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President's Page

February is Black History Month and school children across America have been learning about the contributions of African Americans. Here in South Carolina in 1961, with the beginning of the sit-in protest, a group in Rock Hill, at Friendship Junior College, became known as the Friendship Nine. I recently had the opportunity to hear one of the nine, the Dr. William T. Massey, speak of his experiences in 1961. Most young people today do not fully appreciate or understand the struggle that African Americans have endured. February, during Black History Month, is a great time to reflect upon their contributions.

I recently took a group of high school students, who are also enrolled at the University of South Carolina at Lancaster in United States History, to visit Revolutionary War and other historical sites in Chester County. One of the sites that we visited was Brainerd Institute in Chester. Brainerd Institute had its beginnings in 1866 as one of the South's efforts to aid the former slaves. Brainerd Institute continued to exist as a thriving school until 1941. Brainerd Institute prepared early black leaders for careers and the various professions with its graduates going on to four-year colleges. The sad part of my visit to Brainerd recently was that not any of the students on the tour, who are all residents of Chester County, had any knowledge of the school's existence.

In the *Chester County Heritage History* edited by Ann Pickens Collins and Louise Gill Knox, a short article is included that names some of the early black leaders of Chester. For example:

- James S. Allen, M.D., Chester's first black physician;
- Dr. William Everitt Pendergrass, a native of Chester who practiced medicine in Rock Hill;
- Rev. Benjamin Franklin Russell, D.D., who spent the first 15 years of his life in slavery;
- Mamie E. Woods, a successful businesswoman of Chester;
- Rev. Joseph Cyrus White, born in Richburg, Chester County, editor of *Peoples Advocate* and minister of several Baptist churches in South Carolina;
- Rev. David Brainerd McLure, who serviced several churches in Chester County and owned considerable property here;
- Joseph P. Clinton, barber, benefactor of Livingston College, Salisbury, North Carolina and Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina;
- Rev. James Henry Coleman, organizer of Second Wilson Baptist Church in Chester;
- Rev. Mansel P. Hall, A.M., D.D., first president of Friendship Normal and Industrial College (which later became Friendship Junior College).

Please remember that the annual meeting of the Chester District Genealogical Society will be on Saturday, August 5, 2006 in Richburg at the Richburg United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. We are pleased that Mike Scoggins, the author of *When it Rained Militia*, will be our guest speaker. Please make your plans to attend the August meeting.

Jim Knox

As a reminder to all of our members

Your membership renewals for 2006 are due now.

All Members:

We are going to do a cookbook as a fund raiser for our society. The money that we earn from the sale of the cookbooks will be used to buy a new copying machine for our library and maybe some new shelves. The title of the cookbook will be *Chester District Genealogy Society Family Heritage Recipes*.

The cookbook will be made up of recipes from our member and their friends. We would like to ask you to send in, your family recipes. Along with your recipes, we would like to have you include a little something about the person the recipe came from. The write up can be up to four lines long. An example of what you might want to write about the person: This recipe was passed down to me from my grandmother Lucille Undine LeValley; she was given the recipe by her mother Isabella Butler LeValley.

The recipes do not have to be a recipe that was passed down to you. The recipe may be just a recipe that you or your family enjoys. Please send in as many recipes as you would like.

Please mail in your recipes by May 1, 2006. We are hoping to receive lots of recipes.

We are hoping that we will have the cookbooks back from the printers by August; this would allow us to start selling the books by our annual birthday party in August.

We want to thank Ellen Bramlett Clarke for submitting the following article about the Tombstone pictures that are on the front and back covers of the book, *Evergreen Cemetery*, which we published last spring.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY and LITTLE MARY DeGRAFFENREID

By Ellen Bramlett Clarke

Without doubt, the most touchingly beautiful monument in Evergreen Cemetery of Chester, SC, adorns the gravesite of little Mary DeGraffenreid. This monument embodies in stone a young girl clutching her favorite blanket and sleeping ever so peacefully in a poster bed. The pictures below are front and back views and are featured on the covers of **TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS: EVERGREEN CEMETERY** published by the Chester District Genealogical Society in 2004.



Photos by George Harvey Moore

Recently, in looking through some old newspapers on microfilm in the Chester County Library, I came across several articles about Mary and the establishment of Evergreen. When I mentioned them to George Harvey Moore, he thought they would interest the subscribers of the bulletin and would supplement the history of the cemetery provided in the book. George, his wife Penny and I collaborated on this update of **TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**. Captivated by the memorial's exquisite beauty, we had wondered the circumstances of Mary's untimely death at such a tender age—three weeks before her fourth birthday. As you read through the articles below, you will understand that now we wonder no more.....

The Chester Standard

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1857

BURNED TO DEATH

On last Wednesday morning, a little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tcharner H. DeGraffenreid, was burned to death by her clothes accidentally taking fire while she was at play in the yard. No one, but a small negro girl, was

present at the happening of the accident, and when assistance came, the poor little sufferer was found standing unable to speak, from suffocation, her clothes being all on fire and the flames extending a foot higher than her head. She lived for several hours and only spoke once or twice afterwards.

Obituary

Died. In this Dist. On the 22nd inst., MARY, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. DeGraffenreid, aged 4 years.

We have seldom, if ever, known a more interesting child than the subject of this notice. But the beautiful bud has been rudely plucked. The heart of parents has been made to bleed and their home made desolate by the sudden removal of their first born. While engaged in out door sports, with childish happiness and innocence, she unfortunately came too near a fire, which was burning in the garden, and was enveloped in flames. She lingered a few hours and died.

But it may be said:
"She died to pain; she died to care,
But for a moment felt the rod,
Then, rising on the viewless air,
Spread her light wings and soared to God."

Farewell little Mary! The flowers of spring shall bloom over thy grave and the wild birds shall sing their requiem; but thy ear already drinks sounds more melodious and thy spirit inhale the perfume of flowers far more beautiful.

I also found several other articles in the CHESTER STANDARD pertinent to the history of Evergreen and have transcribed them below:

CHESTER CEMETERY

We have been requested to state that a meeting of as many townsmen as fell an interest in having a cemetery in the suburbs of this Town, is desired to be held in the Court House on this Thursday Evening at candle-light. The subject addresses itself with peculiar interest to our people and especially so to as many of them as expect to live and die here, and have no place chosen to rest their bones in when they shall have done with time. We are told that a beautiful site of four acres, in rear of Mr. T. DeGraffenreid's residence, has been selected and bargained for by a Committee of gentlemen, and we do hope the praiseworthy object, thus auspiciously started, may be purchased on to a happy consummation. So mote it be. September 3, 1857

CEMETERY MEETING

Pursuant to editorial notice published in our last, a public meeting was held in the Court House for the purpose of organizing a Cemetery Company in this place. On motion J. J. McLure was called to the chair

and Giles J. Patterson was appointed Secretary. Dr. A. P. Wylie explained the object of the meeting and moved the appointment of a Committee of three to solicit subscriptions to pay for 4½ acres of land in rear of Mr. T. DeGraffenreid's residence – as per contract already made; which motion was adopted. W. J. Gill moved that the subscriptions be taken in shares of (\$10) each: adopted. Dr. A. P. Wylie, S. W. Mobley & C. Holst were appointed the Committee on subscriptions.

Mr. Patterson moved that a Committee draft a charter and present to the next future meeting—also that the meeting adjourn to meet on Thursday evening the 17th inst. Patterson, Melton and Gaston were appointed on this Committee—to which on motion the chairman of the meeting was added.

It was moved by Mr. Gaston and adopted by the meeting, that W. H. Gill be requested to draft a plan for laying out the grounds, the same to be submitted by him at a future meeting; also that the meeting adjourn to meet on Thursday evening the 17th inst.

During the progress of the meeting it was briefly addressed by Messrs. Dr. Wylie, Holst, Carroll, Gaston, Gill, and Patterson. Here our reporter's notes end and so do we, as to this branch of the subject.....

September 10, 1857

The earliest records about Evergreen Cemetery indicate that it was officially established in March 1858 when Thomas DeGraffenreid, who lived nearby, sold six acres of land to an organization called The Evergreen Cemetery Association. DeGraffenreid, the father of little Mary, was a very prominent citizen, merchant and landowner in Chester. Mary's grave once in the backyard of her family home became a part of the new Evergreen Cemetery.

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS: EVERGREEN CEMETERY is available from the Chester District Genealogical Association. This publication lists more than more than 6000 names of persons buried in the cemetery. Dates on markers vary from as early as 1841 through November 2003. The 320-page book is an easy-to-read hardback in bold 10-point print and is fully indexed. Price: \$40.00 for the book.

New book from Brent Holcomb now available.

Chester County South Carolina Will Abstracts 1787-1838 [1771-1838]. Hard Cover, 220 pages, indexed. \$35.00 plus mailing. New publication, 2006. In 1787, the county courts became courts of ordinary (probate courts) and began recording wills and estates at the county level. An excellent companion to the *Chester County Deed Abstracts* published in 2005. Mailing charges \$4.00. SC residents please add 6% sales tax. Order from Brent H. Holcomb, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221.

This article is continued from the December 2005 issue of the Bulletin.

Chester County-----Center of South Carolina's "Back Country" by Arthur Cornwell

Soldiers Assemble

On the morning of April 11, 1861, Chester's soldiers assembled on the public square. They had received orders to report at Charleston. Richard Neil played the fife and Tom Wright beat the drum. Tom was a negro, had always been free, was of gigantic size, but his heart was full of love of the South. He begged to go with the boys, did go and remained with them until the surrender, when he came home with the proud consciousness of having faithfully performed his duty. The troops reached Charleston the night before Fort Sumter was fired upon and remained on Morris, Cole and other islands, until ordered to Virginia.

The men who went out as the Pickens Guards followed Beauregard, Johnson and Lee from Fort Sumter to Appomattox, the banner given them by the ladies of the community was never dragged in dishonor and some of the Pickens Guards did come back. Chester County had men in the front when the first gun was fired at Fort Sumter, and she had men who laid down their arms at Appomattox. The first and the last.

During the war she furnished eight companies of infantry two companies of cavalry, and in the last years of the war she gave her last, all that she had, three companies of reserves. Capt. John Hardin's company consisted of old men and boys and a company of men from 50 to 60 who went under Capt. James McDill about 60 days before the surrender.

Chester County furnished 1,941 men to the Confederate army. Of this number 367 never came back. One hundred and sixty-four were killed on the battlefields; the other 203 includes those who died of wounds and disease at home and in the hospitals. The next were Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Culp and Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Walker.

The veterans of the Confederacy could not have chosen two names more worthy to be linked together in perpetual memory than

the names of its patriotic sons, Capt. J. Lucius Gaston and Lieu-Colonel Alexander Walker. Capt. Gaston was in the infantry and Col Walker in the cavalry. Capt Gaston was killed at the battle of Seven Pines, May 31, 1862. R. F. M. Dunovant and John Dunovant were generals in the war and were brave and gallant soldiers.

Spanish-American War

The Spanish-American War lasted a little over a hundred days. Chester sent a company of picked men--Company D., First Regiment, J. S. Hardin, Captain; A.L. Gaston, First Lieutenant; J. H. Marion, Second Lieutenant and 57 men. This company left Chester for Columbia, May 4, 1898, and from there went to Chickamauga Park, Georgia, on June 6, 1898. There were, also, a few other soldiers from Chester and Chester County, who served in companies F and G, and possibly other companies.

Chester furnished 930 soldiers in the world war. Of this number 346 were white and 584 colored. The total number of registrants physically examined were 1,700.

The local board who had charge of registrations, was composed of Col. Arthur L. Gaston, Dr. John E. Cornwell, and W. B. Cox MD, Z. Vance Davidson was clerk and Miss Marie Cornwell was the assistant.

There are two world war, societies here, the James Hemphill Post,, American Legion, composed of ex-service men and officers and the American Legion Auxiliary, composed of the women who had representatives in the war. Both are very progressive organizations.

Fishing Creek Church was started about 1752. Catholic Presbyterian church is about 171 years old. "Old Purity" church, now destroyed by fire, was started about 1770. Hopewell ARP Church is about 141 years old. Woodward Baptist Church was organized in 1789. Calvary Baptist Church, Capers Chapel and Armenia Methodist Churches, Pleasant Grove and Cedar Shoals Presbyterian Churches, are some of the other places of worship. There are many other old churches in the county and these are merely offered as being repetitive of the church situated in Chester County.

Religious Activities

Church chronicles state that the ministers were as faithful shepherds, and had great influence over their congregation. One preacher influenced slave-holders, and other held together the feeble churches, while one became a shining light for the cause of liberty and freedom. They were unafraid and ready to carry ploughshare, Bible or rifle whenever occasion demanded.

These plain temples of God were meeting places of the "old time religion", where services were held nearly all the Sabbath day. The congregation, as was the custom, served dinner picnic fashion. Near each church is a small "God's Ace", where after services the people would repair and call up and tender remembrances of those gone before. Many of the largest plantations held their own rock-walled or iron-railed burial plots and none dared break the repose of the dead.

At many of the churches, or not far away stood the little log-cabin or rough made schoolhouse. Many of the children had to come two or three miles to school. The daily session lasted until afternoon. A spring was usually near the schoolhouse. The big rock chimney had a large open fireplace, which heated the room. The benches were "no-back". Near the teacher's desk or table was placed a bundle of switches. The "R's", reading, writing, and arithmetic, which the Bible stood as the building plan, bedrock, super-structure and sky-touching dome of education.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis and party passed thru Chester and stayed all night at Woodward Baptist Church, which is five miles south of Chester, the night was stormy and they were forced to abandon their trip until morning. They were on their way to Dr. Isaiah Mobley's house to spend the night.. Four children were with them, two girls and two boys. Tradition says that Mrs. Mobley had each of her children to hold Winnie Davis, saying " You have held the daughter of the Confederacy."

Settlement on Hill

The little settlement on the hill, now the site of present city, was established sixty years before the first church was built; but the whole matter came about in the following way. A Mr. Barnes was

conducting a revival. Major John Kennedy became converted. He was instrumental in the erection of the first church in Chester. It was a Baptist Church, now First Baptist Church. He gave the land, and also helped greatly in the erection of the building. If we look back to 1833, we will see on November 30, the beginning of this church, for on that date the church was constituted. The ministers officiating at the constitution were Andrew Shane and J. M. Barnes. the first pastor was the Rev. Noland.

Before that time all services had been held in the courthouse. So, prayers, hymns, sermons, sentences, pleadings, shows of all kinds, fun, frolic, and profanity, held full sway in the temple of law.

The first Methodist Church building in the town of Chester was erected in 1838. The lot was donated mainly by Mr. Thomas McLure. Rev. Alexius Foster was the preacher in charge. This building was later sold to the ARP Church congregation, and they in turn sold it to the present owners, the Episcopalians. The building now used b the Methodist, at the intersection of York and Saluda Streets, was erected in 1871.

The Presbyterians built a small brick church on the site of the western slope of the hill for the convenience of the town members. Up until this time worship was held at Old Purity Church, about two miles from this village. This small brick building was later sold to the Catholics, who now worship in it. The Presbyterians erected a large brick church on Wylie Street in 1854. In January 1855, the church was dedicated by the Rev. J. E. White.

The Episcopal Church, a wooden structure, was built in 1855 on Pinckney Street. It was of cathedral style and with the old Baptist Church of the thirties went down in the cyclone of February 19, 1884. It was later moved to the present location on center street. this special church lot carries a story of all its own. First it was used for the Methodist Church, then the ARP's used it, and now on the lot stands the Episcopal Church of the present era.

The first schoolhouse erected in the village of Chester was the Chesterville Academy, a two-story frame building, which was on McLure hill---near the present site of the standpipe---West End. both boys and girls attended this school, and it was supported by private funds and tuition fees principally. A fire, having destroyed this wooden building, a brick structure was erected on this same spot. Just before the war the lot was sold and a new building erected in

another part of the city, known as the Brick Academy, it was situated on the present site of the residence of Mrs. Joseph A. Walker. Davis, Sealy, Shirley, Shelton, Bansemer, were teachers at various times in the academy.

Miss Ann Foster, a Northern woman, opened a school in the building, which subsequently became the residence of Dr. A. P. Wylie. Wylie P. Jones had a school in the building, which was later used by C. F. Holst as a carriage factory. During the "sixties" Mr. Holst gave used of this building as a hospital.

A female school was opened on York Street in the building afterwards owned by Richard Kennedy, later by Judge T. J. Mackey, and eventually becoming the property of Mrs. Alice Smith.

Sometimes in the sixties Mrs. C. K. Strobel, a widow of a Charleston banker, opened a young ladies' seminary on Wylie Street, a long low wooden building. It too, was under auspices of the School Commissioners of the District. Mrs. E. E. Guynemer, assisted by her mother, and Miss Tombe, conducted a school there previous to the coming of Mrs. Strobel. In the middle of the eighties, James Hamilton conducted a young ladies' school in this building. He, however, gave up teaching, and opened a bookstore, which is now operated by his two sons.

In 1879 an act was passed by the legislature granting the town of Chester the right to establish a graded school. In 1889 the school was organized in the Old Chesterville Male Academy building with Prof. W. H. Witherow, Mrs. C. L. Strobel, Mrs. Bland, Miss Anne Gott, and Miss Killian. The present school system is composed of four white school buildings, two graded mill school buildings, and one new high school building. Myron E. Brockman is the present superintendent of the Chester public schools.

The colored people have a graded school building, and a practically new high school building. S. L. Finley is principal of the colored schools. Besides these two buildings there is a junior college for the negroes. It is called Brainerd Institute, and was organized by Dr. Samuel Loomis, A. H. Green and others in 1868. It is owned and supported by an organized board of northern Presbyterians.

Locating Churches

In 1859 an attempt was made to locate an ARP Church in Chester, but for some reason it was a failure. Soon after the Confederate war, the Rev. R. W. Brice, the pastor of Hopewell Church, began preaching occasionally at Old Purity Church, Presbyterian, for the convenience of the ARP people in Chester and some of the members of Hopewell, living near Old Purity Church. In 1870 he organized a church of 18 members. In 1872 the congregation bought the old Methodist Church on Center Street. The present church building was dedicated, February 6, 1898. The Rev. C.E. McDonald, preached the dedication sermon.

The Roman Catholic Church is a small brick building on West End. It was erected by the Presbyterians and called the "Presbyterian Lecture Room." There are only a few Catholics in the city and this building is, therefore, large enough for their services.

All of the churches have handsome brick buildings, except the Episcopalians, who have a very large substantial wood structure. The Baptist, ARP, Presbyterians and Methodist, have large and well-equipped Sunday School Buildings. Handsome and well equipped churches are found at the different mills, and large congregations worship in all of the churches.

There was at onetime an academy on Fishing Creek, which was conducted by Justice John Gaston and his wife, Esther Gaston. It was called the Fishing Creek Academy. There were other schools scattered around the country, often taught by the various ministers and their wives.

Chester Railroad

The first train on the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad arrived in Chester in August 1851. When the railroad was completed to Chester, a big barbecue was held to celebrate that great event. The whistle of the engine announced its approach, and soon the train came into sight, decorated with flags and evergreens. It was crowded with passengers, gathered from different points along the road, who, thought not at ease, had their curiosity gratified as a result, the resident of the railroad was the Hon. Edward G. Palmer. He made an address. Obadiah Farrow, Blacksmith of the town after a close inspection of the engine, declared it "the greatest wonder of the world," and announced his readiness to die.

The trains left Columbia in the morning and stopped at Cornwalls for dinner, this had also been the stopping place for stage coaches. the old house still stands. It was owned by Elijah Cornwell, whose father, Eli Cornwall, came to South Carolina from Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The train stopped 10 minutes at small stations and 20 minutes at the large ones. The first conductor was Mr. Fowler, and the engineer was Mr. Davis. No tickets were sold; the conductor collected cash payments at the rate of five cents a mile. This subsequently became the Southern Railway Company.

Chester's other railroad of the fifties was the King's Mountain Railroad, now Carolina and Northwestern. W. T. Vandiver, of Indiana, was the first engineer to run over this road. The first agent at Chester was John W. Walker.

Chester is situated on the Southern, Seaboard Air Line, Carolina and Northwestern, and the Lancaster and Chester Railway Companies. New York is only 18 hours from Chester.

The first telegraph line to Chester was erected in 1850. C. H. Brennecke as the first operator. The office was in the freight depot of the Charlotte and Columbia Railroad. Trains did not run on telegraphic orders; they ran by certain rules. If a train did not come, the one at the station waited twenty minutes and then allowed five minutes for difference in time. It then had the right of way until the other train was met; Freight trains had to observe the same rules. They were wood burners and their speed was slow. Freight trains had no conductors; the engineers had all the responsibility. The business of the road was heavy because all the goods from Union and York had to be shipped from Chester.

Slavery Days

Before the advent of freedom for the negro, Chester, like other places had stockades. One stood on the corner across from the present site of the Commercial Bank. The bank is located on the site of the old Bennett Machine shop place. A high brick wall surrounded the stockade with broken glass sent set in the clay on the top of the wall. These stockades were torn down in the early seventies.

Chester's first jail was situated on the site of the Frazer building on Gadsden Street, Just across from the Chester Bakery. It

was a rambling structure of wood. A ling porch faced the sidewalk. A soluble-roomed brick kitchen was in the back yard. On the first floor the rooms were open and large, A large upper-room called, was called, "the debtor's room"--looking out from the window the captive debtor would no doubt, muse on the strange freaks of fortune seeking that others, while also guilty, had escaped the hands of the law.

In the sixties when wounded and dying soldiers crowded all the places of refuge and other shelter at hand, the prisoners were placed to themselves, so cots could be arranged for the suffering. The jail was near the railroad station, and the soldiers were thankful for the kindly care, and its being a jail disturbed the mind of no one. Later a large brick structure was erected on Center Street, However, in 1914, the need was felt for a more modern jail, and the present building on McAliley Street was built. It is only a short distance form the court house.

Chester's Newspapers

"The Chester Standard" was the first news sheet established in Chester. The first number appeared January 12, 1854. C. D. and Samuel W. Melton were the editors and owners. A book containing all the issues of 1854-1855 has been presented to the Chester Public Library by the City of Chester. It was bought from the Bradley family. "The Standard" of the fifties was a large seven column publication. The doubled sheet, when folded was about the size of a man's handkerchief. All information had to be condensed. Every one had to read between the lines. It was truly a case of "much in little." The paper was later sold to J. B. Mickle, When retired E. H. McDaniel took charge, and later George Pither carried on the paper. the next owners were E. C. McLure and John A Bradley Jr., who established it as "The Chester Reporter," January 1869. Then the paper was sold to John H. Buchanan and J. C. Hardin. Later Mr. Buchanan bought his partner's interest. He kept the paper until the present owners, W. J. Irwin and J. T. Perkins, bought it.

The Chester bulletin was established in 1879 by Thomas W. Clawson and E. C. McLure. It was later sold to John A. Bradley Jr., who sold it to Whitlock and Morgan. This firm gave way to F. H. Morgan, who was succeeded by W. P. Crawford. Mr. Crawford

served in the Spanish-American War, and on his return to Chester County contracted a fatal illness and died. After his death the paper ceased to exist---save only as a memory.

In 1897 "The Lantern" presented itself to the reading public. J. T. Brigham was editor and owner. The following have been owners: W. F. Caldwell, J. Dan Jones, J. Otis Hull, C. N. Wrenshall, J. E. Nunnery, S. L. Cassells and W. W. Pegram, the present owner. It is now the "Chester News." It, like the Chester Reporter is a semi-weekly newspaper,. Both have unusually large circulations.

Manufacturing Companies

The first cotton manufactory in Chester was the Chester Mills. It was built with a capital stock of \$100,000. It produced fine gingham, and had its own dye works to color yarn for 435 looms. In 1894, John Gilligan, of Providence, Rhode Island, was superintendent and manager. Two hundred and forty operatives were employed then. The board of directors was composed of : Joseph Wylie, E. C. Stahn, George Wilson, S. B. Lathan, and D. A. Thompkins. After the Chester Mills had been in operation for some time, the management, realizing that it would be an advantage to get their yarn at home, decided to attempt the building of a yarn mill at Chester, the first brick was laid June 1, 1892. In 1896 they were running 5,000 spindles, and had 125 hands employed. The superintendent was C. B. Skinner, of Baltimore. It was called the Catawba Factory. D. A. Thompkins was president. The following were on the board of directors: S. M. Jones, G. W. Page, J. W. Dunovant, A. G. Price, R. H. Cousar, Joseph Wylie, S. B. Lathan, E. C. Stahn and Paul Hemphill.

Chester's first bank was the Bank of Chester. It was organized October, 1853. the following were the first officers: President, James Hemphill; Cashier, Col. John A. Bradley; Teller, Leonard Harris; Assistants, Paul Romare and John Beard. There are four splendid banks in Chester now, the Commercial Bank, National Exchange Bank, White Bank and the People's National Bank.

Facts about Chester

Chester's City Hall was erected in 1891 under the supervision of Captain A. D. Holler, who also was the builder of College Street

School, 1891. The first company to play in the auditorium was Barlow's Minstrels in September 1891. The scenery for the stage was painted by E. Cramer, of Columbia. A fire on July 25, 1929, badly damaged the City Hall. It was later rebuilt--this time omitting the auditorium. However, there is a well-equipped Community Hall, a large library and other improvements over the old plan of the building.

The first mayor of Chester was George Melton, who was elected in 1849. The present mayor is Robert Frazer. One of the old postmasters was James Graham.

The following article was printed in the Fort Mill Times August 24, 1933. The article was written by Ward Pegram.

Writing in the Chester News of Tuesday, Ward Pegram, editor of that paper, has the following interesting story of the bridges and old roads of the Fort Mill community. Older citizens of Fort Mill will testify that Mr. Pegram's article is accurate in every particular:

The first bridge erected across Catawba as I recall it, in the section was an iron bridge between York and Fort Mill just a short distance below the India Hook power plant, the first built in this section. Fort Mill township is the only township in York county on the east side of the Catawba river and folks in that section experienced much trouble in getting to the county seat, If the river happened to be up and they could not get across the ferry, they had to go by train to Rock Hill and change to the old 3 C's Railroad. In most cases this meant an all day trip. Fort Millians had to take the better part of two days and a night to visit the county seat, hence the urgent demand and final construction of the bridge below the India Hook Dam.

As I recall it, this latter mentioned bridge came very near washing away during a freshet in 1908. In fact, the approaches to the Fort Mill side did wash away. After this the bridge was repaired and remained standing until 1916, when the Catawba went on another rampage and the complete structure went down. Following this, the bridge between Rock Hill and Fort Mill was erected taking

the place of the first mentioned bridge, and is still being used.

Near where the present Rock Hill and Fort Mill bridge stands, was a ferry known as Dinkins' Ferry, getting its name from the man who operated it. At the point where the Southern Railway Crossed the Catawba River between Rock Hill and Fort Mill, years ago was a ford (Nation Ford). I recall distinctly that you entered the river below the bridge, came under it, and then on to the bank on the Rock Hill side, This ford was used, of course, when the water was low in the river. I recall many times I would as a youngster, ride our horse down to the river and across the ford. That was great sport for a youngster, and on the Rock Hill side the ford was deepest and I got a great thrill when the water would come up on the horse to the point where it would touch, or almost touch my feet.

Having lived at Fort Mill when a teen-age youngster and hearing much about the Catawba Indians of the times past, and having visited Indian Nation and so on, and seeing pictures of Indians swimming the river in their horses, I decided to try that stunt, because it was not near so wide as the big river. Well, I drove that horse right into the river, although it took encouragement from a heavy switch and I made it over to the island, the horse having to swim the greater part of the way. I was a little shaky my first trip, but after that the horse and I had a great time.

Returning to modes of crossing the river: at a point a short distance below the present Boyd's Bridge was another ferry known as Wright's Ferry. I have crossed there a number of times and in crossing you go from South Carolina into North Carolina--Fort Mill township. If you will notice some time in crossing Boyd's Bridge from South Carolina, you will note that you are going from north to south.

Coming on down the river you come to an old ferry site just below the railway bridge at Catawba, known as the Indian Ferry and there to a point between Fort Lawn and Lancaster was a ferry just a very short distance above the Lancaster and Chester Railway trestle, and further down the river we come to Gooch's Ferry. There were probably others, of which I am not familiar. I might add that prior to the ferries there were a number of fords used by the people of many years ago.

From our library:

This passed year the library has had 37 visitors from 16 different states. We have had several of the visitors that joined our society, when they visited. We want to welcome all of our new members. In the coming year we look forward to seeing many more visitors in our library. New and old friends are always welcomed at the library.

In the past year we have received several new books, some that we have purchased and some that have been donated by our members. The library now has 760 family vertical files. The family vertical files have from one sheet of paper in the file, to some having two files for a family. The library also has a very large miscellaneous file.

The library is always happy to have our members to send in material to add to our collection.

We want to thank Mr. William Boyce White Jr. for sending the following article on the Kee Family.

This article comes at a time when much discussion has been made on the relocation of the Kee Family Cemetery. It was on 1,500 acre tract of land owned by the L & C Railway Co. and is know as the Super Site for industrial growth.

The family members were split over where to relocate the graves. They finally agreed for Martia and Eleanor Kee to be moved to Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Cemetery where other Kee Family members are.

The remaining graves were moved to a Kee Plot at Union Cemetery here in Richburg.

When the L & C Railway Co. erects the marker, a service will be held here at Union ARP Church in Richburg.

You will notice that Mr. White dedicated his article to Mrs. Elizabeth Kee Patterson; she passed away on December 29, 2005, at the West Minister Healthcare in Rock Hill, SC. She was a wonderful Christian Lady who lived a long and useful life in her community.

GENEALOGY OF THE KEE (or KEY) FAMILY OF CHESTER COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA

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DEDICATION

To ELIZABETH KEE PATTERSON, of the Presbyterian Home, Clinton, South Carolina, for her lifelong support of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, South Carolina, of which her great-grandfather Capt. John Franklin Workman was the first ruling elder, A.D. 1869.

The Kee (or Key) family of whom this sketch treats may be traced to an old Virginia family whose progenitor was Martin Kee, who married (--). One of their children was Martin Kee, Jr., who married (--).

Luck Kee, putative son of Martin Kee, Jr., was born probably in Virginia c.1750 and was left an orphan at an early age. On Aug. 22, 1771, he was married to Winifred Kimble. The Kees were living then in Granville County, N.C. Luck Kee, who was a tailor, once said that he had moved nineteen times in the course of his work. He and his wife moved to Chester County, S.C., in the beginning of the nineteenth century. One family historian has written that the Kees were a restless lot, much given to pulling up stakes and moving on to unsettled areas of the American nation.

It was doubtless Luck Kee himself who changed the spelling of the family name from "Key" to "Kee." Anyone who wishes to delve deeply into the history of the family will find Key and Allied Families, by Mrs. Julian C. Lane, to be an authoritative and definitive treatment of the subject. The book was published in 1931 by the J. W. Burke Company of Macon, California.

Issue of Luck Kee and his wife, Winifred Kimble:

I. Daniel Key (or Kee). Born c.1772-76. Married Sarah Lucinda Daniel, daughter of Joseph Daniel of Granville Co., N.C. Issue:

A. Eleanor ("Nellie") Key. Born in North Carolina on Sept. 12, 1797. Died June 22, 1883, in Chester County, S.C. Buried in the Old Purity Presbyterian Churchyard, Chester, S.C. Married c.1816 to John Rosborough, Esq., who was for fifty-four years Clerk of Court for Chester County. He was born on Jan. 6, 1775, in Camden District, S.C. (now Chester County), and died in Chester County on Mar. 2, 1854. He was buried in Old Purity Churchyard. He was descended from the Gaston family of Eastern Chester County. Issue:

1. Martha Gaston Rosborough. Born 1818. Died 1883 in South Carolina. Married John Simpson Hemphill.
2. William Daniel Rosborough. Born Dec. 13, 1820. Died Oct. 20, 1888, in Mississippi. Married on Oct. 27, 1846, to Elizabeth Ann Williamson. Born Jan. 4, 1829. Died Dec. 20, 1902. This family removed from Chester District (or County) to Sardis Mississippi, and left many descendants.
3. Emily Patton Rosborough. Born Feb. 16, 1828. Died June 23, 1854. Buried in Old Purity Churchyard. Married William H. Gregory.
4. Malvenia Cornelia Rosborough. Born 1833. Died July 15, 1866. Buried in Old Purity Churchyard. Married William A. Minter.
5. John Rosborough, Jr. Born Jan. 15, 1835. Died June 30, 1862, in Confederate military service following the Battle of the Wilderness, in Virginia. Buried in Old Purity Churchyard.
6. Joseph Rosborough. Born 1836. Died Apr. 4, 1840. Buried in Old Purity Churchyard.
7. Eudocia Rosborough. Born 1839. Died 1858.
8. Sarah Lucinda Rosborough. Born 1817 in South Carolina. Died c.1860. Married James Jefferson Clarke. Buried in Old Purity Churchyard.
9. Ellen Elizabeth Rosborough. Born Aug. 19, 1823. Died June 13, 1912, at Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi. She was married at Chester, S.C., on May 19, 1840, to Andrew Baird Connelly. Born 1816 in Burke Co., N.C. Died in 1872 at Holly Springs. He was a son of Joshua and Mary (Baird) Connelly. Buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Holly Springs.

[Born Feb. 1, 1785.]

II. Martin Key. Born April 3, 1780. Married Eleanor Daniel, daughter of Joseph Daniel, on Aug. 11, 1804. Martin Key died Jan. 7, 1848. She died Oct. 3, 1866. Issue:

A. Madison Key.

B. Cephas Jackson Key. Born Dec. 1, 1814. Died Dec. 28, 1891. Buried in Laurelwood Cemetery, Rock Hill, S.C. Married Matilda Robinson Susan Rives, daughter of John Rives, Esq., and wife, Mary ("Polly") (Lee) Rives of Chester District, S.C. She was born July 28, 1809, and died March 9, 1891. Buried in Laurelwood Cemetery.

Cephas Key planted on an extensive scale both before and after the War Between the States. In the 1840's and early 1850's he owned a 1500-acre plantation east of what is today Rock Hill, in the immediate neighborhood of the David S. Patton and Richard Austin Springs plantations. According to the Census of 1850, twenty-five slaves labored at the Key place. In later years C. J. Key purchased a 1500-acre tract in Lancaster District, S.C., and lived there for many years.

Dissatisfied with living conditions in the South after the surrender of Lee in 1865, the Keys, together with many other planters' families, moved to South America, taking up residence in the interior of Brazil. After living there for a number of years, the Keys returned to South Carolina, probably to Lancaster District (later County). They brought with them a young man named Leitner Shurley, whom they reared in their home. The boy's mother had died and his father had married a second time. The father was Prof. John Rooker Shurley, principal of Ebenezer Academy, Rock Hill, S.C. Leitner Shurley, evidently following in his father's footsteps, became a renowned teacher and school principal in the Lancaster-Mecklenburg rural area southeast of Charlotte, N.C. His enthusiasm for his profession became a source of inspiration to his pupils, many of whom went on to acquire a college education, according to the late Viola Caston Floyd, Lancaster County historian. A large, handsome monument erected by his former students marks the last resting place of Leitner Shurley in the cemetery of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Among his pupils was the late H. E. C. ("Red Buck") Bryant, longtime writer for the Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. Floyd wrote in Lancaster Tours: "At Barberville [Lancaster County] there is the rambling two-story house, once the spacious home of Cephas Key, foster father of Leitner Shurley. The date '1860' can be seen on the right-hand copper gutter of the house. The place was known as 'Water Oak.' Tryphosa Emeline Key, daughter of Cephas, married Turner Barber, who bought "Water Oak." Barber descendants lived in the old place until recent years."

In the late 1870's and early 1880's Cephas Key operated the Kee House [hotel] at Gastonia, N.C. Issue of Cephas J. and Matilda (Rives) Key:

1. [Son, a twin, name unknown]. Died in infancy. Born Oct. 31, 1844.
2. Martin Riddlehuss Key (or Kee). Born Oct. 31, 1844, in Chester Dist., S.C. Died in York County, S.C., on Aug. 7, 1886. Buried in Ebenezer Presbyterian Churchyard, Rock Hill, S.C. Married on Dec. 3, 1872, to Emmona [Emma] Adelaide Gillespie of Ebenezerville (near Rock Hill). Born Jan. 19, 1851, in York District. Died Aug. 31, 1904, in York County. Buried in Ebenezer Churchyard. Issue:
 - a. Bessie Rives Kee. She was a favorite cousin of this writer and was a lifelong student of family history. Married John Alexander Neely of York County, son of Samuel and Mary Melissa (White) Neely, who lived near what is today Edgemoor, S.C., on a large tract of inherited land.

John A. and Bessie (Kee) Neely lived at Anderson, S.C. Issue:

- (1) John Alexander Neely, Jr., Esq. He practiced law at Anderson, S.C.
- (2) Hyder Kee (or Key) Neely. Born 1896. Died 1960.

- b. Laura Tryphosa Kee. Married L. H. Little.
- c. Mary Eleanor Kee. Married J. P. Killegrew.
- d. Cephas J. Kee, Jr. Married Bessie Fairchild.
- e. John Gillespie Kee. Born Jan. 1, 1880, in York County, S.C. Died at Rock Hill, S.C., on May 14, 1941. Married on July 12, 1910, to Bessie Steele Starnes. Born Aug. 11, 1884. Died at Rock Hill on Nov. 13th, 1971. They were members of First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, the first ruling elder of which was Capt. John Franklin Workman, grandfather of Bessie Steele Starnes. Issue:

- (1) Elizabeth Starnes Kee. Born May 8, 1912. Married Leonard H. Patterson of York Co., S.C. She was a teacher in the public schools of South Carolina and presently resides at the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina, at Clinton.

- (2) John Martin Kee. Married Evelyn Woodham. Issue:

- (a) John Martin Kee, Jr. Married Joyce Dickerson.
- (b) Margaret Elizabeth Kee. Married Jerry Carr.
- (c) Nancy Evelyn Kee. Married (1) (--) Drennan; (2) (--) Garris.
- (d) Susan Kee. Married the Rev. James W. Eller.

- (3) Billy Starnes Kee. Born 1918. Died at Taylors, S.C., on May 3, 2003. Married Caroline Black. He was a graduate of Presbyterian College (1940). He earned the Master's degree from Springfield (Mass.) College. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Issue:

- (a) David Starnes Kee. Lives at Taylors, S.C.

- f. Emma Rose Kee. Married D. B. Yancey.
- g. Martin R. Kee, Jr. Unmarried.
- h. Samuel Richard Kee. Married Alma Wheeler.

- 3. Mary Eleanor ("Ellen") Kee. Married Samuel W. Mobley, son of Edward and Mary (Mabry) Mobley, on Apr. 19, 1839. (Brother of Biggers Mobley.)
- 4. Tryphosa Emeline Kee. Married Turner Barber of Lancaster County, S.C. He was a brother of Ferguson H. Barber of Rock Hill, S.C. The Turner Barber plantation was known as "Water Oak." Issue, amongst others:

- a. Anna Barber. Married (--) Harris.

- 5. Rebecca A. Kee. Married the Reverend (--) Head.

- C. John Silas Key. Born Oct. 20, 1819. Died 1867. Married Placatta Ann Culp.
- D. Chesley Thompson Key (or Kee). Born Aug. 28, 1813. Died May 14, 1896. Married on Sept. 28, 1837, to Martha Mary Agurs, born May 2, 1817, and died May 19, 1889. She was a daughter of William Agurs, Jr., and wife, Margaret Culp, of Chester County, S.C. Issue:

- 1. William Martin Kee. Born July 7, 1839. Removed to Texas.
- 2. Harriett E. Kee. Born Oct. 4, 1843. Died 1933. Married Dr. James Entzminger of Blythewood, S.C.
- 3. Sarah Julia Kee. Born Sept. 22, 1845. Died Dec. 27, 1928.

4. John Lafayette Kee. Born Nov. 11, 1847. Died Aug. 2, 1921.
Married Caroline Price of Blythewood, S.C. Issue:

a. William Bartlette Key. Married Mary Lucian Gill. Issue:

(1) Carolyn ("Carrie") Price Key. Born at Rodman, S.C., in
1911. Died at Marion, S.C., on Sept. 26, 2005. Married
Joseph Walker Coleman. Issue:

(a) Joseph Walker Coleman, Jr. Born in the Rodman
community of Chester County, S.C., on June 15, 1934.
Died at Lenoir, N.C., on Nov. 22, 2005. He was a textile
chemist in South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina.
Married Martha Marie Taylor. Issue:

1' Kelly Jo Coleman. Married Richard Melton. Issue:

a' Lee Thomas Melton.

b' Jennie Elizabeth Melton.

2' Joseph ("Jody") Walker Coleman III. Married
Helen (--).

(b) Jennie Bartlette Coleman. Married the Rev. David L.
Shirkey. They live at Inverness, Florida.

(c) Mary Martha Coleman. She lives at Marion, S.C.

(2) [Daughter]. Married Elmer Whitton. Mrs. Whitton lives at
Walhalla, S.C.

(3) William Bartlette Key, Jr. Married Blanche Eargle. They
lived at Rock Hill, S.C. Known issue:

(a) William Bartlette Key III, Esq. Married (1) Susan Inman;
and (2) Diane (--). Known issue of the first marriage:

1' William Bartlette ("Bart") Key IV. Married Sondra Cox.
They live at Matthews, N.C.

(4) John Lucian Key.

(5) George Alexander Key.

(6) Jennie Key. Married (--) Kelly.

- b. John Lyle Kee. Married Charlotte ("Lottie") Irene McWaters.
Issue:
- (1) Annie Kee. Married Wade Gladden, Sr.
 - (2) Maurice Kee. Married Gaither Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is living at Rock Hill, S.C., in 2005. She was born in the year 1901.
 - (3) Lottie Lyle Kee. Married Davis Kirkpatrick.
 - (4) Estelle Kee. Married Adrian Sample.
 - (5) Isabel Kee. Born 1910 at Richburg, S.C. Died Jan. 5, 2005, at Lexington Medical Center. Married (1) Edward Brooks Mendenhall; and (2) Carl Hafner Kirkpatrick. Issue:
 - (a) Edward B. Mendenhall.
 - (b) Dr. Gloria Mendenhall. Married (--) Hall.
 - (6) Margaret Kee. Married Walter Maloney. They lived at Rock Hill, S.C. Issue:
 - (a) Bobbie Maloney. Married John M. Aycok, Jr., son of John M. and Louise Aycok of McConnells, S.C.
 - (7) James ("Jimmy") Kee. Married Claire Smyer.
- c. James Wofford Kee. Born Jan. 11, 1891. Died Feb. 4, 1974. Married Mary Hephzibah Culp. Born Jan. 7, 1890. Died July 9, 1958. She was a daughter of John B. Culp and wife, Charlotte ("Lottie") Stevenson. Issue:
- (1) James Wofford Kee, Jr. Born June 3, 1918. Married Mildred L. (Butler) Lee.
 - (2) Thomas Stevenson Kee. Born June 4, 1921. Died Nov. 12, 1922.
- d. Chesley Price Kee. Born Apr. 26, 1872. Died Oct. 24, 1895.
- e. Martha Kee. Married George Lucius Sawyer of Salley, S.C.
- f. Carrie Isabel Kee. Born May 23, 1884. Died Aug. 15, 1970.
- g. Harriet Lewis Kee. Born Mar. 5, 1886. Died Aug. 17, 1976.
5. Harvey Robert Kee. Born Dec. 15, 1849. Died Oct. 14, 1938. Married on Dec. 26, 1872, to Arsonia Anne Strait. Born June 9, 1849. Died May 17, 1930. She was a daughter of Jacob Fox Strait and wife, Isabella Wylie, daughter of Judge Peter Wylie. They lived at Rodman, S.C. Issue:
- a. Thomas Lafayette Kee. Married Jessie Morrow.
 - b. Martha Isabel Kee. Married William Alexander Gladden.
 - c. William Chesley Kee. Married Margaret Drennan.
 - d. Jefferson Strait Kee.
 - e. Robert Francis Kee. Unmarried.
 - f. Jacob Strait Kee. Unmarried.
 - g. James Leonard Kee. Unmarried.
 - h. Susan Wylie Kee.

6. Oscar Rhett Kee. Born Mar. 14, 1852. Died July 11, 1929. Married Margaret Moffett.
7. Richard Francis Kee. Born Mar. 14, 1852 [twin]. Died June 23, 1932. Married in 1893 to Mary Iola Wherry, born 1861, daughter of James Ferguson Wherry and wife, Esther Atwood (Neely) Wherry.
8. James Turner Kee. Born Dec. 28, 1856. Died July 19, 1926.
9. Margaret Elizabeth Kee. Born Oct. 22, 1841. Died Oct. 1, 1854.
10. Tompson Wicklin Kee. Born Aug. 23, 1859. Died Sept. 8, 1860.

E. James W. Kee. Married Mary ("Molly") Gooch. Issue, amongst others:

1. James Turner Kee (or Key). Married Claudia Sims, daughter of William Randolph Sims and his wife, Hattie Bratton Erwin. Issue:
 - a. Claudia Key. Married James Ferguson Wherry II of Chester County, S.C.
 - b. Letitia Key. Married Henry Radcliffe Sims of Orangeburg, S.C., member of the Senate of South Carolina and president of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C. He was also a proprietor, editor and publisher of the Orangeburg Times & Democrat. No issue. (He had a twin brother, Hugo Sims, who shared ownership of the Orangeburg newspaper.)

F. Peter K. Kee. Died Nov. 16, 1840. Married Charity Spratt. Born c.1801. Died Dec. 16, 1853. Known issue:

1. Andrew M. Kee. Born c.1832. Married Cynthia A. (--). Known issue:
 - a. Mary E. Kee. Born c.1858.
 - b. Peter K. Kee. Born c.1859.
2. Martha E. Kee. Born c.1836.
3. Susan E. Kee. Born c.1838.

G. Harriet Kee. Married William Anderson.

H. Winifred ("Winnie") Kee. Married Hugh Gaston.

I. Martha Mary Kee. Born Mar. 14, 1825. Died June 28, 1905. Married on Sept. 14, 1843, to John Culp, son of Henry and Ann (Jordan) Culp. He was born May 14, 1814. Died July 14, 1861. Issue:

1. Martin Kee Culp. Born Sept. 5, 1844. Died July 18, 1860.
2. Henry Culp. Born Jan. 10, 1846. Died Apr. 7, 1860. Died in a hunting accident.
3. Sarah Emily Culp. Born Oct. 6, 1847. Died 1885 at Rock Hill, S.C. Married Zenus Arthur W. Garrison. Born 1844. Died 1889 in Arkansas.
4. Mary Jane Elizabeth Culp. Born Dec. 23, 1848. Died Oct. 11, 1906. Married on Jan. 10, 1867, to Marmaduke Edwards Jordan, as his first wife.
5. Nancy Eleanor Culp. Born Apr. 10, 1850. Died Sept. 16, 1868. Married Joseph William White as his first wife. He was a son of Peter White and his wife, Martha Randal Rives.
6. Martha Juliana Culp. Born July 25, 1851. Died Aug. 5, 1863.
7. Susan Cornelia Culp. Born Aug. 26, 1852. Married on Jan. 19, 1875, to John W. Sturgis of Rock Hill. Born Feb. 12, 1849. Died Mar. 7, 1920.

8. Benjamin Dudley Culp. Born Dec. 20, 1853. Died 1949 at McAlester, Okla. Married on Oct. 15, 1879, at Victoria, Texas, Isabelle Hewitt. Born June 11, 1853, at Natchez, Miss. Died Dec. 3, 1931, in Oklahoma. Benjamin Dudley Culp moved from South Carolina to Texas during the Reconstruction Era. He served as a Texas Ranger and was a noted Indian fighter in the days when the American frontier was rapidly moving westward. Among his grandchildren was North Carolina State Senator Thomas J. White, Jr., who was chairman of the building committee charged with erecting the new state capitol at Raleigh.
9. Margaret Josephine Culp. Born June 15, 1855. Died Mar. 22, 1919. Married on Nov. 30, 1875, to Samuel Judson Sturgis. Born Feb. 12, 1854. Died May 4, 1934. Buried in the Catawba Baptist Churchyard, Rock Hill, S.C. Issue, amongst others:
- a. Dudley Clarence Sturgis. Born Oct. 18, 1876. Died Nov. 27, 1951. Married Buena Vista Horton. Born May 6, 1882. Died July 10, 1983. Buried at Catawba Baptist Churchyard. Issue:
- (1) Josephine Sturgis. Born Aug. 26, 1910. Married Sidney H. Westbrook.
- (2) Dudley Clarence Sturgis, Jr., Ph.D. Married Lila W. Pugh. He was born Aug. 7, 1914.
- (3) Nan Elenor Sturgis. Born Aug. 20, 1920. Married B. Paul McRackan of Sumter, S.C.
10. John Buchanan Culp. Born Oct. 29, 1856. Died June 5, 1890, at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Married in 1884 to Charlotte ("Lottie") Ann Stevenson. Born Oct. 27, 1858. Died June 12, 1923. She was a daughter of Dr. William Joel Stevenson and his wife, Esther Hephzibah Ferguson.
11. Harriet Adaline Culp. Born Feb. 28, 1858. Died Sept. 3, 1859.
12. Cynthia Hannah Culp. Born June 28, 1859. Died Feb. 22, 1937. Married in 1882 to Ruffin Mitchell of Rock Hill, S.C. Born Nov. 15, 1857. Died Apr. 22, 1938. They lived in Savannah, Ga., for many years.
- J. Emily Kee. She married Matthew Lynn.
- K. Sarah ("Sally") Kee. Married John Crook.
- L. Nellie Kee. Married William Smith.
- M. Joseph Daniel Key (or Kee). Born July 5, 1805. Married Mary Ferguson. Issue:
1. Joseph Washington Key. Born Jan. 28, 1845, in Franklin Co., Ala. Married Evelyn Gibson. Issue:
- a. Arthur Washington Key. Married Hilda Peterson.
- b. John Lee Key. Married Sid Moyer.
- c. Walter Allen Key. Married Jeanette Joy.
- d. Joseph Porter Key. Married May Heath.
- e. Kitty Prudence Key. Married Richard B. Dixon.
- f. Emmett Martin Key. Married Alma Marie Roberts.
- N. Simeon Key (or Kee). Married in 1846 to Joyce Daniel of Warren Co., N.C. There is no child named "Simeon" mentioned in Martin Key's will.

- III. Frances Key. Married Jesse Mayfield. She was born Nov. 17, 1795. Jesse Mayfield was from Chester Co., S.C. He was born Feb. 11, 1791. Issue:
- A. Martha H. Mayfield. Born Nov. 4, 1814. Married Amzi D. Murphy, who was born Oct. 26, 1807.
 - B. John Mayfield.
 - C. Elizabeth Mayfield.
 - D. Sarah L. Mayfield.
 - E. William B. Mayfield.
 - F. Jesse D. Mayfield.
 - G. Frances C. Mayfield.
 - H. Eleanor S. Mayfield.
- IV. Nancy Key. Married Joseph Perdue. Issue:
- A. William Adkins Perdue.
 - B. John Patram Perdue.
 - C. Daniel Wilson Perdue.
 - D. Joseph Martin Perdue.
 - E. James Henry Perdue.
 - F. Nancy Elizabeth Perdue.
 - G. Sarah Williams Perdue.
 - H. Celia Gaston Perdue.
 - I. Winnie Key Perdue.
 - J. Frances Turner Perdue.
- V. James Kea. Born 1775. Died 1854. Married Elizabeth (--). Born 1777. Died 1852. Buried at the Old Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Eastern Chester County, S.C.
- VI. Celia Key.
- VII. Winnie (or Winnifred) Key.
- VIII. Elizabeth Key.
- IX. John Key. He was called "Jack."
- X. Martha ("Patsy") Key.

The writer wishes to express his gratitude to the following friends for their kind assistance in the preparation of this brief sketch of the Kee (Key) family: Robert J. Stevens, of Darlington, S.C., whose Captain Bill: Volume Three is the definitive work on the history of Eastern Chester County, S.C.; Mrs. John M. Aycock, Jr., of Rock Hill, a well-informed Kee descendant; and William Bartlette Key IV ("Bart"), of Matthews, N.C.

The Surnames in the queries are not indexed

Queries

- 06---01 Ervin:** Bruce Barrett, PO Box 35518, Fayetteville, NC 28303, knbantiq@aol.com : I am looking for any information on R. W. Ervin, His daughter Jannett Edith Ervin and Peter Thomas Mobley
- 06---02 Duncan:** John L. Duncan, 1037 Milton LN, Columbia, SC, 29209, duncan1501bellsouth.net : Thomas Duncan-The 1850 Fed. Census shows him born in 1802, living with his wife Anna(?) and several children, in the Baton Rouge district of Chester Co. The Yorkville enquirer states hat he died April 15, 1879, near Blanksville in York Co. I need help finding who his parents were. Would also names of other descendants of Thomas Duncan.
- 06---03 Ross:** Joe C. Walker, Jr., 1808 Russenberger Rd., Little Rock, AR 72206, jwalkryn@aristotle.net (1) Abraham (Abram) Ross d. 1841 and buried in Old Purity Cemetery, Chester Co., SC was called "Wherry Ross". He and Jane Ross had nine children, five are buried in Old Purity and four are buried in Arkansas. One of the Ross daughters was Elizabeth Wherry Ross White, called "Wherry White". Does anyone know a connection with the Wherry and Ross families? (2) I have a letter written by William Hawthorne Walker, Jr. b. 1844 in Chester Co., SC d. 1931 in Arkansas. In his letter, he names his grandparents as Wherry Ross and Jane Miller Ross buried in Old Purity Cemetery, SC. My research of Old Purity Cemetery records show Abraham Ross was married to Jane White, not Jane Miller. Miller has been a family name passed down through the Walker/Ross families. Can anyone, Clear this up for me

06--04 Faris : Lori Fox, 3011 Knoll Rd., Portland, MI 48875

Need to find parents of these Faris Children: John W., Margaret who married John Downing, Nancy who married John Sloane, Sarah who married William Hill, Jane who married Archibald Brown, Samuel and William who married by remained in Ireland. In 1813 all were listed in John W.'s will. I think the mother was ere in York or Chester Districts. Who did Samuel marry? Where is John W. Buried? All children were born in Ireland probably County Antrim.

06--05 Gladden: Russell S. Hall, 7321 Deep Valley Drive, Germantown, TN 38138 : Does any one know the husband First Name of Rosannah Gladden? She had at least two daughters, one named Nancy that was first married to a Mr. King and then 2nd husband was Richard Land. The second daughter was Elizabeth Gladden that married Edward King, their son was named Gladden King. Any help appreciated.

06--06 Duncan : Martha Jones, 6245 Roy Ave., Mableton, GA 30126, macajon@aol.com : Seeking parents/siblings of J.D. F. Duncan from Blacksburg, SC, J. D. F. (Jehu Decatur Franklin Duncan) wife was Dulcina Hopper. J. D. F. born 1825, SC Will exchange info.

06--07 McWilliams : Roy McWilliams, 9630 Clippinger Road, Evansville, In 47725, roymcwilliam@sige.com : Need help in clearing up the lineage of the McWilliams Clan in Ireland to SC ? (1) Who is Archibald ? (2) Did James or John McWilliams come over to the US with Archibald McWilliams.

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