

# Fairfield Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER

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This is the first issue of the Newsletter of the Fairfield Genealogical Society. As we grow the format of the Newsletter should improve and possibly the size. What you can do is pass along articles, thoughts, quotes, information, cartoons, and anything else you think will be interesting or helpful. Plus you should think of an article that you might write for the Newsletter.

One of the duties of the editor of the chapter newsletter is to get two good articles each year and send them on to the editor of the state journal, the "Carolina Herald." Everyone agrees that the "Herald" issues that contain several articles from the local chapters are the best issues. It seems that those things that generally interest you interest everyone else all over the state. So please give some thought to writing an article that we can submit to the state journal. And be on the lookout for interesting topics that you can share. All help will be appreciated.

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The first gift to the Society was made by Frank Jernigan of Sumter who presented us with a copy of the Cross Family Record-1774 to 1984 a 260 page family history with index. Frank Jernigan was born in Marion county, but from the age of two he lived in Fairfield and was a graduate of Mt. Zion Academy. He is a graduate of the Citadel and has been a member of the Sumter Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society for years. We are pleased to have him and his wife join us and we are pleased to get a copy of the Cross family book which will be available in the Genealogy Room at the Fairfield Museum.

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Fairfield Chapter extends its deepest sympathy  
to the family of  
Hugh McMaster  
Hugh was one of our charter members.

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Bittle

Turkett Ellinger, Metz/Meetze  
Broom, Frick, Strickland  
Wooten, McConnell, Smith  
Freshley

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Boyd, Robertson, Timms, Todd

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Stevenson, Weir

Swearingen, McKeown, Wilkes  
Douglas

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Cross

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Gibson, Montgomery, Rogers  
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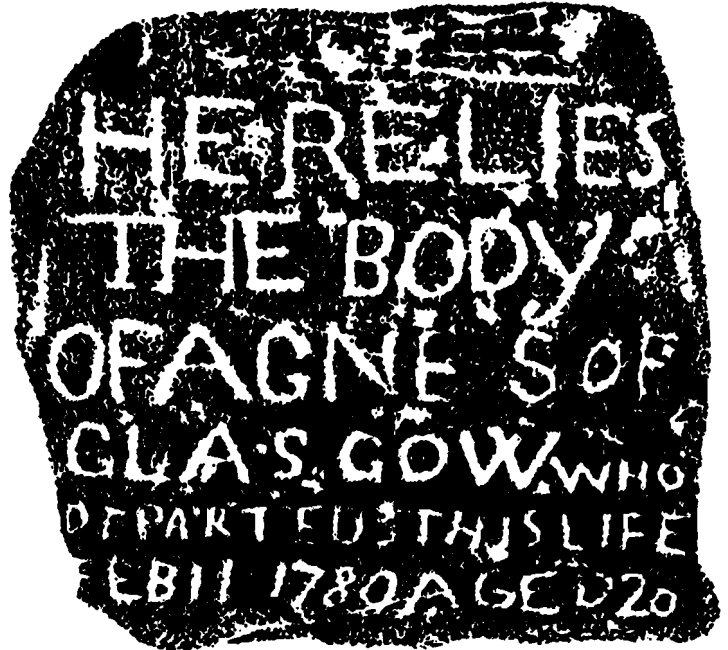
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Recently there was a class at the Fairfield Museum, held by Dr. Cathy Fritz, on how one goes about making tombstone rubbings. Most people like them because they are so highly decorative. But with so many old stones being damaged and missing from out-of-the-way cemeteries, they can also serve to preserve dates and inscriptions of ancestor's stones that may not be in existence a decade hence. Here is a short article written years ago by Jim Haynsworth for the CAROLINA HERALD that tells how to go about it.

Here's a tip for the tombstone freaks among us who also have an eye for unusual decoration: You can double your pleasure by making tombstone rubbings while you're out copying inscriptions. These can serve not only as genealogical documentation but also as interesting wall decorations.

It's very simple. All you need is some suitable paper (rice paper is good), a piece of black wax (from a shoe repair shop), a roll of masking tape, and some patience. Tape the paper to the face of the stone and rub with the wax--like you did with pennies when you were a child. Afterward, a little retouching with an ordinary black crayon can sometimes help.

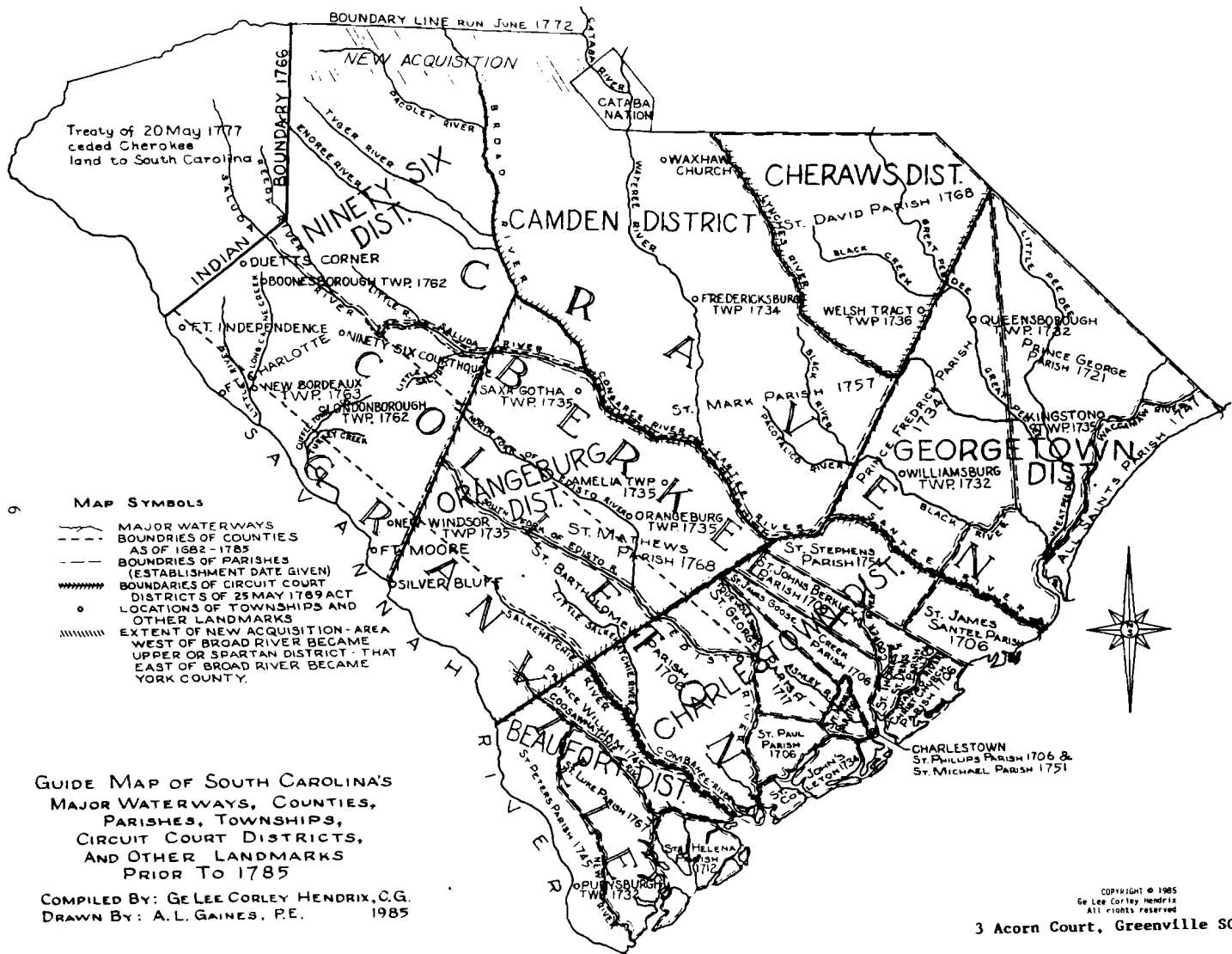
Shown here is a rubbing made by your Editor of the badly worn tombstone of "Agnes of Glasgow" in the Quaker Cemetery in Camden (surely one of the most interesting and beautiful cemeteries in the state). Who was Agnes of Glasgow? Was she really a Scottish lass who followed

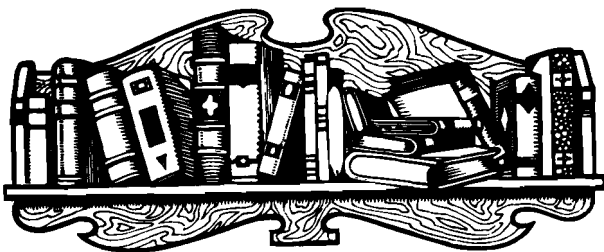


her soldier-lover to America during the Revolution and died when she found him at Camden? No one really knows, but there are some interesting hypotheses to be found in Kirland and Kennedy's Historic Camden, Vol. 1, pp. 291-296.

This is a most helpful map that was compiled by Ge Lee Corley Hendrix who is not only a Certified Genealogist and the Archivist for the South Carolina Genealogical Society, but a member of our Fairfield chapter.

As you can see from the map, Fairfield was once in the old Craven District, then in the Camden District. Which means you will find many old records in the Camden Court House and now also in the Camden Archives in Camden. Note that present day Lexington, in which some of our members have ancestors due to the nearness of the Dutch Fork area, is in the Orangeburg District. This is unfortunate because Orangeburg is the most often burned Court House in South Carolina having been burned no fewer than three times. It is very difficult to trace ancestors in the Orangeburg area. In the Fairfield area we are lucky to have some of the best preserved records in the state. But be aware of the changing court house lines and dates.





THE BOOK SHELF

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GUNTERS ALONG THE EDISTO: SOME DESCENDANTS OF RUSSELL GUNTER, by L. H. Buff. This splendid new book was just published in late December of 1987. It covers the Gunter family of Aiken and Lexington (primarily) from the 1780's in N.C. up to today. It includes Gantt, Williamson, Hutto, Poole, Hall and several more families with Aiken and Lexington, connections that descend from the Gunters. It may be ordered from S. C. Genealogical Society member, L. H. Buff, Jr., 2 County Rd., Spartanburg, S.C. 29301. The cost is \$17.50.

864-576-7810

New Additions to the Caroliniana Library

OUR QUAKER ANCESTORS; FINDING THEM IN QUAKER RECORDS, by Ellen Berry and David Berry.

GARE L'EGARE, SOME DESCENDANTS OF THE LEGARES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, by Linda Dayhoff Smith.

EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA: INDENTURED SERVANTS RECRUITED IN LONDON, 1718-1733, By John Wareing.

CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS: ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, VOL. 2 and VOL. 3, by Nell Marion Nugent. (These new additional volumes are not to be missed if you are looking for any Virginia lines.)

GENEALOGICAN NOTES, OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FAMILY HISTORY OF SOME OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS, by Nathaniel Goodwin. (Many immigrants first came to Massachusetts and then to South Carolina--maybe that missing ancestor is listed here.)

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The Columbia Athenaeum of the 1200 block of Hampton street in Columbia has the famous Leonardo Andria collection for sale. They have almost no catalogs left, but they have over 500 books, primarily of South Carolina families and of South Carolina interest that they would be delighted to show you. They are open from the noon hour daily except Sunday.

Also, Tuttle Antiquarian Books, Inc., P.O. Box 541, Rutland Vermont 05701, puts out a catalog of more than 7,000 listings of purely genealogical books. Their catalog is \$6. They will, if you ask them and send along a short chart or description of your ancestor, check the book you order to see if it pertains to your ancestor. If it does, they send the book, if it does not, they return your check.

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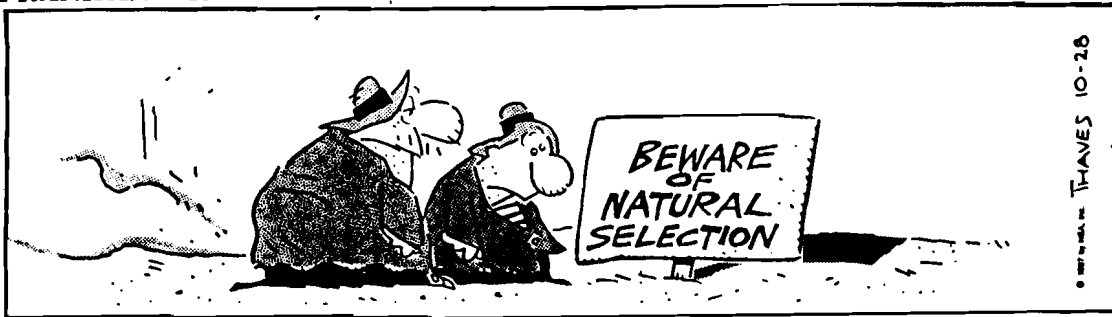


**Warning: Genealogy Pox!** Very contagious to adults. Symptoms: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at Libraries & Courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places like cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls and hides phone bill from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange far away look in eyes. NO KNOWN CURE. TREATMENT. Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he can be alone. The usual nature of this disease is the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it.

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