

# Fairfield Genealogical Society

## NEWSLETTER

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and any other items you feel will be helpful to others.

## Queries

Re: **Moses Hill** (1758-1821), Revolutionary soldier of Fairfield County. Please refer to the Fairfield Genealogical Society Newsletter dated August, 1995. The **querie** was listed, however, the name of the requesting party was omitted. We apologize for this error. Please send information to: Jeannette M. Christopher, P.O. Box 145, Carlisle, SC 29031.

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LaRoche / Gowings / Gordon / McMaster / Fowler

Seeking any information on two brothers, **Isaac and James S. La Roche**, b. 1826?; city of Winnsboro in Fairfield County, SC. Was there connection to the McMaster family? Isaac married Chancey Gordon. Their children were James Seward La Roche (1856-1946), Cornelia, Alice, Rosa and William. James S. La Roche married Sarah Gowings (at least 6 variations of spelling); their only daughter was Maria Serena, b. 1871; and their son was John Wilson La Roche (1865-1935). Any information is appreciated. Please contact Ramona La Roche, P. O. Box 149, New York, NY 10027. Telephone/Fax (212) 663-3252, America on Line as Onyx 82477.

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Seeking information on **Zachariah Kitchens** b. 23 Dec. 1754 in SC, probably Chester Dist., and died 1833 Henry Co. GA. He was in the Revolutionary War (R 5999) enlisting from Chester Co. SC. His son, **Charles M. Kitchens** was b. 1774 SC. (m. Elizabeth b. VA and d. 1875 Jasper Co. GA) and d. 12 Jan. 1864 Jasper Co. Ga.

Zachariah may have been the son of **Charles Kitchen** who died Oct. 1771 in Craven Co. SC and his wife, Jane.

Seeking information on **Elizabeth Foster**, b. ca. 1825 in Fairfield Co. SC. She was probably the daughter of **Josiah Foster** and his wife Pinky Hall. Elizabeth Foster married Edward M. Chapman ca. 1846 in Fairfield Co. SC. Elizabeth and Edward Chapman were on the 1850 census in Itawamba Co. MS. with 2 children. By 1860, Elizabeth is on the Henry Co. GA census with 3 children and no Edward. She is living next door to her brother, David Foster. By 1870, Elizabeth is living in Morgan Co., GA with no children and is in the household of Harry W. Coggin, who married a daughter of David Foster.

What happened to the **husband of Elizabeth Foster Chapman-Edward M. Chapman** after 1850? Did he die in MS. and she came back home to GA? Why did they leave Fairfield Co. SC and go to MS to begin with? Edward was probably 25 years old in 1850. What happened to Elizabeth after 1870? Edward and Elizabeth are the parents of my great, great grandfather, **Berry Edward Chapman** b. 1849 MS and d. 1885 College Park, Campbell Co. GA.

Seeking information about the family of **Zachariah Hall**. In his will from Fairfield Co. SC dated 1830, Zachariah names his wife, Rebecah, his daughter Pinky and his son-in-law Josiah Foster. Papers along with this will on microfilm name people who appear to be the children of Pinky and Josiah Foster. A daughter, Elizabeth is listed as the wife of Edward Chapman. An Edward and Elizabeth Chapman of Fairfield Co. SC were by 3rd great grandparents. I believe these are my ancestors. My Edward Chapman was b. ca 1824 SC and died after 1855 (location unknown). My Elizabeth Chapman was b. ca 1825 SC and died after 1870 in GA). Can anyone help me on these families?

Seeking information on the parents of my 3rd great grandmother, **JANE BLAIR**. She was b. ca. 1790 in Ireland, m. 8 Feb. 1810 in Fairfield Dist. SC to **JOHN ANDREWS** and she d. 6 Jan. 1870 in Butts Co. GA.

John Andrews was b. 10 May 1784 in Ireland and d. 17 Dec. 1849 in Butts Co. GA.

John sailed to America from Cork, Ireland with his father, **James Andrews** (b. ca. 1750 Ireland d. 22 Dec. 1804 Fairfield Dist. SC) and with his brother, **Robert Andrews** (b. ca. 1786 Ireland d. 1839 Butts Co. GA.) The three sailed in the 1790's. I do not know the name of the sailing vessel or the entry port. On the same vessel was Jane Blair and I assume her parents.

John and Robert lived in Fairfield Dist. SC for several years and then moved their families to Butts Co. GA in 1825.

I am also seeking the **wife of James Andrews**. Had she already died in Ireland when James, John and Robert set sail for America or did she stay behind with other children?

Please send information to. Charlotte Smith Winsness, PO Box 118, Pine Mountain Valley, GA 31823.

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I need to know my G-Grandfather's parents. His name was John Thomas Yarborough, b. August 1829 died April 1918 in Chester County, South Carolina.

My grandmother, Anna Elizabeth Yarborough, was born in Ridgeway, S.C. in 1857. Anna and her sister Lessie lived with their Aunt and Uncle John and Nannie Bolick, who ran the old jail. I think this was in Winnsboro, S.C. They lived with them while he served in the Confederate Army, after his first wife, Nannie Murphy died. I would appreciate any information on my family. Please send information to: Martha S. Barnes, 2992 Woodhaven Road, Macon, GA 31204.

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## Christmas Stockings

Legend holds that the first stockings were stuffed by kindly 4th century bishop Nicholas of Myra to aid a poor widower with three unmarried daughters. The widower had no money to offer dowries, so his daughters would have to live their lives as spinsters. One winter night, Nicholas stealthily climbed onto their roof and dropped three heavy bags of gold down the chimney. The coins fell into the toes of the daughters' stockings drying by the chimney. It was a miracle! The gold was more than enough for respectable dowries, the daughters were married, and all lived happily ever after.

Brought to America by Dutch immigrants in colonial times, St. Nicholas' stockings are a fairly new tradition in Christmas celebrations. The custom was almost lost largely because life then was so arduous that there was not much time for festivity. By the early 19th century, life was improving for most American families, who began to enjoy more pleasurable pursuits. In this climate, a newspaper published a delightful verse entitled "A Visit from St. Nicholas". Although Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem as a gift to his six children, it was really a gift to the nation.

For nearly 170 years since, stockings have been essential to our Yuletide celebrations. In the early 1800's, children made their own stockings, in the process also learning to sew, knit, darn, and clean. By Victorian times, stockings had become elegant creations, often accented by gold cording, French lace, silky ribbons, velvet backs, and needlepoint scenes. Children in well-to-do families might find porcelain dolls with real hair, music boxes, quill pens, and pretty writing papers or wooden knights, toy bugles, small sailboats with silk sails, and hobby horses with real manes in their stockings. In less affluent families, children might find in their stockings hand whittled tops, rag dolls, oranges, apples, and peppermint sticks.

Although the memory of exactly what a Christmas stocking contained may fade through the years, the joy of that moment of discovery is a thrill that stays forever!

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# Fairfield Chapter, S.C. Genealogical Society, Inc.

By-Laws as adopted 10/25/87

## Article I - Name and Object

The name of this organization is the Fairfield Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society and its object is that of the State Society.

## Article II - Membership

Membership shall be by application accompanied by a check for dues. Members of other chapters may be accepted by this chapter without a duplication of state dues.

## Article III - Officers and Their Election

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this chapter shall consist of:

President  
1st Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Treasurer  
Corresponding Secretary  
Immediate Past President

### Members at large

The Board of Directors shall hold quarterly meetings to facilitate the work of the organization.

Section 2. President. The duties of the President shall be those customarily assigned to the office. He shall also represent the Chapter on the State Board (or have a representative).

Section 3. First Vice President. The First Vice President shall also serve as the Program Chairman.

Section 4. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes and the attendance at each meeting.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall handle all funds and submit a monthly report. The Treasurer shall also handle applications for membership.

Section 6. Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send notices of regular and special meetings as well as special bulletins to the membership. Corresponding Secretary is editor of the newsletter.

Section 7. Terms of office. All officers shall serve for one year commencing January 1. Election of officers shall be at the November meeting.

Section 8. In the event of the vacancy of any office between regular elections, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to elect a successor to that office to serve until the next regular election.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three shall be elected at the September meeting to submit a slate of officers at the September meeting and said slate to be voted on at the November meeting with any nominations from the floor.

Section 2. All other committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

Article V - Meetings

Chapter meetings shall be scheduled monthly during the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November except when cancelled by the President.

Article VI - Order of Business

The order of business shall follow the provisions of Robert's RULES OF ORDER, REVISED.

Article VII - Dues

Annual dues shall be as assessed by the State Society and the local Chapter. \$15.00 - individual; \$20.00 Family; & \$10.00 Associate at the beginning of each year.

Article VIII - Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted at any regular meeting provided they shall have been submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary at a prior meeting.

Article IX - Parliamentary Authority

This Chapter shall conform to the By-Laws of the State Society including the use of Robert's RULES OF ORDER, REVISED.

Article X - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this Society, the residual assets of the Society shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or Local Government for exclusive public purpose. The last duly elected Board of Directors shall carry out such dissolution as described herein.

Revised and approved September 24, 1995.

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**Annual dues** are due by **December 31**. Please pay immediately to: Fairfield Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 696, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

\$15.00 - Individual    \$20.00 - Family    \$10.00 - Associate

If you have not paid your dues, please enclose the Application Form with your check. If you have paid, fill out the form and note that you have paid.

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## Civil War Reminiscences of George W. Coleman, Feasterville, South Carolina, 1920

On the expiration of our enlistment for one year made at Summerville, South Carolina, we were sent to Orangeburg (Orange) Court House, Virginia. Captain Ed Means left us and went to the Navy, we were told. Boykin Lyles and Captain Weston of Richmond, Virginia got enough members between them to form a company. Lyles was made captain and Weston, first Lieutenant. I can not recall the other officers. This enlistment was for three years or the length of the war with a fifty dollar bounty. Brother Allen and I enlisted. I went in this company to war in the battle of Malvern Hill.

In the meantime ex-governor John Hugh Means had raised the 17th Regiment and Dr. Press Coleman raised a company. The lieutenants were Burley, Coleman and Ed Stanton. They were sent to the coast of South Carolina. Andy Mobley and John Banks were members of Coleman's company, and later this regiment was sent to Virginia.

Allen and I were told to go to Press' Company and Mobley and Banks wanted to go to the 6th Regiment so the swap was made, they to the 6th, and we to the 17th. We joined the 17th the evening before the second battle of Manassas. There were five brothers of our family in that company then: viz, Henry, Allen, Preston, Franklin and George.

The second Manassas was fought the next day. The fifth of January the Zouaves were in our front. Brother Preston lost a leg; Bob Crowder, Hiram Dickerson and Lieutenant Ed Stanton of our company were killed and some others that I have forgotten. I never saw Preston any more.

We left the next morning for Maryland, crossing the Potomac at Leesburg, Virginia. I heard for the first time the song "Maryland" on an instrument I had never heard before. There was a trooper on horseback in the center of the Potomac giving it to us on the Clarionet (clarinet). In crossing we stripped, fixed bayonets and stuck all our belongings on them and waded across the river. The water was around our waists. We marched on through Fredric (Frederick) City, Maryland and the papers here stated that their N. Y. Zouaves came out of Manassas battle with nine men out of the five hundred.

We went on to Booms Boro (Boonesboro) and here we drove back the Yankee Calvery (Cavalry). Bill Jenkins was in the fight and never has been heard of since. We went on to Hagerstown, then to Sharpsburg and here there was a hard battle fought. We then crossed Potomac, wading into Virginia, and on down to Brucetown and here we stayed in camp for some time. Captain Press Coleman's leg was amputated on the Manassas battlefield, and Lieutenant Frank Coleman was left with him.

By the time we made the trip through Maryland, Press had gone to South Carolina, and Lieutenant Frank joined us here at Brucetown. He was here only a few days when he took typhoid disentery (dysentery) and was sick only ten or fifteen days when he died. He was buried at Crane Brick Chappel (Chapel) in a nice fenced-in yard adjoining the brick building. We then came on down to Richmond and on to North Carolina. We guarded a bunch of prisoners to Charleston. We were then sent to Wilmington, North Carolina, and on out to Topsail Sound, seventeen miles east of that City. We had a fine time there, and we also had Brigade Drill by Captain Tansil.

From here we went out to Jackson, Mississippi, through Augusta, Georgia, and on through Montgomery, Alabama, to Selma on the Alabama, then by train to Demopolis, then by steamer to McDowell's Landing in Tombigby (Tombigbee) River, then by train to Jacksonville, (Jackson) Mississippi. Here we were in the siege for some weeks. We were too late to save Pemberton from sailing out, so we were told. From here we returned by the same route to Eufola (Eufaula), here deviated coming by Columbus, Georgia, and on to Savannah, and on down to Isle of Hope. We had a nice time for a few weeks and from here we were sent to Wilmington, North Carolina, where we were for some time. Brother Jacob took sick and died, May 20th, 1864. I found out when I saw he would die, that they would not let me ship or accompany his remains home, so I wrote his wife to send old Tone, a trusty negro, so he could see him buried and could come with some white man and show where he was buried. I put up a good heart pine board, and in a few months Bill Mobley with old Tone came and took the remains up and shipped to Lyles Ford, South Carolina, where he is now resting in the John Feaster's Cemetery, only a few hundred yards from John Feaster's old resident (residence).

As soon as I saw my brother laid away, I went to Virginia and joined my company at Bermuda Hundred (that is between Richmond and Petersburg). Here we had a tough time for some weeks. Then we



went in a hurry to Petersburg, and here a few of us began establishing the famous battle lines near Petersburg. Here Brother Allen was wounded on the seventh of July and died next morning at eight o'clock. Here the Yankees undermined us. We could hear them digging but we could not get into the tunnel without our digging, and at last the mine was sprung, and the bitter fight began to retain the line, but they were licked and had to give it up with a big loss, with a majority of them negroes. Lieutenant A. J. McConnell was killed that evening after all the fighting was over with, as well as my memory serves me. Brother Allen and Watt Crowder were the only men we lost here in these trenches. Here we suffered for days and nights, a long while. Our brigade was sent down to Hatches (Hatcher's) Run some eighteen or twenty miles from Petersburg, where we had a pretty hot skirmish. After being here some time Adjutant S. R. Fant (now at rest in Beaver Creek Cemetery) came around with orders for us to be in line at dark. This was the evening of March 24, 1865. We made the trip in quick time, went and captured it but could not hold it. We marched back to Hatches Run and reconstructed around there and near Dinwiddie (Dinwiddie) and wound up at Five Forks, Virginia.

On April 1st about sunup Sheridan's calvary (Cavalry) soon appeared in our front, dismounted and we soon began to exchange shots. This was kept up for some time. Finally, on looking back, we saw a dense column of Yanks in our rear. Mel Dickerson, Bob Jenkins, John Curry and I were together. There was a Sargent (sergeant) in front of the Yanks shouting for them to come on. We were firing some at the rear and some in front. The Sargent (sergeant) we saw dropped and they came rushing on, in front and rear and soon had us prisoners. Mel Dickerson's son was then missing, and he told me that he skipped out to the right, but they got him later.

We disarmed and marched toward City Point on James River, and the next day we were marched onto a steamer and down the river to Point Lookout on Chesapeake Bay. Here we were humiliatingly treated and suffered until the twenty-seventh of June, then paroled and sent to Richmond, Virginia, on a steamer. From there we worked our way home as best we could, getting there the fourth of July and found all stables, ginhouses, screw and sixty-two bales burned up, and all mules and horses gone. Mother and granddaughter, Edith and her son, David R. (mother's son), his wife and son Roe were here in the old home.

*Source: The Catherine Ladd Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Woodward, South Carolina, 1919-20  
Reprinted from Recollections and Reminiscences, 1861-1865,  
Volume III, SC Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy.*

Submitted by: Henrietta S. Morton

## EXERPTS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY MILTON MOBLEY TO BOB BLAIR IN 1994 FOR THE COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

"In conjunction with George Hill and some 50 others, I have been researching the Mobley genealogy. I presume you know that we all descend from John Moberly, 1657-1727, of Anne Arundel and Prince Georges counties in Maryland.

"He had five sons, - John, Jr. (01), James (02), William (03), Edward (04), and Thomas (05). I have the records on their families and descendants in my computer. In the 1992 edition, there are 273 KB of data on John, Jr, 23 KB on James, 303 KB on William, 1333 KB on Edward, 196 KB on Thomas, 189 KB on unplaced Mobley family groups. There is an index (limited to those with Mobley surnames) of 337 KB. As a printout, this came to more than 800 pages with the index. There are some 200 KB of data in updates made since that edition was completed last fall.

"If you have a computer that can handle either 3-1/2" or 5-1/4" disks, with the Word Perfect program (4/2. 5.0 or 5.1). I can send you a copy of the complete file. If not, if you will let me know which of the five sons you descend from, and at least some of the later ones in your own line, I can send you a printout. (*Editor's Note:* of course, we in the Association are descendants of the 4th son, Edward.)

"We have a reasonably complete listing for the first 4 or 5 generations in the line of John, Jr (01). He finally settled in NC. Some of his family stayed there, others went to Edgefield County, SC.

"The information so far obtained on descendants of James (02) is rather incomplete after the 2nd generation. He settled in Virginia. There are a few fairly large unplaced family groups that probably descend from him.

"George Hill and a couple of others are trying to sort out the uncertainties in the descendants of William (03), who settled in North Carolina, with many of his descendants going to Georgia by the 1770s, and some later on to Florida.

"The descendants of Edward (04) are reasonably complete down to the 10th generation. He finally settled in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Early descendants went to Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and later on westward, mainly in the southern half of the United States.

"Thomas (05) remained in Maryland, inheriting land originally owned by John, Sr. Some of his descendants remained in Maryland, others went westward to Pennsylvania, Kentucky and on into the northern half of the United States. There are several large unplaced family groups that evidently were descendants of Thomas that have not yet been definitely placed.

"There are numerous instances of cousin marriages within these branches and between branches, which indicates that they must have kept in some contact with one another over the years.

"We believe that John Moberly, Sr., or his forebears, came from the Parish of Moberly in Cheshire, UK, but no evidence to confirm this has been found so far."

(The Mobley genealogy can be accessed on INTERNET - address: [moberley@freenet.fsu.edu](mailto:moberley@freenet.fsu.edu). James assures us that this code will mean something to those familiar with Internet.)

Submitted by: Henrietta S. Morton

**MATERIAL TOWARDS A HISTORY OF BAPTIST IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1772.**

**BY MORGAN EDWARDS**

Morgan Edwards was a Baptist minister of the Philadelphia Association who traveled through the Colonies, visiting churches, meeting with associations, and collecting data on the history of the Baptist.

The autograph manuscript is deposited in the Library of Crozer Theological Seminary. A typewritten copy is in the Library of the University of South Carolina.

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# Library's genealogy section holds pieces of families' lives

## Thousands search files in N.C. to find ancestors, keys to past

By **MARTHA WAGGONER**  
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HALIFAX, N.C. — If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jasper Birdsong's grave, please let his great-granddaughter-in-law know.

Birdsong, who was released from a Yankee prison in Maryland in June 1865, walked home to Northampton County. By 1880, his widow had returned to her parents' house with their children.

Those are the pieces of his life that Clara Birdsong, his great-granddaughter-in-law and president of the Halifax County Genealogical Society, has filled in. But she's still searching for his date of death and grave site.

And like thousands of others from across the country, she uses the well-stocked and well-connected genealogical section of the Halifax County Library to find her ancestors and those of her husband.

About 75,000 people visited the library last year, says Ginny Orvedahl, county librarian. She estimates that about half of those had a question about genealogy. Many more call with questions or send letters.

The guest register shows visitors from Alaska, Minnesota, California and New Mexico, in addition to Southern states like Virginia and Georgia. The reason: "Halifax was formed in 1758, so it makes sense that eventually most people can trace their history back here," Orvedahl says.

There's no real genealogist on staff, no one you can pay to search for you. Instead, there's a library technician named Betsy Hudgins, a self-proclaimed genealogy nut who accepts any papers with any scrap of family history; volunteers from the genealogical society; and classes taught by Margaret Hofmann that are so good that participants say they take them three times and still learn something new.

The absence of a professional is purposeful, Orvedahl says. She wants people to actually use the section and tell others about it, not hire a professional to do the work for them.

What kind of people research their family history?

They're the same people who love family reunions and maintain cemeteries, says Doris Wilson, 75, a retired home economics professor who teaches genealogy classes at the library. "We just have a love of that kind of thing."

Mrs. Wilson lived in Illinois for 42 years before retiring to her hometown. "The library is one reason I live here," says Mrs. Wilson, who has traced her ancestors to John Powell, who lived in Jamestown in 1609. "I knew wherever I lived (after retirement), I'd be running back and forth to Halifax, so I might as well live here."

Halifax County is a natural spot for genealogy research because the early settlers in southside Virginia came through there then migrated to Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Ohio, Missouri and to the West Coast, says Mrs. Hofmann, who has written 15 books on genealogy, including reference compilations and two how-to books.

One of the library's earliest librarians, Maude Fleming, was interested in genealogy and knew many people had questions about their ancestors, Mrs. Hofmann says. Miss Fleming used her small budget and donations to begin building a genealogical section.

The small genealogical section now holds about 1,000 items on microfilm and microfiche, more than 1,000 titles on the shelves, several cabinets filled with files, and a computer hookup to the state library, Orvedahl says.

"It's just a marvelous collection," Mrs. Hofmann says. "I'm pleased to know that every time I go over there, I find something new on the shelf, so it's still growing."

Dick Stokes of Juneau, Alaska, is one who took advantage of the section this year. With the help of detailed family records, he had traced his ancestors to Northampton County.

"I had been looking for the opportunity to get to Northampton County and just sort of poke around," says Stokes, who used a visit to his father in Augusta, Ga., as an excuse to travel just a little farther north. "As soon as I started doing that, all paths led to Halifax" and the library.

Stokes had hoped to spend a couple of hours at the library. Instead, he spent the better part of three days there.

**A List of Persons Who Went to Cash's Depot,  
Chesterfield County, SC, about 1882, from Feasterville, Fairfield Co, SC**

The following persons left Fairfield County in 1882 and went to farm in Chesterfield County on property of Colonel Cash of Cash's Depot. The state had suffered several poor years for agriculture, due to weather and general economy. These families were enticed to Chesterfield by promise of fair returns for the investment of their energies. According to the diary of G. W. Coleman, they left Chesterfield County in early 1888, most returning to Fairfield or Richland counties. This list was written down by Belle Coleman Shelton from her recollection of those making the trip. She reported that a few of the men and Uncle Israel took the livestock and farm supplies by wagon prior to the main party's trip by train from the Shelton depot.

Dr. Virgil P. Clayton and wife  
Mrs. Fannie Coleman Clayton, and their daughter  
Miss Daisy Clayton

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Clayton  
Miss Carrie Clayton  
Miss Mollie Clayton

George Washington Coleman, and wife  
Annie Lonergan Coleman, with children:  
Frank Coleman  
Sam Coleman  
H. Lee Coleman  
Sarah Isabelle Coleman  
Wade Coleman  
Lewis Coleman

Samuel Stevenson Coleman and wife,  
Becky Coleman; with their children:  
Jesse G. Coleman  
Annie Coleman  
Kate Coleman  
John Coleman

Mr. Mack McLane, and wife,  
Precious Ann McLane, and children,  
Ben McLane  
Nan McLane  
Bob McLane  
Henry McLane  
Sue McLane  
Will McLane  
Watt McLane

Albert Clayton, and his wife,  
Polly Feaster Clayton

Mrs. Anna Lewis  
Miss Mary Rawls

Dr. J. Robert Coleman

Mr. Tebeau and wife,  
Mrs. Rosa Clayton Tebeau, and children  
Emmet Tebeau  
Clayton Tebeau

Gladden Coleman  
Sallie Stillinger  
Nancy Coleman  
Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Coleman

Also, Uncle Israel went with his white folks, as he would not be parted from their two fine mules or horses.

Submitted · Henrietta S. Morton

## HESSIANS IN BROAD RIVER AREA

*Taken from a letter written by Etta Allen Rosson (Mrs. B. H., Jr.) of Shelton, in Fairfield County, to Mrs. Lowell E. Burnell, the National Historian General, NSDAR, in Washington, D. C., dated 30 October 1956. Copy is in Mrs. Rosson's Genealogical Files."*

Replying to your question, "What became of the Hessians?" I give you the following:

My sister-in-law, Alline Harmon Allen, joined the DAR on the record of a Hessian, the Reverend John Yost Meetze, and I give you the following proof of his service, which is taken from Salley's History of Orangeburg Co, S. C., 1704-1782, page 27:

"Rev. John Yost Meetze, born Hesse Cassel, Germany, was one of those Hessian soldiers sold by their hereditary Prince to the King of England for the subjugation of the rebels in America. One night he was called from his father's home by a band of soldiers, who seized him and compelled him, against his will, to follow them. He bade farewell to his parents and the rest of the household, and was forthwith shipped to America. Soon after landing he deserted the British at Charleston, S.C. and joined the American forces under Greene at Bacon's Bridge.

"Later, he was captured by the British, taken back to Charleston, where he was subjected to a series of tortures prior to sentence to execution for desertion. By some miraculous manner he escaped and again joined Greene's Army, this time at Cowpens, S. C. He served until the close of the War as private and chaplain."

The above record is also carried in Edwin J. Scott's "Random Recollections of a Long Life."

In addition to the above there is in northwest Fairfield County in South Carolina, in a community called Feasterville, near the postoffice of Shelton, S. C., a hill known since Revolutionary War days as "Hession Hill." Two Hessians lived here long after the War, and when the last one died, it is said that one of the ladies in the community wept for him, because he had "lived so far from his own people, and had no one to mourn him except his neighbors." It is possible that these two also deserted and went over to the American forces; but we have no record of their names, nor of their families.

I have read somewhere that the English believed that the German-speaking people, these Hessians, would not be able to talk with the colonists over here, so no danger of desertion; but that when the Hessians reached the Dutch Fork\* section of South Carolina (in the area between the Broad and Saluda Rivers), they found their own German-speaking people, and immediately "fell in" with them.

\* English interpretation of the German term "Deutsche Volk" or German People.

Submitted by Henrietta S. Morton

# October Afternoon

*When fall winds blow, cuddle up  
in this quilt-like afghan of burgundy, taupe,  
and deep forest green.*

## Finished Size

Approximately 43" x 59"

## Materials

Lion Brand Jiffy Chunky bulky-weight yarn (3 oz., 120-yd. ball): 1 Taupe #125 (A), 2 Country Green #181 (B), 3 Sienna #143 (C), 4 Forest Green #131 (D), 6 Burgundy #142 (E)

Size K crochet hook or size to obtain gauge

## Gauge

Square = 8"

## Directions

*Note:* To change colors, work last yo of last st in prev color with new color.

**Square (make 35): Center:** With A, ch 7.

**Row 1:** Sc in 3rd ch from hook (for first sc and ch-1 sp), (ch 1, sk 1 ch, sc in next ch) twice, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), sc in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in 2nd ch of tch, turn.

**Rows 3–5:** Rep Row 2, changing to B in last st of Row 5, turn. Fasten off A.

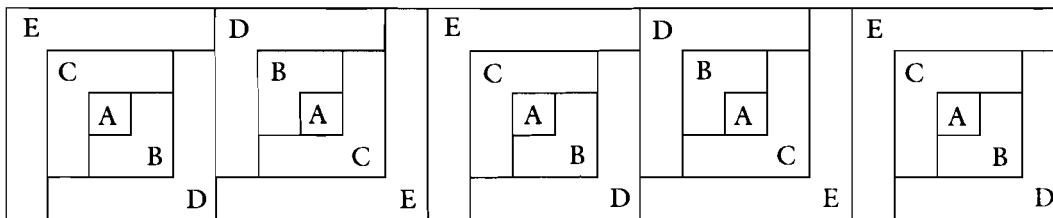
**Section B: Row 1:** With B, ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), working back across last row of Center, sc in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1 (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 at end of row for corner, working across side edge of Center, ch 1, sk next row, sc in next row, ch 1, sc in beg ch of foundation ch-7, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), (sc, ch 1) in ea ch-1 sp across to corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner sp, (ch 1, sc) in ea rem ch-1 sp, ending with ch 1, sc in 2nd ch of tch, turn.

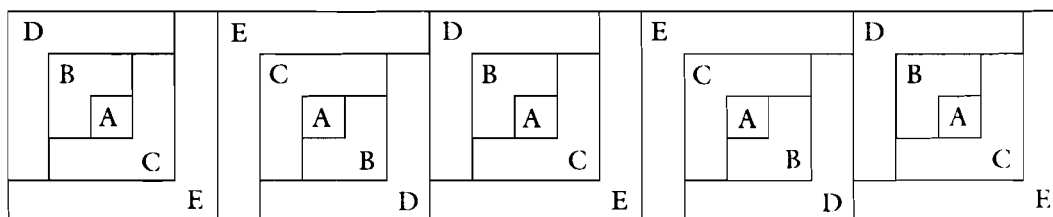
**Rows 3–5:** Rep Row 2, changing to C in last st of Row 5. Do not turn. Fasten off B.

**Section C: Row 1:** With piece turned to work across row ends of Section B and using C, ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), sk first row, (sc in next row, ch 1, sk next row) twice, sc in st at edge of Center, ch 1, (sk 1 ch of foundation ch, sc in next ch, ch 1) twice, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last st of Center, working across edge of Center, ch 1, sk next row, sc in next row, ch 1, sc in last row of Center, working across row ends of Section B, (ch 1, sk next row, sc in next row) twice, ch 1, sc in last row of Section B, turn.

**Rows 2–5:** Rep Row 2 as for Section B, changing to D in last st of Row 5. Do not turn. Fasten off C.



Row Diagram A



Row Diagram B

*continued on back*

**Section D: Row 1:** With piece turned to work across row ends of Section C and last row of Section B, and using D, ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), sk first row, (sc in next row, ch 1, sk next row) twice, sc in st at edge of next Section, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) across to corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner sp, (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) across to end of Section, ch 1, sc in first row of next Section, ch 1, sk next row, sc in next row, ch 1, sc in last row of Section, turn.

**Rows 2–5:** Rep Row 2 as for Section B, changing to E in last st of Row 5. Do not turn. Fasten off D.

**Section E: Row 1:** With piece turned to work across row ends of Section D and last row of Section C, and using E, ch 2 (for first sc and ch-1 sp), work as for Row 1 of Section D.

**Rows 2–5:** Rep Row 2 as for Section B. Fasten off after last row.

**Assembly:** Referring to Row Diagram A, whipstitch squares together to make 4 rows. Referring to Row Diagram B, whipstitch squares together to make 3 rows. Whipstitch rows together alternately.

**Border: Rnd 1:** With RS facing, join E with sl st in any corner, ch 3 for first sc and ch 2, sc in same corner, \* (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) across to next corner, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner, rep from \* around, end with sl st in first ch of beg ch-3.

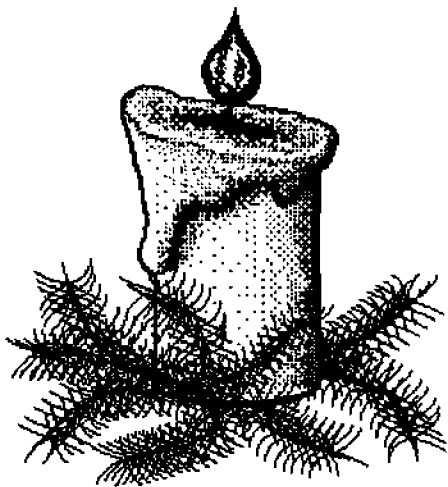
**Rnds 2–5:** Sl st into corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 for first sc and ch 2, sc in same corner, \* (ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp) across to next corner ch-2 sp, (sc, ch 2, sc) in corner sp, rep from \* around, end with sl st in first ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off after last rnd.

## The Christmas Card

The holiday tradition of sending Christmas cards originated exactly 152 years ago. In 1843, London businessman Henry Cole decided that he did not have enough time to write the customary personal messages to relatives and friends during the Christmas season. He asked a friend, John Calcott Horsley, who was an artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design a card he could put in an envelope to mail. The three-panel, pastel tinted design features merry Victorian family toasting the season. At each side are depicted two of the oldest traditions of Christmas: feeding the hungry and clothing the needy.

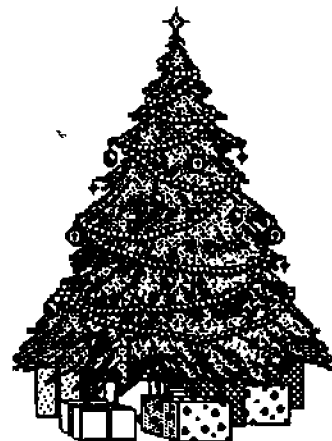
Aided greatly by the 1840 Penny Postage Act, which allowed anyone to send mail to friends at any distance in England for a penny, the idea soon spread around the country. Christmas cards became popular in America after Louis Prang perfected the lithographic process of multicolor printing in the 1870's. By 1881, Prang sponsored art contests, with prizes up to \$1000, to get original designs for his cards, and he was printing almost five million Christmas cards annually.

Today Americans exchange about two and one-half billion Christmas cards each year! Card designs number in the thousands. Many are the work of famous persons such as Pablo Picasso, Grandma Moses, and Henry Fonda. In 1963, Hallmark reproduced an angel and the three kings designs created by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to benefit the National Cultural Center. Artwork by noted persons is often featured on Christmas cards, such as a whimsical Santa by cartoonist Saul Steinberg and a serene English scene painted by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during *wartime*.



*The Officers & Staff  
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*Happy  
Holidays!*



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