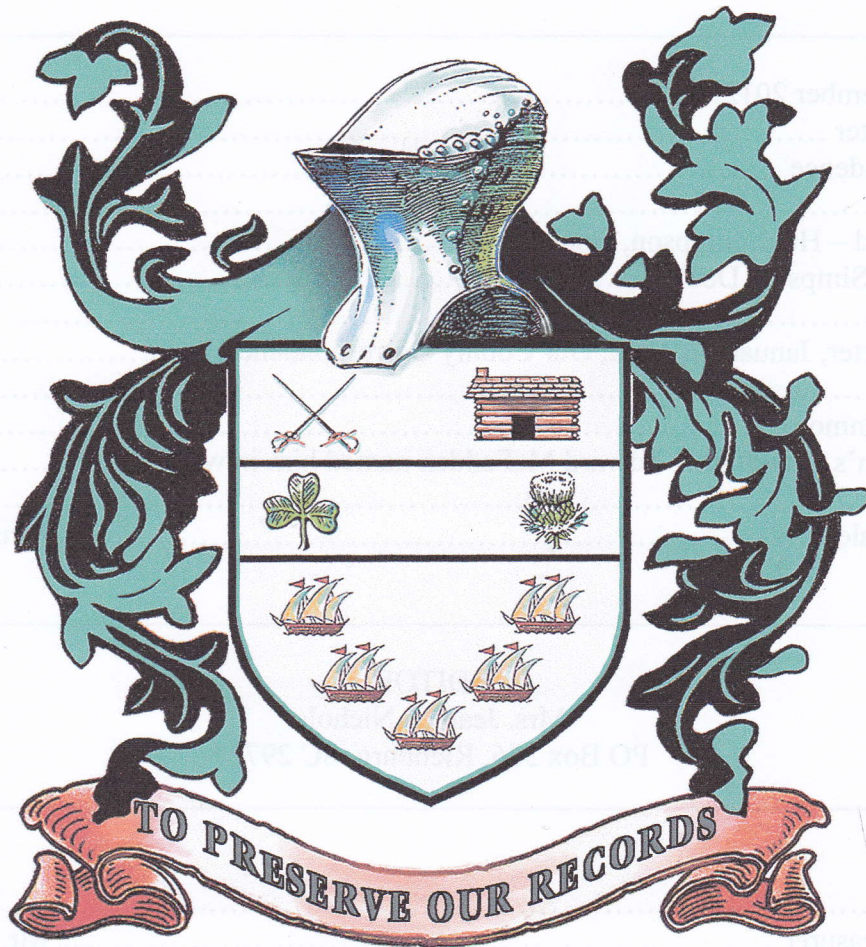


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Happy Holidays~

Can you believe it is time for the holidays and that the year 2012 is almost over? Where has the time gone?

Our library, which is open each Tuesday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and at other times by appointment only, will be closed December 22, 2012 – December 31, 2012, and it will re-open on its regular schedule Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

Annual membership dues to the Chester District Genealogical Society (CDGS) are \$25.00 per calendar year. By joining, members are entitled to all issues of our quarterly publication, *The Bulletin*, and to free queries as space permits. Enclosed in this issue of *The Bulletin*, you will find a form for renewing your membership. Along with your mailing address, please be sure to include your email address. Back issues of *The Bulletin* are available. Please see the Inside Back Cover for prices.

Please remember to send in your dues. We depend on these to help keep us afloat. Also, any donations are most appreciated as operating expenses keep going up. We do appreciate all of you and anything extra you can do to help us. Please consider giving a gift membership to someone you know who is interested in genealogy. The Society needs your support in order to continue its important work and to survive in this difficult economy. If you are able to do so, please make a tax-deductible contribution. It would be greatly appreciated.

If you are mailing us your membership dues or any other information, please be sure to use the following address, or the post office will not deliver it to us. Our mailing address is Chester District Genealogical Society, PO Box 336, Richburg, SC 29729-0336.

We would like to thank each one of you for bearing with us this past year as we have tried to save money by emailing the quarterly issues of *The Bulletin* to you. For those who do not have access to a computer or prefer a hard copy, we still have those available to mail to you.

A huge thank you to all who have very graciously shared your family histories, stories, and articles with us. They are greatly appreciated. However, MORE family histories or articles are needed for future issues.

In our last quarterly, we mentioned that Wade B. Fairey Sr. is working to put pictures of all the old homes in this area on the computer. His website is www.RootsandRecall.com.

The Chester County maps are available once again for \$2.00 per map. Many of you like to use the maps to mark the churches and graveyards that you wish to visit when you are here. The Chester County Chamber of Commerce was kind enough to allow us to purchase additional maps from them for resale.

All the volunteers here at the CDGS Library would like to wish each one of you Season's Greetings and happy hunting in the New Year.

Jean H. Nichols, Editor

Christmas in Chester

All Classes of People Enjoy the Great Holiday Save the Clerks.

Chester, Dec. 25, 1891.—Special.—There is probably no town in the State that observes Christmas as Chester does. The factories, banks and depots are closed, and the employees are free to enjoy themselves; but the merchants of the city have never been known to close up business on Christmas day. All the stores, from peanut stands to the largest dry goods emporiums, are hustling the clerks in order to catch the nickels of the hundreds of bacchanalian-elated darkeys who are parading the streets today. The clerks have no joy or freedom whatever, but are pestered all of this beautiful, bright Christmas day by the small nickel bundle trade, and when night comes the bosses, in looking over the small cash sales of the day, should surely feel mean and belittled in housing their employees on this, the greatest holiday of the year.

The streets were a perfect soup of mud all day, and the crowd was immense. Trade was brisk in every line, and the times being so hard, the amount of currency was surprisingly large.

At 6 o'clock Thursday evening the police turned the small boys loose and bade them fire their crackers, candles and rockets to their hearts' content. Every corner of Main, Depot and Wall streets was soon ablaze with bonfires, and the powderous odor and the piercing sound of the explosive fireworks were suffocating and deafening until a very late hour in the night.

The colored bretheren seem to be enjoying themselves hugely. Since 6 o'clock this morning their cracked brass bands have been tooting through all the thoroughfares, and at this writing a large colored calithumpian parade is going on in Main street.

The day is a perfect one and everybody seems to be in the happiest kind of humor.

Congressman John J. Hemphill arrived home last night, accompanied by his accomplished bride, nee Miss Henry of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Dr. Charles Hemphill and family of Louisville, Ky., will reach home today.

Mrs. Boyden and Mrs. Guy of Richmond, daughters of Mr. James Hemphill and sisters of the Congressman, have been at home for a week past, and this Christmas a happy family reunion will be held in this distinguished family circle.

Editor Francis T. Morgan of the *Bulletin* made known to the public yesterday, in an appropriate editorial, his retirement from journalism and his intended move to the city of Charleston. Mr. Morgan has established a good reputation in this city and county as a true gentleman, independent editor and forcible writer. He has managed a first-class country weekly newspaper for eight years and has made hosts of friends during his stay in Chester. The people are a unit in regretting the loss of such a valuable and public spirited citizen. Messrs. W. P. Crawford of Richbourg and W. H. Barber of Chester have assumed control of the *Bulletin*, and will publish it under the firm name of W. P. Crawford & Co.

Yorkville Enquirer,
York, South Carolina, September 1859
Submitted by William Edward Gregory

CHESTER CORRESPONDENCE
Chester, Sept 13, 1859

Mr. Editor: Chester is improving very fast in the way of fine residences. During this year, we are having several of the best buildings created which have ever graced our town. C. D. Melton, Esq., has nearly completed a fine residence in East Chester. For beauty and convenience, it will be equal to any house in the country. It is situated in a fine oak grove, about three-fourths of a mile from the Court House. Mr. W. H. Gill, has a fine building almost completed, some half-mile North East of the Court House, on the York Road. John McKee, Jr., is building about half a mile West of the Court House, on the red hill; and Capt. Alexander Walker, some half-mile North. Other residences have been built the past year, but the above are the handsomest and most deserving of notice.

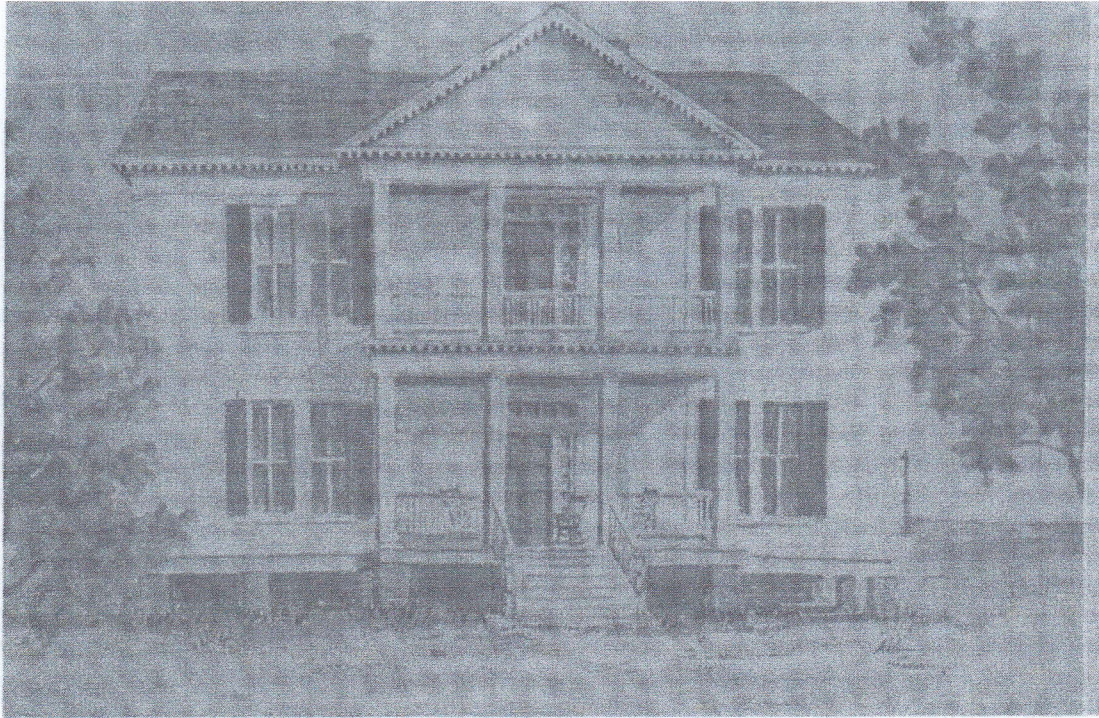
The mechanics are flourishing here also. The steam engines are puffing away everyday. Mr. John Simpson, who advertises in the ENQUIRER, has a large work-shop, where he makes the best of cotton gins, doors, sash, &c. He also runs a sawmill and a small grain mill, and employs some ten or fifteen workmen and keeps them all busy.

Mr. Killian keeps his flour and corn-milling going every day, grinding for regular customers, and putting up flour for market. Mr. George Albright's engine is at work, planning and doing-up sash, blinds, &c. We have one regular brick manufactory, and some other extra kilns are put up occasionally. We have a Collar manufactory also, put in motion by Mr. N. Anderson, where planters and wagoners can be supplied with a better and cheaper article than comes from Yankee-land. E. J. West manufactures Saddles and Harness, as good as the best. Samuel McNinch makes leather, and furnishes granite or marble monuments to order. M. Aldrich "does up" the tin-ware, and puts up lightning rods. Z. Howell makes carriages and buggies, warranted to give satisfaction. He has a successful competitor in Mr. C. Holst, who has, for the last sixteen years, been working hard and making some of the best carriages and buggies in the country. We have a wagon manufactory carried on by Mr. Thos. DeGraffenreid. I might go on and speak of shoes and clothing, but everybody knows CARROL and WEST, ROBINSON and McCORMICK. A man can get a comfortable outfit here, as easily as anybody in the upcountry. Chester has a population of about twelve hundred, and is still increasing. Some 20,000 bales of cotton are sold in this market every season, and for stores of every variety, we can do justice to any number of customers.

We can supply all York with bagging, rope, sugar, coffee, molasses, rice, bacon, &c. Send on your cotton and flour, and we will give good prices, and supply at low rates. the "family necessities"

I notice some twenty-bales of new cotton in market this morning, and from the price offered, I expect a great rush next week. The present hot and dry weather is maturing and opening the cotton very rapidly, and no doubt, our planters will be smart enough to take 10.5 cents for it as fast as they can pick it out. With a continuation of good weather, the crop of Chester district will be good.

Chester has a population of about twelve hundred...



This story of CLINTON HALL was prepared by

Thelma M. Reid, great-granddaughter of the

first Clinton to own the property, with the

information furnished by the living children

of Thomas Franklin Clinton and personal

observation of the writer. It was submitted

to fill the requirements of a term paper for

an English Class in the ninth grade and is

reproduced herewith without editing.

CLINTON HALL

Come, I'll tell you a story. Maybe you have heard it; maybe you haven't. It is of a house, not famous, but nevertheless worth knowing about.

About the year 1858, a man, by the name of William Kelsey, began a house on his plantation. The house was built on the York-Chester county line, about nine miles from Rock Hill and one and one-half miles from the little town of Edgemoore. Mr. Kelsey owned a number of slaves and used mostly slave labor in the construction of the house, with a Mr. Brock of North Carolina as architect and foreman. The lumber used in the construction came from original forest pines on the Kelsey plantation and was sawed by water power on an old-time up-and-down saw at Eaves Mill on Fishing Creek (now called Lando, where the Manetta Mill is located) by an old negro slave whose name was Prince Eaves. The house still has the original roof, which was made from drawn heart-of-pine shingles, and also has floors of hard pine.

In 1861 when the house was practically finished, Mr. Kelsey and his family moved in. When the war between the states broke out, Mr. Kelsey gave himself to service for the South and the home he loved. Mr. Kelsey was killed and buried in Virginia during the war. Mrs. Kelsey died during this time and was buried in the pines at the rear of her home but the remains were later moved to Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery.

A terrible tragedy happened in the family about this time. One day, while dusting the mantle in the back room now used as a kitchen, a package of gun powder

was knocked in the fire killing two of the daughters and a young negro slave girl who happened to be near. The family was then broken up. The few remaining children now reside near Fort Lawn and Chester.

Then the history of the place begins to take on historical value. An Ohio company of Sherman's soldiers stayed in the house during the last few months of the war and for a time after the surrender. These soldiers, who had lots of time on their hands and little appreciation of other people's property, began writing on the white kalsomine (calcimine) walls. They jotted down their names and dates of all the important battles. At last they conceived the idea of writing the history of each, which they did. In particular, they wrote on the walls of the halls, drawing rooms, and the second-story rooms. In later years this priceless information has been covered with kalsomine (calcimine), but some of the writing is still visible. One can't imagine what secrets have been covered or what information of value may be there.

Now, for a description of the house. It is a large three-story building, consisting of ten rooms (20 feet by 20 feet), four on the first, four bedrooms on the second, and the third consists of two large rooms covering the entire size of the house. There are two halls, one upstairs and one downstairs, twelve feet by 40 feet. There are two front porches, one upstairs and one downstairs, and one back porch. These porches are supported by large columns put together with wooden pegs.

Formerly, there was a large kitchen at the rear of the house, consisting of one large room and a pantry. This has since been used as a tenant house, having been

moved and divided into three good-size rooms.

Most probably some of the things that would get attention quickest are as follows:

The beautiful old hall stairway is perfectly built. It is low and broad with banisters indicative of that period. When it rises to a height of twelve feet, at a landing, it divides - one goes to the rear end of the spacious upstairs hall, and the other to the front. All rooms have large open fireplaces with heavy mantles. These give the rooms a cheerful aspect. The carvings over the doors and windows are lovely, having all been done by hand.

The next items of special interest are the mantle and ceiling of the drawing room which is on the right as you enter the house. This mantle is richly carved and topped by a beautiful mirror a broad gilded frame. The ceiling depicts the sun with its rays. The sun, in the center of the room, is of dark, rich wood and drops from the ceiling. The chandelier is suspended there and heavy oak "rays" run out from the ceiling center. This is one of the oddest, yet most beautiful arrangements imaginable.

The other three rooms of this floor are: a family "sitting" bedroom on the left front with the kitchen behind it, and the dining room across the hall behind the parlor/drawing room.

The house also contains some valuable furniture which is worth noting. In the lower hall there stands an old grandfather's clock which has been in the family of the present owner/occupant for more than a century. In the drawing room (front right) there are two very old pianos which resemble our present-day grand, and a piano forte. Their richness and sweetness of tone can hardly be rivaled. Many times, under skilled fingers, the strains of the much-beloved wedding marches have reached the ears of listeners as some fair bride descended the stairs to an altar to meet her husband-to-be. There is also a heavy round antique mahogany table in the center of this room. On the lower shelf the family Bible has rested for years.

Across the hall, in the room which was called the master's bedroom, there is an old four-poster bed, a dresser, chest of drawers, and a wardrobe representative of eras past.

Let's go to the outside now. In many ways the house resembles most other houses of this period, but yet different, too. Some things we might mention are the heavy granite pillars which support the house. These were quarried by slaves from the rocks on the plantation. If you were to go see this place, you would probably notice the broad stone which forms the first step at all the entrances. These are the same as were placed here by the first occupant.

Then, the large Wisteria Vine which forms a shade for the porch. This was set out many years ago by the sister (eldest) of the present owner when only a

young girl. She has been dead since 1918. There stands in the yard a large holly tree which has always been a rare tree. It has a more beautiful shape, more berries and they come sooner and last longer than any other in the country. Up until more recent years, there was a large "Upping Block", so called, which stood at the gate to the yard. This was a huge stone block, mounted by steps, from which the ladies could mount their horses more easily. That was a pleasant sport as well as a means of travel in those days and was one in which the ladies of the house indulged very often. The present stables were once the cotton gin which have been remodeled. The father of the present owner, being an extensive farmer, found it necessary to operate his own gin. But later when the stables were torn down, this was used instead of rebuilding. Horses have long been the pride of this family. This old place still stands in fairly good condition. This will be worth noting - not a single thing was done by machinery. It was all done by hand.

The slave quarters have long been destroyed but one relic still remains - the huge plantation bell which stands near one pair of steps onto the rear porch. This was rung as a signal for the slaves to go and come from work and also as an alarm in case of fire. This is not used much now, yet it still stands. On the rear porch there stands a huge chest. This was used by the Clinton ancestors to pack part of their possessions in when they came to America.

When the Kelsey family broke up, the farm, consisting of five hundred acres, was sold by sheriff of Chester County at sheriff's sale in 1868 and bought by

Thomas Franklin Clinton, then Clerk of Court of Chester County. He later moved his family to this place when his term of office expired.

Thomas Franklin Clinton was the son of James Nathaniel Clinton, a medical doctor who fought in the war of 1812, and was the grandson of MacDonald Clinton, who came to this country from England in 1761 and settled in Virginia. He fought in the Revolutionary War and was killed in the Battle of Cowpens. Thomas Franklin Clinton was born in 1834 and lived all his life in York and Chester counties. He served in the Civil War and was wounded in the shoulder in the Battle of the Wilderness and died at his home in 1895. He married Elizabeth McKeown, daughter of Washington McKeown, who was a large planter and slave owner of lower Chester County.

Clinton Hall, originally called Clinton Heights, is owned and occupied by Sidney Eugene Clinton, son of Thomas Franklin and Elizabeth McKeown Clinton.

In the last month new steps and front porch flooring have been added and the columns were placed on new blocks. This is the first repair work amounting to anything.

It has long been a place of historical and social interest. Historically, because of the value in the material its walls contain sealed to the eyes of the public and, socially, because of the warm hospitality which is always greeting you at the door.

Thelma Reid
1933

York County SC - Case 66 - file 3218 - Guardianship Bond
John, Mary, Betsey & Peggy Simpson, minors
Hugh Simpson, Guardian
22nd July 1788

Know all men by these presents that we Hugh Simpson & John Hillhouse of York County and State of South Carolina are held & firmly bound to William Bratton, William Hill, John Drennan, Thomas Gillham and Abraham Smith Esq^s Justices of the County Court of York afo^r or their successors in Office, in the penal Sum of three Hundred pounds lawful Money for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves our heirs Executors & Adm^{rs} firmly by these presents, Sealed with our seals & dated this 22^d day of July 1788.

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such, that whereas the above bound Hugh Simpson is appointed Guardian of John Simpson, Mary Simpson, Betsey Simpson & Peggy Simpson if therefore he shall well & truly execute & perform such Guardianship, & render satisfactory Accounts Calculations & Reckonings of the Estate of such Orphans from time to time, when thereunto required by the said Court then the above to be void otherwise of force.

Signed Sealed & delivered } Hugh Simpson
in presence of - } signed by John M. Law by Order
Robert Simpson } of John Hillhouse

The above Guardianship Bond was sent to us by Brenda Baumert.

PROBATE OF ROBERT SIMPSON, DEC'D
 ADMR, HUGH SIMPSON
 YORK COUNTY, SC - Case #66, File # 3122
 Transcribed by Brenda Baumert

Know all men by these presents that we, Hugh Simpson, John Hillhouse & James Jameson of York County and State of South Carolina are held and firmly bound to William Hill, William Bratton, John Drennan, David Leech & Abraham Smith, Esqr, Justices of the County Court of York aforesaid in the sum of Two Hundred pounds --- lawful money for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves our Heirs Excr's & Admr's firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals and dated this 15th of July A.D. 1788.

The Condition of the above is such that if the above bound Hugh Simpson ---- Admr of all the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of Robert Simpson deceased do make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the s'd deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the s'd Hugh Simpson --- or into the hands of any other person or persons for him and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the County Court of York at such time as he shall be thereunto required by the s'd Court and all the rest and residue of the s'd Goods, Chattels & Credits which shall be found remaining upon the s'd Administrators account, the same being first examined & allowed by the Justices of the s'd Court for the time being, shall deliver up and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the s'd Justices by their order or Judgment shall direct, pursuant to the Laws in that case made & provided, and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will & testament was made by the s'd deceased & the executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same in s'd Court making request to have it allowed & approved accordingly if the s'd Hugh Simpson ---- being thereunto required do render & deliver up his Letters of Administration, approbation of such Testament being first had & made in the said Court, then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & Virtue.

Signed Sealed & delivered}		Hugh Simpson {L.S.}
in presence of }		John Hillhouse {L.S.}
John McCaw }		James Jameson {L.S.}

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State of So Carolina}	to wit	By the Justices of County Court of
York County }		York aforesaid

To John Hillhouse, Allen Dowdle, John Morris & William Givings
 We reposing Special trust and confidence in you the said Jno Hillhouse, Allen Dowdle, John Morris & William Givings ----- have impowered (sic) nominated, and appointed you after taking the Oath prescribed by Law before David Leech, Esqr. to appraise and value [page torn, word is implied] all & singular the Goods, Chattells & Credits of Robert

Simpson late of said County deceased which shall be produced & Shown to you by Hugh Simpson --- Administrator and an Inventory thereof to return to the said Administrator signed by any three or more of you within Sixty days from the date hereof, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Witness John McCaw Clerk of our said Court this 15th day of July 1788, and thirteenth of American Independence
John McCaw Clk Court

So Carolina } You John Hillhouse, Allen Dowdle, John Morris
York County } do swear that you will make a Just and true appraisement of all & singular the Goods & chattels (ready money only excepted) of Robt Simpson - deceased as Shall be produced by Hugh Simpson Admr of the Estate of the said Robt Simpson, deceased and that you will return the same certified under your Hands unto the s'd Admrs within the time prescribed by Law.

Sworn to and Subscribed } John Hillhouse
before me this 10 day - }
of October 1788 }
David Leech J.P. }

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State So Carolina } By David Leech a Justice assigned to keep the
York County } peace in s'd county Personally came John Morris, John Hillhouse, Allen Dowdle & being Duly Sworn Declares on oath that the (sic) will Justly Appraise the goods & Chattels of Robert Simpson Deceased or such part Thereof as shall be shew (sic) unto Them by Hugh Simpson brother of the s'd Deceased & that they will Fix the True Value thereof in Ready Money according to the best of Their Skill Knowledge & Ability

Sworn to before me this 13th
Day of January 1787
David Leech J.P.

We the above named John Morris, John Hillhouse & Allen Dowdle Do present a Shadule (sic; schedule) of the goods Prodused (sic) to us the Date above viz ---

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To one black mare	8	10	0
To one cow & calf	2	3	0
one silver spoon	0	9	4
one pare plated Three buckels	0	4	8
one silver stock buckel	0	9	4
one half duzen white plates 5/six spoons 3/	0	8	0
one small bible 6/ one stalk glass 1/	0	7	0
one Matless 1/one bolster & 2 pillows 7/	0	8	0
one Close brush 1/6 one Keasor /9	0	2	3

one silver kneebuckel 2/ 6 Teaspoon /6	0	2	6
one Large Rose blankitt 14/one chist 3/6	0	17	6
one Little Oven 9/4 one branding 4/	0	13	4
one negrow boy named Goarg	55	0	0
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Given under our hands the Date above

John Morris
Allen Dowdle, John Hillhouse

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State of So Carolina } Recorded in Book A No. 14 Page 12 this
York County } 21st day of February 1789
pr John McCaw C.C

Inventory of Robt Simpson's Estate 1788

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10	13	
<u>87</u>	<u>19</u>	
<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	9

The Harpers By Glenn Morrison

William Harper Sr. with his son Robert and eleven other family members emigrated from Ireland to South Carolina on the EARL OF DONEGAL, arriving December 22, 1767. They settled on Wildcat Creek in the Craven District, now Lancaster County, South Carolina. Some of the family may have remained Loyalists or non-combatants during the Revolutionary War. A son, Dr. Daniel Harper was forced to return to Ireland for his expressed Loyalist sympathies. When he returned to South Carolina some years later, some reports indicate he may have been hanged for "treason". He is buried in the old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery Lancaster County, South Carolina.¹

Robert Harper, was married to Agnes in Ireland. He was a son of William Sr. and Margaret, and lived in the Chester District. He was 38-39 years old when he served in the Revolutionary Militia during 1780-81. His pay stub shows that he served under Captain Parsons and Captain Bridges in Colonel Roebucks Regiment. In 1980, Troy Harper Reynolds, deceased, of Houston placed the results of her study to prove this fact in a book, Robert Harper, Revolutionary Soldier of the Presbyterian Catholic Church, Chester South Carolina, 1742-1801. Those of Harper lineage and interested in completing their DAR application may wish to refer to her DAR lineage number, 525064.

A land ownership map of Chester County titled, "Land Surveys on Fishing Creek & South Fork", developed by Elmer Oris Parker in 1990 shows Robert Harper's land on the Old Salada Road south of South Fork Creek.²

Robert's son, Daniel, married Margaret. He moved from South Carolina to Madison County, Alabama between 1820 and 1822, dying there in 1827. Their children included a son, Robert T.³ who married Eliza Sharp in Madison County, Alabama on August 14, 1828. Eliza was the daughter of John Sharp. John Sharp with wife, Martha, as well as his 85 year old mother, Martha, are all listed in the 1850 Census for Madison County, Alabama. At least some of the family, including Thomas Grafton Harper, lived in Benton Co., Alabama.

Robert T. Harper

Robert T. and Eliza moved to Mississippi, having children born there in 1842 and 1844. There is a land transaction recorded in Bradley County indicating that James Harper sold over 4000 acres of land in Bradley County in 1840. James was at Port Gibson in Claiborne County, Mississippi at the time.⁴

Robert T., James and Thomas Grafton Harper were the three brothers known to have come to,

¹ Mrs. C.R. Allen, "A Review of *William Harper, Irish Immigrant to Lancaster County, South Carolina*"

² *The Bulletin*, Chester District Genealogical Society, September 1990, 91a & b

³ The middle initial for this Robert Harper is "T", according to Viola Caston Floyd. See her paper, "Family History for Descendants of Robert Harper, Son of William Harper, Sr.",

⁴ Bradley County Deed Record Book

what was then, Bradley County, prior to the Civil War.

By December 1845, Robert Harper and his family were in Arkansas. In January 1856, Robert Harper bought 320 acres of land from the heirs of Nathaniel Barnett.⁵ This land was originally granted to Nathaniel Barnett by the U.S. Government for a price of \$1.25 per acre.⁶ It became the Robert Harper/John T. Harper home place in Sections 23 and 25 of Range 10, Township 9.

Robert T. and Eliza had four boys and nine girls:

Name	Year of Birth	Place of Birth	Married to :
Martha J.	1829	AL	W. J. Barksdale
Catherine (Cat)	1830	AL	O. F. Neal
John T.	1832	AL	M. A. Dabney/S.F. Wynn
Mary Ann	1834	AL	Henry Harding
Anderson J. (Ance)	1836	AL	N. E. McCannon
M. Elizabeth (Lizzie)	1837	AL	unmarried
Daniel B.	1839	AL	E. Ferguson
Margaret E. (Maggie)	1842	MS	(1) L. D. Haynes (2) Dr. J. C. Thompson
Mortimer	1844	MS	unmarried
Alabama (Bama)	1845	AR	A. Brewster
Julia A.	1848	AR	Dr. J. C. Thompson
California (Callie)	1852	AR	J. D. Stewart
Ophelia	1855	AR	unmarried

John T. Harper

John T. and Mary A. had only the one child, Jennie Belle, before Mary A. died. Jennie Belle lived with her "Aunt Lizzie" during the war. They lived on the Harper home place.

John T. along with brothers, Anderson, Daniel and Mortimer and cousin Shelton were mustered into a unit that became Company "G", 2nd Arkansas Infantry on June 3, 1861. B. B. Taliaferro⁷ was the Captain of the unit until he died of pneumonia in November 1862. The 2nd Regiment was commanded by Co. Thomas C. Hindman. The unit served under General Hardee and General Govan in the Army of the Tennessee in 1863-1865. These names later appear as family

⁵ Bradley County Deed Record Book . Incidentally, Nathaniel Barnett's heirs are listed by their given and/or married names in this document.

⁶ This price is based on other land bought by N. Barnett in the area at the time. See U.S. Land Patent #

⁷ Benjamin B. Taliaferro had homesteaded land just west of Big Creek near Rowell, Ark. See *Ark Land Patents, Cleveland Co.*, 63

names in the sons of Daniel Harper. The Second Infantry participated in at least forty-five separate engagements including such battles as :

Shiloh, Tennessee

Perrysville, Kentucky

Stone's River at Murfreesborough, Tennessee

Chickamauga, Georgia (The unit was included in the Roll of Honor published after the battle of Chickamauga)

Missionary Ridge, Tennessee

Resaca, Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia

Lovejoy Station, Georgia

Franklin, Tennessee

Carolina Campaign, North Carolina

Surrender occurred at Bennett's House, Durham Station, N.C. April 26, 1865⁸

After the war, John T. returned. He married Susan F. Wynn and brought Jennie Belle back into his family. A daughter, Sallie, and a son, Robert M. (Bob) were born to John T. and Susan.

John T. loved all his children and made many efforts to keep the family close to himself. His homeplace was in Section 23, 24, & 25 of T10, R9 off the main roads, on a country lane that leads from Highway 15 to Hudgin Creek. His home was originally a one-room log cabin that was boarded over and expanded through the years. Perhaps as a reward for returning from Texas in December, 1892, he deeded Jennie Belle 160 acres next to the home place, for "one dollar .. and in consideration of the love and affection which we have for our daughter, Jennie Belle Morrison ...".

Robert, or "Bob", as he was called, was John T.'s 'heir apparent'. Bob built a nice country home next to John T.'s house which still stands in 1993.

The story of Bob's untimely death and its impact on Mat and Jennie Belle are told below.

Robert M. Harper Is Killed;

On Tuesday, September 29, 1903, a tragic accident occurred at the Pansy Gin Company that was to have long lasting consequences for the Morrisons and for the Harpers. Robert M. Harper, John T. Harper's only living son and half-brother to Jennie Belle Harper Morrison, lost his arm in the machinery at the Pansy Gin. He died three days later. As a result, Mat, Jennie Belle and the boys all returned to Pansy.

The Cleveland County Herald carried the news under the title, "A Community Grieved".⁹

⁸ *Civil War Regimental Histories*, Hillsboro

⁹ *The Cleveland County Herald*, Oct. 8, 1903, 2

Three members of the Harper Township area had died on Thursday, October 1st, 1903¹⁰ and all were buried at Prosperity Cemetery on the same day. The Herald article reported that R. M. Harper, Arthur McCullough and a child of Will McKinney all died on the same day.

R. M. Harper's death was not only sad but a shock to his many friends throughout the country. He was an honest and hardworking gentleman. Quiet and unassuming in manner but ever true to his friends and to every duty in life. His death was the result of an injury that he sustained at the Pansy Gin Company plant on Tuesday before his death at which time he had his left arm literally cut to pieces in the gin. . . .

. . . Arthur McCullough died of throat trouble. . .

Mr. McCullough and Mr. Harper married estimable young ladies just eight months and one day before their deaths. Both Marriages were solemnized in one ceremony. To the aged and truly Christian father, Mr. J. T. Harper, to the affectionate young wife and the loving sister, Mrs. Matt Morrison, we extend our sympathy.

Mat, Jennie Belle and sons Johnnie, Glen and Dick moved back to Pansy that fall. Ray worked in the cotton gin with Mr. Jones at Hope. Ray with his wife, Lucille, stayed at Hope until after Hale was born on January 1, 1904. Ray returned to Cleveland County alone as soon as Hale was born to begin making a crop. Lucille followed a few weeks later.

The Morrisons had returned to Pansy to stay. It must have been a very proud C. R. to buggy the first of many grandsons up to Mat's front door. Lucille's trip on the train is a story in itself. When C.R. met her train in Rison, she forgot to pick up the baby's diaper bag, so Hale's diapers continued on their trip.

At "the old John T. Harper homeplace", there were two houses in the early 1900's. The oldest was John T.'s. It was a log house that was covered in later years with boards, a dog trot and additional rooms added. It faced up the lane toward the West. The new, larger house, built by Bob Harper about 1900, had gingerbread trim around the eaves and faced South. That house still stands in 1993. Between 1904 and 1906, when the Morrisons moved back to take care of John T. Harper, C. R. and Lucille lived in the older house with John T.. Mat and Jennie Belle lived in "Uncle" Bob's house with the other three boys. John T. died there May 27, 1906.

Rex Morrison remembers living in the old Bob Harper house and getting peppermint candy handed to him through the picket fence by some of the share-cropper's children. The candy was the first he can remember eating. He said they moved from that house when he was six -- in 1928.

With the death of Bob Harper, John T. lost his only male heir and any hope of continuing the Harper name. Bob and his first wife, Mattie Moore, had a son, John Alexander, who died at less than three months of age in 1900. Mattie then died in 1902. Bob's second wife, Emma May Barham was without child, so there were no other heirs. Mat purchased Emma's interest in the Harper land for \$250. Emma, daughter of J. N. and Hulda Barham, returned to Cornerville where

¹⁰ Tombstones and the John T. Harper concur with this date. The Herald's date would be Oct. 2.

she married W. T. Echols. She died in 1932 and is buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Sallie, John T.'s younger daughter, was the "apple" of his aging eyes. He sent her to Cedar Bluff College in Kentucky where she received her college degree in June, 1884. Returning home to teach the local children in the old schoolhouse that stood near where the Pansy Cemetery is now located probably pleased her dad. But he was reportedly displeased when she later fell in love with, and married, the fun-loving country boy, Charley Morrison. She died shortly afterwards. For the conclusion of that story, see the discussion of Charley Morrison in a later chapter.

John T. Harper's obituary, probably from the Cleveland County Herald, reads as follows:

Mr. J. T. Harper

The subject of this sketch, Mr. J. T. Harper, died Sunday, May 27th, 1906¹¹ at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. M. {sic} ¹² Morrison, near Pansy, in his 73rd year. He had been complaining for a few days but ate dinner with the family and retired to his room to take a nap. About two o'clock the summons came and peacefully and sweetly he fell asleep - thus ending a long, useful, and honorable life. During a residence of more than fifty years he has walked uprightly and no citizen of the county has ever been held in greater esteem than was Mr. Harper. Of his immediate family, one daughter, Mrs. C. M. Morrison, survives him. A brother, Mr. D. B. Harper and three sisters, Mrs. Brewster and Miss Lizzie Harper, of Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Neal, of Warren, mourn the death of this good man -- their beloved brother. An entire community is saddened by his death. The remains were laid to rest Monday at the Prosperity graveyard. The large crowd in attendance testify appreciation of the life of this good man.

Many descendants of the Harper family still live today, but only one is known that carry the Harper name from either the Thomas Grafton, James or the Robert Harper lines. He is Tanny Harper, son of James, grandson of Plunk Harper. Tanny agreed to submit a DNA sample so that we will have DNA track on this line of Harpers. Work is in progress to find connections with other Harper lines both in Ireland and via South Carolina.

¹¹ This date is confirmed by his tombstone and the John T. Harper Bible

¹² "Mrs. P.M." would be correct.

The Chester Reporter
Thursday, Jan. 7, 1892
Our County Correspondence
WILKSBURG

Jan. 1 ~ Not much has transpired during the Christmas holidays that would interest your readers. In fact, Christmas seemingly was a week of Sundays. Some took time by the forelock and utilized it in sowing wheat. The acreage sown is by no means large, yet it is considerably larger than it has been for many years.

Mr. Perry Carter, whose home is near Atlanta, Ga., returned to his father's Mr. J. W. Carter, for the holidays and to recuperate from a severe attack of Jaundice.

Mrs. Dorcas Carter, whose home is near Brushy Fork section, has purchased the lands of Dr. T. M. Gwin and will soon make that her permanent home.

Mr. T. Brannon, who a few weeks ago received very serious injuries at a whisky wagon [mention of which was made at the time in the REPORTER] is able to be up, but has not yet recovered his mind. He has no recollection of being struck and attributes his ill health to the visit of said wagon. What is the matter with the powers that be? Their arms seem too short to reach those that carry on that kind of illicit trade from wagons almost weekly.

"Hard times" now form the basis of most of the small talk. Even the sheriff says "its hard times," but the sooner we reuse up and quit lamenting and shove the wheel of business with a will and get them rolling, so much the better. No use croaking. It will make matters worse. Just let us all shoulder the responsibilities of the day and march on.

Dr. J. A. Wade, who has been seriously ill with the grip is now able to be out.

No weddings in our immediate section. It is not for the lack of material.

Misses Gracie and Rachel McGuire of New Hope spent several days with Miss Ella Love and others in and around Kirkpatrick's.

Mr. J. R. Hill of Hickory Grove has spent Christmas with friends about the Burg.

Jan. 4 - Since the above a cold wave has struck as with full force, the mercury sinking low down in the tube.

Mr. A. W. Darby has been slaughtering some fine porkers. I don't know their weight but they were huge. It don't look like hard times at this house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sanders, with their son and daughter, Willie and Boyd, of Longtown, S. C., has been visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. Ellis Love has bought land on Susy Bole and will move his family from the Brushy Fork section as soon as his house is finished.

Mr. Wm. Gaston had misfortune to get a bale of cotton burned last week by having a spark packed up in it. A bale of cotton is not worth much but it represents as much labor as it ever did and each one has a special mission to perform.

Mr. James Kirkpatrick, who lives just across the line, is going to Blacksburg and his son-in-law, Mr. Thos. Carter, is going to move in his house and take charge of his plantation.

Mrs. Cornelia Dallas was the recipient of a barrel of oranges sent by relatives in Florida. They were the largest I ever saw. This scribe returns thanks for some of the nice fruit.

Some of the negroes that went to the west a few years ago are returning. They say that all are going to return as soon as they can.

BLACKSTOCK

Jan. 5 ~ Notwithstanding the chronic wail of "hard times," we in this community have had our share of good cheer during the holidays. Santa Claus made as many visits and brought as many presents as usual, but we think he transacted most of his business this year in nickel and ten cent packages. We pity the home old Santa does not visit.

The Knights of Honor gave a banquet on Thursday and invited a number of friends to partake with them. Truly it was a sumptuous repast, just such as the housekeepers of the community are noted for preparing on such occasions. It was a perfect success in every respect and was highly enjoyed by everyone present; and all without a drop of wine or other intoxicants. We have advanced far enough in civilization to know that we can have a complete dinner or supper without such things. The Knights of Honor here are in a flourishing condition.

Some of our ladies prepared a Christmas tree for Juvenile Templars. The presents were nice and timely; such as sent joy to the young hearts. The little folks entertained the audience with recitations, dialogues and music. If these little fellows had the "Childs Bill" in hands, no amount of filibustering would stop it. Prohibition in some form is coming. Civilized Christian people cannot endure the whiskey evil much longer. If Democrats are wise they will keep an eye on this fact and read the signs of the times.

On Thursday night our young people had a Leap Year party, which was greatly enjoyed. The young men looked quite meek as they were being escorted about by the young ladies. They staid up till 12 o'clock tolled out the old year and rang in the new.

Rev. Mr. Hambert, with his wife has moved in to take charge of this circuit. We extend to them a most cordial welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Deitz have gone to take charge of the poor house of Fairfield county. We regret to part with such a good citizens.

Mr. Watt Brice has bought a house and lot and moved his family into town. We would be glad to welcome a hundred more such families.

Mr. Mikell is sick at his home in Sumter, hence no school at the academy this week. The much dreaded "grip" has come, but no serious cases yet.

With cheerful hearts and willing hands we begin the New Year.
Much success to THE REPORTER

FORT LAWN NEWS

Mr. Editor: News of importance is very scare around our little town just now but as we are entering another year I will dry to keep pace with the times and will give you a few facts that have recently come under my observation or hearing.

Will say in the first place that Christmas has been unusually quiet and trade somewhat lighter than the corresponding period of years past and suppose the conditions are about the same in our neighboring towns and places of business.

Last Monday night our people were aroused about half after eleven o'clock by the alarm of fire, discovered in the gin house of Messrs. Hough & Barnette. The house, two gins, press and about 4 bales of seed cotton and everything belonging to it except the engine was burned. The origin of the fire is not known but is generally supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The property was covered by insurance [or partly so], in a company represented by Mr. A. J. Clark of Lancaster, S. C., and will of course be promptly paid as Mr. Clark was here on the following day to adjust the burning.

Mr. W. H. Hardin, of Chester, was in town Tuesday night, returning Wednesday morning. Miss Agnes Clifton is visiting the Misses Gooch, daughter of Mr. Henry Gooch, of Lancaster county.

Mrs. Dr. J. A. Walker, of Lancaster was in our place Friday looking after the renting of her house and left here and I am informed rented it to Mr. D. H. Jordan of our town, which may be some indication to an observer that our friend is anticipating housekeeping soon [it may be] in "co" with some fair one.

Miss Annie Billingsby and little brother, of Monroe, N. C., are on a visit here to their uncle, Mr. F. M. Hough. Miss Pat Hough, of Chesterfield is also visiting at Mr. F. M. Hough's. Mr. J. R. McFadden lost a fine horse Sunday from some unknown disease—the horse being sick only a few hours.

Mr. W. H. Finch is making some improvement in front of post office, removing clay and putting sand in its place, which when completed, will be very acceptable to the public, as that place is so muddy and almost impassable in wet weather.

Our young townsman, Mr. J. L. Rape, went over to Lancaster last Friday night to attend the Leap Year ball and we presume our friend Jimmie enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mr. J. H. Chambers, who has been with Mr. R. I. White for 38 years, has bought land in Lancaster county and moved on it, and while we regret to part with him, we wish him much success in his new home.

Lando, SC

By Lillie Dickey Westbrook for W. P. A. Project

In the Harmony Wylies Mill Club territory on the west bank of Fishing Creek is located a flourishing town called Lando, so named in honor of Captains Lane and Dodson. The former the first conductor and the latter the first superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

The first settlers here was family by the name of White, who emigrated from Pennsylvania and settled at Fishing Creek. A grits mill was built and called White's Mill.

After the surrender at Charleston in April 1780, the Tories formed small squadrons and entered into general plunder. Lieutenant Turnbull who was in command of the forces at Rocky Creek sent Colonel Huck to establish a post at White's Mill. These troops scoured the country plundering farms, gathering in corn and wheat and storing it in the mill as supplies for the troops.

These acts and others aroused the Patriots and Captain McClure and Colonel Lacey collected a force of men with the determination to run Huck out of the country. Colonel Bill Hill joined him for an attack July 1 at White's Mill. About sun down they arrived there only to find the place evacuated. Undaunted they pursued Huck with 300 men. Huck had gone to Brattonville. Later a battle was fought there and Huck was found dead. After this the neighborhood had comparative quietness.

The White's owned this mill until after the Revolution. In the early part of the eighteenth century, it fell to Captain Eaves. After the Civil War, Eaves died and the old plantation, the grits mill, and a saw mill was sold to Alexander Williford.

On June 28, 1880, F. H. Barber bought the mills and the plantation of 172 acres for \$6000. It was here that F. H. Barber organized the Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Some of the citizens of this section owning stock in this mill were—John Lyle, Madison Hefley, Captain J. A. Thomas, John Dickey, Sr., and his son, John C. Dickey. The Walkers and Dickeys and probably others loaned money to Mr. Barber to the amount of several thousand dollars.

A post office was established here and was known as Factory Post Office.

A few stores soon sprang up in the neighborhood. The mill owned a store and the first manager was John Lyle with William E. Dickey as clerk. Later managers were: William E. Dickey, Charles B. Betts, David Dickey Chambers, Joe Hollis, and William Wallace Fennell.

David D. Chambers was manager for 8 years and finally moved his family there and lived there for 8 years. Three of his children were born here. One of our members, Lillian Chambers [Mrs. Ben Nunnery], was born here.

Another large mercantile establishment in Lando was owned by the Robinson Brothers, James Marion Robinson and Sidney C. Robinson. The latter is the father of Mrs. J. N. Whitesides, another club member.



Robinson's Raquet, Lando, SC - 1880s - 90s

This property was purchased from John B. Fudge and J. D. Blanks who lived there. A large two storied structure was erected for the store and later the Robinson brothers built homes and moved their families there.

(This ad is from the Robinson Brothers' store mentioned in the previous article on "Lando, SC".)

J. M. Robinson & Bro.

Factory and Highview

**Near Edgemoor, SC
We are Headquarters for
This Part of the Earth**

Don't you be the last person in the world to find out where the best goods are sold cheap. Citizens of Eastern Chester come and see our assortment of

FALL AND WINTER STYLES

Which is complete in every department. A grand display of just what you want. We mark them low to sell them quick. No question about you being highly pleased with these goods and prices.

For the best of everything at low figures go to

J.M. Robinson

or

Sidney Robinson

Factory, S. C

Highview [near Edgemoor, S. C.]

In addition to our stock of general merchandise we keep

COFFINS, CASKETS & BURIAL ROBES

Which can be purchased at short notice by calling on us

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to us either by note or account will please call and settle at once.

Aunt Aggy McCammon

by Virginia Westbrook Turner

The first time I met 'Aunt Aggy McCammon' was the fall of 1997 while reading the 'Dear Sister Letter' on page 5 of "Captain Bill Book II" by Robert J. Stevens. This letter was written by Mary Ann [Edwards] Ferguson of Dorsey County, Arkansas, to her sister Margaret 'Mag' J. Edwards Pardue [wife of Henry Pardue] in Chester County, South Carolina. The letter is dated August 10, 1881.

Mary Ann writes: *'Aunt Aggy McCammon and Jane, her youngest daughter, are both dead.'*

Robert J. Stevens' footnote #16 to the 'Dear Sister Letter' reads thusly: *"Aunt Aggy McCammon and Jane, her youngest daughter. I am not able to identify them. One would suppose that Aggy was the wife/widow of a brother to Margaret [McCammon] Edwards. I have been able to find nothing to identify Margaret's family. My grandmother told me, and Capt. Wm Henry Edwards wrote that Capt. William McCammon was the father of Margaret. [Note by RJS: Information found recently appears to establish that Capt. William McCammon married Nancy McFadden, a daughter of Edward McFadden, a Revolutionary soldier. William and Nancy [McFadden] McCammon had at least three children, James, Jane and Margaret.]"*

Margaret [McCammon] Edwards is the mother of Mary Ann Edwards Ferguson and Capt. Bill [William Henry Edwards]. Thus, we find in above note by Robert J Stevens that Margaret [McCammon] Edwards has a brother named James McCammon and sister named Jane McCammon. Mary Ann Edwards Ferguson would be a niece to James and Jane McCammon.

Another aunt mentioned by Mary Ann in her letter was *'Old Aunt Jane Thomas' ~ 'give her my love and tell her I often think of her.'* This is Mary Ann's Aunt Jane [McCammon] Thomas [d. 1883], widow of Jonathan Thomas [d. 1854].

There is no mention in the letter of an *Uncle James McCammon*, however, we find in the 1840 census of Chester County, SC, a Captain James McCammon.

1840 United States Federal Census – household of Captain Jas Mccammon,
Chester County, South Carolina

Males: two - 5 thru 9: one - 10 thru 14: two - 15 thru 19: one - 20 thru 29; one - 30 thru 39;

Females: two - Under 5: one - 5 thru 9; one - 20 thru 29; one - 30 thru 39:

Slaves - Males - Under 10: 2; Slaves - Females - Under 10: 1; Slaves - Females - 36 thru 54: 1

Persons Employed in Agriculture: 2; Persons Employed in Manufacture and Trade: 3

Free White Persons - Under 20: 8; Free White Persons - 20 thru 49: 4

Total Free White Persons: 12; Total Slaves: 4; Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves: 16

Source Citation: 1840 Census. Chester, SC; Roll: 510; Page: 300; Image: 1214; FHL Film: 0022508.

In the Estate file of James McCammon – 1845

Lewis A. Beckham, Admin.

Date: April 11, 1845 filed in Chester County, SC

Apartment: 85; Packet: 1338

Source: <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-19366-39369-52?cc=1911928&wc=10593336>

Citation read by Hugh Simpson, Magistrate, on March 22, 1845

Estate appraised by Henry J. Culp, Cephas J. Kee and John Smith on October 4, 1845

Estate sale on October 7, 1845

Return of receipts and expenditures – October 4, 1845 – Agnes McCammon listed

*No children named in James McCammon's estate file.

Next we find in Chester County SC - Deed Book FF; page 193; James McCammon's widow is named Agnes

Agnes McCammon to Lewis A. Beckham

State of South Carolina ~ I Agnes McCammon, widow of James McCammon, deceased, district of Chester; sum of \$5 paid by Lewis A. Beckham for 50 acres being the undivided 1/3 of a certain tract of land formerly owned by James McCammon [my late husband, deceased] being mine in rights of Dower, lying situated and being in the District of Chester and State aforesaid on the dividing ridge between the waters of Fishing Creek and Rocky Creek & bounded by lands of William Moffatt, James W. Magill, Jameson Cherry and Cephas J. Kee.

Signed: Agnes McCammon

Date: 19th November 1845;

Witnesses: James B. Magill, S. S. Elam;

Magistrate: James B. Magill

Date recorded: April 11, 1846

Now, we have identified 'Aunt Aggy' as the widow of James McCammon ~ and sister-in-law to Margaret McCammon Edwards. Agnes and James McCammon's children were not named in his estate file; however, six children appear in the following census record.

Aunt Aggy McCammon and family are residing in Chester County in 1850 along with - Mary McCammon age 30 - too old to be a child of Agnes and James McCammon. I believe Mary is the unmarried sister of James McCammon and is the female between 20 & 29 in the 1840 household of Capt. James McCammon. [spelling of McCammon is McCommon]

1850 United States Federal Census - Name: Agnes McCommon

Age: 45 - Birth Year: abt 1805; Birth place: South Carolina

Home in 1850: Chester, South Carolina

Gender: Female

Family Number: 428 - Household Members: Name Age
Agnes McCommon age 45 - female - head of household – widow of James McCammon
Mary McCommon age 30 - assumed sister to James McCammon – 'Aunt Mary McCammon'

E F McCommon age 17 - son
A McCommon age 15 - daughter
Caroline McCommon age 12 – daughter
Nancy McCommon age 11 - daughter
C McCommon age 8 - son
Jane McCommon age 6 - female - daughter

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: , Chester, South Carolina; Roll: M432_851; Page: 28A; Image: 61.
In the 'Dear Sister Letter', Mary Ann writes: '*Old Aunt Mary McCammon is in bad health. I have never seen her but once since I have been in the state. She lives at Malvern, Hot Springs County.*'
I [VWT] believe 'Aunt Mary McCammon' is the unmarried sister of Margaret, Jane and James McCammon with Mary being the sister-in-law of Agnes 'Aggy' McCammon. Mary McCammon is found in the 1840, 1850 Chester County household of the James McCammon family. Mary McCammon moved from Chester County, SC, to Arkansas with the Aggy McCammon family after 1850. Mary McCammon is not found in an Arkansas 1860 census, however, is found in the 1870 Dallas County, Arkansas census again with Agnes McCammon and in 1880 household of her niece Jane McCammon McKoy of Hot Spring County, Arkansas, as being age 65 [single female] born in South Carolina.

Mary Ann Edwards Ferguson's 1881 'Dear Sister Letter' has identified the McCammon family for us by the naming her living aunts Jane and Mary as well as her aunt-in-law Aunt Aggy McCammon.

By 1860 Agnes McCammon and youngest daughter Jane are found living in Chester, Dallas County, Arkansas, next door to Robert Jamieson – son of Gardner Jamison of Chester County, South Carolina. [Note by VWT: Robert and Gardner Jamison were 'buyers' at the estate sale of James McCammon in Chester County.] Question: Is the Jamison family of Chester County, SC, related to Aggy McCammon? [spelling of McCammon as Mccamon]

1860 United States Federal Census - Name: Agnes Mccamon
Age in 1860: 60 - Birth Year: abt 1800; Birth place: South Carolina
Home in 1860: Chester, Dallas County, Arkansas
Race: White Gender: Female - Post Office: Buck Bluff
Household Members: Name Age
Agness Mccamon 60
Jane Mccamon 18 - b. SC - [youngest daughter Jane McCammon]

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census: Chester, Dallas, Arkansas; Roll: M653_40; Page: 1033; Image: 441;

FHL Film: 803040.

[Spelling of McCammon in 1870 census as Mccameron]

1870 United States Federal Census - Name: Agness Mccameron
Age in 1870: 65 - Birth Year: abt 1805; Birth place: South Carolina
Home in 1870: Chester, Dallas, Arkansas
Race: White Gender: Female - Post Office: Princeton
Household Members: Name Age
Agness Mccameron 65

Mary Mccameron 55 - [sister-in-law to Agnes McCammon]
Wm N Mccameron 9 - unidentified male child born in Arkansas

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census: Chester, Dallas, Arkansas; Roll: M593_52; Page: 405A; Image: 118;
FHL Film: 545551.

Agnes's daughter Sarah Caroline McCammon married John A. Verser on August 5, 1858 in Dallas County, Arkansas. By 1880 Aggy is living with her daughter and son-in-law in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

1880 United States Federal Census – John A. Verser Household

Date of census: June 11, 1880

Name: Agnes Mccammon

Age: 79 - Birth Year: abt 1800; Birth place: South Carolina

Home in 1880: Magnet Cove, Hot Spring, Arkansas

Race: White Gender: Female

Relation to Head of House: Mother - Marital Status: Widowed

Father's Birthplace: South Carolina - Mother's Birthplace: South Carolina

Household Members: Name Age

J. A. Verser 50

Sarah Verser 43

James Verser 17

Mary Verser 14

John Verser 6

Agnes Mccammon 79 - mother-in-law to head of household

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census: Magnet Cove, Hot Spring, Arkansas; Roll: 46; FHL Film: 1254046;
Page: 602C; Enumeration District: 079; Image: 0569.

Aggy's youngest daughter Jane McCammon married Edwin R McKoy - marriage record found in Dallas County, Arkansas. Aunt Mary McCammon is living with Jane and her husband Edwin in the 1880 census of Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

Cemetery records found in Hot Spring County, Arkansas show that Aggy's daughter Jane died on April 27, 1881. Although we have found no cemetery records for Aggy, Mary Ann's 'Dear Sister Letter' dated August 10, 1881, says that Aunt Aggy McCammon and her daughter Jane were both dead.

Who is Aunt Aggy McCammon? She is the double 3rd great grandaunt of my husband E. Y. Turner. Aggy was the aunt of Nancy Catherine Edwards Turner, wife of James Alexander Turner, and Martha Jane Edwards Hyatt, wife of Isaac McFadden Hyatt. To date, I have been unable to prove the maiden name of Aunt Aggy McCammon.

Through census and marriage records found in Arkansas and Spencer County, Kentucky, the following children of James and Aggy McCammon have been identified along with their spouses. There may have been other children who married or died before 1850 Chester County SC Census. [Earlier census records indicate there could have been 4 more sons.]

The known children of Aggy and James McCammon

JAMES MCCAMMON was born Bet. 1800 - 1810 in Chester County, SC, and died Bef. March 22, 1845 in Chester County, SC. He married AGNES 'AGGY'ⁱ Bef. 1830 in Chester County, SC. She was born Bet. 1800 - 1805 in South Carolina, and died 1881 in Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

Children of JAMES MCCAMMON and AGNES 'AGGY' are:

- i. EZRA F. MCCAMMON, MDⁱⁱ, b. November 1832, Chester County, South Carolina; d. Aft. 1900, Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas; m. CAROLINE 'CARRIE' SARAH COLLINGSⁱⁱⁱ, 1855, Spencer County, Kentucky; b. January 05, 1838, Spencer County, Kentucky; d. Aft. 1910, Jefferson County, Arkansas.
- ii. A. MCCAMMON, b. abt. 1835, Chester County, South Carolina - [she is probably named Agnes after her mother – no further information found after 1850]
- iii. SARAH CAROLINE MCCAMMON^{iv}, b. June 18, 1837, Chester County, South Carolina; d. January 18, 1908, Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas; m. JOHN A. VERSER, August 05, 1858, Dallas County, Arkansas; b. February 12, 1830, Pittsylvania County, Virginia; d. December 11, 1919, Magnet Cove, Hot Springs County, Arkansas.

- iv. NANCY 'Nannie' ELIZABETH MCCAMMON^v, b. Abt. 1840, Chester County, South Carolina; d. March 11, 1877, Cleveland County, Arkansas; m. ANDERSON J ANCEL HARPER, November 21, 1859, Bradley County, Arkansas; b. January 18, 1836, Alabama; d. July 27, 1902, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
- v. COLUMBUS D. MCCAMMON^{vi}, b. Abt. 1842, Chester County, South Carolina; d. Unknown, After 1860 probably in Arkansas - found in 1860 Bradley County, Arkansas Census.
- vi. HARRIETT JANE MCCAMMON^{vii}, b. February 06, 1844, Chester County, South Carolina; d. April 27, 1881, Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas; m. EDWIN RUTHVEN MCKOY, July 06, 1864, Dallas County, Arkansas; b. November 22, 1839, Sampson County, NC; d. March 25, 1903, Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

¹ Agnes McCammon

1850 Census: Chester Co., South Carolina; Roll: M432_851; Page: 28A; Image: 61.

1860 Census: Chester, Dallas Co., Arkansas; Roll: M653_40; Page: 1033; Image: 441; FHL Film: 803040.

1870 Census: Chester, Dallas Co., Arkansas; Roll: M593_52; Page: 405A; Image: 118; FHL Film: 545551.

1880 Census: Magnet Cove, Hot Spring Co., Arkansas; Roll: 46; FHL Film: 1254046; Page: 602C; Enumeration District: 079; Image: 0569. In 1880, Aggy living with daughter Sarah Caroline and son-in-law John A. Verser.

¹ Ezra F. McCammon - Occupation Physician, Druggist & Farmer

1840 Census: Chester Co., South Carolina; Roll: 510; Page: 300; Image: 1214; FHL Film: 0022508.

1850 Census: Chester Co., South Carolina; Roll: M432_851; Page: 28A; Image: 61.

Attended Medical School in Kentucky;

1855 married Sarah Caroline 'Carrie' Collings in Spencer County, KY

Caroline Sarah Collings, daughter of Dr. Felix Benjamin Collings, MD. of Taylorsville, Spencer County, KY.

1860 Census: Pennington, Bradley Co., Arkansas; Roll: M653_38; Page: 554; Image: 102; FHL Film: 803038.

1863 - Private - Enlisted in Co. B, 6th Arkansas Cavalry, at Warren, Arkansas, March 21, 1863; detailed in quartermaster's department, April 23, 1863; present, April 30, 1863; present, June 30, 1863; absent, detailed in quartermaster's department, February 29, 1864; no further record; born in South Carolina, c1833

[Quote from Dr. McCammon: "When I came home from the Confederate Army—I think in June 1865—I found the place—Warren, Bradley Co., AR—occupied by federal troops"]

1870 Census: Pennington, Bradley Co., Arkansas; Roll: M593_48; Page: 567B; Image: 337; FHL Film: 545547.

1880 Census: Vaugine, Jefferson Co., Arkansas; Roll: 48; FHL Film: 1254048; Page: 146A; Image: 0294.

1900 Census: Pine Bluff Ward 2, Jefferson Co., Arkansas; Roll: 63; Page: 6B; FHL microfilm: 1240063.

¹ Caroline 'Carrie' Sarah Collings, daughter of Dr. Felix Benjamin Collins and Adelia Elizabeth R. LePage.

1840 Census Spencer, Kentucky; Roll: 124; Page: 232; Image: 470; Family History Library Film: 0007832.

1850 Census District 2, Spencer, Kentucky; Roll: M432_219; Page: 121B; Image: 108.

U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900; Name: Caroline S Collings, Gender: Female, Birth Place: KY, Birth Year: 1838 - 1-5-1838; Spouse Name: E. F. McCammon, Marriage - Year: 1855 - Number Pages: 1

¹ Sarah Caroline McCammon and John A Verser

Burial: Magnet Cove Cemetery, Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas

¹ Nancy Elizabeth McCammon – information from Harper Report by Glenn H. Morrison

[Nancy "Nannie" McCammon Harper's family in Arkansas pronounced the name McCameron]

¹ Columbus D. McCammon

1850 Census: Chester, South Carolina; Roll: M432_851; Page: 28A; Image: 61.
1860 Census Palestine, Bradley, Arkansas; Roll: M653_38; Page: 575; Image: 123; HL Film: 803038.
American Civil War Soldiers American Civil War Soldiers; 5th Arkansas, Company C
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¹ Harriet Jane McCammon

1850 Census: Chester Co., South Carolina; Roll: M432_851; Page: 28A; Image: 61.

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1870 Census: Fenter, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Roll: M593_54; Page: 533B; Image: 595; FHL Film: 545553.

1880 Census: Magnet Cove, Hot Spring, Arkansas; page 601B; Family History Library Film: 1254046

Burial: Magnet Cove Cemetery, Hot Spring County, Arkansas

JAMES McCAMMON's Grandfather EDWARD McFADDEN named him in will of 1829

1 Edward McFadden Sr. b: July 05, 1740 in Ballymona, County Antrim, Ireland d: January 28, 1836 in Maury County, Tennessee
.. +Jane b: Abt. 1745 in Ireland d: Abt. 1799 in Chester County, SC
..... 2 Nancy McFadden b: in Chester County, South Carolina d: Bef. 1829 in Chester County, South Carolina
.....+Capt. William McCammon b: Bet. 1777 - 1780 d: Aft. 1820 in Chester County, SC
.....3 James McCammon b: Bet. 1800 - 1810 in Chester County, SC d: Bef. March 22, 1845 in Chester County, SC
.....+Agnes 'Aggy' b: Bet. 1800 - 1805 in South Carolina d: April 27, 1881 in Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas

Edward McFadden wrote his will in 1829, Maury Co, TN

Will dated 8 August 1829 in Maury County, Tennessee [Will Book X, pages 292-293]

Will Names:

Son James; daughter Mary Faris; grandson **James McCommon**, son of daughter Nancy, deceased; daughter Caty Brown; daughter Margaret; son of Edward Jr.; grandson John Brown, son of Caty Brown; and daughter Jane Douglas.

Executors: Hugh Douglas and Caleb Faris

Executrix: Caty Brown

History of Maury County, Tennessee

Maury County was formed in 1807 from Williamson County and Indian lands. The Cherokee Indian title was bought at Washington, D.C., on January 7, 1806, for \$10,000 and \$100 per year annuity paid to "Old Black Fox," who surrendered all claims to lands stretching from Duck River to Alabama. (What is now Maury had been part of that Middle Basin land that the Cherokees, Chickasaws, and sometimes Shawnees and Northern tribes, claimed as their own preserve, defended against trespass by all others).

On November 24, 1807, an Act passed at Knoxville created Maury County from Williamson. Maury originally comprised all of Giles, most of Lewis and Marshall, and portions of Bedford, Hickman and Lawrence Counties. Maury County was named in honor of Maj. Abram P. Maury of Williamson County, who was a member of the Tennessee legislature and an officer under General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. Maj. Maury was the uncle of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury.

The first court of Maury County convened in Columbia on December 21, 1807, at the house of Col. Joseph Brown. The first permanent courthouse was a two-story brick structure built in 1809-10 at a cost of \$6,990. The second courthouse, a three-story brick, was completed in late 1847. After 56 years in use, the second structure was torn down and the present stone courthouse was begun in 1904 at a cost of around \$100,000.

In addition to the county seat of Columbia, some other important towns and communities in Maury County include: Mt. Pleasant, settled before 1810 by John Hunter; Ashwood, first settled by William Dever in 1807; Culleoka, settled before 1820 and platted in 1857; Campbell's Station, settled 1806-10; Carter's Creek, where an original land grant of 5,000 acres was made to Revolutionary soldier, Gen. Daniel F. Carter; Bigbyville, settled as early as 1804; McCain's, settled in 1809; Glendale, settled by the pioneer Thomas family; Spring Hill, settled by William Bond on Maj. George Doherty's Revolutionary grant, in 1808; Santa Fe (pronounced locally Santa "Fee"), settled 1806-10; Hampshire, settled about 1808; Cross Bridges; Sawdust, settled about 1811; Williamsport, settled before 1814; Water Valley; Neapolis; Kedron; and Lanton.

About 20 Confederate companies were enlisted from Maury County during the War Between the States, the county voting for secession on the second vote taken June 8, 1861 (the first vote taken in January 1861 was in favor of staying with the Union, but some Confederate companies were already enlisted by April and May). Columbia was under Federal occupation three times, the final lasting from December 20, 1864 until the end of the war. There were no major battles fought in Maury County, but there were numerous skirmishes, especially in the aftermath of the Battle of Nashville.

American Revolution Pension Application of Edward McFadden of Maury County, Tennessee

State of Tennessee ~ Maury County ~

On this the 4th day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William B. Reese one of the judges of the Court of Chancery now sitting, Edward McFaddin a resident of Maury County in the State of Tennessee aged about 92 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the militia service as a volunteer in the militia of Chester District South Carolina about the year 1775, and served under one Capt. Patton -- that he was in the battle of the snow camps on Raburn's Creek in Laurens District -- when Tory Robertson was routed and about 150 prisoners taken. Col. Richardson was commandant. This tour lasted about 6 weeks.

The next tour of duty he served was as a drafted militia man under the same Capt. Patton, & one Col. John Gwin, in this tour which lasted about 3 months, he lay opposite Augusta.

The next tour was under Capt. George Neely in which he was drafted -- Col. Lacey commanded -- in this tour he was stationed at the Congaree Fort -- after that General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] took the Command & the Army was encamped at a place called Brown's old field near Ancrum's ferry -- where they waited to hear the result of the siege of Ninety Six. In this tour of duty he was out 2 months -- when he was discharged.

The next tour was under Capt. Cooper as a drafted man when he acted as Quarter master, and was out about 7 or 8 weeks. That in none of the tours of duty that he served was he in any battle. Col. Mills was commandant.

This applicant states that he was born in Ireland on the 5th of July 1740 -- O. S. which record he now has at home. He emigrated to South Carolina late in the year 1772 where he resided until the year 1817 -- when he removed to Maury County, Tennessee, where he now resides. That he does not know of any individual now living by whom he can prove his services, nor has he any documents by which the same can be established. That he is known to Moses A. Wiley & Jacob Gellham who reside in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services in the Revolutionary War.

And the said Edward McFaddin hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ W. E. Gillespie, Clk & Master S/. Edward McFadden

[Moses A. Wiley and Jacob Gellham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Maury County: Edward McFadden, about 93 years of age; a resident, of said his State and County, has personally appeared before me, John O Cooke, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County: this 31st day of August 1833, who being first duly sworn, agreeable to law doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed on the 7th of June 1832, for the benefit of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated as near as he can recollect. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the month of January 1775, in a company of militia in Chester District in the State of South Carolina commanded by Capt. Robert Patton in a Regiment commanded by Col. John Winn, in which service he continued 2 months; and acted as a private soldier, in which time we marched to Reedy River; & routed Tory Robinson & his party & made prisoners of upwards of 120 of his party. Col. Richardson was the commandant that tour. The next tour of duty he served was as a drafted militia man, under the same Capt. Patton, and Col. John Winn, which he entered in the month of March 1776. General Williams or Williamson [Andrew Williamson] I do not recollect which his name was, had the command and we was marched to Savannah River, opposite to Augusta in Georgia, where we continued 3 months and was legally discharged.

The next tour he served was under Capt. George Neely of said Chester District in which he was a private, in a drafted militia company, that he entered the service he thinks in June 1777 or 1778. And was stationed at the Congaree Fort; after which Capt. Thomas had the

command of the Fort; he lay at said Fort some time, he does not recollect precisely the length of time; until General Sumter came to the Fort and; we was then marched to a place called Brown's old fields, near Ancrum's ferry, where we waited to hear the result of the siege of Ninety Six. That he was in the service at that time, 2 months, or perhaps more though does not precisely recollect the length of time and was regularly discharged.

The next tour he was drafted as a private in a militia company, commanded by Capt. Jacob Cospser [could be Cooper] in Col. John Millses [John Mills'] Regiment, which was in the month of October, though does not recollect what year; that they was marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina, and placed under the command of Col. John Henderson, and continued there until the British left Charleston; though does not recollect the length of time they continued their; that he was appointed quarter master immediately after arriving at Orangeburg, & continued to act in that department during their continuation at that place, which was until he was discharged.

This applicant states that he was born in Ireland on the 5th of July 1740 O. S. agreeable to the records in his possession. That he emigrated to South Carolina in the year 1772 where he resided until the year 1817 when he removed to Maury County, State of Tennessee where he now resides. That he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his services, Nor has he any documents by which the same can be established. That the discharges which he obtained, during said revolutionary war are lost, or so mislaid that he cannot find them. That from lapse of time, his old age, and defect of memory he cannot recollect precisely the length of time he served nor the precise dates, having no papers, or documents to aid his memory. That he is known to Jacob Gilham and Moses A. Wiley who reside in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his veracity, and their belief of his services in the Revolutionary war. And the said Edward McFaden hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written

S/ John O. Cooke, JP

S/ Edward McFadden

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