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The President's Page

By Jean Nichols

As we begin another year of our family research, we hope this will be a fruitful year for those seeking that missing link.

I want to thank the many members who have donated material to our library and those who continue to send articles for use in our "Bulletin." We have had some wonderful books published by our members this past year that have helped our visitors in their research in our library.

Most of you know that our president, Ellen Schuster, had surgery in December and is doing nicely at home. She hopes to return to the library at the end of February. George and I are keeping the library open on Tuesdays and trying to keep up with letters and orders.

Ellen reported that the cookbook is ready for the printers and we will hear more about it in our June "Bulletin".

We ask that you send in your renewals so we can complete setting up our records and make sure that no one misses an issue of the "Bulletin."

I want to thank you again for your support over the years by sharing with us your family information. We wish you and your family the best New Year ever.

Your Editor,
Jean

To Our Members

In order to have more space in the "Bulletin" for the March, June, and September, surnames will not be listed. Instead all surnames will be placed after a section of articles at the end of the December 2007 issue.

The National Genealogical Society will hold its meeting on May 16th-19th in Richmond, Virginia. You may obtain more information from their web site. Our Society is a member.

The Federation of Genealogy Society will hold a meeting from August 15th -18th in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Our Society is a member. The "Forum" cost is \$15.00 yearly. The FGS Website address is-www.fgs.org- Our Society is a member.

By April 1st, our cookbook will be available for sale. The cost will be \$10.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION CLAIM STATEMENT
FOR JAMES HEMPHILL
PRESENTED BEFORE THE JUSTICES OF THE COUNTY COURT OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE ON
16 OCTOBER 1832

Testimony of James Hemphill, Sr.

State of Tennessee, Lincoln County October 1832 on this 16th day of October, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County, Tennessee now-sitting, James Hemphill a resident of said county and state, age eighty-three years the 19th day of November next who being first duly sworn according to said oath on his oath makes the following declarations signed order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as here in stated. Some time in the month of December 1775 he served two months in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Neel in Camden district South Carolina, the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt. William Bratton and Lts. Hugh and John Bratton, Major Kirkpatrick also commanded in said regiment in the same month our regiment joined the forces under the command of Col. Richardson on the Congaree River, a few miles from which Columbia is now situated. A larger body of Tories, near Ready River, were collected against whom we marched. We had some skirmishing with the Tories and took several prisoners some time in June 1776. I volunteered under the same officers to go against the Cherokee Indians who had murdered several people and burned happy houses on the Seneca River. Our regiment was then under the command of Gen Williams or Williamson, I now forget which was his name-we destroyed three of Indian towns on the Seneca River which town I think was called Eastatoo Sugar town and Kershaw. We had two fights with the Indians one called the Ring fight about five miles from Sugar town. Another skirmish with the Indians placed to guard the squaws and children who after firing fled and succeeded in their escape by the night putting our warriors out against the Cherokee - I suppose about two months.

In November or December 1777 our regiment was drafted to go against the Creek Indians on the South side of the Ocmulgee River in Georgia. We marched through Ninety Six District and camped on the Savannah River about twenty miles above Augusta - but we had no battles with the Creeks. We moved out on this expedition about two months. I was in the same regiment and camp and under the same officers except that I commanded as 2nd Lt. having been listed in the place of John Bratton - In May 1779 one half of our regiment was again drafted, Col. Neel commanding, Capt. William Bratton being elected Major, Hugh Bratton, Captain and myself 1st Lt., in our company - we marched down through the head waters of Edisto by orders of Gov. Rutledge to avoid being taken by the British who were in our way by going a direct course and joined the army commanded by General Lincoln at Bacon's Bridge off Ashly River. The army was engaged in reconnoitering the enemy and were marched about several places in that vicinity not now remembered until about the first of August when our army attacked the British who had fortified Cherokees on Stone River where our army suffered considerable loss and failed in driving the British from their fortifications. Shortly after the Battle at Stone, the North Carolina

troops came in and our regiment was discharged, we were out on this campaign about three months. Samuel Watson was also with our regiment during this campaign as Lt. Col. Some time in the summer of 1780 having moved to Mecklenburgh County in North Carolina after the taking of Charleston by the British, our regiment then under the command of Lt. Col. Watson and Major Bratton (Col. Neel having died) joined the forces commanded by Col. Sumter and a few days afterward moved down to Hagler's Branch in S.C. and after staying there between one and two weeks went about eighteen or twenty miles to the mountains having understood that there were several British Dragoons and Tories in that neighborhood and when we had a battle with about four hundred British and Tories commanded by a Capt. Huck of whom we defeated very badly. About three weeks afterwards we marched to a place called "Rocky Mount" where the British were encamped, commanded (as I now think) by a Col. Bull with whom we had a battle but not decision of victory for either side. Three or four weeks afterward I was in the battle on the Catawba River, near the mouth of Fishing Creek where Col. Sumter's army and us among the rest were defeated. We crossed the Catawba after our defeat, and returned to Mecklenburgh County North Carolina. I think I was in service during the year 1780 between four and five months. In May 1781 we again volunteered, Major Bratton being Col. of our regiment and I being still 1st Lieutenant and marched down about 100 miles to a place called Fridays Fort where the British and Tories were encamped. We joined the camp under Col. Lee. Shortly after we arrived the British surrendered. After this our regiment was principally engaged in scouting parties in destroying the British out post. I was not engaged in any other battle. I think we were out about four months on this tour. I never received any written discharge. I was acquainted (in addition to the officers already mentioned) with Gen. Marion, Col. Brandon Hill, Lacy, Winn, Lee, Washington, also Gen. Morgan and Pulaski.

I have no documenting evidence nor do I know of any person by whom I can procure to verify to my service. I was born in Ireland, Londonderry County, on the 19th of Nov. 1749 and came to America in Aug. 1767. I lived in Camden District, S.C. at the time I entered the service. I have no record of my age but speak from information and recollection. After the Revolutionary War I lived in York and Chester Districts in South Carolina until 1815 when I moved to Williamson County, Tennessee and lived there about nine years and then moved into this county where I now live. I had a commission both as 1st and 2nd Lieutenant which were given by Gov. Rutledge of South Carolina but they are both now lost. I would refer for my character for veracity to Dr. Alexander Rosborough and Capt. GWC Edminston and would also state that there is not any Clergyman in my neighborhood to whom I can refer. I hereby relinquish every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and disclaim that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of army.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year.

James Hemphill

Testimony: Bobby Inge, Clk.

We would like to thank Mr. Dan Huntley for giving us permission to use this article he wrote for January 4, 2007 in the "Charlotte Observer".

More people you should get to know

Wenonah Haire grew up in York County and is executive director of the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project. She is the highest-profile woman of the Catawba Indian Nation and for 15 years has headed the group that is charged with preserving, promoting and protecting the tribe's cultural heritage. She is the daughter of Buck George, a longtime member of the tribe's Executive Council. A Rock Hill dentist, she also serves on the Rock Hill/York County, S. C., Tourism and Sports Commission.

Vernon Grant grew up in South Dakota but lived and worked in Rock Hill for more than 40 years until his death in 1990. Grant was a nationally recognized illustrator and best known as the creator of the characters Snap, Crackle and Pop used on Rice Krispies cereal boxes and in advertisements. He also illustrated magazine covers for Collier's Weekly and Ladies' Home Journal. In 1957, he became executive director of the Rock Hill Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1961, he and C. H. "Ickey" Albright created Rock Hill's Come-See-Me festival, and in 1964, Grant drew the mascot, Glen The Frog. In 2006, Grant's family donated its collection of his art work to York County's Culture & Heritage Museums. Plans call for a gallery in Grant's name to be part of the future Stans Museum of Life and Environment.

Lindsay Pettus grew up on the Lancaster County side of the Catawba River and has spent a lifetime championing the river. The former Lancaster County Council member founded the Catawba Valley Land Trust and still serves as the trust's president. The group has helped preserve more than 3,000 acres along the Catawba's banks and its tributaries. He single-handedly helped preserve Forty Acre Rock as a national natural landmark – one of only five places in the world where the pool sprite flower blooms on the face of the massive rock. It's now part of the 1,569 acre Forty-Acre Rock Heritage Preserve in eastern Lancaster County. For that work, in 1987, the Nature Conservancy gave him its top Oak Leaf Award for volunteers. In 2005, Pettus was awarded the BMW Conservation Award for his work in preserving the Piedmont.

Louise Pettus also grew up in Lancaster County. (She and Lindsay are siblings.) The retired Winthrop University history professor (1968-1989) is the foremost local historian in York and Lancaster counties. She has written more than a half-dozen history books – including "The Springs Story: Our First One Hundred Years," "The White Homestead: The People Who Lived In It and The Land Around It," and "The Waxhaws." In 2000, she was awarded the Keepers of the Culture from the York County Culture and Heritage Commission, and in 2001, she won the national history award medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 2006, she donated \$400,000 to Winthrop's archives and special collections department, which have been renamed in her honor. She wrote a local history column for the Observer's York & S.C. section for more than 15 years and now lives at Sun City in Lancaster County.

Mr. Robert Hilliard Gladden Jr., 76

Jasper, Ga. – Memorial services for Mr. Robert Hilliard Gladden Jr. were conducted at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Roper Funeral Home in Jasper, Ga. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Mr. Gladden, 76, died Saturday, Dec, 16, 2006, at the home of his son.

Born in Richburg on Aug. 10, 1930, he was a son of the late Robert Hilliard Gladden Sr. and Fannie Good Gladden. A graduate of Lewisville High School, Mr. Gladden retired as an engineer from AT&T in Atlanta and was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his son, Michael Robert Gladden of Jasper, and four grandchildren.

Roper Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Robert H Gladden, He was one of the first members of our society and donated material to our library on his families. He did much research on the people buried at Paul's Cemetery, since that graveyard was located on the property he once owned. He later deeded it to the county.

Horace Max Perry

Horace Max Perry passed away on Nov. 18, 2006. He was born on March 31, 1919 in Kellar, Tarrant Co., Texas. He was descended from many prominent families in York and Chester Counties, especially the Fishing Creek area. The many books he compiled on those families have helped researcher over the years when they visited our library. He will be missed by so many people.

Roll of Captain William Gaston's Company

William Gaston was a Captain in the Revolution. The private papers of the late A. S. Salley, published in the S.C. Historical & Genealogical Magazine, Volume 2, pp. 7 & 8, have the following dates:

To the Council of Safety in Charles Town

South Carolina District between the Broad and Catawba Rivers adjoining the new acquisition and Broad River September 25, 1775, we the subscribers hereto have in compliance with the Resolutions entered into also Instructions given by the Provincial Congress held in Charles Town on Saturday June 17th 1775 and for the purpose therein mentioned associated and formed ourselves into a Volunteer Company of horsemen and whereas by an Election held at the house of Mr. Francis Kirkpatrick this day by us the subscribers we have duely Elected and Chosen William Gaston to be our Captain, Thomas Robins our first and James Kirkpatrick our Second Lieutenants we therefore humbly pray you to grant and give out Commissions or appointments for those our officers as chosen.

David Reed
James Reed
James Dougherty
Jos. McCook
James Robins
William Bell

James Bell
Frs. Kirkpatrick
John Love
John Gallher
Robert Elliott
Joseph Robinson

Patrick Duffy
John McCool
Clayton Rogers
Francis Bab
Charles Gillmore
Robert Love

William Love
Andrew Woods
James Elliot
Jno. Sadler

Robert Kirkpatrick
Harrison Bell
John Gillespie
(name obliterated)

Moses Chery
James McCreon
John Grant
James Grant

Endorsed: Capt. F .Kirkpatrick's Volunteer (unable to read)

Comment: LKG:

It will be noted on the foregoing page that Captain William Gaston's Volunteer Horsemen was made up almost entirely of men who lived in the Broad River/Turkey Creek area of Chester County. The John McCool was either a brother-in-law (the John McCool who wed Mary Love, sister to Jean Love who wed Capt. William Gaston) or a son of that older John McCool, and Jos. McCook was, I feel sure, misread, and was Jos. McCool, as John McCool & Mary Love his wife had a son Joseph. William Bell was probably a son-in-law of John Sadler and Harrison Bell, it will be remembered, was a witness in the 1783 will of John Sadler, Frances Kirkpatrick, who appears as Frs. on the roll, and Robert Kirkpatrick were brothers, they were both sons of James, who died in Chester County 1786 and is buried in the old Irish Graveyard on Broad River. The James Kirkpatrick who was elected 2nd Lt. was a third brother. He later became a Capt. and was killed by a Tory sniper as he sat in his home. He is buried in Bullock's Creek Churchyard. Clayton Rogers also lived in the community and it is thought that his sister Margaret wed Frs. Kirkpatrick as his second wife. The Robins were in Chester County early, but it is not known at the present time whether Thomas & James Robins were brothers or father and son. James & John Grant were probably brothers, or cousins, all of the Broad River community.

One John Sadler was grandfather of the three Coln/Conn brothers. As these three brothers were of age to be Revolutionary soldiers, and as we have records of the birth date and service of two of them, it seems unlikely that the John Saddler who appears on this roll was the John of the 1783 will, however he may have been. There were several Sadlers in the area.

New acquisition, mentioned in the address to the Council of Safety, was that land which later became York County.

Green B. Montgomery, Jr
Mrs. Dorcas Ingram

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The State of South Carolina
Chester District

This Indenture made the ninth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five between Green B. Montgomery, Jr. of the District and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth: That whereas Green B. Montgomery and the said Dorcas Ingram; whereas the said Dorcas Ingram is possessed of a considerable real and personal estate and chose in action, shall after the said intended marriage, have, retain, possess and enjoy the Sole and Exclusive right and title to the same property; both in possession and in action and the

absolute right and title and power to dispose of said property or any part thereof either by Gift or otherwise; to such person or persons as She may from time to time or at any time thereafter think proper; and that no part of Said property or the increase or proceeds thereof Shall in any manner be Subject to the debts, contracts or Control of the said Green B. Montgomery. Now in consideration of the said intended marriage and in Pursuance of the said agreement it is hereby covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to the said intended marriage (1) Firstly- that during the continuance of the said intended marriage all and Singular the said Estate of the said Dorcas Ingram situated in Chester District on the waters of Fishing Creek and bounded by lands of Dr. John B. Gaston, Joshua Blake, Mrs. Sarah McCullough, Mrs. Lucy Heath, containing five hundred acres more or less—Three negroes named Charles, Tabby, and Gold; her undivided third part of the real and personal estate of her late Husband Francis Ingram, deceased. — a note on Dr. John B. Gaston for one hundred seventy dollars in cash; Buggy, Horse, Stock of cattle, hogs, and sheep, crop, household and kitchen furniture —shall be remain and continue the sole and separate Estate of the said intended wife, not to be Subject in any manner to the Debts, contracts or control of the said intended husband and the said Green B. Montgomery hereby renounces and disclaims all or any right or claim that would accrue to him by the said intermarriage to any part or portion of the said Estate; and the interest and proceeds thereof. (2) That the said Dorcas Shall at any time during the covertus, have the right power and privilege to make any disposition or appointment of her said Estate or any part thereof by deed under her hand and Seal, or by her last will and testament or otherwise without the consent of her said husband and that she shall have the power and privilege to dispose of any part of her said property, or the proceeds thereof, and invest the proceeds in any other way or manner She may think advisable. The said investments so made to be subject to all the limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed upon the property and Estate here before dissent.

In testimony whereof and in Evidence of the consent of the said Green B. Montgomery and the said Dorcas Ingram to the terms limitations and provisions of this agreement, the said parties have hereunto in the presence of Each other and of the witnesses whose names hereunto written, affixed their hands and Seals this 9th October 1855.

Signed Sealed and Executed in presence of

J. L. Gaston

G. B. Montgomery

J. B. Gaston

Dorcas Ingram

It might interest you to know that Green Berry Montgomery married a third time; Margaret Lynn, who is buried in Union Cemetery, Richburg, S. C. His two daughters by his Bailey wife married W. A. Drennan and Joe Jordan and that is how Mr. W. J. Jordan got the property for both his grandfathers split the property of Green Montgomery.

Dorcas Montgomery/widow of Francis Ingram/wife of G. B. Montgomery/ died April 9, 1865/aged 62 years, 4 months, and 17 days.

G. B Montgomery/ born February 12, 1806/ died March 14, 1884/ buried at Cedar Shoals Cemetery.

Will of Jesse Gladden

I, Jesse Gladden of the District of Fairfield and the State aforesaid being sick and weak of body, but of Sound and deposing mind, memory and understanding, Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body—That is ordained for all men once to die. Do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following-viz: First and principally I recommend my Soul To God Beseeching him to forgive my sins, through the merits

of Jesus Christ, and my body I bequeath to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named - and as touching my worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with - I give and bequest in manner and form following -1st it is my will and desire that all my just debts be duly paid and discharged. 2nd: I leave for the use of my beloved Nellie Gladden during her natural life two Negroes namely, Clara and Nut, which two Negroes I wish my son Silas Gladden to manage and see they decently support his mother, and at her death, I wish them sold for my daughters, Also I give to my wife the use in common with her son Silas of all furniture in and about my dwelling house and at her death I give it to my son Silas exclusively, except that part is hereafter conveyed to other children. 3rd: I give and bequeath to my son John Gladden one half of the tract of land on which I reside supposed to contain one hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, Also, a Negro boy named Enoch and twenty-five dollars in him or a bed.

4th: I give and bequeath to my son Silas Gladden the other tract of land on which I live, which said part is to include my dwelling house, etc. as I expect his mother to stay with him, but never the less to be equally divided as to value. Also I give to my son Silas Gladden a Negro boy named Doctor and one feather bed and furniture, etc.

5th: I give to my son Jesse Gladden one third part of said land lying on each side of the Wateree Creek containing 400 acres more or less. Also a negroe woman called Aggy and one feather bed and furniture

6th: I give to my son James Gladden one third part of my said tract of land lying both sides of the Wateree Creek—a Negro boy eight years of age, called Eric- also of the first monies that come into the hands of my executors - 25 dollars.

7th: to my son William Gladden the other 1/3 of the land along Wateree Creek at his mother's death his choice of a Negro fellar named Bob or Sam and one feather bed

to my daughter Darky Gladden a two-year-old filly, Republican.

Executors—Silas-William Gladden

11 Oct. 1821

John Woodward
Daniel Grafton
James McWaters

Jesse Gladden
signed with X

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Darky Gladden is Dorcas Gladden His other daughters were—Sarah Gladden, Kezziah Gladden—Mary Gladden—Sylvia Gladden

Dorcas first married John Hall and they had one son John Hall

Her second husband was Francis Ingram and her third Green Berry Montgomery

Nancy Gladden was shown as Nancy Jane Price in Dorcas' estate but should have been Nancy Jane Wright -

John Gladden died previous to death of his father, unmarried and intestate.

Mary Jane Wallace of Leek County Mississippi states that she was a daughter of Mrs. Kezziah (Gladden) Hall and that she was omitted from the list of Mrs. Hall's children.

Gaston Estate Settlement

From Files in possession of Mrs. Carl Gaston, Kell, Illinois, 62853 August 1970

These are from notes taken on the settlement of a Gaston estate, which remained in courts from 1839 through 1861 at least.

From a deposition made by John Fullerton, dated 1861, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

John Fullerton, age 76, brother of David Fullerton

Robert Fullerton of Lincoln Co., Tenn., only child of David Fullerton and his first wife Elizabeth Gaston. His father and mother were married in Chester District, South Carolina and emigrated to Randolph County*, Illinois, where they remained until his mother's death about 1810. His father, a short time thereafter, left Illinois and came to Tennessee, where he settled in Lincoln Co., where he resided a short time before his death in 1835. Petitioner was quite small at the time of his mother's death. No recollection of any statement of hers. *(Monroe or St. Clair Co., Ill).

John Fullerton was present and saw David and Elizabeth (Gaston) Fullerton married about 1796-97 but does not recollect the year, in Chester District South Carolina. From thence they moved to Davidson County, Tennessee; then to Rutherford Co., Tennessee where said Robert was born; from there to Illinois where Elizabeth died.

Deposition of Margaret Fullerton before John Carey 30 July 1861: Margaret Fullerton, aged about 68, said Robert Fullerton was born about 1807-08 and is now about 55 years old. Born on Stones River, Tennessee; family removed to Illinois where Elizabeth died.

Deposition of Robert Carey, aged 80 years, 30 July 1861, he was well acquainted with Robert Fullerton, only child of Elizabeth Gaston and David Fullerton. Witness knew William and John Gaston, also John McCreary and wife Margaret (nee Gaston---MHG).

In another note it states that Robert Fullerton came to Illinois to gain help in identifying himself as a claimant to the estate. This was dated 11 February 1841.

These are claims against the estate of Joseph Gaston, filed in Greeneville, Tennessee. These papers are in the Master-in-Chancery Files at Greeneville, and the packet is at least 6 inches thick. It takes someone who understands (at least, partially) Gaston family history to untangle it. Some of the records of Joseph Gaston are at the Archives in Nashville, but not the depositions of the various claimants. However, if legal procedure is the same in various states, a file might be found on Joseph Gaston's estate there in Fayetteville, Tennessee. There was one here in Marion Co., but this file was not nearly as complete as the documents in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Coln/Elliott Family Record

Compiled by Floyd Avery Elliott
Chester, S.C.

Molton Avery Elliott was born 16 December 1857, died 22 November 1857.

He wed 22 February 1882

Mary C. Coln, born July 18, 1859 and died 8 January 1925.

Their children:

Bessie Neal Elliott, born 7 December 1882, died 24 January 1946.
Married 21 February 1900 to James Neely Grant
Mattie Mae Elliott, born 26 October 1884,
Married 13 January 1903 to Arthur Pearce Grant.
Lillie Jane Elliott, born 11 September 1886, died 22 December 1952
Married August (?) 1903 to Clarence Jackson Grant
Married 2nd, 1 September 1934, to Rev. Russell Thornton Porter.
Willie Adelaide Elliott, born 25 September 1888.
Married 26 December 1906 to Thomas Paul Robinson
John Alexander Elliott, born 27 October 1891.
Married 29 December 1914 to Minnie Cassells.
Avery Toy Elliott, born 2 November 1893 and died 17 March 1911.
Robert Boyce Elliott, born 11 February 1895 and died 5 November 1908.
Annie Laurie Elliott, born 15 February 1898
Married 14 June 1925 to John Colvin Gladden
Thomas Frazier Elliott, born 15 May 1902.
Married 18 August 1924 to Ruth Emily Hamiter.

All of the above children of Molton Avery Elliott and Mary C. Coln were born in Chester, S. C.

Molton Avery Elliott and Mary C. Coln Elliott, his wife, are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Chester, S. C.

John E. Nunnery

From the scrapbook of Ward Pegram
Dated March 30, 1949

Superintendent of Education 20 yrs.

Mr. John E. Nunnery after several months of declining health, died at the Pryor hospital yesterday (Wednesday) morning at two-forty-five o'clock. He had been a patient at the hospital for several weeks and while his death was not unexpected it came as a shock to his family and and hundreds of friends throughout the state.

He was a son of the late Joe Nunnery and the late Dorothy McFadden Nunnery and was born in the Wylie's Mill section of Chester County on April 3, 1877, and would have been seventy-two years of age if he had lived a few days longer. He is the last member of his immediate family.

He received his education in the local schools of his community and graduated at Furman University in the class of 1900. He was a former president of the alumni association.

Following his graduation at Furman he returned to Chester County and was engaged in farming for a time. At the time he lived in the Wylie's Mill section he was a devoted member of Harmony Baptist church and was superintendent of the Sunday School there for about ten years.

In the latter part of 1913 Mr. Nunnery moved to Chester and for a little more than a year was publisher of The Chester Semi-weekly News, formally The Chester Lantern and now The

Chester News. Following this he was with the local freight office of the Southern Railway for some time.

He was a member of First Baptist church in Chester and took an active interest in all church activities, having been moderator of the Chester Baptist association for eight years. He was also state representative of the Baptist Courier and a member of the Baptist general board of the state convention. He was recorded in Who's Who among the outstanding Baptists of this State. He also was one of the first members of the Chester Evangelistic Club.

Prior to coming to Chester Mr. Nunnery served in the state legislature as a representative from Chester County, having been elected to that office by a large majority. He bore the reputation in the legislature as a man of strong convictions and favored those things he felt for the benefit of the people. In matters of public interest no one doubted just where Mr. Nunnery stood.

His ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were pioneer settlers of east Chester County and were connected with many of the residents of that section and also Chester.

Some twenty-five years ago Mr. Nunnery went into the office of the late William D. Knox, who was superintendent of education of Chester County for forty years, as assistant superintendent of education and immediately became known as one of the leading educators of the State. Following the death of Knox on November 25th, 1928, Mr. Nunnery was appointed to serve out the unexpired term and had been re-elected to that office ever since. He put his heart and soul into the work and was known throughout the state as the foremost superintendent of education in the state. During his term of twenty years in office the schools of Chester County have continued to advance, he being the sponsor of numerous movements toward better education for the children of the county. It will be recalled that he resigned his office on March 15th, last.

Mr. Nunnery is survived by his widow, the former Miss Clara McCullough, three sons and a daughter; John E. Nunnery, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee; W. H. Nunnery of Charlotte; Paul Ferguson Nunnery, student at Clemson College, and Mrs. Sam S. Hicklin of Chester and Richburg; also two grandchildren, Sammy Hicklin and Billy Nunnery.

Tentative funeral arrangements have been set for tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at Three-thirty o'clock at the First Baptist church to be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Broadus E. Wall. Interment will be made in Evergreen cemetery. The offices in the Chester Court House will be closed during the funeral in respect to Mr. Nunnery, whose friends are legend throughout this section and elsewhere.

Mary Victoria Worthy

Mrs. Mary Victoria Worthy Page, 93, one of the most prominent women of Chester County, died early Monday afternoon, October 18, 1948, of a sudden heart attack while seated in a chair at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Saye Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Page made their home in the Bullock Creek community after Mr. Page retired from farming in the Wilksburg section. Her death came as a great shock to her friends and relatives. If she had lived, they would have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, December 21.

Mrs. Page was born in the Broad River section, April 16, 1855, the daughter of the late Jack Worthy and the late Mrs. Mary Coleman Worthy. She was a devoted member of Calvary Baptist church and very active in the women's work of the church until her health failed her. She was one of the church's oldest members

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Saye Love, a half sister, Mrs. Nora Quinton of Rock Hill, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grand-children. Three of her grandchildren, Mrs. J. Vascoe Bauknight (Margaret Page), Miss Mary Page, and Mrs. Francis Holliday (Sara Page), children of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Page, live in Chester. Three great-grandchildren also live here.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Barron Funeral Home on Wylie Street, by the Rev. Furman O. Kelley, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, and the Rev. Williard L. Mays, minister of Lowrys Baptist church. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.

Will of Nicholas Peay

Will of Nicholas Peay
State of South Carolina
In The Name of God Amen

I, Nicholas Peay of Fairfield District and State aforesaid being of sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding good, do make public, pronounce and declare this to be and contain my last will and Testament, hereby revoking disallowing and annulling all last wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and Executed, and declaring this to contain my only last will and Testament - IN PRIMIS, I recommend my soul to God who give it and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned, and my worldly Effects and Estate, after payment and satisfaction of all my just Debts, I give and Bequeath as follows: (that is to say)

First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Peay, Two Horses, four cows & calves, all my stock of Hogs, one feather Bed and furniture, and as much corn and fodder as will support my family and stock until a new crop is also, all that part of the plantation I now reside upon which is now cleared and in cultivation with all the improvements thereon, with the privilege of using firewood and timber to keep up the said plantation which said Horses, cows & calves, stock of Hogs, Bed and furniture and plantation, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Peay, to the only use and behoof of the said Mary Peay during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease or Marriage, the Horses, Cows and Calves, stock of Hogs Bed & furniture, and the plantation to belong to my Grandson William A. A. Belton if then living, if dead, to my son Austin F. Peay or his heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved grandson William A. A. Belton one negro wench named Phillis and her two children Effy and Harriett, with all their future increase, also all that plantation whereon I now reside except that part that I have bequeathed to my beloved wife Mary Peay which is above designated, and at her the said Mary Peay's decease or marriage (should she marry) the whole of that part of the said plantation which I have before bequeathed to my beloved wife I give and bequeath to my said grandson William A. A. Belton, and the heirs

of his Body forever, also the Horses, cows & calves, stock Hogs Bed and furniture to be the said William A. A. Belton, But should the said William A. A. Belton die leaving no heir of his body then living, The negroe wench Phillis and her two children Effy and Harriet and their increase, & the whole of the plantation before mentioned I will and desire that my son Austin Ford Peay should have the whole of them – Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Austin Ford Peay one negroe fellow named Adam, one fellow named Tony one fellow named Jimm, one fellow named Ben, one fellow named Dublin, one boy named Brister, one boy named Isaac, one negroe wench named Amy, one girl named Riner, one girl named Nanny, one small girl named Mahala, all my stock of cattle, and Horses (except those above given to my wife), also all my stock of sheep and Goats, also all my Household and Kitchen Furniture, plantation and carpenters tools, which said Negroes, Adam, Tom, Jim, Ben, Dublin, Brister, Isaac, Amy, Riner, Nancy, Mahala, the stock of Horse & Cattle (Except those before excepted) stock of sheep and Goats, Household and Kitchen furniture, plantation and carpenters Tools with all the future increase of the said Negroes, I give and bequeath unto my son Austin Ford Peay forever to the only use and behoof of the said Austin Ford Peay and his heirs forever.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved son Austin Ford Peay my Lawfull Excutor to this my last will and Testament, to which I have set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Eleven in the Thirty fifth year of the United States of American Independence.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared by the said Testator to be and contain his last will and Testament, and who in presence of each other at his request, sub-scribed their names as witnesses thereof-

Wm Strother
Jno Woodward Junior
R Rageley
Nicholas Peay (seal)
Proven 18th Oct. 1913
Jno. Buchanan J C O
Recorded in Will Book #6, page 194
Recorded Date missing
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Dorothy Hunter shared this Peay information with us. Thanks for all the material for our file.

J.W Whiteside
September 12, 1930

Mr. Joseph Wylie Whiteside, 49, of Richburg, died Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock at the Fennell Infirmary in Rock Hill following an illness of several weeks. An acute heart attack was said to have been the immediate cause of his death.

The funeral services were conducted this morning at 11 o'clock from the Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian church by the Pastor, Dr. R. A. Lummus, of Edgmoor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Messrs. Thomas Ford, John Martin, Spratt Black, David Reid, A. H. Roper, and B. F. Pope.

Acting as honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. J. O. Barber, F. M. Simpson, J. L. Myers, John Neely, W. J. Reid, W. G. Reid, C. B. Simpson, Gill Simpson, Will Simpson, R. S. Mayben, J. R. Reid, George Simpson, W. B. Gladden, J. A. Orr, Dick Melton, Shaw Simpson, and J. W. Watts. Flowers were in charge of Mrs. Shaw Simpson and Misses Martha Barbara Martin, Flora Reid, Cora Melton, Eliza Melton, Jennie Mae Barber, Elizabeth Black, Elizabeth Roper, Mary Lou Simpson, and Virginia Simpson.

Mr. Whiteside was a son of the late Isaac Newton and Clara Lanthrop Whiteside, of Chester County. He was a native of Richburg and spent practically all of his life in that section. His mother died only a few weeks ago.

Mr. Whiteside was a member and deacon in the Union A. R. P. church at Richburg and was a member of the Masonic, K. of P., and Woodman lodges.

He was twice married. He was first married to Miss Sadie Robinson and some years after her death was married to Miss Della Atkinson, who survives. By first marriage one son, Isaac Newton Whiteside, of Atlanta, Ga., survives. Other children surviving are: Mr. James Whiteside, of Richburg, Mr. Thomas Whiteside, a student at the University of South Carolina, and one daughter, Miss Margaret Whiteside, who is a student at Winthrop college. Five sisters, Mrs. R. H. Henderson, of Davidson, N. C.; Mrs. J. Arthur Henderson, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Haile, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Marjorie Whiteside, of Albany, N. Y.; Miss Anita Whiteside, of Davidson, N. C.; and Mrs. John R. Taylor, of Chester, and one brother, Mr. A. N. Whiteside, of Rock Hill, also survive.

Mr. Whiteside was a prominent businessman and farmer of Richburg and was Magistrate of Lewisville Township.

**The Chester County Confederate Compendium
Of
Chester County, South Carolina**

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This compendium is an attempt to compile as many Confederate records relating to Chester County into one source book. Several of the items included in this work have never been available for genealogical or historical research.

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Enrollment Book – The Chester County Confederate Veterans Enrollment Book has been completely abstracted here. Only about ten of these Enrollment Books are extant for South Carolina.

Honor Roll – This booklet published around the turn of the century was found in the Union County, S. C. Museum. The Honor Roll was prepared by Major J. W. Reed and revised and corrected by the Veterans of Chester County. This Roll lists the veterans by company and regiment and if they were killed, died of disease, died of wounds, etc.

Pension Lists – An abstract was made of all of the pensions lists printed in the Reports and Resolutions of South Carolina from 1888 through 1965 when the last Confederate widow died.

Pension Application - All of the veterans' and widows' pension applications for Chester County were abstracted. The widows' applications are important for finding marriage dates.

Confederate Home Inmate Records – These provide information on Chester County veterans or members of their family who resided at the Confederate Home in Columbia.

Applications for Artificial Limbs – Veterans who lost limbs during the War could apply for artificial limbs or vouchers.

Cross of Honor Ledger, Chester Chapter U. D. C. Members, Confederate Veterans Ledger, U. C. V. Minutes of Meeting – These four volumes are held by the Chester County United Daughters of the Confederacy. These are important abstracts since the actual records are not readily available to the public.

Cost: \$40.00 for each book which includes shipping & handling. Order from Christopher S. Prince, 1853 Little Egypt Rd., Whitmire, S.C. 29178

We would like to thank the above authors for the donation of their book to our library.

8 Confederate Pensioners Are Left in York County

From the "Herald" July 18, 1931

By Lloyd Gullede

York. There are only eight Confederate pensioners left in York County and all of them are widows of Confederate veterans.

When E. Gettys Nunn was first elected Probate Judge of York County in 1930 there were over 30 Confederate veterans and 136 widows in York County. It is his job to forward the pension checks to the recipients shortly after July 1 each year. These checks are issued in Columbia and paid out of state funds.

Only two of the York county widows now drawing these pensions are ninety years old or over and thus eligible to draw \$600 a year. The other six draw only \$136 annually.

"This \$136 is not enough to pay my doctor bill and preacher," one of these ladies said yesterday. She is Mrs. Anne Martin, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Sims Ray at Clover.

Mrs. Martin, who is 81 years old, is the widow of John L. Martin. He died in 1930 at the age of 82. They lived in the western part of York County all their lives and reared seven of their ten children to be grown.

Mr. Martin was drawing \$200 a year at the time of his death. He fought in the Southern Army when he was only 15 and 16 years old. He was not wounded, she said.

Mrs. Martin, the former Miss Anne Fayssoux, was born at York. She and her husband lived on a farm all their lives. She is now confined to her bed most of the time because of a heart ailment.

Other Confederate pensioners in York County who were mailed checks recently:

Mrs. Mary Jane Westbrook, age 96, 832 Saluda Street, Rock Hill.

Mrs. Martha J. Gardner, 90, Rock Hill (mailed to Fort Mill, Box 492.)

Mrs. William W. Ashley, 70, Clover (mailed to 395 Edgewood Circle, Gastonia, N. C.)

Mrs. Mattie Farris, 77, Clover

Mrs. W. C. Hicklin, 83, 228 Johnston Street, Rock Hill (now at Asheville, N C.)

Mrs. Evie Swet, 76, 629 Saluda Street, Rock Hill.

Mrs. Sara L. Williams, 80, Rt. 2, Box 46, Rock Hill, care of M. H. Williams

"The Grant Families From the Highlands of Scotland"

We want to thank Carole Grant for the copy of "The Grant Families From the Highlands of Scotland" which she donated to our library. Carole spent many many hours traveling from archives, courthouses, cemeteries, libraries and visiting relatives to complete this book. Her research will benefit folks for generations to come. Many thanks again, Carole.

She also sent some information for our file folders on the families of John Kidd, Jr., James White, Charles D. Bailey, Lewis BoBo, William J. Kidd, Andrew Kidd, John Valentine Preslar which includes Brakefield, Lee, Hudson and Grant.

John P. Young

Chester, November 29, 1945- John P. Young, 75, outstanding eye, ear and nose specialist, Masonic leader and Spanish-American war officer, died Thursday afternoon at the home of his son, Dr. John P. Young, Jr., at North Charleston, where he and Mrs. Young had recently gone on a visit.

He was preparing to return to his home at Chester a few days ago when he suffered a heart attack. He had been in declining health for several years but had practiced his profession for 48 years before retiring.

The body will arrive in Chester Friday afternoon.

Doctor Young was born in Ninety-Six, a son of the late John Christopher Young and the late Mrs. Susan Virginia Long Young, both of Laurens. He was graduated from Furman University in 1890, taught school for one year at Princeton in this state, then took one year of medicine at George Washington University. Later he went to the University of Maryland, where he was graduated in medicine in 1894. He began his profession at Richburg, Chester County, where he formed a partnership with Dr. Sam Anderson.

Upon the death of the latter, Doctor Young formed a partnership with Dr. William DeKalb Wylie, which continued until the Spanish-American war.

Following his service as a Spanish-American war officer he returned to Richburg, and a short time later moved to Chester, November 12, 1917. He went to Chicago, Illinois where he procured a course at the Chicago Polyclinic in eye, ear, nose and throat. He opened his office for his specialist work June 1, 1918, at Chester and he enjoyed a wide measure of success. He retired in the early part of 1942.

Doctor Young was thrice married, first to Miss Essie Marion of Richburg. From this marriage there were no children. Some years following her death he was married to Mrs. Rosa Jones Marion of Lancaster. From this union there were two children, Dr. John P. Young, Jr. of North Charleston and Mrs. J. H. Felder of Ellore, by whom he is survived. He is also survived by his third wife, Mrs. Constance Witherspoon Young, formerly of Lancaster, whom he married some years following the death of his second wife.

Doctor Young was a devoted member of the Chester Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and always took a wide interest in the activities of the church where he was an elder. He was a Mason, a K of P and a member of the Chester Rotary club. He always took a wide interest in public and patriotic affairs.

Funeral services for Dr. John P. Young will be conducted at 11 o'clock Sunday morning from the Chester ARP church, conducted by the pastor, the Reverend Joseph Lee Grier, D.D.

Deed Book GG Chester County

James Ager McCrorey of Fairfield District for \$2,000 paid by Benjamin Ragsdale of Chester District, do sell all that parcels of land situated in Chester District composed of two distinct tracts and containing 204 ½ acres, one tract containing 148 acres known as Captain Charles Thorns old Mill tract, set on both sides of Fishing Creek and bounded on all sides by Dr. William Cloud's land, plat made August 28, 1837.

Second tract containing 57 ½ acres, around Greens's Meeting House, situated on the waters of Fishing Creek and bounded by lands of Dr. William Cloud, Hartwell Jackson, and the estate of Robert Stinson, plat made January 20, 1842. This deed was made November 20, 1849

J. A. McCrorey

Sarah L. McCrorey signed dower

Catawba's Falls Next to Niagara

Development of Great Water Power by the Southern Power Company Means Much for Chester and adjoining Towns

The value of waterpower has long been recognized by men who are ever on the hunt for the resources that have been hidden by dame nature for centuries. Among them many things of commercial and industrial importance is waterpower. For a long time there was located along streams, mills turned by water, and thus in a limited way man knew the power of water and utilized it. Many of the best stories in our books are woven around some old mill by some stream, where the corn was ground into meal and the wheat into flour. At some suitable places a

mill would be erected and then from miles around the farmers would bring their corn and wheat to be ground and in the old times it was often a matter of several days to go to a mill and back. Thus serving merely as a home industry, serving the immediate neighborhood these old mills were important factors in the home life of our fathers.

But learned men had known for some time that water was destined to be of far greater use in a manufacturing way. After the discovery and experiments with electricity man turned his attention once more to the waterpower and asked why this should not be used to generate electricity. In answer to this question we have today tremendous water powers developing an immense amount of electricity, furnishing power to light cities and towns many miles away, and power to run factories and all kinds of industrial enterprises. The Niagara Falls are world renowned and the power that is generated there is vast, serving hundreds of cities and towns and all kinds of manufacturing enterprises. Thus along with Niagara waterpowers all over the country were developed and are today doing more than any other one thing in bringing forward the manufacturing interests.

The Catawba Falls has long been recognized as a great waterpower. It has been the saying for years that it is the best waterpower in the United States outside of Niagara Falls. Surrounding the falls on all sides is a fine farming country. Many of the best people in the past lived in this region and among the first settlers in the upper part of the State were some Scotch immigrants who settled at the mouth of Rocky Creek where the Southern Power company now has a dam. Lord Cornwallis, the commander of the British forces in South Carolina during the Revolutionary war, recognizing the importance of this location, built a fort here and had his headquarters in this fort for some time.

Before the days of railroads, when all the traveling was done either over dirt roads or by water, the State of South Carolina attempted and did build a canal around Catawba Falls so that boats could come higher up the river. In those days water was the easiest and quickest means of communication and for that reason the State dug this canal so that this section of the country could get the benefit of maritime commerce. About \$3,000,000 was spent on this work and for years boats came up the river and regular trade was carried on. But the river is not deep at this point and only small boats could come up this far. Consequently as soon as railroads were built the trade by river fell and after a few years the canal was abandoned. The first few years following the building of the canal the country at this point was thickly settled and much trading was carried on. The old lock keeper's house is still standing, being used now as a clubhouse.

For a period of about 50 years the Catawba Falls and the canal that the State had built were left desolate and abandoned. People moved to other sections nearer railroads and this region assumed very much the condition in which it was found by the white man. For years it was the custom to hold a picnic at the falls on the first Saturday in May and on this occasion crowds would come from all the adjoining counties and often from distant States. In this way the falls were kept before the eyes of the world and many knew of the fine waterpower that was lying waste and undeveloped.

The Catawba Falls are about 25 miles from the city of Chester, in the eastern part of the county. The nearest railroad point for many years was Fort Lawn, on the Lancaster & Chester railroad which is 12 miles from the falls just where the Southern Power company is constructing their second power house at three counties, Lancaster, on the east side of the river, Fairfield, on the south side of Rock Creek, and Chester on the north side of Rock Creek join.

With the wonderful prosperity of the South and seeing that the section was on the eve of a great growth, a company, mostly of Northern capitalists was formed. Dr. Gill Wylie, a Chester

man, born and bred, and who has achieved great fame in the medical world in New York City, which is now his home, was elected president. The company went to work and bought land on both sides of the river adjoining the falls. It was not until thousands of acres of land had been bought and everything ready to begin work that the people realized that the Catawba Falls power was to be developed. But the company did not begin their first work here. A dam was built across the river a little below Fort Mill and a powerhouse erected. After finishing this work the Southern Power company began work on the dams at Great Falls.

Just at the head of the old canal the river was divided, forming an island. A dam was thrown across the river on the west side of this island and the water turned into the old canal. At a convenient place for a pond on this canal another dam was built and a powerhouse erected. It is the intention to throw a dam across the river on the eastern side of the land and turn all the water into the canal. Two miles below the first powerhouse another dam is being built and another powerhouse will be installed.

In March of this year the Southern Power company completed a 32,000 horse-power plant at Great Falls on the Catawba river, about 20 miles from Chester. In a year from date this company expects to have completed another development of the same capacity one and three-quarter miles lower down, and when this plant is completed a third development will be made five miles further up, making a total at this point along of about 80,000 horse-power. They are also developing a 16,000 horsepower plant on the Broad river within transmitting distance of Chester. This company will have a total of 150,000 horsepower on the Catawba and Broad rivers. They are supplying power at present to 64 cotton mills and propose to furnish all cotton mills in their territory with electric power. Two of the main steel tower transmission lines now under construction will pass through Chester, where a sub-station will be located.

It has been asserted that the South's greatest asset and advantage consists in its numerous water powers situated throughout the cotton producing and cotton manufacturing district. Until within the last few years this enormous power, which is over 2,000,000 horsepower, has been dormant. This was due in part to the attitude of the mill men who, although the reliability, convenience and economy of the electric drive had been demonstrated in several instances, still looked upon it with distrust, and in part to the mistaken idea that power could be produced from coal cheaper than purchased from a hydroelectric company. But their feelings in this respect have recently undergone a change, a fact which capitalists were not slow to note, and at present not one mill in the vicinity of the lines of the Southern Power company is installing steam engines.

This company has been in operation about three years, but the mere fact that they have today contracts with 64 cotton mills and that almost all the old mills in the vicinity of their lines are laying aside the steam engine and installing the electric drive goes a long way to prove the reliability and cheapness of electric power.

Their policy to build such substantial duplicate transmission lines to each large center of distribution that no ordinary accident can interrupt the service has contributed in a great measure to the confidence placed in them by their customers

Quite a little colony has grown up around here. There is a good hotel at both the upper and lower works, a commissary, post office, offices of the superintendent and houses for the employees and their families. Besides the white population, which is considerable, there are close to a thousand Negroes, in employment of the company. The Negroes live in cabins scattered along the river. The cabins are not all built together the idea being to divide the

Negroes as to keep down trouble. The system employed by the company is well calculated to decrease the spirit of rowdiness among the blacks. If a man works all week he is paid off on Saturday night. Now most of this kind of labor with a few dollars in its pocket will not be ready to work on the following morning. If a Negro is not at work on Monday and does not commence until Tuesday then he is not paid until the next Monday night. The idea is that he has to work six days before he is paid a cent. In this manner the number of Negroes that "beat" is surprisingly small. The company keeps two policemen to preserve order. It is the idea of the company to have a special magistrate appointed for them. They say that much time is lost by going to the nearest magistrate who is about five miles away and then too the presence of a magistrate would tend to lessen the rowdies.

The immense plants which the Southern Power company is now building argues well for the public of this section. It means that the placing of this power in our city will tend to make this a great manufacturing country.

Oldest and Largest Baptist Church in Chester

June 18, 1928

By Arthur Cornwell

Harmony church is in the northeastern part of Chester county, one mile from the York county line, on what was once known as the Yorkville and Lancaster highway.

On September 11, 1839, a Presbytery, consisting of the Revs. James M. Thomas, D. Duncan and William Perry, organized the church dismissed by letter from Hopewell and Catawba Baptist churches. Many were added weekly and soon had a membership of more than a hundred.

The old house where Harmony was organized was built many years before, and was known as Republican church. They continued to worship in it until 1853. Their first pastor was James M. Thomas. The first clerk was Abijah Pittman, and first deacon John Pittman. The Rev. Thomas served about one year. Then the Rev. William Perry was called and served the church from 1841 to 1847. The Rev. Bray supplied part of 1847 and 1848. The Rev. Guinn served in 1848, and the Rev. John Newland in 1849. In 1850, the Rev. J. A. Hill was called, he accepted and served the church until 1859.

In 1853, during the pastorate of the Rev. Hill, a new church was built. Major C. W. McFadden was the contractor. He afterwards joined the church and became a very useful and influential member. He was a deacon for a number of years and clerk and treasurer for a long time. He was a one-legged Christian veteran.

C. C. Vaughn was pastor from 1859 until 1863. On March 31, 1861, the Rev. L. C. Hinton preached. After the sermon he urged the importance of a Sunday school and on the second Sunday in April 1861, the first Sunday school at Harmony was organized. W. E. Waters was superintendent and the following were teachers: Misses Mary Rowell, Eugenia Waters and Barbara Nunnery and Mr. Joseph Nunnery.

The Rev. Golden was pastor from 1863 to 1865. The Rev. A. L. Stough accepted a call in 1865 and served continuously until 1872. He was a Dutchman, and educated for a Roman Catholic priest, but ran away from home when a young man and came to the United States and joined the Baptist church. He was ordained and proved to be a very gifted preacher of this

denomination. He died at Pineville, North Carolina, not far from where he had spent most of his life.

Dr. R. H. Griffith served the church from 1872 until 1876. Practically all of the older members of the denomination in both North and South Carolina remember Dr. Griffith. He was a very gifted minister.

In 1876 the congregation called the Rev. John E. Edger, a student at the seminary. He served from May until September. There was a great revival and many joined the church during the protracted meeting.

In 1877 the Rev. L. C. Hinton served the church as pastor. In 1878, the Rev. J. Hartwell Edwards accepted a call and preached his first sermon in June. In 1881 during his pastorate the church was remodeled at considerable expense. The old-time high pulpit was torn down and a modern restnum was built. Mr. Edwards was said to have been an all-round good man. His own people, other denominations and even the Negroes, liked him.

In 1883, another seminary student, the Rev. J. A. Brown, after Dr. J. A. Brown, was called. He served from May until September. The Rev. A. P. Pugh served the church in 1884. In 1885 Dr. J. Q. Adams accepted a call and served until 1888.

In 1888 and 1889 Dr. G. W. Gardner served the church. In 1890 the Rev. Hopper was pastor. The Rev. A. McA. Pittman served from 1890 until December, 1894. The Rev. M. W. Gordon accepted a call and was pastor from December 1894 until 1901.

The Rev. Allen, a young man served part of 1901. From 1910 until the latter part of 1915 the Rev. J. H. Yarborough, the faithful shepherd of many of the Baptist churches in Chester county, served the church. The Rev. W. B. McCuen served in 1906. He resigned and went to the seminary.

From 1906 to 1911 Dr. J. Q. Adams served the church the second time. It was during his second pastorate that the present church was built at a cost of several thousand dollars. When he left not a dollar was owed on the building. Dr. Adams was a very able preacher and a man of wonderful executive ability. One of the members of this church said referring to Dr. Adams, "he was the only preacher I ever knew that could drive people and make them think he was leading them."

In 1912 the Rev. J. N Hamrick was pastor. In 1913 Dr. J. Q. Adams accepted the call for the third time and served two years. The Rev. J. S. Corpening served as pastor in 1915, and Rev. A P. Turner in 1916. The Rev. R. I. Corbett accepted a call in 1917 and served four years. During his pastorate a new parsonage was built.

Following the Rev. Corbett was Dr. C. Frank Pittman, son of the church and of the same family as the first deacon and first clerk of the church at its organization. He stayed two years, and was followed by his brother, the Rev. J. P. Pittman. The present pastor is the Rev. F. T. Collins.

The officers and deacons are H. C. Thomas, W. S. Garrison, L. G. Edwards, E. C. Collins, J. B. Allen, C. T. Fowler, C. C. Collins, J. B. Allen, C. T. Fowler, C. C. Cornwell, J. N. Hough, Ernest Pittman, N. A. Nunnery, and Fred A. Nunnery.

Sketch of the life of Joshua Hilary Hudson, LL.D

From his autobiography in "Sketches and Reminiscences"

Joshua Hilary Hudson

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

My father, Dabney Hudson, came from Amhurst county, Virginia and settled in Yorkville where he learned the tailors trade. In July 1922 my father married Narcissa Cook of York. After marriage my parents went to Lancaster, opened up a tailor shop, lived there several years and then came to Chester.

I was the sixth child among eight.

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

Sheriff Cabeen permitted her to live in the jail and keep it until the end of that year and all the duties of a jailor she discharged faithfully and well. The duties of the office could not continue to be performed by a woman. She was forced to seek shelter elsewhere. She was without money and had seven helpless children to provide for. Fortunately, she was a devout church member, a Baptist and sincere Christian and a woman of character and intelligence. Fortunately, we lived in a community noted then as now for charity to the poor, the needy, and worthy.

John Roseborough, Esq. called by everybody Uncle Johnny, was clerk of court for the district of Chester under the life tenure system. He had on his premises a small two room house near the present court house. He gave this house to my mother free of rent for the year 1837. As a tailors wife she had learned to pad a coat collar and to make coarse pants. She began padding and stitching collars and sold them for twenty-five cents each. The present generation must understand that collars were much larger then than now padded and stitched thoroughly with care and neatness. Sympathizing with a widow, the tailors cut and sent to my mother coats, vests, and pantaloons. One of the children was sent to York to school, three of us, including myself were sent as poor children to the village teacher, Miss Ann Foster in the house later owned and occupied by Dr. A. P. Wylie.

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

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

After Miss Ann Foster, who had married Mr. Kirven Gilmore, we went to her successor Mr. Wylie Jones, who taught in the small building that afterwards became a part of Mr. C. Holst's carriage shop. Mr. Seeley succeeded Mr. Jones as school master with Mr. McDaniel as assistant. A male Academy was built on the hill in West Chester near the residence of Mr.

Thomas McLure and a female Academy was opened on York Street in the home afterwards owned by Richard Kennedy and later Harvey Smith. By hard work and severe economy my mother got a chimney to her house, the cracks dobed with mud, so we all felt comfortable and happy. A few years later, my oldest brother John weatherboarded the cabin and a small kitchen built in the back yard and later a shed was built to the rear of the house. Through years of poverty privation and suffering my mother's heart and resolution never failed though her health became seriously impaired.

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

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

For years before my entering the University the Chester boys had been Euphradian. Rev. John Douglass from Chester, who now lived in Columbia, had been Clariosophic when at the University, and promised to make up the deficit of my far too small \$200.00 if I'd win highest honor and join his fraternity. The Chester students told me I'd be called a renegade and despised

if I accepted. Mr. Douglas pleaded and tried to open my eyes to the real situation but Douglas Harrison, a former schoolmate at Chester and now a mature student persuaded me to try to get through college "by the help of the Euphradian Society."

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

The president, Honorable William C. Preston usually kept two students in his home, one of these Bauskett, was expelled and I was invited to take his place! Thus my \$200.00 bought me to the end of my first year. Then I secured this Manning scholarship, established by Governor John Manning for deserving boys of Sumter of which Clarendon was then a part. There being no application from Sumter I, because of proficiency, was awarded the scholarship (interest at 7% on \$5,000 deposited in the banks of S. C.) by the faculty. I graduated in 1852 with first honor, among the classmates were the Chester boys, Waddy T. Means, Leroy F. Yeomans, Peter L. Griffin and others of like talent too numerous to mention. To win first place in such a class was an honor to be proud of---

During my first vacation I taught singing school, gave vocal music lessons, and during my second vacation I assisted Mr. Giles J. Patterson at Chester male Academy. The third vacation I was called to Spartanburg to take charge of a private school of 25 boys. I worked hard for three months, earned \$100.00 and board. That I did not break down in mind and body proved that I was blessed with a strong constitution.

Through a classmate, W. W. Irby, of Marlboro and through Dr. Thornwell (Jas. H.) then President of the College who introduced me to his brother, Charles A. Thornwell, a member of the legislature, a prominent lawyer and a trustee of the school there, I was elected principal of the Academy at Bennettsville. In January to make the trip to my work, I again had to borrow money, this time from my old friend Mr. James Graham who had taken me in his buggy to Columbia to enter college. Enroute I went to Columbia over the recently completed Charlotte and Columbia railroad, spent the night, walked over the campus after supper and shedding tears over past recollections I almost wished I were again a student. The next day by rail to Kingville and on to Florence then (January 7, 1853) only a pine shed in midst of a pine forest. There I took stage and on evening of the eighth reached Society Hill after passing through Darlington. On the morning of the ninth my landlady's son John drove me in a buggy to Bennettsville which we reached a little after midday.

Approaching the public square, I saw an immense crowd. On the gallows a white man sat, to be hanged for murdering a slave. I was lodged at Mr. Philip Miller's hotel. At the end of the term I was reelected for a second year, returned to Chester to visit my mother and to repay Mr. Richard Kennedy his \$200.00 and Mr. James Graham his \$25.00, neither would accept interest, I also bought a silver watch for \$45 cash, and after 40 years is still a good time piece and the only watch I've ever owned.

May 4, 1854, I married Mary Miller, daughter of Mr. Phillip Miller, my landlord, a beautiful girl of 16. I was 22.

In December 1856 I brought my mother from Chester to live with me at Bennettsville. After teaching four years I determined to study law, "cramming" from January till May 1857. I started to Columbia to take the examination, encountered a great freshet in the Pee Dee. By

paddling, wading, and pulling and aided by a stout Negro slave of John B. Irby's who frequently carried my trunk on his shoulder, we reached the Cheraw bridge, and ran one half mile to the depot. I got on the rear as the train pulled out, the Negro threw my trunk in at the same time.

I passed the examination, and was admitted to practice in the courts; then I took up the story of equity and was admitted to that branch of practice the following December having completed both courses in one year. I do not advise anyone else to try it.—

Without rest or recreation for four years, a wife and children to support, in 1858 I ran for the legislature, and perhaps, unfortunately was elected; but I did not apply for reelection, having decided it was an injury to me in earning a livelihood.

Elizabeth Downing & Jonathan Jones

Elizabeth Downing married Jonathan Jones on March 8, 1787, a daughter of John and Mary Downing. They were the parents of:

William – born June 8, 1788

James – born February 7, 1790

Mary – born March 7, 1792

Katherine – born May 20, 1794

Elizabeth – born October 3, 1796

Emmet Simpson – born May 15, 1799

Sarah Carson – born June 14, 1801

Ann – born July 28, 1803

Jonathan – born December 20, 1805

John Downing – born June 23, 1808

Jonathan Jones served in the Revolutionary War during the years 1780 and 1781.

Elizabeth was allowed a pension while living in Carroll Co., Tennessee, age 78 years.

SOME SKETCHES OF SITES IN WESTERN CHESTER COUNTY IN 1898
Transcribed by Ellen Bramlett Clarke, Ed.D.

Three articles written in 1898 by a contributor to THE LANTERN, a Chester, SC, newspaper, are presented as published. Although the author was not named, I am almost positive he was William Benjamin Cranford, a longtime writer for Chester and Union newspapers and subject of a previous article by me in The BULLETIN. At this time, Mr. Cranford was living in Lockhart, SC.

LOVE'S GRAVEYARD – THE LANTERN, Chester, SC, February 11, 1898

Love's Graveyard is situated in the northwestern portion of Chester county on a bluff overlooking Broad River at the lower end of Lockhart Shoals. Mr. Benjamin Moore kindly showed me around and in substance gave me all the points I have, which he obtained from an aged aunt, Miss Nancy Harrison, who died about a year ago, aged 88 years, and had lived within a stone's throw of the place in question ever since she was a small girl. She is of the same family as W. H. Harrison, made illustrious in American history as general and president.

On the way he pointed out the knoll on which the old house stood, which was old when she first knew it. On a little knoll south of it is located the place in question. It is rude, walled in with surface rocks, and strange to say, on the outside it is about two feet high and the soil does not indicate that it has sloughed away, while on the inside the soil is nearly level with the top.

It is said to be a square acre, and is overgrown with forest trees, with considerable under-growth. The first man buried there was time out of mind. Something near 200 years ago a man was found drowned that a freshet [flood] had left at the foot of the bluff. Who this man was or where he came from tradition sayeth not, but only that no one knew him nor where he came from.

We found the place full of graves, some of them with neat head-stones of a peculiar dark grayish color like soap stone, yet not of that material. It is hard, and I think I'm correct in saying that they are more durable than the common white marble. The work showed that they were of superior workmanship, the letters being clearly cut and in some instances being quite legible. Where these monuments came from is a mere matter of conjecture, but it is probable that well-to-do families had brought them from England. The oldest graves are unmarked, but I give you some names and dates as marked:

Janet Gulpit, died 1804.
John Gulpit, died 1801.
Alex Lamb, died 1792.
Mary Jamieson, died 1810, aged 92.
Mary Kilpatrick, died 1762.
James Kilpatrick, died 1780.
James Love, died 1800.
Benj. Love, died 1795, aged 72.
Thos. Aiken, died 1812.
Robt. Cowley, died 1846, aged 96.
And one with the name defaced, 1795.

In these we find some names that have survived. Thos. Aiken was the father of the late James Aiken of Chester. A pretty bit of history goes with the name of Robt. Cowley, who lived to the advanced age of 96, and I record it only to bring that out. He was the founder of a very influential family that lived about old Carmel Hill [now known as Wilksburg]. His son Thomas once owned the old Dr. McCollum place, just above Wilksburg, but sold out and went West. There are none of them here now. But now for the history, Robert, I often heard when a boy, was first found in a cow pen when an infant, and those who took him and raised him, not knowing what name to give him, playfully called him Cowlick, as a cow was licking him when found, and the name was adopted as his surname with slight modification. [My grandmother, Eva Wilkes Bramlett, also told this story.]

I must add that there is a vault built on top of the ground that time has shattered into fragments. On some of the bricks letters can be traced but not enough to make any connection. Tradition says that some man built it over his wife.

This is probably the oldest graveyard of any size in Chester county. My visit ended, I plodded my way back to Lockhart, and as I passed by Benjamin's house I counted 47 bee gums, and as I crossed the river my mind was filled with many musings, as Josiah Allen's wife would say, "too deep for utterance." Lockhart [SC], February 4, 1898

NOTE: *More complete listings of "Love's Cemetery" are available under "Ben Moore Cemetery" in Union County Cemeteries by Mrs. E. D. Whaley, Sr. (1976) and "Irish Graveyard" in Tombstone Records of Chester County, South Carolina and Vicinity by Louise Kelly Crowder (1970).*

INDIAN MOUND, ETC. - THE LANTERN, Chester, SC, March 4, 1898

In my last letter, I left off at Love's Graveyard, and in this one I will commence down the river a few hundred yards below that point, at what is known as the Indian Mound, and will give a sketch, as best I can, of what is known as Lower Lockhart, including the eddy. I wish to say by way of parenthesis that your readers are indebted to Mr. Wade Osborne for this information.

To commence, the historic mound is situated in the river bottoms, some 30 yards from the river. It is some 150 feet in diameter at the base, and some 50 feet high across at the top, and 40 or 50 feet high. It was covered with timber some eight to ten inches in diameter, but Dr. Wm. McCollum a few years ago brought it into cultivation. Its sides were too steep for a horse to walk over and he had but one row. It commenced at the base and circled around and around and ended at the apex. It was very productive. At one time he dug into the mound and found that the earth was composed of alternated layers of burnt clay, the charcoal being well preserved. He found some pieces of human bones, a pipe, and the jaw-bone of a dog, which was to be seen in the collection of Dr. S. E. Babcock. A great many arrow-heads and queer shaped rocks can be easily picked up around the mound. What pre-historic race built this and for what purpose will probably never be known, but tradition says the Indians celebrated the annual feast of the ripening corn by a dance on its summit.

As we leave the mound and journey up the river, we come to Love's Ford, which deserves a passing notice. When first used or how long it has been used the memory of man knoweth not. It was almost the only way of crossing the river, which is rather wide at this point and consequently shallow. In April 1865, President Davis and his cabinet, with the Confederate treasury, camped one evening for the night near the house of Mr. Wm. Gilmore, about one mile east of this ford. Mr. Gilmore went to the camp and tendered the hospitality of his house to the president. It was accepted, and the president and at least part of his cabinet spent the night under his roof. The house is a two-story frame building and is located on a high red hill, now occupied by Mr. John Page. It is more than probable that the president occupied the north end of the house. Mr. Amos Osborne went up to Mr. Gilmore's next morning and in conversation with the president said: "Well, Mr. President, what do you propose doing now?" "Go west of the Mississippi and reorganize," was his heroic reply. About ten o'clock next morning they were piloted down to the river by Mr. Gilmore, and the president and his cabinet with the wagons laden with the Confederate treasures, crossed at this ford.

Some three hundred yards above the ford is the old saw mill place. To the time when there was not a saw mill there, the memory of man runneth not back. It was bought in 1839 by Mr. Amos Osborne from the estate of Mr. Thomas Wilks, the father of Maj. J. W. Wilks. The saw mill was then in a dilapidated condition and was remodeled by him. A great deal of timber has been sent from there. Not much was sold locally but it was sent down the river in shoal boats, and some was rafted. Mr. Osborne found his saw mill very remunerative, as there was plenty of forest pines and he was a man endowed with energy and industry, and the mill was run both day and night. Some of the remains are still visible. Lockhart, [SC], February 28, 1898

NEW BETHEL – THE LANTERN, Chester, SC, July 19 and August 5, 1898

New Bethel Church is located in the southern part of York County at the junction of the two streams that unite to form the Susie Bole Creek. In consequence of that fact it is commonly known as, "THE FORKS OF THE CREEK." It is situated on the west side of the Quinn's road, leading from Chester to Rutherfordton, N. C., something over eleven miles from the former place.

When first built, tradition sayeth not, but the first structure was a log house which after a frame church was built, was used as a schoolhouse and was standing a few years ago, but is now torn down and removed. Its site was in the place now occupied as a grave yard.

When the church was first organized we have no record. I will give the minutes of the first meeting that we have any record of with the omission of the name of the brother in the blank:
"Met at new Beathel [as spelled] meeting house Saturday 3rd of Nov., 1821. Bro. McAsick began divine service after which the church proceeded to business. After some conference, Bro. Meek wished to know whether the church were all in fellowship or not. Answer in the affirmative by all that were present; one was absent, which was Bro. _____. The church wished to know whether he was in fellowship or not. Answer in the negative. Appointed brethren Wm. Robertson and Jonathan R. Hood to cite him to our next Chh. [church] meeting. The Chh. concluded to take the sacrament on the Lord's Day the 4th of November.

Bro. Meek reported to the Chh. [church] the proceedance of the Association. Bro. Hood distributed minutes received from the several sister churches of this association. Agreed to read the solemn covenant twice every year, at least in presence of all the Chh. and then concluded and were dismissed."

This statement goes to show that there must have been a church building at that place then, for it says "Met at new Beathel meeting house." Whether Bro. McAsick was pastor at that time we know not, for the next conference, which was on December 2, 1821, and those of 1822 we find that Bro. Crocker held divine service.

The following is the church roll which precedes the minutes just quoted:

Wm. Robertson, Robt. Meek, Wm. Smith, Silas Kolb, Ezekiel Morris, Abraham Brown, Moses Grayson, Johnathan R. Hood, David Thomas, Black Tom, Asa Tindle, Mary An Robertson, Isabella Robertson, Sarah Meek, Mary Kolb, Annie Morris, Martha Grayson, Jane Smith, Katy Clinton.
Lockhart [SC], July 13, 1898

The locality of new Bethel is somewhat historical ground. It is claimed that just across the creek west of the church is the birthplace of Governor Brown, of Georgia fame. Some three miles west of here, on the Youngblood plantation, a few hundred yards east of the Quinns Road, is the remains of an old stone fort once occupied by the British Tories. There is a tree standing by the roadside opposite the Youngblood residence that is considerably crooked, said to have been made so by the fly of a British officer's tent being attached thereto. The peculiar advantages of the place where the church is located afforded protection for camping, and tradition says that it was often used for that purpose by both parties.

The minutes state that "Brother Gwinn and family" were taken in the church with out any letter. Where from, the minutes do not inform us, but we understand that they came from the Beaver Creek Church. Ever since that time the church has not been without one of that name to take an active part in helping shape its affairs, and we find in a conference of 1825, on motion of Brother Robertson, he was acknowledged as a deacon.

We find that in 1825-6 the Rev. Mason was the pastor, and in the latter part of his administration some action was taken looking to the enlargement of the church. The church at that time was a frame building of small dimensions, having a gallery for the colored people.

In 1827 Rev. Weathers commenced his pastorate, which continued unbroken until 1833. Until May of that year it appears they had no pastor, but we find that Revs. Joiner, Burdette, and E. Fant preached there. In that month Rev. S. S. Burdette was chosen pastor. Deacons were also elected and ordained, but I am very sorry to say that the minutes do not mention their names. Rev. Burdette continued pastor until 1836, when Ephraim Fant was elected pastor and served from 1836 to '38 inclusive. During his pastorate, or at least most of the time, they had no clerk, as the fact is stated in a foot note in the book. In 1838 James Roberson was elected clerk.

In 1840 Rev. D. Duncan was elected pastor and continued until '42. During his pastorate the first mention in the minutes is given of a donation by William Roberson of \$100 left to the church, the interest of which shall go to the support of the church until Christ shall come. The principal to be loaned out each year. Just think of the good that this man has done. Although at one time the church came near losing the principal, yet by compromising on sacrificing several years' interest it was saved. It is safe to say that it has paid the church over \$350 and the principal is still intact.

Now we have reached a time when some of our gray beards can remember. Reverend John Kendrick was elected pastor in 1842. He was somewhat broken in speech but was well beliked and did a great deal of good.

In 1841 Jephtha Gwin was elected and ordained a deacon. He lived a long and useful life and died at his home about the year 1877.

In 1844 Wm. Gwin delivered his trial sermon and was granted the privilege of exercising gifts where ever it might be. I have often heard of him but cannot remember anything definite concerning him.

In 1846 Ephraim Abell and wife, who were well known in Chester County, were admitted on letters of recommendation.

In 1848 quite a controversy came before the church. It seems that a woman who had joined the Methodist church and had been immersed applied for membership, expressing herself as quite satisfied with her baptism. The church refused to receive her on the ground that the minister who baptized her had not been baptized himself.

Reverend Wm. Gwin was ordained to the ministry in 1849. The presbytery consisted of Revs. Ephraim Fant, John Newland, and J. Y. Kendrick. About this time the question of whether a member of the church can dance and engage in plays, seems to have considerably agitated the church, and after much discussion pro and con it was decided "We think not."

In 1851 Chesley Gwin became a member of the church. He made a good member and lived a useful life. He died at his home in York county, about one mile north of Youngblood's Bridge, on Turkey Creek, in the year 1882. His remains were buried in New Bethel graveyard, the first body buried there. The year 1853 Rev. J. Kendrick's pastorate came to an end, being the longest time any one man has served, 11 years.

In 1854 Rev. Hill became pastor. During the same year Wm. Kitchens applied for permission to preach, which was granted. He now lives in Alabama, and I understand has made quite a success in the ministry.

The land on which the church is located was purchased from James McGriff [McGriff?] and William Smith.

I have pursued the church book and have given the substance thereof to its close, 1849..... Of all the names I see in these minutes I do not know of any alive in this country except Reverend L. C. Hinton, Mrs. Sallie Cranford, and Mrs. Martha Moore.

NOTE: Lowrys Baptist Church, Lowrys, SC, had its origins in New Bethel Church.

Letters of Jacob Carter to his cousin Levi Roden Wilkes

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The following letters were written by Jacob Carter, born in Chester Co., SC around 1854, and died July 22, 1919 in Dallas Co., Texas. Jacob was the son of John Wesley Carter and Elvira Stone. John Wesley Carter was the son of Joseph Carter and Martha Wilkes. In Ivan Bass's work: "Wilkes Family History and Genealogy" page 304 it listed that Jacob Carter moved to Texas. It is interesting to note that Charles Carter, brother of Jacob, was killed near Dallas Texas, perhaps he was on his way to visit his older brother.

Jacob was living in Hallseville with his parents as stated in the 1870 census Chester County, dated August 27, 1870. It is currently unknown why Jacob moved to Texas; however it was after the 1870 census and before August of 1873. In the 1880 census Jacob is found living in Smith County, Texas when the census was taken on the 10th and 11th in District 100; his age as 26, born SC. Jacob is living with the family of Thomas Beal, as the census indicates he has no relationship to the family, Jacob was a farm laborer. Jacob is next found in the 1900 census in Dallas Co., TX, Precinct No. 3; he is listed as being born January 1854, age 56 (should have been 46 based on his birth date), and having been married 3 years to Parlee, she was married two times before as three step-children are listed Lora Jane Grooms, Edna Brisendine and Tomas Lee Brisendine. Jacob is listed in the 1910 census Dallas County, living near the Mesquite and Dallas Road, with the middle initial (M. or W.) age 55, married twice, this marriage 14 years. His wife has 4 children born and 3 living, Jacob and Parlee appear to have had a child that died young. Jacob is buried at Long Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Dallas Co., TX

It is interesting to note that Jacob left South Carolina by the age of 19, which is fairly young. Did he leave with extended family? Why did he leave? Perhaps there is extended family who can answer those questions.

Jacob was writing to his 1st cousin once removed Levi Roden Wilkes (June 12, 1853 – Aug 6, 1893) son of John Wesley Wilkes and Cynthia Colvin Cornwell. Martha Wilkes, wife of Joseph Carter, and John Wesley Wilkes were siblings and children of Richard Wilkes and Alice-Roden. I have tried to maintain his spelling and have inserted words with []'s to clarify meaning; words in {?} indicate unknown or unreadable. The letters are part of the Harden-Wilkes papers housed at Winthrop University Archives, Rock Hill, SC. The three letters are the only three from Jacob Carter to his cousin.

Aug the 16th 1873 Staffords Point, Fort Bend County [south of Houston], Texas

Mr. L. R. Wilkes

Dear Cousin,

When I last wrote to you I thought that I was going to California but I could not sell my crops. I had beter had went for my crop is no count the worms et my cotton(??) I never but my corn. I thought that I would of made fifty bales of cotton this year but I wont make two bales so am flat broke. I never make another crop in Texas again I expect to stay here this year. I don't {know}

where I will{be} next year. I don't expect to come home any more. I wont come untell I make some money if I don't make better (speeir?) I never will make enough

I know you have such nice time out there I would liketo see you all I would like to {see} the young ladies out there. Levi you promise me that you would send me your seetheart picture. I want you to send it in your next letter I return it wen I all for.

I will close for this time so good by.

Your cousin (??) (???) Jacob Carter

Write soon and give all the news.

June the 12th, 1875, Mexia, Limestone County Texas

Mr. L. R. Wilks

Dear Sir,

I wrote to some time ago but never received a single scribble from you yet I have ben looking for a letter from you for sometime but look in vain but hope it will not be the case with this letter. Hoping when this letter come safe to {your} hand will fine you enyoying the best of health the prospect of crops are very good better than they have ben for sometime. I have fine corn it is silking (otarseling) my cotton look foraaable well. I had to plant over which threw me back buy I finished chopping my cotton this evening. I lade my corn by three weeks age. Levi this country beats old South Carolina. I am very () satisfied here. I never expect to leave unless my sweetheart (?) id me. I have a pretty one out here. I have come on the conclusion that I would get me a angel to watch & guard me for the future. I have told you all the news so I will close for this time.

Yours Respectfully Jacob Carter

Write soon to give all the news.

Oct the 27th, 1875 P.O. Mexia, Limestone County, Texas

Mr. L. R. Wilks

Dear Cousin,

I received your kind epistle which notes that I was was truly glad to read. I like to read a letter at any time. I was glad to hear that you are enjoying such fine health it leave me well only a little live sick perhaps you have had had the same complaint.

Crops are only torable good cotton something better then corn. I ante interesting in crops now. I have sold my cotton crop out in patch so I have nothing to do but to taulk to the young ladies. Levi I have ben attending parties (???) enjoy but one I attend there you spoke about me coming back to old SC I couldent leave my sweetheart you said that thay was a great many young ladies in old SC that are nothing to compare with the Texas Ladies. You spoke about having a swell time with the ladies I was glad to hear of it if you could only see my sweetheart you wouldent never think about the old SC ladies she is to pretty to live. She is seting about three feet of me when pening. I will close excuse this short letter. Your cousin J. Carter.
Write soon to give all the news.

Alice Roden m. Richard Wilkes

Richard Wilkes m. Alice Roden

Joseph Carter m. Martha Wilkes siblings

John Wesley Wilkes m Cynthia C. Cornwell

Elvira Stone m. John Wesley Carter 1st cousins Levi Roden Wilkes m. Nancy Harden

Perlee Paschall m. Jacob Carter 2nd cousins

Queries

(Surnames in Queries are not indexed)

07----01 John Hamilton Miller, MD, 305 East Vine Street, Bartow, FL 33830. [email-JhamiltonMiller@Juno.com](mailto:JhamiltonMiller@Juno.com) - Does anyone know the parents of Jenn Torbit? Does anyone know the parents of Mary Hare? Does anyone know the name of the man who married Eliza Torbit (Ross)

07----02 Nancy A. Sicotte, 2047 Byron St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, email NanSicotte@aol.com. Seek information on Robert Greer (Grier) of Chester Co. SC, who had son James Greer, Sr., whose wife was Martha Nisbet (Nesbet). James Greer Sr., and wife Martha had son James Greer Jr. Did they have a daughter named Martha, born ca 1780?

James Green Sr. went to Carroll Co., Tennessee in his later years, by 1827

07----03 Drs. Stuart & Orriene Denslow, 5721 West Orlando Circle, Broken Arrow, OK, 74011 email-osdenslow@cox.net. John & Mary (Pagan) Downing's son, John Downing, Jr. (b. 1776 in Fishing Creek, SC married Margaret "Peggy" (Mary) Faris (b. abt. 1776 in Fishing Creek, SC. Looking for information on the John Faris family in Fishing Creek, SC and John Downing, Sr. and John Downing, Jr. in SC. Supposedly, the Faris/Farie family settled in Rocky Creek, SC.

07----04 Mrs. Joe (Clara) Malak, Jr., P O Box 37, New Waverly, TX 77358. email-cmalak@yahoo.com. Looking for information on William M. Clark, d spring 1833, West Chester Co. area (Liberty Chapel). Wife (1) Martha? Walker (d/o Adam & Rhoda Walker). Known children: Rebecca m Henry Carter, Elenar m Templeton Darby, and Jeremiah Terry Clark
Wife (2) Lenesa Simpson (d/o Jesse & Mary (Colvin) Simpson. Child: Jesse Simpson Clark (1832-1863)

07----05 Dorothy S. Hurter, 7429 S Atlanta, Tulsa, OK-email-carlhurter@aol.com - George C. Peay born cir 1808 in S.C., appeared on the 1890 Fairfield, SC census with his wife and 3 children. By 1850, the family was in Chickasaw Co. Mississippi. Does anyone know how they relate to any other Peays in South Carolina? The wife's name was Martha (possibly Rowe); children were Mary, Martha, Wiat, John and Austin.

07----06 Peggy Brakefield, 1907 Forest Dr., Camden, SC., 29020- email - pbrakefield@bellsouth.net. Walker, Jonathan & Mary Jane Bailey - Mary Jane Bailey, dau of Thomas J. & Jane Jennings was b circa 1856 in Union Co., SC. She married Jonathan Walker about 1872/73 in Chester Co., SC. They were listed on the 1880 York Co., SC census with children -Lou Ellen, Mattie L. and Thomas Adam. After that, they seemed to have disappeared. Any help would be appreciated.

07----07 George H. Stewart, 8276 Squirrel Hollow Ridge, West Chester, Ohio 45069 - email-Stew042@aol.com-Looking for information on John Wylie, born around 1770 in S. C., and died 5 July 1851 in Chester Co. S. C. He married Martha Ferguson. She was born around 1773 in S.C., and died 19 November 1852 in Chester Co. S. C. They had one known son, William B. Wylie born 19 September 1811 in Richburg, S. C. and died 27 February 1889. He married Elizabeth Ann Wylie. Their daughter Harriett I. Wylie married into Simpson Family. Look for anything on John Wylie and or Martha Ferguson and their families in and around Chester and York Counties, S. C.

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