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June 4 - 3:00 p.m. - Richburg

July - No Meeting

August 5 - Birthday Dinner at Anna's Arbor in Chester at 1:00 p.m.

September - No Meeting

*Happy Birthdays
Party*

at

*Anna's Arbor in Chester
(formally Russell's)*

August 5, 2006

1:00 p.m.

See You There !!

Jim Knox

The pages in this edition will be numbered beginning with a "J" (ex.: J-1, J-2, etc.) indicating that this is the June edition page 1, June edition page 2 and so on. The index, however, will only give the page number (ex.: 1, 2, 3, etc.).

**It is time for our annual Birthday Dinner and Meeting.
August 5, 2006**

Our annual Birthday party is going to be held at Anna's Arbor in Chester, on August 5, 2006. Anna's is located at 129-133 Gadsden Street, Downtown Chester. Anna's is located where Russell's us to be. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make your reservation early.

We would like to thank everyone that has sent in recipes for our cookbook. We will not have the cookbook ready for the August meeting, but shortly afterwards. Please continue to send in your recipes. You can mail recipes to the Chester Genealogical Society at PO Box 336, Richburg, SC 29729-0336. You may also email the recipes to schustel@comporium.net

It was brought to our attention that we did not put in mailing instruction in the March issue of the Bulletin. We are sorry for this oversight.

The following will was submitted by Jean Nichols.

Chester County Court House, Chester, S C.

Estate of Nancy (or Agnes) Burns (Filed but not indexed and found by Thelma B. Campbell 11-29-1982 while looking for Lester's ancestors.)

Filed.....Apt. 3, Pkg. 61, on 3-17-1828

No death date given.

Adm...Archibald Burns....bond signed 10-30-1826 by Stuart Burns

John Hood
Samuel Wylie
James Gillespie

In "Summons in Partition", dated only 1827

and unsigned was named Archibald Burns....
then it appears that Stuart Burns and John Hood
became Admrs. although there are no Official papers
to establish his excepting the filing of the estate.

Appraisal...made 11-29-1826 by Joseph Wham
John Hunter
Robert Wham

and list notes due 5-4-1826 from Richard Wilson for \$3.00 and
11-23-1826 from William and Robert Wham for \$10.00.

Buyers at Sale, held 11-30-1826 included: John Hamilton
William and Richard Wilson
John, Samuel, Jennet, James
McNinch.
(Note:---some buyers paid
cash and other made
restitution to John Hood
at a later date.)
John and William Hood
Joseph and John Baird
James McAilley
Alexander McClure
John, Robert, William & Joseph
Wham

Heirs named: Nancy Kirkpatrick
John Hood & wife
Stuart Burns
Archibald Burns
James Gaston & wife
3 youngest children (Un-named)
Robert Kennedy
Joseph & Stuart Burns
Robert Lathan
Samuel Wylie,
Mrs. S. McClintock
James & John McGuire
William Stuart
Alexander & Matthew Elder
Ezra Kimball
Samuel English
Samuel & Nancy Kirkpatrick
Hugh & Garner White
John Hunter
John Morton
James Patterson
William Holliday
James Orr
Clement Wood

The following letter was sent to us by Edward Jordan Lanham and is being printed here with his permission.

Chester Co. Genealogical Society
Richburg, SC

March 4, 2006

Over the past 6 years, I have made several trips to Chester County doing family research on my Culp, Kolb, Nunnery, Vaughan, Jordan, Ferguson and other lines.

This past summer I placed many Civil War Headstones on their graves that are located in Harmony Church Cemetery. Yesterday, I placed several more at Burnt Meeting House and Old Stone Cemeteries.

While at these cemeteries, I took GPS readings on their location and would like to share them with you. Where I live, in Fayette Co. GA, we are doing this for all cemeteries to prevent them from being "lost in time." All it takes is a person and a GPS. The location for many cemeteries seems to get lost when the older folds, who knew their location, dies.

Burnt Meeting House (east of Richburg)

North 34 44. 638

West 080 58.631

There is a power line easement to the cemetery in 2006

I entered from the property owner's driveway east of the power line.

Old Stone Cemetery

North 34 47.437

West 080 54.309

Jordan Burial Grounds (east of Richburg)

I did not have time, during this trip, to visit the Jordan Cemetery, but rode to the assess point and took a GPS reading.

This address and GPS reading is for the ENTRANCE to the cemetery off SR 137. The owner will allow you to visit the cemetery.

Address: 5835 SR 137 (house is located on west side of the road.)

North 34 43.627

West 080 56.278

I hope someone will take on the project of finding, with a GPS, the location for all your cemeteries. This way they will never be "lost in time."

We also give a copy to the cities and counties so no development can destroy them.

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We want to thank Mr. Lanham for sending this information to us.

Some Chester County Deeds of the Stuart Family:

Book F, page 259. James Stuart and wife Elizabeth, sold to William Lacy for 100 pounds sterling, September 22, 1795, 368 acres being one half (north half) of a tract containing 736 acres originally granted to James Stuart by his Excellency Governor Thomas Pinckney.

Book F, page 204. William Stuart sold George Kennedy for \$800 house and lot and tract of land containing 11 ½ acres and 23 poles at Chester Court House or in Chesterville. Granted unto James Stuart by grant bearing date December 1, 1788 under the hand of His Excellency Thomas Pinckney, Esq., said house and lot and land being part of the (south) half of a tract containing 368 acres conveyed to William Stuart by deed dated September 22, 1795, bounded by Charleston and Saluda road. Witnessed by John Wilson and Peter Petree.

Book F, page 153. James Stuart and wife Elizabeth, to William Stuart for 100 pounds sterling 368 acres (south) of 766 acres originally granted to James Stuart by Gov. Pinckney December 1, 1788, a plat of which is recorded in the Secretary of State Office in Grant Book YYYY at page 205. Witnessed by John Jagers, Francis Grisham and Major Grisham dated September 22, 1795.

Diary of Christian Streit

July 19, 1785 to November 28, 1788

First transcribed as to its English parts by R.E. Griffith of Winchester, Virginia; then transcribed again with all foreign words and expressions translated, all abbreviations expanded, and all scriptural references verified, by the Rev. William J. Fink, D.D. New Market, Virginia, 1937.

Transcript at the Handy Library Winchester, Virginia

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PURCHASE from Max Perry

We would like to Thank Max Perry for donating a copy of his new book Diary of Christian Streit, to our library. Mr. Perry enclosed the following description of his new book, with the announcement of his new book.

The following is the preference to Max Perry's book Diary of Christian Streit.

It is the purpose of the publisher of The Diary and Genealogy of Rev. Christian Streit to give a lasting record for future generation who can observed the work of his great Christian pastor.

My personal interest in Christian Streit is that he was a half-brother to my ancestor Mary Remer Simpson, who was the wife of Rev. John Simpson of Fishing Creek, Chester Co., SC. Mary Remer's father, Adam Remer, died when she was five years old and her mother, Catherine Remer, married Christian's father, John Leonard Strait. They had one daughter and four sons, which included Christian Streit. Mary Remer was raised in this family.

This diary was transcribed from German to English in 1937 and it was obtained from the Handy Library in Winchester, VA in 1981. Afterward, permission to publish this diary was given by the library. After 20 years in my files, I have decided to publish it before the information is lost.

Christian Streit is a ½ brother to Mary Remer and also Christopher Strait of Fishing Creek Church, Chester Co., SC.

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The following article on the Family Connections to Chester, South Carolina was submitted by Virginia Heckel. We want to thank Ms Heckel for submitting the article.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Cornelius and Martha Dorsey

The last week of October 2005, Mary Elizabeth Dorsey and I drove from Louisville, Ky to Chester to stay with a distant cousin Ellen B. Clarke and her husband Jim in the Baton Rouge area. Another distant cousin, Jane Owen and her husband Ed of Arkansas, drove their RV to meet us at Ellen and Jim's farm. None of us knew Ellen before I contacted her because we had Walkers in common. We had so much fun staying with Ellen. We ate all of our meals together, did research, and talked non-stop. I feel like I have known Ellen my entire life.

I had visited Chester the fall of 2004 when Ed and Jane picked me up in their RV and we traveled around doing research. I did not get to meet Max Dorsey in 2004 but I got to meet him in 2005. Max, Libby Dorsey, Jane and I are all descendants of Cornelius and Martha Dorsey. Max and I have corresponded for several years and Ed and Jane had met him before. He had given me copies of his Dorsey mail over the years and put me in touch with other Dorsey "cousins".

It is generally thought that Martha Dorsey was a Walker and I agree that it is very likely. Libby Dorsey and I are descended from their son Robert Walker Dorsey who moved to Hart County, Ky. Ellen is descended through Robert Walker's son Robert Walker who was probably Martha's younger half-brother. We can't be sure of this because we have never found a marriage license for Cornelius and Martha Dorsey.

There are deeds and wills in Chester but we don't find much before then. To complicate matters, there seem to have been at least three adult Robert Walkers in Chester during the period of time at which I am looking. In fall of 2004, I found the will of our Robert Walker but while he says that he had children from a first marriage, he did not name them. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Seely Harden, the widow of Henry Harden. He left his estate to his second family, as his older children were already provided for. His children with Elizabeth were Sealy Walker, Robert Walker, and Nancy Walker. There were Walkers all around the area where Robert and

Elizabeth lived. There was even a John Walker on his will, but I see no proof that any of them were family. They could have been neighbors and/or friends.

I have to bring up Nicodemius and Caleb Barnes who seemed to have a family type relationship to Cornelius and Martha Dorsey. I started watching them to help me find more information about Cornelius and Martha before they showed up in Chester. Nicodemius Barnes, Caleb Barnes, Robert Walker and Cornelius Dorsey all seemed to appear in Chester, SC about 1787. Nicodemius and Caleb Barnes were listed really close to Robert Walker in the Chester 1790 census. A Caleb Barnes married a Margaret Walker in Frederick County, Maryland in 1780. Cornelius and Martha Dorsey named what appears to be their oldest daughter, Margaret. I think that it is likely that Margaret Walker was Martha's sister or niece. I think that Robert Walker was probably Margaret's and perhaps Martha's father.

I already knew that Cornelius and Martha were probably from Md. Their son Alexander lived until the 1850 census in Talladega, Alabama. Alexander was 70 years old and he said that he was born in Md. It appears that Alexander's brother John and maybe his brother James, were older. It seems likely that Cornelius was probably born about 1755. One of Alexander's sisters, Mary "Polly" Price, was said to be born in Pennsylvania. It is possible but I have no proof.

I looked up Nicodemius Barne's application for a pension for service during the Revolutionary War. He made the application in 1843 when he was already in his eighties. Nicodemius lived in Chester, SC about ten years and then moved to Roan, Tn. He then moved to Wayne and Clinton Counties in Kentucky which was just above Roan Co. He said that he was born in 1860, not more than twenty miles from Baltimore. He served with James Barnes and Cornelius Dawsey under Captain Barnes in 1780 and 1781. They were under Col. Lacy and General Putnam.

The author Harry Wright Newman had said that Cornelius Dorsey served with a Md. militia but he is deceased and nobody else seemed to know where he got his information. He wrote a lot about Dorseys in Md. and I think that he recognized that someone spelled Dorsey the way it sounded when Nicodemius pronounced it.

The pension was denied. Nicodemius had lost his papers, Maryland seems to have lost many of these records and he had outlived all of the people who could have confirmed his service. He mentioned that he was going to join General Washington at one time, but he was sent back to guard the city of Baltimore because the British were already at the head of the Elk. I assume he meant Elk River. This is a general area where I had been looking for them.

There were Dorseys and Barnes living in the Elk Ridge area. Adam Barnes had married Hannah Dorsey, daughter of John Dorsey. Adam Barnes had several brothers. I don't know if Caleb and Nicodemius Barnes were descendants of some of these Barnes. I suspect that they could be because in a 1783 tax assessment for Anne Arundel County, Md., one of them was in the Elk Ridge Hundred and the other was in the Upper Fork-Bare Ground Hundred. It was Brenda Dahlberg who first pointed out that she found this on-line under Maryland tax assessment. Adam Barnes was deceased by then but Hannah Dorsey Barnes was still living in the Upper Fork-Bare Ground Hundred, I believe. I did not find Cornelius Dorsey anywhere. Trying to figure out which of the Barnes that Caleb and Nicodemius might have been related to is not possible without more information surfacing. In Chester, SC, Nicodemius Barnes sold a horse to Cornelius Dorsey that had a brand RB.

I don't know if Nicodemius and Caleb Barnes, Robert Walker, and Cornelius Dorsey all traveled to Chester, SC together. In his pension application, Nicodemius Barnes said that he traveled to North Carolina first. I don't know how long he was there or what part of NC he stopped in. I had always heard that Cornelius Dorsey was not in the Chester, SC 1790 census even though he had transactions there before then. I looked for him near Caleb, Nicodemius, and Robert because they seemed to often be mentioned in the same documents. Cornelius Dorsey's name is hard to read in the original writing and when someone put this out in typed form, they spelled Dorsey as Dauson. First, let me point out that there was no Cornelius Dauson anywhere else in Chester records at this time. Also, Cornelius and Martha had a large family and they are there in the census. Cornelius is surrounded in the list by people who were his known neighbors.

Caleb Barnes must have died suddenly before 1800 because he left no will and these were definitely people who left wills. Nicodemius was the administrator of the estate. I don't know if Nicodemius had already moved away from Chester by then. They did seem to travel pretty far distances to take care of these type of family responsibilities.

In a deed recorded there in Chester, James Barnes says that Caleb was his father. There was also a Dorsey Barnes. Nicodemus is supposed to have also had a son named James Barnes and he and Cornelius Dorsey also fought with a James Barnes. Dorsey Barnes married Margaret Harden, a daughter of of George Harden. Dorsey and Margaret had children Caleb, George H. and a daughter Mary Ann married to Amos Cornwell.

Ellen B. Clarke took us to meet Skeeter Hardin and his wife. They are lovely people who shared information with us. He said that he is the last male Hardin left in Chester. That seems sad since there were a bunch of them in Chester for years.

We have done a DNA test with a male descendant of Cornelius Dorsey with the Dorsey Project. Our Pete Dorsey had a good match to Bob Dorsey of Florida. He is a descendant of John Dorsey who married Arah Stocksdales in Baltimore, Md. and later moved to what is now Nicholas County, West Va. I think that John was born about 1760 and James Dorsey who went there and probably was his brother, was born about 1759. John Dorsey named a son Cornelius. I think that they were probably brothers to our Cornelius but the test doesn't tell us just how closely they were related. I think that Edmund Stocksdales is supposed to have been the father to Arah, John's wife.

Cornelius Dorsey signed his will 15 April 1820. He left his estate to his wife Martha for her use and then to be divided equally between his children except for his son James who had already received \$300. The land which was 234 acres on Little Sandy River was sold to a neighbor Theodroe Randell on 2 February 1829 for \$1,411.50. There is a drawing of the of the land on the deed where administrators Alexander Dorsey and Peter Harden sold the land. When Jane and Ed Owen and I were in Chester in October of 2004, I think it was George Moore and Ellen Schuster who looked at the drawing on the deed and compared it to a current map to figure out where the farm was located. They were so kind that I have fond memories of Chester.

Elizabeth Sealy Harden Walker had a son named Peter Harden. Since a Peter Harden was one of the administrators of Cornelius Dorsey's estate and since his daughter Margaret was married to a Harden, we think that it is likely that she was married to Peter. I have not seen much mentioned about this Peter Harden. I wonder if they moved away as did the rest of the Dorseys. ✓

The first child mentioned in the will of Cornelius Dorsey was his son John who married Hannah Jagers, daughter of Daniel Jagers of Chester. Jane Owen is descended through John and Hannah Dorsey. She found them mentioned in a will of Daniel Jagers in Hardin County, Ky. After Daniel Jagger's death, they moved with several other Jagers to Maury Co., Tn. They had children Robert W. Dorsey, Cornelius Dorsey, Daniel J. Dorsey and Martha Dorsey. I don't know when Hannah died but John married again to Susannah Livesay. They had a son John L. Dorsey. They all moved to Illinois shortly before John died. Jane Owen found descendants of Cornelius Dorsey in Illinois and this is where she found Pete Dorsey who did the DNA test for us. She is descended through John's son Robert W. Dorsey. Jane Owen's email is EdJane Owen@up-link.net.

Alexander Dorsey was named second in his father's will. He is the only son who lived until the 1850 census. This is important since it is one of only two sources that tell us Cornelius Dorsey was in Maryland before Chester, SC. This is who Max Dorsey is descended through. Alexander was married to Patsy Reeves born about 1786 in Va. Their son John, born about 1809 in SC is who Max is descended through. Another son James H. Dorsey born about 1820 in SC. Wesley was born about 1830 in SC. Margaret was born about 1823 in SC. Son Alexander was born about 1827 in SC. There is Cornelius Dorsey, a daughter Hulda Mayfield and another daughter was Mary Brakefield born about 1819. Mary apparently married George Brakefield in SC and died probably before 1850. Three Brakefield children lived with Alexander and Patsy Dorsey in the 1850 census. Martha Brakefield age 12, Lila Ann Brakefield age 10, and Margaret Brakefield age 8. When John Dorsey died, his wife Mary Ann Harden Dorsey moved back to Chester with her children. I think that Max said that her brother went to get her and brought her back to SC so that we have some Dorsey descendants of Cornelius and Martha still in the Chester, SC area. Jane Owen found deeds and other papers to confirm all of this.

Peggy Harden may have been named after the Margaret Walker who married Caleb Barnes. We think that she was married to Peter Harden, son of Elizabeth Sealy Harden Walker and Henry Harden. I don't know anything about them after the estate of Cornelius Dorsey was settled.

Robert Walker Dorsey married Nicy Wright a daughter of John Wright and moved to a part of Hardin Co., Ky which became Hart Co. Libby and I are descended through his son John. The courthouse in Hart Co. burned and both John and Robert W. Dorsey apparently died before 1850. John Dorsey, born about 1812 married Elizabeth Higdon, according to older family members. Margaret Dorsey born about 1810, a daughter of Robert W. Dorsey, married Hagar Sharpsteen. He gave land for Dorsey Chapel, a Methodist church, which still exists. His son Vincent born about 1815 never married. Cornelius Hardin Dorsey was born about 1817 and married Sarah Hawks. Lewis and Martha born about 1818 are thought to have been twins. There was a daughter who married a Peebles. Malinda married William Ashbaugh. Allen born about 1825, married Melissa J. Cannon. Annis was born about 1826. Sarah, born about 1826, married a Reams. Robert born about 1830, married Caroline Kessinger. There is a Dorsey Cemetery on part of the old farm. It is grown up and in terrible condition, but according to death records, many were buried there. My mother's grandparents and an aunt and uncle were buried there.

Polly(Mary) Price was married to Joseph Price of Chester, SC. He was a son of Cuthbert Price of Chester, SC. They moved to Walker Co., Alabama where the courthouse was burned. Mayme Hause is a descendant who talked with Max Dorsey and he put her in touch with me. She says both Joseph and Polly lived until after the 1850 census. They had children Cuthbert Price, MW (Martha Walker) Price who married Russell Cannon, Thomas W. Price born in SC and married Charlotte Cain in Walker Co., Al, Alexander Cornelius Price, Nicey Dorsey Price married George Washington Myers; Margaret Price married Alton Cannon; unknown girl. MaymeHause@Yahoo.com.

Rebecca Dorsey is a total unknown. I don't know if she ever married.

Patsy(Martha) Dorsey is said to have married an Eli Cornwell. They had children Rebecca Cornwell married to John Gravlee; Mathilda Harden Cornwell born 1819 in Walker Co., Al. and married to Walter Drenan; Martha M. Cornwell born in Walker, Co. Al and died Navarro Co., Texas, married Silas Williams; Catherine Cornwell married Charles Williams.

Cornelius Dorsey (the son)- Max Dorsey corresponded with a descendant. Frank Dorsey Young was descended through his son Nathan J. Dorsey born in Al. 19 March 1827. Nathan married Martha E. McGhee and second married Georgia Ann Holman.

Cornelius had a son Robert Walker Dorsey born January 13, 1818 Chester Co., SC and died March 13, 1889, Pulaski Co, Arkansas. Henry Mitchell Dorsey, born April 21, 1819 Chester, SC, died October 11, 1890; John Adam Dorsey born February 23, 1821, Chester SC, died March 3, 1899, buried Dorsey Cemetery , Leake Co., Miss; George Hardin/Harden Dorsey born January 20, 1823, Ala (Pickens Co.), died 1874 Quitman, Wood Co., TX.

James Dorsey was named last in the will of Cornelius Dorsey but I don't think he was the youngest. He had already received \$300. He and his wife Linney had children: Thomas Alexander Dorsey born about 1819; James H. Dorsey born about 1822; George Washington Dorsey born between 1825-27; Benjamin Franklin Dorsey born about 1828, Martha Caroline Dorsey about 1833, Amanda Melvina Dorsey born about 1837; and Robert Walker Dorsey born about 1841. I think James H. Dorsey the son of James is one of the two James H. Dorseys living near Alexander Dorsey in the 1850 census. The other was Alexander's son. Brenda Dahlberg is descended through James and may be reached at adamd@gte.net.

It seems like several of the children of Cornelius moved to Alabama. Robert W. and John Dorsey both moved to Kentucky. John and Hannah Dorsey then moved to Maury Co., Tn. There were other Chester, SC names that appeared in Maury.

There was an older Thomas Walker in Maury Co, Tn who mentioned in his will that he had already given a slave to his daughter and the deed of gift was recorded in Chester, SC. He had a son Thomas who may be the Thomas Walker to whom John Dorsey sold some land. When a son of the younger Thomas Walker died in Maury, Tn, Sealy Walker signed off on the estate of Griffith Walker. This is the only time that I saw Sealy Walker in Maury, Tn. If this Sealy is the son of Robert Walker of Chester, SC, then it makes me wonder if the older Thomas Walker might have been related to Robert Walker. Sealy Walker lived in Abbeville, SC where one of his older Harden brothers lived.

When I was in Chester, SC I tried to find that deed of gift for the slave that Thomas Walker gave to his daughter but I couldn't find it. I think that our Robert Walker must have been in Maryland during the Revolutionary War. If Margaret Walker Barnes and Martha Dorsey were his daughters, then he must have been in Md. during this period.

I have seen no connection between Cornelius Dorsey and any other Dorseys in any records. Phillip Walker of Chester, SC bought a slave from a Leakin Dorsey of

Georgia but I don't see any connection between Leakin and Cornelius. I don't see any connection between our Robert Walker and Phillip Walker.

We are all so fortunate that Chester has so many records. So many courthouses burned. From Chester records, I know that Cornelius Dorsey was involved in the purchase of land for a Methodist church. I know that he could sign his name and that all of his children could because they were all on different deeds in Chester except for Robert W. Dorsey. Cornelius was apparently a good friend of Major Gresham because he traveled to another state to try to help get his friend's estate settled. Chester, SC's records are very significant to the history of many parts of our country.

I have had many good experiences with people of Chester, SC. The ladies working in the wills section at the courthouse have given us so much help and that is doubly impressive because they work in the current wills, also. I would like to thank all of you.

Virginia Heckel
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Ms. Barbara A. Murray, Historical Family Reunion Committee, Virginia Beach 2007, has asked that we put the following information in our Bulletin. This is a flyer on the up coming events in 2007 for the 400th Anniversary of the first settlers to Virginia. There is a web site listed and also an email address to contact for more information.

VIRGINIA BEACH 2007

Genealogy Enthusiasts Ancestral Family Reunion Gatherings

Make Virginia Beach, Virginia, your family reunion destination for 2007.

2007 marks our 400th year Anniversary of the arrival, of the first permanent English settlers in the New World. Did you know the first English settlers at Jamestown, Virginia, first landed in Virginia Beach, Virginia?

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Do you have family ties with Virginia Beach, Virginia? If your pedigree manages to take your roots back to the early settlers of our area, we hope you will come and celebrate your history with us. Even if you do not have roots in our city, we consider Virginia Beach, Virginia, one of the greatest places for a family reunion. We have great accommodations, tasty dining options, and lots of history. We can help with information you will need to organize an unforgettable family reunion at Virginia Beach. Please contact our Historical Family Reunion Committee by e-mail at VB2007@cox.net.

During **Virginia Beach 2007 Celebration**, we are also recognizing a number of other major events in the last four hundred years of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Virginia Beach 2007 events are tenthly scheduled:

Thursday, April 26-29, 2007 – Reenactment of the First Landing

Friday, April 27, 2007 – Exploration of the Lynnhaven River

Saturday, April 28, 2007 – Boardwalk History Festival

Sunday, April 29, 2007 – Erection of Cross, Departure of the Three Ships, and Salute to the Military

Go to our website, www.VB2007.com for current information on events.

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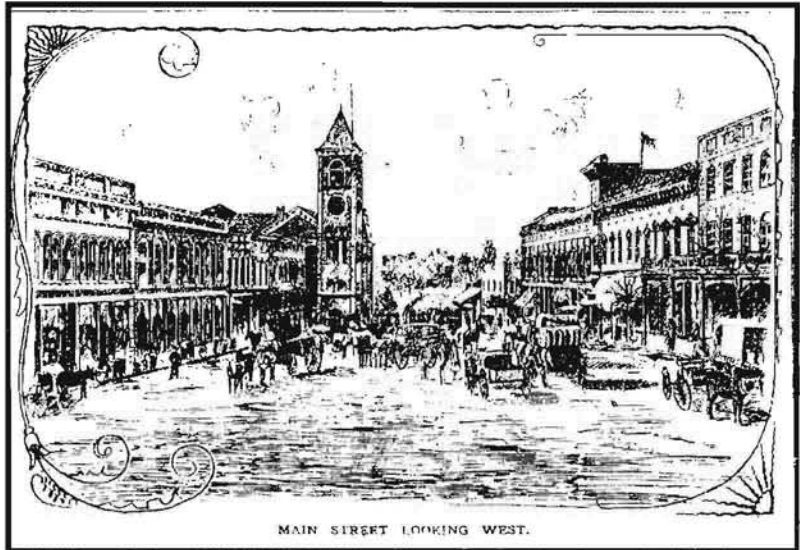
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Women; Her Progressive City Governmnet; Past History
and Present Condition.

Far away on the banks of the Tiber in the sunny land of Italy, the capital of the ancient Roman empire still sits on her far famed seven hills. So sits the Rome of South Carolina on her seven hills, midway between the Broad and Catawba rivers; and between the counties of Fairfield and York.

Not many visitors to Chester for the first time fail to be carried back in memory to the school days, when, on beginning the study of Roman history, they were told that Rome was built on seven hills. So is Chester, S.C. though some of the hills are in a valley when compared with the two highest elevations of the town.

Cemetery hill on the east and West End hill on the west have between them a great valley within which rises a hill that is quite steep itself and on the crest and sides of which the business portion of the city is built.



MAIN STREET LOOKING WEST.

Many of the buildings pictured here in 1896 are still standing in 2006. The first building on the left is the Joseph Wylie Building, built in 1858 which now houses Kimbrell's Furniture Store at 113 Main Street. The next buiding was the Gunhouse-Strauss-Clark-Wilson Building, built in 1873, which housed the S.M. Jones Co. and was destroyed by fire. The Chester Amphitheater is now at this spot. Next is the Melton Building at 107 Main Street, shared by the Olde English Tourism District and Giltner's Tax Service. Next is the Heyman Building at 105 Main Street, presently Up Country II Antiques. Both of these were built in 1874. The Richmond Nail Building is on the corner of Columbia Street. It was built in 1873 and is located at 101-103 Main Street. The left half of the building is part of Up Country II Anitques and the right side is McVay's Alterations. The Opera House and City Hall, built in 1892 is visible with the tall clock tower. Several houses are seen looking down West End. The corner of the structure facing Center Street housed Hafner's Groceries and Hardware. It, along with the other buildings in the block, was demolished to make way for the present county library building. First on the right side of Main Street (from left to right) is the Cotton Hotel, which burned in 1942 and is now the sunken parking lot for People's Furniture. The next two buildings were destroyed by fire and replaced by two successive Belk Department store buildings and the People's Furniture 3-story building. The more modern low brick Belk building still stands and is a portion of People's Furniture. The last building with the covered walkway is the Chester Hotel. It is located in the McAliley Building, built in 1854. This is now the McAliley Apartments. It was remodeled in the early 1900's to remove the porch and stucco over the brick.

Like Rome again, Chester was not built in a day, for at the time of the war of the American Revolution there were a few houses standing at the cross-roads where the Chester opera house now stands. It can scarcely be called one of the old towns of the State, however, for at that time and for many years thereafter it was not really a town. For quite a while subsequent to the Revolution, Chester remained a mere hamlet. Its incorporation as the village of Chesterville did not take place until 1840. In 1849 it was incorporated as a town, and in 1883 the legislature saw that the place had grown so large and showed so many evidences of progress towards still greater size that Chester was designated as a city. So it is the city of Chester of whose progress this particle purports to tell.

Chester county gets its name from Chester Pa. which in turn is named for Chester, England.

The early settlers in this section were Scotch-Irish and generally Presbyterian in faith. Three of the churches that they established - Catholic, Purity and Fishing Creek - are congregations today.

When Chester district was formed and Chester village designated as the county seat, the commissioners sent by the authorities to locate the public buildings are said to have been influenced - even in those good old days --- by a jug of good liquor, or perhaps it was mean liquor. The property where the main business portion of the town now stands was owned by a Gen. Lacey, a Revolutionary officer under Sumter. He offered a portion of his land free for the erection of the jail and court house, of course knowing that the value of the adjoining property would be enhanced. The commissioners were in favor of the high ridge where the cemetery now is, but old Gen. Lacey added to his own persuasive powers those of a jug of XXX. The triple X evidently did the work, for the court house was built on Gen. Lacey's land, in front of where Brant's jewelry store now is. So goes the story. As to the amount of influence of the contents of the little brown jug, of course no one knows. One story even goes so far as to say that the commissioners got drunk and decided to run 'till they could run no more, and the court house was to be erected where the last man fell. The wonder is that any of them, if drunk, were able to reach the top of the hill. When the old court house was torn down, and the new one built at its present location in 1850, the bricks were used to build a steam rice mill, which was afterwards sold to the Cheraw and Chester railroad and is used by that road today as its repairing shops. The building is still in the shape of the original court house. The old jail is also still in use, being now occupied by Mr. F. M. Chisholm, who keeps the Farmer's hotel.

The first church built within the limits of the present city was the Baptist, and it occupied very nearly the same ground as the present church of that denomination occupies.

The Charlotte and South Carolina railroad to run from Charlotte to Columbia, was commenced in 1840, and in 1852 reached Chester. This road, after being extended to Augusta, was known as the Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta railroad. It was Chester's first railroad; now she has four.

This glance at the beginnings of Chester may not be amiss in an article on Chester as it now is, for like everything must have a beginning, and generally a modest

beginning. From a very small and newly-incorporated village in 1840 she has become a flourishing little city in 1896 of about 4,500 or possibly 5,000 people. In 1892 a police census of the town was taken, at which time the population was found to be 4,039. Since that time, the Catawba Cotton mills have been built, bringing additional population, besides the natural increase in the four years from 1892 to 1896.

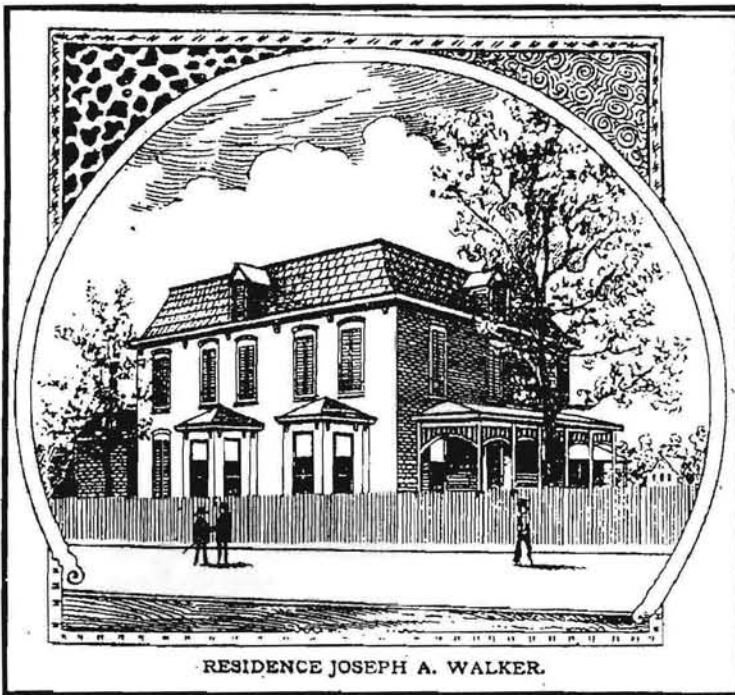
THE CITY FATHERS

Chester has a wide-awake mayor and a progressive board of aldermen. To a growing and an ambitious town, it is quite essential that municipal improvements should keep pace with the general spirit of progress pervading the community. Judging from the composition of the present council, there will be many municipal improvements during the present year. The officers of the city are: Mayor, B.M. Spratt; aldermen, Geo. W. Gage, James McLarmon, J. W. Means, A. M. Aiken, Jr., Col. Fred Walker, Paul Hemphill, I.N. Cross, and A. Steinkuhler, clerk and treasurer; chief of police R. P. Morgan; board of health, Paul Hemphill, I. N. Cross, Jos. Walker, E. T. Atkinson, and Dr. J. T. Henry was chairman until his death a few months ago; city engineer and superintendent of streets, James Hamilton. Mr. B. M. Spratt is the chief of Chester's fire department, having under his charge a steam fire engine company of white men, and two companies of colored men, one having a truck and the other a hand engine. Chief Spratt is the proper man for the head of the department, having under his charge a steam fire engine company [. . .]

While speaking of fires, it may be well to mention the list of insurance agents that write policies for the people of Chester. The firms are W.H. Hardin & E.H. Hardin, who do a very large business and have paid out in past years nearly \$300,000 in losses; White, Alexander & Edwards; C.C. Edwards, J.W. Means & Co., and Gregg & Aiken.

THE SCHOOLS OF CHESTER

A people without schools is like a house with a foundation of sand. It was, I believe, Dionesius of Halicarnasus, or some other seaport town, who said that "Philosophy is history teaching by example." Verily, then, the people of Chester are philosophers. For in the matter of education they have studied the history of their own schools, and of others in order to perfect their educational system more and more. They have been willing to follow any good example that may have been set them anywhere. So, when her near neighbor, Winnsboro, under the leadership of R. Means Davis established, in 1879, the first graded school in South Carolina, outside of Charleston, to be supported by a special tax, it is not at all surprising that Chester was the first to follow the good example, by establishing the very next year the second regular graded school system supported by public taxation. That excellent teacher and prince of disciplinarians, W. H. Witherow, was in charge of the school at that time, 1880. At the commencement exercises of the last session of the school under the old system, the commencement address was made by Mr. R. Means Davis, then the beloved principal of the Winnsboro school and now professor in our State's college. At the close of his address, in which he told of the successful establishment of the system in Winnsboro, the Rev. Geo. Summey made a speech in which he enthusiastically approved the plan, and it was



RESIDENCE JOSEPH A. WALKER.

This home, located at 114 Academy Street, is relatively unchanged. It is presently (2006) owned by Helen & Amos Gantt and used as rental property

largely due to his influence and that of the Hon. Giles J. Patterson that Winnsboro's example was followed so promptly.

Ever since that time the taxpayers of Chester have liberally supported her schools for they believe with President James A. Garfield that "Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither justice nor freedom can be long maintained."

The success of the special taxation for graded schools in Winnsboro and Chester led Columbia to try the same plan and what Columbia is not proud of her public schools? And so the citizens of Chester are proud of theirs and have reason to be. The present superintendent is considered a treasure and his teachers are able assistants.

It may be of interest to take a glance at the history of education in Chester and see what examples a few preceding decades gave the present generation.

About 60 years ago, that is to say, 1836, is as far back as the oldest inhabitant of Chester can speak with certainty about the schools. At that time, which it will be noted, was before the town was incorporated, there stood on West End hill a two-story frame school building known as the academy. To this school boys and girls alike wended their way five days in the week. The school as supported by private funds and tuition fees principally. But, by act of the legislature some escheated property was owned by the Chester Academy society, but the income from this source was small. A fire having destroyed this wooden building a brick school house was build on the same spot, but just before the war the lot was sold and a new building erected in another part of town, known as the Brick Academy. This building is still in existence, though it has been altered. It is

now the residence of Mr. Joseph A. Walker, a picture of which appears in this issue.

About 55 years ago, the male and female children began to be taught in separate schools, and this arrangement was continued until the election of Mr. W. H. Withrow as principal.

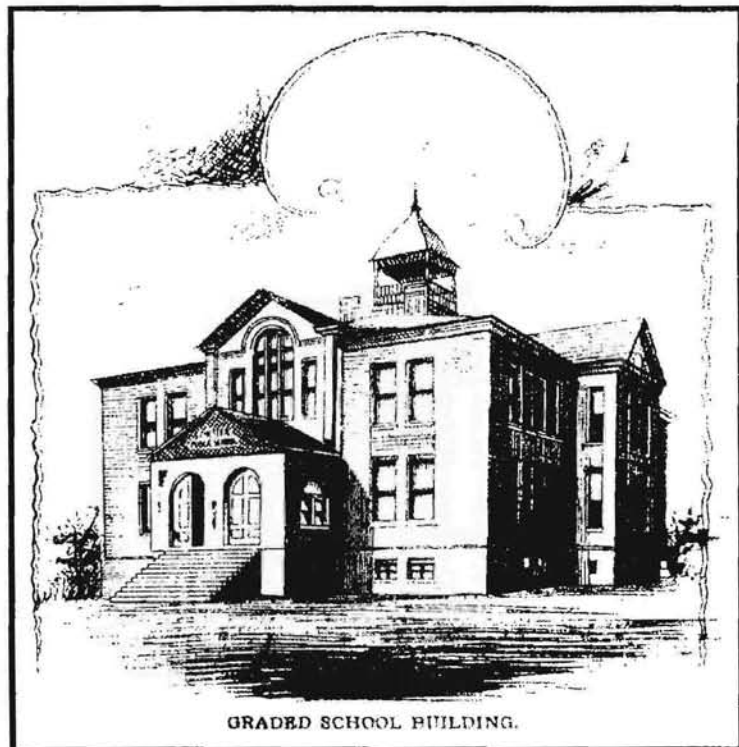
Some of the teachers who have at various times had charge of the schools are Fisher of Camden, Livingston, Cannon, Touhey of Charleston, Armsted of the same place, Jas. Hardin, W.H. Witherow, Banks Thompson, Robt. Morrison, J. L. Douglas, James Henry Rice and W. H. Hand as present superintendent.

The present modern school building for white children was completed in 1891 at a cost of \$1___, the site being a donation from Messrs. J. and Paul Hemphill.

The building has ten rooms and a large hall. For seating conveniences, it is said to be the best equipped public school building in the State. It is heated by a furnace. In the assembly hall is hung a portrait of the lamented Giles J. Patterson, whose great interest in education is still remembered and felt in Chester.

The school consists of ten grades, and a certificate of graduation from the tenth grade entitles the holder to entrance into the freshman class of some of the colleges of the State. Chester supports her schools liberally, a special levy of 21-2 mills being made. The superintendent is paid the largest salary received by any public school superintendent in the State outside of Charleston. The teachers serving the school at present are W. H. Hand, Miss

When a new high school (the Brockman building) was constructed in 1923, this school became a grammar school and was known as College Street School. It was demolished in the early 1960's. Its former location is behind the present (2006) Chester Fire Station, facing College Street.



GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING.

M. G. Boulware, Mrs. M. W. Caldwell, Miss M. L. Lindsay, Miss A. C. Corkill, Miss Annie Gott, Miss M. L. Harlee. The principal of the colored school is T. J. Agurs. This session 332 pupils have been enrolled in the white school.

Mr. James Hemphill has been a school trustee in Chester for 40 years.

The public schools of Chester, her bulwark against the errors and crimes of ignorance are in a prosperous condition, and have a strong hold on the affections and interests of her taxpayers, are likely to continue a career of usefulness.

BRANERD INSTITUTE

Whatever may and should be said of the hypocrisy of many northern politicians in regard to their pretended friendship for the negro, it must be admitted that many of the north do take a real and practical interest in his welfare. This is evidenced by the many schools that are being successfully operated throughout the south with northern money. Such is Brainerd Institute, situated on Cemetery Hill, Chester. The school, which is under the charge of the Northern Presbyterian church, was established in 1868 for the education of negroes of both sexes. The school has grammar, high school and normal departments, besides mechanical instruction in various trades and employments. Professor Marquis says the graduates are succeeding well, especially as teachers.

The session, which closed on May 1, was a very successful one. 176 students having been enrolled, with an average attendance of 150. The school employs two male and five female teachers. One of the school buildings was erected largely by student labor.

The principal of the school is Professor J. S. Marquis, whose predecessor, the Rev. Samuel Loomis, was the founder of the school and its principal till 1892.

A CURIOSITY SHOP

Among the former teachers at Brainerd institute is Prof. Henry A. Green. He is no longer connected with the school, but owning some land adjoining the property of the school, he has made his home in Chester. Never having taken unto himself a wife, he still enjoys the sweets of single blessedness. He

has a biological and geological collection of specimens that would do credit to a college. He lives all alone with his rocks and his plants, his books and his telescope: for he is an ardent student of the heavens above, the earth beneath, and the waters under the earth. He very kindly showed me the curiosities and rarities. There are sponges from the islands of the sea, gypsum from England, alabaster from Italy, jet from Pike's Peak, diamonds in rough from South Africa, rare stalactites and stalagmites from here and there, cryolite from Greenland from which concentrated lye is made and about which unconsecrated lies are told; clear quartz from our own county of York, asbestos from Quebec and from Chester, itself, tin and iron from countries galore, and many other rocks and minerals from many countries and climes. He has a very remarkable collection of sea weeds, mosses and lichens. To any one interested in biology or mineralogy, a visit to this treasure house would be pleasant and profitable. In his yard, Professor Green has a balsam fir tree which was brought from Connecticut. There is probably no other in the State.

RAILROADS

Chester is well supplied with railroads, four separate roads running into the city. Two of them, the Southern and the Seaford Air Line, are competing trunk lines and consequently Chester has the advantage of competitive freight rates.

The Seaboard Air Line is very popular with the people of Chester. The Georgia, Carolina, and Northern division of the system passes

through Chester, which is the largest South Carolina town on the road. It gets a large share of the freight received at this point. The local agent of the road is the courtly gentleman, Capt. E. P. Moore, while Messrs. J. E. McIlwaine, J. E. Curtis, and Roy Spratt assist him as ticket agent and day operator, night operator and clerk, respectively. The road master of the Chester division of the road is Mr. C. Warren, who makes his trips over the road on a lever car run by a 2-horse power, Acme automatic safely engine. The engine, formally used oil for fuel, but now coal is used.

The Chester and Lenoir Railroad is a narrow gauge road, running from Chester, S.C. to Lenoir, N.C. and is 119 miles long. The receiver of the road is G. W. F. Harper, with office at Lenoir, while L. T. Nichols is the superintendent with office at Chester. The road has recently bought the entire equipment of the Augusta, Gibson, and Sandersville railroad, which under the name of the Augusta Southern, has been changed to standard gauge. These and other cars are being overhauled, and all the rolling stock of the road being put in first class condition, the passenger cars having recently been equipped with airbrakes. The road will soon begin to use larger engines and run faster schedules. Superintendent Nichols says he is preparing for a heavy summer travel to Blowing Rock and other summer resorts. Chair cars will be run on all passenger trains during the summer. The Chester and Lenoir is the only narrow gauge road in the country using chair cars. The two telegraph operators at Chester for the road are J. L. and V. Davidson.

The great Southern system also touches Chester, which disputes with Rock Hill the honor of being the largest place on the road between Charlotte and Columbia.

The great system is giving the public excellent passenger service and its trains are much better equipped than they could be were the different roads comprising the system independently operated. The Southern agent at Chester is Mr. J. M. Brawley, while his assistants are Messrs. J. J. Gale, Lewis Gunhouse, Francis Osborne, W. A. Guy and A. T. Carter.

At this season of the year the road is doing an immense business in transporting vegetables for northern markets.

The shortest railroad running into Chester is the Cheraw and Chester, another narrow gauge road. It is operated between Chester and Lancaster, a distance of about 29 miles. Mr. W. H. Hardin is receiver and Mr. J. M. Moore superintendent, with offices in Chester. The road has its own shops at Chester, which are used by the Chester and Lenoir railroad also. Repairing, painting and building of cars can be done here while the engines are repaired at the Southern's shops in Columbia. The road will be sold on the first Monday in June. The Southern, Chester and Lenoir,

and Cheraw and Chester have a joint agency and union and passenger and freight depots.

MANUFACTURES

That South Carolina is fast becoming a manufacturing state it is needless to mention. But though it be known that Chester is doing and will do her share towards this end, it is well to speak of her factories in another article.

The oldest cotton factory in Chester is the Chester mills. It was built with a capital stock of \$100,000 and has for its product fine gingham. The factory has its own dye works to color yarn for 435 looms that make as fine gingham as are to be bought in the market. Owing to the fact that the use and consequently the price of gingham has greatly fallen off, some of the looms are being changed to as to work fancy dress goods and outings. Supt. John Gilligan, who came to Chester in November 1894 from Providence, R. I. is a most efficient superintendent and manages the 240 operatives so as to get the maximum amount of cloth from the machines. The bi-weekly pay roll of the mill is about \$2,250. The mill seems to be in excellent condition and the citizens of Chester are apparently desirous that the present efficient superintendent shall remain in charge. The main mill building is 300 by 80 feet. The board of directors consists of Jos. Wylie, E. C. Stahn, George Wilson, S. B. Lathan, and D. A. Tompkins.

After the Chester mills had been in operation for some while, 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 attempt to get subscriptions in Chester was so satisfactory that the mill was soon organized with the following board of directors: S. M. Jones, G. W. Gage, J. W. Dunnovant, A. G. Brice, R. H. Cousar, Jos. Wylie, S. B. Latham, E. C. Stahn, and Paul Hemphill. The first brick was laid June 1, 1892, and the Ca - April, 1893. The building is 350 by 80 feet, exclusive of two wings. The building will hold and the present engine will run 10,000 spindles, but so far only 5,000 have been put in. They are running night and day and 125 hands are employed to operate them. The superintendent is Mr. C. B. Skipper, a Baltimorean, and a most excellent man for the place. It is said that this mill's product per spindle is better than that of any mill in the country and a mill expert said recently that so far as it goes, the Catawba factory is the best equipped spinning mill he knows of.

Early this year, Mr. Skipper set out around the mill and the village 175 trees at the very small cost of \$43, and every one of them is living. Mr. D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte is president of both cotton mills.

Chester has no other cotton factory, but a movement is now on foot for the establishment of the Enterprise Mill company; a commission has been obtained and the books of subscription are now open. It is hoped that the mill will be ready to run by January 1, next. The building formerly used by the Moffatt manufacturing company will be repaired and enlarged for the use of the mill, so that a new building will not have to be built.

The above mentioned building is now used by the Chester Machine company, manufacturers of farm implements. The capital stock is about \$10,000.

An important manufacturing enterprise here is B. M. Spratt & Co.'s door, sash and blind factory. They make

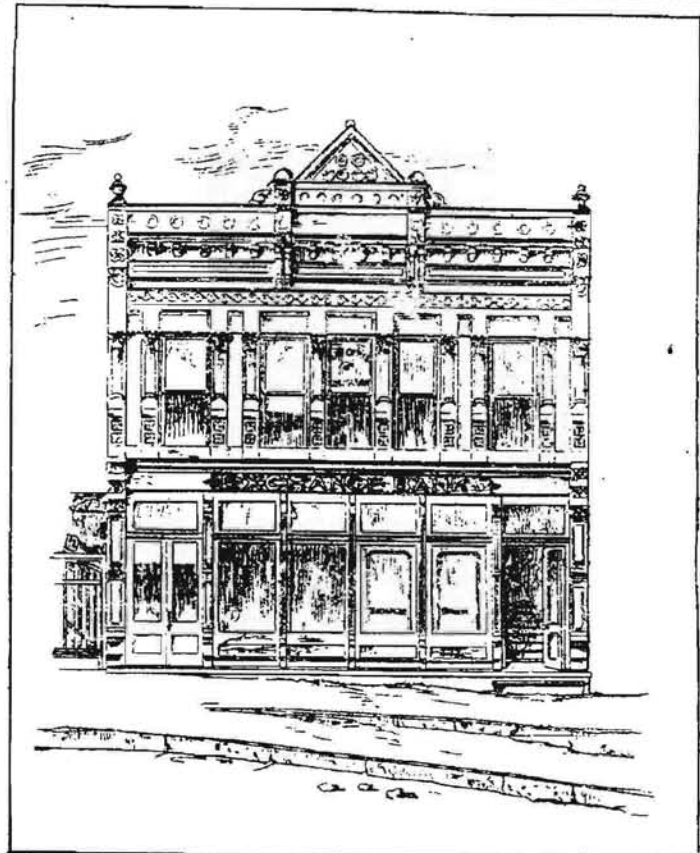
almost any kind of woodwork, making a specialty of mantels. On order they make fine furniture, such as wardrobes. The factory employs 20 hands, whom it pays \$130 a week. The cost of the plant was about \$10,000.

Before the subject of factories is left, some mention should be made of the Chester Development company, which is incorporated. The object of the company is to develop factory sites and to furnish homes to home-seekers. Two very enterprising men are at the head of it, Mr. S. M. Jones being president and Mr. E. C. Stahn, manager. The company has been in existence only a few years, but owns 1,250 acres of building lots in and around Chester. The managers will offer special inducements to any one wishing to establish factories.

BANKING

The Exchange bank is the name of Chester's only banking establishment. It is in a most prosperous condition, as the statement submitted to the recent directors' meeting shows. The bank owns its own pretty building, a picture of which is shown in this paper. The capital stock is \$75,000 and the surplus \$10,000. An 8 per cent annual dividend is paid to the stockholders. The officers are Jos. Wylie, president; J. L. Agurs, vice president; T. H. White, cashier, M.S. Lewis,

Top: The façade of this building was replaced in 1919 with marble and colossal, engaged columns. The bank closed in 1936, and was sold in 1942. The building is now (2006) the Chester Masonic Temple.



EXCHANGE BANK
of
CHESTER, S. C.

teller, W. A. Corkhill, collection clerk. The board of directors consists of the president, vice-president, cashier, Dr. G. B. White, S. B. Latham, R. C. Stewart, A. G. Brice, R. A. Love and J. C. Hardin. Last year this bank had funds to meet all demands made upon it for loans when proper security was offered.

There is talk of another bank being organized here in the fall, to be known as the Commercial bank, with a capital of \$50,000. Messrs. G. W. Gage and James McLarnon are two of the moving spirits in the enterprise.

Chester has been unusually successful with building and loan associations. Last year the Chester Building and Loan association was wound up, after having run for only 75 months, and not a dollar had been lost.

The Spratt Building and Loan association has three series of stock; the first has been funning four years, the second two years and the third was begun in February of this year. Dr. G. B. White is the president and B. M. Spratt the secretary and treasurer. The association is carrying over 10,000 shares of stock. They work with the idea of giving the building man a living chance, and many of the cottages being built in Chester now are being erected with building and loan money.

The association is in good condition and will pay any member who wishes to withdraw \$1.10 for every dollar paid in. It is under good and safe management and is a good place for the small wage-earner to place his savings.

A BEAUTIFUL TOWN

I have traveled this State over time and again, and visited almost every town within its border; I therefore know whereof I speak when I say that there are but few towns in the State that are as pretty as Chester, especially at this time of the year. Aiken is the most garden-like county seat in the State, but Aiken is flat and has not the beauty of diversified landscape that this Rome of South Carolina has. If those



RESIDENCE CAPT. J. D. MEANS.

The former Means home, located at 121 West End was extensively remodeled probably around 1927, when it was sold to the Simpson family, removing the tower and altering the roofline. It is presently (2006) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gardner.

commissioners were drunk when they chose the cite for the town, they must, notwithstanding their inebriated condition, have still had an eye for the beautiful and the grand in nature. If their visit was in the spring or summer and their view from the knoll in front of the present Fairview hotel, they must have seen a magnificent picture of nature's own self. With the hills to the east and west above them, those to the north and south about on a level with them, and the valleys between covered with abundant vegetation in native wildness, they must have been convinced that, with these valleys and hills dotted over with beautiful residences the future city of Chester would present an appearance to gladden the eye of a lover of nature, even though the climbing of the hills did not rest the weary walker's limbs. When they became sober perhaps they thought they had been very indiscreet in yielding to Gen. Lacy, but could they awaken now from their long sleep to see Chester as she is, perhaps they would exclaim with the poet of poets, "Our indiscretion sometimes serves us well."

The natural beauty of the place is enhanced by the many beautiful residences and especially by the well-kept lawns. Pictures of a few of these residences will be found in this issue. As will be seen, that of Mrs. Giles J. Patterson is an exceptionally pretty home. A gentleman who has seen many pretty homes says that he thinks this the prettiest house in the South with the exception of Arlington. The large lawn is in keeping with the beauty of the residence.

The residence of Capt. J. D. Means is quite a modern one, inside and outside. As to the latter, the picture speaks for itself. The interior is conveniently arranged and beautifully furnished.

Bottom: This home, located at 154 York Street remains basically unchanged. It is now (2006) the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Smith, Jr.



RESIDENCE MRS. GILES J. PATTERSON.

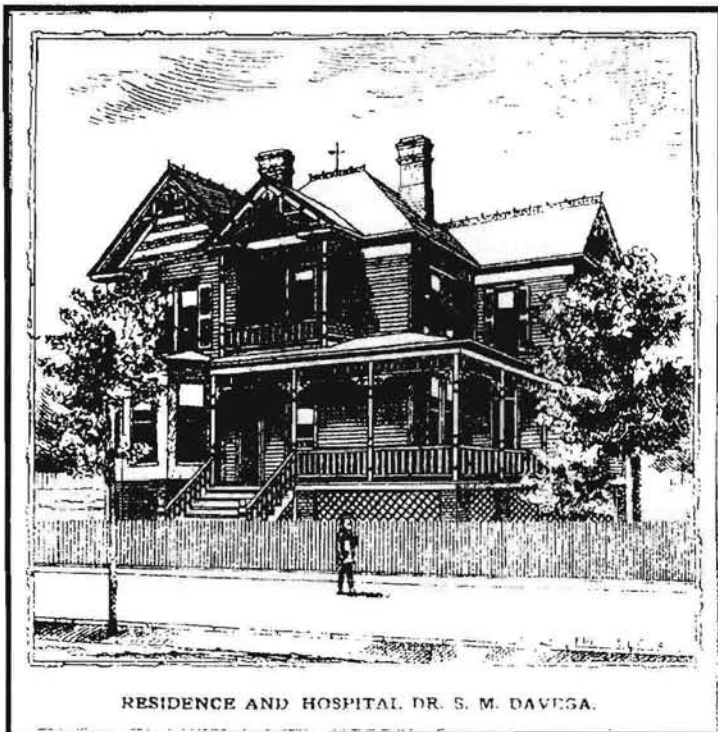
A description cannot, of course, be given here of all the pretty homes in Chester. But the names of the owners of a few of them may be given. They are Messrs. J. L. Agurs, James Hemphill, J. H. Smith, and Mrs. Margaret Gaston on York street; W.H. Rosborough, E. T. Atkinson and S. W. Pryor on Saluda; S. M. Jones, S. M. Davega, and E. P. Moore on Wylie; J. J. McLure, A.H. Davega, W. A. Barber, on Pinckney avenue; Mrs. T. E. McLure Mrs. McKee and F.M. Whitlock on West End; J. K. Henry and R. C. Stewart on College; and J. C. Hardin on Gadsden street.

In speaking of the beauty of Chester, mention should be made of its home of the dead. Evergreen cemetery is remarkably well kept, and it situated on the highest of Chester's hills. It is the general burying ground for the town, and 'neath its sod Chester's saints and sinners alike are laid to await the day when the dust of their bodies shall be summoned to unite again with their immortal spirits. In a drive through the cemetery the monument to Chester's lamented son, Giles J. Patterson, is seen near the entrance. There is also seen the memorial stone of Dr. Alex P. Wylie, whose death in 1877 lost to Chester quite a prominent physician; ex-Solicitor, Gaston, Maj. J. C. Mills, first president of the G. C. & N. railroad; Bank Cashier, J. L. Harris, Samuel W. Mobley, who was born in 1799 and died in 1889, and ex-Mayor J.C. James, who was cut down in the flower of manhood, are the names of a few of the more or less prominent men whose monuments were noticed.

GENERAL CONDITION

Chester is comparatively free from debt. Her total bonded indebtedness is \$30,000 and the floating debt is only \$3,500. The tax levy for municipal purposes is only 4 1-2

Dr. Davega's hospital was sold in 1902 to James A. Barron, and used as his residence. It became Barron Funeral Home in 1939 and still operates (2006) under that name, despite several changes in ownership. Most of the gingerbread trim has been removed. It is located at 133 Wylie Street.



RESIDENCE AND HOSPITAL, DR. S. M. DAVEGA.

mills. The town already has nearly three miles of macadamized streets, nicely curbed and guttered, the total cost being only \$18,000 when the work is completed. The streets are really among the best in the State and a credit to the town. The work of macadamizing them was planned and commenced by the late ex-Mayor, J. C. James in 1894.

Encouraged by the example of Newberry in securing an artesian well in the upcountry, the council of Chester have placed a contract for boring a well here with the same contractor that bored the one in Newberry and is now at work in Laurens. The work will be begun in June. Prof. Powell, who occupies the chair of geology at Newberry college came here and says that the prospects for obtaining water are good.

Whether the well boring is a success or not, a system of water works with sewerage will almost certainly be built and the town will soon be lighted by electricity instead of gasoline.

It is confidently expected that artesian water will be obtained, but whether this will be the result or not, the visitor to Chester will find a mineral spring only about two and a half miles from the town. The analysis of the water shows the presence of sulphur, iron and magnesium. The spring was discovered only about a year ago but is already a popular place for an afternoon's drive. This summer, a pavilion will be built at the spring.

COUNTY OFFICERS

Mr. John C. McFadden has been the efficient clerk of court for Chester county for 12 years.

Mr. W. B. Hood, the sheriff for 12 years, stands for reelection this year, as does Auditor W. M. Corkhill.

Mr. J. S. Wilson is probate judge, Mr. Jno. R. Culp county supervisor, Mr. W. Banks Thompson school commissioner and F.M. Chisholm coroner.

Mr. Grandison Williams does the duties of Magistrate for the Chester city.

The senator from Chester county is Hemphill McDaniel while Jos. Nunnery, P.T. Hollis and T. S. McKeown represent this county in the lower house.

SECRET SOCIETIES

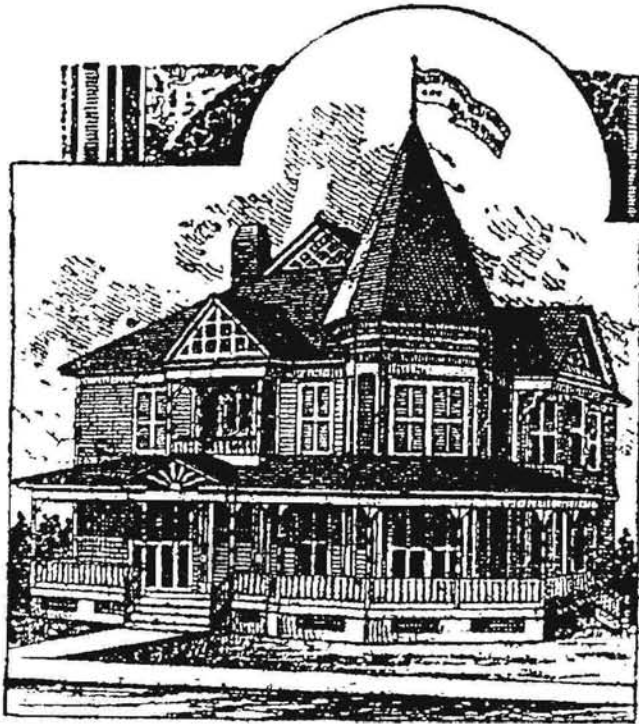
Chester is well supplied with fraternal organizations. The Masons are represented by the Chester Lodge, No. 13, A.F.M., and Franklin Chapter, No. 14, R.A.M. Mr. Fred Crawford has been tiler in the Chester lodge for 47 consecutive years, which makes him the senior tiler of the United States.

The American Legion of Honor (A.L.O.H.) has 23 members in Chester; the Knights of Honor 31, the Good Templars 40, Knights of Pythias 45, Order of Golden Chain 23, and the Woodmen of the World about 18. The Odd Fellows are also represented in town.

PROFESSIONAL MEN

The medical profession has seven representatives in Chester, as follows: Drs. S. M. Davega, S.G. Miller, S.W. Pryor, McConnell, J. M. Brice, I. A. Mason and W.D. Hooper. Drs. Macon and Hooper are colored.

There are not many towns in the State that can boast of even one hospital. But Chester has two - one at the residence of Dr. S. M. Davega and the other at the home of Dr. S. W. Pryor. Your representative was permitted to inspect Dr. Davega's hospital, and he must say that the



Residence and Hospital Dr. S. W. Pryor.

Dr. Pryor's residence and first hospital stood near the corner of Saluda and Hudson Streets at 103 Saluda. The adjacent lot, next to Hudson Street was subdivided and later used for a service station. The house was demolished about 1948. The service station was expanded to encompass both lots. The lots are both now (2006) empty.

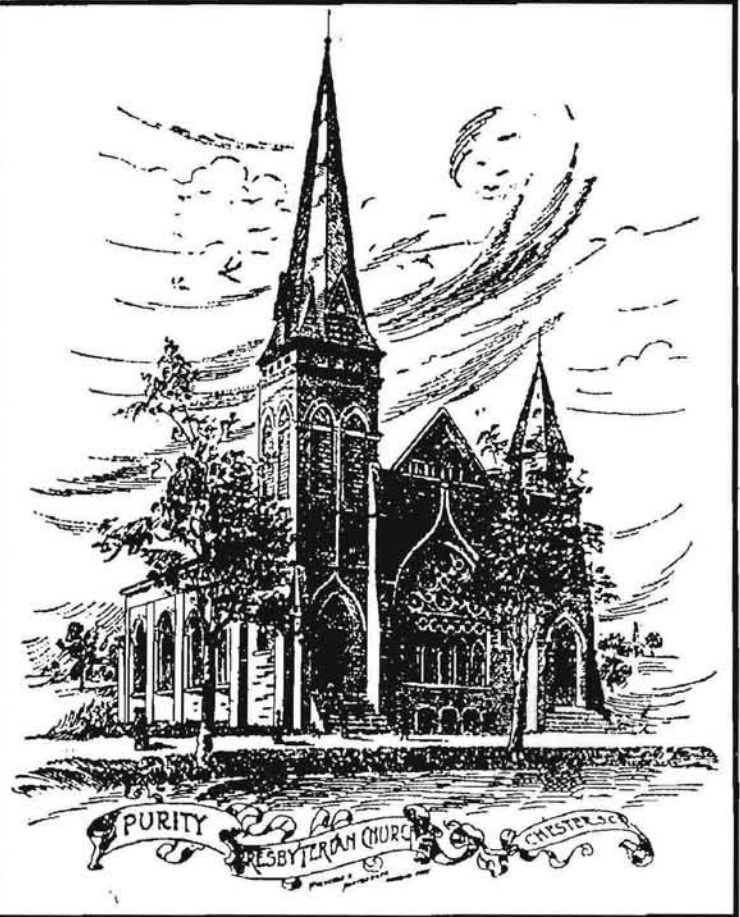
patient left there would be well cared for in a modern sanitarium. Dr. Davega has a most competent nurse in Miss Elizabeth D. Thomas, to whom the thanks of the writer are tendered for kindness in explaining many things about the hospital. She has been in Chester two years, having come from Dr. Price's hospital in Philadelphia in which she had two years experience as a private nurse also Dr. Davega thinks he has a treasure in her, and seems to have about as much confidence in her as a nurse as she has in him as a surgeon. Dr. Davega has gained quite a reputation, having been especially successful in operations for appendicitis. The hospital has been in existence five years, during which time Dr. Davega has given relief free to many that were unable to pay.

Dr. Pryor's sanitarium was built about a year ago especially for use as a hospital. Owing to the doctor's being so very busy, I did not get an opportunity to go through the building. He has, however, five rooms for patients, and modern equipments for their treatment. He has quite a large practice and is kept busy.

CHURCHES

There are six church buildings in Chester, but there are only four resident soul physicians.

The Presbyterians, a cut of whose beautiful home of worship appears herewith have for their pastor, Rev. D. M.



Purity Presbyterian Church, despite several additions, still (2006) retains the same appearance of the sanctuary. It is located at 134 Wylie Street.

McLaughlin. Rev. J. B. Moffatt preacher for the Associate Reform Presbyterians, Rev. M. L. Carlisle to the Methodists, and Rev. H. C. Bucholtz to the Baptists. Rev. Robert Alston of Winnsboro gives a part of his time to the Episcopal congregation at Chester. The Roman Catholics have a small church building, but the membership is too small to afford a regular priest. Father Budds of Greenville conducted service there a few Sundays ago.

The Baptists have a modern, octagon-shaped building.

The Associate Reform Presbyterians hope in the near future to build a new house of worship which will be among the handsomest church edifices in the State. One of their members, Mr. Jos. Wylie, is one of the most prominent "Seceders" in the State.

The pastors of Chester's churches are zealous in their Master's work, and are public-spirited citizens as well.

NEWSPAPERS

Hand in hand the pulpit and the press should do battle for the right. Two of the ministers of Chester edit small papers, published for the benefit of their congregations. Glad Tidings is the name of a monthly edited by Rev. Mr. Bucholtz of the Baptist church. Under the influence of his pastorate and editorship he church has nearly doubled its membership in three years, it now having 260 members.

The Puritan is the monthly issued by the Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. D. M. McLaughlin.

The Chester Reporter, one of Chester's county papers, was founded Jan. 1869 by Col. E. C. McLure. It was sold in 1874 to John H. Buchanan, who has owned the paper ever since. It is issued every Wednesday. In State politics for the past few years it has sided with the Reformers.

The Chester Bulletin was established in 1879 by Thos. W. Clawson & Co., with E. C. McLure as editor. Clawson, who is now on the staff of the Wilmington, N.C. Messenger, sold the paper to John Bradley, Jr. who in turn sold it to Whitlock & Morgan. This firm gave way as owners to Francis H. Morgan, who was succeeded by W. P. Crawford & Co. the company being the present attorney general, W. A. Barber. The paper is now owned and edited by W.P. Crawford, and in State politics is anti-Tillman to the core.

The dentists of Chester are: Dr. G. B. White, who has enjoyed a lucrative practice for years, and Dr. J. B. Wise, a young man, but a good dentist.

The bar of Chester is perhaps the youngest in the State, but it is by no means the weakest. On the contrary, it is considered by some as the equal in ability of any bar of same numbers in the State.. The only elderly gentlemen of the bar are Mr. James Hemphill and Major S.P. Hamilton. The others are middle-aged or young men.

The firms are as follows: F. L. Whitlock, Glenn & McFadden, Geo W. Gage, Major S.P. Hamilton, A. G. Brice, Henry & McLure, Barber & Marion, J.W. Means, Hemphill & Hemphill, Hinton Curtis & W. Holmes Hardin, Jr.

A congressman, a solicitor and an attorney general have been furnished by this bar.

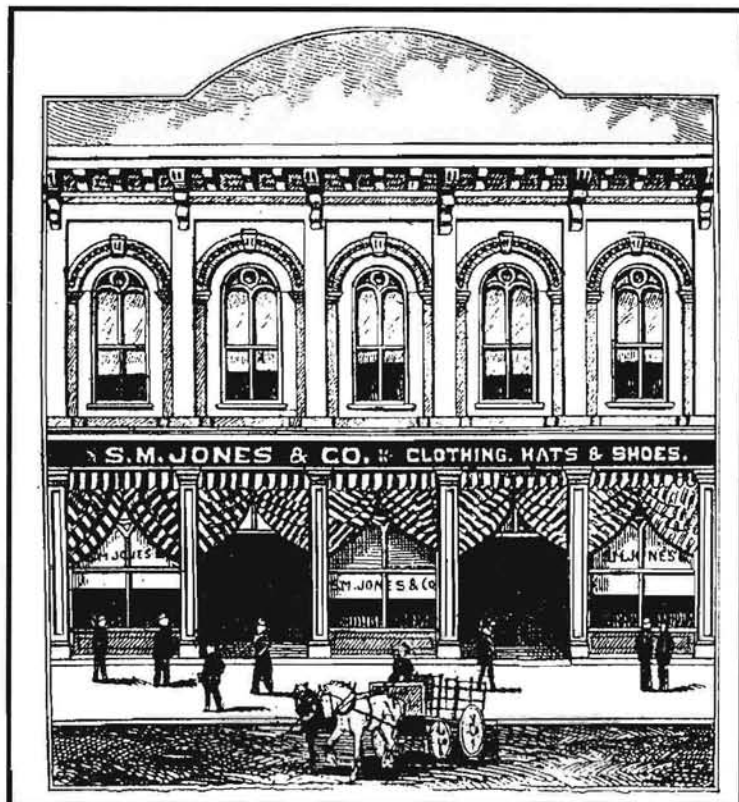
THE MERCHANTS AND THE TRADE OF CHESTER

Chester's merchants have an excellent country trade. There being but one other incorporated town in the county, and the county being a rich one, the trade of a greater part of the county comes to the county seat. The merchants have the goods to sell and they are selling them this spring more rapidly than ever before.

Three of the largest stores in this part of the State are in Chester. The firm of Jos. Wylie & Co. consisting of Joseph Wylie, John G. White, T. B. Woods and Wm. Lindsay, occupies three store rooms, each about 125 feet long and three basement rooms and an upper story of some size. In rear of the store they have a large cotton platform and stables for their customers' use. They work 20 men and say their trade for the past nine months has been the best since the war.

S. M. Jones & Co. do a business of about \$250,000 a year and for this immense trade occupy the cellar and first and second stories of the handsome building of which a portion is shown in a picture in this paper. They have just had the best fall and spring trade they ever had, their April cash sales being \$5,500 more than for April, 1895. They work 20 or 22 men. They have two warehouses, a cotton platform and stables and have bought about 7,000 bales of cotton to date this season. They are up-to-date, enterprising merchants, ever ready to respond to any call for the advancement of Chester. A pleasanter gentleman than S. M. Jones is hard to find.

The New York Racket Store is a mammoth establishment and claims to sell goods cheaper than they can be bought elsewhere.



S.M. Jones & Co. building, known as the Gunhouse building, burned in the 1980's leaving only the façade standing. It remained in place until wind damage destroyed it about 1991. The site, 109-111 Main Street, now (2006) serves as the amphitheater for the City of Chester.

Space does not permit a description of the business of the many merchants here but their names are as follows: Dr. A. H. Davega, Pryor & McKee, J.J. Stringfellow, A. Leard, Dr. C. L. Clawson, McConnell & McCoy are the druggists; Joseph McLure, hardware and crockery, mail orders being a specialty; Mrs. S. L. Atkinson, millinery; J. B. Alexander, groceries; W. F. Egan, dry goods and notions; Haffner Bros., groceries and hardware; D. Ehrlich & Co. general merchandise; E. C. Stahn, a very successful jewelry merchant, who has built up the largest trade of this kind ever known in Chester; J. D. Means & Co., heavy groceries; S. Haymar, general merchandise; W. F. Stricker, jewelry; W. R. Nail, dry goods and notions; M. Gunhouse & Co., dry goods and notions; L. Samuels, general merchandise; A. C. Fishel, fancy groceries; Jos. A. Walker, fancy groceries and paints; J. A. Hood & Bor., dry goods and notions; James Hamilton, book store; D. J. Macauley, dry goods and notions; Jos. Ehrlich, general merchandise; J. S. Colvin, boots and shoes; E. A. Crawford, dry goods and millinery; F. M. Nail, general merchandise; J. A. Blake, bakery; W. T. D. Cousar & Son., groceries and hardware; R. O. Jagers, fancy groceries; E.I. Burns & Co., new jewelry store; Neal & CO., general merchandise; W. W. Coogler, grocery; J. G. Brakeford, grocery; R. C. Stewart, general merchandise; Peay & Co., grocery; T. J. Irwin, groceries; Henry Oehler, bakery; A. D. Johnson, Jr., grocery & restaurant; Hin Sum, laundry; R. W. Stricker, buggy and harness repairer; R. Brant, jewelry; Enterprise Printing and Stationery Co., job

printers; L. K. Coleman, furniture; C. D. Childs, marble yard; J. L. Simmons, fancy grocer; Jas. A. Owen, grocery; I. J. McNinch, grocery; A. Hogg, grocery.

Simmons & Wilcut have the agency for this section for Harris Lithia Water and are selling quite a quantity of it.

Miss S. Kennedy took some of the photographs from which cuts were made for this article.

Chester has a telephone exchange with 67 phones. Mr. A. W. Love is president and J. E. Pryor is manager.

Quite a striking example of what can be accomplished by a strong determination to succeed, hard work, strict attention to business and native Irish grit is seen in the well-equipped stables of Mr. John Fraser. He came to Chester county without a dollar, first starting a small blacksmith shop at Blackstock. He afterwards moved to Chester and has been most successful here. He owns an unusually fine stable with good stock, as well as a harness repository and wagon factory. He is now worth some thousands of dollars, though he has been here only a few years. He evidently believes with another wise man that "If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius."

A better built, more modern stable than that of Hardee & Brice I don't think I have seen anywhere in South Carolina. The stable buildings is a new one replacing one that burnt some months ago.

Messrs. W. H. Neal, J. W. Estes, and Wm. Young are also in the livery business.

The men other than merchants, who buy the cotton brought to Chester, are C. J. Lee, J. G. Gatlin, John R. Thompson, S. B. Latham & Son, G. D. Heath, and A. M. Aiken, Jr.

The picture of the Main Street scene shown in this issue was taken on November 27 last, on which day 700 bales of cotton were sold on the streets of Chester.

The Chester stock, cotton and produce exchange is owned by two young men under the firm name of Todd & Guy. Reports of every fluctuation in the markets are received over the wires.

The merchandise brokers are Honeycutt & Blackwelder, James Latham, I. N. Cross, D. Macaulay, E. M. Chapman and A. M. Aiken, Jr.

The Southern Express company's agent at this point is Mr. C. H. Brenneck, while Mr. W. S. Smith manipulates the key for the Western Union Telegraph company.

Mrs. C. H. Youngblood was appointed postmistress at Chester during Cleveland's first term, was retained by Harrison and still holds the position under Cleveland. Her able assistant is Mr. Jno. W. McKee.

THE MILITIA

Of South Carolina is represented here by the Lee Light Infantry, which company has about 20 men, with Capt. J.K. Marshall in command. The company has a most beautiful flag, the gift of the ladies of Chester. On one side is painted the State coat-of-arms and on the other he stars and stripes. The company is proud of their flag - who wouldn't be proud of any gift from such fair hands - and keep it in their armory in the opera house building.

The building is the property of the city, and besides the opera house, contains the council chamber, mayor's court

room, police headquarters and Lee Light Infantry's armory, which is also used as a dance hall.

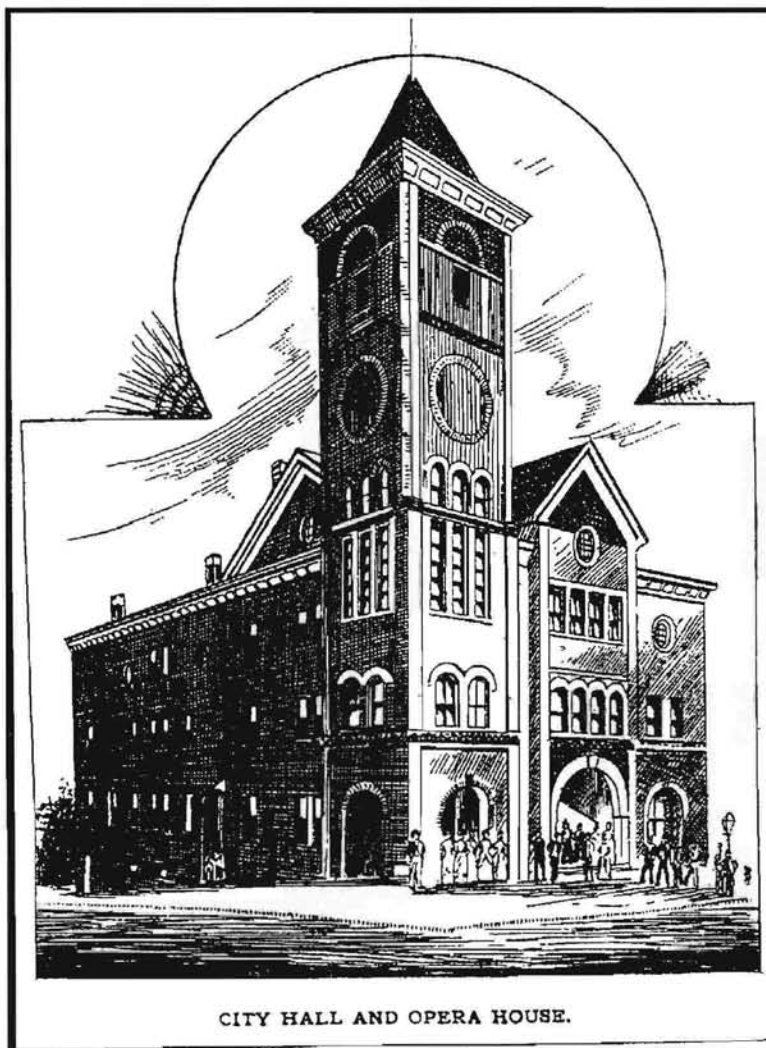
The house was completed in 1891, the first company to appear in the new house being Barlow's minstrels in September of that year. The opera house will seat between 600 and 700 people. The scenery was painted by Mr. E. Cramer of Columbia. It is one of the best theatres in the State.

HOTELS

The traveling public is served by the Fairview hotel and Nicholson's hotel, the former being run by Mr. J. H. W. Stevens and the latter by W. M. Nicholson. The Farmer's hotel and the Hotel Belmont on Valley street are also willing to serve the weary with beds and the hungry with that which satisfieth the inner man. The boarding houses of Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Campbell also deserve mention here.

After the first of June the Cotton hotel will be opened for business under the management of Mr. J. Q. Hood.

The Chester City Hall and Opera House suffered a disastrous fire in 1929. After the fire, the roof line was modified, the tower lowered, and the auditorium removed. The building, at 100 West End, still stands (2006) and continues to serve as Chester's City Hall.



CITY HALL AND OPERA HOUSE.

LEE HILL STOCK FARM

Who does not know R. A. Love? If you don't know him, you must know of him, if you have ever visited the State fair at Columbia and taken any interest in the exhibits of live stock. For he and his are very much in evidence on such occasions. Though his residence is not quite within the limits of the city of Chester, yet he is so near and so much identified with the town, that a few words about his model farm will not be out of place in an article of this sort.

He lives about 1 1-2 miles from Chester, his home having been in the family for over a century with the exception of 8 or 10 years.

Mr. Love believes in making farming pay, but he does not believe in all cotton. He raises cotton only as a surplus crop. About seven or eight years ago, when he began working the place, it was nearly worthless. Last year, on the same land, he averaged a bale of cotton to the acre and 30 bushels of upland corn to the acre, after suffering from a seven weeks' drouth. He fertilizes everything, using both stable manure and commercial fertilizers. His principal crops are corn and oats.

Mr. Love has attained great success as a stock farmer. His farm is known as the Lee Hill stock farm. In cattle he raises only thoroughbred Devons. Of hogs, the Berkshire is his variety, and the Southdowns are his sheep. He has on his farm an imported Hackney stallion and a dozen of his colts. An imported Spanish jack is also found on the farm.

Mr. Love has taken many premiums at our State fair and at the Augusta, Ga. exposition.

THE CHESTER MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION

is an organization formed in the city for the purpose of erecting monuments to the memory of the brave men who died before the cannon's mouth for the sake of the State they lived so truly and served so well. Long may the memory of their brave deeds be cherished by their sons and their sons' sons, and great the success of the women of Chester in their efforts to erect such monuments.

THEATRICAL

Chester claims to have its full share of musical and histrionic talent. The Chester Musical association is offered as follows: Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, president; T. H. White, secretary; A. M. Aiken, Jr., treasurer, and Mrs. A. M. Aiken, Mrs. A. B. Brice, Miss Lucy Lookabill, and Miss Emma Lewis, executive committee. The association from time to time delights audiences with renditions of some opera. Within the past six years they have sung these difficult operas: Little Tycoon, Pinafore, Mascot, Mikado, Esther and, most difficult of all, Olivette.

THE WOMEN

Even as at the miracle-famed supper in Canaa of Gallilee, the choicest and best wine – that made by the Savior himself – was served last, so the choicest and best of Chester's attractions of left for the last of this article. For if I had told you at first that the Chester girls – ah, what girls – are to be classed with the prettiest, the sweetest, the liveliest, and most catchy of South Carolina's many lovely women, how vain would have been the hope that you might read farther. What more would you want to know? What greater inducement can be offered to young men to come to Chester? And does not Chester want live, energetic young men? Oh, woman, would that for a few short moments at

His pasture fencing consists mostly of barbed wire. The sheep are driven up to the lot every night and herded as a protection against dogs. The farm has about 75 head of cattle, 50 head of sheep and 6 or 8 brood mares. From this time on Mr. Love intends making a specialty of the products of the dairy. His butter is already on sale in Columbia at the store of C. H. Baldwin & Son each cake having stamped on it the words "Lee Hill." A cream separator is in use on this farm for separating the cream from the milk while the milking is in progress.

Mr. J. C. Hardin is another farmer who does not believe that the raising of cotton is the chief end of a farmer's life. He has not planted a single cotton seed in years, but raises grain.

Chester county abounds in successful farmers. One who may be properly mentioned in an article on Chester city is John W. Dunnivant, for his home is within the limits of the town. On his farm five miles from Chester, he raises annually 150 bales of cotton.

Just three miles from the court house lives another large and rich farmer, W. Holmes Hardin. He raises between 200 and 400 bales of cotton of the fleecy staple a year as well as about everything he eats except coffee and sugar. He also runs a large flour and grist mill.

The dairy and truck farm owned by Mr. Wm. A Stokes is also worthy of mention. From March to November he daily sends into Chester fresh milk and butter from his farm.

So many successful farms in the neighborhood means great things for Chester's merchants.

least, I might be endowed with the power to describe fittingly your charms, thou of whom bards love to sing and poets to write, the ideal of painters and sculptors and standing in thy purity even above an honest man as the noblest work of God. If there be any other town in the State that lays claim to be the home of the prettiest women of the State, Chester will at once dispute that claim. And if a beauty show could be arranged to be held at the capital of the State, she thinks she holds within her borders the certain wearer of the blue ribbon; for do not her eyes

"Look like fairy lakes

Where tender thoughts swim

Softly to and fro?"

But why any more of this last and choicest of all God's creations? For it is worse than useless.

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily

To throw a perfume on the violet

Or add another hue to the rainbow."

The women of Chester are at home anywhere where purity dwells, whether in the ball room or in the sick chamber, at the altar of hymen or by the newly made grave. They know how to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep."

Before we cease speaking of these queens of beauty some mention should be made of the

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Its officers are: Mrs. Margaret Gaston, president, Mrs. Samuel Gunhouse, treasurer, Mrs. G. B. White, secretary, and Mrs. A. M. Aiken, collector. The society's membership is composed of the ladies of the city without regard to religious belief and their object is, of course the assistance of the worthy poor. Many a poor fellow has been helped on his

way these angels of mercy. They are doing their Master's work and verily, me thinks, it will be for such deeds as these that on that great day when all the world shall give account of the deeds done in the body, the Judge of mankind will say to them, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

IN GENERAL

The oldest male resident of Chester is Mr. Jas. Hemphill, who is 83. He has given the country a famous son in the person of ex-Congressman J. J. Hemphill.

Among the other old residents of the city are J. L. Agurs, Joseph W. Wylie, Crawford, Dr. C. L. Clawson, Dr. A. H. Davega, and S. A. Murphy, at whose funeral – may it be at a far distant day – it is predicted that almost every man, woman and child within the limits of Chester will be present.

The early Scotch-Irish settlers of Chester district were great believers in education. Their descendants still believe in its power.

Residences are in demand in Chester. A good deal of building has been done recently, or is going on at present. Chester is sure to grow. Let her young men put shoulder to wheel and assist their old and more experienced townsmen, remembering that for Chester the time is at hand of which Shakespeare wrote when he said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

A gold deposit has recently been discovered about seven miles south of Chester. An attempt will very likely be made to mine the ore and great things are hoped for as a result.

Chester boasts a ladies' whist club and a Chautaugua Circle, with the membership as large as the limit permits.

A well-built, half-mile bicycle track has just been completed. It is well graded, rolled, and hard as asphalt. Great sport is expected on it.

Chester is proud of the great men she has given to the world. Edward Strobel, our present minister to Chile, was Chester born and bred. His mother is still living in Chester, as is his sister, Mrs. David Hemphill. Then John J. Hemphill, whom all South Carolina knows as a representative in congress, was elected from Chester. D. Gill Wylie, who passed the early years of his life in Chester, is one of the foremost surgeons of New York city. Rev. Chas. R. Hemphill, a Chester boy who has become quite a well known divine is a professor in Louisville, Ky. Theological Seminary. Rev. S. R. Hope, missionary to China, and Rev. Dr. Geo. Summey, president of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, both formerly lived in Chester. Drs. McFadden Gaston of Atlanta, Ga., Lucius Gaston of Montgomery, Ala., Robert H. Wylie of New York, and James F. Babcock of the State asylum for the insane, and Dr. M. Heyman of New York have all attained eminence in their chosen profession of medicine, and all first saw the light in Chester.

Chester is proud of the fact that ex-Judge J. H. Hudson was born in Chester.

With a pretty situation, pretty streets, pretty homes, pretty women, pretty horses and pretty energetic business men what is to prevent Chester being a pretty thriving city.

The Chester Public Library has just been organized with Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, president; Mrs. Paul Hemphill, vice-president; Miss Annie Hardin, secretary; Miss Jennie

Hood, treasurer; and Samuel E. McFadden, J.H. Marion and J. C. McLure, executive committee.

PERSONAL

I cannot refrain from extending my thanks to some for assistance given me in collecting data for this article and for other courtesies.

First and above all, I must be allowed to thank my friend, A. M. Aiken, Jr. Without Gus Aiken's assistance, I should have been put to much work that was saved me, and in fact, this article would probably never have been written but for him.

To Mr. James Hamilton, Major S. P. Hamilton, Mrs. A. M. Aiken, Messrs. Hardee & Brice, Mr. J. W. Means and his charming young wife, I return thanks for information given and courtesies shown.

It is said that in April, 1865, the few people in Lancaster, S. C. that were not with Lee or Johnston, were assembled on the street, anxiously awaiting news from the scene or war. Presently there came hurrying up to them a countryman who had heard the news of the surrender and hastened to carry it to town. Upon reaching the eager crowd he announced his news by exclaiming, "hospitalities" have not ceased in Chester, and as long, at least, as the present inhabitants live there the visitor to the homes of that city will find no cessation in the hospitality of the dwellers on the hills of Chester.

F. C. Withers

The surnames in the Queries are not indexed.

- 06---08 Simpson:** Charles Barber, 7322 Lansdowne Pl., Thomasville, NC, deedeebarber2002@yahoo.com Looking for information on David and Amanda Simpson. Parents of Alice Simpson, wife of Thoss Ivory Barber.
- 06---09 Broad River Mission:** John C. Barber Jr. , 1504 Peden Bridge Rd., Chester, SC 29706, Could anyone tell me where the Mission was located on the Broad River? A conference was held in Columbia in December 1860.
- 06--10 Grafton:** Thad Grafton, 1739 N 2nd St., Griffin, GA 30223, tgrafton@bellsouth.net Looking for information on "Old" Thomas Grafton, born ca. 1715 in Ireland. Died 1798, Fairfield County, SC, need date arrived in SC and any information as to where he was from in Ireland.
- 06--11 Smith:** Nancy Gallagher Davis, 158 Grove Park Circle, Memphis, TN 38117, A John Smith whose wife was Sarah, died in Chester Co., SC, probably in May 1791. A John Latta and a James Smith were named Adm. of his estate on June 26, 1791. In 1795 another John Smith died in Chester Co., SC, with Moses Smith and Joshua Smith as Adm.'s of his estate. could either John be a grandfather of the John Smith who came to TN? His wife was Mary Jane Lockhart, daughter of Andrew Lockhart of SC. John and Mary were in TN according to Family Bible when their son George Washington Smith was born in 1823. He was their youngest son.
- 06--12 Grubbs:** James Grubbs, PO Box 521, Monterey, MA 01245, jimgrubbs@msn.com : Particularly interested in Enoch Grubbs, Sr. Such as Ancestors, and Siblings.

06-13 Stuart: Jean Steuart, 365 Tillicum Dr., Silverton, Oregon 97381, jstearns@verizon.net: William Stuart Sr., arrived in Charleston and moved to Rocky Creek Area in 1818-1822. According to Chester County Court House records, when we visited there in 2004, his alien records said he was 22 yrs. old. He may have had a wife, _____ name unknown? A Perry County IL, 1850 Federal Census says he also had a brother, John Stuart about 3 years younger than William Sr.. Both were born in Ireland. William's son arrived in Sparta, IL., at about 5-7 years of, about 1822-1825 and later married Margaret Lusk Faris in Sparta, Illinois in 1843-44. (1) Did William Stuart Sr., have any other children, possibly in Chester-Rocky Creek area. (2) What was William Stuart Sr., wife's name, if she arrived in Charleston and left to travel to Sparta, IL.? (3) Did John Stuart, arrive the same time as William his brother. William Sr. arrival papers and Fed. Census in Perry County, IL., in 1850 spelling of the last name Stuart, is correct. It was somehow changed later to Steuart. I have a copy of the Faris Family of Washington County, Indiana, published book, but it does not go into William St(e)uart, in depth. I'd appreciate any responses.

Mr. Russell S. Hall is offering a \$100.00 reward to anyone who can find the First Name of Rosannah Gladden Husband, with documented proof.

06-14 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.

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