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Happy Holidays~

Can you believe it is time for the holidays and that the year 2013 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 23, 2013 – January 6, 2014, and it will re-open on its regular schedule Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

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*, free queries as space permits, and our Surname Book in the December issue. 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. The Society needs your support in order to continue its important work and to survive in this difficult economy. Please consider giving a gift membership to someone you know who is interested in genealogy, or 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.

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 Merry Christmas and happy hunting in the New Year.

Jean H. Nichols, Editor

Wyly's Prestige Comparable to Penn's South Carolina's Story

The making of a state

**By Louise Pettus
And Ron Chepesiuk**

From 1752 to 1768 the Catawba Indians best friend and protector was a Quaker storekeeper by the name of Samuel Wyly. Upcountry settlement was sparse. The South Carolina royal governor forbade any whites to settle within 30 miles of the Catawba Indian towns. The North Carolina governor, however, paid no regard to the restriction and freely granted traditional Catawba lands to white settlers. This was to remain a source of friction for many years.

Samuel Wyly's trading post at Pine Tree Hill (now Camden) met the governor's geographic restrictions and Wyly's reputation as an intelligent and wise mediator served the governor's purposes. In spite of their religious differences, Wyly was designated the colony's agent to represent the Indians.

Wyly left Ireland with a small colony of Quakers in 1751, some of whom accompanied him to South Carolina. The Quakers, or Friends, carried no weapons except when hunting. They sought religious freedom, for others as well as themselves.

Wyly's tolerance and genuine interest in the Catawbias soon won him the fast friendship of the greatest of all Catawba Kings – King Haiglar. In many ways the Indian chief and the gentle Quaker held the same beliefs. The Catawbias allowed women to speak out in the council meetings; women participated in the Quaker meetings. Haiglar opposed consumption of alcohol; so did Wyly. Both were men of honor whose word was their bond.

Wyly was a justice of the peace and Indian Agent. As such he toured the area and settled disputes. He sought aid for the Catawbias after they were devastated by the great smallpox epidemic of 1759.

When the Catawbias lost half of their population to smallpox and additional warriors to military action in the southern phase of the French and Indian War, it became evident that the Catawbias were losing their independence. Wyly was sympathetic to King Haiglar's plea that a definite territory be set aside and guaranteed for Catawba use only. In addition, Haiglar wished to guarantee Catawba hunting rights over the entire South Carolina colony.

In 1762, Samuel Wyly accompanied the Catawba headmen to Augusta, Ga. to a general meeting of Indian tribes and English government officials. There, Wyly became the spokesman for a Catawba reservation.

On April 29, 1763, the Board of Trade petitioned the Crown to guarantee that both North and South Carolina would respect the Catawba lands. While the negotiations were going on, King Haiglar was killed by a raiding band of Shawnee Indians.

The Treaty of Augusta provided the Catawbias with an area of land 15 miles square. The Catawba request to be inside the territory of South Carolina was later honored by the Crown. Samuel Wyly finished the survey map in 1764 and placed the name of King Haiglar on the map in order to do him honor.

Wyly's map was presented to Gov. Thomas Boone on February 22, 1764. The 15 miles square, or 144,000 acres, was mostly in present day York County with a smaller portion, perhaps one-fifth of the area, in Lancaster County.

On the map, the Catawba River is unlabeled but evident from its size. There are 14 creeks shown but only Allison's Creek, Steel Creek, Sugar Creek, King Creek, and Back Creek are labeled. Two Catawba settlements are shown, both in Lancaster County.

Wyly's map showed a network of Indian paths – many of them forerunners of present-day highways. The one larger road was labeled "Road from Charleston to Salisbury."

Douglas Summers Brown, historian of the Catawbas, once paid Wyly this tribute: "Pennsylvania has its William Penn and South Carolina has its Samuel Wyly – Samuel Wyly lacks the glamour of Penn's great wealth and high social position but his influence and prestige in colonial South Carolina was hardly less potent than Penn's in the northern colony."

One Hundred Years Ago in 1913
(Taken from *Limestone Legacy* of Athens, Alabama)

United States President Woodrow Wilson held the first presidential news conference on March 15, 1913.

The Top Ten Songs of 1913:

1. *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* by Chauncey Olcott
2. *When I Lost You* by Henry Burr
3. *Peg O' My Heart* by Charles Harrison
4. *You Made Me Love You (I Didn't Want To Do It)* by Al Jolson
5. *Last Night Was The End of The World* by Henry Burr
6. *When the Midnight Choo Choo Leaves for Alabama* by Arthur Collins and Byron Harlan
7. *The Spaniard That Blighted My Life* by Al Jolson
8. *Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra (That's An Irish Lullaby)* by Chauncey Olcott
9. *The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine* by Henry Burr and Albert Campbell
10. *Row! Row! Row!* by Ada Jones

Rev. Langdon Cheves Hinton – Obituary

This venerated minister of the Baptist church died at his home in East Chester last Saturday morning, November 11, from an illness of several weeks. The announcement, though expected carries genuine sorrow throughout the town and county, for in every community from Broad River to Catawba he was well known and highly esteemed.

Mr. Hinton was born near Raleigh, N. C. in July 1826, and was therefore in his 80th year at the date of his death. He was educated at Wake Forest College and Furman Institute, then at Greenville. He was soon afterwards called to a church in Raleigh, but declined and came to Chester, and served the church here as pastor for 23 years – 1851 to 1874. Following his resignation here he supplied for a number of years churches in Chester and York counties. For several years immediately preceding his death he had given up all pastoral work by reason of ill health.

In 1851, Mr. Hinton was married to Miss Catherine Kennedy, daughter of Maj. John Kennedy. She and two daughters Mrs. B. McLure and Mrs. J. D. Means, preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Hinton's life was full of good work and his fidelity to the great mission to which he gave himself, the gospel ministry, was unflinching.

Funeral service, attended by a very large concourse of the people who had known and honored him so long and conducted by Rev. J. H. Yarborough, assisted by Rev. J. S. Snyder, of Kentucky, was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. The body was interred in Evergreen cemetery; the pallbearers were John W. Wilks, E. T. Atkinson, W. H. Hardin, John C. McFadden, D. P. Crosby and W. L. Ferguson.

FLOWER SHOW

The floral exhibit at the Opera House last week under management of the Womans Federation of Clubs was a thorough success in every respect. The display of chrysanthemums, roses, geraniums, ferns etc. was the largest and most beautiful ever seen in Chester. Prizes were awarded as follows:

First, best collection, Mrs. Walker: [close] second Mrs. Edwards; largest single chrysanthemum, Miss Heyman; six finest white chrysanthemums, Mrs. Edwards; best collection roses, Miss Heyman; finest palm, Mrs. McLure; finest assortment cut flower, Mrs. Walker; finest single pot plant, Mrs. Williams; finest fern, Mrs. Edwards, prettiest begonia, Mrs. Walker, most unique plant Miss Heyman, best collection of candy, Mrs. Gladys Patrick; best cocoanut candy, Miss Lois Sample, best fudge, Miss Catherine Bridgman; best beaten biscuits, Miss Somerville Booth.

Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow had the management of the floral show, Mrs. S. D. Cross and Mrs. L. T. Nichols solicited the flowers.

During the two days of the show the sum of \$125 was realized net profit.

FORT LAWN FACTS, Fort Lawn October 23

In spite of the inclemency of the weather last Friday night a fairly good crowd was present to enjoy the fun of the evening, as well as the oysters which were served by the school girls. A beautiful cake was placed upon a table in the center of the hall where it could be seen by all. This cake was to be given to the girl who received the greatest number of votes. Miss Chapella Dunlap was the successful one. Every one enjoyed the evening and went home being the more grateful for having come.

The Fort Lawnians are liberal and generous people and always participate in all things beneficial to their community.

Last Saturday night Prof. Clifford entertained at the school house with music on violin, banjo and guitar; songs, both illustrated and comic; and moving pictures. All present were especially delighted with the illustrated songs and moving pictures.

The old depot of this place has been torn away and a new one is being built where the old one stood.

We would be glad to see a few more old "shacks" torn away and better buildings in their places.

BITS FROM BATON ROUGE, Baton Rouge, November 13

Our circle of young ladies is still growing less; Miss Estelle Cornwell left us Saturday to take charge of a school in Greenville County much to the regret of her many friends here.

Mrs. S. E. Gill who has been spending some time with her father, Mr. A. D. Darby, returned to her home in McCall last week.

Mrs. B. P. Gregory went to Atlanta Saturday to visit her son Mr. W. T. Gregory.

Miss Bessie Woods and Mr. Richard Woods and his charming bride from Virginia, stopped with friends here on their return to Chester.

Miss Lottie Smith spent several days most pleasantly in Chester last week, attending the missionary rally.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucas spent Sabbath at Mrs. Lucas' home.

Mr. Tom Estes, Miss Camelia Estes, and Mrs. Fannie Wise visited at Mr. Levi Wise's in Halsellville last Saturday and Sabbath.

Miss Jennie Mae Smith is spending a while in Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope Wise attend services at Armenia church yesterday and visited at the home of Mr. Jesse Atkinson's.

Our neighborhood heartily congratulates Mr. Wise in winning so accomplished and attractive young lady and welcome Mrs. Wise to the social circle of our neighborhood.

PASTOR'S RESIGNATION

On Last Sunday Rev. J. H. Wilson tendered his resignation as pastor of Fishing Creek church, to take effect first of January next.

PENCILINGS

Cotton today 10.75

Jack Frost finished up his work last Saturday morning;
Farmers welcomed him, saying all of the late cotton will open;
Another good thing about it is that 'simmon beer will get ripe.

W. J. Cherry, Esq., of the Rock Hill bar, attended court here last Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Marion has gone to New York to spend a while on business.

Rev. A. E. Holler, of the South Carolina Conference, spent Tuesday in Chester.

Mrs. Bessie Reddick and little son have gone to Brooksville, Fla., to spend the winter. Big crowds in town last Saturday and business was brisk. See what 11 cents cotton does?

Mr. R. L. Caldwell, of DeWitt, spent most of last week in town. He has a touch of Texas fever.

Mrs. E. H. Killian, of Edgemoor, is making a visit to Mrs. C. E. Darby on Pinckney street.

Ex-Solicitor J E. McDonald has finished holding a term of court, as special judge, at Barnwell.

Mrs. L. M. Douglass and Miss May Lilly Cornwell were among the visitors in the city Monday.

Mrs. M. H. Gaston has gone to Montgomery, Ala., to make a visit to her son, Dr. J. Lucius Gaston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Nisbet, of Louisville, spent last Thursday in Chester. Many friends were glad to see them.

Attorneys Sanders of Spartanburg and Green of Columbia have been attending the court of common pleas here.

Mr. J. Weldon Dye, of Edgemoor No. 1, one of its most esteemed citizens, was in the city last Friday.

Mrs. A. A. Banks, of St. Matthews, is visiting the family of her son, Rev. M. L. Banks, at Methodist parsonage.

Rev. C. W. Salter will preach at Wilksburg next Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 o'clock p. m.; everybody invited to the service.

All men, especially young men, invited to the meeting for men at Opera House next Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

Special: Judge Frank B. Gary went to Columbia this morning to attend the marriage of his brother, Judge Ernest Gary.

Mr. N. M. Grant, of the Armenia neighborhood, was in town Monday, his second visit this year. He is in feeble state of health.

Farmers say that the rains last week did something to preparing the ground for sowing small grain. Some more would help still more.

Mr. W. L. Walker, of Edgemoor No. 2, was in town last Thursday. He is not a frequent comer; his friends were glad to see him.

Quite of number of fruit tree agents are in town this week, delivering their goods. As a rule, they report pretty good success.

More than 600 signatures have been obtained to the petition asking for an election on the question of "dispensary" or "no dispensary" in this county.

Mrs. F. M. Hicklin has returned to Bascomville from a visit to her parents in Greenville.

Mrs. E. H. Baum, of Camden, is visiting her brother and sisters, Mr. H. S. Heyman and the Misses Heyman.

Mr. David Lyle has resigned his position at Dr. Johnston's drug store, to accept a place in a drug store at Eloree, Orangeburg county.

Miss Gertrude Brown left Saturday night for Orr's station in Chester county, to take charge of her school at that place. – Rock Hill Herald.

See correction in advertisement of Mr. D. J. Macaulay; all goods sold at reduction of 25 percent through this month, a fine opportunity.

Rev. George A. Blackburn, pastor Second Presbyterian church, Columbia, preached at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday to large and well pleased audiences.

The Peoples Bank opens up for business today in their new place, the room recently occupied by Commercial Bank. The officers will be pleased to greet their friends.

Mr. M. C. Riser, principal of Fort Lawn High school, was in the city last Saturday and made a brief call at The Reporter office. He is pleased with his work and with the people of that community.

Mrs. E. C. Babcock left Monday morning, for Bennettsville to attend the meeting of Womans Missionary Society of South Carolina. She will then spend a few days in Columbia with the family of Dr. J. W. Babcock.

Mrs. C. A. Brown, formerly Miss Lillie Russell, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Russell, at Rossville, and her sister, Mrs. J. G. Cousar, in Chester, left Monday, for her home near Greensboro, N. C.

Revs. J. S. Moffatt and John A. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brice and Representative T. C. Strong attended the meeting of Associate Reformed Synod of the South at Due West last week. The session of next year will be held at Camden, Ala.

At Edgemoore

Rev. R. A. Lummus will preach at Edgemoor next Sabbath at 11 o'clock.

***The Chester Reporter* – Wednesday, December 6, 1905**

GILL – KEE Wedding

On Wednesday evening November 29, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gill was a scene of a beautiful wedding when their daughter Miss Mary was happily married to Mr. Bartlette Kee. At the appointed hour the invited guests assembled in the beautifully decorated parlor and to the strains of the wedding march beautifully rendered by Mrs. Oscar Salley of Salley, a sister of the groom. First came Misses Florence Bradford and Carrie Belle Kee, a sister of the groom, and took their stand on each side of the bell. Next the groom with his brother and best man, Mr. Julian Kee of Chester; then, came the flower girls, little Miss Annie Kee and Carrie Sawyer of Salley, nieces of the groom. Then, came the beautiful bride with her maid of honor, Miss Annie Leitner Shurley of Rock Hill. They took their stand beneath the wedding bell when Rev. W. A. Fairy performed a beautiful ceremony that made them one. After floods of congratulations the dining room door was thrown open; a feast was prepared and the crowd felt like it was good to be there.

The bride wore a beautiful organdy dress trimmed in white baby ribbon and lace with the bride's veil pinned with a lovely gold brooch set with pearls, a gift from the groom, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and ferns tied with white satin ribbon.

The maid of honor wore a Persian gown, with a green silk sash; she carried a large bouquet of carnations and ferns.

The bridesmaids wore white organdy, with green girdles and carried white chrysanthemums and ferns. The flower girls strewed carnations in the path of the bride. They wore white organdies with white silk sashes, low neck and short sleeves. The groom wore the usual black suit. The presents were beautiful and useful.

On Thanksgiving day a delightful reception was tendered them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kee, parents of the groom. A. Guest.

LEWIS DOTS – Lewis, December 4

There has been more sickness in this community than has been for a long time. The most afflicted family is that of our neighbor, Mr. John B. Howze. He has been confined to his bed about eight weeks with fever. He is now able to sit up some and we hope to soon see him out. Miss Bettie, his eldest daughter, has the same disease. Coke, his third son, is also quite sick at this time but it is hoped it is not fever. We wish for this dear young girl and brother a speedy recovery.

Mr. Joseph Burdell has been on the sick list. Messrs. Willie and Charley Burdell have been quite sick. Mr. W. B. Stringfellow is convalescent.

Mr. Harold Lewis spent several days in Chester last week.

Miss Mary Augusta McFadden is teaching near Manning.

Mr. H. D. Bull spent Thanksgiving day at his home in Sumter county.

The stock, buggy and wagon dealers must have a fine trade as I never have seen so many new buggies, wagons and mules for the time of year. And the largest amount owned by the colored people. That's what 11 ½ cents cotton will do and I am not able to say what 12 ½ cents cotton would do.

The farmers have about finished picking and ginning up all the cotton. Very little small grain sown on account of the dryness of the land.

Birds, opossums and cottontails are having a pretty hard time just now and the prospects are worse coming for them. Possum, taters and "simmon beer!

DEATH OF MR. TRUSSEL

Mr. William Trussel died near Woodward church, 1st December in 82nd year of his age. For several years his health has been feeble. He served faithfully through the war in Lucas battalion of artillery. He was a worthy member of Woodward Baptist church and was buried there. Service by Rev. John A. White.

MR. W. D. CLACK DEAD

The death of Mr. Wm. D. Clack which occurred on the 1st inst. was somewhat of a shock to his family, though he had been complaining several days previous sufficiently to call in a physician to his bedside. It was soon discovered that a serious and complicated case was the trouble and very little hopes entertained of his recovery and in the course of two or three days it so resulted. Tonsillitis was the most difficult to overcome.

Mr. Clack's remains were interred in the cemetery at Armenia, Rev. J. M. Fridy officiating.

Mr. Clack was a good citizen and was always prompt in the discharge of any public duty when called on. He served through the war from April 1861 till the surrender and left a good record as a soldier. He leaves a family, composed of wife, three sons and a number of grandchildren. Age somewhere in the seventies.

Mr. Clack was a member, first of Chester Guards, Capt O. Hardin, Sixth Regiment, SCV, afterwards of Macbeth Artillery. He was receiving a pension at the time of his death.

J. W. C. Clarkson, Dec. 4

LANDO AND MANETTA MILLS

The most progressive and interesting mill town probably in South Carolina today is Lando, 13 miles, east of Chester, where that large and growing manufacturing plant known as the Manetta Mills is located. The name "Manetta" is a combination of two loved names of the Heath family, "Mary" and "Etta."

Two years ago Lando was a struggling village of 400 people; today it is a town of an increasing population of 900 to a 1000 souls. The expenditure of the company has been during this year enormous. Money used for raw material and paid to wage earners has amounted to about \$600,000 or more. New mill buildings have added to the capacity of the plant over 150 per cent. Brand new machinery has been set up and the weaving department is unexcelled, making five pound blankets delightful to the eye, soft as elder-down, and warm like wool. Large warehouses have been built, neat, well ceiled commodious cottages of five and six rooms with wide halls have been and are being built for the homes of the operatives, and at the night the electric lights illuminate the beautiful hill town.

The company, impressed with the importance of education and educating, have recently at a cost of six or seven thousand dollars erected a modern three story school building of brick. The edifice contains ample recitation rooms, cloak room, anterooms and a large auditorium where fraternal orders can manage their "goats" and righteous assemblies can convene for discussions or lectures. The church of the town is centrally located. And, there have been held there religious services every Sunday. The building was formerly owned and possessed by the Bethel Presbytery but recently for a consideration they relinquished their claim, provided however that the building be kept and used for a union church and not for any particular denomination. The significance of the bargain is the catholicity of spirit which characterized the transaction. The Presbyterian brethren held the property in fee simple but would not let it go except on condition that all could use the pulpit to dispense full and free salvation to every living soul.

While the church at Lando is a "union church," all ecclesiastical tramps of apostolical pretensions are implored to stay away, and creaky and cranky preachers unauthorized and self-constituted, will be kindly encouraged to pass on to some other place.

The president of the Manetta Mills is Mr. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte, a genial and generous gentleman of fifty summers or more. He has had remarkable business life and record and has exemplified in his career the power of pluck, patience and perseverance. Mr. Bascom Heath is the secretary and treasurer of the big concern. He is a young man of most flattering prospects. Alert and active, stout and strenuous, he takes hold and guides his business with the confidence and dexterity of a veteran. Mr. Platt of Georgia was recently elected superintendent of the mills, and his good sense and growing popularity is evidenced on all sides. During an hour recently spent in the

main office building of the company I was pleased at the kindness and courtesy shown every operative who came inquiring, seeking or petitioning. Mr. Willis of Edgemoor, considerate and accomplished, is the bookkeeper, ably, assisted by Mr. Drayton Perry, formerly of Rock Hill, and the stenographer of the company's office is Miss Wessie Wise of Chester. The two large well stocked stores are cleverly managed by Messrs. Joe Hollis and "Pat" Chambers, and Joe and Pat are popular with everybody. Altogether Lando is on a boom. Push and pluck is characteristic of the place and the Manetta Mills is growing in business and bullion.

E. A. Wilks. Rock Hill, Dec. 4.

The Heirs – Triplett Wedding

On the 28th of November, a number of friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Triplett were invited to their hospitable home to a sumptuous dinner. The table was laden with all substantial and dainty viands. This dinner was given in honor of their charming daughter, Miss Janie who in the morrow was to wed Mr. William Hiers, a substantial business man of Ocala, Florida. The room was beautifully decorated with pot plants and chrysanthemums. On the morning of the 29th at 8:30 o'clock as the wedding march was played by Mrs. Tom Bryan of Winnsboro the bride attired in a handsome travelling suit of brown trimmed in brown velvet on the arm of the groom entered the parlor where the bride's pastor, Rev. Mr. Banks in a beautiful ceremony made them man and wife. A number of invited guests were present to witness the ceremony.

Immediately after the congratulations amid a shower of rice the bridal party left for the depot where they boarded the South bound for Florida, their former home.

The presents were numerous and handsome, testifying to the popularity of the bride.

The guests from some distance were Miss Sara Hiers, of Barnwell, a sister of the groom, Mrs. Drehl and daughter, Miss Winfred of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Bryson of Winnsboro.

A host of friends congratulate Mr. Heirs, on his good fortune in winning such a wife.

RODMAN ITEMS – Rodman, December 2

Thanksgiving passed quietly in our little ville.

There is a great deal of sickness in and around Rodman. Dr. G. W. Jordan is very sick, also Mrs. Mary Rodman and little Isabelle Douglass, child of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Douglass, is sick. Mr. and Mrs. Will Simpson have a very sick baby, and Mrs. Sam McDowell has typhoid fever.

Miss Maude Turner has returned to her home at Fort Lawn, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bradford.

Misses Mattie Locke, Fannie and Hattie Bradford spent Wednesday night at Mr. Dick Melton's.

Misses Bessie and Dove Rodman gave a sociable Wednesday night; all report a most pleasant time.

Miss Florence Bradford spent a night this week with Miss Lois Millen.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson of Greenwood came over Tuesday afternoon and returned Thursday morning. They attended the Gill-Kee marriage.

Mrs. Oscar Salley and son are spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kee.

Mr. Tom Strait and son, of Smith's, attended the Gill-Kee wedding Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Amelia Wise and little daughters, Amelia and Annie Jordan, returned to Chester this morning after a week's visit at Drs. Jordan and Douglas.

Mr. Chalmers Waters spent Thanksgiving day with friends near Leeds. I think he must have attraction out there.

Locusts and persimmons are ripe; it is time to put up beer and to catch the o'possum. If I put up beer, I will remember the editor.
[Thanks – EDITOR]

Magnolia

The Chester Reporter – May 6, 1948

Dr. H. R. Woods Dies Monday At Pryor Hospital

Dr. Harper Robert Woods, one of Chester's most outstanding citizens and business men, owner of the Chester Drug company, died Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock at Pryor hospital following an illness of approximately two years.

Doctor Woods was born on the old Richard Woods farm in the Broad River section of Chester county, the son of the late Thomas Mathew Woods and the late Alice Hawthorne Woods. His grandfather, Richard Woods, was one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession for South Carolina from Chester county.

Dr. Woods was engaged in the drug business for 50 years. He founded the Chester Drug company in 1901, a concern which has grown to be one of the leading drug stores in upper South Carolina.

Doctor Woods was active in religious, civic, patriotic and charitable works in the community. He was a ruling elder of Purity Presbyterian church, a member of the Chester Rotary club, a Mason, a life member of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical association, past president of the South Carolina Rexall association and a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Board.

In 1903, Dr. Woods married Miss Clara Sledge, who survives him. Other survivors include three sons, Richard Hawthorne Woods of Chester, Dr. William Sledge Woods of the University of South Carolina and Harper Robert Woods, Jr. of Chester; one sister, Mrs. Norwood Graham of Cokesbury; one half-sister, Mrs. T. H. Best of Hartsville; two grandchildren, Kathryn Woods and Martha Woods; and several nieces and nephews. A daughter, Martha Wood, is deceased.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock from Purity Presbyterian church with the Rev. W. M. Frampton in charge of ceremonies. The following pallbearers officiated:

Active – Charles W. McTeer, Charles W. Brice, E. Booker Bagby, Paul Hemphill, Jake S. Colvin, C. H. White, Banks Graham, Angus Macaulay.

Honorary – J. T. Perkins, W. A. Corkill, M. H. White, Dr. R. E. Abell, W. C. White, Paul Hardin, Dr. W. J. Henry, Dr. W. K. Magill, W. J. Irwin, James I. Hardin, James H. Craig, W. W. Pegram, J. M. Lathan, A. C. Lyles, W. C. Stone, Sam McFadden, J. D. Bankhead, J. Boyce Bankhead, R. B. Caldwell, W. L. Craig, G. L. Cunningham, J. C. Cureton, R. L. Douglas, J. E. Dunbar, Dr. J. N. Gaston, Judge A. L. Gaston, Dr. J. L. Hamilton, L. C. Horner, M. S. Lewis, C. C. McAliley, J. C. McCleave, W. S. Robinson, R. E. Sims, Dr. W. R. Wallace.

Col. O. K. Pressley Will Deliver the Memorial Address

Col. O. K. Pressley formerly of Lowrys, now of Atlanta will be the speaker at the Memorial Day exercises to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 9, at 5:00 o'clock in Evergreen cemetery under the auspices of the Chester United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Members of all patriotic organizations, scouts and school children are asked to meet at the gate of the cemetery at 4:00 o'clock and march in a body to the grounds.

M. E. Brockman will preside over the ceremonies, which will be begun by the singing of the hymn "How Firm a Foundation." The Rev. Fritz C. Beach will deliver the Invocation.

The Pledge to the Flag, followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the U. D. C. ritual led by Mrs. J. C. Cureton, president of the local chapter, the Salute to the Confederate flag with the singing of "Bonnie Blue Flag," the American Legion and Legion auxiliary ritual and prayer by the chaplin also will be features of the program.

Special music will be furnished by a quartette under the direction of Arthur Cornwell.

Col. Pressley will deliver the address of the occasion.

Following the benediction, the graves of all soldiers will be decorated with flowers by a specially appointed committee of small children.

Ralph Barbare To Address Graduates of Chester High School at Final Exercises

Ralph Barbare of Columbia, head of School Administration in the State Department of Education, will address the five graduates of Chester High School at the final exercises of the school on Friday evening, May 28, at 8:15 o'clock in the High school auditorium.

Diplomas will be awarded to Robert Lee Cash, Otis Arnold Mace, Jr., George Washington Revels, Jr., Herbert Jennings Walker, and Joyce Maxine Wiggins, the only students of Chester High to have completed 16 units of high school work now required. The 83 members of the present 11th grade will graduate with full credit next year, the first class of graduates under the 12 year system.

The Rev. William McLeod Frampton will preach a sermon for young people on Sunday, May 23, at Purity Presbyterian church at which time the High school graduates and members of the Boy's club will attend in a body.

County Unit System Is Studied By School Officials

Superintendents and principals of all schools in the county met last Wednesday at the Chester High school to study the county unit system of education.

P. M. Kirkpatrick of Great Falls is chairman of the committee for the county and J. V. Bauknight, president of the Chester county Teachers Association is vice-chairman.

Meetings will be held every other Wednesday for continued study and planning of the system, according to M. E. Brockman, superintendent of the Chester schools.

The Law Firm Of Gaston-Hamilton is Discontinued

It was announced here Saturday that the law firm of Gaston & Hamilton has been discontinued by mutual agreement.

David A. Gaston will continue the practice of law in the same location at his offices in the Commercial bank building and David and Tom Hamilton will likewise continue the practice of law as Hamilton & Hamilton at the same location at their offices in the Commercial bank building.

Boy's Club Holds Annual Banquet In Honor of Mothers

The Boy's club held its annual Mother's Day banquet last Tuesday night. About 52 boys and their mothers attended.

A delicious supper was prepared by several of the women in the church. The menu consisted of: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, asparagus, rolls, iced tea, and ice cream and cake for dessert.

Penn Colvin, president for the last year recognized the new officers which are: Bobby Secrest – president, Billy Gallman – vice president, William Triplett – secretary-treasurer, Joe White – editor in chief of the paper, Bobby Grant and Harvey Moore – reporters.

The Rev. McLeod Frampton delivered the address for the occasion.

A quartet composed of Bobby Secrest, Jack Carroll, Willie Triplett, and Joe White sang "Stars of a Summer Night."

Several mothers expressed their appreciation for the banquet.

Bethel Methodist Church Has Interesting History

By Miss Belle Simrill

Governor Charles Pinckney ordered an election to be held by the citizens of the county on February 17, 1791. By this vote the people expressed their preference that their court house be built on the plantation of Hugh Stewart on the cross roads formed by Saluda Road and the Turkey Creek-Charleston road. These roads intercepted just over the top of the hill. It was a courthouse at the crossroads.

There is a story that the Methodist organized a church in the court house in 1818. The names of several members are given: Mrs. Margaret Patterson and her daughters, Mary Ann, Jane and Elizabeth, and Mrs. Priscilla Terry. It is said that there were others. It is agreed on all hands that there was no Methodist House of Worship earlier than 1838, the court house being used by them as a place of worship until that date. Chester was known as Chesterville at this time.

The venerable Mrs. Terry was the Mother of Chester Methodism. Her home was the preacher's home, and it is said that the few members in these early years – Timothy R. Lipsey, Robin Walker, James Graham and a few others – gathered at times in the home of Mrs. Terry for worship.

The first Methodist meeting house built in Chester, was located on Center Street and was built in 1838. It was a wooden building and the Methodists worshiped there until 1871, at which time they sold the lot to the A.R.P. Church and that church in turn erected another building and sold it to the Episcopal Church, which denomination now occupies it.

It was on the 22nd of July, 1871 that the Methodist congregation secured the lot on York Street on which the parsonage now stands. The lot on which the building is situated was donated by William H. Hardin and Giles J. Patterson. These two, with George A. Albright constituted the building committee. A brick church was built, at a cost of about \$4,000 and served the Methodist congregation til 1898, when the present structure was finished on an adjoining lot. The church erected in 1871 was converted into the present parsonage in 1897.

At a congregational meeting in April, 1897, Mr. L. D. Childs moved that whereas Mrs. Mary Virginia Patterson had offered to donate a lot and \$2,500 (to which he added \$500 on his own account), the offer be accepted and preparations be at once begun to build a new church. The motion carried and L. D. Childs, J. R. Simrill and Mrs. Patterson were appointed to solicit subscriptions. Later in April a building committee was appointed to undertake the work, composed of the following: L. D. Childs, George W. Gage, J. L. Glenn, William H. Hardin, Joel R. Simrill, Albert Steinkuhler, Mrs. Mary Virginia Patterson, Miss Lizzie Cousar and Miss Annie Hardin. On July 29, 1897, the contract was let to an Atlanta firm for the sum of \$9,920. The building, furnishings, stained glass

windows, heating, lights, etc. cost \$12,190. The church was completed and dedicated in 1898. The name "Bethel" was given at that time.

The erection of the Church School Building of Bethel Methodist Church was completed in 1927, but the growth of the idea and its development into reality were years in the making.

Various classes in the Sunday School, the Woman's Society, the Sunday School as a whole, and some individuals all worked independently, and their earnings and collections were held in their separate treasuries for some years, variously estimated at from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Independent money raising gave way to tithing and stewardship, and pledges were taken to be paid monthly, all of which was finally turned over to Mr. S. S. McCullough, the building fund treasurer. The entire amount from all sources soon reached \$32,520.93. A final subscription list was opened for the remaining \$10,000 to be borrowed and covered by Building and Loan subscriptions.

The contract for the building was let in 1926, for the amount of \$42,142.80. This, together with furnishings, brought the full cost to \$47,000. The entire indebtedness was paid off during the next eight years, and on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935, the notes and mortgages were burned in the presence of a large congregation. On October 18, 1942, Bishop W. T. Watkins dedicated the Bethel Methodist Church, including the new Educational Building.

Will of William Neely
(Taken from the Files of Mrs. Louise Crowder)

Sg. 10 October 1778
Proven 25 Dec. 1783

File # 52-1823
Kershaw County, S.C.
(Old Camden District Records)

Citation read at Fishing Creek Church
By Rev. John Simpson

WILLIAM NEELY names in his will:

MARY NEELY...His wife..."to have her living and support off my plantation for the period of her natural life or widowhood..."

"My young family is to be reared...then my goods are to be divided...thus..."

SAMUEL NEELY...Son...to have 1/4 of remainder of the estate and the negro SIMON

WILLIAM NEELY...Son...to have the 200a where I now live and 1/2 of the tracts first patented...1/5 my personal estate and my negro TOM.

ELIZABETH...no surname...Daughter

"to my three daughters...
each to have 1/4 my
household furniture..."

MARY.....no surname...Daughter

CATHERINE...no surname...Daughter

JAMES MILLER of 96 District to be my Executor

JOHN ANDERSON of Camden District...Brother-in-law and Ex.

"Part of my land shall be set aside for the support of my aged parents..."

William Smith
John Steel Witnesses.
Samuel Neely

There was a paper in the file indicating that in 1779 an administration was applied for. This seems to indicate that WILLIAM NEELY died then, but that the will was not proven till later.

This man was probably the son of SAMUEL NEELY of Fishing Creek and SARAH, his wife. SAMUEL had land grant of 300a from N.C. 1754 in York County, near Chester line and what was at that time 1754 Anson County. Later he removed to area of Chester County where Fishing Creek Church now stands and was one of the 1st elders. He is buried there.

From old Fishing Creek Churchyard

SAMUEL NEELY/Died 9 September 1803/aged 77 years/(b. 1726)

SARAH NEELY/Died 28 December 1806/aged 75 years/(b. 1731, wife of SAMUEL)

SAMUEL NEELY/son of SAMUEL and SARAH/Died 19 September 1769/aged 17 years/(b. 1752)

I do not find the stone of THOMAS NEELY in my file of Fishing Creek.

My Genealogical Will For Preserving My Family History

<http://www.vbrgs.org/files/ResearchForms/GenealogyWillFeb20100001.pdf>

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament:

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardian, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but is not limited to books, paper and/or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years.

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited to:

Name	Address	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
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In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials.

Institution Name	Address (Contact Person)	Telephone
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Please remember that my family history studies consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my strong desire that the product of these efforts be preserved and allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

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

The first chapters, and others, present the history of the McJunkin, Saye, and allied families, reaching back into Ireland and England, a true genealogy, plus the early life of Father

Saye. Chapter Four contains hundreds of names of Father Saye's former students whom he had taught in Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina, and his four schools in Union County, South Carolina, beginning with the one at Fairforest in 1840. It also includes his account books and his students when he was the headmaster of the Unionville Male Academy in 1850, a school whose records were thought to be lost. Throughout the text in other chapters are his mentions of former students who had become prominent as military, business, and academic leaders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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