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President's Page

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE

I wanted to let all of you know that I am back up and running again. I am hoping that it is for good this time. It has been a long battle, but I think that I have finally won, but I am still keeping my fingers crossed to be sure.

I want to thank Jean and George for the great job that they have been doing in my absence. Jean and George are the backbone of our society.

We are always looking for new members. Our membership has swindled in the last few years as our older members have passed away. We really need to work on increasing our membership. If any of you have suggestions on how to increase our membership, please drop us a note by either regular mail or email and let us know what your suggestions are.

We are publishing a new book by Damien Argon. He has transcribed obituaries from "The State" newspaper 1900-1920. The book should be available for sale by the middle of December. You can purchase the book by writing to the library. The cost of the book is \$20.00. We want to thank Damien for the great job he has done in transcribing all of this information.

We want to thank Damien for he has donated to the library a draft copy of his book, "The Colvin family". This book is over 1000 pages long and has a lot of information on the Colvin family in it

We have been getting a few more visitors to the library now that the summer is over. We have also been contacted by a few that want to come in November to visit the library. Remember, any time you are in the area, please stop by the library and say hello.

This has been a good year. Let's try to make this coming year a great time for our society.

Your President, Ellen Schuster

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES 2009

The Conference dates are May 13-16, 2009 and will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina in the new Raleigh Convention Center. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information. There will be Research opportunities, Historic Tours, Society Night, and a Night of North Carolina History.

Formation of Counties in South Carolina

The Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina, drawn up by the Lords Proprietors in 1669, stated that the "whole Province shall be divided into Counties" and planned for these counties to be basic territorial units for local government, administration of justice, granting of land, and election of representatives to the legislative assembly. Consequently, after the first hard years of settlement were past, the Proprietors in 1682 ordered three counties laid out. Berkeley County, centering around Charleston, extended from the Stono Rover on the south to Seewee Creek (present day Awendaw Creek) emptying into Bull Bay on the north. Craven County was to lie north of Berkeley; and below Berkeley, Colleton extended to the Combahee River. Later a fourth county, Granville, was laid out between the Combahee and the Savannah rivers.

These early counties never fully lived up to the roles appointed for them. During the first third of the eighteenth century the parishes of the established Anglican Church became the election districts; the Berkeley County courts extended their authority throughout the whole province; and virtually all government of consequence was centralized in Charleston. The names of the old counties continued in use until the American Revolution, but largely as a means of locating lands granted or sold and as the jurisdiction of militia units.

In 1769, by act of the General Assembly, the Province was divided into seven judicial districts. Below a line running generally from southwest to northeast about fifty miles from the coast, three districts were laid out: Georgetown, extending from the North Carolina line to the Santee; Charleston, lying between the Santee and the Combahee; and Beaufort, located between the Combahee and the Savannah. Northeast of Georgetown was the Cheraws District, bounded on the west by Lynches River. West of the Cheraws was the large Camden District, bounded on the west by the Santee-Congaree-Broad river system. South and west of the Camden District, two more large districts extended to the Savannah River – Orangeburg to the south and Ninety-Six to the north. Each of these districts except the Cheraws had a courthouse town bearing the same name as the district which it served; court for the Cheraws District was held at Long Bluff.

Following the American Revolution, in 1785 counties were laid out within each of these districts. South Carolina government was greatly decentralized, and county courts in 1786 were authorized to do many of the things which previously only the government at Charleston had been permitted to do. The Low Country districts of Georgetown, Charleston, and Beaufort, where the old parish system was well established, were not required to set up these county courts. One or two were tried but quickly abandoned. Orangeburg District was required to set up counties and county courts, but soon persuaded the General Assembly to discard them. Orange, Lewisburg, and original Lexington County and Winton (an early version of Barnwell) were all abolished in 1791. Most of the counties in the other districts survived to become ancestors of the present ones. The 1785 Act gave the Cheraws District the counties of Chesterfield, Marlboro, and Darlington. Camden was divided into York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Richland, Claremont, and Clarendon. Ninety-Six contained Spartanburg, Union, Laurens, Newberry, Abbeville, and Edgefield. Northwest of Ninety Six District lay the unorganized Indian Land, taken from the Cherokees during the American Revolution. Here Greenville was formed in 1786, and Pendleton in 1789.

Establishment of these early counties and county courts did not mean the abolition of the old district courts and boundaries; the district courts, presided over by state justices, continued to sit at the district capitals. The year 1791 brought significant but not fundamental change to the established system.

Two new counties and two new districts were created. Kershaw County was formed from portions of Lancaster, Fairfield, Richland and Claremont; and Salem County was formed from portions of Claremont and Clarendon. The Washington District was formed to encompass Greenville and Pendleton Counties, and the Pinckney District came into being after taking York and Chester from the Camden District and Spartanburg and Union from the Ninety Six.

Great dissatisfaction with the early county courts brought about their demise. In 1800 each of the existing counties became known as districts, with the state justices touring from courthouse town to courthouse town. Claremont, Clarendon and Salem counties became Sumter District. Marion District was formed from part of Georgetown; Colleton District was formed from part of Charleston; and Barnwell District was formed from a past of Orangeburg. Shortly thereafter three of the inactive counties called for by the Act of 1785 were revived and made judicial districts. In 1801 old Kingston County with its name changed to Horry was taken from Georgetown, which also yielded a revitalized Williamsburg in 1804. Also, in 1804 Lexington was formed from Orangeburg with roughly the same territory as the former county of the same name. Washington, Pinckney, Ninety-Six Camden and Cheraws vanished as the names of judicial districts, the former counties having taken over the superior judicial function.

Thus in 1804 South Carolina presented a picture of judicial districts of roughly uniform size. It should be understood that not all of the formations of government (and indeed, not even all of the judicial functions) proceeded in accordance with these district lines. The probating of estates and the recording of land transfers were courthouse functions usually done in accordance with district boundaries. Election districts sometimes encompassed more than the judicial district, and sometimes there was more than judicial districts contained several regiments of the State Militia. Various functions of local government, such as poor relief, education, and road building were carried on in a bewildering multiplicity of ways.

Further changes in the period before the Confederate War brought only slight changes to the system. In 1825 Pendleton was divided into the two districts of Pickens and Anderson. Then, after nearly thirty years during which time no new districts were formed, Clarendon District was taken from Sumter with the same boundaries as the earlier Clarendon County of 1785.

The Constitution of 1868 stated that "the Judicial Districts shall hereafter be designated as Counties", and formed Oconee County from the western part of Pickens. Four new counties were established under the Constitution of 1868; in 1871 Aiken County was established from parts of Orangeburg, Edgefield, Barnwell and Lexington; in 1878, Hampton from a part of Beaufort; in 1882, Berkeley from a part of Charleston; and in 1888, Florence from parts of Marion, Darlington, Williamsburg and Clarendon.

An ordinance of the Constitutional Convention of 1895 formed Saluda County from part of Edgefield. Under our present Constitution ten new counties have been established. Four of these were constituted in 1897: Bamberg from Barnwell; Cherokee, from parts of Spartanburg, Union and York; Dorchester, from Berkeley and Colleton; and Greenwood, from parts of Abbeville and Edgefield. The six remaining counties with their dates of birth and parent counties are Lee (1902- Darlington, Kershaw and Sumter): Calhoun(1908 – Orangeburg and Lexington); Dillon, (1910 – Marion); Jasper(1912 – Beaufort and Hampton); McCormick (1916 – Edgefield, Abbeville and Greenwood); Allendale(1919 – Barnwell and Hampton).

Bethany Presbyterian Church Ward Pegram June 20, 1933

Recently I stopped at the cemetery of Bethany Presbyterian Church, the church a thing of the past, and which was located about three miles from Chester on the Lowrys road, now known as state highway # 321. The church was located across the Carolina and North Western Railway tracks from the County Home.

It will be recalled that several years ago the highway to Lowrys crossed the railway tracks opposite the County Home and from thence for a considerable distance on the west side of the tracks. At present the highway keeps to the east of the railway tracks and passes close to the old church site and the present cemetery.

In looking up the records of this church, I find that on October 10th, 1846, Joseph Carter, Robert Walker, John Harden, John G. Smith, and William L. Wallace, Commissioners for the Poor of Chester District, made a deed to William P. Lynn, Samuel Fife, Joseph Wright and Samuel Alexander, the building committee of the Bethany church to a certain piece of land. The deed specified that the property was for the use of all denominations with the "exception that the denomination of Christians called the Independent Presbyterian, to have the EXCLUSIVE use of said church the first Sabbath in each and every month."

This deed also provided that in the event the property ceased to be a church that the same would revert back to the commissioners of the poor for Chester District, when and if abandoned.

On November 15th, 1869 I find that the Chester County Commissioners, James Hemphill, J. A. Reedy, R. S. Hope and James G. Lowry, deeded this same tract to Charles Young, Henry and George Gilmore, officers of the Bethany church.

The last mentioned deed was evidently for the purpose of eliminating that clause in the deed of 1840 giving independent Presbyterians the exclusive use of the church on the first Sabbath in each and every month and also to eliminate the clause to the effect that the church, if abandoned, would revert back to the county.

The tract deeded in 1840 was bounded by lands of James Tims, Elisha Jaggers and public land whereon the poor houses are built.

On March 1891, Henry Gilmore, "sole survivor of the elders and trustees of Bethany Presbyterian church" deeded the property to Robert Wylie, John W. Walker, James Hemphill, J. L. Harris, J. J. Stringfellow, James Hamilton, J. K. Marshall and E. P. Moore, elders of Purity Presbyterian church.

Among the names appearing in the cemetery are: Boyd, Nicholson, Pardue, Lewis, Morrow, Conrad, Forsythe, Gladden, Anderson, Cabeen, Bell, Tims and Hardin. John Thomas, familiarly known as "Happy Jack", who died in 1925 at the age of 83, and who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, is buried there. The last burial there, I think, was John W. Gladden, who died last year at the age of 82.

The Gore Family in Maryland

Tradition says that there were two Gore Brothers who came to America. One settled in Virginia, named Joshua, and one settled in Maryland. His name was James; we shall call him James I. Of Joshua I know nothing, except that he was supposed to have settled in Loudon County, VA.

James Gore, first trace, date and place of birth unknown. In 1711 James Gore I, obtained a lease of one hundred acres of land known as the Vineyard and situated in Prince George County, Maryland near the Potomac Rover and Rock Creek, recorded in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

In 1714 James Gore I, secured from the Colonial Government of Maryland, a grant or patent of land known as Fletchalls good will on Piny Branch and Rock Creek, (now in the heart of Washington, DC). In 1717, November 2, final report was filed in connection with the estate of James Gore I, deceased. Mary Gore was his wife, maiden name unknown. They were the parents of two sons, James Gore II and Thomas Gore. After the death of James Gore I, Mary Gore his widow married Grove Tomlinson and on April 1, 1756 gave a deed to each of her sons, James Gore II and Thomas Gore. The deed was given in Frederick County, Maryland. Commissioner of Lands Office, reference Liber B. C. and C. S. #3 Folio.

In 1756 Mary Gore Tomlinson gave another deed naming more of her children, as follows in abstract: Deed of gift to beloved son James Gore, and beloved son Thomas Gore, beloved daughter Mary Dowden of Virginia Colony, and well beloved son Michel Alfred Dowden (presumable son-in-law), grandson Mannon (Manning) Gore, granddaughter Mary Roberts, daughter of Edward Roberts of Virginia and granddaughter Mary Mackbe. No further record of Thomas Gore except a deed from Grove Tomlinson to him in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, also the following deed in abstract from Frederick County Maryland. October 4, 1769: Deed from Thomas Gore and wife Rachel, land to William Beele, tract of land in Frederick County, Maryland. This is the last entry or transfer in that court pertaining to Thomas Gore and wife Rachel.

James Gore II and his wife Elizabeth, removed to South Carolina, Camden District, presumably soon after 1769, as the first land grant is dated 1770. He purchased some five hundred acres of land in Camden District, later Chester County. In June of 1783, he sold one hundred acres of this land to Colonel Patrick McGriff and the description is as follows: Deed from James Gore Senr. To Col. Patrick McGriff, both of Chester County, Camden Dist. part of land granted by patent to Zachariah Isbell, March 6, 1763, land on John Gores line, also on the widow Nantz's line. The witnesses to deed were John Ashford and Elisha Gore, date June 20, 1784, Chester County Deeds-B-page 635. (Question? Were Zachariah Isbell and widow Nantz or Nance, related to James Gore II, and who was this John Gore mentioned).

In Dec. 1783, the will of James Gore II, was probated in Kershaw County, but all settlement was made in Chester County and his land was in Chester County. I cannot account for this, except for the same way some of the early court records were kept. His will is as follows: Copied from the original will of James Gore in the office of Probate Judge, Camden.

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Gore of Camden District. In the province of South Carolina, being weak in body but sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Hereby revoking all other wills

And testaments by me heretofore made. Imprimis, it is my will and desire that all of my just debts be paid by my Executors, hereafter named, as soon as possible after my decease.

Item: I give and devise to my son John Ashford Gore, one hundred acres of land on Sandy Creek, being a part of the land given to my son-in-law, and the lower end of the said tract, and where he now lives to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise to my son Joshua Gore, one hundred and twenty-five acres of land lying on both sides of Sandy Creek. It being a part of a two hundred acres tract that I purchased of Zachary Isbell, and lying lowest down the said creek and "joining" George (Tanfield or Fairfield, illegible) with his improvements on the said land, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise to my son Eleazer Gore, fifty acres of land, with the plantation whereon I now live at the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth, and likewise the remaining parts of the above tract of two hundred acres, where on I now live to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise to my two grandsons, Michel Dowden and Davis Gore, two hundred acres of land joining land surveyed by James Sept, likewise the land of John Roden, to them and their heirs forever

Item: My will and desire is that the overplust of my personal or movable estate above my wife's thirds be all equally divided amongst all my children, their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Gore and my son James Gore, Executors of this my last will and testament, sealed withmy seal and signed with my own proper hand, this third day of April, one thousand sever hundred and eighty three, (1783) in the presence of us

Test.

George Thomas

Elisha Gore

Michel Gore

Signed James Gore (Seal)

He did not name all of his children. The James Gore named as one of the Executors, was James Manning Gore, whom I think was his eldest son, with Thomas next.

James Gore II was a Revolutionary Patriot.

Elizabeth Gore widow and relict of James Gore II died in 1786 leaving the following will. Copied from Will Book A page 19, in office of Probate Judge of Chester County, Chester, SC.

In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Gore, of the State of South Carolina, Chester, being of weak in body but in perfect mind and understanding that all flesh but in material must yield to death, do make this my last will and testament. First, I commit my soul to Almighty God who made it and my body to be decently laid in the ground at the discretion of my Executors. That my lawful debts be paid, and my estate and effects I bequeath and dispose of in the manner and form following.

First to my well beloved son James Manning Gore, I leave and bequest on shilling sterling.

I leave and bequeath to my well beloved son Clement Gore one shilling sterling

I leave and bequeath to my well beloved son John Ashford Gore one shilling sterling

I leave and bequeath to my well beloved son Joshua Gore one shilling sterling

I leave and bequeath to my well beloved son Eleazer Gore all the money he owes me, being about twenty seven pounds sterling

I leave and bequeath to Sarah Cornwell, my flex spinning wheel and cotton cards, and one small feather bed, bed and furniture belonging to it, and likewise the third part of a web of cloth that is now in the house and the remainder part of the same to Eleazer Gore

All the rest of my moveable estate consisting of household furniture and stock except my wearing clothiers, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters, Mary Sanders, Easter Wood, and Elizabeth Kowling (Noland). My wearing clothiers I leave and bequeath to my two granddaughters, Fillinda Gore, and Elizabeth Sanders, and Third Sarah Wornell to be equally divided amongst the three. And do here by nominate and appoint my sons John Ashford Gore and Eleazer Gore, the whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke, disallow and disannul former bequests wills and testaments by me heretofore left, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,

this twenty fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight (1788). Signed and sealed and published and declared in the presence of Test.

Joseph Timms Sampson Noland

Elizabeth Gore

Michel Gore

It is reasonable to suppose that all of the children of the above James Gore II and his wife Elizabeth were born in Maryland. You will note that neither named their son Thomas Gore to whom they had given a deed in Frederick County, Maryland in 1759, naming him their son. It is this son Thomas Gore that the writer thinks was the father of her great great Grandfather Notley Gore.

Burnt Meeting House

"Burnt Meeting House" is located ¼ mile west of store and residence of R. H. Ferguson. There is a cemetery there. In this cemetery we find graves of Justice John Gaston, Rev. Hugh Gaston, Margaret McClure, Thomas Howze, Margeret McCreary sons, Sam'l and John McCreary, Justice Jno. Gaston was born in 1700, and died in 1782.

The church that formerly stood at this place was a Presbyterian church and was, and is still one of the oldest church organizations in Chester County. It was organized and the first house of worship was built at a point which afterwards became the residence of John Dickey Esq. now the residence of his daughter Mrs. Robert Westbrook.

As it was inconvenient for a majority of the congregation they moved down to the place known as burnt meeting house. They worshipped here for a number of years. The house was burned by a forest fire. The congregation moved again and built on the eastern side of Tinkers Creek and built on 11 acres of land donated by Benjamin Culp, called Richardson, in honor of their pastor William Richardson. They worshipped quite a number of years here. Then moved to Cedar Shoals, which was one mile south of the present village of Bascomville.

The Culps (or Kolbs) opposed this move and went to Baptist Hopewell instead. The Culps were Dutch Presbyterians, who came to Chester County from Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War.

The church buildings near Lando, and at the Burnt Meeting House and at Richardson were all log houses.

Capt. W. H. Edwards

Hopewell Baptist Church was organized in 1791.

"The Burnt Meeting House" and graveyard were there prior to 1766.

Another meeting house 14 miles up the creek was no doubt old Fishing Creek Church.

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22 Nov. 1804 Benjamin Culp for \$10 to James Crafford (Crawford) and Isaac McFadden as Trustees for the Presbyterian congregation of Richardson......"while it may remain under the care and direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in these United States." On a branch of Tinkers Creek a branch of Fishing Creek being a part of a tract granted to John Culp, Sr. Number of acres not stated. Said to be 11 acres.

Signed Witness:

Benjamin Culp David Patton

Thomas Walker William Walker

On December 31, 1805 Mary Culp signed away her dower rights. Recorded 7 March, 1808

HISTORIC ROCK HILL TO PUBLISH HISTORY BY WHITE

A new work on the early history of Rock Hill by William B. White, Jr., will be published soon by Historic Rock Hill. Titled *Along the Land's Ford Road*, the work represents research conducted by Mr. White over several decades. It will cover the first two decades of the history of the city, including the land owners who lived in the area prior to the creation of Rock Hill and the development of the town up to the Civil War. *Along the Land's Ford Road* will be published in two volumes. The first will cover the events and history of the early town and the second will include genealogies of a number of families involved in the early history of Rock Hill.

William B. White, Jr. is a local historian and retired English teacher. He currently lives in Roanoke, Virginia, but maintains a keen interest in history and genealogy of the Carolina Piedmont.

The books will be published in November 2008 by Historic Rock Hill. They will be available for sale at a price of \$60 for the two-volume set or \$35 for one volume, plus shipping. Please contact Historic Rock Hill at (803) 329-1020 to order copies. All proceeds will support the historic preservation activities of Historic Rock Hill.

T. G. Patrick

One of Fairfield's most prominent citizens passed Wednesday at White Oak after long illness. He was in his 89th year.

Thomas Gilfillen Patrick, 88, one of the most outstanding businessmen and citizen of Fairfield county died Wednesday night, December 6, 1939, at 6 o'clock in his home at White Oak after several years illness.

He was born in the Bullock's Creek community of York county, September 19, 1851, a son of the late John R. Patrick and Sarah Hayes Patrick, prominent families. After taking a course in a business college in Atlanta, he clerked in Blackstock for a while for Thomas Mitchell. He moved to White Oak in 1874 and built up a large mercantile business. He was also a big landowner and extensive planter. Mr. Patrick early adopted the most modern methods of farming and was widely known in Agricultural circles.

He was married to Miss Sara Jane Henry of Chester, who died in 1905. From this marriage the following children survive; Killough Henry Patrick and Matthew White Patrick, both of White Oak, Mrs. R. C. Grier of Due West; Mrs. John T. Moore of Orrville, Ala., Mrs. David R. Kennedy of Sarasota, Fil, 17 grandchildren and a great grandchild, and a sister, Mrs. John A. Smith of Huntersville, N. C.

Mr. Patrick was a charter member of the White Oak A. R. P. church. He was a ruling elder and was superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a liberal contributor to the A. R. P. Church and its institutions and recently, he gave a handsome brick home to Erskine college to be used for the presdent's home.

He had been a director of the People's National bank of Chester for more than 30 years.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 0'clock Friday morning at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at White Oak with Dr. Oliver Johnson of Winnsboro A. R. P. church officiating, with interment in the church cemetery at White Oak. Assisting in the services were Rev. W. A. Kennedy, of Blackstock, Dr. Joseph Grier, Chester, and Mr. Tom McDill of Erskine college.

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased; W. B. Michael, Herbert, Paul and Robert Patrick, and Hanahan Wylie.

Mr. Patrick had two other children, Mrs. J. M Matthews of Charlotte, and Dr. R. Bruce Patrick of Waycross, Ga. Both having died a number of years age.

Richburg's First Government

The earliest records show Richburg's first form of town government was in effect sometime before 1897. The date on the town charter is Dec. 1889.

Some of the first town officials in 1897 were Mayor G. W. Roddey; Clerk-R. S.Crockett; Wardens, G.C Gill, G. D. Lewis, and Dr. W. Dekalb Wylie.

Others serving as mayor over the years were: R. L. Hicklin, J. O. Barber, J. R. Hicklin, Francis Simpson, C. P. Hicklin, M. E. Dye, W. B. Gladden and J. H Clawson.

Mayor Clawson served for 21 years, the longest record of time in office held by a mayor in the State of South Carolina, at that time. The present mayor, J. B. McCrorey has been in office since June 12, 1967.

At the sudden death of Mayor Clawson in May 1967, the clerk, Barnette F. Nichols, served as Mayor Pro-tem until the election in June, at which time J. B. McCrorey was elected mayor. Mr. McCrorey had served 3 years as a councilman with Mayor Clawson.

Mayor McCrorey, who had managed Reid Bros. store in Richburg for over 40 years, was a member of the Lewisville Area Board of School Trustees for 12 years, and a county tax assessor for 18 years. Those elected to serve with Mayor McCrorey were Barnette Nichols, returning as clerk, R. C. Porter, James Crosby and Tyson Melton.

The Mayor and council seats were made two-year terms in 1965, having previously been for only one year. In June 1967, election registration certificates were required for the first time in over 30 years and ballots were printed.

In 1965, Chester County's mammoth waterline was constructed from the Catawba River along highway #9 through Richburg. The town bought and installed five fire hydrants within the town limits. A new lighting system replaced the older street lights with 28 new lights. Land was bought for a fire department and town hall. The town was presented the money from the Clawson Memorial Fund to use toward the purchase of a desk in honor of Mayor Clawson and Mrs. Clawson, who passed away at the same time as her husband. The beautiful desk has a bronze plaque on the front with the inscription-"In honor of Jacob H. Clawson, Mayor of the Town of Richburg for 31 years, and Mrs. Gweneth B. Clawson, whose unselfish service will long be remembered by the citizens of the town."

The fire station has been completed and paid for with the work of the volunteer firemen and Board of Directors. The first members of the Board of Directors of the fire department were; President Rogers M. Reid, Vice President W. C. Gladden, Secretary and Treasurer Barnette F. Nichols, Ex-officio Mayor J. B. McCrorey; other members, J. C. Barber, Harold Bedenbaugh, J. M Billings and Stewart Melton. Mr. C. I. Weaver was the first fire chief, followed by W. C. Gladden and B. F. Nichols, who in 1998 became firemen of the year for State of South Carolina.

Both the fire department and town hall are signs of progress that may transform Richburg form a quiet little own such as was seen for a day on December 19, 1968, when the "Springmaid Special" of the Lancaster and Chester Railroad made its first quail season stop.

This may go down as one of the town's most historic events since General Cornwallis' horse bit the top out of a local sapling (oak tree) and its most festive since the depot fire made community property of an entire stock of distilled spirits.

A forgotten era of railroading was brought back to life with the "Springmaid Special (three cars of train fitted in 1890 fashion.) Col Springs, noted for mixing business with pleasure, pledged before his death in 1959, that Lancaster and Chester trains would always stop in Richburg "during quail season."

Over the years more changes have taken place, such as a town park, water and sewer lines run throughout the town due to grants that town officials worked to bring industry to out lying areas.

Mayor McCrorey passed away on July 24, 2008, entering his 42nd year as mayor at the age of 91. He was the oldest serving mayor and longest serving mayor in the State of South Carolina.

Richburg has been honored with the longest serving mayor twice- first Mayor J. H. Clawson with 31 years and Mayor J. B. McCrorey with 41 years.

Honoring things that time forgot From "The Herald" July 18, 2004

The Sandersville community founded in 1828 at the border of Chester and York counties once boasted a post office, store and church, historians say. All that now remains is 5the New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery of Suzy Bole Hill deep in the woods along a red clay road off S. C. 321.

Horse drawn carriages and crowded wagons with bolted wooden benches carried folks to that site Saturday where more than 100 people attended a memorial ceremony for seven Civil War veterans buried there. The memorial service consisted of a history of Sandersville, a roll call of the deceased Confederate soldiers, songs, prayers and a military salute with three-rounds of cannon fire.

Many, like 86-year-old Julia Hall McKeown, a member of First Baptist Church of Lowrys, had often heard stories of the New Bethel church cemetery. However, they saw it for the first time on Saturday.

"It was something I'd been looking forward to," McKeown said. "I'd heard about it for years and years. I think I found some of my ancestors today."

Sandersville was once a thriving agricultural community, said historian Mike Scoggins. It received its name form the Sanders family who owned a grist mill and saw mill there. New Bethel Baptist Church, established in the early 1800s, had a membership of about 130 members in the 1860s, Scoggins said. About 40 of those members were black, he added. Sandersville also had two post offices. The first opened in 1828; the second was called Olive Post Office. The Lowrys post office replaced both in 1902. The former Sanders store is now used as a ranger station at Kings Mountain State Park, Scoggins said.

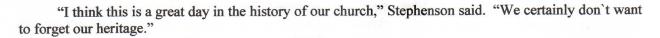
The distance from town is probably what led to the demise of Sandersville, historians say. Residents began to move closer to York or Chester for work opportunities.

On July 10, 1904, a group of 22 members from New Bethel Baptist left and founded First Baptist Church in the small township of Lowrysville. First Baptist's congregation gradually absorbed New Bethel, historians say.

About three months ago members from First Baptist, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Boy Scouts and community volunteers began a cleanup effort at the cemetery where the last burial was recorded in 1920. During the cleanup, the soapstone, marble and granite grave markers of the seven Confederate soldiers were found. Some of these were members of the founding families of First Baptist, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary this month, said church historian Frances Stephenson. The memorial to the war veterans was part of the centennial celebration.

Two members of the Sanders family, James A. Sanders, a sergeant with the S. C. 6th Regiment, and John Calhoun Sanders, a second lieutenant with the 17th S. C. Regiment, are buried at the New Bethel cemetery.

Other veterans buried at the cemetery include Ira Coln, James T. Coln, James McCluney, Reuben Cranford and 15 year old Hazel H. Wilkes, Jr., a member of the 6th S. C. Battalion Reserves and a distant relative to Stephenson. The cemetery restoration project was a community partnership and not an endeavor for First Baptist alone, Stephenson said.



As people gathered under a natural canopy of large shade trees in the small cemetery for a repast of homemade lemonade and cookies, they shared family histories of a former village and ancestors long gone, but not forgotten.

"I thought it was a very impressive ceremony to honor the veterans," said Shirley Brown. "I really liked it."

Landowner makes a stand

Hardeeville, S. C. – More than a century after Gen. William T. Sherman's troops burned every building on the property, Henry Ingram, Jr. has vowed never to let his plantation fall in Yankee hands again.

Ingram went down to the courthouse this week and filed deed restrictions barring the sale of the land to anyone from north of the Mason-Dixon Line and anyone named Sherman.

"This is the prettiest piece of land in the county, and I want to keep it that way," he said.

The deed restrictions filed at the Jasper County Courthouse prohibit the "Yankee race—those who were born above the Mason-Dixon Line or who have lived there for a year or more – from owning any part of the 1,688 acres. Also, anyone named Sherman can never even set foot on the property.

The property, mostly wetlands and tall pines, is five miles north of Savannah, Ga. Ingram said he wants to put a motel, convenience store and restaurant there, along with homes for himself and members of his family.

South Carolina banker Langson Cheves established the plantation in 1829. It was destroyed in January 1856 as Sherman's troops crossed the Savannah River into South Carolina.

Ingram, who owns several video gambling parlors in the area, bought the property last month for \$1.2 million. He lives on Hilton Head Island, a luxury resort area popular with Yankees.

"Slowly but surely they have taken over Hilton Head, they've taken over Beaufort County, and are infiltrating Jasper County," Ingram told the Savannah (GA) Morning News. "They are worse than fire ants."

Will of John Torbit By John Hamilton Miller Bartow. FL

Copy of the will of John Torbit-Recorded in the book of wills years 1840-1865, page 213, Chester County Court House, Office of Probate Judge.

In the name of God amen-

I, John Torbit of Chester District in the state of South Carolina do make and ordain the following as my last will and testament in the manner and form following; Viz.

I bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Torbit, all my stock in the South Carolina and Charlotte Railroad to be hers during life and at her death at her disposal. I also give her the unmolested use of all my other property during her natural life and use of the plantation whereon I now live and at her death to be divided as follows:

I have already given my children so near an equal portion of my property, that I intend those advancements shall be considered as making them equal at the present time.

At the death of my wife (should she survive me) I allow my plantation to be sold by my executors and the proceeds equally among my children, who may be living at that time and the legal heirs of those who may be dead to take the share their parents would be entitled to if living.

I also allow an appraisment of all my personal and perishable property to be made at the death of my wife by sworn and disinterested parties and if probable awarded according to valuation equally among my following children, Viz. Eliza Ross, John Torbit, The heirs of Jane McCaw, and Nancy Moffatt, Sarah Henry, Hugh Torbit, and Mary White.

I wish it to be expressly understood that the portion heretofore bequeathed to Eliza Rossis to be for her sole and separateuse during her natural live and to go to the heirs of her body at her death and not to be liable for the debts or contracts of her present or future husband she may have

And lastly I nominate and appoint David Moffat and Matthew White Executors of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this tenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty. No underlining done before signing.

Witnessed in presence of: Saml A. Wylie Mary Smith
James McDaniel

Signed
John Torbit

South Carolina

Chester District: by William H. Anderson Ordinary in and for District aforesaid.

Personally appeared before me Mrs. Mary Smith and after being duly sworn according to lawsays upon oath that she was present and say John Torbit sign and seal and publish and declare the above.

The Descendants of Richard Hill and Dorcas Moberly

From Bedford County, VA to Fairfield County, SC By Ward Pegram

Richard Hill married Dorcas Moberley, one of twelve children of Edward Moberley, Sr., and Susannah De Ruel, presumably in Virginia. Richard and son William Hill are shown in the Tithe lists of Lunenburg County from the year 1750. The Hill-Moberley and Meador names appear in the Lunenburg County tithe list during the 1748-1752. Edward Moberley sold land lying on and near the Otter River in 1756 and his son Clement Moberley sold land in the same vicinity in Bedford County in 1750, Bedford Co. being formed out of Lunenburg Co. in 1754. Later Campbell County was taken from Bedford County near the Otter River locality and the former residence of these people may have fallen in that County. By 1750 several of the Moberelys were in Craven County, S., C., later Fairfield County and by 1760 as evidenced by land grants, several of the Hills were in that section of South Carolina. It is stated by several authorities on that all six of Edward Moberely, Sr. and wife Susannah's sons moved to Fairfield County. The Meadors also were in that county by the 1760's.

An authentic family list of Richard Hill and Dorcas Moberley is not available. We herewith make an attempt to piece together the sons of Dorcas and Richard. On July 4, 1764 Richard Hill received a land grant in Craven Co., Book Y, page 461, located on Beaver Creek in what is now Northwest Fairfield Co., S. C. In 1772, November 2, Dorcas Hill received a grant of 203 acres of land in Craven County on Branches of Beaver Creek, Book 15, Page 447, bounded by the land of Thos. Meador, Allen Beams land, Samuel Mobley and Richard Hill. Richard was evidently deceased by this time as Dorcas could have received a grant only if her husband was dead. A deed dividing the 100 acres of land granted to Richard Hill, Sr. in 1764, located on Beaver Creek states; "One hundred acres of the aforesaid one hundred and eighty-four acres above mentioned was granted to Richard Hill, the father of the aforesaid Richard, whose eldest son, Wm., according to the Rights of Progenitor, became heir of all the landed estate of the said Richard, who did convey the aforesaid tract of one hundred acres to his brother, Richard Hill, the father of the said Wm E., Simeon, Richard and Sion, Dorcas and Susannah Hill, by deed bearing date of the sixth day of February 1793..."

The above deed conveyed Simeon Hill portion of the 184 acres to his brothers and sisters. The deed, dated December 20, 1818, mentions the conveying of the above 100 acres to Richard Hill, son of the Richard Hill was granted the land in 1764, by his brother William on the sixth of February 1795. In brief, William became heir of the land by right of Progenitor, of Richard Hill I, and sold the land to his own brother Richard in 1795. However it in evident that confusion existed among the makers of the deed as William, A Hill, Sr. who inherited the 100 acres died in August of 1790, willing all of his land to William Hill, Jr., who in turn sold the land to Richard Hill II in 1793. Richard Hill II and William Hill, Jr. were by all evidence Uncle and Nephew, not brothers. However the two deeds do prove that Richard Hill I received a land grant which went to his oldest son William Hill, Sr., who died in 1798, who in turn gave by will this same 100 acres land grant to his son William Hill Jr. who sold the land to Richard Hill II, who is stated to be the son of Richard Hill I, "100 acres was granted to Richard Hill, the father of the aforesaid Richard..."

Thus William Hill, Sr. is shown as the eldest son of Richard Hill, (designated as the first, hereafter) and we think, Dorcas Moberley. From the same deeds Richard Hill Jr. or the II is shown as another son of Richard Hill and Dorcas.

The wife of William Hill, Sr. d 1790 is unknown. A list of his children is shown in later pages. Richard Hill II married Mary Moberley, a daughter of William Moberley, Sr. (son of Edward Moberley, Sr. and Susannah De Ruel) and Ann Osborne. It was he who purchased the 100 acres from William Hill, Jr., in 1793.

Another probable son of Richard and Dorcas is Abel Hill. One Abel Hill received a land grant in Craven Co. S. C., on December 17, 1762, and another for 100 acres on December 15, 1772 in Craven. He would have been at least 21 years of age in 1762 to receive a land grant, therefore born by 1741. He may have been too old to be a son of Dorcas and Richard, unless Dorcas was Richard's second wife. One Abel Hill helped to settle the estate of Wm Hill, Sr. who died in 1790 but it is not clear whether it is the elder Abel or Williams son Abel Hill. The Abel mentioned in the estate papers was guardian for John and Mary, minors, children of Wm Sr. The name Abel Hill disappears from Fairfield legal records about 1806. Abel Hill is shown on our chart as the second son of Richard and Dorcas, due to the early land grant in 1760. The evidence in Abel's relationship to Richard and Dorcas is not as conclusive as that of William, Sr. and Richard Hill II, but other factors, and as similar family names enter in, and will be taken hereafter.

Another probable son of Richard Hill and Dorcas Moberley is John Hill. He received a land grant in Craven County on March 23, 1771, 100 acres near Beaver Creek. This land grant was signed for by William Hill, probably his elder brother. For this reason and similarity of family names John is shown as the third son of Richard and Dorcas. John Hill married Mary Ann Mobley, the daughter of Elizabeth (Elisar) M. Mobley, whose husband has not been placed at this time. Micajuh Mobley married an Elizabeth Mobley but there is no proof that these are Mary Ann Mobley's parents. John Hill died in 1810 and his estate was settled by Richard M. Hall, his son. Mary Ann Mobley died Dec. 21, 1840. A list of the children of John Hill, Sr. d 1810 and Mary Ann Mobley are shown in later pages.

Richard Hill, Jr. or the second is shown on our chart as the fourth son of Richard Hill and Dorcas Moberley. He married Mary Moberley and purchased land granted to his father in 1764 from his nephew William Hill, Jr.

The evidence contained in the deeds discussed on pages 1 and 2 are considered sufficient proof that the Richard Hill who married Mary Moberley is the son of Richard Hill. (and Dorcas Moberley).

Asaph Hill is another likely son of Richard Hill and Dorcas Maberely. Asaph Hill was born at least by 1767 as he received a land grant in Camden, Fairfield County, S. C. in 1788, August 20th, 114 acres on Beaver Creek, bounded on the northeast by land of Darkus Hill, also bounded by Elijah Beams, John Carr, George Miller, George Powell and David Hopkins. As stated, Richard Hill died probably about 1772 since Dorcas received a land grant in that year. Dorcas later sold a portion of this land to Aspah Hill, deed book 1, page 102, recorded in 1795, 105 acres on Beaver Creek, bounded by Albert Beams, Asaph Hills land and on both sides of William Hills land. This deed locates, along with the land grant, Dorcas and Asaph in the same neighborhood and we believe, shows a probable relationship between the two.

Dorcas also sold William Hill, Jr. 100 acres located on Beaver Creek, being part of 250 acres granted me on the 14th of July, 1774, N. W. bounds on said Dorcas Hill land, S. W. and W. E on Richard Hill land. W. E. on Beams land. Deed book L, page 171, 6th of January, 1793, filed 1798. Witnessed by Wm. Alsup, Richard Hill and Moses Hill, J. P. Signed by Mark, Darcus (X) Hill. Below when verifying the sale Darcus signed her name. This deed shows or rather confirms a connection between her and her grandson, William Hill, Jr. It shows Richard Hills land bounding that of hers. Whether this is the land of Richard Hill the son or Richard Hill I, deceased, her husband, we do not know. But in either case it verifies and substantiates the general theme of this paper, that Richard Hill and Dorcas Moberley were the parents of William, Abel, John, Richard and Asaph Hill. As Dorcas had as neighbors, William, Jr., and probably Sr., Richard, Asaph, and William Hill signed for a land grant for John Hill, it is evident these people were as stated, mother and sons. Also, Richard Hill signed for a land grant for Wm. Hill, Sr. given by Hill to William Hill, Jr. and sold in 1792 to Samuel Moberely.

The similarity of the family names of the children of William Hill, Sr., John Hill, Sr. and Richard Hill II is interesting. The name John appears in all three family lists of these men. The name Richard appears in two family lists and probably three (Richard and Rachel are confused in estate papers of William, Sr.). The name Dorcas appears in John and Richard II list and the name Elizabeth appears in Wm. Sr. list and John's list. The name William appears in William Sr., list and Richard II list. Names appearing separately but considered significant are: Susannah in Richard's list and Elijah and Abel in Williams list.

As mentioned before, Richard Hill the first is considered to have died before 1772. Dorcas signed the deed in 1795 and no further record is found of her. William Hill, Sr. died in 1790, John Hall, Sr. in 1810 and Richard Hill II died in 1810. Abel and Asaph Hill disappear from Fairfield legal records after 1805-06.

There is room for doubt that Dorcas Moberley is the mother of William Hill, Sr. and Abel Hill. While the records confirm to a great extent the relationship Richard Hill I and sons, there is doubt that is the actual mother even though she was Richard's wife and he the father of William, Abel, John, Richard and Asaph. The factor of age enters the picture with Dorcas Moberley being born probably no earlier than 1720-25 and that being in doubt. She would have to be one of the elder children of Edward Moberley, Sr. and Susannah De Ruel. The tithe lists of Lunenburg County, Virginia, show William Moberely, a brother of Dorcas and said to be the eldest son of Edward Sr. and Susannah, and Clement as being over 15 years of age, living to themselves with Benjamin living with Edward Moberley, Sr. being between 16-21 years of age. This would place all three being over or at least 16 years of age, being born by 1732 or earlier, so some of them could have been born in the 1720's along with Dorcas. Richard Hill may have married and had William Hill, Sr. (apparently born 1750-52 and Abel Hill (born by 1741) by his first wife. Then, after the death of his first wife, married Dorcas Moberley, circa 1748-49. John Hill, Sr. was born as early as 1750 (received a land grant in 1771) and Richard Hill II was born by 1752-54, judging by his son, Richard Hill, Jr. or the third being born circa 1775, according to Federal Census records. Asaph Hill was born as early as 1757, and probably much earlier that this, as he received a land grant near Dorcas Hill land in 1788. It is likely that Dorcas Moberely was the second wife of Richard Hill.

It might be added Richard Hill, Dorcas and sons received their land grants on or near Beaver Creek with the exception of Abel. William Sr. received grants on Bowers Hill Creek as did William Jr., these being a short distance from the Beaver Creek grants. *To Be Continued in the March "Bulletin"*.

N. P. Bray

Chester, Sept. 16, 1945- Nicholas Peay Bray, 65, widely known retired building contractor, died Sunday morning at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carson, on West End Street, following several days critical illness. Although he had been ill of heart trouble for four weeks, his death came with unexpected suddenness and was a great shock to the family and hosts of friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon from the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carson, with the Rev. William McLeod Frampton, Jr., minister of Purity Presbyterian church, officiating, after which the body will taken to the Presbyterian cemetery at

Winnsboro, where commitment services will be conducted at 3 o'clock. Dr. S. C. Byrd will assist the Rev. Mr. Frampton there. Burial will be made in the Bray plot.

Mr. Bray was the son of the late Capt. Richard V. Bray, distinguished Confederate veteran, and the late Mrs. Annie Peay Bray.

He is survived by a twin bachelor brother, William C. Bray of near Chester, another brother, Thomas P. Bray of Greenville, and a sister, Mrs. Carson. Mr. Bray was never married. He was an extensive land owner, having farms in Fairfield County, Beaufort and Rodman. He and his twin brother, both retired, lived on the Rodman farm near Chester, in order that they might be close to their sister, Mrs. Carson.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and possessed a wide circle of friends over the Carolinas. He constructed many large buildings in the Carolinas, especially at Charlotte, N. C.

Amy Batcheler Kelley Adams Chester News March 4, 1948

Funeral services for Mrs. Amy Batcheler Kelley Adams were conducted Saturday from the Episcopal Church at Haverhill, Mass.

Mrs. Adams, 93, died last Thursday at her home In Haverhill, Mass after a long illness. She was the widow of John Frederick Adams. She was for many years in her younger days, active in child welfare work and an enthusiastic worker in the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Adams is survived by three sons, H. S. Adams, Chester; John A Adams, Albuquerque, N. M.; Frederick Adams, Dolgeville, N. Y.; two daughters, Miss Marguerite Adams of the home, and Mrs. Fred C. Cox, Plainfield, J. J., five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Adams in years past has visited her son, Mr. H. S. Adams and Mrs. Adams here, and many people will learn of her passing with regret.

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Junius- to the Printer of the <u>Public Advertiser</u>, August 1769

"A people without history are like wind upon the buffalo grass."

Old Teton Sioux Saying

"As you consider the family tree, don't forget that present fruits are more important than buried roots." Lloyd Brownlow

John M. Baskin

July 11, 1930--Funeral services of Mr. James M. Baskin, of Richburg, who died at his home Wednesday following an illness of several years, were conducted yesterday morning by Rev. R. A. Lummus, pastor of the Richburg Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and burial was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Baskin was a native of the Pleasant Hill section of Lancaster County. He was a member of the Richburg A.R.P. Church and was ruling elder. Surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Lila Stevenson, of Waxhaw, N. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Oehler of Derita, N.C, and Mrs. J. M Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C

Robert Hamilton

Thursday 3rd April 1806
The Court met according to Adjournment
Present His Honor Judge Elihu Hall Ray
South Carolina

To the Honorable Elihu Hall Bay

The humble petition of Robert Hamilton Shrewth, that your petitioner was born in the Kingdom of Ireland and a subject to the King of Great Britain and that it is his Bona Fide intention to become a citizen of the United States of America that he has previous to this time resided at least Five years within the limits and Under the Jurisdiction of the United States and one year at least under this state, Your petitioner therefore prays Your Honor that he may be made a Citizen According to the form of the act of Congress in that case made and provided and your petitioner will as pray.

Robert Hamilton

3rd Day April 1806 Be it so.

Andrew Crawford Samuel Sloan Witnesses

LDS Film # 361,726-Chester District, S. .C. Citizenship.

Here and There
By Ward Pegram

Among the earl settlers in Chester County we find the Bigham family. I am inclined to think that this family came into Chester County from the Steele Creek section of Mecklenburg County, since we find Bighams of an earlier date buried in the cemetery at Steele Creek Presbyterian church. I recall having found the grave of Nancy Bigham in the old Strong cemetery, on little Rocky Creek some months ago, and a check showed that before marriage to John Bigham of Steele Creek she was Nancy McDill. She was on

a visit to her parents in Chester County when she became ill and died, hence her burial in the above mentioned cemetery.

The first Bigham estate papers to be filed in Chester County were those of Samuel Bigham. His citation notice was read in the congregation at Catholic Presbyterian Church on the first day of January 1795, and was certified to be the Rev. Robert McCulloch. The citation was dated October 14th, 1794, which would indicate that Samuel died shortly before that time. I do no know where he was buried since I do not recall having seen a marker anywhere to him.

His wife, Mary Bigham, was made administratrix of the estate. The appraisers were William Gaston, Thomas Morton and Jacob Sutton. From a return made of the estate on April 15th, 1803, I find that the widow Bigham had married a Rodman, but his given name is not shown. I also note that a sum of money was paid William Gaston "for surveying land, plating and settling a dispute about same", and among accounts paid was that of James Bigham.

No where in the papers did I find a list of the heirs of Samuel Bigham. This probably could be found in the office of the Clerk of Court where the land was divided or else sold and the heirs receiving their parts.

I then found the will of James Bigham, which is dated June 4th, 1800. In the distribution of his property he mentions sons, James, Isaac, William, Joseph and Hugh and daughter, Isabella. He also mentions his granddaughter, Jane.

This James Bigham lived in the Rocky Creek section of the county, since we find him mentioning a tract of 450 acres of land of Thomas Morton, I. Weir, James Paul and Mr. Martin. I assume that this was probably the Rev. William Martin or one of his nephews, and was probably on the east side of Rocky Creek.

The executors of James Bigham's estate were Captain William Gaston, John McCreary and Joseph Gaston.

To get back to Steele Creek. I find the oldest Bigham in that section was Robert Bigham, who was born in 1712 and who died on October 7, 1777, at the age of 65. Following him I find James Bigham, born in 1719 and who died on November 10th, 1790, age 71. Elizabeth Bigham, born 1722, died November 10th, 1784, age 62. Andrew Bigham, born 1725, died June 3, 1788, age 63. Agness Bigham, born 1725, died, September 27th, 1805, age 70.

Others buried at Steele Creek: John Bigham, born 1740, died April 29th, 1792, age 52. Margaret Bigham, born 1744, died December 1781, age 37. Robert Bigham, born 1747, died June 14th, 1815, age 68. Martha Bigham, born 1755, died December 25th, 1814, age 59. Robert Bigham, born 1780, died February 2nd, 1838, age 58

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