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President's report:

I would like to introduce my self as your new president, I am Ellen L. Schuster. Jim Knox wanted to step down as president and at our annual birthday party Jim nominated me as your new president. The motion was seconded by Jean Nichols and Wallace Smith. Everyone that was present was in agreement.

We would like to thank Jim for the great job that he did while he was president. Jim started our society on a new direction, in trying to attract new members and expanding our library. I hope our membership will continue to grow, along with the library.

I will try and do the best job; I can for all of you. As a lot of you know I have been running our genealogy library in Richburg for several years now.

Starting in September we will have a business meeting every other month on the first Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Shortly we will start to serve refreshments at the meetings.

I would welcome any suggestion from any of our members on things that they might like to see changed in the coming months.

Our annual birthday party was a great success. Michaels Scoggins was the speaker and he also had some of his books for sale. We also had Robert Stevens there with his new book *The Legacy of Father James H. Saye* (1808-1892). The description of Robert Stevens's book is on the following page. Brent Holcomb was there also with his books. I believe that they all were very successfully with their sales.

This fall we hope to have the cookbook at the printer and begin to sell copies. So there is still time if some more of you would like to send in your favorite recipes. We will be using the money raised from the sale of the cookbook's to purchase a new copy machine for the library. Our old copy machine has seen better days.

Some of you have been asking for some pictures in our Bulletin. This month we have a couple of pictures.

Remember everyone is welcome to send in articles for the Bulletin.

The following two pages are a description of Robert Steven new book on Father Saye, with information on how to purchase the book.

NOW AVAILABLE

(On approximately 19 July)

The Legacy of Father James H. Saye (1808-1892) A Presbyterian Divine

A RECORD OF
HIS HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL
WRITINGS OF UNION, SPARTANBURG,
CHESTER, AND MANY OTHER COUNTIES OF
SOUTH CAROLINA,
WITH PARTS OF GEORGIA
AND NORTH CAROLINA,
ENCOMPASSING THE YEARS 1755-1892

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Rev. Mr. James H. Saye (1808-1892) was a prolific diarist, journalist, and writer, beginning in his early life and continuing until shortly before his death. Even until today, his name is well known in the historical and genealogical communities due to the book, King's Mountain and Its Heroes. It has long been thought that his records were destroyed in 1930, but I discovered that most of them had survived and were owned by his descendants or existed in many repositories along the eastern seaboard. I have personally transcribed all of them. His records contain thousands of entries of valuable local history, including his early years in Georgia, and his life in the South Carolina counties of Union from 1840-1860, and Chester County from 1860-1892. Father Saye recorded information about people and places in many

other South Carolina counties, including Abbeville, Anderson, Berkeley, Charleston, Darlington, Greenville, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Newberry, Oconee, Old Pendleton, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York.

The first chapters, and others, present the history of the McJunkin, Saye, and allied families, reaching back into Ireland and England, a true genealogy, plus the early life of Father Saye. Chapter Four contains hundreds of names of Father Saye's former students whom he had taught in Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina, and his four schools in Union County, South Carolina, beginning with the one at Fairforest in 1840. It also includes his account books and his students when he was the headmaster of the Unionville Male Academy in 1850, a school whose records were thought to be lost. Throughout the text in other chapters are his mentions of former students who had become prominent as military, business, and academic leaders.

Rev. Mr. Saye was one of the foremost Revolutionary War historians of his time, but rarely published. He was the leading contributor to Lyman C. Draper's popular book, King's Mountain and Its Heroes, published in 1881. Mr. Draper came from Madison, Wisconsin, to the Chester County, South Carolina, home of Mr. Saye in 1871 and spent ten days copying pertinent records. The many letters written by Mr. Saye to Mr. Draper for that work are included in Chapter Sixteen. Chapter Seventeen presents the recordings of Father Saye's interviews with former Revolutionary War soldiers of the South Carolina Backcountry. Chapter Eighteen is devoted to Father Saye's part of the original 1850-period Dr. John H. Logan Manuscript, thought to have been lost. Chapter Twenty presents Mr. Saye's lengthy 1847 history of the Revolutionary War in the South Carolina Backcountry, transcribed from the original newspaper series to insure accuracy, plus the many writings of the renown Revolutionary, Major Joseph McJunkin (1755-1847), obtained by Mr. Saye from Major McJunkin, the grandfather of his wife, Rebecca McJunkin. There are hundreds of annotations to identify the people and places, and to present additional facts.

Chapter Nineteen presents the history of the Col. John Thomas, Sr., family, including the heroic deeds of his wife, Jane (Black) Thomas, during the Revolutionary War, written by Mr. Saye. Included are photographs of Col. Thomas' rifle, now in the British Royal Arms Museum in Windsor Castle, England, captured during the war when his son, Capt. Robert Thomas, was killed at the Battle of Mudlick Creek while using it. Col. and Mrs. Thomas were the great-grandparents of Mr. Saye's wife.

Throughout the book in Mr. Saye's writings, and especially in the annotations, are the detailed early genealogies and histories of the Sayes and McJunkins and their allied families, in addition to the mentions of hundreds of other families in the areas where Mr. Saye lived, and the first settlers of the South Carolina Backcountry.

For years, historical writers of South Carolina history, especially of the Revolutionary War in the South Carolina Backcountry, have had to accept secondhand reports of what may have been in the Saye writings and records, but this book presents it factually and accurately from his own hands in toto.

The voluminous index encompasses thirty-eight pages, three columns per page, which took a professional indexer a month to accomplish.

This has been a fifteen-year project with the assistance of my editor and research associate, Linda Stevens Crissinger of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and research assistant, Bettye Smith Renfro of Cornelius, North Carolina.

Only 175 copies are available. First come, first served.

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The following article was transcribed by an unknown writer.

Obituary of Joseph Jamieson from the October 12, 1853 issue of The Remedy, York District, South Carolina.

Died at the residence of his son in the District, on Tuesday the 27th ult., Mr. Joseph Jamieson, a soldier of the Revolution, in the 89th year of his age.

His mother had been widowed by the death of his father some years before the separation of the colonies from the mother country, and was left to depend upon the energy and industry of her two sons, James and Joseph for the support of herself and her orphan children,. Schooled in the principles of Christian faith and dependence upon God, she imparted to her children the same lessons, and had the happiness to witness their salutary results, in the moral and steady habits of the family which was growing up around her.

With emotions that refused control, James, the elder brother, heard the first cry of his country for help against the tyranny that threatened to crush her liberties, and at the head of a company of young and noble spirits like himself, sped to the "tented field" and became identified with Sumter's brigade until the close of the glorious conflict. The subject of this brief memoir, at the tie too young to bear arms in the public service of the country, was, nevertheless, far from being an idle spectator of the thrilling events of that bloody drama. As often as occasion demanded, the lad Joseph might be seen gliding from the forest home of his mother, now in one direction, then in and other, the bearer of intelligence essential to the safety or the success of partisan troops and their friends; and such was the sagacity and prudence of the patriotic boy, that the missions entrusted to him rarely failed of the most fortunate accomplishment,. At that period in history of South Carolina, when British and Tory ascendancy in the State hung like a portentous cloud over the land, and darkening the sun of our prospects, threatened in its descent to sweep every vestige of liberty from the blood soaked soil, not sparing even the last resource of wretched; that of fleeing to the sanctuary of God for safety and comfort, our young champion for his country's freedom and the rites of our holy religion, with rifle in his hand, has stood side by side with the lads of the congregation armed like himself, and Sabbath after Sabbath, guarded the log meeting house of Bullock's Creek Church-while the Rev. Dr. Joseph Alexander, the patriotic and venerable pastor, preached the gospel to his people. The zeal of the learned and spirited divine had marked him as the mouth and had prepared his flock for heaven, the notes of his clarion voice had fired and prepared the young men of his charge for the battlefield of freedom. Hence, both himself and his congregations lay under the ban of Tory and Royal malediction, and rendered the service of young Jamieson and his associates referred to, necessary to the safety and the stated continuance of the public worship of God in the sanctuary.

Towards the close of the war, the subject of this notice mingled his services with others of his countrymen in the regular campaign, and there by consummated his title to be enrolled among the saviors of his country. It is not surprising that such a youth should be honored of Heaven to span the years of near a tranquil conclusion of their number, with honor from all who knew him, and the soul satisfying smiles of his Savor. The cherished visions of his youth, in regard both to the country he served and of the Christian patriarch, and established liberties of the venerable—man; so that at death he could breathe out his soul in the full and sweet measure of that touching appeal to the Father of spirits, "Now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen they salvation"

The following article was submitted by Joe Cullen Walker Jr. We want to thank Joe for submitted the article to the Bulletin.

Walkers of Chester, South Carolina

The existence of these Walker families in Chester County, South Carolina; with the names John, Philip, Alexander, Robert, Samuel and William used by all three families is confusing for researchers. Wills, estate records, and burial locations are the key. There is reason to believe a connection between the Walkers of Rocky Creek and those of Fishing Creek and Sandy River are related, yet no proof has been uncovered. All these Walkers have been traced back to Antrim County, Ireland and are of Scotch-Irish descent.

Fishing Creek Walkers

John Walker b. abt. 1721 in County Antrim d. 1802 "Court House John" married Jannet abt. 1743 2nd wife Mrs. Martha Lamon. John Walker's children were:

- Joseph Walker married Ann. Their children were: Elizabeth, Martha, Margaret, Rachel
- 2. Agnes Walker b. 1744 in Ireland
- 3. Martha b. 1750 in Ireland
- Samuel Walker b.1753 in Ireland married Jean. They had one daughter Janet Walker in 1778. Samuel and Janet both died in 1781.
- John Walker Jr. b. 1755 1792 married Ann and had two children: Jane Walker and Alexander Walker
- 6. Thomas Walker b. 1758 marries Jane Gaston and had Robert Walker and Alexander Walker. Alexander Walker married Esther Gaston and had John Gaston Walker. John Gaston Walker had a son William Walker 1798-1834. William married Sarah Edwards—they are the line of <u>Dr. Harold Walker of Rock</u> Hill, South Carolina.
- William Walker b. 1763 in America married Janet Lemon b. 1758. They had a daughter Janet Walker
- 8. Philip Walker b. abt. 1765 in America.

There is a Philip Walker listed that owned a mill on Fishing Creek and some land on Rocky Creek. (Possibly a brother to Alexander Walker of Rocky Creek). Philip and his wife Jennet moved to Davidson County, Tennessee after the Rev. War. They had 8 children.

Walkers of Sandy River

Most of these Walkers are buried in Old Purity Church Cemetery.

Charles Walker was born in County Antrim (date unknown), and had a land grant in 1767 in Chester County, South Carolina. His wife is not listed, but he had five sons that are recorded.

- 1. John Walker b. 1737 in Ireland
- 2. Adam Walker 1739 1796 married Rhonda Terry 1754-1796, who was the sister of John Terry. Adam and Rhonda had 6 children: Charles, Elijah, Jeremiah.

- Sarah Walker married Greenberry Stokes and had John Bradley Stokes and Rota Stokes Wise. Rebbeca Walker Hunter, and Martha Walker Clark.
- 3. Charles Walker Jr. b. abt. 1741 in Ireland
- 4. Alexander Walker b. abt.1744 in Ireland d. 1799. He married Eleanor "Helen" White 1758 in Ireland d. 1839 in Chester County, SC. (she was the daughter of John White and Ann Garner) They had 10 children: Charles Walker 1776-1805 married Elizabeth Hardin. John Walker 1777-1866 married Elizabeth Ross Douglas and had William Walker. Robert Walker 1779-1804. Philip Walker 1781-1871. William Walker 1781-1866 married Annis Lee and had John White Walker and Lucinda Walker Wylie. Agnes Cunningham Walker 1786-1855 married William Love. Adam Walker 1788-1867 married Mary Ann Wylie 1813-1888 and had Eleanor Walker 1846-1870. James Walker 1791-1865. Robert Walker 1779-1804. Alexander Walker. Ann Walker 1793-1857 married Robert Walker Jr., their children were Alexander, Francis, Joseph, Allen, Elizabeth Sealy Walker married F.A. Hardin—this is the line of Mary D. Ross 328 Donna Dr. Catawba, SC 29704
- Robert Walker1746-1822 married Victoria White1763-1834 and they had John, Charles, Alexander, William, Mattie, Ann Walker Lipsey, Jane.

Walkers of Rocky Creek

Alexander Walker was born in Ayr, Scotland around 1708. It appears he left Scotland for North Ireland in early manhood and settled in Antrim County. He married Esther Gray (although that surname has never been proven).

Descendants of Alexander Walker

(generation)

- Alexander Walker 1708-1792
 - Sp. Esther Gray
 - Alexander Walker Jr.
 - John Walker 1732 Augusta Co. VA 1792 Chester Co. SC Sp. Jeane
 - 3. John Walker
 - 3. Samuel Walker
 - 3. William Walker
 - 3. Martha Walker
 - 3. Charles Walker
 - 3. Alexander Walker
 - Robert Walker 1736-1793
 - Sp. Jane Ferguson d. before 1790
 - 3. Esther Walker 1761
 - Sp. Stephen McElhenny
 - 4. James McElhenny
 - 4. Robert Walker McElhenny
 - 4. John Alexander McElhenny
 - William Henry McElhenny 1810-1877
 Sp. Ann Elmina Downing 1817-1844

- 5. Susan Caroline McElhenny1844
- 5. James Leander McElhenny 1849
- 5. Martha Ann McElhenny 1856
- 3. Agnes Walker 1763-1815
 - Sp. Abraham Gill 1765-1815
 - 4. Robert Walker Gill 1792-1834
 - Sp. Elizabeth 1800-1845
 - 5. Juliet Agnes Gill 1824-1882
 - Sp. Dr. Alexander Pearson Wylie 1816-1877
 - 6. Walker Gill Wylie 1848-1923
 - Robert Hawthorne Wylie 1863-1933
 - 4. Mary A. Gill 1794
 - 4. Eli Gill 1796-1834
 - 4. Josiah H. Gill 1798
 - 4. Lucinda Jane Gill 1801-1885
- Elizabeth Walker 1765-1804
 Sp. John Cooper 1751-1804
- 3. Alexander Walker 1868 died in Stewart County, TN
- 3. James Henry Walker1770-1803
 - Sp. Mary Love 1774-1831
 - 4. Jane Henry Walker
 - 4. Robert Alexander Walker
 - 4. Anna Love Walker
- 3. Jane Walker 1773
- 3. JoAnna Walker 1776
- 3. Robert Walker Jr 1778
- Samuel Walker 1738-1781
- 2. Philip Walker Esquire b.1740 in VA d.1794 in SC
 - Sp. Rebecca Guy b.1742 in VA d.1826
 - Esther Walker 1764-1826
 - Sp. Jonathan Hemphill 1760-1826
 - Charles Jonathan Hemphill1789-1884
 Sp. Rebecca Boyle m. 1820
 - Nancy Agnes Hemphill 1791-1862
 Sp. Co. James Liddell 1788-1859
 - Isabella Hemphill
 Sp. Gerard
 - Philip Walker Hemphill 1804
 Sp. Elizabeth Cunningham 1825
 - Philip Walker, Jr. Sp. Martha
 - 3. Alexander Walker 1773-d.1835 in Selma, AL
 - Sp. Susan Wylie b. 1772 d. 1866 in Selma, AL
 - Susan Jane Walker 1819-1882
 - Sp. Abraham Gill Walker Bradford 1818-1882
 - 5. Mary Elizabeth Bradford 1842

- 5. John Wylie Bradford 1854
- Robert Walker Bradford 1850
- Samuel Walker 1776 d. 1852 in Calhoun County, AL Sp. Martha Fleming
- William Guy Walker 1783 1854 Chester County, SC
 Sp. Jennett Wylie 1790 1860 Chester County, SC
 - 4. Boyd Walker
 - 4. W.D. Walker
 - Mary B. Walker b. Chester County d. Alabama James Reedy (Alabama)
 - 4. John M. Walker
 - William Hawthorne Walker b. 1814 SC d. 1897 AR
 Sp. Nancy Agnes Ross b. 1823 SC d. 1906 AR m. 1843
 (see Walker Journal for their 7 children)
 - Sarah "Sally" A. Walker 1817- 1888 Alverda, Texas Sp. George Roberson Lilly
 - 5. Sarah Lilly
 - Sp. William M. Gill
 - 6. Paula Gill Miller (CA)
 - Samuel Walker 1819 moved to Baxter County, AR Sp. Martha
 - 4. Charles Madison Walker 1828
 - 4. Jane Isabella Walker 1831
 - Sp. Thomas Shannon (five children)
- 3. James H. Walker 1785 1845
 - Sp. Martha Tedford-had 4 children Shelby County, Texas
 - Rebecca Walker 1813
 Sp. Jonathan Walker 8 children
 - 4. Philip Walker1815
 - Sp. Elizabeth Cooper
 - 4. Joseph W. Walker 1818 17 children
 - Sp. Mary Walker
 - Sp. Amanda Yarbrough
 - 5. Beth Walker San Antonio, Texas
 - 4. James Merrill Walker 1827 AL 19 children Sp. Lucinda Reynolds
 - Sp. Mary Ann McKenzie
- 3. Robert Walker

Walker Journal And the Scotch-Irish

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, Scotland was settled some 2,300 years ago. These settlers and invaders included Celts, Norsemen, Romans and Scots.

In order to understand the Scotch people from the 1500's until after the War Between the States; a person needs to have a working knowledge of the Protestant Reformation and Calvinism. For the average person it has become very difficult to obtain history in this nation. Much has been left out or has been horribly revised. What is even worse, most people in America are not the least bit interested in finding the truth.

One of the features distinguishing the Scotch-Irish as a people was their willingness, perhaps even eagerness, to seek happier circumstances through migration. Their diaspora began in the seventeenth century with the movement of tens of thousands of Scots across the North Channel of the Irish Sea to Ulster Ireland. But when their circumstances there became unbearable, they proved willing to pack up again and move to a land they had never seen and knew only by reputation. Once in America they continued to display a readiness to move again and again, predominantly south and west from the main port of entry at Philadelphia, into the mountain frontiers of the new land. In fact, the first white man through the Cumberland Gap was Thomas Walker in 1754. Most of Eastern Virginia was already settled by English and Germans along with a few French Huguenots. The Scotch-Irish only had access to the land that was left between the people of the east and the Indians. They became very well adapted as Indian fighters. They were the defense of the frontier on down into the Carolinas. Willingness to move became a part of the Scotch-Irish culture.

Our Walker line came from these Scottish Covenanters. They were Protestants of the Presbyterian faith. We have traced our Walker lineage back to the lowlands of Scotland in the southwestern part of the country near Ayr. King James I started the Plantation Act of 1610, where he opened Northern Ireland (Ulster) to the Scottish and English settlers. James I favored the Protestant Religion, but years later James II favored the Catholics. It was during this time the Protestants were persecuted. During the mid-to-late 1600's the Anglican Church butchered thousands of people in the Lowlands of Scotland, including women and children. Many people from Scotland and thousands from Northern Ireland migrated to North America. These people are called Scotch-Irish.

The Walkers arrived at the port of Philadelphia in the 1700's. They proceeded to move southward through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to what is today called Chester County, South Carolina. Our ancestors were neither aristocrats nor famous people. They were mainly farmers. They were decent, ambitious, God-fearing people who had nothing to do with clans, tartans, and bagpipes.

According to the Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia; Vol. III; the Scotch-Irish immigrants settled Augusta County, Virginia in the early 1700's. Tinkling Springs Meeting House was the first Presbyterian Church in the Shenandoah Valley. Our Walkers stayed in the Tinkling Springs area for about sixty years. Using the Great Wagon Road, the following families left Virginia for South Carolina: Elliots, Ramseys, Walkers and Guys (sometimes spelled Gay).

Alexander Walker was born in Ayr, Scotland around 1708. It appears he left Scotland for North Ireland in early manhood and settled in Antrim County. He married Esther Gray (although that surname has never been proven). They came to America together, and had five sons:

- Alexander Walker Jr.
- John Walker (b. 1732 in Augusta County, Virginia d. 1792 Chester County, South Carolina)
- Robert Walker 1736-1793)
- 4. Samuel Walker (1738-1781)
- Philip Walker, who was our direct lineage.

Philip Walker (1740-1794) was born near Tinkling Springs in Augusta County, Virginia. He married Rebecca Guy (1742-1826), the daughter of Captain Samuel Guy (abt. 1720 – 1799) and Jean Bratton Guy (abt. 1720 – 1795). Philip was a captain in the Revolutionary War. In 1776 he raised a company of men to fight in the Cherokee War, and fought in the revolutionary battles in the Carolinas. On October 29, 1777 Philip and Rebecca's neighbors, Captain Peter Nance and William Henderson, hired a man to bite Philip's ear off. After that date Philip was forever known as "Philip Walker, Esquire". Philip Walker died in 1794 in the Camden District of South Carolina, where he had been the justice of the peace and constable for the past 14 years. Philip and Rebecca Guy Walker's children were:

- Esther Walker (1764-1834) married Jonathan Hemphill and had four children. They moved to Jackson County, Georgia.
- 2. Philip Walker Jr. married Martha?.
- Alexander Walker (1773-1835) married Susan Wylie, the sister to Jennet Wylie. They moved to Selma, Alabama.
- Samuel Walker (1776-1852) married Martha Fleming and moved to Calhoun County, Alabama.
- William Guy Walker (1783-1854) married Jennet Wylie (1790-1860) sister to Susan Wylie, and daughter of William Wylie (1760 -1830) and Isabella Kelso Wylie (1755 – 1821), and had seven children.
- James Walker (1785-1845) married Martha Tedford and had four children. They
 moved to Shelby County, Texas.
- 7. Robert Walker (unknown).

William and Jennet Wylie Walker lived and died in Chester County, South Carolina. (We also have a lot of information on the Wylie Family). William Walker inherited most of the Walker land in Chester County that was settled by his grandfather Alexander Walker and his father Philip Walker Esquire. In the 1850 census William and Jennet Walker had 17 slaves and his land value was \$10,996.00. William and Jennet Walker had ten children:

- Boyd Walker
- 2. W. D. Walker
- 3. Peter Washington Walker (1824-)
- 4. Mary B. Walker married James Reedy and moved to Alabama
- 5. John M. Walker
- William Hawthorne Walker (1814-1897) married Nancy Agnes Ross and moved Cleveland County, Arkansas and had seven children.

- Sarah "Sally" A. Walker (1817-) married George Roberson Lilly and moved to Alverda, Texas and had four children. She died 10/9/1888.
- 8. Samuel Walker (1819-) moved to Baxter County, Arkansas and had six children.
- 9. Charles Madison Walker 1828
- 10. Jane Isabella Walker 1831 married Thomas Shannon and had five children.

William Hawthorne "Thorn" Walker and Nancy "Agnes" Ross Walker moved to Cleveland County, Arkansas. Their oldest son, William H. Walker Jr., wrote a letter about their move and his life in Arkansas. This letter is as follows:

William "Bill" Hawthorne Walker, Jr. 1844-1932

" I was born in Chester District (now Chester County) South Carolina on January 7th, 1844 about two miles south of the little town of Chester. My father's name was William Hawthorne "Thorn" Walker and my mother's name was Nancy Agnes Ross. Father's father was William Walker and my mother was the daughter of Jane and Wherry Ross. The Walkers were of Scotch-Irish stock as I recall, and my Mother's were Scotch and English. Instead of the common salutation to parents of that day (Pa and Ma) we were taught to say Pair and Mair. Why this was, I do not know. My people were slave holders, and left Chester District South Carolina for Arkansas about the month of September or October year 1854, with only a few of the slaves, about 26 in number if I recall right. We had, as best as I recall about 5 hacks and maybe eight or ten wagons drawn by mules and horses, with some few head of cattle. The slaves did the driving, and I don't seem to remember any of their names but Aunt Letty (my mammy) and her son Ju, and his child Arch. The slaves always set up camp at night and cooked the food around an open fire. We never stopped very long for camp I recall but we did camp for two or three days in the mountains once, where we saw many bears. I remember too that the trees were turning in color.

I was about nine years old when my Father and Mother decided to leave South Carolina for Arkansas. It caused much speculation and excitement in the vicinity, as best I can remember at this late date. We were about seven or eight weeks on the way. Leaving Chester, South Carolina we passed through the state of North Carolina and over the mountains (which was not easy as I recall) and through the state of Tennessee. I was allowed to get out of the wagon and walk late in the afternoons just before camp time, if my mammy's grandson Arch walked with me. I recall this was pleasant to be able to stretch my legs.

My people, back in South Carolina, were formerly neighbors to lots of fine folk, who had already come to Arkansas. Among the names I recall some of them relatives; the Wylie's (father and mother of Peter and Dekalb Wylie, Ross and Lafayette Wylie), Alexander Pinchback and family, the Jamisons, the Ross family, afterwards known well in Dallas County, Arkansas, the Archers, and the McCombs. I remember Aunt Wherry White toward the end of the war was tortured with live coals on her face by the carpetbaggers, which eventually caused her death. She had been quite wealthy at one time, but her wealth was in slave holdings and the war left her with nothing. She was a sister to my mother, and the mother of Jane Pinchback, wife of Alexander Pinchback.

My Father was a man who liked adventure, and I suppose this coming west meant much to him. I know that the coming of Aunt Wherry White, and the others was the prime cause of my family coming west. Aunt Jency, the wife of DeKalb Wylie was also a sister of my Mother, and all of these had preceded my family to Arkansas.

I cannot recall, at this late date too much about the points westward bound. I remember when we reached the town of Memphis, Tennessee my Father had information that it was impossible to travel direct by land to Dallas County. All our belongings were loaded on a steamboat, and we went from there down the river to Gaines Landing where we unloaded and started west again. I recall we passed through what is now the town of Monticello. This was late in the fall of 1854. We reached our destination just before Christmas. I don't remember much about the Christmas, only that there was gay celebration for the grown ups, and a dance. We were all glad to be with my Mother's family. I remember on Christmas morning the bible was

read at the breakfast table. The slaves cooked much food at my aunt's home, and put holly up over the doors in the hallway. I remember the winter was a severe one that year, which I think surprised my folks.

We stayed with my aunt and camped the slaves for some time. My Father traveled over the country seeking out a good home and good land for us. He finally selected a spot in Saline Township, containing about 500 acres, which he purchased from the government, at about twenty cents an acre, and we moved onto this land in 1854, built a home, and my parents lived there until both died, my Father at the age of 86, and my Mother at the age of 80.

I had two brothers, John Alexander Walker (married Julia McLendon). Their children: First child died as an infant, buried in Grace Cemetery; Johnny Walker, Charlie Walker, Beatrice Walker, Hawthorne Walker, Mack Walker, Hugh Walker (died young), Gertrude Walker, Maxie Walker, Alton Walker, Joseph Cullen Walker and twin Julia Walker. Julia died at age eight months. My other brother Peter Washington Walker died at the age of 28 and is buried at Hampton Springs Cemetery near Carthage, Arkansas.

I had four sisters: 1. Jane Miller Walker married Jim Thomas. 2. Elizabeth Frances (Frank) Walker, (who was considered a very beautiful young woman) married Benjamin Lea of Princeton. He was a widower and had two sons Nat and Bob Lea. Nat was a very special friend of mine. 3. Anna Hawthorne Walker married James Madison Cheshier and had four children. James Cheshier died and is buried in Caldwell, Kansas. Ann Walker Cheshier came back to Cleveland County, Arkansas and married Billy Garner. They had four children. 4. Mary Ross Walker married Will Benson of Dallas County and had six children.

I married Mildred Lewis Harrison, daughter of Edmond and Eliza Harrison on the 12th day of Feb. 1869. Our marriage took place at the home of my wife's parents in Saline Township about 5 O'clock P.M. followed by a wedding supper. The next night there was a dance on infair (with supper served at my Father's home). My wife with her family came to Arkansas from near Raleigh, North Carolina. My father in law was originally from Harrisonburg, Virginia. The town gets its name from that Harrison Family. My father in law, was a slave owner, a good farmer, and was quite active in affairs of the law, having read law and medicine quite extensively. He had been educated in Raleigh.

As children we were taught by my Mother, then later we were taught along with some other children at Brushwood Church (a log building where traveling preachers came). Our teacher was a lady (can't recall her name) but she later married a Harrison. My schooling was interrupted by the war. Although I did later attend two sessions of Arithmetic Schools at Brushwoods. My wife was educated at old Princeton Seminary, at Princeton, Arkansas.

My wife and I had four children. 1. Ida Walker married Tom Smith of Tulip, Arkansas. 2. Ada Walker died at age of five. 3. Willie Walker who died at the age of fourteen of fever. 4. Ola Walker married W. O. J. Gatling of Bearden, Arkansas with whom I make my home today.

THE WAR

By the fourth month of 1861, all the cotton states had withdrawn from the Union and had formed a strong government of our own.....The Confederate States of America, with Jefferson Davis, (who was originally from Mississippi) as president and the capitol was at Montgomery, Alabama. I was so anxious to get into the fight at this age, every one was in a state of high excitement, and my Mother was so grieved, I recall, I decided the best way was to just do as some others, which was to slip away, which I realize now was most unkind to my family, even though they sent a slave after me, and to be with me (he later disappeared and was never heard of again).

I joined the army in May 1861, at Princeton, Arkansas. Company I 12th Arkansas Infantry, under the command of Captain Flippin and Col. Gantt, and was sworn into service with my comrades about the old courthouse a week or two later around June 1, 1861. I left Princeton by foot, bound east.. I was then about 16 years old, (and the hardships I later encountered were hard for a boy of my age, and the experiences were bringing about quite a change in my life). I recall among my comrades who left Princeton with me: John Mann, Dave Mann, Albert Garner, Jim Garner, Lon McCoy, Will Harrison, Philip Smith, John Jones,

Sam Jones, Peter Taylor, Lloyd Massy (Lord Massy) we called him, he was quite a jokester and kept us in good spirits. He played all sorts of pranks, and could play a harp, and could sing a jug better than the next one, Jonathan Archer, and Andy Archer. We left Princeton in the afternoon. I remember we camped on the road from Tulip to Rockport, which is now Malvern, Arkansas. We marched to Little Rock where we boarded a steamboat on the Arkansas River bound to Helena and up to Memphis, where we camped all winter, drilling and training to get ready for the spring of 1862. In the summer of 1862 we were carried from Memphis (Camp at Thompson Creek) to Columbus, Kentucky by boat, under the command of Col. Ed Gantt of Tulip. We remained at Columbus about four weeks, and were carried thence by boat to Madrid, Missouri where we remained all winter. Measles were raging and took toll of many of our command. From there we were sent to Island N. 10, to fortify that post, as the Confederates had recently lost heavily, as I recall about 10,000, and had commander Albert S. Johnson. Here the Yankees moved down the Mississippi and heavy fighting took place, and after a bombardment lasting about three or four days, (we were ill of colds, measles, etc., no supplies or food) we were surrendered by Col. Gantt to the Blue Pants. (Capt. Flippin and Col. Gantt were never heard of again). We were then carried as prisoners of war up the Mississippi to Chicago, and imprisoned in a Cavalry Camp in the horse stalls. I think this place was near old Fort Dearborn, about six months, we were there. The Yankees had trained their men here at the beginning of the war. All the Confederate boys lived in the stalls. We suffered for food, as all we had was hard tack, and a little meat now and then which we cooked ourselves over open fires. The Yankees, really did not have the food to give us. As they were with out rations for their own men, they said. We were always cold, and the weather was very severe for us from the south, there was much disease. chicken pox, pneumonia, measles, our water was from Lake Michigan. The Yankees were rough on us at times, but were always glad to hear us sing at the fall of night, (those of us who were able to do so) Bonnie Blue Flag, Girl I left Behind, Leather Stockings, Billy in the New Ground, and others, I can't recall all the songs we would sing. Of course Lord Massy made things merry all the time even though he was quite ill some of the time, even the Blue Coats would get a laugh from him.

No man ever went near the guards or wall of 14 feet because you were shot on sight. We were taken out every day and searched for weapons of defense. This prison contained about eight acres, and there were about 800 or 900 prisoners, and about 400 died after about four months. Later we were paroled, and the Yankees took us down the river past Cairo to a place near Vicksburg, Mississippi, but on the Arkansas side, where we were put ashore, and they gave us food, most of us were very young boys and the Yankee Commands were trying to get us to desert, and go west, and join U.S. Army to fight in Forts against the Indians, as they needed fortification there badly.

We remained in this area about 15 days, camping and hiding in the woods, until we could get passage by boat to Vickburg, which place we did finally reach. There were several of us in the parole bunch from Brush Woods. Lon McCoy, P. Smith, the Jones, P. Taylor and Lord Massy. Some of my Co. had escaped capture on the surrender of Island No. 10, and were at Jackson, Mississippi, when we reached Vicksburg. We later joined them at Jackson. We had Jonathan Archer of Chester Township as our Captain and Tom Reed of Tulip as our Col. We were then sent to fortify Port Hudson, Louisiana. This was to protect the mouth of the Red River where supplies were brought from the west (Arkansas, Western La. And Eastern Mississippi). Also we had arms, medicine and food from Europe, smuggled across the Mexican border to Texas and brought to us, so of course the Yankee was wanting to siege this strong hold. Some very fine strategic warfare went on here for days. We underwent a long siege of bombardment, for days and days we were hungry. But kept our post because we knew that we would get ammunition and food, if we would just grit our teeth and hold out. We were inside of breast works, which were in shape of a half moon, but miles long. The Yankees were camped on the outside, very near, and pushing in all the time, and charging every hour of daylight. We in turn would rise and fire, the Federal lost many men there, their approach was to tunnel to our breast works. We also made tunnels for our comrades to be able to sleep, while we would fire, then we would sleep. Our provisions were finally cut off and we were almost without ammunition and food. We again ate horse meat, for the lack of anything else. About this time Vicksburg was captured, this meant a complete stoppage of our supplies, we were very despondent, (also dug trenches and covered with logs and branches, leaving a hole to crawl in, this was a protection from shells). We lost few men in comparison, but were starved out, at this point. The starving out of the south counted for more than the victories of the Yankees, in the final fall of the Confederacy. We were surrendered under Gen. Pemberton. The Yankees took charge of us, cooked and had us eat, and admitted they knew that we were not whipped but starved out, and out of ammunition, we were then carried to a boat and on to Natchez, Mississippi, where we were released on the Arkansas side, (those of us from the state of Arkansas, others were taken on up the river). We were a sorry looking lot, but we walked and begged our way back to Camden and on from Camden to Brush Woods, where we remained for three or four weeks. (There has always been a question in my mind about this point in here, but maybe I just don't know my history. M.G.T.) At the end of which time, we went back, Lord Massy and the others from Chester Township to the Battle of Prairie De Ann arriving after night. The battle was in progress, during the daytime, but we were there too late to take a very active part. From thence we moved to Monticello then to Shreveport, La. under the command of Col. Tom Reed and Gen. E. Kirby Smith. No more battles of consequence were fought after Prairie De Ann. From Shreveport my command drifted southward and surrendered around the old Courthouse Square at Marshall, Texas about June 1865.

We all went back to our homes not like they were when we left, but good to be back again.

We were still a proud but broken people in the cotton states, and the war left scars that can not be forgotten. The reconstruction period was worse!"

William Hawthorne Walker, CSA

Thorn (1814 – 1897) and Agnes Walker (1823 – 1906) had relatives in Arkansas encouraging them to leave South Carolina. There were many of Thorn's mother's Wylie relatives already living in Arkansas. Agnes also had a sister, Elizabeth "Wherry" Ross White, and brother, Francis (Frank) Ross, living in Dallas County, Arkansas. Thorn and Agnes Walker settled in Cleveland County, Arkansas calling their new home Greywood. They bought 500 acres for twenty-five cents an acre. Those remembering Thorn Walker said he had long whiskers to his waist before he died, and Agnes was very small in stature and humped shouldered before she died. After Thorn's death, Agnes lived with her daughter, Annie Garner. Thorn and Agnes Walker are both buried in Grace Cemetery in Cleveland County. Their descendants are as follows:

- William "Bill" H. Walker, Jr. CSA Jan. 7. 1844- August 30. 1931. He married Mildred Lewis Harrison and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Rison, Arkansas.
- 2. Jane Miller Walker April 6, 1846 1929 married Jim Thomas, brother to Will Thomas. She is buried in Kingsland, Cemetery in Kingsland, Arkansas.
- Peter Washington Walker Sept. 13, 1848 1873 is buried in Hampton Springs Cemetery in Dallas County, Arkansas.
- Elizabeth Francis (Aunt Frank) Walker May 30, 1850 1932 married Will Thomas and buried in Kingsland Cemetery, Arkansas.
- Anna "Annie" Hawthorne Walker Sept. 20, 1852 1923 married James Madison Cheshier and had four children. After Mr. Cheshier's death, she married William "Billy" Garner and had three children. She is buried in Kennedy Cemetery in Cleveland County, Arkansas.
- 6. Mary Ross Walker Feb. 2, 1856 1921 married William Benson and is buried in Princeton Cemetery in Dallas County, Arkansas.
- 7. John Alexander Walker Oct. 2, 1864 July 30, 1945 married Julia Frances McLendon (1869 1949), the daughter of Leonidas McLendon CSA (1846 1928) and Maxie Ann Missouri John (1847 1935). John Walker is buried at Grace Cemetery in Cleveland County, and Julia Walker is buried at Primrose Cemetery in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

John and Julia Walker moved from Cleveland County to Sheridan in Grant County, where twins Joseph Cullen and Julia Bell Walker were born. Julia died at eight

months, and she is buried in the Sheridan Cemetery. They moved from Sheridan to south of Prattsville in the Philadelphia Community in Grant County, Arkansas. They later moved into the old DuVall place in Tull, (Saline County) Arkansas. In the early 1920's they moved to Pulaski County, south of Little Rock in the Granite Mountain Community where they started in the dairy business. John and Julia with sons Hawthorne and Alton moved back to Grant County on highway 270 near Sheridan in 1941. Hawthorne and Alton (bachelors) are buried in Philadelphia Cemetery in Grant County. Their married children Charlie, Beatrice, Maxie, Johnny and Joe remained with their families in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Charlie and his wife Myrtice Ray moved to Benton, Arkansas. The Walker Brothers Dairy prior to 1941 was run by John Alexander Walker and sons Hawthorne, Mack (died in a hunting accident in 1936), Johnny, Alton and Joe Walker. Children of John and Julia Walker are:

- Hugh Eugene 1888 died at age 10 and he is buried at Grace Cemetery in Cleveland County, Arkansas in an unmarked grave.
- 2. Charlie Alexander 1889 1956
- 3. Beatrice 1892 -1972
- 4. William "Hawthorne" 1893 1981
- 5. Lendon "Mack" 1896 1936
- 6. Anna "Gertrude" 1899 1933
- 7. Maxie 1901 1994
- 8. John Butler 1903 1956
- 9. Alton Tom 1905 1973
- 10. Joseph Cullen 1907 1981 and Julia Bell 1907 1908

Joseph Cullen Walker was named for the founder of the Woodsmen of the World, Joseph Cullen Root. He married Francis Lucille Newman, the daughter of Benjamin Thomas Newman (1883 – 1961) and Cora Ellen Armstrong Newman (1886 – 1930), on January 31, 1929 at Mabelvale Methodist Parsonage by Reverend Fred Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright stood up with them, and some Mabelvale High School students were there as witnesses. Joe Walker soon changed the name Lucille to "Bill", but to everyone else she was Lucy. Joe age 21, and Lucy age 18, moved into an apartment on the corner of 28th and Arch Streets in Little Rock. It was a second floor apartment above a neighborhood grocery store. Joe Walker worked across 28th Street at the first ESSO service station in Little Rock. The station was owned by Mr. Quay Grace, who was not only Joe's employer but also his good friend. The next year the Lord blessed them with a beautiful baby girl, Betty Lucille Walker, born on January 4, 1930. The Walker family moved to a house about a block from their apartment on Gaines Street.

Because of the depression, the Walkers moved from Gaines Street after only a few months. Joe went back to work for his father, John Alexander Walker, and the Walker Brothers Dairy. The dairy was located south of Little Rock on about eighty acres at the old DeWitt place on the Sweet Home Cut-Off. Joe and Lucy rented the old Woolridge schoolhouse which was about a half a mile from the dairy. That is where the Lord blessed me with godly parents and a pretty older sister that finally ended up being as sweet as she is pretty.

Joe Cullen Walker, Jr 1808 Russenberger Rd. Little Rock, AR 72206 (501-888-1169) Born March 4, 1934 Jwalkryn@aristotle.net

Descendants of Joseph Cullen Walker Sr. and Francis Lucille Newman Walker

Joseph Cullen Walker, Sr. b. May 23, 1907 d. March 4, 1981

- + Francis Lucille Newman b. Sept 3, 1910 d. Aug. 4, 1994
 - 2 Betty Lucille Walker b. Jan. 4, 1930
 - + Henry David Singley Jr. June 8, 1927 d. July 10, 1986 (div)
 - 3 Donna Sue Singley b. Feb. 24, 1949
 - + Ronald Snead (div)
 - 4 Christy Suzanne Snead Nov. 15, 1971
 - +Lee Gray Sept. 24, 1964
 - 5 Samuel Lee Gray b. May 24, 2000
 - 4 Ronald Matthew Snead Dec. 4, 1976
 - + Leigh Ann Riddling May 24, 1979
 - 5 Jackson Matthew Snead Jan. 9, 2006
 - + Myron Huitt b. Feb. 23, 1947
 - 3 Henry David Singley III b. Nov. 5, 1950
 - + Pat Rodgers (div)
 - 4 Henry David Singley IV (Hank) June 6, 1977
 - + Heather Rutherford Feb. 15, 1979
 - 5 Henry David Singley V Sept. 15, 2005
 - + Carolyn Snead b. Oct 31, 1953
 - 3 Deborah Kay Singley b. August 6, 1952
 - + Larry Pinkerton b. Jan. 25, 1953
- 2 Joe Cullen Walker Jr. b. March 4, 1934
 - +Barbara Ann Dalrymple b. Sept. 4, 1937 (div)
 - 3 Joseph Cullen Walker III (Doak) b. July 13, 1960
 - 4 Tyler Wayne Lilley b. Jan. 13, 1985 (mother Wendy Lilley nm)
 - +Julie Marie Grauer b. May 1, 1964 (div)
 - 4 Joseph Cullen Walker IV b. March 1, 1986
 - + Carol Crane (div)
 - 3 William Duke Walker b. Jan. 25, 1962
 - + Sarah Catherine Rose b. Dec. 26, 1966 (div)
 - 4 Catherine Rose Walker (Katie) b. Aug. 21, 1995
 - 4 Hannah O'Shea Walker b. May 30, 1998
 - 3 Diane O' Shea Walker b. March 21, 1964
 - + Randell Doyne Siler b. Nov. 10, 1960
 - + Kathryn Sue Pool Cole b. April 19, 1945

The following Chester County Deeds were sent in several years ago. I do not know who sent them in. We would like to thank you.

Clerk of County's Office Book C, page 330

James Chestnut buys 150 acres of land from John Jacob Culp for 50 pounds sterling money. Located on both sides of Little Rocky Creek and bounded by George Cherry, the Widow Carr and John Culp.

Paper dated September 4, 1787, and witnessed by Andrew Graham, Alexander Chestnut and John McDill. The affidavit dated January 2, 1794, and signed by John Bell J. P.

This land granted to John Jacob Culp by Governor Lyttleton, August 13, 1756, in the 13th year of the Reign of George II. Grant recorded in office of the Secretary of State page 53.

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 \$800.00 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 tract containing 368 acres conveyed to William Stuart by deed dated September 22, 1795. Bounded by Charleston and Saluda Roads. Witnessed by John Wilson and Peter Petree.

The following article was submitted by Ellen Bramlett Clarke. We want to thank Ellen for submitting the article.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN CRANFORD

By Ellen Bramlett Clarke, Ed. D.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN CRANFORD, prominent citizen, Confederate War veteran, teacher, and longtime newspaper correspondent, was born on his father's plantation near Chalkville, in western Chester County, SC, September 26, 1845. He was the only son of FERDINAND and CAZEAN [also written COZA ANN and COSEAN] HILL CRANFORD. FERDINAND CRANFORD (b. August 30, 1809; d. June 1, 1877), was the son of JOSIAH and WINIFRED WILKES CRANFORD. Ferdinand had six brothers and four sisters:

Wesley, Coleman, James Arthur, Meredith, Reuben, William Sallie, Martha, Nancy and Winifred.

CAZEAN (b. August 16, 1828; d. June 20, 1859) was the daughter of BENJAMIN and ABIGAIL HILL, who lived in the Wilkesburg section of western Chester County. FERDINAND and CAZEAN were married on August 14, 1844, and had four children:

William Benjamin Cranford, b. September 26, 1845; d. September 19, 1927 Cleopatra Cranford, b. November 18, 1846; d. January 3, 1847 Medorah Cranford, b. March 9, 1853; d. June 20, 1859 Elphroney Cranford, b. May 4, 1854; d. June 9, 1859

In June 1859, during an epidemic of typhoid fever (or dysentery?) that swept through the community, Cazean and two of her daughters died. Her husband and son were also stricken with the disease but were able to make a full recovery. Ferdinand never remarried. In early 1865, near the end of the Confederate War, he served with the South Carolina state militia until Lee's surrender. Following the war, he farmed and was magistrate for many years in Chalkville – an area between Brushy Fork Baptist Church and Wilkesburg. He died at his home on June 1, 1877. Probably Ferdinand and his wife are buried in the Mitchell/Cranford family cemetery near his home below Brushy Fork Baptist Church on Woods Ferry Road in West Chester County. There are, however, no inscribed markers for them in this old cemetery. In December 1877, Ferdinand's home place of 162 acres was sold by Wiliam Benjamin to Mary Moore Cranford, wife of Theophilus Cranford, only son of Ferdinand's brother Coleman and his first wife? Cahill Cranford.

In 1861, young William Benjamin, aged 16, enlisted in Co. E, 1st Regiment, South Carolina Artillery, of the Confederate Army. Not much is known about his service during the war or his education but it is reported that he taught school for a few years. My father, John Wesley Bramlett, Sr., (1904-1982) wrote, "I remember Mr. Ben right well. My grandfather, John Wesley Wilkes, Jr., used to go by to see him when I drove him to Chester. Mr. Cranford ran a store then near Wilkesburg. He and Grandfather were Confederate Veterans and liked to talk of the old days. Mr. Cranford had been a school teacher, lived close here [the Wilkes family home in Baton Rouge] and taught at Calvary [School - located at Calvary Baptist Church] for some time, but that was before my time."

On October 10, 1868, WILLIAM married VICTORIA C. HILL (b. March 19, 1851) daughter of WILLIAM E. and MARTHA MORGAN HILL of the Baton Rouge section of Chester County, SC. The couple had the following children:

Alice Cary Cranford, b. October 7, 1870; d. June 21, 1932 (married Henry J. Kitchens of Lockhart)

Cassy Anna Cranford, b. March 9, 1872 Anderson Walker Cranford, b. July 28, 1874; d. January 12, 1923 Martha Ada Cranford, b. January 12, 1879 Henry Ernest Cranford, b. May 16, 1885 Katie Cranford, b. January 26, 1890 Wilbur Linton Cranford, b. September 12, 1893; d. June 5, 1945

The Cranford family moved from Wilksburg to the eastern part of Lockhart, a small village located on both sides of Broad River and, at that time, in both Chester and Union Counties. For many years, under the pseudonym of "HOMO," William Benjamin was the local correspondent of news in Baton Rouge for the CHESTER REPORTER and subsequently of Lockhart for THE UNION TIMES. William Benjamin was the enumerator for District 72 of Union County for the 1900 census taken June 5, 1900. He and his family are listed in this district which included the Lockhart Cotton Mill of the Pinckney Township.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN CRANFORD was involved in newspaper writing for 50 years—for 20 of those years, he wrote columns for *THE UNION TIMES* of Union, SC. His was a weekly account of local news mixed occasionally with some genealogy. Although it was common knowledge that he was a reporter, he identified himself only as "HOMO" in the newspaper. Below is the last article he wrote for THE TIMES before he retired [the column has no date but it was no doubt in the early 1920's]. As the reader can see, he remained incognito until the end of his career.

LOCKHART.

Married on the evening of the 26th inst. by Rev. J. F. Pittman, Mr. John L. Mathias and Miss Edna Kitchens of Lockhart. Mrs. Mathias is an attractive daughter of Mr. and Ms. H. J. Kitchens while Mr. Mathias is a trusted employee of Lockhart Mill Co.

Mrs. H. E. Cranford of Durham, N. C. is expected today as a visitor at the home of this scribe.

The young Misses Mozelle Kirkpatrick and Jenette Blair of Union have returned after a week's visit at the home of Miss Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burdette.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gregory are very much elated over the arrival of a fine boy.

Prof. L. A. Gossett, who was principal of the Lockhart school, accompanied by Mrs. Gossett, were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burdette.

Rev. J. F. Pittman filled his pulpit Sunday after a vacation of a few weeks.

There are glorious first times and sorrowful last times. The farmer rejoices when he hauls in the first load of corn and often sorrows at the last load because there are no more. The young correspondent is pleased the first time he sees his lines in type above his or her chosen signature. If you will pardon the personal pronoun, I have been a correspondent for some periodical for 50 years and for The Union Times, off and on, for over 20 years. I am the only one left save one of the old correspondents. I will not name him as he is still in single blessedness. Yes, there is Vox, that old veteran, who could wield his pencil so glibly. Whose letters had an individuality of their own. Then there was the late lamented "Moxy", who not only wrote interesting letters to *THE TIMES* but talked *TIMES* and possibly dreamed *TIMES*. They have passed to the great beyond, where there is no death or society news to report.

When I consider all the scribes so linked together, I've seen around me fall,

Like leaves in wintry weather
I feel like one who treads some banquet hall
Deserted where lights have fled,
Whose garlands dead.
And all but he departed.

So now admitting my inability to run after with any prospect of overtaking news, or the probability of meeting it until it is weather beaten I take my leave as a regular correspondent, hoping we may all live in such a manner that we may meet above where the word farewell is never spoken.

HOMO.

A grandaughter of William Benjamin Cranford gave a copy of the following letter to John Wesley Bramlett, Sr., in 1962 while he was collecting information about the Cranfords for Ivan Bass's book, *Thomas Wilkes and his Descendants*. This letter dated September 7, 192? [probably 1924], is written to his youngest child and son, Wilbur, and provides some Cranford family history.

Dear Wilbur,

Your kind letter came today (Sunday noon). I was glad to hear from you but sorry to hear that you were not well. I truly hope that you have fully recovered. I hope that your affairs will go to suit you all right and that you will be prosperous. This leaves us well or just as well as two old timers might be expected. Your mother is some better. She has gone out to H's this evening. I can get about much better than I have in some time.

Well, Son, I will write what I can about my father's people. My great grandfather came from Pennsylvania to Rockingham, NC. I do not know what his given name was nor where his birthplace was, but the family I have heard was Dutch. I have heard he had seven sons. This is rather fishy but Cousin Nano [Nannie Chalk Cranford, daughter of Coleman and Mary Chalk Cranford told me that she had it from her grandmother (Mrs. Chalk) a very old and intelligent lady that Josiah, my grandfather, came down from NC and married a daughter of Thos. Wilks [Note: she was a daughter of Abner Wilks, son of Thomas], a very well-to-do old settler. Now that much is true as I have seen her and I suppose that she was a Christian woman. I heard her funeral preached at Brushy Fork Church over seventy years ago. That was the custom in that day. (I'll get my pen as you may want to preserve this.) It was preached by Jacky Kendrick (as he was familiarly) from the text, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." But to return to Cousin Nano Cranford's version, Josiah had seven brothers or six rather. I mean that there were seven boys of them and seven Wilks sisters. Josiah took one and remained here and as natural his brothers would visit him. The six each took a sister up to their home and none remained. [Note: Actually there were only three Wilks sisters who married Cranford brothers.]

My grandfather was in the war of 1812. I heard my father say that when he was young that a man came in one day and kissed his mother and he got mad and went to the rescue. He did not know that it was his father for you see my father was born in 1809 and if I do not know all the happenings that he knew, I came very near it. Think I know all worth relating.

My grandfather was not wealthy for he loved to linger when the wine and rum was to be had but he was well to do. He had a home just below old Chalkville. Father has often shown me when I was a boy but there were no signs of a house there at that time. All in woods. He was aristocracy. After grandmother died he made his home with Uncle Coleman. He died there in the early 50 yrs [1850's]. He had seven boys aged about as I write them. Wesley, Ferdinand, Coleman, Merideth, James, Reuben and William. Wesley did not marry to suit them and went west and died in Texas. The rest all got their start in life by overseering and I would suppose knew how to whip a negro to perfection. All had or owned more or less negroes and their own homes. All were good livers and independent. My Aunts' names were Sallie, Nancy, Martha

and Winnie. Elias Mitchell married the first two, Solomon Moore the next and James Bryant the next. All well to do men except Bryant who did not live long enough to tell what he was as he went to the war and there is no record of what became of him.

There was a man named Sam Morris who kept a tavern (whisky). He joined the church, poured out his whisky, sold his plantation and went west. Father [Ferdinand] and Uncle Elias bought him out and divided his land between them. Father was well to do, owned several negroes, and died in the year of 1877. He was a small man and would take no insults or insinuations. No one could do so with impunity. He would be on him like a duck on a junebug. It was a blow and the word came last. He was sort of a representative man in his time, was looked up to and considered a well-informed man, although his education was quite limited. I never saw him drunk or heard him curse. He held the office of Magistrate and also Captain as long as he desired it. I would suppose that he could have gone higher if he had desired. He was what one might call a gentleman of the old school. Kind to his friends and a terror otherwise. I have three sisters; Cleopatra, Madora and Elphrony. The 1st died in infancy. Elphrony died June 9th, Madora the 19th and Mother the 20th all in June 1859. Father and I were seriously sick at the time. Also all the negroes were sick and one died on the 19th as stated which made three deaths on the place in less than 24 hours. The disease was typhoid dysentery. The neighbors came in and took charge of everything. No one to do anything. Sometime, I think in August, Father rode out to the field and the grass and weeds reigned supreme. In the fall he sowed wheat, oats and turnips to feed us and meet the demands. Also some rve. He had plenty ahead. Corn to fatten his hogs and hav and cotton seed for the cattle. While he was very sad yet he got along very well without owing any man.

The Bible was bought in the early [18]50's therefore it must be near 75 years old. My mother loved to read it. When she found a chapter that appealed to her she would turn down a corner of the leaf of that particular chapter. As I remember she loved to read where Christ annointed the eyes of the blind man with spittle. And again the story of the Prodigal. She was a woman of very limited education and would have to partly spell over the words before pronouncing them. A woman of very deep piety. Her favorite hymn was "Amazing Grace" and she never tired of singing that. In 1865 father was called out with the state troops. That left the home without any person but the negroes. Mahaly a faithful slave if slave she might be called, was in charge. When Tecumsey Sherman came on his raid, she gathered up what she could bury in the earth. Among the rest was "Old Missus' Bible." It rained and the water soaked through the earth as you see. Just a word about Mahaly. She was the first negro father ever owned. After mother died (1859), she was the cook and general house keeper. A good faithful servant and continued to serve us after freedom until she married. She loved her "white folks" and thought them better than anyone else. Let us hope that she is in among the blest today. She was a Virginian. A negro trader brought her to S. C. Father bought her for \$800.00. Good and faithful. During the war she spun the thread that made our wearing apparel. You will see that some of the records are crossed out. Dr. Wade wrote that and (as you see) Father did not like that so all are in his hand writing written with a quill pen and home made ink pressed from oak balls with a dash of coperas to set it.

William's wife, VICTORIA HILL CRANFORD, died at Lockhart, SC, on January 14, 1925. Later in June of that same year, WILLIAM BENJAMIN moved into the Confederate Home in Columbia, SC; he died there on September 19, 1927. WILLIAM BENJAMIN and VICTORIA HILL CRANFORD were buried in the cemetery at Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Union County, SC.

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM BENJAMIN CRANFORD

Another Veteran Passes

Funeral services for William Bryan* Cranford, Confederate Veteran of this county, who died at 4:45 o'clock Monday morning [September 19] at the Confederate Infirmary at Columbia, will be held at the Lockhart Baptist church, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the Rev. Graham,

pastor, after which interment will be made in the graveyard of Mount Tabor Baptist.

Mr. Cranford was 82 years of age and was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and always took an active part in church work up until the infirmities of old age set in. On June 2, 1925, he entered the Confederate Infirmary. He was a member of Company E, First South Carolina Artillery regiment, during the Confederate war. He was a man of noble character and always ready "to dash into the midst of the conflict."

For many years he was a resident of Chester and has many friends here who will be grieved to learn of his death.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Alice Kitchens, of Lockhart, Mrs. Annie Gaston, of Chester, Mrs. Ada Deeson, of Spartanburg, and Mrs. Walter Hackney, of Durham, N. C., and two sons, Messrs. H. E. Cranford, of Wilmington, N. C., and W. L. Cranford, of Buffalo, N. Y.

THE CHESTER NEWS, September 20, 1927

* "Bryan" should be "Benjamin"

Additional notes:

- Ferdinand and Cazean Cranford are listed in the 1850 census as Ferdinand and Cazean Crawford. Ferdinand's place of birth is given as North Carolina.
- Names, birth and death dates in this article were provided to John W. Bramlett, Sr., by Mrs. W. J. Little who lived in Kelton, SC, in 1962. Mrs. Little was formerly Ada Grace Kitchens, daughter of Alice Cranford Kitchens and granddaughter of William Benjamin Cranford. Sources of data were the old Ferdinand Cranford Bible and other family records and documents.

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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 Jaggers, Francis Grisham and Major Grisham.

The following article was sent to us by Damien and Susan Aragon. We want to thank them for the article.

1878 Letter of David Harden to his cousin Nancy Harden By Damien & Susan Aragon

The letter was written by David Harden to his 1st cousin Nancy Harden. The letter is part of the Wilkes papers housed at the Winthrop University Archives, Rock Hill, SC. I corrected some spelling, items in (?) indicate unknown spelling or unknown word, items in [] are my comments for clarification.

David Harden born ca 1852 in Chester Co., SC, he was the son of Eli Cornwell Harden and Sarah "Sallie" (possibly Hill). Eli moved to Georgia prior to 1855; he is found in the 1860 census living at Woodstock, Cherokee, GA with the following: Eli C. Harden age 40, Sallie Harden age 29, Wm C. Harden age 14, Liza Harden age 12, Laura N. Harden age 10, David Q. Harden age 8, Anlilitia Harden age 5, and Joseph B. Harden age 1; also listed is a Martha Reinhart age 20 and teacher. David is listed as being born in South Carolina while the two youngest siblings were listed as being born in Georgia, thereby establishing the date of Eli's move to Georgia. Eli Cornwell Harden, according to "Heritage History of Chester County" Volume 1, is listed as a soldier from Chester Co., SC; so at the time of the war he must have come back to his home State to enlist. I'm still trying to establish that the Eli Cornwell Harden that joined the Cavalry from Chester, and served throughout the war, is the same man that moved to Georgia. Eli Cornwell Harden would have been 43 years old when the war started.

Eli's family moved from Cherokee Co., GA to Floyd Co., GA prior to 1870 as they are found in the 1870 and 1880 for that County. The Post Office where Eli and family were living in 1870 was Rome establishing the close proximity of where David worked and where his father lived. At this time I'm unable to identify any additional information about the descendants of David Harden if he left any.

Based on his letter it appears the David spent some time in Chester around the fall of 1876 for how long is currently unknown. David used the Hardin spelling in the letter I have chosen to use the Harden spelling everywhere else. Those wishing a .jpg, E-mailed copy of the letter, please E-mail me at damien@daragon.net.

The following people are listed in the letter:

- Nancy, Mary and Margaret "Maggie" Harden, daughters of Obadiah Harden and Paulina Worthy.
- John Calhoun Cornwell born April 1st, 1847, son of John Cornwell and Harriett P. Crosby. It appears he first married Laura A. Harden (sister of David Harden, author of the letter), according to Sara C. McBryde in "History of the Crosby Family"; copy located at Fairfield Archives and History, Winnsboro, SC. Laura died prior to 1877, and the 2nd marriage of John Calhoun took place Dec. 18th, 1877 to Sarah Melinda Hafner. This would explain why he would have been asking about his brother-in-law's 2nd marriage.
- His Uncle Henry Smith Harden, born Nov., 25th 1837, son of William Harden and Elizabeth Cornwell.

 George Cornwell, he most likely is referring to George Butler Cornwell born Nov., 24th, 1850, brother to John Calhoun Cornwell.

"Rome, GA Feb 22 [18]78 Miss Nannie Hardin Chester SC Dear Cousin.

Doubtless you will be taken by surprise when you receive a letter from me. I have never heard one word from any of you since I left old Chester. I guess you Mary and Maggie have all married. I understood that Calhoun Cornwell had married. Who did he marry? Well cousin Nannie their have been quite a number of marriages in this part of the county among them my sweetheart married wasn't it bad, oh!

You have no idea how extremely sorry I was. I bought crape and wore it for some time. Yet I stood it the best I could and now I think of Miss Maggie and could I only see her; I would love her as much as I once did. How are all our connections? Have Uncle Henry married? George Cornwell? When you write cousin Nannie please tell me all about every one all that you write will assuredly be met with much pleasure. I am so delighted in hearing from Chester tell Aunt Paulina that Miss Cattie went back on me.

Cousin Nannie Rome is called the City of seven hills after Rome Italy it is situated between two magnificent rivers Etowah and Oostanaula and several high summits around it, the Cemetery is on one of those high hills, and every Sunday the people go out on this cemetery hill and take evening chat its so nice you git a view of the entire city, the tower at the water works is perfectly splendid. I could give you a better description had I have the leisure but am in hast to go out in country this evening. Pa's family is all well last account I had of them. Cousin Nannie I received one request and accompanied by a sweet Valentine and also to speak a good for me. I am coming out to see her next Summer. [He appears to mean Maggie].

I have been in this city for 12 months stayed in Atlanta (7) months when I returned from S.C. Have a sewing machine office here. I am the general agent for ½ (D?y) counties in Ga and Ala. am selling the "Singer" in my territory I find a great many beautiful young ladies but none as pretty as the young ladies of Chester. Their was a theatrical troupe in town this week "Thornes" very good. Occasionally we have balls and sociables, and I know you would enjoy them if you were here.

My regards to all the family and friends news please (wri)te soon to your cousin Dave Hardin. (??) many Hardin (??)not get my mail next time.

P.S. Direct your letter to (Dave), Hardin (Ah'g) the Singer Mfg Co. Rome, Ga."

The following articles and picture were sent in by Russ Hall. We want to thank Russ for submitting them.

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FOR:

JAMES BELTON PICKETT

BIRTH: 25 Oct 1803 DEATH: 04 Jun 1842

PLACE: Chester District SC PLACE: Shreveport-Caddo-LA

MARRIED TO: PAULINA DeGRAFFENREID

(b. 16 Oct 1817 Chester District SC)

(d. 06 Jun 1899 Shreveport-Caddo-LA)

DATE: Circa 1832 PLACE: South Carolina

KNOWN CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE:

1. John

B: 21 Jul 1834

D: 01 Sep 1900 Shreveport LA

Chester Co SC MD: 03 Jun 1875

Carrie L. Dole

Bossier Parish, Louisiana

2. Sarah A. "Sallie"

B: 19 Jul 1837 SC

D: 07 Jun 1855 age 18

daughter) (only

MD: 19 Dec 1854 Bossier Parish

Robert C. Cummings of New Orleans, LA.

3. James

B: Circa 1838 SC D: Unknown

MD: Unknown

JAMES BELTON PICKETT, one of the founders of Shreveport, LA., was born in Chester County, South Carolina. He came to Claiborne (now Bossier) Parish on Red River and engaged in cultivating cotton. The family plantation was known as "The Orchard" and was located near Plain Dealing, Louisiana.

JOHN PICKETT, the son, was born in SC before his parents came to Louisiana in 1838. He was a student in 1852 at Centenary College while it was located in Jackson, Louisiana. He later finished his education at Irving College in Pennsylvania. From 1855 to 1862, he was a member of the Louisiana Legislature. In the Civil War, he served with the Trans-Mississippi Department of Army Supplies, under command of General Dick Taylor.

CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA:

02 Oct 1843 - Estate Sale - JAMES B. PICKETT, deceased. James B. Glenn and wife vs. JOHN PICKETT, et al, Chester

PAULINA (DeGRAFFENREID) PICKETT JAMES B. married second GILMER.

They are in 1850 Bossier Parish, 3rd Ward, Township 21, Page 296:

Dwelling #960 - Family #960:

GILMER	, James B.	35	Planter	R.E.	\$219,600.	Born KY
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	Eliza	12				AL
PICKET	T, JOHN	17	At home			SC (1833)
11	SARAH	14				SC (1836)
•	JAMES	12				SC (1838)
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CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

COTTAGE GROVE CEMETERY is located 17 miles north of Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana on La. Hwy. 3 and two miles northwest of Alden Bridge. The PICKETT plot is enclosed by a wrought iron fence, about 25 feet square and has four obelisk markers, nine graves with eight markers. Unused portion of the plot is covered with 12 inch marble flagstones.

PAULINA DeGRAFFENRIED
w. of James B Pickett
born: 16 Oct 1817
died: 06 Jun 1899

JAMES BELTON PICKETT born: 25 Oct 1803 died: 04 Jun 1842 SALLIE A. CUMMINGS w. of R C Cummings d/o J B & Paulina born: 19 Jul 1837 died: 07 Jun 1855

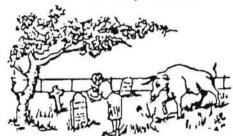
GEORGE DeGRAFFENRIED PICKETT

CLARENCE C. PICKETT Co. D 1st LA Reg't Sp. American War 1879 - 1929 Our Dear Brother born 31 Mar 1888 Cottage Grove LA died 23 Aug 1908

ROBERT C. COMMINGS born 03 Jun 1811 died 21 Jul 1892

FATHER
JOHN PICKETT
born 21 Jul 1834
Chester Dist. SC
died 01 Sep 1900
Shreveport LA

EDWARD CAMPBELL PICKETT eldest son of Carrie and John born 21 Aug 1877 died 07 Sep 1886



MOTHER
CARRIE L DOLES
wife of John
born 15 Aug 1852
Bossier Parish LA
died 27 Jan 1903
Collinsburg LA

BOSSIER PARISH, LA MARRIAGES 1843 - 1900 John Picket to Carrie L. Doles - 03 June 1875



Mrs. James Belton Pickett (1817 - 1899)
(Paulina DeGraffenried) and daughter
Sallie Pickett (1837 - 1855)
(Mrs. Robert C. Cummings)

Mrs. Paulina Pickett, descendant of Baron Christopher DeGraffenried, was born in the Chester District, South Carolina in 1817; she married James Belton Pickett of South Carolina and moved to Louisiana in 1832 with a large number of slaves, acquiring extensive plantations in what are now Caddo and Bossier parishes; they resided at "The Orchard" near Plain Dealing, La. Sallie married Robert C. Cummings of New Orleans, but died at the age of eighteen years. Pickett was one of the founders of Shreveport, Louisiana, buying the land from the Caddo Indians.

SALLIE A. CUMMINGS

Wife of R. C. CUMMINGS, only daughter of

JAMES B. PICKETT and PAULINA DEGRAFFENREID.

Born July 19, 1837 Died June 7, 1855

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

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

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

None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise.

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

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

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

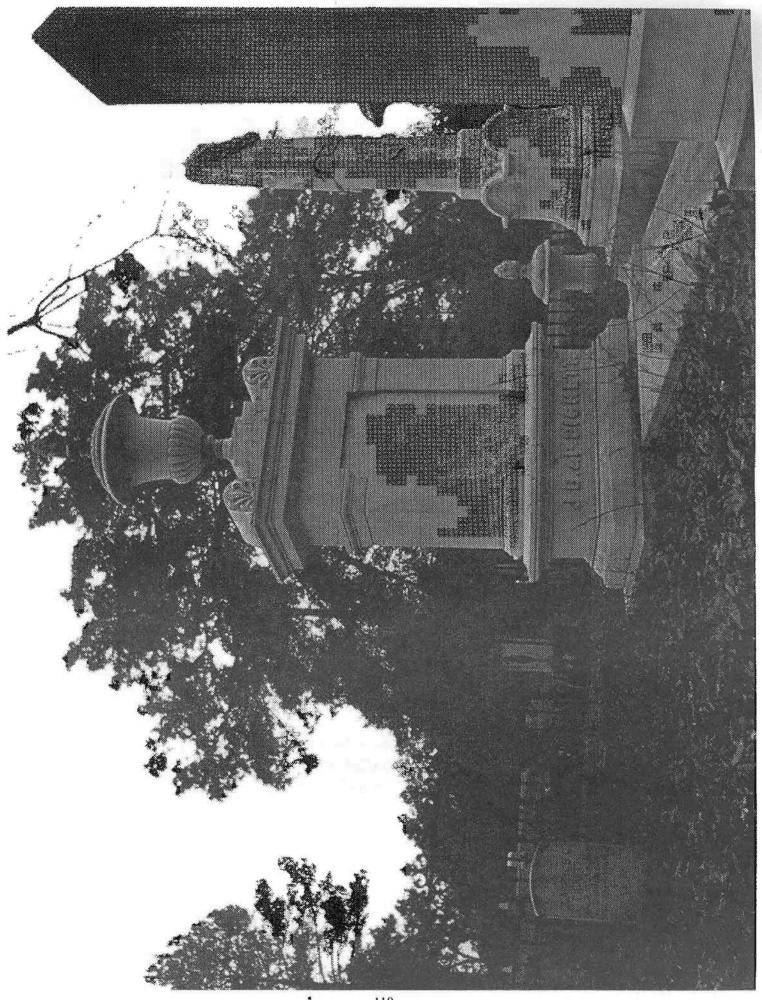
There is a reaper whose name is Death. He gazed at this flower with tearful eyes, He kissed its drooping leaves; It was for the Lord of Paradise, He bound it in his sheaves. It shall bloom in fields of light, Transplanted by my care; And Saints upon their garments white, This sacred blossom wear. The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

SALLIE A: PICKETT, shown here in her wedding gown, died of cholera one month before her eighteenth birthday. She had been married less than a year. Her monument stands 12 feet tall and is inscribed on all four sides with EVERY WORD on these two pages.



Cottage Grove Cemetery is located 17 miles north of Bossier City, Louisians on LA. Hwy. 3 and two miles northwest of Alden Bridge. The PICKETT plot is enclosed by a wrought iron fence about 25 feet square. There are nine graves and eight markers. Sallie's monument is by far the most elaborate. Unused portions of the plot are covered with 12-inch marble flagstones.

Mrs, Robert Campbell Cummings 1837 - 1855 (Sallie A. Pickett)



The surnames in the queries are not indexed.

- 06-15 McCollum: Eleanor Wright Linn, 106 Maple Drive,
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 Need the names of parents of Ester (Easter) McCollum,
 born 1795 in SC; who married Robert McCowan.
- 06--16 Jeffers: Kaye W. Hoffman, 3804 Austill Lane, Mobile, AL 36608-1925, lmh3804@bellsouth.net Would like to exchange information About Jeffers Families of Longtown, Fairfield, County, South Carolina
- Nunnery: Alex B. McFadden, 908 Maplewood Dr., Valdosta, GA 31602, I need information on Nunnery sisters who married McFadden's and moved to Utah where they had gone because of having joined the Mormon Church in Rock Hill (?). They have many descendants in Utah, some of whom I have met and brought to Richburg.
- 06-18 Ross: John Hamilton Miller, M.D., 305 East Vine Street, Bartow, Florida 33830, Can anyone give me a trace on Eliza Torbit Ross, who was the daughter of Mary Hare & John Torbit. No Rosses ever came to family reunions and apparently John didn't have much regard for Eliza's judgment.
- Dell: Eva Walker Myer, 7359 Paterson Lane, Pensacola, FL 32506, emyer@cox.net Valentine Bell (b.1777), son of Valentine Bell(d. 1799), went to Mactison Co. MS territory (now AL) about 1810. In 1820 he was in Maury Co. TN. I am seeking the name of his wife and children, some of whom lived later in Lewis Co. TN. He married a second time in Bitson Co. TN. but it is the first marriage I need information for. I will gladly share any info on this Bell line

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