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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Here we are again at the end of another year. We here at the CDGS wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year. Time has passed by so quickly. This being our December "Bulletin" brings about a few changes. At the annual meeting this past Sunday, Mr. John Caldwell, a member of our Society, has graciously taken over as our new President. Jean Nichols is the Secretary/Editor and George Moore as Vice-President/Treasure. Dr Robert W. Walker is our research director and he can be reached at rhwalker@comporium.net.

Remember to fill out the renewal slip that you will find in this issue. Even if you have already renewed, we would like to have it in our file. It would be in our records if the terrible thing called a "crash" would happen to our computer. The dues are still \$25.00 per year. The surnames will be found in the back of the December issue. This helps keep expenses of mailing down. Please renew by February 2010. The "Bulletin" goes to press at that time and if we don't have your renewal, we will be forced to remove your name. The cost of mailing a single issue is almost triple what it takes to mail in bulk.

It has been a good year at the Society. We have had many visitors to our little library. Remember, if you have an article you would like to send us for use in the "Bulletin", we would like for you to send to our address in Richburg. If possible, please do not number the pages for your number may not be good for the placement in the book. Our numbers run concurrently throughout the year.

We welcome comments from everyone, whether they are good or bad. If you have an idea for an article or about someone or something you would like to see in the "Bulletin", please let us know for we wish to have the most informative publication we can.

We haven't heard from Ellen Schuster in quite sometime. Therefore we are unable to bring you an update on her health. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

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# **Chester's City Hall Burns**

Scott Coleman

Chester News-July 26, 1929

Chester's City Hall, Erected 1891, Completely Gutted by Fire Yesterday Afternoon-Spectacular Blaze- Rock Hill Fire Truck Renders Assistance—York Stood Ready—Business section Threatened—Library Lost Many Valued books—Partly Covered by Insurance

Chester's most spectacular fire in recent months was that of yesterday afternoon when City Hall was completely gutted.

Those who noticed the origin, first state that it apparently started in the rear of the Opera House, located on the second floor. Within a short time smoke was coming from all sections and those familiar with the construction of the upper part of the building felt certain that Chester's City Hall would be a thing of the past within a short while

In the top of the Opera House and above the Amory and library were numerous pine rafters put there 38 years ago when lumber was real lumber. These timbers burned rapidly and soon the blaze was seen to emerge from the lofty top of the building.

The burning of the building means a loss of the Opera House, which, however, has seldom been used during the past few years as well as the Chester Free Library, The Amory, sleeping quarters of the fire department itself, city clerk and treasurer's office, office of the chief of police, aldermanic council room, city jail, office of the health department, and work shop of the street department. Considerable city property was consumed, among it being a quantity of Kentucky rock, used in repairing the asphalt streets from time to time. Books of the city treasurer, Mr. J. Hall McLure, were in the safe and it is said that all city records are safe. The office furniture, worth a considerable amount was lost.

Chester's City Hall was erected in 1891 under the supervision of Captain A. D. Holler, father of Reverend E. A. Holler, presiding elder of the Rock Hill district M.E. church and former pastor of Bethel Methodist of Chester. Captain Holler also built the College Street School.

The first company to play in the opera House was Barlow's minstrel in September 1891. The scenery, which was considered fine at that time, was painted by E. Cramer of Columbia.

The fire siren, which was installed in the tower some few months age, sounded its alarm at 2: 48 yesterday afternoon, giving one blow followed by one blow, which signified that the fire was City Hall to Hudson Street. Those who recognized the signal rushed to "The Hill" realized that the siren had sounded its own death knell.

About 3:10 the high steep roof of the Hall was a mass of flames and with the wind whipping toward the business section no one could tell what the outcome might be. After

looking the situation over Mayor Carter called the Rock Hill fire department and asked if they would not send one of their trucks to Chester to help in case the fire got beyond the Hall.

# Lafayette We Are Here

The Rock Hill Company left immediately for Chester and made the run, which included a detour in about 36 minutes, the fire truck being piloted by Veteran Fire Chief, Thomas Flowers, who has served Chester for thirty or more years. Cheers from the large crowd standing "on the hill," greeted the Rock Hill fireman as they pulled into the business section.

The Rock Hill Company lost little time in connecting to a hydrant and assisting in fighting the blaze. Soon the Chester truck, which had been going at full speed, began to develop a little valve trouble and the Rock Hill firemen insisted that their truck be used instead, which was done.

# York Offers Help

The York Fire Department was called and asked if they would get things in shape, so if Chester needed them they could get things off without a rush. The York firemen stated that they were ready at a minutes notice and would gladly come to Chester's aid. In fact, they rather insisted in being allowed to come, but it was felt that at the moment they would not be needed. In about thirty minutes thereafter, York firemen called and wanted to know the situation. Their willingness to assist is greatly appreciated by the citizens and Chester will greatly co-operate with York if they should ever need assistance.

# **Company Loses Equipment**

Chester's headquarters company, who only returned from annual encampment at Columbia Sunday, lost all of their equipment in the Armory. During the fire scores of bullets were fired and many sought shelter from possible injury, while others, including the fireman stood to the rack

# **Not Much Regret**

Very few people were heard to express any regret that the old City Hall had passed up. About the only regret voiced was that of the military company and for the Chester Free Library, were many valuable books were destroyed. It has been felt for some time that Chester ought to have a new city building, but little hope was entertained for such so long as the old building remained intact. Now that nothing but four brick walls stand, the citizens feel that something will be done and but a few minutes after the fire started onlookers were discussing a new city hall and speculating as to what it would look like.

# With Good Roads

Only recently "The News" had something to say about hard surfaced highways between Chester and York, Rock Hill and Winnsboro, in the event a fire should occur in any of the four towns. "The News" suggested at the time that these four towns check their hydrants and hose couplings with the view of seeing whether they all were interchangeable or not. The wisdom of this was demonstrated yesterday. "The News" wonders if all these towns become connected with hard surfaced highways if they could not, through cooperation save something to the citizens by way of reduction in fire insurance rates.

# **Roofs Guarded**

Throughout the business sections volunteers, sales peoples and others went to the roofs of the stores for the purpose of putting out any small fires that might occur from flying embers. Several times the roof of the Heyman Building, near the City Hall, was put out. One or two awnings over windows on nearby buildings were burned.

There were no prisoners in the city jail; however Chief of Police Grant carefully examined the city's cells before leaving the building to make sure that no human life would be sacrificed.

# Insurance

It would be rather hard at this time to estimate the loss to the city. However many are of the opinion that the replacement value of the building and contents will amount to 50 to 60 thousand dollars. It is said that the city carried 12 thousand dollars insurance on the building. The Chester Library lost many valuable books, but carried \$1500.00 insurance.

Soon After the fire started Charlotte newspapers were notified and a representative from "The Charlotte News" and also "The Charlotte Observer" were sent to Chester. Along with them came Mr. Palmer, Chief of the Charlotte Fire Department. The Charlotte Chief commended the Chester and Rock Hill fireman for their work and stated that they did a good job in confining the blaze to the City Hall. The last edition of "The Charlotte News" yesterday afternoon carried a large head line across the top of the page again giving Chester first place in the head lines which we lost on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the end of the King trial, after having swung to it for a period of ten days.

# Will of Agness Barber

Will of Agness Barber of Wateree Creek, Camden District, Craven Co., and St. Mark's Parish to John Barber, for the use of my three children, Robert, James, and Bethridge Barber.

Agness Barber

Exrs. John Barber and John Conner of Wateree Creek. 8 October 1784

Wit. Thomas Johnston

Charles Johnston

John Henkins

Proven by Charles Johnston and John Jenkins 23 Oct. 1784 before Jno. Harbirt, J. P.

# Genealogy of Wyatt Family Richard Wyatt Line

Richard Wyatt was born in Virginia, (county not yet known), March 14, 1769. Some time in 1783 he left Virginia and went to the Chester District of South Carolina. He had at that time brothers, whom he never saw again, Thomas, William, and John. He had been apprenticed as a weaver after his father's death, but because of ill treatment he ran away and went to South Carolina when 14 years old, with a family moving to that state.

On May 3, 1792, Richard Wyatt married Sarah Jane Blair, who had come from Ireland with her father, James Blair, and mother, Margaret (Jenkins) Blair, to the Chester District of South Carolina in 1779. Sarah Jane Blair had been born in Belfast, Ireland, in September 1768. James Blair was probably in Cumberland Co. Penn. Militia in Revolutionary War prior to his coming to South Carolina.

While living in the Chester District of South Carolina, Richard and Sarah Jane Wyatt became the parents of six children, three girls, Margaret Blair, Jane Elizabeth, and Sarah; and three boys, James, Thomas and William. James was born November 25, 1797. Thomas was born April 2, 1801; and William, on November 16, 1802.

In 1804 Richard Wyatt, then 35 years of age, with his wife and six children left the Chester District of South Carolina, crossed the Blue Ridge and the Great Smoky Mountains and made their new home in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee. Another daughter, Jane, born in 1807, and the last son, John, born June 26, 1809, were added in Tennessee to complete the family.

The year 1808 brought another move and the family home was at Fayetteville, Tennessee, near the Elk River in Lincoln County. Here Richard and Sarah Jane Wyatt saw their eight children reach manhood and womanhood and all but the oldest son, James, and the youngest daughter, Jane, married and with children of their own. James, the first-born son Captain of Mounted Gunman in War of 1812, died at the age of 32; and Jane was the maiden aunt of many, but the mother of none. Margaret Blair Wyatt, the first born, became the wife of James Fullerton. Jane Elizabeth married Rhodes West. Sarah became Mrs. Alex. Morton, Jr. Thomas married Isabella Wham, and was the father of six sons and four daughters. William, their last child born in South Carolina in 1802, married Sarah Brackenridge, and they became the parents of three sons and three daughters.

John Wyatt, their last child, born in 1809, married Margaret Greer Hamilton, and they were the parents of eleven children.

When her last born was forty-three years old and several grand-children of mature age, Sarah Jane Blair Wyatt died near Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, June 3, 1852, at the age of eighty-four. Richard Wyatt, with whom she and six children had crossed the mountains forty-eight years before, was to live eight more years, and die September 1, 1860, at the age of ninety-one, without knowing that his old home state of South Carolina would lead all others in secession from the Union, and that in the war thus precipitated, two of his grandsons, own

brothers, would be arrayed against each other as soldiers. Even though he had reached the age of ninety-one, Richard Wyatt's death was the result of an accident. The premature falling of a half-chopped tree, which he himself was chopping, fatally injured him.

# The Gravestones of Old Waxhaw

Louise Pettus

"The Charlotte Observer"; May 15, 2005

Miss Zoe White of Fort Mill headed the Kanawha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1911 when she wrote a history of the 'Old Waxhaw' cemetery north of Lancaster and about a mile east of the Catawba River.

She said the first group of settlers, numbering about a half dozen, was all Presbyterians. They arrived in May of 1751 and began organizing themselves as a congregation in the same year. During the Revolutionary War, the log church served as a temporary hospital for the wounded of the Buford Massacre and the battle of Hanging Rock.

One summer day, White and other members of the Fort Mill D.A.R., along with friends from Rock Hill, made a "delightful picnic excursion to this interesting spot." They spent the day among the graves, taking notes of the inscriptions on the stones. They noted that the earliest graves were marked with "small, dark, uncut stones, sometimes with initial letters of them, but more often with none at all."

White was impressed by the inscriptions but, due to their length, she shares only a few between the 1750s and generally up to the 1850s when the county newspapers began publishing obituaries, the sort of thing that would go into an obituary was "published" on the tombstones themselves.

In 1965, Miss Nancy Crockett, the "Historian of the Waxhaws," compiled all of the words in the wonderful old tombstones. In Crockett's book, "Old Waxhaw Graveyard," here foreword credited many people who had encouraged the project. She also noted that the photographer, Isabel Davis, had copied many of the stones and J. T. Amos, another Lancaster photographer, had photographed a number around the year 1900. Crockett had the photographs and obituary lists made by earlier local historians and the summers of 1961 and 1962, she and Mamie Gettys Davis checked and rechecked new ones.

Isaac Donnom bemoaned the loss of two wives. One stone, decorated with two doves, facing, holding olive branches in their mouths: "This monument is erected by an affectionate, though disconsolate, husband Isaac Donnom ...departed wife, Sarah Donnom; mother of an only surviving daughter Jean D. Witherspoon. She bid adieu to time, and its enjoyments, on Sabbath morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1805. In the 40<sup>th</sup> year of her age and 21<sup>st</sup> of her married state ... She was the daughter of Major Robert and Jean Crawford and sister of 7 siblings are named..." This and more followed on the back of the stone with a long lament.

Next to the Sarah Donnom stone is another erected by Isaac Donnom for his second wife, Mary M'Ree Donnom, who died four years after his first wife. Mary, age 26, was the "daughter of William and Mary Barnett & sister to William Barnett natives of North Carolina." The stone for the second wife is decorated with two doves, facing, with beaks touching.

Included in the lengthy memorial are the words; "To the Memory of a dear tho departed Wife. By a truly disconsolate Husband. Again called on to discharge the solemn duty of erecting a Monumental stone. Ah death! Relentless Monarch, could not one suffice – thy mandate issued twice, and twice, my flattering hopes, my smiling prospects, were destroyed, yea twice my comforts all, and all my happiness were slain."

And when Isaac Donnom died? His own stone obituary is much shorter: "In memory of Isaac Donnom, who was born February 1<sup>st</sup>, A.D. 1764, and died February 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1830. This monument has been erected by his Grandson Isaac Donnom Witherspoon"

The grandson, Isaac Donnom Witherspoon, 1803-58, born in the Waxhaws, left S. C. College his junior year to study law with Thomas Williams of Yorkville. He was elected to the S. C. House of Representatives, 1836-39, and the S. C. Senate, 1840-55. In 1842 he was elected lieutenant governor but chose to stay in the Senate. His son and two more of the same name became prominent men in S. C. legal and political circles.

Miss Louise Pettus, author of this article is a retired Winthrop University history professor.

# History of East Chester Section Arthur Cornwell

Items Incident to the Settlement of a Section around Fort Lawn years ago—One of the Historic spots of this County.

Volumns could be written about Ben Culp (originally spelled Klob), and his descendents. He came to South Carolina about 1765, and settled on what is known by the old people s the Carr place, which is a half-mile west of the Catawba River, and three miles north of Fort Lawn.

There was no Fort Lawn at that time and not for more than a hundred years thereafter. Mr. Culp moved from this place and settled four miles west on Tinkers Creek – one mile north of the Jordan hill. His first land grant was from King George of England. Mr. Culp was a Patriot of the Revolution and while was never inducted into service nor his name enrolled at Washington, he probably, like many other South Carolinians whose names were never enrolled, was a soldier too. A full-blooded German, but loyal to the American government—and so have his descendents.

Several years after he settled Henry Jordan's and three other families intermarried with his and from these unions one finds hundreds of descendents. It is said he has descendents in every

state from Maryland to Texas, and in many of the West and North-Western States. Two of his sons, John and Henry, were among the most influential men of the community in their day. Henry lived near Fort Lawn. Mr. Will Shirley now occupies this place. Mr. Shirley lives in his great grandfather's house. John lived at three different places, neither one more than two and a half miles from where he first settled in what is now known as the Wylie's Mill community.

Two of the houses he lived in still stand—one of them the Old Guthrie's home. However, there are some descendents between the McFaddens and Culps. At the first place where Mr. Culp lived there is nothing to indicate a settlement except a fig tree and the spring of clear, cool water, nearby—walled up just like he left it more than a hundred years ago.

One of Ben Culp's granddaughters died in 1838. She was the mother of four children—three of who were living a year ago—their ages being 92, 94 and 96. The youngest of the four died about 12 years age. It is doubtful if such a record in so small a family can be found anywhere in the United States. One of Ben Culp's grandsons was in the War of 1812; another was in the Mexican war and was of the Palmetto regiment. Still another was Lieutenant Colonel of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Confederate war, a first and a second lieutenant, as well as many privates, more distantly related. He was also represented in the Cuban and World wars.

Some of the acres of the King George grant are owned by one of his descendents today. The old home where he lived stood the storms for many years, but it burned down 35 years ago.

It is sad to see and hear of these old landmarks of long ago getting away. Like the silver haired patriots one turns and calls them blessed.

Ben Culp died in 1819. He was buried at Old Richardson Church.

Old Jordan hill is situated on the banks of Fishing and Tinkers creeks about four miles west of Fort Lawn. It is not a mountain by any means, but a little higher than the land all around it. Many people have lived on and around this hill for more than a hundred and fifty years.

In 1792 Henry Jordan, a patriot and soldier of the American Revolution, came to South Carolina. He settled first on the west bank of the Catawba River—about three miles south of Landsford. He lived here only a short while, and moved to what was ever afterward known as the "Jordan Hill." He lived here, raised his family, died and was buried near by. His sons and daughters, and grandchildren, have all passed away. Most of them lived to a ripe old age. One of his grandsons was killed in the confederate war. Another died about the same time. Two others have died in the present half-century.

Seven generations have gone out from his home, and Henry Jordan has descendents in various parts of the United States. While many have moved away, some have remained and are living in view of the Old Jordan Hill. No one of the name has lived on the place for more than fifty years, but some of the family has owned it all along down thru the years—since it was first settled in 1792. The plantation is owned by Henry Jordan, of the fifth generation.

Book N, page 331, Clerk of Court's Office, Chester County.

Benjamin Culp for the sum of \$10.00 paid by James Crawford (deed spells it Crafford) and Isaac McFadden, as trustees for the Presbyterian Congregation of Richardson's Church while it may remain under the care and direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Land lying on a branch of Tinkers Creek, a branch of Fishing Creek and being a part of a tract of land granted to John Culp, Sr.

Dower signed by his wife, Mary Culp Deed witnessed by David Patton, Thomas Walker and William Walker. Attested to by Joseph Gaston, Justice of Quorum. Dated Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1804.

**Here and There** 

Ward Pegram
"The Chester News"
Aug 16, 1932

In looking over a special edition of a newspaper published in 1907, I noticed an article with reference to the building of hydroelectric power lines from Great Falls to Chester. I then conceived the idea of visiting the records in the Chester County Court House with the view of seeing who was the first landowner in Chester County to sell to the power company and to also see what the power company had to pay for land.

It appears from the records, that the men who had the development of the power plant in mind, had representatives come here and buy up the land in their name. This was possibly done for the purpose of keeping the people more or less in the dark as to what they wanted the land for, fearing that if it was found out it was wanted for power development prices would go skyward. However, I am of the opinion, judging by the prices paid, that the people soon found out what was up.

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1900 the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of South Carolina entered into a contract with John Q. Davis to sell him certain rights on and in Catawba River, Rocky Creek, etc., for the sum of \$2,000, stipulating that \$150,000 must be spent in development within five years. In the event this amount was not spent within that time an extension of five years would be granted upon the further payment of \$1,000 a year. The reason this contract had to be secured was due to the fact that years ago the State of South Carolina floated bonds for the building of a canal in Catawba River, and the title still remained with the State.

The first tract of land to be sold was that of Mr. J. Henry Gladden, consisting of 334 acres, sold to Joseph Ernest Erwin, who was a representative of the proposed power company. This tract of land was inherited by Mr. Gladden from his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Terrell, and brought \$6,000. Lands of Mrs. Boylston, W. L. Roddey, Fannie White, Lou Howze, Fishing Creek and The Catawba River bound it. Mr. Gladden is now a resident of Chester and is the father of Mr. John C. Gladden. This deed was made on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1900.

Another tract of land bought about a year after the above-mentioned tract, was that which was owned by Messrs. J.J. Stringfellow, W.S. Gregg and J. Harvey Smith, all now deceased. This was a tract of 400 acres and was bought by the above named parties from Daniel McCullough on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1879. Mr. McCullough got a deed to this tract in 1844 from the Superintendent of Public Works. Stringfellow, Smith and Gregg paid McCullough \$2,000 for the tract. Mr. Stringfellow, sold his part, commonly known as the Dearborn tract, for \$10,000. Mr. Gregg had died and left six heirs, who sold their shares, or one-third, for \$7,000. Mr. Smith had died and in settling his estate the Clerk of Court sold his part, which was bought by Thomas Gresham, who sold to the power representative for \$7,000. It will be seen that this land bought for \$2,000 in 1879, and which was sold in 1901, brought \$24,000 or twelve times the amount paid.

The deed from the Gregg heirs gives the address of five of them, which was as follows; E.L. Gregg, Rusk, Texas; John H. Gregg, Morristown, Tennessee; Esther E. Suson, Greenville, Tennessee; Anne Chambers and Alice Gregg, Caney Branch, Tennessee.

Another sale of considerable note was that of 397 ¾ acres, the property of Jno. L. Agurs, J. Killough Henry, George W. Gage, Thomas G. Patrick and Ferguson H. Barber, which brought \$21,000.

Next I find Davis, one of the representatives who had bought land, deeding it to Erwin, the other representative. Then Erwin deeds a large number of tracts to the American Development Company, a company organized under the laws of New Jersey. Then we come to the Southern Power Company and I find that at one "whack", The American Development Company deeds them a large number of tracts, all of which amounted to 3,808 acres.

In the development of a hydroelectric power plant the acquiring of thousands of acres of land becomes necessary due to the fact that the water backs up for miles. That the power company has paid good prices for land is well known—thy have to have it to develop the plants and the landowners know it, hence they are given an opportunity to demand a good price.

To know just how many acres of land is owned up and down both sides of Catawba River and tributaries, and what it cost the power company, would be of interest—it must amount to "big" money.

# **Court Records**

State of South Carolina - District of Fairfield - 10 January 1805

Know all persons whom it may concern that we, Micajah Pickett, Sr. and Kissanah Pickett, the wife of the said Micajah, have this day made a final separation settlement. . . . Know ye that I, Micajah Pickett Senior, of the State of North Carolina and Rutherford Co. have this day given to my said wife, Kissanah Pickett, my Bond of this state for thirty thousand dollars, conditioned and payable to the said Kissanah Pickett in nine thousand eight hundred fifty silver dollars with lawful interest from this day ins. Till paid in the manner following, that is to say, pay to our son Jeptha Pickett fourteen hundred silver dollars with lawful interest until paid, also, pay to our son. Isaiah Pickett fourteen hundred dollars with lawful interest until paid, also pay to our daughter Elizabeth Mobley one thousand dollars with lawful interest until paid; also pay to our daughter Mary Jones four hundred dollars to be paid in a young Negro girl for her use during of the said Mary Jones' life and at the death of the said Mary Jones, said girl to be property of our son, Charles Pickett, to him and his heirs for ever; the lastly pay to my said wife, Kissanah Pickett five thousand, six hundred and fifty seven dollars, with lawful interest from this day until paid. Which, know ye that we the said Micajah Pickett Sr. and Kissanah his wife do hereby constitute and appoint our sons Jeptha Pickett, Charles Pickett, and James Pickett, also Samuel Mobley, either of them as trustees for the use of the said Kissanah Pickett, and that the Kissanah Pickett or the said Jeptha Pickett or Charles Pickett or James Pickett or said Samuel Mobley, or either of them, shall on the day of my death of said Micajah Pickett, all the said amounts is duly paid. And the said five thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars that is due to the said Kissanah Pickett and all of its interest when collected will be retained and kept in the hands of either of the said trustees for the use of the said Kissanah Pickett -?- of her life, and the said trustees is hereby, either of them, required to see that the said Kissanah is comfortable and decently supported in everything that her condition may require, having regard to her station, and that the said trustees is hereby further authorized and empowered to pay all accounts that may be due from this day until the death of the said Micajah that may be for the support and maintenance of said Kissanah, and having regard also to the labor of the two Negroes, viz Jim and Violet as the case may be. And at the death of the said Kissanah Pickett, all the residue of the said five thousand six hundred and fifty seven dollars and all its interest that may be thereon, the said trustees or trustee shall equally divide and pay over to our six sons, to wit, William Pickett, Macajah Pickett Jr., James Pickett, John Pickett, Reuben Pickett, and Charles Pickett, to their use to them and their heirs forever.

As witness hereunto, we doth set our hands and affixed our seals, this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord A.D. One thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of James Knox – Reuben Starke – William -?-

Micajah Pickett Kissanah Pickett

# Stump Speakings and Barbecue

By Louise Pettus

Carolina Gateway - September 2006

Politics and barbecue have long been present on the southern scene—especially at "stump speaking." Before radio and television, the candidate's only hope to speak directly to the voter was to find a well-heeled supporter or two who would "throw a picnic" at some grove with a good spring or well and a nearby creek or pond for watering the horses.

Every county had a spot or two with such reputation that they drew huge crowds. August was a favorite time—the cotton was laid by and the busy harvest season was a few weeks off. The farmers called it "slack time."

Turner Barber, baron of Barberville in Lancaster County's Indian Land just south of Pineville, N. C., put on a huge picnic in late August 1877. Barber, a native of Chester County, was an entrepreneur who was involved in a number of enterprises, which resulted in his acquiring extensive acreage in Chester, York and Lancaster Counties. He was also a great admirer of Gov. Wade Hampton who had "redeemed" the state from "Carpetbaggers and Scalawags: the previous fall. Although it was not an election year, Barber decided to put on a huge barbecue to honor Hampton and North Carolina's counterpart, Zeb Vance.

The crowd, which included a generous number of North Carolinians, was estimated to be from 2,000 to 2,500. A correspondent of "Southern Home," a Charlotte newspaper, described the gathering in this fashion: "..all sizes and conditions of life were to be seen there; from the prattling babes in the mother's arms, to the pompous individual who wears high heeled boots and parts his hair in the middle; and the Anglo Saxon and African Democrats were all there to enjoy the festivities of the occasion."

A local orator-hero was always chosen to be the master of ceremonies. In this case it was Capt. William Erskine Ardrey of Pineville, a Confederate hero. His address was described as appropriate to the friends of Hampton and Vance—in other words, he extolled the virtues of the Democratic Party. Next, Col. John D. Wylie of Lancaster who spoke in a "graceful and eloquent speech of some length."

Then the crowd "repaired to " the table. The table was 200 feet long and "groaned beneath a weight of cremated beef, turkeys, ducks, pigs and cakes." When he advertised the barbecue, Barber promised 1,000 lbs of his own beef. Customarily, other local farmers contributed their bounty to the feast. Such barbecues were community activities with much local pride at stake.

There were more speeches after the dinner. R. P. Davis of Monroe, Capt. J. G. Potts of Pleasant Valley and Leitner Shurley, the schoolmaster of the Pleasant Valley Academy, also spoke.

Always there was music. Lancaster's band took over after the speaking and "the young ladies and gentlemen present engaged in merriment and dancing."

Turner Barber was a native of Chester County and may have moved to the community later called Barberville to escape some hard feelings in his home community. Chester Courthouse records, for instance, show that in 1849 he was charged with Assault and Battery. He pled guilty and paid a fine of \$200.

In Indian Land Turner Barber was something of a celebrity and for years a legend. The 1860 census reports that he had 27 slaves. Barber was 31 years at the time. He enlisted in the Confederate Army and was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Of Indian Land Beat No. 2, 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment. The 1870 census listed him as a farmer with real estate worth \$5,000. That was during Reconstruction when the area was occupied by federal troops and former large plantations were going bankrupt. With a personal estate valued at \$7,500, he was the wealthiest man in his community.

After he came to Lancaster County Barber married Tryphosa Emiline Key, a daughter of Cephas Key who had built a large home in 1860-called "Water Oak." Barber bought his father-in-law's house. He also built "Barbers Bridge" over Sugar Creek. The bridge led to his home located on what is now known as Barberville road. The handsome old house began to deteriorate in the 1940s and no longer exists.

# Citation of Mary Wood

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1803 David Hyatt got letters of administration of the estate of William Wood. His bondsmen were James Wood and Henry McKinney.

Jno. B. Davies read the citation notice at Richardson Church March 6, 1803.

A sale was held April 1, 1803 and among the purchasers were Mary Wood, Thomas Wood, David and Elijah Hyatt, Henry Culp, John Gaston and Pleasant Ferguson.

A note dated 1801 for \$50 among the papers. It reads: Wm Wood and David Hyatt promise to pay Abraham or Samuel Ferguson administrators of the estate of Robert Ferguson.

An account in the papers thus: "The estate of Wm. Wood, Dec., to Mary Ferguson (late Mary Wood) & Adam Ferguson, Dr." This would indicate that the widow married Adam Ferguson.

On May2, 1806 Mary Wood applies for letters of administration to the estate and states that David Hyatt, who has been looking after same is now deceased. Jno. Ferguson and John Cherry signed her bond.

See Will Book D. Page 61

Citation of Mary Wood was read at Hopewell Meeting House.

# The Church at Chester, S. C.

From "The Southern Presbyterian" Issue of June 26, 1884

We have frequent illustrations of the fact that what appears to us a misfortune is only a preparation for greater and nobler results. Trouble and disappointment sometimes have an awakening influence, which arouses the energies and stirs the powers of the soul for the performance of heroic deeds. Thus blessings come from disasters and afflictions.

The fearful cyclone of last February struck the Chester Presbyterian Church a heavy blow. It left the building in such a condition that it could not be used for public worship. The people felt that they were completely prostrated, and at first the circumstances seemed sufficient to paralyze every effort to build up again. This confusion and darkness, however, soon began to disappear as the fallen banner was raised again, and the tottering church was surrounded by its many sympathizing friends. In a few days they organized for systematic work, and determined to extend the improvements far beyond what was there before the storm came. At an expense of about two thousand dollars they have remodeled the edifice—taking away the side galleries, making a recess for the pulpit, and other changes for beauty and convenience. The work is finished in a handsome manner and reflects credit upon the congregation and all who have so liberally contributed to the result.

Reverend George Summey, of North Carolina, pastor elect, came to them in March. He preached for a while in the town Academy, and afterwards in the Court House. The first Sabbath of June was appointed for reoccupying the church and installing the new pastor. A deep and tender interest was felt and manifested in the services by the large congregation present

Reverend J. Lowrie Wilson preached and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. J. S. White delivered a charge to the people. At the close of the exercises a warm reception was extended to the pastor and the new relation sealed by the right hand of fellowship and other expressions of welcome and encouragement.

The pastorate so recently begun has already been richly blessed. A protracted meeting preceding the communion on last Sabbath resulted in thirty-five additions to the church-twelve by certificate and twenty-three by examination. Many others are interested, and will probably soon make a public profession of their faith in Christ. There is much in these things to fill their hearts with joy and gratitude to God for his mercies, and to encourage all Christians to labor on in faith and patience.

"The good time for gathering in the sheaves will surely come. Rock Hill, S. C. June 23, 1884.

# My Kinfolks and Yours

By Josie Worthy Holman December 1959

The first record we have of a person by the name of Worthy in America dates back to 1746 when one Thomas Worthy received a large land grant in Lunenburg County, Virginia. The date on this grant was January 12, 1746. This date can be confusing since this was before the present calendar was adopted. At that time March was the first month of the year and February the last, hence Thomas Worthy received his land grant the latter part of said year.

The provincal government required all males 16 years old and over to pay a tithe, which is similar to our poll, tax. A landlord was responsible for all tithables residing on his premises, in other words it was he who was assessed with the tithes and the total number shown included all tithes due from his premises. A landlord's sons when residing within their father's home were not identified as tenants, however other males of tithable age residing within the landlord's home were identified as tenants also, thus we are able to determine how many sons a landlord had, at a given date, over 16 years old. This list also served as an enumeration of males subject to military duty, and their places of residence. All tenants residing in a home or heading a home on landlord premises were required to show number of males over the age of 16 years residing in his home, but he was not assessed with or held responsible for any tithe, since that was the responsibility of the landlord to pay the tithes. The landlord was assessed with all tithes on his premises.

The tax list for the year 1748, original of Lunenburg, reveals said Thomas Worthy, but it does not show the amount of tithes. The year 1749 reveals that Thomas Worthy is assessed with 5 tithes, none being identified as tenants, we determine that he had 4 sons past 16 years old, the fifth tithe being himself. Tax list for 1750 identical as 1749, no list for 1751, these tax lists reveal there were no other Worthys in Lunenburg County. In 1752 Thomas Worthy is assessed with a total of 6 tithes, 5 of which reside in his home, the sixth is a tenant, identified as John Worthy, who is the son of the said Thomas. John was married and had established a home on his father's place. By this list we determine that said Thomas had in 1752 five sons. Four of the five in his home were his sons; the fifth was his tithe, then the son John is listed as a tenant. In running this list no other Worthys are listed in this county through 1764.

Charlotte County was cut off of Lunenburg County in 1764/5. This family was living in the part of the territory given Charlotte, so lived in the new county, without moving. Between 1764 and 1770, we find that a Richard and a Martin Worthy were residing in homes of their own on the premises of Thomas Worthy, no other Worthys in Charlotte County, except Thomas Worthy land owner, and John, Richard, and Martin Worthy, who reside on premises of said Thomas and are identified as tenants.

Probate Court Records of Charlotte County reveal that John Worthy died, entestate and without real property, in 1771. In July of 1771 Ann Worthy, widow of said John Worthy, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate. He owned no real estate; his personal estate was small, so the court assigned to the widow the entire estate. The court mentions children, though does not identify them by name nor reveal the number. This is the last record we have of

Ann and her family so we believe they migrated to North Carolina. We have records, which indicate this.

It has been characteristic of this branch of the Worthy family to dispose of their property before death. It seems that they wanted to know that it would be kept in the family. We find Thomas Worthy of Charlotte County, Virginia adopting this procedure. The forthcoming is an excerpt from a deed granted by Thomas Worthy, Sr. to his son Thomas Worthy, Jr. and dated February 21, 1776, Charlotte County, Virginia;

"For and in consideration of love and affection, and in further consideration of the said Thomas Worthy, Jr. that he support his father, with good and sufficient provisions, clothes, bedding and other necessities such as he has hitherto been accustomed to: to allow him during his life time the use of the plantation he now lives on, 240 acres of land, part of a tract granted the said Thomas Worthy, Sr., dated January 12, 1746."

By this deed we are able to determine several things:

- 1. Thomas Worthy, Sr. is the same man whose name appeared on the original tax list of Lunenburg County.
- 2. The said Thomas Worthy, Sr. had resided continuously upon his plantation referred to in deed, since the grant thereof dated January 12, 1746, and as a resident of Lunenburg County from the year 1746 through 1763, and as a resident of Charlotte County from the 1764/5 through February 21,1776. Charlotte was cut off from Lunenburg in the year 1764/5, whereby the Worthys were cut off into the new county, Charlotte.
- 3. That Thomas Worthy, Sr. was an elderly man, and a widower.
- 4. That Thomas Worthy, Jr. was a married man, as conditions required by the deed were so rigid that an unmarried man could not fulfill them, thus Thomas Worthy, Jr. was married at date of the deed, February 21, 1776.

Other gift deeds granted by Thomas Worthy, Sr. dated March 30, 1776

To my son Richard Worthy 53 ½ acres of land consideration, love and affection.

To my son Martin Worthy 52 acres of land, consideration, love and affection.

To William Morton 104 acres of land, consideration, love and affection; you will note the relationship is not identified, it is evident that Morton was a son-in-law.

In 1778 Thomas Worthy, Sr. died, his estate was small personal estate, which was filed for probate, Thomas Worthy, Jr. was appointed administrator, settlement of estate concluded and case dismissed January 11, 1781. The court authorized the Administrator to make the proper distributions to the several heirs, thus not identifying any of them by name.

After the settlement of John Worthy's estate in Charlotte County, Virginia no more is heard of Ann until the 1790 census of Chester County, South Carolina, when she appears on the roll. She is listed as a widow with three boys in the home, each boy over sixteen years of age. Next to her is William Worthy, who was listed as over 45 years old in 1810 and between 70 and 80 in 1830.

We will list next the things we know and believe about this family. Everybody believes William Worthy to be the oldest child of John and Ann Worthy. Not too long after his father's death he became a grown man and married in Virginia.. After his first child was born (and we believe he is the first John we have any record of in S. C.) they moved to North Carolina. At least one child, Martin, if not more, was born in this state. While living in N. C. he fought in the Revolution, the reason for believing this is from the following: "Roster of Soldiers From North Carolina In the American Revolution." There is listed on page 597, payroll of Captain Turner's Company from Caswell and Chatham Counties, North Carolina, under the command of Col. McDowell---from 15<sup>th</sup> of March to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 1779, 41---William Worthy.

We need a little more proof on this but definitely this is the same man, who moved on into Chester Co., S. C. later. I do not believe there would have to be much work done to prove he fought in the Battle of King's Mountain.

The first Worthys to come into S. C. was the widow Ann and her family. They got to S. C. about the latter part of 1784 or early 1785. In some work Mrs. James Crowder did for me in Chester she found where William Worthy bought the first land in 1785. Later when I was there I failed to find this so I asked her about it and she said it could have been a grant. There were 100 acres involved. We believe this was the only family by the name of Worthy in this county until after 1807l. Ann Worthy had five or six sons, yet we are not able to name each of them. In the 1790 Census there were three boys in her home over 16years. In addition to these there was a William and a Richard out of the home and maybe another son, John. We believe the James Worthy listed in the 1830 census of Union County to be her son. We have no record of any girls but there is every indication there were some. Ann died between 1790 and 1800. Some have narrowed the time of her death down to between 1790 and 1793, but I do not know the exact time.

It seems William Worthy's oldest son was John Worthy who lived in Chester Co., S. C. and died there in 1855. The 1850 Census shows he was born in Virginia. In his will he speaks of his wife, Sarah Worthy, and wills all his possessions to his three daughters in the home, whom he says lived with him and helped him to accumulate what he had. These daughters were: Susannah, Elizabeth, and Milly. Among his belongings were four slaves and one hundred ninety acres of land, which he bought in 1805.

Follow me closely because it is going to be difficult to prove that my great great grandfather Martin Worthy was the son of William Worthy, Sr.

In the will of William W. (Buck) Worthy, he states if his unborn child should not live or should die before reaching maturity he wanted that part he designated for it to be given to his two nephews, Henry and Preston Worthy and to his friend John Darby. If Henry and Preston were his nephews, then their father Martin Worthy was William's brother. Keep this in mind while we go about making some other proofs.

In the Chester County Court House, Book X of Records and Deeds, page 354 will be found a deed in which William Worthy, Sr. deeds to his son Thomas Worthy three Negroes for love, good will and affection. This proves Thomas a brother to William, Jr. (Buck) and Martin. I found in Book Y, page 152 a deed in which Ferdinand Hopkins deeded William Worthy, son of William Worthy, Sr. 104 ½ acres of land. This seals conclusively that Buck was the son of William, Sr. and the brother of Martin. I believe that these records would stand up in any court in the land.

We had to be very careful when we got to this part of our search, since Martin Worthy of Charlotte County Virginia (the son of Thomas Worthy, the first one we know about) moved to Chester County about 1807. In his family he had children and grandchildren with the same names as those of Ann and John Worthy. This part of the search made the work slow and tedious. I am indeed grateful to the many people who even tried to help me with this work. It was lots of fun and yet there are many little things I would like to clear.

Since I believe everybody who was instrumental in helping me knows the family from Martin down, I am going to say the verifications for much of this is in the Probate Judge's Office in Chester or in Bible Records scattered here and there. I am using b. for born, d. for died, and m. for married.

#### John Gaston

By Dr. Chalmers Gaston Davidson "News and Reporter" Historical Issue

It was a long road, in more ways than mileage, from the Charleston low country to Catawba River piedmont in colonial South Carolina. The low country was dominated by rice planters who worshipped their Anglican God in St. Michael's and St. Philip's amused themselves at the Dock Street Theatre, the Hockey Club Races and St. Cecilia concerts and had their portraits painted by the flattering brush of Jeremiah Theus. The backcountry boasted no such diversions yet it had also its mores and aspirations. Its farmers worked their hills and valleys with few slaves. They took their Calvinistic God from their meeting houses to the log and rock dwellings. And they were animated by a compelling passion for the teachings of John Knox, for individual liberty and for education. If they had an aristocracy, it consisted of their Presbyterian preachers and their lawgivers, the justices of the peace.

With respect to European origins there was perhaps less difference between those of the low country and up-country than their descendants are aware and they need not concern us long. They certainly concerned neither section 200 years ago.

The Gastons of upper South Carolina came of Huguenot ancestry with vague claims, as early as the Revolution, to descent from Gaston de Foix of France. Like the Pickens, the Brevards, the Caldwells and the Peggigrews they had thrown in their lot with the Scotch-Irish. The immediate European progenitor was one William Gaston of Cloughwater, County Antrim, Ireland. No evidence exists to prove him a name of position or influence, and nothing contrariwise, to suggest that he was not an upright and praiseworthy citizen of his adopted island. His American claim to remembrance (and he never saw these shores) is the large family of sons and daughters with which he helped to populate the colony of South Carolina. His descendants are thousands. From the Catawba River they have branched out and taken root, perhaps in every state in the union. But the taproot has survived in its original American location and kept its name green for 200 years in a single county.

The five sons and four daughters of William Gaston of Cloughwater, Ireland, came to upper South Carolina before the Revolution. The first head of the family was the eldest son John, whose earliest land grant of Fishing Creek in Craven County (now Chester) is dated 1760. His sons born in the 1750's give Ireland as their birthplace in the Revolutionary records and his children born in the "60's claim Fishing Creek. They must have arrived around 1760 when John was already past 50 years of age. He farmed, surveyed land for the King and fellow immigrants, and rose to be Justice of the Peace and the leading citizen of his locality. His wife Esther Waugh, notable, in addition to her prodigious maternity, was instructress for the first known school in the backcountry. It was indeed, no mean accomplishment for womankind of her time and place to be able to read and write at all, as is amply evident from the Craven County records.

The first distinction for the family came on June 6, 1764, when, according to the South Carolina Council Journal "John Gaston having been recommended as a magistrate for Craven County his name was inserted in the Commission of the Peace and it was reseal'd by his Honor." As the only courts outside of Charleston were those of the justices of the peace, the appointment carried great prestige. John continued in the office for many years and was known as "Justice Gaston" to the end of his life.

John Gaston's plantation was called "Cedar Shoals", tradition says so named by him. While never an estate in the low-country sense, it was increased by successive grants from the King and was large for the piedmont section. Slaves were few and luxuries fewer. Outdoor labor was performed by the sons and indoor by the daughters of the household, but the community looked for intellectual leadership to the home of Justice Gaston and that of the Reverend William Richardson of Fishing Creek Church.

Of the Revolutionary services of Justice John Gaston and his family in Chester County there is much in Mrs. Elizabeth Ellet's "Women of the Revolution" (1852). In 1906 another northern authoress, Adele E. Thompson, used Cedar Shoals as the setting and the John Gastons as principal characters in her historical novel of the Revolution, "Polly of the Pines." The old Justice was in his 70's when the war for independence broke out but he used his influence to

secure the allegiance of his wide connection and acquaintance. All nine of his sons fought in the American armies, most of them in the Rangers of "Old Danger" William Thompson or in the partisan corps of the Gamecock. Of the nine, four were killed and youngest, Joseph wore a scar in his face for the rest of his life.

So great was British and Tory hatred of Justice Gaston that he lost all his possessions but his bare home and his land. He died during the war, in 1782, when past 80.

Few families paid a greater price for American liberty.

# Roddey Bridge built in 1913 Collapses after 1916 flood.

By Louise Pettus October 8, 2008

There is a road called River Road that takes one in the direction of the Catawba River. The name is a recent one applied to what was once a wagon road. In earlier days, the road might have been appropriately named Turkey Point Road, Ivy Mill Road or Roddey Bridge Road.

Turkey Point was the name used by early settlers to designate a Catawba Indian village in the Kings Bottoms. The name shows on some early lease plats. In the early 1850's four Indian Land planters: Adam Ivy, John M. Doby, Benjamin S. Massey and James Stewart erected the Turkey Point Merchant Mills, a large grist mill that operated until 1916, when it was swept away by a great flood.

In 1910, Rock Hill Mayor John T. Roddey began planning for an iron bridge over the Catawba. There had never been a bridge over the river that connected Rock Hill with Charlotte. There were only ferries and a railroad trestle. Roddey and state Sen. J. H. Stewart visited the closing of the Pleasant Valley School to whip up enthusiasm for the project.

Roddey told the crowd (school closing had big crowds in those days) that Rock Hill would soon to have an electric trolley system and he was no reason that it couldn't be extended "to the Panhandle via the new iron bridge." That never happened, but the state Legislature did appropriate \$5,000, if Rock Hill would raise \$4,000 for the bridge. Roddey got pledges for several hundred dollars and wrote a check for remainder.

In 1912, Roddey proposed that Lancaster County contribute \$3,500 and York County \$15,000 or more to the project.

The Rock Hill Record said the project would "naturally rebound to Rock Hill's benefit, as it would open Rock Hill up to a section of Lancaster County, whose trade is valuable. It was predicted that the Pleasant Valley section of Indian Land would become a pat of Catawba County "with the courthouse in Rock Hill." (The proposed county would have contained Rock Hill, Fort Mill and the upper part of the Indian Land community. The Legislature voted against creating it.)

The distance from the Roddey Bridge to National Road (now U. S. 521) was 1½ mile. Lancaster County people seemed much more interested in a bridge across Sugar Creek closer to the North Carolina line (now S. C. 160.) than they were in a bridge to take them to Rock Hill.

The Roanoke Bridge Co., with C. K Chreitzberg the contracting engineer, was hired to construct Roddey Bridge.

A part of their report read, "The piers are founded on the living rock, and cannot sink until bottom drops out of the river." The bridge was located 6/10 of a mile below the mouth of Sugar Creek.

On Sept. 9, 1913, it was reported that York County had spent \$17,000 and Lancaster County nothing on the bridge at Ivy Hill. The bank on the Lancaster side was so steep that when it was set "no one can climb it." Lancaster suggested that Rock Hill fix the bank because the bridge was built to divert trade to Rock Hill. Lancaster later spent the promised \$3,555 drilling out rock in an attempt to make a passable road.

The Fort Mill Times on January 13, 1916, reported that there was talk of moving the Roddey Bridge at the Ivy Mill site to Cureton's Ferry 9below the present-day S. C. 5 bridge near Van Wyck). The Fort Mill editor hoped that Lancaster would come through and "not hand York another deal like she did with River Bend (Roddey) bridge." Engineers said it would cost around \$6,000 to move the one-lane bridge to the new site.

On July 17, 1916, a powerful fold swept the Catawba, washing away every bridge and railway trestle on the river and every water-powered cotton mill on the riverbank. All the gristmills were also destroyed. Eyewitnesses reported that the two-story wooden Ivy Mill floated out into the current, turned upside down and disintegrated.

Indian Land neighbors watched bales of cotton; watermelons and farm crops float down the river. Some daring souls, fearing that it would be a long time before they could again cross the river, gambled and drove over Roddey Bridge's one-lane just before its collapse.

Louise Pettus Panhandle Past column runs once a month. If you have a question about Indian Land's past, call (803) 283-1154 or e-mail your question to cgnews@thelancasternews.com.

# Wills

David Carr and his wife, Margaret Carr, are buried at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. David died in 1805 and Margaret died in 1825. The will of David Carr, file 10, package 163, June 1805, mentions wife Margaret, and daughters Elizabeth Kelsey, Margaret Faris and Agnes Culp; and a son Robert.

Thomas Latta and Augustine Culp were executors. The will is dated December 18, 1804. John Kelsey was the administrator of the estate of Margaret Carr.

In the file is a plat of the David Carr Farm showing 194 acres, which was located on both sides of Fishing Creek, near Dr. C. Boyd's mill and adjoining property of Dr. Boyd, Peter Wylie, W. Porter and R. McFadden; and was a part of the original tract surveyed for Isaac Smith.

In the papers will be found power of attorney granted to George K. Culp and signed by John Culp, Nathan Culp, Jonathan Culp, Benjamin Culp, Elisha Camron, Peter Culp and David Culp, dated March 25, 1831, Clay County, Missouri. David Culp is signing of Allen County, Kentucky.

The citation was read at Fishing Creek Church, May 15, 1825 by John B. Davies.

In the list of accounts paid is found: September 7, 1826, to Avona for head stones for David and Margaret Carr \$12.00. To John Kelsey for going 40 miles for said stones \$2.50.

(Appears that Augustine Culp married Agnes Carr.)

Deed of James McCammon to Hugh Lockhart-#84 Book E-page 84-1792
Between James McCammon (Weaver) of Chester County, S.C. and Hugh Lockhart of same (Tailor) Granted 1768 under William Tryon, Governor of N. C., Fishing Creek on Smith's Branch commonly called "The Still House" branch-Joining lands with Mary Smith, James Smith, son and heir of Hugh Lockhart for 498 pounds-

Witnesses:

Hugh Whitesides Andrew Lockhart

John Lockhart

James McCammon to Robert Neely Book G page 263-January 22, 1800

James McCammon, Chester, S. C. (Yeoman) sell to Robert Neely (waggonmaster) 150 acres—part of 300 acre tract—originally granted to Mary Smith by Governor of N. C. –N- side of Fishing Creek –transferred by Mary Smith to Nathaniel Simple – by Simple to John McGlamory – and by McGlamory to James McCammon

File 54 – pkg 834

Nancy Johnson – S.C., Fairfield District to George I Barber, son of Parson James Barber-sister, Rebecca Johnston – Miss Jane Barber with whom I now live.

Parson James Barber – Exc. 28 January 1825---Nancy Johnston

Book E-page 105-in a deed shows Jane Porter, alias Johnston, alias Gaston, bought 167 acres from Stephen Ditshaw and wife Nancy.

Witnesses:

Samuel Lowry

William Morton

**Thomas Porter** 

Dated January 9, 1796

# Richard and Mary Ann Ferguson DVD's for sale

Richard and Mary Ann Ferguson of 394 Jamback Rd. Anniston, AL, 36207 spent over a week with us visiting the courthouses and cemeteries. They spent a week with us in the spring also and we always enjoy their visits. They were working on the Ferguson line. They made several DVD's and if any one is interested in one, you can contact them.

- 1. James & Agness Ferguson descendants in Calhoun, Cherokee, Marshall, Cleburn and St. Clair Counties in Alabama.
- 2. Descendants of James & Agnes C. Adams Ferguson in Walker County, Alabama.
- 3. Jordan Family Burying Ground.
- 4. Anderson/Green Cemetery
- 5. Markers at Old Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

# Will of William Cloud

State of South Carolina Chester County

I, William Cloud of the state and county aforesaid do hereby make the following distribution of my estate, at my death;

First—After my daughter Eunice shall have received her portion of my property, which I have bequeathed to her by deed and will-

Then I bequeath the remaining portion of my property to be equally divided between my daughters, Sarah Dubose, Mary Earle. Susan Boylston and my son- in- law James R. Aiken-

My daughter Sarah's portion of my estate I bequeath to her for her sole and separate use not to be liable for any debt or debts, now existing against her, or which may exist against her estate – this property to be disposed of as she sees proper.

I also bequeath my daughter Susan's portion to her, for her sole and separate use not to be liable for any legal process brought against her – or her husbands estate – this property to be disposed of as she thinks proper-

My daughter Mary Earle's portion I also give for her sole and separate use not to be liable for any debts, which may exist against her or her husband—

I any of my heirs should become dissatisfied with this will and go to law about my property, I hereby will that they shall, forfeit their portion of my estate- I leave James R. Aiken and Elias Earle my executors believing that they will see justice done to all my heirs or legatees

Witnessed under my hand and seal this 14th day of December 1870

/s/ William Cloud (LS)

State of South Carolina Chester District I William Cloud of the State and District aforesaid, do hereby make the following partial disposition of my estate at my death --that is to say:

First I give and bequeath to my daughter, Eunice R. Cloud, all the furniture, provisions and other personal property that may be in the dwelling house, out houses and adjacent buildings situated where I now live, at the time of my death.

Second I give and bequeath to my said daughter her distributive share of the livestock, which I may own at the time of my death.

Executed as my Will, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

# /s/ William Cloud

Signed by William Cloud as his will, in our presence: we three attesting thereto at his request and in his presence, and sign-

/s/ B. E. Kell /s/ Susan Kell l/s/ Mary L. Earle

#### Witness

I wish this to stand sure & if any of my heirs go contrary they? must pause and think what they are doing & what I have done for them & more

#### /s/ William Cloud

Witness /s/ Thomas Cain /s/ B. W Kell /s/ G. H. Wilkins

Taken from the original Last Will of Dr. William Cloud, on file in the Office of Probate Judge for Chester County, S. C., in Apt. No. 133, Pkg. No 524, recorded in Will Book B1 at page 147.

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