

Fairfield Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

RUSSELL S. HALL of Germantown, Tennessee, writes that he is very interested in the history of Fairfield because that is where his early ancestors came from. He is interesting in sharing information on HALL, GLADDEN, and HOLLIS.

AGNES B. CORBETT of Camden, S.C. is already a member of the Catawba-Wateree Chapter, but she has now become a membr of our chapter too. She wants help on RICHARD HOOD of Fairfield who was alive in 1880.

LUCILLE L. MORROW of Greenwood, S.C. is a member of the Old 96 District Chapter and now has become a member of our chapter. She descends from JOHN FINLEY, SAMUEL CROSS, and ISHAM DANSLEY all three of whom were Revolutionary War soldiers from Fairfield. She would like any information on any of these ancestors.

NELLE McMASTER SPROTT of Winnsboro, S.C. who is well know as an authority on both the history of Fairfield and local family history, has just completed her new family history. She researches KETCHIN, McMASTER, ELLIOTT and CATHCART.

B. J. KENNEDY of Torrance, California is a member of the Chester genealogical society (which is not a member of the S.C. Society) and he joins us doing research on the names of: KENNEDY, ROMNEY, HANNA, GLADNEY, THOMPSON, ROSS, RUSSELL, MARION, KERR, WHITMIRE, and FARRAR.

WILLIAM J. McILWAIN, SR. of Lawrenceville, Georgia is looking for McIlwains of various spellings including: McILWAIN, McELWAIN, and McILWAIN. He is also working on CASTON and FORD.

MARY PATE of Camden is also a member of the Catawba-Wateree Chapter and she is working on: PERRY, EVANS, KELLY, BROWN, McDONALD, ABBOTT, STEWART, ROSS, ALBERT, GOFF, LERISTER, HOLLAND, PATE, TURNER, LEE, and MOSELEY. (Lots of Fairfield names there.)

CLARENDINE CRUMPTON DeHART of Tampa, Floridawrites that she descends from JOHN MONTGOMERY who was in the 1850 census in Fairfield, but she can't find him after that. She would appreciate any help.

I would suggest that you get a folder for your file, or a stand-up file of some sort, and start keeping your copies of the Fairfield Newsletter. It may not seem like much of a publication at this stage, but I predict that if you keep your copies you will find yourself referring back to it over the years. Plus, I plan to publish up-to-date list (such as the Chapter Directory on page 5) and a membership directory and other information that I think will be helpful not only immediately, but over the years. I'll bet if you keep them, you will be glad you did.



THE LATEST GENEALOGICAL BOOK FRAUD

From time to time you may have gotten a letter from a company which claims to have a genealogical book about your family. Such statements as "your name is definitely in this book" would lead you to think it is about your family. If you order this book you will be disappointed to learn that it is nothing more than a few chapters on general genealogical research suggestions, a few pages on which you can write in the names of the members of your family, and a zip code listing of everyone in the United States who has the same last name as you.

The U.S. Post Office has stopped several firms from offering this sort of book through the mails because the advertising is so misleading as to constitute fraud. The Pennsylvania company which originally sold these books used the name "Elizabeth Bayley" as the supposed author. When the Post Office closed them down, they apparently reopened doing business under the name "Elizabeth Ross."

Now, out of Ohio, a new company (or maybe the old one under another name) is offering a book called THE (your surname) FAMILY ALBUM AND COMPLETE NEW WORLD REGISTRY. It is offered by Halberts, Inc. 3699 Ira Rd, Bath Ohio. Again, it is nothing more than a phone book listing of all of the people in America who share your surname.

Pat Goff, the editor of the Catawba-Wateree newsletter, reminds us to beware of this book. She ordered it knowing it was nothing more than a listing because she thought the addresses might be useful in themselves. Unfortunately that proved not to be the case because the addresses were old and out of date.

We appreciate Pat bringing this latest genealogical scam to our attention. Plus, she offers some helpful advice. She says if you get any sort of book offer through the mail, and you are tempted to order, ask the author for a few sample pages before you buy.

FRANK AND ERNEST

BY BOB THAVES



There are now sixteen chapters in the South Carolina Genealogical Society. Here is a list with their addresses. You may want to contact them for associate membership and queries if you have ancestors from the areas where these chapters serve.

AIKEN-BARNWELL
P. O. Box 415
Aiken, S.C. 29801

HARTSVILLE
606 West College Ave
Hartsville, S.C. 29550

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Rt. 2, Box 278
Townville, S.C. 29689

LAURENS
P. O. Box 1217
Laurens, S.C. 29360

CATAWBA-WATEREE
1314 Broad Street
Camden, S.C. 29020

OLD EDGEFIELD DISTRICT
P. O. Box 468
Edgefield, S.C. 29824

CHARLESTON
P. O. Box 20266
Charleston, S.C. 29413-0266

OLD NINTY-SIX DISTRICT
P. O. Box 3468
Greenwood, S.C. 29648

COLUMBIA
P. O. Box 11353
Columbia, S.C. 29211

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P. O. Box 1026
Marion S.C. 29571

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P. O. Box 481
Chapin, S.C. 29036

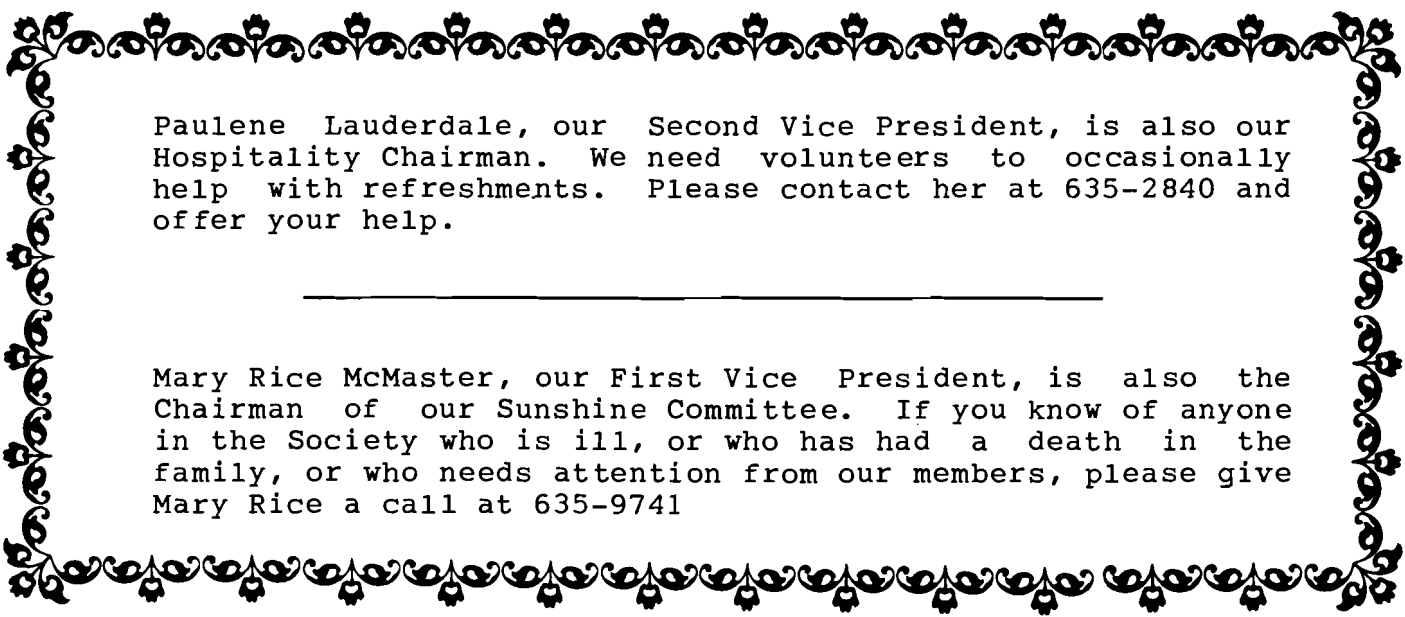
PENDLETON
11 River Point Villas
Clemson, S.C. 29631

FAIRFIELD
P. O. Box 696
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

PINCKNEY DISTRICT
385 South Springs St.
Spartanburg, S.C. 29301

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Greenville, S.C. 29606

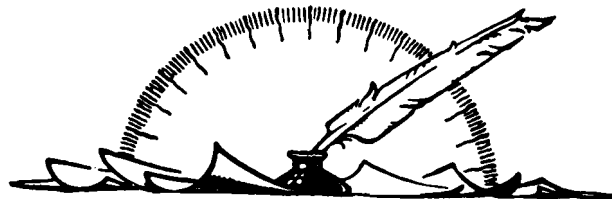
SUMTER
P. O. Box 2543
Sumter, S.C. 29151



Paulene Lauderdale, our Second Vice President, is also our Hospitality Chairman. We need volunteers to occasionally help with refreshments. Please contact her at 635-2840 and offer your help.

Mary Rice McMaster, our First Vice President, is also the Chairman of our Sunshine Committee. If you know of anyone in the Society who is ill, or who has had a death in the family, or who needs attention from our members, please give Mary Rice a call at 635-9741

QUERIES



Thomas J. King of 17465 Plaza Cerado #101, San Diego, Ca. 92128, is looking for help on WILLIAM CLOUD and wife ALICE HARDIN who had son DANIAL CLOUD. Also, WILLIAM CLOUD the son of DANIAL COLUD, who was born in Faifielld around 1775.

Agnes B. Corbett of 719 Timber Creek Rd., Camden, S.C. 29020 wants information on RICHARD HOOD of Fairfield who married JULIA GOFF of Kershaw County, S.C. around 1880. They had daughter Marie (b. 1883) and son Royster, (b.1884).

Russell S. Hall of 7321 Deep Valley Drive, Germantown, Tennessee, 38138 will share information on GLADDEN, HOLLIS, and HALL.

Mark Your Calendar

In a few weeks the South Carolina Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Workshop. If you have never attended this workshop you are in for a major treat. Everyone, and I do mean everyone, comes away from these workshops with information that helps them.

The workshop is on Saturday July 16th. It will be held at Columbia College. The cost is only \$13 for members of the Society and \$15 for non-members. This low cost includes both breakfast (coffee and homemade donuts) and a delicious buffet lunch complete with salad bar.

Tony Drain, a professional genealogist from Columbia, is the Chairman of this year's Workshop. He has arranged classes in:

Beginner's Genealogy.

Researching Church Records.

How to Publish your work.

Using South Carolina Colonial Records.

Understanding Probate Records.

Using Computers in Genealogy.

Plus, there will be an Open Forum with one of the states leading professional Genealogists where you can ask questions.

Registration is at 8:30 am in Humphries Hall (Coffee and donuts served). The first class is at 9:30. Lunch is 12:30 and there will be ample time to visit the book sellers and exhibits in the main hall. The Workshop will be over at approximately 3:30 pm.

You must send your check in by July 10th in order to be placed on the lunch list. If you wait to register at the door, the cost is the same, but lunch will not be included in the price. So, get your check in before July 10th. You will find an application blank in your next "South Carolina Genealogical Society Newsletter" or either in the "Carolina Herald." Fill it out, clip it, and send it along with your check to the address that is given on the application blank.

SOME SURNAMES OF FAIRFIELD

One of the joys of genealogy is surnames. Almost all genealogy buffs I know enjoy finding a new surname they have never seen before and we all like to speculate on whether a name is English, Scottish, German, French or whatever. Recently a friend gave me a book on surnames by one of the leading American authorities on family names, Elsdon C. Smith. Here are some possible meanings and sources for surnames I found given in his latest book, AMERICAN SURNAMES.

Arnette--an English name which is the diminutive of Arnold, meaning "the Eagle."

Bell--this multifaceted name could mean a person who lived at the sign of the bell, a descendant of Bel, a pet form of Isabel, or a person who either made bells or rang them.

Blackwell--an English name which refers to the dark water in a spring, not a well. The name Douglas in Scotland also refers to the dark color of water.

Brooks--an English name referring to a man who lived by a stream. Often an "s" is added to such place names as in Mills, Halls, Wells, and Burns. The names Beck, Beckett (the diminutive of Beck), Burns, Born, Bourne, Bak, and Back also mean a man who lived by a stream.

Caldwell--an English name which means cold spring. "Well" on the end of a name means spring as in Rodwell meaning Red spring and Blackwell means dark spring.

Cooper--one of the group of work names like Carpenter, Miller, Turner, and Clark. A cooper is one who builds or repairs barrels. Like most of these names derived from a job it goes all the way back to medieval times.

Dixon--a name that comes from Richard as Dick is the nickname for Richard. The name Richardson (son of Richard) is the same as Dickson (son of Dick) and Dixon. Names such as Hicks, Dickey, Hixon, Rich and Richie all are shortened or softened forms of the Son of Richard.

Durham--English name meaning "island with a hill".

Green--a name that can be from any country since each language has colors in it. The German form is Gruen. There are many "color" names such as White, Black, Redd, Gray and so forth. It often came from the color of the clothing the men wore in the middle ages when they were first taking on surnames.

Harwell--another "spring" name meaning hare's spring.

Hendrix--a German name that is a form of the name Henry. In Middle age England where the "n" was silent Henry gave us Harry and Harrison, also Harkins and Hawkins. In Germany the Henry root also gives us Heins, Hanke, and Heinrich.

High--an English name that was given to a man who lived on a small hill. Other English names given to other low hill dwellers are Knowles, Knowleton, Hoy, Heap, and Downs. Like almost any name it can be translated from another language. The Anglicized German Hock becomes High.

Hollis--an English name taking as its root the holly tree as does the name Hollins, and Hollister. Many names come from trees as Helmes does from the elm tree and the Irish Quaille from the hazel tree. Beech obviously gives us Beacher and in Germany it becomes Hester. A man who lived by a willow tree could be called Sass in England and Wyeth in Scotland.

Lewis--one of the most popular of Welsh names which means "to fight."

Mickle--in old English this ment "large, fat, or bulky" and gave us the names Mutch, Mickel and Mitchell.

Morton--meaning from the place by a marsh. Marshton is obviously the same as Morton. The "ton" prefix is one of the most popular in England and can mean an enclosure, a farm, an estate, or a collection of houses (a town).

McMaster--the Scottish form of "a learned person or a teacher." We still speak of a schoolmaster. The German form is Shular (teacher or scholar).

McMeekin--the Scottish form of the English Meek which meant a man of quiet and humble actions.

Ratliff--an English form meaning red cliff and is the same as Ratcliff.

Rexrode--was one who lived near "the King's road." The Rex is seen also in Rexford. Also many spell it Rexroad.

Stevenson--is one of the many forms of Stephan meaning "crown" and the first Christian martyr. Ten Popes were named Stephen and each country has variations. The English use Stevens, Stephans, and Stimpson. The Polsih is Stefan and the Italian is DeStaffano.

Timms--one of the many variations on the name Timothy which was also a name from the bible meaning "honoring God." Other variations are Timson, Timmons, and Timplin.

Wall--generally refered to one who lived near a wall, especially an old Roman wall, but it could be a work name meaning a man who repaired stone walls. In S.C there are many Walls who anglicized their name from the German Wahl.

Walters--comes from the Norman "rule." Walter was a cousin of William the Conqueror and many names came from the lands he owned including Welter. The "l" was silent in middle English and therefore gave us Watters, Watterson, and the diminutive Watt which, in turn, gave us Watson, and Watkins.

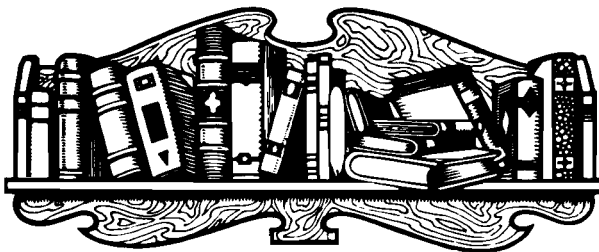
Wilkes--one of the very many variations on William and the shortned Will. That ever popular name has given us Williams, Wilkins, Willis, and Wilcox among others. It generally refered to a person who lived near a dairy farm.

Mother Goose & Grimm



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THE BOOK SHELF



JAMES ELLIOTT, SILVERSMITH OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY 1773 - 1865, by Nelle McMaster Sprott, James Philo Cladwell, and Betsy Matthews Garland. This new book tries to cover all of the descendents of James Elliott and it includes the families of Caldwell, Gooding, Ketchin, Matthews, McAlpine, McDonald, McMaster, Presly and Ruff. It is approximately 175 pages, fully indexed and can be ordered from Nelle Sprott at 119 Walnut Street, Winnsboro, S.C. 29180. The cost is \$46.50.

NEWBERRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE ESTATE ABSTRACTS, VOLUME 1. By Glenda Bundrick and Andy Suber. Wills, annual returns, sale, bondsmen, etc. Estates abstracted from approximately 1785 to 1810. A 460 page hardback including a full name index. Limited printing. \$32.50. Order from Mrs. Glenda Bundrick, Rt. 4, Box 254, Newberry, S.C. 29108.

THE HIGHLAND SCOTS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1732-1776, by Duane Meyer. A 218 page history that the Editor of the Charleston Newsletter recommends. Calls it "must reading for all who descend from the thousands of Scots who flocked to the new world." \$13.90 from Unicorn Limited, P.O. Box 397, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

SOUTH CAROLINA: A GUIDE FOR GENEALOGISTS, by Theresa M. Hicks. A 229 page soft bound indexed guide that covers the basics in research, plus tells of a good number of tricks for solving hard and complicated genealogical problems. It can be ordered from Peppercorn Publications, P. O. Box 11874 Capitol Station, Columbia, S.C. 29211. Cost is \$25.

New Additions to the Genealogical Room
at the Fairfield Museum.

SOME S.C. COUNTY RECORDS, VOL. 1; by Brent Holcomb

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MARRIAGES IMPLIED IN PROBATE, 1775-1879;
by Barbara Langdon

CHESTER COUNTY MARRIAGES FROM PROBATE RECORDS; by Barbara
Langdon.

SHIP PASSENGER LIST FROM THE SOUTH, 1538-1825; by Boyer

Plus short family histories of : White family; Henry family;
Bell family; Kennedy family; and Joseph Ellis.

VARIOUS LIBRARY SCHEDULES

SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES

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Columbia, S.C
734-8577

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
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Sunday 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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U.S.C. Horseshoe
Columbia, S.C.
777-3131

Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
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Sunday 1:00 pm - Midnight

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799-9084

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Wed. night 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
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CAMDEN ARCHIVES, D. A. R.
COLLECTION

1314 Broad St.,
Camden, S.C.
432-3242

Weekdays 8:00 am - Noon and
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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231 S. Congress St.
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180
635-9811

Wednesdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
(Closed 12:30 - 1:30)

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100 Garden St.
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