

President`s Page

Dear Members. We here at the "Bulletin" hope that you are having a good year. The weather has been a little mixed up, but we can handle that. Are your gardens planted and flower beds growing? If our search for our family members would show as much progress as our planting efforts, it would be nice. You never know when you may run into someone that has found a little piece of information that will send us a long way in our search for those elusive folks we call ancestors.

It is time again for our annual "birthday party" and hope that you can be here with us.

The date is: August 3, 2002

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Russell`s—located on Gadston Street, down town Chester

Cost: \$10.00 per person

The speaker will be Mr. Michael C. Scoggins. He is a native of York County, South Carolina, and is employed as a research historian at the York County Historical Center, a branch of the York County Culture and Heritage Commission. His ancestors were among the early settlers of York and Chester Counties. SC and include Scotch-Irish, English and German families who migrated from Pennsylvania to Virginia and finally to South Carolina in the late eighteenth century. He has an Associate of Science from the University of South Carolina and an Associate of Engineering Technology from York Technical College, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Winthrop University. He was employed for eighteen years as an electronics test engineer in the computer industry before changing careers to pursue his love of history. He is currently working on several projects relating to the colonial and Revolutionary War period in upstate South Carolina., including a comprehensive list of the Revolutionary battles in the southern states, an index for the Bobby Moss Collection of Revolutionary War papers, and an in-depth history of Brattonsville and the Battle of Huck`s Defeat.

He will be speaking on the Revolutionary battles in the upper counties of South Carolina and some new research of these battles.

We need to have your paid reservation by July 30, 2002. We are looking forward to seeing you all there at the "Party"

Remember Old Catholic Presbyterian Church homecoming is on Sunday, August 4, which is located 12 miles from Chester on Highway 97. Services will be at 11:30 with a picnic on the ground at 1:00pm.

Old Times in Chester

Memories of the Village and of Grassy Run Forty Years Ago.

Chester, Ill., June 23, 1884.

Editor Chester Reporter:

I was delighted a few days ago in receiving a copy of THE REPORTER, in which you made complimentary mention of my letter addressed to Mr. McCafferty. I am always pleased to hear from my dear old native home. No place is as dear to me as Chester, South Carolina. But my gladness was heightened into delight as I glanced over the paper and saw my own name in connection with that of Grassy Run, upon whose back I was born and in whose waters I have waded and fished and swam, so many happy hours, so many years ago. I knew every shoal and sand bar of the little stream from its source to Rocky Creek and every old field and plum thicket for miles in every direction, Well do I remember the ecstasies of joy I experienced at the prospect of getting off with Billie Orr's boys or my cousins—Hugh McCrary's boys—and with my brother, on a swimming or fishing excursion to Mr. Omelvenneys' or Jagers' old mill ponds on Rocky Creek or to Douglass' mill on Bull Run. My thoughts delight to wander along the old Lancaster road where we used to watch the Kentucky drovers driving their horses and hogs and the North Carolina men hauling their apples and bacon, whisky and tobacco.

I was familiar, too, with the old Saluda and Rocky Mount roads. I went to school where the latter is crossed by the old Charleston road. The teachers were Mr. Caleb M. Jones and Mr. McQuiston. The nearest neighbors to the school house were Geo. Wilson, Sr., and George Wilson, Jr., Barney Pressly and Abram Ross, Sr. In going to school we passed the old Alex. Clark or Reuben Bennett place, and the quarter or plantation of Mrs. Price. Some of the patrons of the school, besides those named, were William and James Orr, Robert Lathan, Mrs. Nelson, James Robison, Sam. McCormick, Hance Wylie, Alex. McCliester, James Pardue, Rob't Walker, John Young, Thomas Taylor and Hugh and Wm. Ross.

I also went to school to Capt. Thos. Charles in the old McNinch church and to Miss Nancy Wood in the session building of the same church. I also went to school in a log house between the McNinch church and Robert Jamison's. The teachers were Mr. Phinney and Mr. Spence. I was a very small "bare foot" boy when I attended these last named schools—Nearly the same persons supported all of these schools, including my father, John Hood, my uncles, Wm. Hood and Hugh McCrary, Frank White, Robert Jamieson, Sam Irvin, several families of Bennetts, Orrs and Walkers, Mrs. Hardin, Ed. Callaghan, Clem Wood and Mrs. Gray.

In addition to the churches in town, I have attended the Bethany church, near the poor house; the Smyrna church, where the preacher was arrested for circulating seditious pamphlets, and the Bull Run church, near the junction of the Charleston and Rocky Mount roads.

Besides the mills named, I have been at Dale's mill on Rocky creek and Poag's horse mill on Fishing creek, and McKeown's horse mill on the Charleston road. I have also been at Mobley's, McCormick's and Ross's cotton gins. And besides the people already named, I was acquainted with all the Mobleys, Chisholms, Stringfellows, Gills, Middleton and Daniel McDonald, Wm. McCandless, William, Hugh, and Alfred Omelveny, Wm. Ford, Jno. Craig, the Englishes, McCormicks, Keenans, Tinklers, McKeown's, Lilleys, Services, McCulloughs, Bighams, Smith, Stephan Honney, the Wylies, Wilsons, Poags, Raineyes, Thomas Terry, Mrs. Gooch, Taylor Gilmore, Jas. Barr, the Kirkpatricks, McNinchs, Wesley Wages, James Maybin, the Whites, Walkers, Hoods,

Knoxes, Douglasses, Peter Johnson and sons, the Britts, Gourleys, Millsters, McCaffertys, Grants, Dales, Atkinsons, McAlileys, Littles, William Sanderson, Hiram Shannon, John and Eli Cornwell, the Hardins, Drs. Lee, Moffatt, Wylie and Anderson, also the Mr. Anderson who kept the poor house, Rederick Toliver, —Hinckley, John Dannel, James and Bob Robison, the McClintocks. And besides the Walker families named, were Elliot Walker who worked at the Chester tan-yard and Alex. Thorn, and Madison Walker below Douglass' mill, William and Hyne Miller, Peter and David Wilson, Old Dick Wilson, the fisherman, and Tom and Dixon Walker, the Cranks, Joe Hurt (said to be a hundred years old), John Proctor, —Hindman, —Traylor, Hugh McGinnis, —Hawkins, Wm. Elliott and many more in the country.

In town, I was acquainted with Maj. John Kennedy, John McNinch, John Evans, John Rosborough, Thos. McLure, Dixon and Theo. Henry, Mr. Morgan, Hiram Brawley, Mr. Conley, Mr. Jennings, John McKee, John McAfee, Mr. Graham. Also, Samuel McAliley, N. R. Eaves, J. Hemphill, R. Mills, and Mr. Gregg, attorneys; Wm. Rosborough, John and Thomas Charles, John Colvin, —Coleman, John Albright, John A. Bradley, Jordan Bennett, Sample Alexander, Adams (the butcher), Jas. Service, Wm. Lilly, George McCormick, Addison, Fowler and John Kennedy, Mrs. Margaret Woods, Miss Ellen McAfee, Mrs. L. Melton, John, Rush and Dabney Hudson, Angus, John and Revs. Samuel and Peter Nicholson, Robert, William, James and Israel McNinch, Rev. Douglass who lived in the pine grove near Thomas McLure's; also Revs. Noland and Russell (in the country), Sheriff Cabeen, — Howard, —Greenfield, —McCree, —Miles, John D. Crawford, Dick Palmer, Maurice and Ed. Callaghan, Wallace Waters, Quay and John Dunnovant, Bob Robison and many more, both white and black, whom I remember distinctly, although I left there over thirty-eight years ago, and when only sixteen years of age. Some of these, or some I have omitted, may remember my father, John Hood, and might be interested in hearing from me. I would therefore be pleased if you would publish this letter, and I hereby extend a cordial invitation to any who knew me to correspond with me at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois.

I hope yet to visit my native home and the scenes of my childhood and meet again some of my old school mates, playmates and friends, and talk over the many little incidents which were of interest to us then. I used to attend musters at Culp's and at Chester and Fourth of July celebrations. I remember being at several barbecues in Chester, and one at D. McDonald's given by him and B. Mobley to their negroes. I was present when three negroes were hanged for the murder of their master, Mr. Allen De Graffenreid. I remember when the old bar room on the brow of the hill was blown up with powder. I remember, too, when Miss Katie Walker died from a snake bite. I remember an exciting time over a tie vote between William Rosborough and John Bradley for Sheriff. I remember seeing the hole in the old jail where Hoger and other prisoners made their escape. And so I might enumerate many matters of long ago that would be interesting to me and to those who may see fit to correspond with me, but not of sufficient interest to publish.

I know that many I have named —indeed most of them—have died or moved away, and that those who still remain have witnessed many intervening events of much more importance than anything I can remember. They have seen railroads built and the town improved, then swept away by war, fire and tornadoes, and again built up and flourishing and populated with new and enterprising people who fill the places of those whom I remember, and whose memories I cherish so tenderly, I will, therefore, conclude with my best wishes for dear Old South Carolina and all her people, and ask you to send me THE REPORTER for which you will find enclosed subscription price.

I am yours respectfully,
Alexander Hood

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**SOME LETTERS FROM THE CONFEDERATE WAR ERA
WITH RELATED WILKES FAMILY HISTORY
PART TWO**

By Ellen Bramlett Clarke

WILLIAM THOMAS WILKES, a soldier in the Confederate Army, wrote the next four letters to his younger sister, Alice Wilkes. Family information about Alice and her brothers, Eli Cornwall, Benjamin Franklin, Levi Roden, and Richard Wilkes, was included in PART ONE. Thomas's letters and some facts about him and those family members mentioned in the letters are provided in this segment. The final letter is one from an older friend, Sallie, who names some families from Fairfield County and tells of reading the obituaries of Eli and Thomas.

*Camp Whatley
Culpeper, Va.
Dec. 4, 1862*

Dear Alice,

Your letter of Sept. 8th was received on yesterday. It was directed to Winchester and we have never been to that place as yet. We were in Augusta County, near Staunton for a while. We left Augusta yesterday two weeks ago and came on to this place. We went down the Valley of Va. through Rockingham County, and crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains at Swift Run Gap into Green County, thence by Stanardsville, Madison Court House and Orange Court House* to this county. We are camped near Rapidan River at present and about eight miles from where the Battle of Cedar Run Mountain was fought. I liked the country about Staunton very well and was well pleased with the ladies. I formed the acquaintance of some very interesting ladies and found them highly accomplished and intelligent. I was treated very well by the citizens. But we had to leave good old Augusta County with its many clever people and fair ladies and come to this point. Augusta County, you will find on the map in the Valley of Va., lies between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghany Mountains. At Madison Court House* a fellow soldier and I took supper at a house where there were some nice ladies, and we enjoyed ourselves. We have had some quite cold weather and it is quite cold at present. We got back yesterday from an expedition over toward the Potomac. We went on Monday. I learned that there were about seven prisoners and fifteen horses captured from the Yankees and two Yankees killed. Our party lost one horse killed and I believe it was supposed to have been killed by the Confederates. I learned that Ely Hardin is about here though I have not seen him yet. Some of his legion was with us on the expedition we made.*

You say that Miss Sarah's school was out. If Pa will send you it would be well for you to go to school. Do not neglect your books, for a highly cultivated mind constitutes a principal part of happiness. Do not think that dressing fine is everything. Of course every one should dress well, but that should not be made too great an object. I cannot say how long we will remain here or where we will go should we leave here. Tell Lou and Kite that Eli and John are well and were with us on the expedition we made. Provisions are somewhat scarce about here. We draw flour, beef and salt for our rations, but we buy things when we can get them. Tell Ma I would like to have another pair of socks (woolen) and a pair of gloves. Give my respects to all the family and friends generally. Write again the news.

*Your affectionate brother,
W. Thomas Wilkes*

**Written as C. H.*

Culpeper, Va.
Jan. 19, 1863

Dear Alice,

Again I will try to write you a letter. I received your letter sometime ago and was glad to get it. I am in tolerable good health at present and may this letter find you enjoying the same blessing. The health of our regiment is tolerably good at present though there is still some sickness among the men. Our camp has been moved twice of late and now we are only about five miles from our old camp at Rapidan. The weather is quite cold at present and for all I know it may remain so for awhile. We have been remarkably blessed with good weather. I hope the cold weather may be soon over and we shall soon hear the singing of the birds and see the green buds putting forth. Spring will come at the appointed time and will be hailed with pleasure. It is now the middle of winter; there is no snow on the ground but the weather I hear talk of peace occasionally, but don't know when we will have peace. I am sure that peace will be hailed with the greatest of joy. May it come soon! I do not know whether we will remain in this section long or not for I do not know what move will be made. Eli and John are well. George, too, I believe is well. I cannot say when I will get to come home. I hope the war may be soon over and that we may be permitted to return home. We are camped at present about seven or eight miles from Culpeper Court House* but I have not been to see the court house as yet. I go out to the country and am treated very kind by the people. I like Va. finely and think a great deal of the people. The country has suffered a great deal on account of the war. The Yankees were all through this part of the state and committed a great many depredations. In fact, the country is well nigh eaten out.

I have heard of some deaths in Chester District and some weddings. Truly in the matter of life, we are in the midst of death; hence we should at all times be ready to meet its awful summons. Be careful that you are not too fascinated with the world, its gaiety and false glory, but place your most earnest affections upon things that are incorruptible and undefiled and that fade not away. This world is only worthy of a limited amount of our affections. Cultivate the mind and be sure that you read the Bible. Tell Rody, if you see her to write to me. Tell little Alice howdy, and Emma too. Give my love to all the family and write soon. I do not get a great many letters. My hands are getting cold (for the weather is cold) and I will close.

Your affectionate brother,
W. Thomas Wilkes

*Written as C. H.

Rockingham County, Va.
Feb. 28, 1863

My Dearest Sister,

I will try to write you a letter this morning. I am well at present and may this find you and all the rest of the folks well. We got to this place on day before yesterday after several days march. While we were on the march, we had two severe snows on us and a good deal of rain. We crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains the other day and had a fine day for crossing. There was a good deal of snow on the mountains. We came over first in Page County, but came up the valley into this county; how long we will remain here I cannot say, for we do not generally know much ahead. It may be that we will remain in the valley for some time. Our regt. was in the valley in Augusta County last Fall and came down into this county to cross at Swift Run Gap just above here. We are camped at present not very far from the Shenandoah River, a stream that has become classic in the history of the present war. The Yankees have been through this part of the country and as usual, committed many depredations. Truly, the

people here have felt the effects of the war. Many a happy Va. home has been brought to sorrow by the presence of an unprincipled enemy. They have also lost a great deal; their property destroyed or taken without compensation. But I do not know if these people along here have suffered as much as the people in Culpeper County. Sheld's army was here last spring until Jackson's army whipped him at Port Republic. Generals Lee, Longstreet and Jackson drove him out. Jackson seems to be the General out here in Va.

Last Sunday night I stayed at the house of Mr. Charles T. Graves an old acquaintance of Grandpa Wilkes. He was in Chester about forty years ago and was acquainted with a great many of the Chester people of that day. He inquired particularly about Abner Wilkes, Chamer Scaife and others. Tell Kite to tell her father that I saw Mr. Graves and that Mr. G. said that he must come out to see him. Mrs. Graves is quite a clever lady and treated us very kindly. Mr. G. has a pretty daughter who appears to be very intelligent and charming. I have seen some nice young ladies in Augusta, Madison and Culpeper. Myself and a fellow soldier had some very good music the other day that a young lady played for us on the piano.

We scarcely ever hear preaching in the camp and I'll assure you we need it. I hear that our regt. has a chaplain but he has not preached for us yet that I know of. The health of the regt. is tolerable good at present, though some are still sick. I think the general health of the regt. is generally good. We lost several men out of our regt. and one out of our Co. while we were at Culpeper. Tell Ma that I will want that coat that I wrote home about sometime ago. I do not need it at present but my old coat is getting pretty old and seedy. I have a round about coat but I do not like it very much. It may be that someone will be coming out here before long. Lt. Wilson is at home at present but when he will be coming out I cannot tell. It may be that he would bring me some clothes when he comes. Tell Rody I would like to get a letter from her occasionally. Ask her why she does not write. Give my love to all the family and connections generally. Write soon and the news. Let me hear what is going on, for I like to hear news. Ell and John are well at present. Our Co. is in fine spirits today. Some of our men have got furloughs and gone home but when the rest of us will get to go home, I cannot tell. It may be that some of us will not get off until the end of the war.

When the war will be over I cannot say for I do not know. I hope it will be soon however. We are faring only tolerably well, too. When you write, direct to Richmond Va.

Your affectionate brother,
Wm. Thomas Wilkes

Amherst County, Va.
April 9, 1863

Dear Alice,

Perhaps you have looked for an answer to your letter ere this, as your letter was written sometime ago. I received your letter nearly a week ago, on my return from Rockbridge County. John W. is still in Rockbridge, at least he was there when I left there Thursday. I am tolerable at present and getting along tolerably well. Ell is well also. We are having spring weather along now though the nights are cold and frosty. This is tolerably good country here though I do not like it as well as the other side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are some clever people here and some tolerable good looking ladies. Before we came here there had been no regt. in this section hence soldiers are something new. Of course, they have been used to soldiers that were from this section. I hear we are to move from here soon in the direction of Prince Edward or Halifax County, but I cannot say for sure where we will go, for all I know we may go back to the valley. We are not getting a great deal of horse feed now,

but we are getting our own rations of meat and flour that the law allows, but I eat a good many of my meals in the country. I have formed some acquaintances. I have become acquainted with several ladies named Walker. They are somewhat quality people, though intelligent and clever. Tell Ma I got the clothes and they fit very well except around the waist. The coat is rather tight when buttoned. It is a good suit, however. Give my respects to the family. If you see Rody, give her my respects and ask her why she does not write. I have not received a line from her since I came to Va. Write soon and invariably direct to Richmond.

*Your affectionate brother,
W. Thomas Wilkes*

WILLIAM THOMAS WILKES, third son of Dr. John Wesley and Cynthia Colvin (Cornwell) Wilkes, was born near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina, May 16, 1839. He was a student at Trinity College in North Carolina (now Duke University), when the War Between the States began. He left school to enlist at Chester on September 10, 1861, and was assigned to Captain W. A. Walker's Company D, First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment on October 18, 1861. He was killed during battle at Brandywine Station, Virginia, on June 9, 1863. His body was transported home and buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery. Thomas never married.

JOHN WESLEY WILKES, JR., my great grandfather, was the third son of Dr. John Wesley and Cynthia Colvin (Cornwell) Wilkes. He was born near Baton Rouge, in Chester County, on March 4, 1841. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in April 1861 as a member of the Chester Guards commanded by Captain Obadiah Hardin. Obadiah, son of Elizabeth Cornwall (sister of Cynthia Cornwall) and William Hardin, was John's first cousin and a fearless leader who was killed in the Battle of Drainesville, Virginia. John Wesley joined next Captain W. A. Walker's Company (Company D), First South Carolina Regiment of Cavalry. He was wounded at the Battle of Bull Run on August 29, 1862, but remained on active duty until the war ended. His length of service in the Confederacy—a total of four years and eleven days—is etched on his tombstone. In 1867, John Wesley, now called Captain Wilkes, bought and moved his family to the two-story farmhouse built by Dr. A. F. Anderson in Baton Rouge. He was elected County Commissioner in 1886 and was postmaster of the area post office located on his property from 1888 to 1908. Appointed magistrate of his township in 1908, Judge Wilkes maintained this position until he died at his home in Baton Rouge on January 1, 1928. He was buried beside his first wife Martha in the cemetery of Calvary Baptist Church.

John Wesley married, first, **MARTHA KEZIAH WILKES**, in Chester County on February 17, 1859. Martha, daughter of Abner and Lucinda (Hardwick) Wilkes, was popularly known as "Kite." She was born on April 3, 1840, and died on March 1, 1874. These children were born of this marriage:

1. Alice Cornelia Wilkes, b. December 19, 1859; d. August 28, 1882
2. Rhoda Lucinda Wilkes, b. June 9, 1861; d. June 27, 1862
3. Cynthia Stuart Wilkes, b. March 11, 1863; d. October 21, 1897
4. Viola Eugenia Wilkes, b. November 24, 1869; d. August 18, 1877

John Wesley married, second, **ELIZA WALKER HARDEN** daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Walker) Harden on November 19, 1876. Eliza was born September 15, 1852 and died February 18, 1918. She was buried in the cemetery at Capers Chapel Methodist Church on Hwy 321 North of Chester. John Wesley and Eliza had the following children:

1. Eva Florence Wilkes, b. July 1, 1878; d. October 22, 1952
2. Elizabeth Blanche Wilkes, b. October 14, 1880; d. April 27, 1976
3. Nelle Harden Wilkes, b. May 30, 1882; d. October 20, 1967
4. Robert Walker Wilkes, b. October 26, 1883; d. February 3, 1960
5. Benjamin Franklin Wilkes, b. May 21, 1896; d. April 26, 1976

ALICE CORNELIA WILKES, daughter of Captain John Wesley and Martha Keziah Wilkes, was born in the Halsellville Township of Chester County, South Carolina, on December 19, 1859. She died August 28, 1882, and was buried, as was her husband, in the cemetery of Calvary Baptist Church. She married **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CASSELS**, (June 15, 1852 - January 5, 1933) son of Thomas Trezvant and Lavinia (Osborne) Cassels, in Chester County on September 14, 1876. They lived and farmed near Wilksburg, Chester County.

RHODA ELIZABETH WILKES, fifth child and first daughter of Dr. John Wesley and Cynthia Colvin (Cornwell) Wilkes, was born in Chester County, South Carolina, November 26, 1842. Rhoda, called "Rody" in the letters, married **JOHN WESLEY CARTER** (April 1, 1832-September 30, 1906), son of Churchill, Jr. and Hannah Simpson Carter, in Chester County on February 17, 1859. The Carters lived in the Armenia community of Chester County, where John was a prosperous farmer. Rhoda died on January 13, 1866, and was buried at Calvary Baptist Church cemetery. John Wesley is buried at New Hope Methodist Church. Children of Rhoda and John Wesley Carter were:

1. Emma Holmes Carter, b. 1860; d. 1900
2. Martha Ellen Carter, b. November 12, 1861; d. April 10, 1937
3. Thomas Lafayette Carter, b. July 4, 1863; d. July 17, 1928
4. Seabrook Churchill Carter, b. October 3, 1865; d. April 24, 1942

EMMA HOLMES CARTER, daughter of John Wesley and Rhoda Elizabeth (Wilkes) Carter, was born in Chester County, South Carolina, in 1860. She married **JOHN GEORGE SMITH** in Chester County on February 2, 1882. They lived at Lowrys, South Carolina, where John farmed for a living. Emma died in 1900 and was buried in the cemetery of Capers Chapel Methodist Church. John died in 1914 and was buried beside his wife.

ABNER WILKES, son of William and Lydia (Clark) Wilkes, was born in the Baton Rouge community of Chester County, South Carolina, on December 10, 1801. In his early adult years, he operated a store with Charner T. Scaife; later he acquired a large holding of land and attained much wealth from farming. Abner Wilkes married, first, **ELIZABETH CORNWELL**, daughter of William and Levicia (Colvin) Cornwell in Chester County, South Carolina. Levicia Colvin was a sister of Rhoda Colvin (mother of Cynthia Colvin Cornwell who married Dr. John Wesley Wilkes). William Cornwell was the brother of Eli Cornwell, Cynthia's father. Abner and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. Levicia Wilkes, b. about 1830; d. after 1900
2. William Davis Wilkes, b. about 1831; d. May 6, 1864
3. Thomas I. Wilkes, b. about 1833; presumed killed in the Confederate War
4. Sarah Wilkes, b. about 1836; d. September 13, 1899

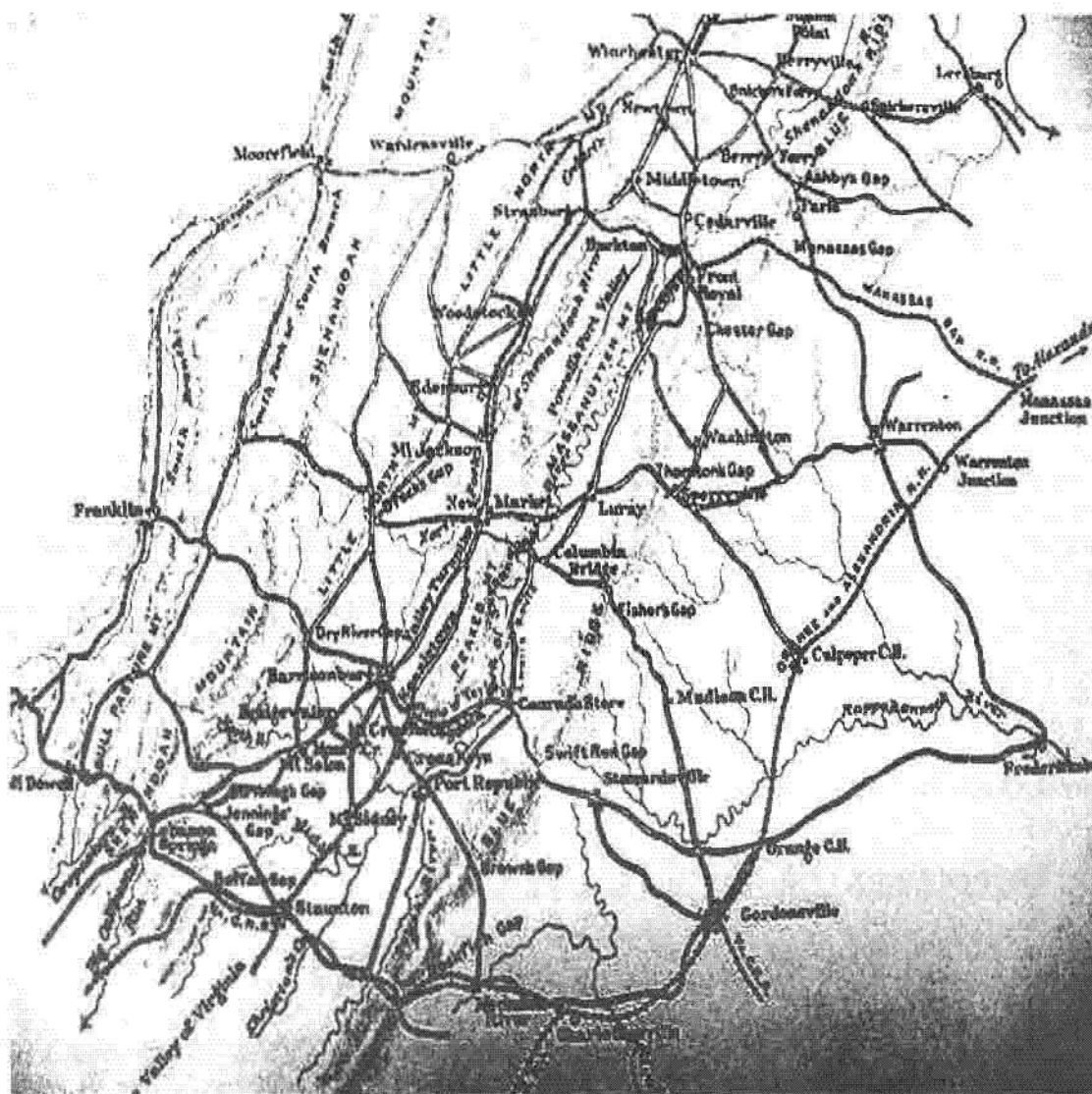
Abner Wilkes married, second, **LUCINDA HARDWICK** (November 15, 1812 - September 4, 1891), daughter of William H. Hardwick, in Chester County. They had the following

children:

1. Martha Keziah Wilkes, b. April 3, 1840; d. March 1, 1874
2. Garland Hardwick Wilkes, b. 1843; d. October 1, 1861
3. Minor Wilkes, died as a child
4. Abner Wilkes, Jr. , b. 1846; d. October 27, 1864
5. Hazel Hardwick Wilkes, b. April 17, 1849; d. October 20, 1884
6. Hanie Wilkes, b. February 13, 1851; d. October 2, 1898
7. Minerva Ann Wilkes, died as a child

Four of Abner's sons were victims of the Confederate War; two were killed in battle and two succumbed to disease. Abner died on his plantation near Baton Rouge November 16, 1883, and was buried beside his wife, Lucinda, in the cemetery of Calvary Baptist Church.

The map below shows the various locations in Virginia where the Wilkes brothers were camped when they wrote their news to Alice.



The last letter in the collection was written by an older friend, Sallie. I was not able to determine her identity. Her letter is of interest because it is a newsy account of some current events of the time and refers to friends and families known to Alice.

Yonguesville
Dec. 25, 1863

Dear Alice,

I dare say you think I have forgotten you, and do not intend to write you anymore but not so, my little friend. I often think of you, and would have written sooner but negligence, my inseparable companion has hitherto prevented me, but this is Christmas and all the darkies are free and I was writing some other letters, I thought I would write one to [you]. I hope you had a good Christmas dinner of pork. I have been staying with Mother for the last six weeks. I have had quite a pleasant time, have enjoyed myself finely. Sammy is with me now, they all three went to Mayfields and stayed two weeks. The girls have been about home since then, staying some with Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Price, Simpson and Aunt Sarah. Sammy is well and as bad as ever. I went over to see Nannie McBride this week and took him with me. He was so glad to see Nannie.

You wished me to go to see your Ma and beg her to let you come home. I would have gone if I had been at Uncle Sam's but hope you will get home any hour. I know you are homesick if you are like what you were when you stayed with me, but you must not think too much about home and neglect your studies. The harder you study and the closer you apply yourself, the sooner you will get through. I received a letter from Mob not long since in which he said when I wrote to you to give his love to you, so here it is (love). Bob Coleman has been home, but I don't think he went to see Miss Nannie. Bob Arnett is home on furlough. Berry is a prisoner. He was wounded through both thighs. Hattie Cameron and Col. McAfee were married about two weeks ago. I was at the wedding. There have been several weddings in the neighborhood lately. Some of our neighbors at a distance are having surprise parties. They say they enjoy them finely. I do not expect to be at any of them. I meet with surprise enough at home.

I have not heard from any of the up-country since I came down, consequently cannot tell you anything about them but I guess your other correspondents keep you pretty well posted up. I saw Ell's and Tommy's obituaries in yesterday's paper. They were well written and signed A. J. C. I guess it was Jesse, was it not? Alice, I have written three other letters and have another to write to a soldier so you must excuse me and let me off this time. Write to me soon and do not delay because I did. You have more time than I do. Mother sends her love to you, Sammy is sleeping sweetly so he cannot say what I must tell "Ash Wiha" for him. I remain your loving friend,

Sallie

Write very soon and direct to Yonguesville, Fairfield District, S. C.

INFORMATION SOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE WERE:

1. Wilkes Family Records of the late John Wesley Bramlett, Sr.
2. Map excerpted from Plate LXXXV, The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War.
3. Family Records of Jean Wilkes Muldrow.
4. Evergreen Cemetery, Chester, South Carolina Tombstone Inscriptions by Mary Jane and Thomas Stallworth, 1997.

A MOST UNUSUAL EPITAPH

This article is from a Texas paper on March 15, 1989, by Jewel Dixon Johnston.

In response to a query in the March 1st column concerning a branch of the Pickett family, John P. Frazier of Pittsburg sent the most unusual epitaph I've ever seen. It was written with such love, devotion and heartache, that all sides of the monument had to be utilized in order to inscribe it fully. Sally(Pickett)Cummings died of cholera, one month before her eighteenth birthday, at the residence of her widowed mother on Red River. Her father, James Belton Pickett, was one of the founders of Shreveport. Both parents were born in Chester, SC.

SALLIE A. CUMMINGS

Wife of R.C. Cummings, only daughter of

JAMES B. PICKETT and PAULINA DeGRAFFENREID,

Born July 19, 1837 died June 7, 1855

Weep not dear husband, and sweet mother, we will meet again.

A few short weeks ago, the above named lady was in the enjoyment of all earth's gifts: beauty, health, friends and the whole world smiling on her; when suddenly the wing of the "Destroying Angel", in his search for victims, scathed the fair brow of her who now sleeps on the bosom of her God. She was too good and fair for earth: her young feet had but commenced to tread the many labyrinths of this world, when She was snatched from our midst, to adorn celestial courts. But we will not mourn for thee, Sallie, for we know thy delicate fingers are now sweeping the golden chords of heavenly harps, and thy sweet voice is now, and will be eternally, chanting praises before the Almighty's throne. Many are they in this vale of sorrow to regret thee: many are they who will miss thy kind smile and loving glance. It was as the dew on the flower when parched by the heat of day it unfolds its petals to catch the nectar which is distilled from the flowers in heaven; such was thy smile. As the dew revives the perishing plant, so did thy smiles cheer the hearts of thy friends. Thou wert too fair for earth; thy guileless heart rivaled the lily in purity. Like the rose, thou wert beautiful, and as the violet, modest. Farewell! When the green grass grows over thee, and the Marble monument is raised o'er thy peaceful breast, and as the birds sing a requiem and the winds sigh in the branches of the willow which waves o'er frail form beneath the sculptured marble, draw aside the silvery veil of heaven and cast a pitying glance on her who wanders to a grave at even to plant there a little flower to the memory of one whom she loved with affection as undying as the amaranth which blooms in Paradise, and strike thy harp gently and breathe forth these words to the disconsolate one: Weep not, sweet mother, we will meet again."

Requiescat in pace

OoOoo

The unexpected demise of this amiable and accomplished lady had cast a gloom over her numerous friends, and brought mourning and lamentation in to the dwellings of a large circle of relatives. Death, ever inexorable, has delivered his stern mandate to one in the morning of life, in the bloom of health, whilst surrounded by all that render life charming and agreeable. But six months married, the bridal wreath was yet fresh around her brow, and gilded barge, freighted with her youthful hopes, glided happily, tranquilly along. But the dark hour came while it was yet early, and under the shadowy difficult task, indeed, to attempt a delineation of the virtues which characterized her life, and endeared her to all who had the happiness to know her, and to call her friend. The writer of this humble tribute to her memory feels his utter inability even to do them common justice. She united to a cultivated and refined mind, a liveliness of character, and a Christian meekness, all the graces and accomplishments, which combine to make a true woman and finished lady. Modest and unassuming in her intercourse with the world, sincere in her friendship and devoted in her attachment-she was universally beloved and is universally lamented.

OoOoo

A young bride, surrounded by gaiety and cheerfulness and the pleasures of a gay city so calculated to fascinate the young and attach them to the world-yet in the midst of all she did not forget to look to the Giver of all Good. She chose the better part. She preferred that wisdom which looketh beyond this "vale of tears", and fixing her eyes on Calvary, united herself to the Church. We mourn for her, cut off in the midst of youth and usefulness-but we mourn not as those that have no hope-She had placed her strength in that Arm that can burst the cerements of the grave. She had hearkened to that voice that can wake the slumbers of the dead.

Bright be the place of the soul! No lovelier spirit than thine E'er burst from its mortal control, In the orbs of the blessed to shine. On earth thou wert all but divine, As thy soul shall immortally be: When we know that thy God is with Thee.

OoOoo

Her death has been a source of grief to all but herself. Full of faith in her Redeemer she counted it gain to die, But what was gain to her, is loss to many. Loss to a mother of an affectionate daughter-Loss to a husband of a dutiful and loving wife, and loss to all who came within the range of her acquaintance, of an example of true Christian demeanor in all the relationships of life.

There is a reaper whose name is Death. He gazed at this flower with tearful eyes, He kissed its drooping leaves; It was for the Lord of Paradise, He bound it in his sheaves. It shall bloom in fields of light, Transplanted by my care; And Saints upon their garments white, this sacred blossom wear. The mother gave in tears of pain, The flower she most did love; She knew she would find the dear token again, In the fields of light above. O, not in cruelty, not in wrath, the reaper came that day; T'was an angel visited the green earth, and took this flower away.

Mr. Frazier is well-known to researchers for the many cemetery survey books he has published. This cemetery, located near the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, will be included in his next book. The Pickett family plot, about 25 feet square, is enclosed within a majestic wrought iron fence and is in excellent condition. Of the eight beautiful monuments, the one to Sallie A (Pickett) Cummings is by far the most elaborate.

ROBERT PARKS, SR.

File# 50-812
Intestate Estate

Robert Parks, Sr. died intestate in Chester County.
His estate bond was set for \$40,000.00 and was sg. 3 Oct. 1853 by:

Nancy Parks, administrator
James Graham
Samuel W. Mobley Bondsmen
Thomas DeGraffenreid
William M. Robins

The papers in the file show that this was a very large estate, and a partition of the estate of a predeceased son of the intestate, Robert Parks, Sr. states that:

Robert Parks, Jr.-died in the year 1844 (day and month not stated) owning a tract of approximately 100 a of land situated on Turkey Creek in Chester.

His heirs at the time of his death were:

Robert Parks, Sr. his father
And

The brothers and sisters of the deceased(Robert Jr.)

In 1853 the father, Robert Sr. died, leaving as his heirs

Nancy Parks, his widow
And

His children:

James Parks
Vincent Parks

Margaret Brandon-Paper in the file show that she was widow of Robert Brandon
And had a son who received money due his father from the
Estate of his grandfather.

Nancy Cornwell, a dec's dtr., who left a son Robert Cornwell. William Cornwell
Was gardian of the minor, Robert Cornwell.

Thomas Parks

David B. Parks, a dec'd son, who was survived by his widow Martha and a minor
Son, William Drayton Parks for whom Vincent Parks was
Guardian. By 11 Feb. 1856 the widow Martha was wed to
_____ Anderson.

Deed Book P page 163, sg.26 Dec. 1811

Nathan Jagers of Chester & dower by Margaret X his wife

A land deed to

Robert Parks of Chester, blacksmith...\$600.00-233 a land being part of a tract originally granted to Jagers 1785(date unclear)—the east end of said tract and situated on Sandy River, a branch of Broad.

William Parks(X)

James Jagers

Anne Jagers

Deed book V page 5, sg, 26 April 1823

Robert Parks of Chester and dower by May his wife(X)

A land deed to

Rev William Hughes...\$1000,00...220 a, being a tract originally granted Jagers, etc..situated on Big Sandy River at the mouth of the Spring Branch...up branch across the Fish Dam Road to oak in Trotter's old field, bounding lands of Dr. Daniel Ryan, Dec'd
Land of Hall & Thomas

Thomas Hughes

William Parks

Deed BookV page 29, sg. 23 March 1824

____ John White Sr. of Union County, SC No dower

A land deed to

Robert Parks of Chester Co., SC....2 tracts, 641 a for \$750. Land being original grant to John Cockran and sold by him to White. Situated on the Brushy Fork of Sandy River.

Deed Book K page 290, sg. 4 January 1796

An affidavit signed before Arromanys Lyles, J. P.

Sg. By:

Jane X Boyd

Elizabeth X Boyd

Nathan Boyd

Isaiah Sherer

All of Newberry District

South Carolina

Stating that they knew Rebecca Doherty, dec'd, the only daughter of Daniel Doherty, dec'd and Barbara Doherty, his wife, now the wife of Dr. Samuel Parks, and they further state that the said Rebecca Doherty died under age and unmarried in the house of James Doherty in Newberry District.

Deed B Book K page 290, sg. 8 January 1796

Dr Samuel Parks & dower by Barbarah his wife of Fairfield, a land deed to Philip Pearson of same..L 140.. 180 a land, being the NW part of a grant of 200a made 2 May 1770 to Martin Shirer and situated on the North side of Broad River and bounding :

The river

The Richard Strother estate

On part of the original estate (Shirer?) which was reserved to said Barbara

On Samuel Parks and Barbara

On said Philip Pearson

John Tygert

George Reddiah

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LETTERS TO DR. KELL

These are copies of letters to Dr. Kell in Fort Lawn, found in the papers of Wade B. Roddey of Richburg.

Dear Dr. Kell,

Recently I had the good fortune to have Cousin Nancy McGee's Bible given to me, and I find it a regular storehouse of interesting genealogy. It will take me some time to digest it all, and get a clear picture of the various families.

I always wondered who Cousin Nancy McGee was, and what relation she was to us. All that is cleared up now. She was the daughter of William Cherry and Jane Fee, both of whom were born in Ireland.

William Cherry was the oldest son of Robert Cherry and Letitia Leach, and was born in Ireland just before his father, Robert Cherry, left Ireland to come to the United States. Two other boys were born after they came to the United States, and these two were Jamieson and Gregory.

Robert Cherry had three children by his first wife, John, Mary, and Robert. He brought John and Mary to the U.S. but left Robert with his grandparents, and he never did come to the United States.

This John Cherry is the Colonel John Cherry who married Anne Jamieson.

Cousin Nancy certainly did a remarkable piece of work. She was naturally primarily interested in her mother's people, the Fee family. She did a lot of work tracing them all the way from Scotland to Ireland, then to the U.S., and all the way from Albany,

New York, to Iowa, and to California, to say nothing of Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

First, I want to know something about Jennie Lewark. She did a lot of clerical work for Cousin Nancy, and she wrote a beautiful hand. I remember she came to our home on Sunday afternoon when I was a little fellow. It was a hot day and everybody appreciated a cool drink of water. I went to the well, drew a fresh bucket of water, and carried her a drink. She said some things to me that I have never forgotten. I believe every boy appreciates kindness and remembers it. I have never forgotten that girl. Did she not marry Ross McFadden? She must have been some relation to Cousin Nancy.

Cousin Nancy gave particular attention to Great-grandfather Gregory(Gregg) Cherry's family, and now I can go all the way back to Great-great-grandfather Robert Cherry and his wife Letitia Leach.

You said you did not know who George Pringle Cherry was. He was the youngest son of Gregory Cherry, and he married a Jewess. Wonder who she was, and what became of him and his wife.

Gregory Cherry had twelve children children. Grandmother Ruth Amanda Cherry Roddey was the second child. I remember her so well.

Chauncey Lafayette was the father of Robert Gregg Cherry, Gastonia. The next to the youngest child was Columbus DeKalb. This is the entry opposite his name: "Born May 5, 1846. Fell in battle at Richmond, Va., July 12, 1862. Aged 16 years, 2 months, sixteen days".

This letter was written on September 26, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Kell:

Since you and Dr. Kell have helped me so much, I am giving you first information about my having a copy of the family history Cousin Nancy wrote.

It is so strange to me, that none of us out here ever had a copy of this history of the Fee family, or even saw one. I imagine Cousin Nancy was so devoted to the idea and to her work that she did not go into detail with those who might not be in full sympathy with her. Did she ever tell you about the book?

I have a typewritten copy of the book, and it is mainly on the Fee Family, but where the Roddey line and the Cherry line cross with the Fee line she gives full history.

Did Cousin Nancy ever tell you anything about her mother's genealogy? It seems to me that if she had told you anything of what is in the book you would have mentioned it to me.

Did Cousin Nancy tell you that her great-grandmother was Elizabeth Dawson-Lady Elizabeth Dawson to give her the full name-daughter of an Earl?

Cousin Nancy's grandfather, Robert Fee, Sr., was the son of Captain William Fee, a Highland Scottish Soldier in the service of the English King, and Lady Elizabeth Dawson. They were married in 1749.

There is romance, Indian fighting, Civil War, some of the most interesting history I ever read in this book.

Of course, I do not have the pictures. It is full of pictures of the various members of the family.

I have just had a most interesting letter from somebody I did not even know existed, Mrs. Frances Roddy Parrot. You do not pronounce the final "t". That name is French. She lives in Newton Center, Massachusetts, right close to Boston.

She is a daughter of W.D. Roddy, son of Andrew J. Roddy and Eleanor Jane Cherry. W.D. Roddey must have been pretty wealthy, for he owned two or more stores in Arkansas. (Both spellings, Roddey and Roddy are used in the letter).

This Frances Roddy Parrot tells me she went to Boston to study, married the son of a German Baroness (before the Nazi regime), and later a man of French descent, whose grandfather came over a sort of financial manager with Joseph Bonaparte when he fled from the throne of Spain. They have been here ever since.

Did you hear Jean Roddey, from some place in Wisconsin, sing over the radio last Sunday Evening? I wonder who she is.

I hope Dr. Kell is at home by this time. Give him my regards.

Almost forgot about the new Cherry find. This is from "Wheeler's Historical Sketches of North Caroline from 1584 to 1851."

Under Bertie County, North Carolina, is listed a William Cherry, graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1800.

Member of House of Commons 1804& 1805

Also a William W. Cherry, Member House of Commons, 1844. Also J.B. Cherry, Member House of Commons, 1848&1850. I wonder who these Cherry men are.

Hope to see you soon. Regards to all of you.

Sincerely,

This letter was dated January 29, 1950.

Cousin Nancy has your wife, Mrs. Mary Schorb Kell listed and traced clearly all the way back to Robert Cherry and Letitia Leach, in Ireland.

She also has the James Milton Cherry family entered, and they trace right back to Ireland.

But there is one thing I never did know, and I never did ask anybody about it. Mrs. Cora Rogers Black always called Mr. J. M Cherry, Cousin Milton. When I see you next, please clear this up for me. I know Mrs. Kell can clear it up.

I never knew before that William A. Barber and Jay O. Barber could trace back to Col. John Cherry, and also the White family in Chester.

When I get through with this Bible I do not want it to fall into the hands of people who have no appreciation of anything like this. I think I can get it donated to the Daughters of the American Revolution by having it donated by a member in good standing.

Thank you for all the help you have given me from time to time. Some afternoon I want to see you for a short time, and see if you can clear up just about one matter.

Sincerely,
Wade B. Roddey

OLD WRITE UP OF CHESTER COUNTY, S.C.

This clipping appears to be very old. I have copied it just as it is. Note by W.B.R.: This old clipping is owned by Mrs. J. D. McCloy, Monticello, Arkansas. She does not know from which paper it was taken. It was likely written some time during the 1890's, as Mr. Taylor Marion is mentioned in a way that indicated he was living at that time.

Dear Aunt Lee,

Although a stranger in this part of the United States, I cannot refrain from writing to you after visiting some of the old land-marks of Chester County, S. C.

I visited Union Church, near Richburg, S. C., and was told the church which now stands there is on, or very near, the site of the old one built there a year or so later than 1772, that being the year that Robert Cherry, William Martin, and Edward McFadden, builders of this old church, came to this country from Ireland.

On the same day I visited and partook of the hospitality of the family of one of Edward McFadden's great-grandchildren, and received a cup of coffee made by one of Edward McFadden's great-great-granddaughters. I have also met another of Edward McFadden's great-grand children and several of his great-great-grandchildren.

A son of Edward McFadden, James by name, taught school a few years later in this old school house or church. I have also met a great many of Robert Cherry's descendants. I also saw the house owned by Robert Cherry. The land can be traced back to a grant by the king, now in the hands of Mr. Taylor Marion, near Richburg. It then passed into the hands of Daniel Elliott, then to Robert Cherry. He lived there a few years and died, leaving it to his wife, who raised a large family there. Then it passed into the hands of her eldest son, William Cherry. He lived there a few years and then moved to Landsford, where he purchased lands and raised a large family. Robert Cherry has been dead 99 years the 15th of August. A table, which is in use every day, that had belonged to him, was used in the old church on sacramental occasions. The old table is all of a hundred and twenty years old.

Aunt Nell dwelt so much on home-makers. These people have left strong evidences of their being home-makers, for they had every inconvenience, and yet, judging from their posterity, they must have been a very superior people. I have been forcibly and favorably impressed with the people of this country as an intelligent and religious people.

I also saw some of the old books, such as "Confession of Faith" printed in 1763, and the works of John Flarel, written from 1670 to 1677. This edition is over 200 years old. It was an old book 100 years ago, when owned by Ebenezer Elliott, one of the First Elders of the A. R. P. Church at Union.

It is not often you find in the country as much progress in the churches as you do here, especially this one. Its present pastor is only the 4th, since 1794. it has Y.M.C.A., King's Daughters, and weekly prayer meetings, and that is saying a great deal. Not only is the church so prominent in its progress, but the modern look of the old burying ground show the care of refined and cultured people.

Now, for fear of the waste basket, and as my stay in this beautiful Southland is only a few hours long, I will not weary by my admiration of the people but will close. Wishing success, I am,

Respectfully,

A Stranger

I have just examined the table that come from the home of Robert Cherry, and which he donated to the church to be used for sacramental purposes.

The table is tastefully designed and is well made. The square tapered legs indicate the builder of the table knew something about proper design.

This table is still in use, and is being used in the children's class taught by Miss Flora Reid. The children use the table when cutting out pictures to paste in their books.

Wade B Roddey

State of South Carolina,
County of Chester.

} TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS. THAT We, William A. Barber of the City of New York, State of New York, and Jay O. Barber, of the Town of Richburg, County of Chester, and State of South Carolina, being the only heirs at law of O. Barber, deceased, and Mary Barber, deceased, late of the County of Chester, and State of South Carolina, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$3500.00) to us paid by Ella H. Marion, of the County of Chester, and the State of South Carolina, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Ella H. Marion-

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, lying, being and situate in the corporate limits of the Town of Richburg, County and State aforesaid, containing one and one-tenth (1.1) acres, more or less, commencing at the intersection of Lancaster and Columbia Streets and running thence along Columbia Street 282 feet to a corner; thence along the line of G. W. Roddey 172 feet to a corner; thence along the line of lot belonging to the Estate of O. Barber, deceased, and lot belonging to Richburg Lodge #89, Ancient Free Masons, 271 feet to a corner on Lancaster Street; thence along Lancaster Street 183 feet to the beginning corner; being bound on the North by lands of G.W. Roddey, on the East by lands of the Estate of O. Barber, deceased, and Richburg Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free Masons, on the South by Lancaster Street, and on the West by Columbia Street; all of said lot having been formerly owned by O. Barber, deceased, and a small portion thereof having been conveyed by O. Barber, to Bascomville Lodge No. 89. Ancient Free Masons by deed dated December 1st, 1869, and conveyed by said Lodge, now Richburg Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free Masons, to Mary Barber by deed dated August 21st, 1909.

FROM VERTEBRA TO POTTERY IT'S ALL HERE

“Simpsonian” curator gathers trinkets of past. This article is taken from the “Herald”, newspaper of Rock Hill, SC. by Peter M Judge

W R. “Bill” Simpson Jr. unlocks the door to the concrete block building in the backyard of his Orange Street home and welcomes visitors into York County’s other museum.

Dubbed the “Simpsonian” by friends and visitors, the simple block building is a magical place, proudly treading that fine line between clutter and treasure, between history and junk.

If one item doesn’t strike a nostalgic chord or spark a wonderful memory, another one is sure to do the trick.

Simpson, who retired in 1968 after 48 years with the U.S. Postal Service in Rock Hill, is the museum’s owner, curator and chief storyteller.

His museum houses one of the most extensive collections of Catawba Indian artifacts in existence. It is a collection of pottery, arrowheads, stone tools and weapons that have curators from more prestigious museums in the county around the state and across the nation drooling.

But there is so much more: from relics of ancient civilizations to little trinkets of York County’s past. The vast collection actually predates Simpson, who celebrates his 84th birthday today.

Most of the articles were collected a century ago by Simpson’s father, Dr. W.R. Simpson Dr., a prominent Rock Hill dentist who worked out of a three-room office downtown.

“One room was full of all this Indian stuff to entertain the poor suckers before he worked on them”, Simpson recalls with a chuckle.

For many years, the collection was housed and exhibited on the second floor of the old Rock Hill Public Library building on Oakland Avenue. When the library moved quarters, the materials were packed away and stored at Simpson’s home.

After retiring from the Post Office, Simpson went to work building his own museum to display the artifacts that his father loved so dearly. The collection is eclectic at best—a 1798 Bible, a display on various denominations of Confederate currency, Conch shells, shark teeth and a couple of small fossils collected in Ohio.

Catawba pottery fills up several shelves in one corner of the building. Some of it washed up during a flood on the river in 1916. Other pieces were gifts from farmers who found them while plowing their fields or from the Indians themselves.

“None of them ever had to pay for dental work,” he said. “They just swapped some rocks for it.”

On another shelf, there is a collection of Central American pottery some dating back a thousand years or more. The pottery was excavated and sent to Dr. Simpson during the digging of the Panama Canal in 1912.

A huge vertebra and a rib bone, about 7- feet –long, are all that remains of either a dinosaur or a whale, Simpson explains. He doesn't know which and, so far, neither have the experts from various museums that have come knocking on his door. Dr. Simpson was big on collecting, his son said, but record-keeping wasn't one of his stronger traits.

Although Simpson can tell a story for nearly every article in the collection, he is quick to emphasize that the tales are just his recollection of what he was told by his father.

“This collection itself is over 100 years old,” he said. “And unfortunately no records were kept back then. I don't know where he got some of this stuff.” If there was anything old, my daddy wanted it. He always told us to “Save it, there will never be any more”.

A 1901 Edison disc phonograph, still in working condition, shares space with a piano shipped to Martha Caroline Pride of Chester County in the 1820's. Nearby sits a scruffy pair of combat boots, reportedly worn by a Rock Hill survivor of World War II Battle of the Bulge.

Simpson still cherishes the registration for his father's 1907 REO automobile, a forerunner of Oldsmobiles. The car was among the first licensed in the county, he said. Stacks and stacks of old books and magazines fill the back of the building.

Everywhere there are arrowheads of all shapes, sizes and materials. Hundreds are mounted on displays; hanging on the walls, and lining shelves. Thousands more fill several drawers out of sight. Simpson, also always keeps a handful of smooth, polished arrowheads-charms and mementos for the lucky children who get a chance to view his displays.

It's for those children that he's kept these things all these years. For his son, Bill Simpson III, now principal of Lesslie Elementary School, who remembers going over to the library as a child to gawk at the display cases of antique pistols and rifles.

For his granddaughter, 9 year old Lauran Simpson, who gets a guided tour every time she visits- and for school groups that occasionally come calling, signing the museum registry he keeps by the door.

Simpson has mixed feelings about the prospect of donating the collection to an established museum. Several items were sold long ago to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and other artifacts often are borrowed for display at the Museum of York County and the S.C. State Museum in Columbia.

But Simpson fears that when a museum gets his collection, the artifacts his father cherished will end up gathering dust in some storage area. "They put something on display for three or six months, he said. "and then stick it in the basement and you don't see it again".

But the collection eventually will be donated to a larger museum. "I'm not going to be here forever and no one else is interested in keeping open the Simpsonian. I want these things to go on display and stay there." He and his wife disagree over which institution should benefit from Dr. Simpson's collections

"Now I'm leaning toward donating all this stuff toward the local museum, and I'll tell you why. My daddy always said he wanted these things to benefit the school children of York County." My wife wants it all to go to the state museum in Columbia, but that would take it out of York County and what would the children do.

This article appeared on March, 24, 1986 in "The Herald", paper of Rock Hill, SC.

GEORGE B. McMASTER

Winnsboro, Aug. 22- George Buchanan McMaster, (63) after an illness of nearly eight months, died at his home, here at 8 o'clock tonight. Mr. McMaster had been warned about a year ago that his health was seriously impaired and the first part of January he suffered a heart attack. Since then he had been confined to his home and had gradually grown worse until today when he quietly passed away.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. Genie Anderson McMaster; two daughters, Miss Eugenia McMaster, now in Winnsboro, but a teacher in Statesville, N. C.: Mrs. James T. Quattlebaum, of Columbia and one son, Edward Anderson McMaster, of Winnsboro; two brothers, Fitz Hugh McMaster, of Columbia and Dr. John Gregg McMaster, of Kingstree; six sisters, Mrs. Thomas H. Ketchin, of Winnsboro, Miss Bessie G. McMaster of Columbia, Mrs. Sam H. Hay, of Morristown, Tenn., Miss Louise McMaster, of Rock Hill, Mrs. C.W. Legerton, of Charleston and Miss Flora McMaster, of Winnsboro.

Mr. McMaster was the son of the late George Hunter and Mary Flenniken McMaster of Winnsboro, and his ancestry goes back to the early settlers of the town. His home is on a part of the site of the home of Gen. Richard Winn, for whom the town of Winnsboro was named. He had been a deacon of the ARP Church of Winnsboro for

many years and a consistent Christian. During the 12 years of President Wilson's administration he was postmaster at Winnsboro. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Winnsboro and for some years was one of its officers.

Funeral services will be held at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence. Mr. McMaster died on August 22, 1932.

JESSE ROBERTS

Jesse Roberts....very sick...

Will
Sg. October 20, 1828
Pr. 1 December 1828

File 37-1557
York County, SC

Names in his will:

Wife: none listed

Children:

Nancy Bowen... Dtr..to have \$5.00

Elizabeth Jamieson...Dtr.

Rachel Jamieson...Minor grand-daughter not yet 16.

John Robert...Son and Ex.

Andrew Roberts...Son and Ex.

"all my Negroes to my sons"

"my colt named Bedford..."

"My sons to have my still."

Silindy Roberts...grand-daughter

John Hemphill

Jonathan McSwain

William Jamieson

Samuel Bowen and his wife Nancy Bowen formerly Roberts entered suit to prevent the probate of the will

Appraisers of the estate: John Hemphill; Gordon Moore; James Meek; Samuel Feemster; Edward Feemster; W. Jamieson, J.P.

Deed Book G page 396 York Co. SC Sg. 29 Dec. 1804

Ezekiel Gilham & John Gilham

A land deed to

Jesse Roberts....300 a land on east side Bulloch's Creek.

David G. Bryan

A.R. Jamison

J.P. Wood, J.P.

comment: this is the first land shown for Jesse Roberts in York County.

This account of the funeral for General John Bratton, held on January 14, 1898, came from a clipping clipped from an unknown newspaper. My great-great grandfather, Thomas Woodward Traylor, had served in General Bratton's unit during the Confederate War and was one of the pallbearers. By Ellen Bramlett Clarke

THE DEAD HERO LAID TO REST

Imposing Ceremonies at Winnsboro—The Tribute of his Fellow-Citizens to Genuine Merit

The remains of Gen. Bratton were laid to rest in Winnsboro on Friday, 14, inst.

The funeral services were held at the Episcopal church by Bishop Ellison Capers, who paid a touching and glowing tribute to the memory of his friend and fellow-soldier, which brought many of his hundreds of hearers to tears.

A touching incident occurred during the last hour of Gen. Bratton on earth. While he was suffering from intense pain he was unconscious for a few moments, and evidently imagined he had received a mortal wound on the battle field. He suddenly placed his hands over his heart and exclaimed, "Boys, don't let me die here; get me out." This request was repeated once or twice. He became conscious for a few minutes and said to the Rev. T. D. Bratton: "Son, I am gone; I am dying." Soon after this he breathed his last. He had fought his last battle in this life.

The sky was serene, the air of this January day stirred gently with a balmy breeze, and all nature seemed bathed in peace and tranquility. But the deeply impressive scene was strikingly reminiscent of war.

The cemetery itself had been bereft of its church at the hands of the incendiary invader of 1865, a new structure having been erected in a different portion of town, so that only the spirits of the dead kept silent watch over this consecrated spot. At the head of the open grave stood Bishop General Capers, who dedicated his early life to a glorious service of his country and his latter days to the sanctified service of his Maker. Grouped around were the grizzled veterans of the "Old Sixth," between whom and their old colonel existed a love surpassing that of man for woman; the members of Camp Raines, United Confederate Veterans, of Camp Bratton, Sons of the Confederacy, and other gallant survivors, while in the hands of Dixon H. Robertson, the color bearer of the Sixth, floated the old battle flag draped in mourning.

Forms once stalwart were bent, the flush of youth had given place to the furrows of age, beard and locks were grizzled, but true hearts never grow cold, and many tears of grief flowed freely as the hands of these old comrades lowered their chieftain to the grave. In accordance with an old custom his friends and neighbors claimed the privilege each of assisting in placing the earth upon his coffin as they consigned him, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

The active pallbearers were members of the Sixth regiment, chosen by the survivors as follows; R. E. Ellison, W. S. Gilbert, M. B. Raines, Thomas Raines, T. W. Traylor, John B. Montgomery and Major T. W. Woodward. As the body was placed before the chancel, Major Woodward

reverently placed the colors of the regiment upon the coffin, during which impressive act there was not a dry eye among the multitude.

The reverend bishop himself was overcome with emotion, and in his own peculiar thrilling way made some most beautiful and touching remarks, which came without premeditation under the influence of the moment.

When the procession moved toward the cemetery Mr. John Stewart, one of the veterans, took the reins and guided the horse attached to the hearse.

Among the mourners were many of the old family servants, who had come in to town to see their "master" and friend for the last time.

General Bratton will be missed in the State, but in his own home in Fairfield, where he has lived so long, and been the trusted friend and adviser and helper of so many, his loss will be well nigh irreparable.

In his funeral address Bishop Capers said in substance:

"This sacred hour has for us all, my friends, its own impressive lessons, and its responsibilities.

"We have met to bury one of Carolina's noblest sons. His pure, manly gallant life has its lessons for us all, my fellow citizens. It is a glorious thing so to live as to win, and hold to the very last, the reverence and honor of your friends and brethren, the devoted love of a numerous kindred, and to die, as Bratton died, mourned and regretted by his State.

"When I saw my friend, his comrade in arms, reverently lay that glorious banner on his coffin, and when I look into the faces of his old soldiers here surrounding the body of their faithful friend and gallant general, I feel how true and real, how sincere and how honorable this tribute to his life of devotion to you, to his State, and to the noble, high, and manly impulses of his generous and brave heart!

"My fellow citizens of old Fairfield, the lesson of Gen. Bratton's life is a glorious legacy to you, and to your children. We are all mourners around his bier, and looking upon his noble form we cannot, if we would, withhold our tears for him, but we have no regrets, no misgivings, no explanations, no apologies for his ever faithful life.

"That flag is to you what it was to him, the symbol of devotion to conscientious duty, and the emblem of honor, courage, and sacrifice in the service of his people and his country. We bring to his grave our gratitude to God for the gift of his life, and the example of his true and noble character. For myself, I thank God for men like Hagood and Bratton, and when we come to bury them I feel, as I know you all feel, how imperishable is true excellence of character! How immortal the memory and the influence of a noble life!

"This is no time for the language of eulogy, but I cannot refrain in presence of these old Confederate soldiers from expressing for them, and for myself, and for you, his neighbors, and

friends, and kindred, the sense of his worth, his heroism, and his devotion to whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is lovely, and of good report.

“He loved his people, he loved his friends, he loved South Carolina with a love unfeigned.

“My brethren, it is a glorious distinction to be able to look up to worthy men, and to teach our children lessons of virtue and patriotism by their examples. Old Fairfield has sent gallant men to the field and to the forum, but she has had no nobler son than John Bratton.

“The old soldiers are fast answering to the final roll-call. They will soon all be gone. For you, my brethren, and for me tattoo and taps will soon be sounded. We cannot all be distinguished men and great generals but we can all be Christians! We can all be true to our Lord and Master, and being true to Him, we shall be ready when our summons comes; ready for the last great battle, and assured, my brethren, of our final triumphant victory.

“I had no intention when I came here to make this address, but I have felt so much impressed by your presence, and by every expression of your love and respect for my honored friends, with the supreme value of high character, and the enduring power there is in an example of splendid courage, and purity of heart and purpose, and a manly devotion to right standards of conduct, that I have felt it impossible, brethren, to repress the abundance of my sympathy with you or to withhold this imperfect expression of my love and honor for the character and example of your friend and mine—Fairfield and Carolina’s noble son.”

We would like to thank all our members for submitting articles and books to the Society. We are run by volunteers and appreciate your involvement. We will try to answer all queries and other requests as soon as possible so be patient with us if you do not hear from us right away.

We appreciate any comments, good or bad, about our Society. We're constantly looking to make improvements. We need volunteers!!

Thank You!

BALLARD

The Ballards were associated with Beckhams in Warren Co. N.C. prior to the time when the Beckhams came to Kershaw/Lancaster/Chester area of South Carolina.

Thomas Ballard was in Lancaster County, S.C. On 7 April 1790 he gave a bond to Douglas Starke of that county for the amount of L125. The bond included John Blanton and Willis Whitaker and was to be paid back in annual payments in 1791-2-3 and covered the purchase of a Negro man Zach.

Zechariah Cantey was the J.P. who drew up this paper.

Deed Book B, page 134, Lancaster Co., S. C.

Deed Book C & E Page 122, Sg. 19 April 1790. Lancaster Co., S.C.

Thomas Ballard of Lancaster County, S. C.No dower...

A land deed to:

John Graham of the same State and County...For L20..230a being part of the land originally surveyed for him, the said Thomas Ballard situated on Beaver Creek in Lancaster County and bounding SW on the said Ballard/ NW on George Miller/ NE on Charles Barber/ SE on said Graham and John Lake and S on David Russel

J. Boutin
A Fleming
Peter Thomson

There was one other Thomas Ballard deed in Deed Book P, page 171, but the Court House closed early and I did not get to abstract it.

The Ballards continued to be connected with the Beckham family. It will be remembered here that Benjamin Beckham wed in Warren County, N. C. on 10 Oct. 1783, Amelia (Milly) Ballard. Chester County Records show the following:

Old Deed Book T, page 223, sg. 3 January 1820

John Carter, Commissioner in Equity for Camden District, S. C. for the sum of \$1700.00 paid by

Milly Beckham of Chester District.. title to Negro slaves, to wit: Jack, aged about 35 yrs. Little Hannah, aged about 40 yrs..her son James, aged about 2 yrs..Dianna, aged about. 4 yrs..the same being sold by said John Carter, Commissionar in Equity at Court held at Kershaw County Court House in the said State at June term of last year as the property of William Ballard of North Carolina, the father of the said Milley Beckham and descended to the said William as heir at law of Lewis Ballard, deceased, late John Gunthorp, Sr. before Hugh Hicklin, J.P. 9 May 1820

ENOCH PEARSON

Enoch Pearson of Paget Creek in 96 Dist.

S.C. Colonial Will

Sg. 21 April 1775

Pr. Date is missing

Names in his will

Page 159 in Book for 1776-1784, Charleston, S. C.

Tabitha Pearson...wife and Ex.

Jonathan Jacocks...Deceased father of my wife of East Jersey.

John Williams...Attorney at Law in East Jersey.

“He will continue to pay to my wife her shares in her father`s Estate”

Mary Prather....Daughter

Josiah Prather...Son in law and Ex.

Tabitha Prather...Granddaughter

Margaret Burns...Daughter

Thomas Pearson...Son and Ex.

My minor children are to be educated including one in my pregnant wife

Isaac Pearson....Minor son

Sarah Pearson...Minor daughter

Rachel Pearson...Minor daughter

Tabitha Pearson...Minor daughter

Child in my pregnant Wife... other data not in the will shows

Enoch Pearson...one the the sons in the pregnant wife

William Pearson...One of the sons in the pregnant wife

These two are not in the will above but show in the widow`s will.

Witnesses:

John Townsend

Elizabeth Townsend

John O`Dell

Comments by Andrea:

Enoch Pearson resided in what

is now Union County in a Quaker

Settlement on Padgett Creek.

The widow made her will 19 June 1805 in Union County and as Mrs. Tabitha Townsend.. It was proved 25 Feb. 1811. She named all of the sons above and also William and Enoch Pearson...Her daughters were

Wife of Josiah Prather

Wife of John Watson

Wife of Charles Jones

Margaret Burns

Rachel Roberds

Wife of Stacey Cooper

Dickson, Michael, Grantor

Deed Book A. Page 1

Camden District, Craven County, 19 November, 1786

Michael Dickson to John Service, 150 acres, tract having been granted Dickson under the hand of His Excellency, Charles Greenville Montague, 23 January, 1773. Land situated on the waters of Bull Run. Amt. paid L62-10sh. Current money.

Michael Dickson(his seal)
Sarah X Dickson

Wm Boyd

John Miller

James M. Question.

Date of deed, July 20, 1785

Deed Book A, pg. 390

Camden District, Craven County

Michael Dickson sells to William Millen(Miller) 150a land for 10 sh. And rent of one peppercorn to be paid each year on the last day of the term.. Deed made "this first day of the year, 1780"

Michael Dickson (his seal)

Thos. Camron

Chas. Miller

James McCaw.

Deed BookA, ag. 398

John ? 1780, Michael Dickson sells to William Miller 300 a land granted to Dickson under the hand, etc., of William Tryon 16 April, 1765, then situated on Rocky Creek, Mecklenburg Co., N.C., between the Catawba and Broad River, at the foard of the Saludy Road. Now in Camden Dist of the State above mentioned. Price L5000 current money.

Signature and Witnesses same as above.

Note: Isn't that a rather high price??? Current money was worth only about 1/7 sterling, wasn't it? But he gives him the land above this deed, 150a.

Book A, page, 242

Michael Dixon sells to David McDill 300 a on Rocky Creek for 10 sh.

Michael Dickson (his seal)

Chas. Miller
Sam. Dickson
Jno. McDill

October 1786

Book A, p 239

Same time, same witnesses, etc. Michael Dickson sells to David McDill 300 a on both sides Rocky Creek at the foard of the Saludy Road between the Broad and Catawba Rivers. Part of land grant from Gov. Tryon 1775

No Power at all. No Powers before 1850`s

Deed Book B, page 514

John Nesbit gives to Hopewell A.R.P church lease of the Church, January 1840

Deed Book S, page 447,

Samuel Nesbit deeds to Hamilton Maxwell 193 a, December 1818

Elmer O Parker

Ludowici, Ga.-Services for Elmer O. Parker, 86, were held at 2 P.M. Saturday, February 23, 2002 at Jones Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Stokes officiating. Burial was in Jones Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Parker died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 in Providence Hospital in Columbia after a short illness. He was born in Long County, Ga. and had lived in Columbia for 28 years. He was buried in the Jones Creek Cemetery and a member of the prestigious Jamestown Society. He was assistant Director of the National Archives, Washington, D.C. His name appeared in many magazines and newspapers because Congress, on the basis of a discovery he made in the National Archives, voted to restore the U.S. citizenship of Gen. Robert E. Lee, which had been lost when Lee led Confederate Armies in defense of his native state during the War for Southern Independence. He was a well know historian and genealogist and the author of several books. He was a good friend and help to the Chester District Genealogical Society and was helping us to write the early history of Fishing Creek.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan K. Baker of Columbia and Elizabeth P. Griffin of Roanoke, Va.

QUERIES

- (02-27) **White, Brown-Schumaker, Debbie**, 2239 S. Linden St., Wichita, KS 67207-5547
Need information about this Family: Elizabeth (Betsy) White, b 1786, Chester Co. SC, daughter of William White and Jane Brown. She married Burl Bishop and had one child, Jane Bishop. Burl and Elizabeth died in Kentucky. Jane Bishop was raised by Garner and Jennie White in Chester Country, SC. Jane Bishop married William Bishop and lived and died in Union County, SC.
- (02-28) **Ingram, Silas-Ernest** Silas Ingram, Jr. 1709 Winston Dr., Macon, GA. 31206.
E-Mail: ESI1956@aol.com. Who was Silas Ingram's parents? Silas Ingram b Nov 8, 1816, Lancaster Co. SC. d 1882 buried Flat Creek, SC. m,(1)Elizabeth Gardner, daughter of William Gardner. She was b 1824 in SC, d 1876 b Flat Flat Creek, SC. He m (2), Malisa Caroline Reeves Blackmon. She was b Nov 15, 1827, d July 17, 1895. Silas and Elizabeth had children, William A, Jane, Elizabeth A, Silas F, Benjamin Rush, Mary M, Axie, Sarah L
Benjamin Rush Ingram was my GF m Charlotte Miller, Daughter of Richmond G. Miller and Elizabeth Hinson. Any help would be much appreciated. Thanks.
- (02-29) **Dunlap-Dorothy Dunlap Hooper**, 748 Howse Ave., Madison, TN 37115. E-mail-
hooperhowse@msn.com- I am looking for the father of William M. Dunlap. His(mother of William M) wife is Ann(a) possibly Susanna. She was born about 1805. It appears that he is a William or Robert. One record states he was born in Chester, SC and was in Seminole War. Any help would be appreciated.
- (02-30) **Richardson, William E-Mary Jane Hyatt**, 6609 W. Rockwood Dr., Pine Bluff, AR 71603. Please help me find my great grandfather, William E. Richardson. He married Eleanor Adaline Carnes and they lived in the Lancaster-Rock Hill area. He died in Chester in 1890.
- (02-31) **Kennedy-Billy J. Kennedy**, 16625 Crenshaw, Apt. 30, Torrance, CA 90504-2132
A James Kennedy received a Royal Land Grant for 400 acres in Fairfield County Is this the same James Kennedy (1717-1790) buried at Old Purity Cemetery in Chester? The land grant was in 1772.
- (02-32) **Dove-Melvin R. Dove**, 508 Honeybee CT, Prattville, AL 36067. E-mail
ldove2@juno.com- Who was Benjamin Dove's first wife? Benjamin was born in 1822 in South Carolina to Richard C. Dove and Anne Pannell. He was married after 1850 in MS. In 1860, he has two children, but his wife is not with him. By 1870, he has a new wife named Elizabeth Tucker
- (02-33) **Smith, John-Nancy Smith Davis**, 158 Grove Park Circle, Memphis, TN 38117
Does anyone have any information about the family of a John Smith, who married Mary Jane Lockhart? They settled out from Lexington, TN. And my great great grandfather, George Washington Smith was born in 1823. Mary Jane's father was Andrew Lockhart.

- (02-34) **Ferguson-Jon R. Ferguson**, 1278 Wolfe Street. Jacksonville, FL 32205-8306
 E-Mail jonadmf1278@worldnet.att.net, I have a copy of the probate records of a John Ferguson who died in Chester District, SC in 1822 (Recorded in Book G, Page 298, Apt 20, pkg. 310). His wife was named Rebecca (Becky)_____. The children named in the will were: Willaim, Lucky, Sinthy, Betsey, Mary, Becky, Mourning and Agnes. His brother-in-law was John Collins, Executor, One might jump to the conclusion that John Collins was Becky's brother, therefore, her maiden name would be Collins. This is not necessarily so. Witnesses on will dated June 22, 1821 were Ralph McFadden, William Ferguson and Thomas Collins. I am interested to know if he is connected to "the other Fergusons" from Chester District. Can anyone identify his parents? Thanks.
- (02-35) **Steele,Allen,McDonald,McDaniel-Charles R. McDaniel, Sr.** 175 Avalon Dr. Rocky Mount, VA. 24151, E-Mail emedanie@sitestar.net, Want first name of Mr. Steel who m Sarah Allen ca. 1802 SC or TN. Sarah Allen Steel as widow in 1820 census Wilson Co., TN with children, Margaret Ann(1804-1859), William (ca1806-aft 1850), Nathan (ca 1809-aft 1850), Miner (ca 1812-bef 1870). Margaret Ann m Willem Kolwyck, 1823 , Wilson Co., TN. Naming 1st daughter Sarah Allen for her mother and 2nd daughter, Catherine Fisher for wife of Thomas Steel of Steel's Fort in Chester Co. SC.
 Want parents of above Sarah Allen (b 1770-1780, m Mr. Steel) whose brothers and sisters were: John Allen "of Chester Dist.. SC in 1824: Mary Allen(not married), Margaret Allen m Mr. Gregory, George Allen, Samuel Allen. Relationships proved deeds Wilson Co., TN. The Robert Fullerton family of Chester traveled to TN with the Steels and Allens between 1800-1810 and intermarried.
 Want parents of Charles McDonald/McDaniel Sr.(b 1760-1770, d 1837 Franklin Co. TN.). In Fairfield Co. SC by 1790, he and wife Mary sold out 1807 and removed to Franklin Co., TN. Sons William, Middleton, Charles, Jr., George W, Hiram, Elijah, James: daughters Elizabeth, Sarah(Sally), Patsy, Seley(m. Watson). Charles Sr. died 1837 leaving widow Elizabeth McDaniel. Name Middleton McDaniel was carried down at least 3 generations.
- (02-36)-**Dickson, Johnston, Williamson, Miller-Shirley D. Huss**, P O Box 4927, Shreveport. LA. 71134-0927. E-Mail erhus@bellsouth.net , Need parents of Margaret Dickson, bca 1802, where? d 1873 TN. m Thomas Johnston, b? Chester Co. SC. d 1827.Timothy Titus Williamson, b ? d bef 1846, Lancaster County, SC. m Louisa Jane Miller, b ? d aft 1880, Clarke Co. AR
- (02-37) **South Carolina Daughters of American Rev. Bible Records:** Jimmie Ruth Hunter Butler, 2026 Daniel Street. Arcadia, LA 71001.
 E-mail: rbutler@innersoft.net -I would like to purchase an old book- "South Carolina Daughters of Am. Rev. Bible Records". Does anyone have an old one that I can buy?

(02-38) **Terry, Foster, Hubbard**-Carolyn F. Beck, 114 Cotton Creek Dr., McDonough, GA. 30252-9000: E-mail cfjmbk@aol.com, Stephen Terry, the older left Virginia about 1750 and settled in Craven County, SC about 1752. I have read that we know this because they had a child in Virginia in 1750 and the next one in SC in 1752. This was John Wesley Terry my G-G-G-Grandfather. What was his Mother's maiden name?

William S. Foster was in SC. I believe James M. Foster to be his son. I need information to prove or disprove this. James M. Foster was born in 1801. We know Elijah Foster was William's son born in 1810 in Elbert County, GA. James M. Foster married Nancy White daughter of Nicholas White in Elbert County Nicholas White drew land in Henry County, GA in the 1821 land lottery. In Henry County, GA land records we find where James M. Foster was made guardian of William S. Foster's minor children, Elijah and Sarah. We are trying to prove that James and Elijah are brothers.

Any information on Nancy Hubbard's family would be appreciated.

My Anderson Family came from SC but I don't know names. Some of the family names I have are Obediah, James Rowan, Edward, David Moseley, Coburn.

(02-39)-**Dickson, Johnston, Williamson, Miller**-Shirley D. Huss, P O Box 4927, Shreveport. LA. 71134-0927. E-Mail erhus@bellsouth.net , Need parents of Margaret Dickson, b ca 1802, where? d 1873 TN. m Thomas Johnston, b? Chester Co. SC. d 1827. Timothy Titus Williamson, b ? d bef 1846, Lancaster County, SC. m Louisa Jane Miller, b ? d aft 1880, Clarke Co. AR

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The SC Department of Archives and History have announced that the Research Room will no longer be open evenings and weekends. The new 40 hour a week schedule is Monday-Friday 8:45-4:45. This curtailment of Research Room hours means that people with 9-5 jobs will be unable to do their research on the weekends and evenings. Other Archives in the Southeastern United States show that they all offer weekend hours for researchers. Please join the SC Genealogical Society and the Chester District Genealogy Society in asking the SC General Assembly to consider funding that will restore the weekend and evening hours of the Research Room of the Archives.

The Archives Commission agreed to ask the General Assembly for funding so that some of the cut hours may be restored. Please contact your state senator and representative as soon as possible about the restoration of funding that will allow the SC Archives to remain open during the evenings and weekends. Members of the General Assembly do listen to constituents and now is the time to make our voices heard. Send your letters to The General Assembly, P O Box 142 in Columbia, SC 29202

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