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The President's Page

I am pleased to report that the Burnt Meeting House Cemetery has been fenced. I want to thank those who have supported this effort with their donations which enabled us to protect this historical burial site; however, we are still in need of funds to pay for this fencing. Also, we all need to thank Roxanne James who took the lead in protecting this cemetery.

Anne P. Collins of Chester celebrated her 95th birthday in January. Shirley Gleicher wrote a wonderful article that appeared in the Rock Hill *Herald* about Anne. Shirley writes, "Anne is the giver, the collector, and keeper of history's fine legends." Anne and her family moved to Chester in 1944. Louise G. Knox, founder of the Chester County Historical Society and Museum and coeditor of Chester County Heritage History with Anne, spoke of her as "an accomplished historian." Today we all know that Anne is an accomplished and acknowledged historian and from our Society wish her the best.

The Society will meet on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Richburg, Other meeting dates are June 5, 2005 and our annual meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2005. We are considering the possibility of also visiting Burnt Meeting House Cemetery on August 6, 2005. It has been suggested that the Society sponsor a dinner train ride on the Lancaster and Chester Railroad as a fundraiser, for which we are exploring the possibilities. The tickets for the dinner train ride would be \$100 per person. The train would depart the Richburg Park at 5:30 p.m. and would return approximately at 8:30 p.m.

Chester's Up-to-Date Club has recently published the third volume of Fond Recollections, a collection of reminiscences spanning the time of a young family's move from Beech Island to Chester in 1819 to the recent revitalization of and 1835 home into a bed and breakfast establishment. Some fifty illustrations accompany stories of special places and special people that have greatly enriched the fabric of Chester County's social and cultural heritage. Books may be ordered for \$10 plus \$4 shipping from Margaret Britton, 134 West End Street, Chester, SC 29706.

If you have not paid your 2005 dues, please do so. Your membership is important to us. Thank you for all your support.

Jim Knox

ERROR IN THE INDEX

I must apologize for the index in the December Bulletin. Several of you have brought the mistake to our attention, and I would like to thank you. As the new typist, I did not realize that I had started the numbers on the pages with one. To make it easy for you to use the index, number your pages starting on 126 as number one. Again I apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused any one.

CHANGES TO THE BULLETIN

The society is pleased to announce a change to the Bulletin, starting with this issue. We are doing away with the surname book, due to the raising cost of publishing. We know that many of our members enjoy the surname book and have found it very helpful in their research. Starting with this issue will publish several pages in each quarterly with the names and surnames of our members.

Now Available

Now available for sale a complete article index of all the back issues of the Bulletins, from 1978 to 2004. There are 91 pages in the book, with a lot of surnames. For example if the article is Chester County Deeds, then the from and to person, is listed. The cost is \$14.95, including shipping.

We will put one or two pages in each issue of the Bulletin, from the Equity Court Records at the Chester County Courthouse, until they are complete.

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Bill #4 1821

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Bill # 5 A & B 1822

Sugar Bond & Isom Bond vs Anna Brown et al Bill for Relief & Discovery 5 A (12 pages), 5 B (41 pages)

Bill # 6 1823

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Bill # 7 1823

Adam Walker et al vs Peter Harden et al Bill for Partition (16 pages)

Bill #8 1824

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Bill #9 1824

Jno. Donovant & Co. vs John Watts
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Bill #16 1823

Robert Reives & Others vs Benj. Booth & Others Bill Answer of Robert Reives & Three Others (40 pages)

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Bill #21 1823

E. Service vs James Service & Mary Service

Bill for Partition (11 pages)

----Acknowledgements-----

The society would like to thank the following individuals for their donation of the following books to our library.

Dr. James Knox

- 1) Battle of Kings Mountain Patriot roster (A complete list 1812 names)
- 2) Touring South Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites by Daniel W. Barefoot

Roxann Yarborough James for the book that she wrote:

Elizah Yarborough (son of Thomas G. Yarborough) and his descendants

Jon R. Ferguson for the Autobiography of P. G. Millen

We would also like to thank Jerry L. West for the donation of his new book, Tall Tales of Western York County. The following is a brief description of the book.

TALL TALES OF WESTERN YORK COUNTY

100 pgs. 8 ½ x 11 Written by Jerry L. West and Illustrated by award winning artist Sandy Brindle. This book contains 80 tall tales that will delight the reader. Read "How to break a husband of drinking," "The Darnest Thing," and the man that had a stomach of a handsaw. All of these tales evolve out of the history of Western York County and are fun and easy reading. \$14.95 + \$2.00 S/H. Send check to Jerry L. West; 7457 Lockhart Road; Sharon, SC 29742

Sketch of the life of Joshua Hilary Hudson, LL. D. From His autobiography in Sketches and Reminiscences

I was born in the present town(then village) of Chester, in the State of South Carolina, on the 29th day of January 1832.

My father, Dabney Hudson, came from Amhurst County, Virginia and settled in Yorkville where he learned the tailors trade. In July 1822, my father married Narcissa Cook of York. After marriage my parents went to Lancaster, opened up a tailor shop, lived there several years and then came to Chester.

I was the sixth child among eight.

During the last few years of his life, Dabney Hudson was the keeper of the jail in Chester, and continued industriously to follow his trade. He was small of stature, but handsome and manly. He was kind, genial and sociable. Unfortunately he became addicted to drink which shortened his life and kept him poor.. When I was four years old my father died leaving a widow and seven children. Eliza having died in childhood.

Sheriff Cabeen permitted her to live in the jail and keep it until the end of that year and all the duties of a jailor she discharged faithfully and well. The duties of the office could not continue to be performed by a woman. She was forced to seek shelter elsewhere. She was with out money and seven helpless children to provide for. Fortunately, she was a devout church member, a Baptist and sincere Christian and a woman of character and intelligence. Fortunately, we lived in a community noted then as now for charity to the poor, the needy, and worthy.

John Roseborough, Esq. called by everybody Uncle Johnny, was clerk of court for the district of Chester under the life tenure system. He had on his premises a small two room house near the present courthouse. He gave this house to my mother free of rent for the year 1837. As a Tailors wife she had learned to pad a coat collar and to make course pants. She began padding and stitching collars and sold them for twenty five cents each. The present generation must understand that collars were much larger

then than now padded and stitched thoroughly with care and neatness. Sympathizing with a widow, the tailors cut and sent to my mother coats, vests, and pantaloons. One of the children was sent to York to school, three of us, including myself were sent as poor children to the village teacher, Miss Ann Foster in the house later owned and occupied by Dr. A. P. Wylie.

Major John Kenney donate an acre of land, the same now owned by Mr. Googler on Depot Street, now Gadsden. On this lot charitable citizens erected a log cabin, covered it with three foot oak boards, brush arbor and out the rocks and stones constructed a fire place. This served until winter when the cooking must be moved inside the cabin. The logs of the house were not closely fitted leaving cracks large enough for chickens, cats, and small dogs to enter.

We had one kitchen or baking oven, this was brought into the house and set in the middle of the floor. Around it were hung on a crude frame of polls and which the bed quilts of the scanty house hold were hung forming a hollow square oven in the center. A fire was built in the oven and smoke was allowed to escape as best it could. Within the hollow square the family sat. My mother and the two eldest sisters busily sewing. The little ones studying, chattering, keeping partially warm. For several years the family continued so to live and by the blessing of god, to enjoy good health.

After Miss Ann Foster, who had married Mr. Kevin Gilmore, we went to her successor Mr. Wylie Jones, who taught in the small building that afterwards became a part of Mr. C. Holst's carriage shop. Mr. Seeley succeeded Mr. Jones as school master with Mr. McDaniel as assistant. A male academy was built on the hill in West Chester near the residence of Mr. Thomas McLure and a female academy was opened on York Street, in the home afterwards owned by Richard Kennedy and Later Harvey Smith. By hard work and severe economy my mother got a chimney to her house, the cracks dabbed with mud, we all felt comfortable and happy. A few years later, my oldest brother John re-boarded the cabin and a small kitchen built in the back yard and later a shed was built to the rear of the house. Through years of poverty privation and suffering my mother heart in revolutions never failed though her health became seriously impaired.

Education

The four younger children Maria, Rush, Cornelia and I were Kept in school as poor scholars, i.e. On the greatly inadequate school fund. My mother and sisters made up the deficiency by sewing for the teachers. Had she known the law she need not have done this and she preferred to work and feel partially independent.

I was fond of my books and learned rapidly. Among the teachers in the nice new single story brick building were Messrs. Sherrill, Shelton, Davies and Sealy, also a German, Mr. Bansimer under whom I began to study of Latin,. Greek, Algebra, and

Geometry. He was a splendid instructor but very irritable and cross but I cheerfully bore his ill temper and made rapid progress. At this time I was sixteen and felt that now I must try to support myself. At this time Mr. Bridwell came to establish Chester's first newspaper, through the influence of that talented lawyer C. D. Melton I became a printer "devil". I did not long remain because my employer was intellectually weak affording me no opportunity for learning. Next I tried work with Mr. James Parrish, a cabinet maker. My progress was so rapid that he called upon my mother to bind me to him as an apprentice. She refused and thus ended my career as a cabinet maker. Then I went to work with my brother and Mr. Farley who had a tailor shop. I had and aversion for the life of the tailor sitting cross legged on a hard bench in a stooping position steadily stitching with a needle but it seemed this or nothing so I went at it and was learning well until Mr. Samuel McAliley coming in late in the fall of 1848 and saw me on the bench. Having tested my knowledge in mathematics, Latin and Greek in several school examinations Mr. McAliley asked why I was not in school. Mr. McAliley offered me a years schooling to live in his home and take his little boys with me to school and care for them. He decided the boys were too young to go to school but sent me to school a year and paid the bill. My teacher then was Mr. Giles J. Patterson. Robert Jordan of Chester was a student at the university of South Carolina. Thomas McLure Jr., was my classmate was preparing to enter the next year and I very much desired to go also. I borrowed two hundred dollars from Mr. Richard Kennedy. My mother and sister worked hard but joyfully to get me a trunk and clothes fit to wear to college. I bought the trunk from Mr. Leonard Harris chief clerk of Thomas McLure Sr. I still have it in the state of good preservation after a lapse of 45 years. At this time the Merchants of Chester and of all other towns of the State north of Columbia sent their cotton in wagons to Columbia, and going a long with them, sold the cotton and brought back merchandise in the wagons, the merchants often preceding the wagons in buggies or gigs. It so happened that Mr. James Graham, a merchant of Chester, was going down in a buggy at the same time that Thomas McLure Sr., was to carry his son Tom to collage. Mr. Graham Kindly consented to carry myself and the trunk with him. This saved me the expense of a ride in the stage coach, and made it doubly pleasant, as I and friend Tom rode in one buggy, and the two merchants in the other.

I successfully passed the examination and entered the Sophomore class. Thomas McLure Jr., J. Lucius Melton, J. Brown Gaston, all of Chester and Samuel W. Melton of York were also members of our class numbering 60—along with David H. Porter of Alabama and John Neely of Columbia, but formerly of Chester, we Chester boys secured rooms on the same floor above the old Chapel, called "Egypt" by the boys.

The President, Honorable William C. Preston usually kept two students in his home, one of these Bauskett, was expelled and I was invited to take his place. Thus

my \$200.00 brought me to the end of my first year. Then I secured this manning scholarship, established by Governor John Manning for deserving boys of Sumter of which Clarendon was then a part. There being no application from Sumter I, because of proficiency, was awarded the scholarship (interest at 7o/c on \$5,000 deposited in the banks of S.C.) by the faculty. I graduated in 1852 with first honor, among the classmates were the Chester boys, Waddy T. Means, Leroy F. Yeomans, Peter L. Griffin and others of like talent too numerous to mention. To win first place in such a class was an honor to be proud of-----

Will of Zachariah Hicklin

In the name of God Amen

I Zachariah Hicklin of Chester District South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory and disirious of disposing of all such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to Bless me with do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner following.

It is my wish that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and Suitable Tombstones for Mrs. Hicklin grave and my own it is my wish and desire that the negro man Peter who is now old and has been a faithful servant be at liberty to make his choice to live at either of my children houses at any time and they are severally charged to take good care of him and to assist each other in the maintaining of him when he may be unable to work enough to support himself.

Item 1 I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Williamson one negro woman named Amy also the one fifth part of the balance hereafter directed to be sold and after the specific legacies are paid off.

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my son Jason Hicklin on e negro named Jim also the fifth part of the balance hereafter directed to be sold and after the specific legacies are paid off.

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Kell one negro woman named Fanny also the one fifth part of the balance of my Estate hereafter directed to be sold and after the specific legacies and paid off.

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my son Hugh Hicklin the one fifth part of the balance of my Estate hereafter directed to be sold and after the specific legacies are paid off.

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my son James Hicklin the one fifth part of the balance of my Estate hereafter directed to be sold and after the specific legacies are paid.

Item 6 I give and bequeath to my granddaughters Sarah Williamson, and Sarah Hicklin and Sarah Kell to each of tem the sum of one hundred dollars.

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my Grandson Samuel Williamson, Jason Hicklin and William Kell to each of them the sum of seventy five dollars.

Item 8 I give and bequeath to my grandsons James Williamson, James Hicklin and Thomas Kell to each of them the sum of fifty dollars.

Item 9 I give and bequeath as a memorial to my Esteem and regard for the Rev. William Banks the sum of ten dollars.

Item It is my wish and desire that my executers hereafter named do make sale of all my real personal Estate not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament. On such terms and conditions as my be thought most agreeable except the negro man Austin, who has a wife at my son Hugh Hicklin it is my desire that my son Hugh Hicklin may have him at the valuation of the appraisers and if he declines to take him at the valuation then any other of my children may do so rather that him to go out of my family he or they accounting to the price of him in the settlement and of this the sale of my personal and real Estate to be sold and equally divided among my five children after paying off the specific legacies here unto before given and bequeathed.

Lastly I appoint and constitute my son Jason Hicklin Sr. and son in law John Kell Executors of this my last will and testament

In Testimony where of I have here unto set my had and seal this 27^{th} day of September 1848

Zah Hicklin LS

Probated March 1850 Recorded Book Bk. A-1 Page 83 Apt. 94 Pkg. 1516 Chester County Courthouse

> Revenge was rather icy for the Archibald Steele Family by Louise Pettus published in the <u>Charlotte Observer</u>

Man who led British troops to family's cabin had to take a cold dive

In 1900, Dr. Newton Chambers Steele of Chattanooga, Tenn. published a book about his York County ancestors titled "Archibald Steele and His Descendants." Steele was a great-grandson of Archibald and Agnes Steele, who lived on York County's Fishing Creek during the Revolutionary War.

Archibald and four of his sons John , Joseph, William and James were all partisan soldiers.

Partisan soldiers were not a part of any regular army buy furnished their own arms, clothing and horses. They elected officers from their own ranks. Joseph Steele, only 20 was the captain of his company.

William, the youngest, was only 15. The father was not a regular soldier but fought only when the British were in the vicinity of the home.

For some unknown reason. Joseph's company joined Gen. Francis Marion rather than Gen. Thomas Sumter, who was in this area and won the allegiance of most of the York and Lancaster troops.

Once, when the father and four sons were away from their home, leaving behind Agnes and the youngest brother, 13 year-old Robert, the British burned the house.

A British sympathizer and neighbor, Jonah Byrd, guided the Tories to the Steele house.

The first thing the British did was take Agnes Steele's feather beds into the yard and rip them open with their swords. The soldiers were knee-deep in feathers, a very precious item in those days. Then they placed a rope around Agnes's neck and threatened death unless she told the location of her husband and four sons. She refused to talk.

The men took out the kitchen utensils, probably meaning to use them in their camp and set fire to the cabin. Archibald Steele was not far away with a small band of partisans. When he got word of this, the men gave chase.

The British aware that they were being pursued,. Threw the heavy iron ware into a deep hole in the waters of Fishing Creek and there by lightened their load enough to escape.

Dr. Steele said that, for generations, the Steeles had pointed out the deep hole in the creek to the children of the family and from that hole he had, in his personal possession, one of the iron pot racks.

A pot-rack, he explained, was a short chain of round links with a large hook at each end. The hook at one end of the chain was suspended from an iron rod or wood pile set high in the chimney. The other hook swung just above the fire. On the bottom hook was hung an iron pot or kettle. If the fireplace was large enough, two or three pots might be boiling at once.

When the war was over, Dr. Steele said, Jonah Byrd "had the hardihood, the cheek, the brass, to dare to come to live in that community where he had led his fellow Tories and the British dragoons in their plundering and burning raids."

The Steele boys found this intolerable. The sight of the ashes of their old home so rankled Joseph Steele that one day he took his sword to Byrd's head and each time turned the blade so the fell on the flat side rather then the edge.

From Byrd were wrung two promises. One was that he would leave with 20 days and never return. The other was that he would locate and recover Agnes Steele's cooking utensils that had been thrown in the creek.

According to the story handed down to Dr. Steele, it was a cold day in the winter of 1781-82. Byrd broke the ice, dived in and got out many of the pots and racks, along with pottery and shallow pewter milk pans.

After that, the spot became known as the "deep hole in Fishing Creek."

Gaston Reunion From the St. Louis Globe Democrat, September 3, 1890

The Annual meeting day of a Famous Illinois Family American Patriots with Royal Blood in their Veins William Gaston and His Nine Hundred Descendants

Family History

Centralia, Ill, September 2, 1890. The annual reunion of the historical, and patriotic Gaston Family will begin tomorrow at the Mr. Moriah Church, six miles eat of this city, and will continue two days. This Reunion like all its predecessors, is attended by hundreds of the descendants of William Gaston who came to Illinois from South Carolina in the early days of the present century.

William Gaston was born July 10, 1757 in South Carolina, where he reared a family of four sons and five daughters. He enlisted in the Continental Army, under Washington, when but seventeen years old. And served his country for five years.

After the war had ceased, he settled down in South Carolina, until his children were grown, and then he emigrated west. He stopped in Kentucky for a few years, and came thence to Ill, and settled near his son, Samuel Gaston, who had been here several years.

He was an old line Whig in politics and a Reformed Presbyterian in religion. He took great pleasure in relating adventures of his early life and always referred to his military days with Washington with great pride. He died in 1838, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He was

laid to rest in the Old Covenanter Cemetery. A common place gravestone marks the spot and bears this inscription:

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM GASTON A FELLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST AND A SOLDIER UNDER WASHINGTON

His Descendants

The records of the family show there are now a total of about thirteen hundred descendants of the old patriot, as follows: His children 9, his grandchildren 5, great grandchildren 350, great, great grandchildren 700, and great, great, great, grandchildren 180. Over nice hundred of this extensive family are yet living, not one of them has ever been convicted of a crime.

His oldest son, Samuel Gaston, came to Illinois in 1819 and settled on a claim near where Walnut Hill now stands. In the early days carpenters were unknown in this wild part of the country and all buildings were made of hewn logs. When a building was to be erected, a day was set aside and all the settlers for miles around notified to be on hand with their axes. It usually required but one day's time to have a house ready for the roof. While attending one of these house-raisings several miles from his home, Samuel Gaston contracted a severe cold which caused his death in 1826, only seven years after he came to this country. He left a family of eight children, seven, married and reared families.

William Gaston, Jr. the second son, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and like his father, "helped to lick Old England." He was the father of thirteen children, twelve of whom reared families and five yet living.

John and Robert Gaston settled in Bond Co., Ill, where they lived as farmers in the pioneer days of Illinois. The former had two sons in the Mexican War where one of them fell and sleeps on Mexican soil.

Margaret Gaston, the oldest daughter married Thomas Kell in South Carolina. He followed his brother-in –law to Illinois in 1822, where he reared a family of twelve children, all of whom married and reared

families; all are now dead, except Thomas Kell of near Foxville and Alexander Kell of this city, who is now 83 years old.

The Covenanter Church

Mrs. Margaret Kell, selected the site for the Old Covenanter Church which is also the site of the Old Family Cemetery and in which she was the first person to be buried. The Old Church is said to be the second church to be built in the county, and was built at the expenses of and maintained for years by the Gaston families. The original church was made of hewn logs, with neither floor, windows, or chimney. The pulpit was a remarkable piece of workmanship and reached halfway to the roof. It was constructed by David Stradley, who is yet living and when the present church building was erected to take the place of the old one, the old pulpit was placed in the new building and is yet in use, apparently as sound as it was sixty years ago.

"Justice" John Gaston One of the most noted of the early Gastons was an uncle of William Gaston who lived in South Carolina, and was a Peace Justice under the British government. He Was one of the most radical of patriots and never lost and opportunity to let the Tories know the utter contempt he nourished for the British Crown. When the call for volunteers was made for the Continental Army, he was too old for active service, but he had nine sons, all of whom shouldered the musket and followed the leadership of George Washington six of them fell in Battles.

When the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780, was announced, many began to believe their cause was lost and showed signs of going over to the Tories, but the venerable gray-haired "Justice" John Gaston was not of the kind.

He didn't take the Oath, The Tory leaders, desiring to take advantage of the disheartened patriots called a meeting on a certain day to be held at Beckhamville, at which time the people would be given a chance to take the oath of allegiance to the British Crown; all who refused would be treated as rebels. On the evening before this meeting was to be held "Justice "John Gaston assembled about thirty of his kinsmen, several of

whom were his own sons, at his home; all took a solemn vow never to take the British oath and to do all possible to prevent others from so doing.

On the next day, as the frightened people were assembling at the hamlet of Beckhamville, a squad of gaily ceparisoned Red Coats came riding forward to receive them and administer the Oath of Allegiance but a battle of thirty flint-lock muskets rang out from the rocks by the wayside, a corresponding number of addles were emptied and the Beckhamville meeting ended very abruptly. After his daring piece of work, the old gentleman was never with out his pistols and rifles, so bitter were the Tories against him.

When he slept, the trusty pistol was under his pillow, and the rifle within reach. So persistently did he work to keep the fires of patriotism kindled in the hearts of his neighbors, that a squad of twenty selected British Soldiers were detailed to capture him but he fled to the mountains, were he lived several months. After the British had been driven from the neighborhood, he returned to his family where he died in 1782 with his pistols and rifles in their wonted places.

Genealogy

The genealogy of the Gastons dates back to the beginning of the sixteenth century, and finds place among the highest families of France and were entitled Gascon de Foix. General Gascon de Foix was a nephew of Louise XII and led the French army into Italy, vanquished the besiegers of Bologna, defeated the Army of Venice near Brescia, taking the city by storm and won the great Battle of Ra Venna, April, 1512, in which twenty-thousand men were lost on each side and were by his rashness in pursuing the fleeing enemy, he was killed. When they driven from their native country by persecution, the de Foix was dropped and by the peculiar pronunciation of the name Gascon the "c" was changed to a "t" thus making the Americanized name of Gaston.

Members of the Gaston family, from earliest generations to the present date have repeatedly been chosen to fill positions of trust in the various positions of official life.

William Gaston, a nephew of the older William Gaston, was a prominent member of Congress from North Carolina; he was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention of that State, and vigorously opposed the section depriving free colored people of the suffrage which they then enjoyed, He was also elected Judge in 1834. Although being a Roman Catholic, which under the law of the State made him ineligible, but such was the confidence of the people in that the law was a "dead Letter".

Another William Gaston, born in Connecticut in 1820, studied law with Hon. B.R. Curtis of Boston and was chosen Governor of Mass in 1874.

The name of William seems to have been the lucky title with the Gastons, and here in Ill, is a William Gaston who has served as a sheriff of Marion Co., also as a State Senator of Illinois.

Among the relics that have been handed down from generation to generation is a pen copy of "Arnold's Book of Problems", made by Robert Gaston in the year of 1748; hence, it is now 142 years old. The entire book has been made by hand and copied in ink with the old time goose quill pen, and is now in an excellent state of preservation.

The following article is a log of <u>Yorkville Enquirer's</u> Reporter A. M. Grist. Published April 19, 1935, as he journeys here and there in York County.

Much of what was know as the Pinckney road, when I was a boy has been abandoned. Then it led off from the south end of what we Yorkville folks call South Main or Congress Street, out by the Jefferson (colored) graded school and on out by what was then known as the Dr. Lindsay place, (Now owned by W. L. Williams): the Gettys place, the James Feemster place, the home of the late Alex S. Wallace, the Shannons, Lominacks, across Turkey Creek and out by the Carroll place, where the road from Sharon to Bullocks Creek now joins it. The road was marked with the old time rock mile-posts. On one side these bore the letter "YV" and on the other "PV" with the number of miles to each village indicated thereon.

This road in the long, long ago was a part of the stage coach road from Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., and thru Yorkville to Pinckneyville, Union, Cross Anchor, Laurens and so forth. There were convenient inns and stage stations along the way for the changing of the stage coach horses and the care of passengers, one of these being the place of Johnny Blair, about ten miles southwest of Yorkville, near to the old home of the late John L. Rainey.

There's not much left of Pinckneyville today. There are plenty of legends and traditions about the village that had such and suspicions beginning. The old district jail building still stands. It is of brick, about 15x20 feet; and one-story in height. It was we suppose, considered adequate for its purpose when built. There are no iron bars in it; it had a wooden floor and is celled overhead. In one corner, it is pointed out, is a patch in the wall where tradition says two desperate prisoners picked a hole in the wall and made their escape.

The other brick building there, much larger in size, is said to have been used by James F. Alexander as a store building. This is built of the same kind of brick as is the old jail, and of about the same style of architecture.

Miss Walker, in her Pinckneyville paper says: "The Taylor house was occupied by Congressman William F. Gist before he built his own home a mile from the village. The latter place was afterwards the home of the late J. C. Farrar. William F. Gist was a merchant at Pinckneyville in 1805 and in 1821 was one of the justices of the quorum for Union district. Judge William Smith lived for a time at Pinckneyville.

"At one time Thomas E. Suggs, the clock vender, lived in the Taylor house. He came from Waterbury, Conn. His clocks had wooden wheels And works and were considered good timepieces. Could be placed on the mantle, and were made at the Waterbury clock factor at Bullocks Creek. In later years Suggs moved to Alabama, it may not be amiss to mention the Seth Thomas of Plymouth, Litchfield County, Conn., owned six acres of lots in Pinckneyville and sold them to James Fowler in 1847, who afterwards sold the property to Dr. W. H. Sims. Dr. Sims owned and lived in the Taylor house for eight or ten years, and then sold it to the late B. F. Fowler, whose son J. B. Fowler, now owns the site of Pinckneyville."

The following paragraph form the story by Miss. Walker, may be of interest to this generation:

On May 28, 1801, <u>The Times</u> of Charleston, gives and interesting account of William Buford's trip from his home on Broad River near Pinckney court house, thru the Santee Canal to Charleston. He passed down Broad River, thru the canal at Columbia down the Congaree and Santee, thru the Santee and landed at Charleston on Cooper River. Mr. Buford went in his own boat, which was built on his own plantation and loaded with his own cotton. This was a great achievement and is the first mention of boating in this country.

Mills says Broad river was navigable to the Ninety-Nine Islands for boats carrying 60 bales of cotton—that the obstruction at Lockhart shoals was overcome by a canal with seven locks executed by the state. Benjamin F. Logan and John McEntin owned a cotton house at Pinckneyville in 1828.

Stage coaches in those days ran rain or shine. There were no railroads. The coaches were pulled by four horses and these were changed about every ten miles. The coaches carried mail and baggage as well as passengers. When the driver reached the river opposite Pinckneyville, he would blow one long blast on his trumpet as a warning for the ferrymen to have his boat ready, and then the conductor of the stage coach would give one short blast on his trumpet for each passenger, so that the inn-keeper at Pinckneyville would know how many guests to expect and prepare for. Legend says that the chickens belonging to the inn-keeper became so accustomed to being chased on the approach of the stage coach that they got so they would run for their lives when they heard the blasts from the trumpet of the stage coach.

Mr. J. B. Foster of Union has loaned me a number of old deeds conveying lots in the village of Pinckneyville. The oldest is one given by Elizabeth Bankhead, signed with her mark, and conveying to Thomas C. Taylor certain lots as executrix of the will of James Bankhead. In giving the location of the lots being conveyed the deed gives the number and then the boundaries as being "Meeting", Broad Street, copied from the names of streets well known in Charleston. This deed is dated April 7, 1809, and is witnessed by John Armstrong and Mary Ewing.

Another of these old deeds reads in part as follows: "State of South Carolina. Known all men by these presents that I William McConnell of the District of Union and State aforesaid, in Consideration of five hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Daniel Gallant, of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, have granted bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Daniel Gallant a house and lot, no. one in Pinckneyville, formerly the property of John Murrell. Also a part of a lot formerly the property of James A. Whyte and some land fronting the Pinckney Ferry road, Purchased from the publick the whole of the land including lot no. one. Whereon the house stands one and a half acres of land more or less," and so forth. This deed is signed by W^m Mc Connell, and witnessed by Thomas Miller and John Y. Thomas.

Now there is just one name in this deed that interests me much. That is the name of John Murrell. If you recall, in the first Pinckneyville sketch, there is recounted there the robbery of and itinerant peddler by a highwayman who had his hideaway up in Rutherford County, NC. The name of the highwayman was not given and I am just wondering if it was John Murrell. Almost as far back as I can remember I used to hear my father tell of a notorious highwayman who operated in this section, in North Carolina and in Tennessee whose name was John Murrell. This fellow, according to the story told by my father specialized in the stealing of slaves. He would steal a slave here, for instance; and run him off and perhaps sell him in west Tennessee or elsewhere far away entirely out of reach of his real owner.

In conversation with Dr. D. P. Lesslie of Lesslie, two or three years ago, he recalled a tradition or legend, that Murrell used to operate down as far as Lancaster and what is now Kershaw Counties in this state. I recall; that something like forty years ago there was found in the mountains of Tennessee a cave and in this cave was found the bones of human beings some of them still bound with chains, and it was presumed then that the cave was perhaps one of the hideaways of the famous thief or bandit, John Murrell. I have never been able to find anything authentic about Murrell in the prints that I have access to.

Joseph Gist, born January 12, 1775, was perhaps the first barrister to locate at Pinckneyville—at least he was one of the early lawyers of the village. He was married and located himself at Pinckneyville shortly thereafter. He served 18 Years in the state legislature from Union County, and later served six years in congress, declining further service because of his health.

I wish to say that I am appreciative to my friends who have in anywise contributed to the two Pinckneyville sketches. True, Pinckneyville is outside of York County, but its history is closely connected whit the history of York County and therefore I deemed it should have a place in these sketches. There isn't much to see at the site of Pinckneyville today, but even at that it is worth a visit some time when you have an afternoon off. Go see the place that had a start towards an upcountry metropolis, but died almost aborning.

The society would like to thank Gina Price White, for sharing the following article with us.

William Stroud

William Stroud was the son of William and Sarah Stroud. The family received a land grant around the year 1770 of 450 acres on the east side of Rocky Creek near what would later be called Beckhamville. In Daniel Green Stinson's description of the events of Chester County during the Revolution which is found in Elizabeth Ellet's three volume work the Women of the American Revolution, He describes William Stroud, Senior and his family with these words: "This man, with his sons, was noted for strength and bravery, They were so tall in stature, that like Saul, they overlooked the rest of the congregation." Although the Strouds were not members they attended Catholic Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stinson said of them in a passage describing the religious life of the Rocky Creek Community that "The strict deportment and piety of [the people of the Rocky Creek Community] had already done much to change the customs formerly prevalent; men and women who used to hunt or fish on the Sabbath now went regularly to meeting... The Strouds, Kitchens and Morrises, formerly regarded as the Philistines of the land were regular in their attendance upon divine worship."

William Stroud, Senior and his family of eight sons and some daughters were in attendance at Rev. William Martin's church on the day Martin delivered his fiery sermon in support of the endeavors of the colonists to free themselves from the voke of tyranny by fighting the British. The passionate works of this eloquent man of God inspired Mr. Stroud to come forth and volunteer his sons (four of whom were old enough to serve) and himself in the service of their newly formed country. Young Will Stroud, according to one account, went to the garrison at Rocky Mount in July of 1780, a short time before the battle there. He, posing as a Tory, asked for some ammunition with which to "Kill some Whigs". While fighting against the British, he called out to them that he was returning the borrowed ammunition. A short time later, the British, found him shelling corn in a neighbor's crib and arrested him. Another account claims he signed the oath of allegiance and joined the British and Lovalist troop in battle. He did so not because of any Tory tendencies but because he wanted to avoid arrest in order to be able to fight for the Whigs instead of languishing in prison. At and opportune time, he fell to the ground as if shot dead. When the fighting moved beyond him. He arose and fled to the side of patriots to fight for the people he truly believed were right. In any case all the accounts agree that the British later arrested him for treason and hung him on a tree near the main road at Beckhamville. Will Stroud's body hung there for three weeks during the hot month of August as a testament to the Whigs concerning the consequences of treason. The British hung a placard on Stroud's body forbidding his burial under severe penalties The body, being beside the main road, was seen by many people, both Whig and Tory. At last, some bold friends, along with one of Stroud's loving sisters, came in the dark of night, willing to face the consequences of such and act, and dug a shallow grave below the body and cut him down. It was said of William Stroud, the in the space of two months, he "killed more soldiers of the royal army than probably anyone else during the whole war." Just down S. C. Highway number 99, is a s stone marker erected by the Mary Adair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution denoting the place where William Stroud bravely died in the service of his country.

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The following article, was given to Jean Nichols, by the granddaughter of Mrs. Eliza Wylie. The papers were found in a book.

A letter found among the papers of Mrs. Col. S. Hamilton, daughter of Elias Boudinot Caldwell, Clerk of the US Supreme Court.

December 16, 1807

To Elias B. Caldwell, Washington City

Dear Sir: You wrote to Robert Caldwell who died July the 30, 1806, of whom I am the eldest son living, I find in your last letter to my father that you wish to know something of the History of our family. I have made inquiry of the oldest man I know, a distant relative of ours, and it appears from his account, that our family originated from the French.

He informs me of the brothers John, William and Andrew—who fled from France in the persecution and settled in Scotland. They returned and brought their Coat of Arms and set it in the house of Claird, in Scotland. The Coat of Arms, as nearly as can be remembered was a roe-buck, a star and three waves of the sea.

When King James the sixth of Scotland, came to the Crown of England these families settled in Northern Ireland. From that house, our grandfather, John Caldwell descended, and from thence he embarked for America and landed at New Castle, Delaware, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

From Thence he removed to the country then called Lunenburgle, now Charlotte, at which place your father, James Caldwell, was born; the youngest of a family of six sons and one daughter. Your father was sent to Princeton about the age of fifteen, where he received his education. He did not return to Virginia to live.

Our grandfather, John Caldwell married Margaret Phillips in Ireland. He brought to America four single sisters.

My father had living in Kentucky seven sons and four daughter. Margaret, John C. (died at Frankfort, speaker of the senate) myself, William, Robert, Phillips, Merchant in SC, Jane Logan, Elizabeth Grundy and James.

(Here follows some personal information)

Signed David Caldwell

Sketch of John and Elizabeth (Huggins) Caldwell. By John Andrew Caldwell, Atlanta, GA

About the year 1400 three noted brothers, John, Alexander and Oliver, distinguished for bravery and their knowledge of the sea were employed by the merchants of Lisbon, Spain, to capture the pirates who were annoying and destroying

their shipping on the Mediterranean. These three brothers captured and destroyed them and received \$20,000 each from Francis First of France.

These brothers lived at Mount Avid, near the boundary of France and Italy at Toulow. Here the religious persecutions of the Catholics against waldenses and Hugenots, forced them to migrate across the country to Solway, Scotland, within the dominion of James First.

They purchased a large tract of land and sent to Toulow for their families. On their land was a notably Cold-well and from it originated the name. They were know as Alexander, John and Oliver of Cold well.

Here the family lived and accumulated property and strength and intermarried with the most powerful families and land owner. They became connected with the Royal Family and Queen Elizabeth was their staunch friend, and some of the Caldwells now possess, as heir-looms, presents from her, with their own Coat of Arms.

They also were connected with Oliver Cromwell, whose mother was Anne Caldwell of Solway. Oliver Cromwell, with his kinsmen—Joseph, John, Andrew and David Caldwell, moved to Northern Ireland, of which he was governor, or Lord, and was afterward promoted to the Protectorate of England. These Caldwells remained here until the administration of Cromwell and after the restoration of Charles Second they and their families migrated to America, landing and settling at Philadelphia or some point in Pennsylvania, and from thence to other parts of the newly settled country, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky—their descendants are in every state of the Union. The Coat of Arms three ships, twenty horsemen, a well with a man drawing water, a light on a high hill—represents incidents in the acquisition of their property, the requirement of their king, their name, the light on the hill illustrates the constant watch they kept to warn their families of the approach of the persecutors.

Here follows a sketch of John and Elizabeth but since writing this far I have decided they were not ancestors—and were only distant relatives.

From unknown newspaper---Saturday November 6, 1954

Obituary for Rev. Mr. Drennon

Camden, SC, November 5—The Rev. Allen Drennon of Maysville, and Liberty Hill, SC retired Presbyterian minister died in Columbia Friday at 1:55 pm after an illness of several weeks. Born in Richburg, June 12, 1875, he was the son of the late James S. and Louisa McFadden Drennon.

He graduated from Davidson College and the Columbia Seminary and from 1897 preached at the following g Presbyterian Churches: Hopewell, Florence County, Liberty, Walterboro, Summerville, Lowrys, Mount Holly, NC, Liberty Hill and Heath Springs. After retiring in 1938 he moved with Mrs. Drennon to Maysville.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carolina Timmons Drennon, Maysville; two daughters, Mrs. M. B. Williams of Camden and Mrs. E. L. Jones of Liberty Hill; two sister, Mrs. T. B. Meacham of Charlotte, NC and Mrs. J. T. Dendy of Rock Hill, and four grandchildren'

Funeral services will be held at Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Sunday at 3 pm. Dr. F. W. Greggs, Dr, J. T. Dendy and the Rev. Howard Paul will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The body will be taken to the church from the Kornegay Funeral Home one hour prior to the services.

The following article was submitted by Jean Nichols

From John Wesley Carter's Bible

John Wesley Carter born April 1, 1832 son of Churchill and Hannah Carter (Hannah Carter Daughter of Jesse Simpson and his wife Mary)

Rhoda Elizabeth Wilkes, daughter of John Wesley and Cynthia Wilkes born November 26, 1842

Emma Evelyn Perry, born November 23, 1841, daughter of Josiah and Anna M. Perry of Pickens. Anna M. Perry was a Foster

John Wesley Carter and Rhoda E. Wilkes married 16 of February 1859. She died January 12, 1866, age 23 yrs., 1m., 17 days.

John Wesley Carter and Emma Evelyn Hawthorne (nee Perry) married June 15, 1867

Births

Ida Lula Hawthorne born October 21, 1858 Emma Holmes Carter born May 1, 1860 Martha Ellen Carter born November 12, 1861 Thomas LaFayette Carter born July 4, 1863 William Churchill Seabrook Carter born October 3, 1865 Edward Darling Perry Carter born October 11, 1868 John Wesley Foster Carter Born January 16, 1870 Jesse Singleton Carter Born January 23, 1872 Josiah Lander Humbert Carter Born December 7, 1873 Rosa Annabelle Carter Born July 5, 1879

Marriages

Married November 23, 1876 Ida Lula Hawthorne and Robert Lupo Married February 2, 1882 Emma Holmes Carter and John George Smith Married May 20, 1883 Martha Ellen Carter and Charles Mobley Atkinson Married May 9, 1888 Thomas LaFayette Carter and Mattie Kirkpatrick Married March 27, 1895 John foster Carter and Mattie Osborne Married February 3, 1897 Jesse S. Carter and Sarah Waddell Married April 25, 1900 Jesse S. Carter and Nettie Moore Annabelle Carter and E. Hope Wise Married 1905

Deaths

Died: Darling Perry Killed in the R. R. yards at Atlanta, GA. December 24, 1892

Died: Lander H. Carter August 15, 1899

Died: John Wesley Carter September 30, 1906

Died Emma E. Carter January 4, 1907

Died: Emma Holmes Carter Smith June 1900

I, Conway S. Carter, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy made by me in October 1934 of entries in John Wesley Carter's Bible, at that time in the possession of his son, John Foster Carter. This bible was destroyed when the home of said son burned December 1, 1952

The following article was from the Chester Reporter December 31, 1934.

Richburg, December 28—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hipp and family are visiting relatives in Saluda this week.

Mrs. R. H. Gladden and sons, Bobby and Billy, visited the former's parents; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Good, of Sharon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Curtiss, of Greensboro, NC, and Miss Jane Ferguson, of Draper, NC are visiting at the home of Mr. S. H. Ferguson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Hindman, of Greenwood, and Mrs. Herbert Hindman, and daughter, Florence Evelyn, of Anderson, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Effie Hindman.

Mrs. Florence M. Ferguson left last week for Greensboro, where she will visit her son, Mr. J. T. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anderson of Gastonia, spent last week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson.

Mr. W. F. Anderson of Columbia, spent Christmas Day here.

Miss Evelyn Lattimore, of Columbia, is the guest of Miss Mary Katherine Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Simpson, of Greenville, NC, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson; Last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell are spending the holidays in Greenville with his parents.

Mr. Blair McCrorey, of Gresham spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McCrorey.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. McWatters, of Clover, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McCrorey and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. McGarity were dinner guests of Miss Kate Ford, Christmas Day

Mr. W. B. Roddey, of Gastonia, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Roddey.

Mr. Ike Howze, of Ridgeville, spent the holidays with his mother Mr. Susan Howze.

Among the college students here for the holidays are Misses Floris Orr. Dorothy Mize and Mary Lou Simpson; Winthrop; Frances Reid, Julia Reid, and W. S. Simpson Jr., Erskine; D. H. Montgomery, Yale; Harvey Montgomery, Citadel; Charles Betts Reid, Clemson.

Among the teachers are Misses Juliet McCrorey, Tamassee; Alice Clawson, near Chester; Grace Reid, McCormick; Mary Melton and Margaret Whiteside, Iva; Elizabeth Roper, Lesslie; Cora Melton, Cowards; Loraine Gale, Blountstown, FL; Ella Jamison, Wellridge; Virginia Simpson, Gastonia; Roberta Reid, Near Kershaw; Messrs. R. H. Montgomery, Pinewood; J. A. Orr, Kershaw.

Miss Thelma Hicklin is the guest of Miss Dot Craig, of Lancaster.

A Christmas Pageant was presented at the Methodist Church Sunday evening under the direction of Miss Florence Hindman. And Offering was taken for the benefit of the orphanage.

Miss Mary Wylie was hostess at one of the most delightful parties of the Christmas season last week, when she entertained the members of the Contract Bridge Club. Mrs. J. H. Clawson was high score winner. Mrs. A. H. Roper was and invited guess. Most delicious refreshments, consisting of pressed turkey salad and with accessories, were served.

A Christmas tree was given at the school-house Friday evening and another Saturday evening at Mr. Prospect Church.

Misses Cornelia Wells, of Holly Hill; Onyce Hewell, of Dewey Rose GA; Bethia Westbrook, of Chester; and Margaret Abrams of Whitmire, members of the school faculty, are spending the holidays at their respective hoes.

Mr. D. L. McCain is spending today with his mother at Unity.
Miss Ruth Barber, of the SC University, is the guest of Miss Mary Wylie

The following article is from the <u>Charlotte Observer</u>, October 2, 1987, written by Louise Pettus

Nostalgic old-timer listed Rock Hill's first families
The first week of October in 1930 was planned as Homecoming Week in Rock Hill.
Homecoming coincided with the festivities planned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

President Herbert Hoover was coming for the park dedication, and thousands of spectators were expected. The Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce sent out hundreds of invitations to former Rock Hill residents to return for the event.

A committee chaired by banker Charles L. Cobb was appointed to coordinate the activities, T. L. Johnson, chairman of the finance committee, had a budget of \$800.

Howell and his group planned the street decoration,. They ordered special "boulevard lights" and red, white and blue buntings for the parade route. Downtown merchants decorate their store fronts. One of the most popular attractions was a "picture gallery" sponsored by the chamber of commerce. Several hundred pictures of Rock Hillians were displayed.

A. E. Hutchison viewed the pictures and was moved to comment in and open letter to the newspaper that the gallery was nice but did not have enough pictures of the first generation of Rock Hillians. He then listed the people, white and black, that he considered to be the first generation of Rock Hill citizens. He defined settlers as people who lived in Rock Hill between 1850and 1870.

Hutchison's list included: "Lawrence Moore, farmer, J. M. Ivey, merchant; James Bynum, farmer; Joe Button, harness maker; J. M. Rutland; Joe Miller, farmer; John Campbell. Farmer; Sam Fewell, farmer,

Ann H. White; Thomas Woods, brick mason; Billie Marks, cabinet maker, David Gordon, hotel keeper and merchant; Sam Keiser, policeman; Jim Steele, farmer and fox hunter.

Mayor T. C. Beckham, magistrate; Eliza Steele; Miss Buena Vista Woods, postmistress; Otis Sitgraves, merchant; James Daniels, clerk, Old Man McCloud, blacksmith; Foster Woods, Contractor;

Dan Williams, Merchant; Miles Johnson, harness and saddle maker; J. M. Russell, Merchant; Col. Caldwallader Jones, farmer; Dr. Robert Hope; Capt. J. C. Witherspoon, farmer; Capt. L. N. Davis, merchant;

John Ratteree, Merchant and farmer; Capt. W. L. Roddey, merchant; Arnold Friedheim, merchant; John R. Allen, merchant; Capt. A. D. Holler, contractor, Capt. E.S. Wallace, superintendent of streets; Capt. E. B. Mobley, farmer; Major John R. London, merchant and cotton mill president;

Ed McCosh, merchant; Ed McCosh Jr., who was the first person to be buried in Laurelwood Cemetery; Scott Owens, contractor; Mack Steele, merchant; Jeff Hagins, druggist; David Hagins, druggist;

Joe Haggins, optometrist; John Harvey Neely, livery stable proprietor, Capt. E. R. Mills, farmer and chicken raiser; Dan Moore, bookkeeper; W. G. Reid, merchant;

Sam Reid, merchant; J. F. Reid, professor; A. R. Banks, school teacher; Dr. I Simpson, Dentist; The Rev. R. E. Cooper, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church;

J. F. O'Neal, Merchant; Col. R. M. Sims, farmer and secretary of state under Gov. Wade Hampton and William Cowan, farmer."

Hutchison continued: "Of the ole time colored people and family servants, I will name the following Dick Latta, also known as Dick Hackett, famous fiddler; Henry Toole, barber, Amelia Davie(who Helped Dr. Hope deliver a lot of children);

Jim Scott; Jim Gooch; Aunt Katie Gooch; John Campbell; Aunt Callie Campbell; John Wheat, who lived to be over 100 years old; Elisa Gist; Aunt Sylvia Gist;

Aunt Viney Wherry, Aunt Hoppie Massey, Amity Mary Ann West; Jim Reynolds and Aunt Ameila Reynolds."

Hutchison concluded his letter: "It would give a lot of enjoyment to look upon their likenesses again."

Reminder

If your label states 04, it is time to renew your membership as this is your last issue.

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The 2005 Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 1-4.

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05---01 Young / Yongue: Frank C. Davis, 4453 S. W. 32nd Place, Ocala, FL 34474-

4327; Looking for information regarding anyone with the surname Young

or Yongue who may have been a doctor ./physician in Chester County prior

to 1840

- 05---02 **Dove**: Melvin R. Dove, 508 Honey bee Ct., Prattville, AL 36067 ldove2@juno.com; Would Love to make contact with someone from Richard C. Dove's children. My line is through Benjamin B. 1822 SC
- O5---03 **Downing**: Lori Piercefield Fox, 3011 Knoll Rd., Portland, MI 48875

 lorifox@power-net.net; John and Mary (Pagan) Downing came to Chester County, SC about 1768 from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with Mary's brother, James Pagan, and Mary's sister ----Lusk. They settled on Fishing Creek and raised 8 children (not in order): Mary Polly who married John Gill, Elizabeth(1765-1850) who married Jonathan Jones (1757-1835), Ann who never married (1769-1843), Andrew (1771-1844) who married Elizabeth

(1782-1864), Robert (1780-?) married Sarah Hill, Female (1783-1811) who married William Gilmore, Sally (1785-?) who married William Hinkle (1792-1867). All had left Chester County by

Jones (1774-1847), John (1776-1870) who married Margaret Faris

1820except Ann.

Questions:

- Who was William Downing who married Mary Cooper and purchased John's Land from his widow Mary and the 8 children
 - above? Was he another son?
- 2. Who is Alexander Downing, whose will is administered in 1795 by

John but lists not heirs?

Who is Leander Downing who married Rachel Boyd and baptized

their 8 children in Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church in Chester

County?

John Downing Jr. Married Margaret "Peggy" Faris on 24 April 1804 in SC

probably Chester or York Counties,. Who were Margaret's parents? Her brother John W. Faris left a will in York District in 1813 listing his siblings Nancy, Sarah, Peggy, Jane, Samuel, William and provides for his mother for her natural life. This will does not name his mother but the probate packet lists payment for mourning dress for his mother. In 1812 Sarah's husband, William Hill Petitions that the estate of John W. Faris of Sumter District by divided among the siblings who live in United State. Those being: Nancy, wife of john J. Sloan who has petitioned to be citizen of US; Sarah, wife of William Hill who is citizen of SC; Peggy wife of John Downing, Citizen of SC; Jane wife of Archibald Brown alien living in KY; Samuel resident of York District and Petitioning to be citizen. Petition states that brother William never left Ireland, there fore can't inherit the plantation. But the others have lived in the US for 20 years or more.

- 1. Who are the parents of this Faris Family?
- 2. Did John W. Faris Live/Reside in York District or Sumter District?
- 3. Where was John W. Faris Buried?
- 4. Where was the plantation?

0504	Fullerton: Dale A Fullerton, 4016 Mountain Shadow Place, Rapid
	City, SD 57702; dfuller660@aol.com; Robert O. Fullerton had
	land now under the Town of Great Falls on the Branch of Rocky
Creek. In 1763 he married a	
	McFadden.

- 05---05 **Dixon**: Huss, Shirley D., PO Box 4927, Shreveport, LA 71134-0927 erhus@bellsouth.net; Who are the parents of Margaret Dickson Dixon (b. 1802?) Married #1 Thomas Johnston (before 1820?) Thomas Johnston died about Feb. 1827 in Chester Co., SC. Margaret Dickson Married #2 Lusk Davis and moved to Salem, Tennessee about 1831.
- 05---06 Jackson: Louise Jackson, 123 Ridgeway Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409, erixene@Yahoo.com is interested in communication with descendents of David Jackson (1745-1818 and Mary Morrison Jackson in preparation for a David Jackson Clan Reunion to be held on June 11, 2005, at Bethel Presbyterian Church near Clover, York County, SC. This is the church David Jackson and his family attended and where he is buried. David and Mary Morrison Jackson had ten sons, nice of whom married and had children. John, William, David, Robert, Hugh, Elias, Abner, Samuel, Joseph, James.

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Anne Collins celebrates 95 years

The wonderful leaded windows from the old Trinity College, now know as Duke University in Durham, NC, faced west on York Street in Chester. The afternoon sun cast bright prisms of light against the walls and floors of the stately old house where Anne Pickens Collins greeted well-wishers on her 95th birthday. The light played against her delicate skin, and as we looked at her, we were reminded of all that she has given and been a part of in this place called Chester County.

Anne is the giver, the collector and the keeper of history's fine legends. She is the one who said "Let's have a little theater," and there was one, granted, in a snowstorm, but it happened. "We should have an arts council," she declared, "and it should be called the Arts Council of

Chester County." It would be in the front in the A's of the telephone directory, and people wouldn't have to look hard or chase down names to find it, and we would have a cultural center that would tell stories of the great talents that lies in this dear place.

Indeed, Anne understood the workings of the human mind, and she well understood the dominant need to be together in our goals and our pride. She gathered folks together and said, "Tell me about your families and all they have done, see and accomplished." They rallied, they talked, they wrote arranged and categorized and put past lives in order. She built files of records and documentation, stories and legends of the true and not so true. She melded them together and gave to us, the readers, the searches, the cousins and the double cousins and all the distant cousins a place in the story of our county titled, "A Goodly Heritage: History of Chester County, South Carolina."

When a new family came to town, they heard her name and bought one of her books and learned. They discovered that some grand Southern history was made in the hilly country. They read names that have become famous, such as DeGraffenreid, the royals of Germany and Austria prodding the hard red clay of this county and leaving stories of grandeur and in some cased, hate.

They read "Volume II, Chester County, SC History." She explained on page 10 that in 1723, the King of England ordered a division of the territory in upper South Carolina and lower North Carolina, and this place was born. In 1763, a new survey was made, and we became the New Acquisition. We got a new courthouse, constructed by Edward Lacey. We were called Chesterville, and then in 1840, they incorporated us and we became a village. And then in 1849, we grew to a town. We had a store, a Baptist church, and we were on our way towards making grand, inroads in the history.

The people Anne honored in her books were the fighter in the Revolutionary War. Their forefathers lay buried in the quiet lands of Purity, Fishing Creek and Old Catholic. We gave this nation Justice John Gaston and his sons, who fought and some even died in the great war of freedom. She made his heirs proud of what those early families had done, and she showed the value of them.

Anne became a chronicler of our legends, and we went that Sunday to say happy birthday and we love your and honor you and are proud because of you. We have been blessed by your presence and your inspiration in acknowledging the history of wars, death, disease, poverty, cotton, the mills and the grad determination of the people. Your have been our keeper of names.

We congratulate you for having rearing and turning six children into fine civic-minded citizens: Joe Ann, Nancy, Andre Pickens (Pick), Margaret (Tassie), Joel Jr. and Richard. Six Children who have respected your name, your social and religious goal and have followed in your belief that, to be a part of any one place, one must make generous contributions of time, effort and honesty. Your training shows every day in this place, and we thank you and them. This family has grown from six to 53 children, grandchildren and the greats and all the spouses. They were all here, the Collins family who came here 61 years ago and brought with them a determination to make the people of this county understand how really exceptional we are.

Our heartfelt wishes are with your for more years of giving, laughing and telling great takes of long-ago Cheater. We delight in your live of church, family and pride in their accomplishments. We glory in your love of hot pink and the way your wear that color with joy, a happiness that blush alone tells. Your are a woman, a youthful delightful woman, filled with determination and zest

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