

# Fairfield Genealogical Society

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Please continue to submit articles for the newsletter:

- \* Queries
- \* Lineage Charts
- \* Bible Records
- \* Cemetery Surveys
- \* Short Family Histories
- \* and any other items you feel will be helpful to others.

## BIBLE RECORDS

We are continuing to collect Bible records for publication. We are in the process of typing/proofing the records we have to date. The following information is needed: (1) a photo copy of the Bible, (2) have a family member to transcribe the information, (3) photo copy Bible pages, (4) photo copy of title page [publisher and date], (5) information on who owns the Bible and who transcribed the information and (6) preferred Bible records prior to 1920.

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## HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY/BIOGRAPHIES OF ITS PEOPLE

In future issues, we will be including information about our historic county and its people. Do you have favorite story of someone/something of Fairfield County that you would like to share? We welcome information/suggestions from our readers for topics and material for our newsletters. Readers?

If errors are noted in these newsletters, please advise and we will make corrections in the next newsletter. Linda S. Frazier, Newsletter Editor; P.O. Box 89, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

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#### **CORRECTION TO LAST ISSUE:**

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Surnames of families researching: **Beam, Mickle, Lee, Grant, Roof, Pittman.**

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#### **HANCOCK - CHARLOTTE**

I am researching the following family: Joseph Hancock and Mary Charlotte (maiden name unknown). They were on the 1850 census in York County and the 1860 in Chester County. She was listed as born in Fairfield County. He was listed as born in Union County. Contact: Mary Baker, 290 Steeplechase Drive, McDonough, GA 30252

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## STEEL/STEELE

I am interested in how to obtain a ships passenger list of the BRIGANTINE CHICHESTER captained by WILLIAM REED, master out of BELFAST NORTHERN IRELAND that arrived in Charleston, South Carolina in January, 1768. Information on how to obtain a ships passenger lists or copies of the above information would be greatly appreciated. Of special interest to me is a Robert Steel. Robert Steel, his wife and four children arrived on the above named ship in January, 1768.

Contact: Harry Steele, 3859 W. Dalphin Road, PHX, AZ 85051.

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## DIXON

Searching for information on Jerry Dixon who married Mary Landraim. Children; Joel Thomas Dixon, Mary Dixon and Lucy Dixon.

Contact: mr. Broughton Dixon, 1485 Melvin Avenue, Sumter, SC 29153.

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## ASSOCIATION OF SMITH FAMILIES, 96TH DISTRICT, SC

The objectives and goals of the association are to collect, disseminate, document and share with one another proven facts or conjectural information on 96th District SMITH families and descendants or ancestors of those families, and/or Smith families within close proximity of the 96th district; e.g. Lexington, Richland, Fairfield, Orangeburgh, etc.

Membership in the association is open to all persons whether or not descended from a 96th district Smith family. We welcome all persons to become members regardless of their ancestry. Lineage chart is included.

Contact: Association of Smith Families, 96th District, South Carolina, 24308 Kakae Drive, Damascus, Maryland 20872-2112. (301) 243-2909. Annual dues are \$10.00 for each member or a family membership.

## LINEAGE CHARTS

Enclosed lineage charts for the families I am tracing in Fairfield County - **Porter and McCants**.

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## **HELPFUL WEB SITES:**

The Query Corner - <http://www.toolcity.net/~vadkins/gen/querymen.html>

Internet Family Finder - <http://www.familytreemaker.com/iffitop.html>

Genealogical Book Exchange - <http://www.internetcs.com/bookexch/index.htm>

Sharpen Your Research Skills - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~vaaugust/augusta5.htm>

Civil War Info available on the net - <http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/civlink.htm>

Ancestry Home Town - <http://www.ancestry.com>

Search the family tree for free, read the Ancestry Times, get a Library Card and shop at the Super Store.

**alt.adoption**

Location for good tips to seek information on birth parents or on children given up for adoption.

**alt.scottish.clans**

Good site to search Scottish surnames.

**soc.genealogy.african**

Discussion group for persons with African-American ancestry.

**soc.genealogy.jewish**

Helpful to those trying to identify those lost in the Holocaust.

If you are interested in the Mayflower, there is much to keep you busy at:

<http://members.aol.com/calebj/mayflower.html>

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**Unknown PORTER  
& Unknown UNKNOWN (PORTER)**

**Charles M. PORTER Rev. (1807 - Jul 30, 1882)  
& Unknown UNKNOWN (PORTER)**

**Phebe PORTER (1834 - )**

**Charles M. PORTER Rev. (1807 - Jul 30, 1882)  
& M. Emily Avatine ("Emily") McCANTS (Nov 25, 1821 - Jul 1, 1851)**

**Charles S. PORTER (Circa 1845 - )  
& Josephine UNKNOWN (PORTER)**

**Harriet E. PORTER (Circa 1847 - )**

**Adeline A. PORTER (Circa 1848 - )**

**Roger William PORTER (May 22, 1850 - Dec 8, 1906)  
& Anna Richmond HIGGINS (Oct 16, 1849 - Jun 14, 1927)  
m. Oct 26, 1871**

**James S. PORTER (Circa 1851 - )**

**Charles M. PORTER Rev. (1807 - Jul 30, 1882)  
& Elizabeth CASON (Jan 20, 1823 - Dec 3, 1885)**

**William J. PORTER (1852 - )  
& Martha A. UNKNOWN (PORTER) (1856 - )**

**Allen PORTER (1857 - )**

**Miles W. PORTER (Circa 1821 - Jun 1, 1856)  
& Mary J. UNKNOWN (PORTER) (Circa 1822 - )**

**Abner PORTER**

**Mary J. PORTER (Circa 1856 - )**



**John McCANTS (1750 - 1813)  
& Sarah UNKNOWN (McCANTS)**

**Robert McCANTS**

**Samuel A. McCANTS (1779 - Jun 6, 1848)  
& Elizabeth UNKNOWN (McCANTS) (1778 - 1847)**

**Cynthia McCANTS (Circa 1806 - Nov 4, 1871)  
& Elias FISH (1802 - Circa 1855)  
m. Circa 1824**

**M. Emily Avatine ("Emily") McCANTS (Nov 25, 1821 - Jul 1, 1851)  
& Charles M. PORTER Rev. (1807 - Jul 30, 1882)**

**Unknown McCANTS  
& Noah RHYNE**

**James J. McCANTS (Circa 1814 - Mar 4, 1875)**

**Unknown McCANTS  
& James F. LAND**

**John McCANTS**

**William McCANTS**

**Alexander McCANTS**

**George McCANTS**

**Jerimiah McCANTS**

**Andrew McCANTS**

**Jim McCANTS**

**Amy McCANTS**

**Sarah McCANTS**

**Lidiah McCANTS**

**Mary McCANTS**

**Margaret McCANTS**

**Rosey McCANTS**



## FURMAN INSTITUTION

The FURMAN INSTITUTION was chartered and established in 1825. This was an academical school and a theological seminary for the education of youth sponsored by the Baptist of South Carolina. Doctor James Furman, the spiritual father of the school, was the son of Richard Furman who came to South Carolina as a surveyor before the Revolutionary War from New England. The family was interested in education. Their school was first opened in Edgefield, South Carolina, in 1827 but due to financial difficulties and other reasons it was moved to the High Hills of the Santee at Statesburg. It operated there for a few years and was moved again, this time to Fairfield County.

After the Reverend Doctor Jonathan Davis of Fairfield County was made Chairman of the Board of Trustees a tract of land consisting of 557 acres was purchased in his county and the school was opened there. The location was a little more than three miles west of Winnsboro. At first a frame building of thirty by one hundred and twenty feet was built to house the students, classrooms, and library. This was in 1837. In May of the same year the building and its contents were destroyed by fire. One student, a Mr. Goddard of Georgetown, South Carolina, perished in the flames.

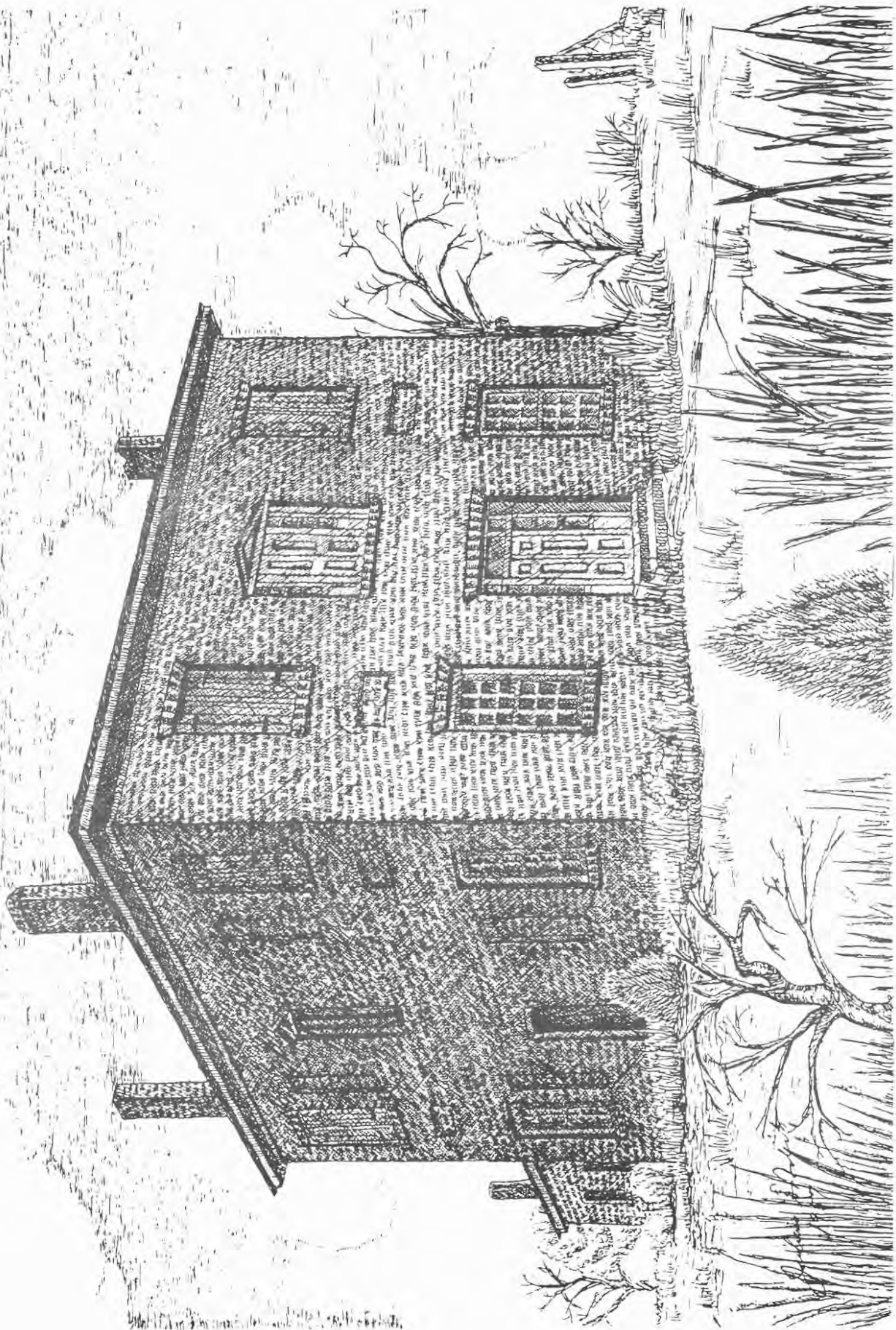
The school was operated on the manual labor plan. Each student worked a task in the field every day to help defray his expenses.

In 1838 two more buildings were erected. One was of three stories and was built of brick. This was used for an administration building, classrooms, and chapel. It still stands atop a high, barren hill, vacant and weather-beaten, like a gaunt ghost of the past. The second building was also of brick construction. It is a rather attractive, spacious, two story structure with a one story piazza across the front. It was used as a residence for the faculty. Now it is the home of the Timms family who have lived here for many years.

Besides the two brick buildings there were a dozen or more small barracks buildings eighteen by sixteen feet in which the students lived.

During the years that the school remained in Fairfield it had a struggle to remain in operation. In a short while the manual labor department proved to be a failure. This was closed in 1841. The classical school dragged on for some time longer but was finally forced to close for a while; then it was reopened. The department of Theology, however, continued to flourish and grew to be the best school of its kind in the entire South.

In spite of the progress made in the Seminary the Baptists raised more funds and decided to move the school again. In 1851 it was taken to Greenville, South Carolina. The new Furman planned to offer courses in law and medicine and was rechartered as Furman University. It has grown now to be one of the largest and most popular institutions of learning in the state. Several years ago the campus was moved again; this last time from the City of Greenville to a beautiful site at the foot of the mountains a few miles west of the city.



# HOW TO AVOID BEING BURIED BY AN AVALANCHE

## SURVEYING ALL THE PILES

Now that I have it, what do I do with it?

### CATEGORY I

### NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

The very heart of one's research: Census extracts, Birth Certificates, Marriage Licences, Deeds that have been copied, Photocopies of pages in books or public records. This is the Documentation for all your families and many different surnames; these records mention your ancestors by name.

Events: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burials, Residences  
Military Record, Land Record, Tax List, etc.

Connections: to previous or following generation.

Database: terminology for computer freaks.

Ancestors --- Collaterals --- Suspicious Characters

Sort and Clip and File  
Separate;

By Family Surname  
copy for duplicate files.

Subdivide:

By Geography: Place of Origin

Future Reference:

Control size of notes

File alphabetically in file drawer or cardboard file box.

### CATEGORY II

### COMPILED SHEETS

Family groups, Pedigree charts, Surname lists, Descendancies,  
Data of compiled materials collected from different sources

Place in Notebooks or File Folders by Family and Surname.

File in file cabinet or in sturdy bookcase

### CATEGORY III

### RESEARCH AIDS

Published Genealogies, County Histories, County Will Books,  
Census Indexes, Cemetery Books, Bible Records, Atlases, Maps,  
How To Books, Periodicals, Chapter Newsletters, Catalogues

Arrange these geographically, when appropriate.

Good, sturdy bookcase should accommodate this category.

We would like to ask your assistance in helping us plan future meetings/workshops. Please let us know of items that you would like more information about or share with us tools/resources that have helped you with your research. We are looking forward to a rewarding 1998!

**Dues for 1998 are due. We need to get them in as soon as possible so we can process them through the State. Your cooperation is appreciated. Please make your check payable to: Fairfield Chapter SCGS, and mail to: Fairfield Chapter, P.O. Box 696, Winnsboro, SC 29180. We have enclosed a New Member/Renewal form for your use.**

*Happy Holidays!*

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