abolitionists (those who wanted to end slavery in the United States) called it the Liberty Bell, which has been its name ever since. An attempt was made to fix the bell in 1845, but it cracked again as it rang for George Washington's birthday in 1846. This time, no one was able to fix it. The great bell was eventually taken down from the belfry and was finally set upon a framework on the ground floor of Independence Hall tower in 1915. Today, you can see the Liberty Bell in its own building near Independence Hall."

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CHESTERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

In 1830 two promoters, Thomas Shelton and Matt Buggs purchased a large tract from the Chickasaw Indians and layed it out for settlers. Shortly after, they sold their holdings to a group of families from Chester County, South Carolina. These settlers named it after the county seat of Chester County, "Chesterville." The families that came in were the Wylies, Walkers, Lillys, Gills, Boyds, Adams, Martins, Ewings and several other families. Some, such as the Wylies came directly from South Carolina. It is believed that George Robertson Lilly, the husband of Sarah (Walker) Lilly died enroute from South Carolina to Mississippi with James M. Wylie and others when he died on 6 October 1846. His father, James Lilly may have been with them.

The village of Chesterville is located on the Pontotoc/Lee County line about 4 miles northwest of Tupelo, Mississippi. The road through the village is a section of the county line. The stores are in Pontotoc County and most of the homes and the two churches are in Lee County. Lee County was carved out of Pontotoc County in 1869. The town of Belden is two miles north. In 1887 when the railroad came through Lee County it passed near Belden and many of the Chesterville businesses relocated there.



CENSUS RECORDS OF OUR CHESTERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI ANCESTORS

The Federal census gives us information that fills in gaps in information about our ancestors and relatives.

1850 - PONTIAC CO., MISSISSIPPI

Real Est.

PAGE	FAMILY #	NAME	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	VALUE	BIRTHPLACE	REMARKS
205 (103)	662	Samuel C. Gill	53	M	Farmer	700	So. Carolina	(ancestor)
		Susan	45	F			Kentucky	(ancestor)
		George	20	M	Farmer		Alabama	
		Samuel	18	M			" "	
		Caroline	16	F			" "	
		Susan	14	F			" "	
		*William	13	M			" "	(ancestor)
30 Sep 1850		Rebecca	10	F		" "		
	661	John Gill	25	M	Farmer	300	Alabama	(son of Samuel) #662 above
		Margaret	23	F			" "	
		Samuel	4	M			" "	
		John	3	M			" "	
		Susan	1	F			" "	
	663	Charles E. Gill	29	M	Farmer	500	Alabama	(son of Samuel) #662 above
		Eliza	24	F			So. Carolina	
		William	3	M			Alabama	
		Sarah	2	F			" "	
		Thomas	6/12	M			Mississippi	
215 (108)	730	Robert G. Lilly	28	M	Farmer	1000	So. Carolina	
		Ellen	25	F			" " "	
		Sarah	6	F			" "	
		Lafayette	4	M			Mississippi	
3 Oct. 1850		George	2	M			" " "	
		James Lilly	65	M	None		Ireland	(ancestor)
		John A. Lilly	24	M	Farmer		So. Carolina	
		James Lilly	22	M	"		" " "	

1850 - CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

017 (33)	253	S. A. Lilly	33	F			So. Carolina	{ Sarah "Sallie" A. (ancestor) dau. of Wm Walker #255 { (ancestor) Sarah Isabella
		Wm. L.	10	M			" " "	
		*S. I.	8	F			" " "	
		M. S.	6	F			" " "	
		J. A.	4	F			" " "	
7 Aug 1850		William Walker	67	M	Farmer	10,996	So. Carolina	(ancestor)
		Jenette	60	F			" " "	(ancestor)
		Jane I.	18	F			" " "	
	254	W. H. Walker	38	M	Farmer		So. Carolina	(Son of William) #255 above
		Nancy	27	F			" " "	
		William	6	M			" " "	
		Jane	4	F			" " "	
		P. W.	1	M			" " "	

* Future man and wife

(Items in () are clarifications not in original census.)

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in

in the County of Pontotoc State

of Mississippi enumerated by me, on the 4th day of Sept 1850. Andrew Clark Ass't Marshal.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Drability of person in case of rebellion	Female colored Persons	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Persons over 16 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned	Place of Birth Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the Year	Female colored Persons	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, Mute, pauper, or convict.		
1		60 60 James Smith	23	M	farmer		Geo.					
2		Prudence	20	f			Geo.					
3		Liza	2	f			Geo.					
4		Hannah	3	f			"					
5		Mary	1	f			Miss.					
6	61	61 John Gill	25	M	farmer	500	Geo.					
7		Margaret	22	f			"					
8		Harriet	4	M			"					
9		John	3	M			Miss.					
10		Susan	1	f			"					
11	62	62 Franklin Gill	53	M	farmer	500	Geo.					
12		Susan	40	f			"					
13		George	20	M	farmer		Geo.					
14		Samuel	18	M	"		"					
15		Rebecca	16	f			"					
16		Susan	11	f			"					
17		William	14	M			"					
18		Jillie	16	f			"					
19		Joseph Tyler	26	M	Chalser		unknown					
20	63	63 Charles Gill	29	M	farmer	500	Geo.					
21		Liza	24	f			Geo.					
22		William	3	M			Geo.					
23		Sarah	2	f			"					
24		Thomas	7	M			Miss.					
25	64	64 Henry Simpson	47	M	farmer		Geo.					
26		Mary	45	f			"					
27		Elizabeth	20	f			Geo.					
28		John	17	M	farmer		"					
29		Barney	14	M			"					
30		Margaret	11	f			"					
31		George	1	M			"					
32		Mary	1	f			"					
33		Liza	2	f			"					

1850 - Pontotoc County, Mississippi

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CHESTERVILLE'S DREAMS OF 1860 - AN ILLUSION

The sweat and tears expended to begin new lives, build homes, carve out and expand farms, nurture new businesses and create a village like Chesterville as reflected by the pages of the 1860 census were dreams that for all would be altered or delayed, and for many, completely ended.

The Civil War soon disrupted the lives and families of these Pontotoc County settlers. William M. Gill (family #1360), Samuel C. Gill (in family #1132) and William L. Lilly (family #1402), all single at the time, joined an infantry regiment formed from men from Pontotoc County. According to the book, Story of Pontotoc by E. T. Winston, 1931, local volunteer companies were mustered into state service when Fort Sumter was captured in April 1861. Company H, the "Coonawah Rifles," were mustered into the Second Mississippi Infantry Regiment at Chesterville March 1, 1861, and into the Confederate Army at Lynchburg, Virginia, May 10, 1861. Col. John Stone, later governor, commanded the regiment which was placed in the Davis Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee. William M. Gill mustered in later on April 1, 1862 and had to travel 850 miles to join his regiment. His older, married, brothers, Charles, John and George, who owned horses, ended up with Mississippi Cavalry regiments. Charles E. Gill became a Sgt in the 2nd Miss. Cavalry. When William was wounded at Gettysburg and sent home to recuperate, he was later recorded as AWOL, however, records show he had joined his brother Charles's cavalry regiment. After marching all over Virginia and southern Pennsylvania for 3 years with time in hospitals for illness or wounds, can anyone criticize him for choosing a regiment that fought on horseback in the Mississippi area? At Chesterville armys passed back and forth from 1862 to 1864. When General Beauregard evacuated Corinth Tupelo became his headquarters. Later, on 10 Jun 1864, General Bedford Forrest defeated a union force at Brices Crossroads about 12 miles north of Chesterville. Again on 14 and 15 July about 3 miles away the Battle of Tupelo took place in which the union troops repulsed a confederate attack. For the Chesterville families the war came to them.

CIVIL
WAR

b. 1821	Charles E. Gill Sgt. Co. B, 2 Miss. Cavalry	William M. Gill Pvt Co. B., 41 Miss Inf Pvt 1 Miss Cav.
b. 1825 Alabama	John W. Gill Corp. Co. I, 1 Miss Cavalry	Samuel Gill Pvt. Co. I, 1 Miss. Cavalry
b. 1797 Chester Co. South Carolina d 1850-9 Pontotoc Co., Mississippi	George W. Gill Pvt. Co. E., 8 Miss. Cav.	
b. 1830 Alabama	Samuel C. Gill Jr. Corp, Co H, 2 Miss Inf.	
b. 1832 Alabama	William Madison Gill Pvt, Co. H, 2 Miss Infantry Pvt Co. C. D., 2 Miss Cavalry	

b. 1797 Chester Co. South Carolina
d 1850-9 Pontotoc Co., Mississippi
Samuel C. Gill
m Susan Ewing
ca 1820

The GILL family of Chesterville, Pontotoc Co., Mississippi invested heavily in the Civil War. All five sons of Samuel C. Gill were soldiers with the Confederacy [CSA].

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The Wedding of Calvin A. Gill and "Ruth" Harrison

Calvin Atchley Gill, son of William and "Sally" (Lilly) Gill was born 30 October 1877 near Alvarado, Texas, Johnson County, on the Gill farm. Effie Catherine (Ruth), daughter of Bayless Green and Mary Permelia Harrison, was born 3 August 1880 near Pleasant Point, Johnson County. "Cal" and "Ruth" were married Sunday April 22, 1900 at the home of the bride's parents near West Valley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Woodson at 8 P.M.. Frank Metz, County Clerk and relatives of the bride donated the license. The attendants were Booker Dewese, John Rayburn, Tom Cooper, Sallie Owens, Emma Patterson and Andrew Kemp. Edna played the wedding march on the organ. The bride wore a white "Mult" dress, Booker a pink dress, Emma blue, Dollie, yellow and Edna, white. Xena sat on a floor pillow near Mama and cried during the ceremony not knowing what it all about. Immediately after the ceremony the guests retired to the side room kitchen where refreshments consisting of canned peaches and pound cake were served. The iron cook stove served as a table which was covered with a red checkered table cloth. The bride and groom spent the first night at the home of the bride. The following day the groom and the brides family went to the of home of his parents 6 miles in a wagon because the roads were very muddy, where an "Infair" was held, attended by many relatives and friends. They had a "sumsious" dinner with boiled custard called "Float" as desert. In the afternoon the bridal party of 8 drove to Alvarado, around the square, purchased 2 lbs of red stick candy, ate it, and dispersed for the day. The bride and groom returned to the home of the groom. The couple lived here about a year and moved to "Cassidy Hill" a two room house on a hill near Gill's Chapel and engaged in farming. They moved closer to Gill's Chapel where they lived until 1913 when they moved to Lillian for benefit of school. They purchased a six room house from David Howard. From 1913 to 1934 they lived in Lillian while Calvin traveled 4 miles to the farm by Gill Chapel each day to work. In 1934 they moved the house from Lillian to the farm. (The land Gill Chapel was located on had been donated by Calvin's father, William M. Gill, many years earlier.)

(Jack Gill, Calvin and Ruth's son provided this writeup from a letter by Xena Lulu Harrison, Ruth's sister)

Section B

Tale of Fort Gaston

Outpost named after slain officer

By Virginia K. Sparks
For The Union

In late November of 1858 a patrol set forth from Fort Humboldt with orders to set up a permanent base camp in the area of the Bald Hills.

The first camp, set up on a prairie, proved unfit when a strong wind blew down the tents. A second camp, on the west bank of the Trinity River in the Hoopa Valley, was relocated across the valley after the terrible flood of 1862-63 when the Trinity River went over its banks.

Set up on a flat that totaled 451.5 acres, Fort Gaston was named in honor of 2nd Lt. William Gaston of the 1st U.S. Dragoons, who was killed on May 17, 1858, while leading a patrol against Spokane Indians in Washington Territory.

The nearest railroad station was in Redding, 125 miles away. The mail left San Francisco on Tuesday and was at the railroad station on Wednesday. It was carried from Weaverville on pack trains to the post.

The coast mail went to Arcata and arrived there on Monday in summer and on Tuesday in winter.

Whiskey and quinine were used to treat nearly everything.

The nearest telegraph station was Arcata, 40 miles southwest of the post by mountain trail. The route was covered in 12 hours by horseback.

Supplies were sent from San Francisco by steamer to Arcata and carried to the post by mule train. A meat diet was supplemented by butter, eggs and milk purchased from local farmers. Vegetables were grown in large gardens.

Water for drinking and irrigation came from Upper and Lower creeks and was carried to the post by a 300-yard flume and then by a mile-long ditch.

Wood was contracted out, with a six-month supply kept on hand.

First Lt. James Halloran of the 12th Infantry, commanding the post on Jan. 3, 1877, reported that "this valley is well adapted to the raising of grains and vegetables without irrigation. There is a sawmill belonging to the Indian reservation about three miles from the post; a very fine quality of the post oak abounds on the surrounding hillsides. The distances to principal points are Orleans Bar by trail, 30 miles; Arcata by trail, 40 miles; Eureka by trail and road, 52 miles; Weaverville by trail, 85 miles."

The fort's buildings included barracks for two companies of infantrymen, officers' quarters, supply buildings, a hospital, laundry, magazine, library, blacksmith, carpenter's and painter's shop, and a bakery. All had shake roofs except the hospital, which had a shingle roof.

The hospital had two wards for 10 beds. The surgeon had the rank of an officer and was given first choice of living quarters after the commander had chosen. Whiskey and quinine were used to treat nearly everything.

The corral had two sheds capable of sheltering 40 animals. The stable held nine horses or mules.

Nearly all of the buildings were log or frame houses — except the quarters for four subalterns (lieutenants), which included an adobe building.

Fort Gaston was abandoned June 29, 1892, and was transferred over to the Department of the Interior.

There is nothing left of the old fort except a delapidated adobe building next to the Hoopa Valley library, on the street behind school buildings.

Grandfather of
Paula N (Gill) Miller

Johnston Co.
b. 30 Oct 1877, Alvarado, Texas
m. 23 Apr 1909, Mansfield, Texas
d. 15 Apr 1968, Alvarado, Texas

1. Gill, Calvin Atchley
m. Effie "Rube" Harrison

2. Gill, William Madison
wounded at
Gettysburg
15th 1864
C-11, 2nd Miss Infantry
Co D, 2nd Miss Cavalry
b. 8 August 1837, Alabama
d. 13 Feb 1917, Alvarado, Texas

3. Lilly, Sarah Isabella
b. Dec 1842, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 8 Aug 1885, Alvarado, Texas

4. Gill, Samuel C.
b. 1797-1822 Chester Co, S.C.
d. ca 1850/60 Pontiac Co, Mississippi

5. Ewing, Susan
b. 1805, Kentucky
d. 1880, Lee Co, Mississippi

6. Lilly, George Robertson
b. 23 Feb 1812, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1 Feb 1838, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 6 Oct 1848, Chester Co, S.C.

7. Walker, "Sally" A.
b. 11 Jan 1817, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 9 Oct 1888, Alvarado, Texas

8. Gill, Samuel
b. ca 1803, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1771, Chester Co, S.C.

9. Walker, William
b. 1790
d. 5 May 1860, Chester, S.C.

10. Gill, John
b. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.

11. McClure, Mary
b. 1794-1822 Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1822-1846, Alabama

12. Lilly, James
b. 1776, Abbeville, County Antrim, Ireland
m. 11th 1798, Ireland
d. 31 Jan 1863, Chasterville, Miss.

13. Gill, Robert
b. 1720, Ireland
d. 1804, Chester Co, S.C.

14. Cooper, Elinore
b. 1721
d. 13 Dec 1801, Chester Co, S.C.

15. McClure, James
b. 1801
d. 1801

16. Goston, Mary
b. 1801
d. 1801

17. Porter, John?
b. 1720, County Armagh, Ireland

18. Gill, Robert
b. 1784
m. 11 Dec 1806
d. 20 Jun 1843, Chester, S.C.

19. Gill, Col. Archibald
b. 1757
d. 12 Oct 1803

20. Mills, Mary Ann
b. 1789
d. 1803

21. Walker, Philip
b. 1747, County Antrim, Ireland
d. ca 1814 or 1820, Alabama

22. Wylie, Isabella
b. 1755, County Antrim, Ireland
d. 1885, Perry Co, Ala

23. Gill, Samuel
b. 1797-1822 Chester Co, S.C.
d. ca 1850/60 Pontiac Co, Mississippi

24. Dick, Agnes
b. 1802
d. 1802

25. McClure, Hugh
b. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.

26. Porter, Jane
b. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.
d. 1803, Chester Co, S.C.

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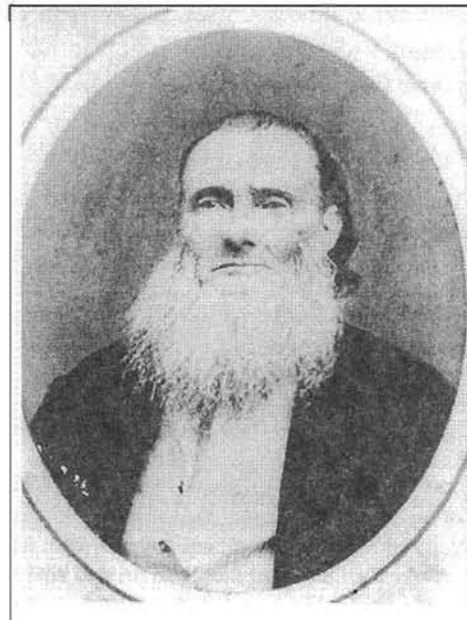
Submitted by: Lt. Mark B. Guevarra

"A GILL MARRIAGE"

John was born in October of 1810 in Chester County, South Carolina. He was the fourth son and youngest of six children of Colonel George Gill, and the only child of the Colonel by his second wife, Jane Cooper Gill. John was baptized by his father at Fishing Creek Church on June 2, 1811.⁷³

In November of 1836, John bought 100 acres of land on Fishing Creek in Chester County for \$1000 from his brother, Christopher. The land bordered their father's property and was part of 168 acres that Christopher had bought on the same day. Their father served as a witness for both land transactions.⁷⁴ John later bought another 15 acres of Chester County land from Christopher in October of 1845.⁷⁵ In August of 1849, John sold 41 acres of Chester County land to Thomas Moore.⁷⁶

Around 1837, John married Eliza Susannah Gill, the daughter of Captain George Gill and Elizabeth Susanna Thompson. John and Eliza were distant cousins, as John's grandfather and Eliza's great-grandfather were brothers who had migrated together to the Chester County area in the 1760's. In 1840, John and Eliza lived in Chester



John Green Berry Gill

County next door to John's father, Colonel George Gill, and owned seven slaves.⁷⁷



Eliza Susannah Gill

The 1840's must have been a hard time for John and Eliza. The couple's first and second child both died in infancy during this decade,⁷⁸ and John and Eliza lost their remaining parents. John served as executor of his father's will upon his death in July of 1844,⁷⁹ administrator of Eliza's father's estate upon his death in January of 1847,⁸⁰ and as executor of his mother's will in April of the same year.⁸¹

By 1850, times were better for the family. John and Eliza had successfully started their family, and John at that time valued his farm real estate at \$3500.⁸² By 1860, he and Eliza were blessed with six children and their farm had grown to \$9000 in real estate and \$27,000 in personal property in the Lewisville township of Chester County.⁸³ A singular honor had come to John in 1856 when he was appointed as a Chester County magistrate.⁸⁴

John passed away in August of 1878, and he was laid to rest at Fishing Creek Church with Masonic honors conducted by Rich Hill Lodge, of which he had been a member for many years.⁸⁵ Eliza passed away only five years later, in May of 1883,⁸⁶ after enjoying a few years of her grandchildren's company.⁸⁷ Her estate settlement was administrated by her son-in-law, James Wylie Knox.⁸⁸ The passing of both John and Eliza were recorded in a bible belonging to another son-in-law, Samuel Knox.⁸⁹

The will of John Green Berry Gill, written on January 11th, 1878, and probated later that same year, tells us many things about the man. First and foremost, he was a man of the land, as his ancestors of generations before him had been. He was a good, and extremely just, father. As a husband, he devoted his life to taking care of the woman who had given him so many children, and ensured arrangements were made for that care to continue when he

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. B. Gill". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a decorative flourish at the end.

Signature of John Green Berry Gill

himself could no longer serve that role. He was, in addition to a large-scale farmer, a blacksmith, a cattleman, a shepherd, a gin maker, a hunter, a multi-talented musician, and last, but in no way least, a man who lived by the word of God. In his own words:

“State of South Carolina

Chester County

In the name of God Amen

I John G. B. Gill of the county and state aforesaid being in good health and of sound and disposing mind, but calling to mind the certainty of death do make declare and ordain this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke annul and cancel every and all other wills whatsoever by me heretofore made.

Item 1 I will and bequeath and devise to my wife Eliza S. Gill all my plantation, four hundred and sixty acres of land more or less with the dwelling house I now reside in, and all the other buildings on said land with the machinery and tools, thereto belonging also all my personal property of horses, mules, stock of cattle, sheep, hogs, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, provisions, Buggy & C [cart], for and during her natural life, and from and immediately after her death, I devise the above said land and personal property to be divided as follows. Except the personal property that I have devised to my son G. Lucian E. Gill and my daughters Mary J. Jordan, Louisa H. Gill, Amanda W. Gill and my grandson Green Gill Jordan at my death.

Item 2 I will bequeath and devise to my son G. Lucian E. Gill at the death of my wife Eliza S. Gill, the South East part of my land or plantation, above mentioned; willed and bequeathed to my wife Eliza S. Gill during her natural life: One hundred and Eighty acres of land, together with the house I now reside in, the Gin house and machinery, the Black Smith Shop and tools, and all the other buildings on said land to be his and his bodily heirs forever.

Item 3 I will and bequeath and devise to my daughters Louisa H. Gill, Sarah R. Knox, and Amanda W. Gill, the remainder of my land Two hundred and Eighty acres more or less (not including Fifty acres I deeded lately to my daughter Mary J. Jordan) to be equally divided between them to be theirs and their assigns forever.

Item 4 I will and bequeath that the personal property, at the death of my wife Eliza S. Gill, and not disposed of otherwise, be sold and be divided between my daughters Louisa H. Gill and Amanda W. Gill share and share alike.

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my son G. Lucian E. Gill at my death my desk, Father's likeness, Gold Watch and Medal, Rifle Gun and violin to be his and his son forever.

Item 6 I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary J. Jordan Five head of sheep, my carriage and Ten dollars to be at her disposal.

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my daughter Louisa H. Gill one bedstead and bedding, bureau, piano, sewing machine and side saddle to be hers and her heirs forever.

Item 8 I give and bequeath to my daughter Amanda W. Gill one bedstead and bedding, mahogany centre table, bureau, candle stand and side saddle to be hers and her heirs forever.

Item 9 I will and give to my grandson Green Gill Jordan my double barrel shotgun and my writing desk to be his.

Item 10 I will and desire at my death that all my just debts be paid out of the money I may have and so much of the personal property as may be needed. Or otherwise as my Executors and legatees may desire.

Item 11 I desire and entreat my son G. Lucian E. Gill and my daughters Louisa H. Gill, Sarah R. Knox and Amanda W. Gill, When my Grandson Green Gill Jordan arrives to the age of Twenty one, Each one to give him Fifty dollars in all Two hundred dollars or sooner if he actually needs it.

Item 12 In consideration for What I have devised to my son G. Lucian E. Gill, I do hereby enjoin on him to take special care of his Mother and sisters, particular his Mother. She is the person that brought him into the World, took care of him when he could not take care of himself, watched over him with a mother's love night and day, and now in her old age and infirmities, I entreat as the last request of his Father to attend to her and see that she lives comfortable and happy through life and God will reward him, his command is, Honour thy Father and Mother that thy days may be long on the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Item 13 And lastly I do constitute and appoint my Son G. Lucian E. Gill, my son in law James W. Knox my executors of this my last will and testament by me made, in Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seventy Eight in the one hundred and Second year of the Sovereignty (sic) and independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed, Published and

John G. B. Gill {LS}

declared by the above named

John G. B. Gill to be his last will

and testament in the presence

of us who have hereunto subscribed

our names as witnesses in the

presence of each other

J. N. Whiteside

J. J. Mearion

John S. Knox," 90



Markers of
John Green Berry Gill (above)
and Eliza Susannah Gill (right)
at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Children of John Green Berry Gill and Eliza Susannah Gill:

4.4.6.1	son	b. 1838
4.4.6.2	Susan A. Gill	b. 12 Sep 1842
4.4.6.3	Mary Jane Gill	b. 03 Mar 1845
4.4.6.4	Elizabeth A. Gill	b. 05 Nov 1847
4.4.6.5	George Lucian E. Gill	b. 1849
4.4.6.6	Louisa H. Gill	b. 1852
4.4.6.7	Sarah Rebecca Gill	b. 27 Apr 1854
4.4.6.8	Amanda Wylie Gill	b. 17 Jun 1856
4.4.6.9	Frances G. Gill	b. 16 Jan 1859

4.4.6.1 son b. 1838, Chester Co., SC d. 01 Mar 1841, Chester Co., SC bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

4.4.6.2 Susan A. Gill b. 12 Sep 1842, Chester Co., SC d. 01 May 1843, Chester Co., SC bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

4.4.6.3 Mary Jane Gill b. 03 Mar 1845, Chester Co., SC d. 13 Sep 1912, Chester Co., SC bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC m. 1865, Dr. George W. Jordan b. 17 Oct 1835, SC d. 20 Jan 1906, Chester Co., SC bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.⁹¹

Children of Dr. George W. Jordan and Mary Jane Gill Jordan:⁹²

4.4.6.3.1	Green Gill Jordan	b. 12 Oct 1866
4.4.6.3.2	George Uriah Jordan	b. 1869
4.4.6.3.3	Margaret "Maggie" E. Jordan	b. 25 Jun 1870
4.4.6.3.4	Lucien Hall Jordan	b. Oct 1874
4.4.6.3.5	Mary Emily Jordan	b. Mar 1880
4.4.6.3.6	---	b. & d. <1900

4.4.6.4 Elizabeth A. Gill b. 05 Nov 1847 d. 08 Oct 1848 bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

4.4.6.5 George Lucian Eugene Gill ⁹³ b. 1849 m. 1) Emma Frances Betts 2) Minnie C. Shurley b. 1858.

Children of George Lucian Eugene Gill

4.4.6.5.1	Shirley W. Gill	b. 1890
4.4.6.5.2	George Alexander Gill, Sr.	b. 1891
4.4.6.5.3	Azile Gill	b. 1895
4.4.6.5.4	John Green Gill	
4.4.6.5.5	Mary Gill	

4.4.6.7 Sarah Rebecca Gill b. 27 Apr 1854, Chester Co., SC d. 16 Aug 1925, Chester Co., SC bur. Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC m. 12 Mar 1874, James Wylie Knox b. 07 Mar 1852, Chester Co., SC d. 30 Apr 1927, Chester Co., SC bur. Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

Children of James Wylie Knox and Sarah Rebecca Gill Knox:

4.4.6.7.1	James Gill Knox	b. 21 Feb 1875
4.4.6.7.2	William Green Knox	b. 18 Mar 1877
4.4.6.7.3	Frances Rebecca Knox	b. 23 Aug 1879
4.4.6.7.4	Emma Janie Knox	b. 29 Apr 1882
4.4.6.7.5	Emma Eliza Knox	b. 07 Sep 1885
4.4.6.7.6	Sarah "Ella" Ellen Virginia Knox	b. 01 May 1890
4.4.6.7.7	Samuel Jordan Knox	b. 14 Feb 1894

4.4.6.8 Amanda Wylie Gill b. 17 Jun 1856, Chester Co., SC d. 11 Jun 1924, Chester Co., SC bur. Evergreen Cem., Chester Co., SC m. 16 Jan 1879, Samuel Knox b. 26 Jul 1858, Chester Co., SC d. 25 Jun 1929, Chester Co., SC bur. Evergreen Cem., Chester Co., SC.

Children of Samuel Knox and Amanda Wylie Gill Knox:

4.4.6.8.1	Franklin Wylie Knox	b. 22 Dec 1879
4.4.6.8.2	Susan Amanda Knox	b. 15 Jun 1881
4.4.6.8.3	infant daughter	b. 04 Mar 1883
4.4.6.8.4	Janie Gill Knox	b. 28 Dec 1884
4.4.6.8.5	Rebecca Elizabeth Knox	b. 09 Jan 1887
4.4.6.8.6	William Samuel Knox	b. 17 Mar 1889
4.4.6.8.7	Johnnie George Knox	b. 25 Feb 1891
4.4.6.8.8	Lucian Berry Knox	b. 22 Apr 1892
4.4.6.8.9	Margaret Inez Knox	b. 16 Jul 1895

4.4.6.8.2 Susan Amanda Knox b. 15 Jun 1881, Chester Co., SC d. 28 Feb 1954, Chester Co., SC bur. Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC m. 23 Oct 1900, Chester Co., SC, William Joseph Bennett b. 03 Feb 1877, Chester Co., SC d. 04 Feb 1957, Chester Co., SC bur. Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

4.4.6.9 Frances G. Gill b. 16 Jan 1859, Chester Co., SC d. 04 Oct 1870, Chester Co., SC bur. Fishing Creek Presbyterian Ch. Cem., Chester Co., SC.

The author is the eldest grandson of Johnnie Gill Bennett, who was the son of William Joseph Bennett and Susan Amanda Knox Bennett. He may be contacted by writing to 148 NW Doncee Dr., Bremerton, WA, 98311.

¹ Thomas Franklin Gill, History of the Gill Family (Hannibal, Missouri: 1893), pp. 5-10; Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 2; Elmer Oris Parker, "The First Gills in Chester County, South Carolina", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1986), Vol. IX, No. 4, pp. 103-104; and Elizabeth F. Ellett, Women of the Revolution (New York: Baker and Scribner, 1850) as cited in James Aaron Hendleman, Jr., Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV, The Hendleman Genealogy, Gill Branch (Annandale, Virginia: 1982), pp. 1-2.

² The wife of Hugh Cooper is contended by two researchers, James Aaron Hendleman, Jr., (Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV, The Hendleman Genealogy, Gill Branch (Annandale, Virginia: 1982), group sheet 320) and Lesbia Word Roberts (Hugh Cooper (1720-1793) of Fishing Creek, South Carolina, and His Descendants (Fort Worth, Texas: 1975), p. 1), to have been a sister of Robert Gill. This conclusion is based on one interpretation of the fact that Hugh Cooper was the brother-in-law of Robert Gill (Draper Manuscript 4VV12-13 owned by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin) and has been challenged by other researchers. Dr. and Mrs. Mavis Parrott Kelsey, Sr., (Samuel Kelso/Kelsey 1720-1796 (Houston, Texas: 1984), pp. 396-397) explain the brother-in-law relationship by contending that Robert Gill married Eleanor Cooper, sister of Hugh Cooper. The explanation of the relationship supported by strongest evidence has been made by Elmer Oris Parker ("The Coopers of Fishing Creek," Heritage History of Chester County, South Carolina, 1982 (Dallas, Texas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1982), p. 142), who contends that Hugh Cooper and Robert Gill married Kelsey sisters, Mary and Eleanor, respectively. This is supported by several established relationships, namely: 1) Hugh Cooper was a brother-in-law of Robert Gill, 2) Alexander Pagan was a nephew of Robert Gill and John Mills, 3) Janet Kelsey Pagan was a first cousin of Hugh Cooper's children, 4) Robert Cooper, son of Hugh Cooper, was a nephew of John Mills, and 5) The New York Mercury article of November 8, 1762. Though some of these relationships may be explained by a Gill or Mills surname for Hugh's wife, only the Kelsey surname satisfactorily explains all of these relationships. For further reading, see Dr. and Mrs. Mavis Parrott Kelsey, Sr., (Samuel Kelso/Kelsey 1720-1796 (Houston, Texas: 1984), pp. 396-397; Elmer Oris Parker, "The Cooper-Amberson Connection," The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1985), Vol. VIII, No. II, June 1985, pp. 41-42, and article by the same name in South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research; Elmer Oris Parker, "The Coopers of Fishing Creek," Heritage History of Chester County, South Carolina, 1982 (Dallas, Texas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1982), p. 142; and Lesbia Word Roberts, "Cooper-Hamilton", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1985), Vol. VIII, No. III, September 1985, p. 90.

³ Elizabeth F. Ellett, Women of the Revolution (New York: Baker and Scribner, 1850); Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986); and James Aaron Hendleman, Jr., Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV, The Hendleman Genealogy, Gill Branch (Annandale, Virginia: 1982). The latter, while an excellent genealogical piece, does contain some errors due to the common confusion encountered in differentiating between John Gill (ca. 1748-ca. Aug 1791) and John Gill (ca. 1727-17 Jul 1797). These include, in Hendleman's Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV, The Hendleman Genealogy, Gill Branch: 1) (p.2/para.1; Group Sheet 160; and p. 1 of GILL-160) Samuel is the son of John Gill (d. 1791), not John Gill (d. 1797). This error stems from an inappropriate reference in the same paragraph to the will of John Gill (d. 1791) as described in 2). 2) (p.2/para.1) John Gill (d. 1797) wrote his will in February of 1797 (probated Sep 1797), not 1790. The 1790 will belonged to John Gill (d. 1791), and was written in November 1790 (probated Apr 1791). Though this error is made on page two, the date of John Gill (d. 1797)'s will is later correctly referenced by Hendleman in Group Sheet (160) of the Hendleman work. 3) (p. 1 of GILL-160) Agnes, who "died after 15 Nov 1791", was the wife of John Gill (d. 1791), not John Gill (d. 1797). Observation of the will (written Feb 1797, probated Sep 1797) of John Gill (d. 1797) demonstrates he did not "outlive Sarah." This error also stems from the inappropriate reference described in 2) above. 4) (Group Sheet 320.1) Not an error per say, but Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 5, and Elmer Oris Parker, "The First Gills in Chester County, South Carolina", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1986), Vol. IX, No. 4, pp. 103-104, take exception to William Gill and Jane/Jennet Gill as claimed, but unproven, children of Robert and Eleanor Gill.

⁴ Laurence K. Wells, "Some Early Settlers on Fishing Creek," The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (Columbia, South Carolina: 1979), Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 82; and North Carolina, Lincoln County Courthouse land record, Book 1, p. 171, January 15, 1770, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 11. The 600 acres were originally bought by Robert Gill from William Love on January 15, 1770 and, after a 1772 boundary adjustment, then regranted to Robert on February 3, 1775.

⁵ South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book B, p. 111, January 18, 1778.

⁶ South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book A, p. 182, April 3, 1787.

⁷ Laurence K. Wells, "Some Early Settlers on Fishing Creek," The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (Columbia, South Carolina: 1979), Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 82.

⁸ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 21, package 337, signed June 29, 1804, and probated August 4, 1804.

⁹ Lyman C. Draper Collection of the University of Wisconsin; research by Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey, and Lesbia Word Roberts of Texas; Elizabeth F. Ellett, Women of the Revolution (New York: Baker and Scribner, 1850), Vol. 3, pp. 276-289; Eva Turner Clark, Abstracts from Records in Southern States and Genealogical Notes; and The Chester News, 5 and 12 October

1966; as cited in James Aaron Hendleman, Jr., Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV. The Hendleman Genealogy. Gill Branch (Annandale, Virginia: 1982); Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek. Chester County. South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 5; Elmer Oris Parker, "The First Gills in Chester County, South Carolina", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1986), Vol. IX, No. 4, pp. 103-104. The last source takes exception to William Gill (2.5) and Jane/Jennet Gill (2.11) as claimed, but unproven, children of Robert and Eleanor Gill.

¹⁰ Laurence K. Wells, "Some Early Settlers on Fishing Creek," The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (Columbia, South Carolina: 1979), Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 82.

¹¹ Memorial Return, Vol. 13, p. 231, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek. Chester County. South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 29.

¹² South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book A, p. 182, April 3, 1787.

¹³ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 24, package 352, probated April 12, 1791. Note: this probate file is often the cause of some confusion if the original is not consulted, for the WPA transcript photographed on microfilm has an incorrect apt. #, package #, probate date, and text errors.

¹⁴ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 24, package 352, probated April 12, 1791. Note: this probate file is often the cause of some confusion if the original is not consulted, for the WPA transcript photographed on microfilm has an incorrect apt. #, package #, probate date, and text errors.

¹⁵ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse administration file, apt. 22, package 313, administrated December 1803, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek. Chester County. South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 24.

¹⁶ Except where otherwise noted, information on the family of George Gill is taken from the bible of George Gill and Elizabeth Susanna Thompson Gill held by Mr. John Frampton and provided to the author courtesy of Virginia Godfrey Nolte.

¹⁷ Elmer Oris Parker, "Colonel George Gill", Heritage History of Chester County. South Carolina. 1982 (Dallas, Texas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1982), p. 207.

¹⁸ Frances Lyle Sample and Willie McElwee Lyle, The Lyle and Strait Families (Clover, South Carolina: Westmoreland Printers, Inc., 1980), p. 115.

¹⁹ June 1995 letter of Mr. Elmer Oris Parker. [Mr. Parker is a former archivist for the National Archives in Washington, D.C., contributor to the Chester District Genealogical Society's The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester County Genealogical Society), and co-compiler of Early Records of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church. Chester County. South Carolina. 1799-1859 (Greenville, S.C. : A Press, Inc., 1980) among other works.] Mr. Parker's information has not been verified by this author.

²⁰ 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. 28.

²¹ 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. 29.

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. 32.

²³ 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. 36.

²⁴ 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. 43.

²⁵ South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book H, p. 22, October 22, 1815.

²⁶ Laurence K. Wells, "Some Early Settlers on Fishing Creek," The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (Columbia, South Carolina: 1979), Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 82; and North Carolina, Lincoln County Courthouse land record, Book 1, p. 171, January 15, 1770, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek. Chester County. South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 11. The 600 acres were originally bought by Robert Gill from William Love on January 15, 1770 and, after a 1772 boundary adjustment, then regranted to Robert on February 3, 1775.

²⁷ South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book A, p. 182, April 3, 1787.

²⁸ South Carolina, York County Courthouse land record, Book H, p. 22, October 22, 1815.

²⁹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book R, pp. 230-231, December 25, 1815.

³⁰ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1255, January 22, 1847.

³¹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate files, apts. 21 and 25, packages 317 and 362, respectively, as cited in Barbara R. and Shirley P. Langdon, Chester County Marriages 1778-1879 Implied in Chester County, S.C., Probate and Equity Records (Barnwell, South Carolina: 1985, 1989), p. 23.

³² Patriot Index (Washington, D.C.: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1966); Salley, A.S. (ed.), Documents Relating to the History of South Carolina During the Revolutionary War (Columbia, South Carolina: The Historical Commission of South Carolina, 1908), p. 51; Audited Accounts in the South Carolina Archives No. 2826, Stub Indent Nos. M332 and Z83, and "Annuities for Persons Hurt in the Service of the State, 1778-1786" and "House of Representative

Claims and Pension Reports, 1787-1796", South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina; and Rolls of the South Carolina Continental Regiments, 1775-1783, National Archives, Washington, D.C., M246, Roll 89; as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), p. 356.

³³ Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, SC: 1986), p. 25.

³⁴ "In the olden days, as some times happens today, men of influence had their personal difficulties", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester County Genealogical Society, 1980), Vol. III, No. 2, p. 31.

³⁵ 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. 148.

³⁶ "In the olden days, as some times happens today, men of influence had their personal difficulties", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester County Genealogical Society, 1980), Vol. III, No. 2, p. 31.

³⁷ The Camden Journal, Wednesday, August 21, 1844, Vol. 5, No. 33, page 3 (reprinted from The Temperance Advocate), Camden Archives and Museum, Camden, South Carolina.

³⁸ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 24, package 352, probated 12 April 1791; and several South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land records in Books J and L.

³⁹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 25, package 362, probated 16 November 1803.

⁴⁰ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 25, package 362, probated 16 November 1803.

⁴¹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 25, package 362, probated 16 November 1803.

⁴² Thomas Franklin Gill, History of the Gill Family (Hannibal, Missouri: 1893), pp. 8-9.

⁴³ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book A, p. 124.

⁴⁴ Memorial Return, Vol. 11, p. 453, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 29; and South Carolina, Chester County land records, Book A, pp. 124 and 106.

⁴⁵ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land records, Book A, pp. 124-128, September 2, 1774.

⁴⁶ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book A, pp. 105-107, January 3, 1776.

⁴⁷ Laurence K. Wells, "Some Early Settlers on Fishing Creek," The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (Columbia, South Carolina: 1979), Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 82; and South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land records, Books C, G, and P, pp. 318, 112, and 173, October 5, 1790, April 1, 1796, and January 28, 1812, respectively.

⁴⁸ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land records, Books C and G, pp. 318 and 112, respectively, October 5, 1790, and April 1, 1796.

⁴⁹ Audited Account in the South Carolina Archives No. 2831, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.

⁵⁰ Francis B. Heitman (ed.), Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution, April 1775 to December 1783 (Washington, D.C.: Lowdermilk, 1890), p. 248; Revolutionary War Pension Files S31061/R4023/ R4024/S21229 in the National Archives of Washington, D.C., Audited Accounts in the South Carolina Archives Nos. 2827/2829, and Stub Indent Nos. X330/M314 in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina, as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), pp. 356-357.

⁵¹ 1790 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester District, p.13.

⁵² South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 21, package 334, probated 05 Sept 1797.

⁵³ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 21, package 334, probated 05 Sept 1797.

⁵⁴ Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 4; Elmer Oris Parker, "The First Gills in Chester County, South Carolina", The Bulletin (Richburg, South Carolina: Chester District Genealogical Society, 1986), Vol. IX, No. 4, p. 104; and James Aaron Hendleman, Jr., Southern Gill Genealogy : Vol. IV. The Hendleman Genealogy, Gill Branch (Annandale, Virginia: 1982), group sheet 160. The last reference erroneously attributes an additional child, Samuel Gill, to the children of John and Sarah Duncan Gill (see footnote 3 above).

⁵⁵ Revolutionary War Pension File S21229, National Archives, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 31.

⁵⁶ Revolutionary War Pension Files S31061 and R4023, National Archives, as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), p. 356-357.

⁵⁷ Revolutionary War Pension File S31061, National Archives, as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), p. 357.

⁵⁸ Revolutionary War Pension File R4023, National Archive, as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), p. 356-357.

⁵⁹ Revolutionary War Pension File S21229, National Archives, as cited in Mrs. James W. Crowder, Gill of Fishing Creek, Chester County, South Carolina (Chester, South Carolina: 1986), p. 31.

⁶⁰ Audited Account in the South Carolina Archives No. 2827 and Stub Indent No. M314, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina; The Camden Journal, August 21, 1844; Revolutionary War Pension File

S21229, National Archives; as cited in Bobby Gilmer Moss, Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), p. 356-357.

⁶¹ Thomas C. Dondy, A Digest of the Laws of the United States and the State of South Carolina. Now of Force. Relating to the Militia (Charleston, South Carolina: 1830), p. 30, as cited in Jean Martin Flynn, "South Carolina's Compliance with the Militia Act of 1792", South Carolina Historical Magazine, p. 35.

⁶² Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1981), Vol. III, 1775-1790, pp. 265-266.

⁶³ Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1981), Vol. III, 1775-1790, pp. 265-266.

⁶⁴ Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1981), Vol. III, 1775-1790, pp. 265-266.

⁶⁵ 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. 6, 22, and 30.

⁶⁶ 1840 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 305A-306B.

⁶⁷ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, Book CC, p. 532.

⁶⁸ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1254, admitted to probate 17 July 1844.

⁶⁹ The Camden Journal, Wednesday, August 21, 1844, Vol. 5, No. 33, page 3 (reprinted from The Temperance Advocate), Camden Archives and Museum, Camden, South Carolina.

⁷⁰ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1254, admitted to probate 17 July 1844.

⁷¹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1259, probated April 5, 1847.

⁷² South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1254, admitted to probate 17 July 1844, and Elmer Oris Parker, "Colonel George Gill", Heritage History of Chester County, South Carolina, 1982 (Dallas, Texas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1982), p. 207. Note: the Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1981), Vol. III, 1775-1790, pp. 265-266, erroneously attributes George Gill (11 Sep 1786-05 Jan 1847) as the son of Colonel George Gill (1761-08 Jul 1844). The former George Gill, known as Captain George Gill (or Blacksmith George Gill by his descendants), is the son of John and Agnes Gill, and is related to Colonel Gill but is not his son. Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1981), Vol. III, 1775-1790, pp. 265-266, acknowledges in footnote its inability to distinguish between Colonel Gill and his uncle, clockmaker George Gill (ca. 1730-1795), and their relative, Blacksmith George Gill, in the 1790 census but states definitively "the House member was the Revolutionary soldier and state militia colonel."

⁷³ 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. 30.

⁷⁴ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, November 1836, Book BB, pp. 21-23.

⁷⁵ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, October 1845, Book FF, p. 86.

⁷⁶ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse land record, August 1849, Book GG, p. 453.

⁷⁷ 1840 Federal Censuses, South Carolina, Chester County, pp. 305A, 305B, 306A, and 306B.

⁷⁸ An infant son in March of 1841 and a daughter, Susanna, in May of 1843. Both of the children are buried at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Chester County, South Carolina.

⁷⁹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1254, admitted to probate 17 July 1844.

⁸⁰ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1255, January 22, 1847.

⁸¹ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 80, package 1259, probated April 5, 1847.

⁸² 1850 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, p. 97.

⁸³ 1860 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, p. 131 (66A).

⁸⁴ The Chester Standard, January 3, 1856.

⁸⁵ Obituary in The Chester Reporter, August 22, 1878.

⁸⁶ Obituary in The Chester Reporter, May 24, 1883; and marker at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Chester County, South Carolina.

⁸⁷ 1880 Federal Censuses, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, ED 42, p. 18.

⁸⁸ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 148, package 815, July 6, 1883.

⁸⁹ Two daughters of John Green Berry Gill and Eliza Susannah Gill, Amanda Wylie and Sarah Rebecca, married Knox brothers, Samuel and James Wylie, respectively.

⁹⁰ South Carolina, Chester County Courthouse probate file, apt. 143, package 718, September 2, 1878.

⁹¹ "In Loving Remembrance," Chester newspaper, ca. September 1912, held by Carol Ann Bennett Guevarra.

⁹² 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Federal Censuses, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, p. 159, ED 42/p. 5, ED 13/p. 7B, ED 28/p. 19B, respectively.

⁹³ 1910 Federal Census, South Carolina, Chester County, Lewisville township, ED 28, pp. 18A-B; and Lesbia Word Roberts, Hugh Cooper (1720-1793) of Fishing Creek, South Carolina, and his Descendants (Fort Worth, Texas: 1975), p. 34.

SUBMITTED BY: DALE STEELE. The description of my grandparents' wedding is from a hand-written copy in the Bible of my great aunt. I thought you might enjoy the wonderful hyperbole!

**THE WEDDING OF ROBERT ROSS STEELE
AND SARA ISABELLA MILLS**

AS DESCRIBED BY "ONE PRESENT" AND PUBLISHED IN THE YOUNG WORKER, THIS ACCOUNT WAS COPIED BY HAND INTO BEATRICE MILLS KIRKLAND'S BIBLE NOW OWNED BY ROGER AND MATTIE LEE RUTLAND IN COLUMBIA, SC.

"A social event in which the two Carolinas figured was the marriage on Wednesday evening, January 10, 1894 of Mr. R. Ross Steele of Huntersville, NC to Miss Sallie I. Mills of Blackstock, SC, at the residence of the bride's Father, Major E. M. Mills. The spacious parlors and hallways had been beautifully decorated by loving hands, and in the midst of a large concourse of invited friends, these two lives were blended into one. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Edna Mills, and the party entered the parlor in the following order: Master Edward Caldwell and little Miss Mattie Belle Mills, Mr. Alexander MacDonald and Miss Annie May Lipsey, Mr. R. E. Shannon and Miss Janette Patrick, Mrs. S. T. Holbrook and Miss Alice McDaniel, Rev. J. A. Smith and Miss Sue Thorn, Mr. I. B. Beard, and Miss Adalize Thorn, Mr. G. F. Steele and Miss Mattie Mills and lastly came the fair and beautiful bride on the arm of the groom.

The ceremony making these two hearts beat as one was performed by Rev. J.C. Boyd, Uncle of the bride of New Stirling, NC assisted by Rev. J.A. White of Blackstock, SC after which all repaired to the dining room and enjoyed a sumptuous feast. The popularity of the bride was fully attested by the many elegant and costly presents which she received from admiring friends.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Steele started for their North Carolina home accompanied by a party of friends. After spending the night at the Arlington Hotel Charlotte, the journey was resumed Friday morning and at 12 o'clock arrived at Huntersville and was tendered a reception at the groom's Father Mr. R.R. Steele, Sr. where the table was again laden with the good things of life and many friends had gathered to welcome the "Tar Heel" home this accomplished daughter of the sister Carolina - and congratulated the groom on being so fortunate as to capture so valuable a prize. While we speak of the bride in such flattering terms we feel we have yet failed to do her justice and that our vocabulary of words is insufficient to bestow upon her such praise as she so richly merits, yet we cannot refrain from congratulating her for the many noble qualities of the husband she has chosen and we again congratulate both and bespeak for them very many long happy and prosperous years.

Being from the Old North State we have two things that we want to impress upon our boys, and that is that Chester and Fairfield Counties have more genuine hospitality and more pretty girls (and we are a judge of both articles) than any place we have ever been, and our parting injunction is - boys, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."



We are sorry to hear about the death of **Laura Wylie McCrorey Conniffe** of Lexington, SC. She died Monday, April 18, 1997, at the Presbyterian Home in Lexington. Born in Chester County, she was a daughter of the late John Turner and Sarah Eunice Wylie McCrorey. She attended the Women's College at Due West (now Erskine College) and before her marriage, taught school in Chester and Jasper Counties. She later worked for Conniffe Engraving Company and Gudmundson and Buyck Jewelers. She was a lifelong Presbyterian and was baptized at Catholic Presbyterian Church in Chester County. A devoted Christian, she was a member of Shandon Presbyterian Church for over 65 years, where she taught Sunday school and served as secretary of the Women of the Church. Until her death, there were five generations attending Shandon Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a daughter, Mary Wylie C. Cely of Columbia; grandsons, Claude Merritt Cely, Jr., John Emmett Cely, Robert Wylie Cely, and Patrick Conniffe Cely and their families, including 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Q U E R I E S

The 97-51 Query in the March issue was from M. N. Boyd, 1119 Lincoln, Alice, TX 78332.

97-58. **WILL PORTER - HUGH McCAIN:** Sara M. Stewart, 16100 Fieldcrest Rd., Laurinburg, SC 28352 interested if anyone knows where **WILL PORTER** who lived in the Van Wyke area of Lancaster Co. in 1780-1810 (at least) came from and who his wife was? Also, interested in proof of whether **HUGH McCAIN**, known as Hugh of the Waxhaws, was born in Ireland. Orig. he came from Pennsylvania. He lived in the Waxhaw area from 1755 (a deed for land in what is now Union County is in the possession of a family member).

97-59. **PATRICIA TOMBS BAKER KING:** Bill Jamieson, 4009 Hargill Dr., Orlando, FL 32806 have tried to contact **PATRICIA TOMBS BAKER KING** re her article in the March, 1996 edition and she has moved without a forwarding address. As she has written about the Tombs Family, unknown to us until this time, we would especially like to share some info on early ancestors in Chester County with her. Do you happen to have a new address for her, other than 62 Mountain St., Bristol, VT 05443?

97-60. **JAMES GASTON:** Lena G. Callaway, 128 Hilley Road, Whitesburg, GA 30185-9308 would appreciate help for the parents of **JAMES GASTON** b. 9-30-1793 Chester SC d. 4-8-1860, Roanoke, ALA, m. Elizabeth Burno b. 11-17-1798 Ire. d. 5-20-1831, Newton Co., GA two sons b in SC-William B. and Samuel Burns Gaston. They belong to the Hopewell ARP Newton Co., GA from Union ARP Church, SC. Will pay all expenses.

97-61. **ROBERT H. PORTER:** Marsha Harris, 8540 Woodward Dr., Richmond, VA 23236 seeking any info on parents, siblings of **ROBERT H. PORTER** b. ca. 1831 in Lancaster Dist. SC m. Laura Cleone Patterson 1859. Fought with Company H 4th SC Cavalry. Died August 1864, Raleigh, N.C.

97-62. **PORTER/McCANTS:** Glenna Kinard, 3540 Gleneagles Ct., Lithonia, GA 30058 researching the families of (Rev.) Charles M. Porter (1807-1882), wife Emily McCants Porter (1821-1851). Charles, who was born in NC was married three times; Emily (from Fairfield County) was wife number 2. Their children were: Charles S., Adeline, Harriet, Roger and James. His third wife was Elizabeth Cason (1823-1885) of Fairfield, their children were William and Allen. Rev. Porter's brother was Miles W. Porter (d. 1856) m. Mary(?).

97-63. **GWINN, GUINN, McCLENNAN/McLENNAN:** David A. Gwinn, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011 need any info on **WILLIAM GWINN/GUINN** b ca 1803 SC. He may have been related to the McClennan/McLennan family or he may have married into that family.

He was the son of three sons John B., George W. and Robert M. Gwinn b. ca. 1836.

97-64. **WHITE:** David A. Gwinn, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011 seeking any info on the **WHITE** family who resided in the Rocky Creek area near Hopewell Pleasant Grove or Old Catholic Churches prior to 1860. Also any info on the Robert and Rosanna Gourley family from the same area.

97-65. **ROBERT MELTON FORD:** Peggy Quimby Bowman, 1417 S. Main, Warren, AR 71671-3734 seeking info **ROBERT MILTON FORD** b. 31 Jul 1846 d. 11 Aug 1880 where is he buried? Nancy Emma Montgomery Ford, wife of Robert came to Ark. after his death would really like to know where he is buried in SC Chester? He had 2 daughters that are buried in Cedar Shoals, Margaret Ford Anderson and Caroline Ford Wilson. Would share info with these families.

97-66. **SAMUEL ECCLES:** Caroline B. Johnson, 5117 Northview Drive, Meridian, MS 39305 need info on **REV. SAMUEL ECCLES & FAMILY**. Is William Eccles (Echols) who married Margaret Huie, daughter of James Huie, b 1744 and Mary Lynn related?

97-67. **KNIGHTEN/KNIGHTON/KNIGHTING, NIGHTEN/NITEN, ETC.:** Walter Lynn Knighten, 4819 Gretna Green Lane, Tyler, TX 75703: My father's family **KNIGHTEN, KNIGHTON, KNIGHTING, NIGHTEN, NITEN, ETC.** lived in Arkansas from the 1830s until the early 1900s. Prior to the 1830s, they were in the Chester District or somewhere close by in N. C. They entered the North American colonies in either VA or MD in the 1600s from England. In my day, our family west of the Miss. River has lost contact with the family in the Carolinas and in the upper south. I would like to reestablish that link and develop a more solid family history back to the earliest immigrants. To do this I need to find out which branch of the Knighten family my great grandfather was a part of before he moved, or was moved with his parents, to Arkansas. Particulars follow:

Jackson Jesse Knighten - b. SC 1821, Kershaw County (?)

Sibling(s) Sister, Sarah M. Knighten b. SC 14 Dec 1832

Parents: Jesse Knight(on) b NC 1795, Stokes County (?)

Elizabeth Capell b NC 1799

Spouse: (1) Mrs. Mary Andrews

(2) Elizabeth A. Blackburn b AL. ca 1827, d aft 1880 in AR.

(3) Others

Grandparents: Jesse Knighten b NC or VA, 1775

Sally (Sarah?) b VA (?)

Children: Amanda b AR 1849

Mary b AR 1850

Martha b AR 1852

Sarah Francis b AR 1857

Joseph R. T. b. AR 1859

Wm. Blackburn b. AR 1862

Eliza T. b. AR. 1867

97-68. **BOND-EGGER-FINDLEY-JOHNSEY-LOVE-MINTER-ROBERTSON-WHITMIRE/VON WHITTENMEYER:** Dave and Bonnie R. Minter, 2502 Avery Ln. Farmington, NM 87402 would like to exchange info on the above.

97-69. **THOMAS BELK.** Thomas E. Belk, 1721 Central Ave., Summerville, SC 29483. **THOMAS BELK** sailed ye old Port of London Aug. 10, 1635 sailed to Virginia. Settled with Bonner Family 1639 Surry and Sussex County, Va.

97-70. **MARTHA MARY HEMPHILL:** Katherine R. Spicer, 102 Cassell Lane SW, Roanoke, VA 24014-4236 Does anyone know if **MARTHA MARY HEMPHILL** who married Dr. Alexander Rosborough in 1804, could have been the widow of a Mr. Weir? I have read a mention of this, though rarely.

97-71. **ALBRIGHT, MANN, CLINE:** Mary Sheridan, 1040 Bernice, Kirkwood, MO 63122 looking for info on **PETER ALBRIGHT** married to Sarah Mann, son Theodore Cline Albright b. Feb. 25, 1835 in Chester, SC, York, SC or Kings Mountain, NC. Sisters of Theodore probably Sophie and Lucinda. Peter and Sarah Albright probably buried in the area 1840s or 1850s. Theodore was taken in by a man after parents' death and sent to school. Later moved to St. Louis, MO where he died in 1913.

97-72. **WM. LOWERY RATTERREE:** Patsy Barrett, 6501 N. Camino Libby, Tucson, AZ 85718 need any info on descendants of **WM. LOWERY RATTERREE** (Nancy Nichols) son of John Ratterree, Jr. (Jane Lowery) b. abt. 1824, d. 6 Jun 1864 CSC in Petersburg, VA.

97-73. **SHELTON:** Cecil Downey, 722 Southwood Dr., Athens, TX 75755-3144 would like to exchange info with anyone doing research on the **SHELTONS** - in 1790 census only two Sheltons in SC. Before that some time in the 1660-80 a John Shelton had a land grant, was he kin to the two Sheltons - Lewis, David--and were Lewis and David kin?

97-74. **GRAHAM/GRIMES:** Graham Louer, 5307 Oak Lake Dr., Dallas, TX 75287-7512 seeking any info on the **GRAHAM/GRIMES** Families of Pre-1800 Lancaster/Kershaw area, and until about 1835 in Chester/Fairfield area. Also, **HOLLIS, KNIGHTEN, ARLEDGE, PICKETT AND KING** (mainly in Fairfield. Who were the parents of Susannah (Hollis) Knighton (d. c 1815) widow of Moses Knighton (d. c 1795?) Who was the wife of Joseph Arledge (d. c 1804 in Fairfield)?? Who were the parents of Dempsey Graham/Grimes (in Fairfield/Chester area until c 1835)? Where did Moses Knighton go after getting letter of Dismissal from a Chester Co. Baptist Church abt. 1835? Does anyone know how the Lee, Havis, Sweat and McFadden Families connect to Graham/Grimes? Did Charles Pickett (d. c 1807) die in Fairfield or in Tenn, or on the way? What was the business that the Tidwell and Grimes Families were in partnership? Do you have questions? Lots to share.

97-75. **WILLIAM R. B. FARR:** Eugene Farr, 15804 Kersten Ridge, Chesterfield, MO 63017 wishes to correspond with descendants of **WILLIAM R. B. FARR** (b. c. 1814), son of James Farr of Union County who died in 1823. Who did William R. B. Farr marry? when? and where did he die? He was living in Greenville Co. SC in 1870.

97-76. **CATY EWIN McFADDEN:** Bess W. Patton, POB 73, Crystal Springs, MS 39059 been searching for **CATY EWIN McFADDEN'S GRAVE** who m. Thomas Patton. She is not buried beside her husband. Did she go live with her daughter in Hardeman Co. TN and was she buried in Hardeman Co. TN. Hope Mary Catherine Coleman's name will help locate Caty's grave.

97-77. **MATHEWS FAMILY:** Ann Cook, POB 1073, Dunedin, FL 34697 have info on the **MATHEWS FAMILY** who lived in Fairfield Co. and moved to Florida in 1845. Willing to share this info.

97-78. **WILLIAMSON, JAMES SR.:** Mina L. Bard, 2533 Williams Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106-2143 seeking any info concerning **JAMES WILLIAMSON, SR.** b. 1713 Pa. m. 1743 Pa, paper torn and wife's name is missing d. 31 Mar 1806 York Co SC. He owned the Williamson Plantation near Brattonville, SC. All his five sons served in the Rev. War and are listed in the 25th Celebration of Huck's Defeat. My line is thru his son, Samuel Williamson m. Annie Starr. Would like parents of James Williamson, Sr. and Annie Starr. Hope this will bring some answers, as other cousins are very interested in going back further on these lines too.

97-79. **HENRY R. RAPE:** Aileen Greer Norris, 2297 Beaver Creek Road, Camden, SC 29020-9419 looking for the parents and/or siblings of **HENRY R. RAPE** born (source family bible) July 9, 1835 in or near Monroe, NC. He married on Dec. 23, 1860 (sources: family bible and SC Magazine of Ancestral Research-Lancaster Legend announcement) to Mary Jane Howell. She was born March 17, 1846. She and her family were in the 1860 census of Lancaster, SC. I have all the children and most descendants to present of Henry R. Rape and Mary Jane Howell Rape. I will gladly exchange info.

Two weeks after last years membership/surname book was mailed I received from fellow member Terry H. Fregley of Tallahassee, FL a wealth of info on the Rape line going back to about 1700 in Pisdorf, Nassau, Saarwerden, Germany. The name changed from Reeb to Reep to Rape.

The names that most thrilled me are the ones that are possibly the father of my Henry R. Rape. They are:

1. Peter Rape, Jr. b. abt 1788 in Mecklenburg Co, NC)Present Union County--Monroe) died aft Jan 1832 in Mecklenburg Co.

2. John Rape b. abt 1791 in Lancaster Co., SC d. abt 1870 in Union Co., NC married (1) Mary Osborne (2) Milly Forbes (no children listed).

3. Jacob Rape b. 1794 in Mecklenburg Co., NC d. April 1874 in Tallaposa Co., AL. Married Elizabeth Polk, she died April 8, 1847 in Tallaposa Co., AL. They had five daughters and four sons, (1) William R. Rape, b Jun 1823 m. Harriett Adeling Dec. 12, 1852, (2) Augustus J. Rape b July 13, 1825, died Sept. 6, 1899 in Lovelady, Houston Co., TX m. Mary C. Rawls Jan. 3, 1854, (3) John A. Mc Rape b 1829 no other info. (4) Cyrus McDonald Rape b 1832 in SC m. Christinna Dorcas.

4. Israel Bradox Rape b abt 1800 in Mecklenburg Co., NC died 1844 in N.C. No other info.

5. William Howard Rape b abt. 1802 in Mecklenburg Co., NC died 1844-1850 in Union Co., NC m. Oct. 22, 1832 Susannah Polk b. abt 1805 in Mecklenburg Co., NC, d. Jan. 20, 1869, Union Co., NC. Four children listed, Washington Clark Rape b. July 22, 1833 and William P. Rape b. abt. 1841 were the sons.

6. Augustus S. Rape b. abt. 1804 in Mecklenburg Co., NC. d. 1866 in Tallaposa Co., AL, m. Anna Fanny Hancock b. Oct. 25, 1815 in Mecklenburg m. on Jan 12, 1833 d. aft June 1880 in Jackson Pr., LA. They had six children: Melissa J. Rape b. abt. 1837 in Butts Co., GA m. (1) Buelah (2) Owen A. Stewart m. Nov. 2, 1858. James Franklin Rape b. abt 1840 in GA died Sept. 11, 1862. No other info. Elizabeth Ann Rape b. abt. 1842 in Ga. m William M. Thompson on Dec. 17, 1865. G. Augustus Rape b. Feb. 20, 1845 in ALA, d. Dec. 18, 1894 in Jackson Parish, LA. m. Martha Frances Hancock. Israel S. Rape b. 1846-1847 in AL d. bef 1900 in Jackson Parish, LA. Lastly, Henry Rape b. abt. 1849 d. bef 1866 in Tallaposa, AL.

7. Gustavus Rape m. (1) Unknown Baxter. Children: (1) Henry Rape b. abt. 1784 in Meck.NC (2) Jacob b. Mar. 1, 1788 in Meck.,NC (3) Peter b. Mar. 15, 1790 in Meck.,NC (4) John b. abt 1794 in Lancaster, SC (5) Daniel b. abt. 1796 in Lancaster, SC.

8. Henry Rape b. 1766 in NC d. 1841-1850 in Henry Co., GA first wife unknown, second wife Candace Wood Norman m. Jan. 31, 1836. Children: (1) Samuel Rape b. 1788 in Meck.,Co.,NC (2) Peter Rape b. Nov 18, 1790 in Meck, NC (3) John Rape b. abt 1792 in Meck.NC (4) Charles Rape b. abt 1800 in Meck. Co., NC.

As you can see there are many possibilities here. Can you help me make the connection for Henry R. Rape born July 19, 1835 and any of the above?

My grandmother, Mary R'Mentha Rape Baker was a dau of Henry R. Rape. She was b Aug 10, 1877, she told her children that she was seven years old when her father died. That calculates to 1884 for the year he died.

I do not know where Henry R. Rape died nor where he is buried. His widow Mary Jane who later married Mr. Henry White is buried at Longtown Presbyterian Church in Fairfield Co., SC in an unmarked grave. Due the combined effort of her descendants a marker is being erected this year, 1997, to honor Mary Jane Howell and her husbands Henry R. Rape and Henry White. Thank you for your help.

97-80. **BRACKEN - BISHOP:** L. Earl Colley, 321 Wells Ave. E, North Syracuse, NY 13212-3113: York Co. PA Will Book E, Page 130, records the will of **THOMAS BRACKEN**, dated 6 Apr 1779. Among others, he mentions his daughter, Hannah, wife of Nicholas **BISHOP**. This Nicholas **BISHOP** and wife, Hannah, lived in the neighborhood of Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church in Chester County, SC. It has recently been called to our attention that we should give some attention to a memoir of John **BISHOP** that is said to have appeared in "Marriage and Death Notices from the Palmetto Standard"; issue of 14 April 1852. This John **BISHOP** is said to be a son of Nicholas **BISHOP**. The surprise comes when it is alleged that his mother had been previously married to a MR. **DIDDY**. And it is further stated that this JOHN **BISHOP** and a brother-in-law, SAMUEL McCULLOUGH, who married PEGGY **DIDDY**, the half sister of JOHN **BISHOP**. The record of the visitations of Rev. John Simpson, Pastor of the Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, show his visit on 31 Jan 1775 to the family of Nicholas and Hannah McCULLOUGH. Is this Margaret McCULLOUGH the same person as PEGGY **DIDDY**? Was our ancestor, HANNAH **BRACKEN**, a widow **DIDDY** when she married our ancestor, NICHOLAS **BISHOP**? We have not been able to find either proof or disproof. We need help.

97-81. **TRAVIS/TOWRY TOWERY/CLUNN/SIMMONS/SETZER:** Ronnie Dale Travis, 2537 Arnold Dr., Monroe, NC 28110 seeking info on **ALFRED H. TRAVIS** b 1826 or 1827. He was living and was m. in Franklin Co., TN Aug. 1845. He was killed at Chickamauga Battle, Chickamauga, GA Sep 19, 1863 in the War Between the States.

Seeking info on **JOHN TOWRY (TOWERY)** b Jan 23, 1781 NC. He was m. May 5, 1803 Pendleton Co. or District SC. He d. Nov 1, 1861, Polk Co. Arkansas. **JOHN TOWRY (TOWERY)** had a son Martin Jesse Towry b. Sep 18, 1805 in SC. He was m 1826/27, d. Oct 15, 1874/75 in Lincoln Co., TN. He m. Sarah Womack b 1811 Franklin Co., TN d. 1903 Lincoln Co., TN.

Seeking info on **MARY ELLEN CLUNN** b. Jan 1842/46 d. July 1927 Hazel Green, AL buried Plevna, AL Madison Co. Her parents were **JACK CLUNN** and **BECKY CLUNN** b in SC. abt 1800-1805. **MARY ELLEN CLUNN'S** husband **JOHN W. SIMMONS (Chuck)** b Oct 1840 m. 1866 Jackson Co. ALa. He died 1925 buried Plevna, AL. He and his people (Simmons) could be from SC.

Also, **JACK SETZER, II** b. 1756 m. Elizabeth Hilderbrand, they sold land in Newton, NC 1816. They had 8 children, they passed through SC and stayed awhile then went to some county in Ga. I do have some info on Travis, Towry, Setzer if anyone is interested.

97-82. **SARAH ELIZABETH SMITH:** Yvonne McCown, Rt. 6, Box 117A, Philadelphia, MS 39350 seeking info on the parents of SARAH ELIZABETH SMITH who m. William R. Fox in Chester Co, SC. Was he married first to an Elizabeth? He and wife Elizabeth and child, Martha Jane, in 1850 Chester Co. lived near an Isaac Smith who had a twenty year old daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Smith. Other Smith neighbors to the Fox Family were John Smith and Alex Smith. Could his first wife be a Sarah Elizabeth Smith related to these near-by Smiths? LOVED THE CHRISTMAS ON A SOUTHERN PLANTATION by Elizabeth Roseborough Dyer in your Dec. 1996 publication.

97-83. **JAMES LACOUTURE:** Mrs. Doris F. Clifton, 2316 NW 45, Okla. City, OK 73112 needs info on JAMS LACOUTURE who m. Rebecca Lee, daughter of Elliot Lee in 1800, Chester, SC. Need name of parents of Martha Love who m. James Feemster, buried at Bullock Cem. Martha died Mar 8, 1832.

97-84. **EPAPHROITUS BARNETT:** Madell B. Gaddy, 3132 Skyland Drive, Shellville, GA 30278-3898 seeking parents of EPAPHROITUS BARNETT. I cannot locate them. The only place Epaphroitus is spelled out is his grave marker. Other places he is listed as Ep-Eppes-just E on his marriage license. He was b. Ap 11, 1826 in SC. Where? Who were his parents? He m. Mary Clemtine Chandler in Walton Co., GA Oct. 17, 1847. Her mother was a Freeman, m. Chandler, then a Porter. Any help I receive will be appreciated.

97-85. **SHERIFF/WIX/WICKS/SHEADD/BRAKEFIELD:** KIM F. LEE, 165 Garr Ave, Culpepper, VA 22701 seeking info:

1. Parents of WILLIAM T. SHERIFF, b. ca. 1821, SC. [1900 Census states his father b. in Eng. & mother in SC]. Who were they? JANIE WIX, wife of Wm. T. d. between 1900 & 1910. What did she die of, where is she buried? Need her date of death & Wm. T.'s [Would like photos if avail.] Will exchange info & pay for copies, mailings, & reprints.

2. Need parents of WILLIAM R. WIX, SR. b. in SC, ca. 1830. Also need his wife's (Mary Ann--) maiden name and her parents. Need dates of birth and death, etc.

3. Need dates of birth & death for parents of LOU ANNA SHEDD, who m. Henry A. Brakefield. Her father's name of Ervin/Irvin(e) b. in Fairfield Co. Her mother's name, "Miss Keith".

4. Need info on ISAAC BRAKEFIELD. Birth & death dates, names of parents, and burial, b. ca. 1809, SC. Need also info on his wife, Sarah/Sallie Thompson b. ca. 1813, Chester Co., SC Need her birth, death dates & burial.

ALL MARRIAGE DATES & NAMES OF CHILDREN IN FAMILIES NEEDED TOO. SOME CHILDREN I HAVE GLEANED FROM CENSUS RECORDS. I AM WILLING TO PAY EXPENSES.

VERY INFORMATIVE BROCHURE--THANKS.

97-86. **JOHN DICK:** Barbara A. Renick, 311 Copa De Oro Dr., Brea, CA 92823-7018 seeking info about JOHN DICK b. abt 1747 in Ireland, arrived in SC abt. 1772 and received land grant in Chester Dist. area. Served in Rev. War and m. Margaret Wylie in 1778. Family migrated to Kentucky abt. 1800.

97-87. **HENRY H. McCOSLIN:** Leon D. McCoslin, Rt. 5, Box 5015, Brazoria, TX 77422 seeking info abt. HENRY H. McCOSLIN b. 1794 SC. Also Andrew McCoslin listed 1810 SC Census son 15 to 20 yrs. Need to prove he was Henry H. McCoslin father. America Worthy, wife Henry H. McCoslin, need family names have one my great, grandfather, James Henry McCoslin.

97-88. **SILAS HARDEN:** Julia Glenn, POB 912, Groves, TX 77619: SILAS HARDEN (ca. 1790-1822) m. Elizabeth Swan (ca. 1794-1847), dau. of James Swan, Sr., all in Fairfield/Chester Dist. area. They had five children (1)Jane (no further info), (2)John J. m. Jane Young Hanna, (3)Sarah "Sally" m. Richard Jackson Gladney, (4)James Swan m. Margaret Gladney) and (5)Timothy m. Isabella Gilbert. Silas died 1822 when all of these children were small. I would like to know more about each of these children, dates, etc. and if possible, the parents of Silas.

97-89. **MOSES HILL:** Jeannette M. Christopher, POB 145, Carlisle, SC 29031 need info on MOSES HILL'S parents, siblings, and family background. MOSES HILL, b. ca 1758 or earlier. (where?), d. 1821 in Fairfield Co., SC, m. Savilla Roden, b. in VA, lived most of her life in Chester Co., SC, d. Greene Co., AL. in 1844.

97-90. **JAMES KENNEDY:** B. J. Kennedy, 16625 Crenshaw #30, Torrance, CA. 90504 looking for info on JAMES KENNEDY, 1727-1790 b. at Old Purity Cemetery beside Lt. James Kennedy, 1751-1820. Believe he was Lt. James' father. Any info would be appreciated.

97-91. **WHITESIDE-POGUE-LUSK-FERES-WINN-MONTGOMERY:** H. C. Whiteside, 4933 Dry Fork Rd., Hampshire, TN 38461 seeking more info on above surnames who immigrated from PA to Fishing Creek area and then on to Maury Co., TN in 1806 where we now reside.

97-92. **ADAMS FARGESSON/FERGUSON:** John Markham Ferguson, Jr., 102 Cove Road - Kingspoint, Wmsbg, VA 23185-4414: VA Goochland Cty. Will Book 3 page 305 1740 Jun 17 Robert Addams will recorded-signed Robert Addams: Anne Ferguson is Anne Addams; Elizabeth Moreman Ferguson is Elizabeth Addams Moreman; James Ferguson is James Addams; Judith Clark Ferguson is Judith Addams Clark; Lucy Ferguson is Lucy Addams; Mary Moreman Ferguson is Mary Addams Moreman; Robert Ferguson is Robert Addams; Sally Ferguson is Sally Addams; Susan Ferguson is Susan Addams; Agnes Fargesson (written as Agnes Fargesson) would be better as Agnes Addams Fargesson. Are there current residents of Pesch Road vicinity who descended from Adams Fargesson/Ferguson?

97-93. **WILLIAM GARRARD:** Ruth Garrett, 3038 E. Holland, Fresno, CA 93726 looking for a WILLIAM GARRARD, b. in Stafford Co., Va 1760, served Rev. War from Chester Co., SC 1779; moved GA c. 1805 for 10 mos., Christian Co., KY c. 1806 for 4 yrs. Crawford Co., IL around 1810, died there abt. 1840. Wife's name Ruth; children: Jacob, Margaret, William John, and one other daughter; all born in SC, m. in Ky, d. in IL. Possibly son of William who moved to Chester Co. 1767 from Va and grandson of Edward Garrett, Sr. who had land grant in Fairfax, VA 1741. Does anyone have any info about this family? Thanks.

97-94. **CLOUDS:** C. A. Cloud, Jr., 1127 Kings Cross, Brunswick, GA 31525 would like to receive any info linking **CLOUDS** to kin of DOC HOLLIDAY of OK Corral Fame.

97-95. **JOHN COLVIN:** Sue Garrison, 560 S. Hearne St., Waskom, TX. I am interested in learning who my Great GrandPa, **JOHN COLVIN** (born 1819 in Chester Co., SC) married the second time. He married Hardin the first time. The second wife would be my Great GrandMa.

97-96. **HOOD-McLEMORE-CROSBY-CHRISTIAN:** Fay Crosby, Rt. 1, Box 344, Earlsboro, OK 74840:

1. Need info on JENNETTE/JEANETTE McLEMORE b 27 Sep 1835 in AL. m. JOHN D. HOOD (b. 22 Jan. 1826 SC) 30 Jan. 1850 Montgomery Co., AL. Who were their parents and siblings? Was she of Indian descent? One of her granddaughters always said one of her grandmothers was an Indian.

2. Info on WILLIAM H. CROSBY b. 13 Oct 1809 SC m. Lucy B. CHRISTIAN b. 7 May, 1812 GA. Where in SC was William born? Who were his parents? Was there any siblings? Where in Ga was Lucy born? Who were her parents? Was there any siblings? Where in Ga were by married and lived? They had one daughter while in Ga. Elizabeth b. ca 1833/34. They left Ga moving Miss. where four more children were born. Then to ARK. (Fed. Census Franklin Co. ARK. 1850).

97-97. **GREENBURY RODEN:** Mrs. A.L. Roden, Jr., 1821 Fir, Pampa, TX 79065 still looking for descendants of GREENBURY RODEN, b. 1771, SC. Green B. Roden b. 1805 Tenn. and wife, Catherine b. 1810-NC. I have a book put together on the RODEN FAMILY about 500 pgs. and still have a few available at \$40.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping.

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We would like to thank Mack A. Moore, 670 Edgewater Trail, Atlanta, GA 30328 for the book he sent us: Descendants of John Moore (Rev. War Soldier) and Mary Keller Moore; an Economic Genealogy. John Moore was born in NC 1757, had nine (9) children, and moved to Hall Co., GA. The cost is \$60.00, over 900 pages, 10,913 descendants. For more info, contact Mack A. Moore at above address.

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ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

*August 2, 1997, 1:00 P.M.
At Purity Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall,
Chester, SC*



*Speaker: Dr. Dan Patterson, University of NC at Chapel Hill
We will need your reservation by July 28, 1997.
Lunch will be \$7.50 per person.*

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