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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.

For more information, contact: Henrietta Morton, 167 Rutledge Road, Greenwood, SC 29649. Phone: (864) 223-7374; Charlie Beach, PO Box 696, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or Linda Frazier, PO Drawer 89, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Phone: (803) 754-1123; email – Ifrazier@sc-online.net.

HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY/BIOGRAPHIES OF ITS PEOPLE

In future issues, we would like to include information about our historic county and its people. The Fairfield Genealogical Society requests your help with this. Do you have a 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.

Let us know where the great e-mail and web sights are located. If you have found some web sites that have been helpful, please let us hear from you.

If errors are noted in these newsletters, please advise and we will make corrections in the next newsletter. Linda S. Frazier, Newsletter Editor; PO Box 89, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or email: lfrazier@sc-online.net.

COMPUTER CORNER

The SCGS, Inc. has a new web page on the internet. The address is www.SCGEN.org. Chapter and State information is given with current events and membership forms. (thanks to: Columbia Chronicle, Columbia, SC)

NEW BOOKS AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ROOM:

Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas

Finding a Place Called Home: a Guide to African-American Genealogy

In Search of Confederate Ancestors: the Guide The Great War: a Guide to the Service Records

Footsteps From the Past: the Wills and Related Families

(thanks to: Greenville Chapter SC Genealogical Society, Greenville, SC)

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 10, 1999

The SCGS Board of Directors meeting was held at the S.C. Archives and History Center in Columbia, S.C. on July 10, 1999. The meeting was called to order by Mike Becknell, President. He thanked everyone for all of his or her help and participation at the annual workshop.

Mike stated that the minutes had been sent to each member and if there were not any corrections that they be accepted. Marguerite Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The Board seconded it.

Terry Leverette gave the treasurer's report and gave a brief description. He told the group that we have 2,633 members and 2,600 associate members. He was happy to report that IRS had finally corrected our tax problem and had refunded our money plus interest. He had received a check for \$1,110.29. He asked the group to use the EIN number listed on the check (23-7348141) as the correct federal ID number. He also included a sheet with the bids for the Surname Book at the back of the treasurer's report and this will be given to the Publication Committee to decide on the next step towards publishing the book. Terry made a motion to get a debit card to use to pay for expenses approved by the Board. Marguerite Bishop seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

Doris Gandy, Archivist, announced that she had received the computer that was donated to SCGS from Randy Holcombe.

Randy Holcombe, Editor, asked for articles for the next publication. He said he could also use pictures of old ancestors. He said these should be sent in by August 10. Announcements needed to be sent in by late August.

Marguerite Bishop and Randy Holcombe suggested that we order 500 SCGS pins so we will have them at the annual meeting in October. Their suggestion was made into a motion and Elaine Martin seconded it. It was approved.

Jane Mahaffney told the group that the web-site had 9,200 hits since the last meeting. She announced that we had received an award for having one of the best web-sites. (WWN.SCGEN.ORG)

John Andrews, Workshop Committee, reported that we had 206 pre-register and 50 walk-ins at our workshop. Everyone enjoyed it. It was a success. The Workshop Committee will start working on next year's workshop. Lynn Lee, Workshop Registrar, reported that nine (9) states were represented at the workshop.

Randy reported that we had received a grant for advertisement in regard to our annual meeting to be held at Hilton Head. He gave a brief description of the speakers and classes to be held. \$10.00 fee will be charged for the classes prior to the Annual meeting. The fees for the Annual meeting are listed on the information sheet given out at the workshop. He also said they had arranged with the Sheraton Motel on the beach for a special rate. It would be \$49.00 per night. He encouraged everyone to register as soon as possible. Several restaurants are nearby so lunch will be a personal choice.

Marguerite Bishop made a motion that we adjourn. Mike thanked everyone for attending and told the group that the next meeting will be held in Hilton Head on October 15 at the Annual Meeting. He hoped everyone would attend and then he adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Daries H. Dalenia

Doris M. Bateman, Recording Secretary

The following were in attendance:

Mike Becknell, President
Johnny Andrews, First Vice-President
Betty Sue Wilkie, Second Vice-President
Doris Bateman, Recording Secretary
Sylvia Castles, Corresponding Secretary
Terry Leverette, Treasurer
Doris Gandy, Archivist-Historian
Randy Holcombe, Editor
Bonnie Glasgow, Past President
Dallas Phelps, Catawba-Wateree Chapter
Henrietta R. Morton, Old 96 District Chapter
Josephine Wash, Old 96 District Chapter

Shirley F. Trotter, Dutch Fork Chapter Robin J. White, Columbia Chapter Lynn Lee, Old Darlington District Carolyn L. Harwell, Fairfield Chapter Elaine Martin, Laurens Chapter Gwen Hendrix, Pee Dee Chapter James Pigg, Old Chesterfield District Larry Ulmer, Old St. Bartholomew Chapter Marguerite Bishop, Charleston Chapter Jan Mahaffey, Old Pendleton Chapter Carroll W. Smith, Greenville Chapter

QUERIES

HELM

Looking for information on a Mayberry Helm who married a Mary (?) – had a child by the name of Littleton Helm; have had other children. Mayberry was in the Militia in 1883 and Mary Helm listed in Charleston Co., S.C. Refuage with children in 1883. Mayberry owned land in either Fairfield County or Charleston County or both. Can anyone help me with this information? CONTACT: Mary Ann Niswanger, P.O. Box 308, Prosper, TX 75078-0308

Email: MARYANN@texoma.Net

JENKINS/ANDERSON/DESHAZO

Seeking information on the Thomas JENKINS family and son Andrew B. JENKINS. Have lineage of Capt. Thomas JENKINS/Thomas JENKINS/Andrew B. JENKINS. Andrew's daughter Sarah married Edmund Pierce ANDERSON and a son James Doran married Ophelia POGUE. This family migrated to Jackson, Co., Alabama. James's daughter married a William DESHAZO. If this looks familiar, please get in touch with me.

CONTACT: Judith A. Knitter, 200 Salmonberry court, Crescent City, CA 95531

MORRIS

My interest in genealogical research centers on my g-g-grandfather, Christopher Columbus Morris. His gravestone, in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, indicates he was born "June, 1812" in Fairfield District, South Carolina." Census records in SC and GA show his wife as "Jane", born in "Ireland." Based solely on their first son being named John Fife Morris, I theorize her family name could have been Fife. I am seeking any information: parents, siblings, children, associates which would help to extend his family.

CONTACT: Thomas A. Parks, 7286 Tara Drive, Villa Rica, GA 30180-3922

CONNER - BEVERLY

I have been researching my family history for about two years but so far, have not been able to solve problems related on the attached sheet. If you can help in any way, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

I need help with the following items on my ancestors:

EDWARD CONNER, 1757-1836, born in Duplin County, N.C., moved to Horry County, S. C., when 10 years old. Would like to find source documents on his parents, believed to be Thomas Conner and Ann Beverly. Would also like to know burial sites of Edward and his parents.

THOMAS CONNER, 1727-1802, married to Ann Beverly (I believe this was his second marriage). I have found him listed as an early Pee Dee settler and have found him in the Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1744, in the S.C. Militia in the Revolutionary War (in the book about Fort Sullivan published by the DAR in Charleston), and on page 192 & 193 in the Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution by Bobby Gilmore Moss-1983. There are some difficulties with dates and I'm not sure some of the above references are to Thomas Conner, 1727-1802.

I have a copy of Wilson Conner's Bible record (from Marlboro County, S.C.) which shows Thomas Conner, Jr., his father, married to Ann Beverly and gives their death dates, along with their parents' names. Marlboro County records (probate) also have many references to Thomas Conner.

I have been unable, so far, to trace this Thomas Conner to Horry County or to find out if Edward Conner is his son.

Ann Beverly, daughter of John Beverly and Ann (believed to be Margaret Ann Williams), was born about 1731 and died 1791. Ann and Thomas were probably married sometime before 1755.

SILAS W. BEVERLY, ca1816 (varies with census)-April 1905. Married (1) Julia Ann Tindal ca 1848; first child was born 1849 in Horry County, S.C. Married (2) Treacy Ann Lewis ca 1872. He was my Great Grandfather, and I am trying to find out who his parents were.

CLUES: He mentioned a brother who was a minister and who later went to Texas. I have located references to WILLIAM D. BEVERLY (referred to frequently as W. D.) in the 1850 Fairfield County census. He was listed as a student and born in Marion, S.C. He was in Richland County in the 1860 Census and Anderson County in the 1870 Census. He did go to Texas during the 1870s but returned to Anderson, S.C. He married Rachel Amelia from Society Hill in Darlington County December 27, 1851. According to a notice in the Baptist Courier, issue of August 13, 1885, she died July 1885; this article mentioned the Black Creek Church as if she had been a member of that church either at the time of her birth or marriage.

If you know anything about the parents of Silas W. Beverly or William D. Beverly, I would appreciate your sharing it with me. There were

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CONTACT:

Melba D. Harper
5760 Brookland Dr
Sumter, SC 29154-8826

RINGER

I am looking for information on the history of the Ringer family of your county. A James Ringer migrated to Troup County, Georgia, possibly in the late 1830's with his family. He was probably a son of Nickolas Ringer shown on your census of 1790. A James Ringer is shown in the 1829 census. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Dwight G. Harley, 1179 Lakeside Drive, Lincolnton, GA 30817-2433.

GADSON

I am searching for any assistance possible in order to locate which plantation or plantations in South Carolina would have had slaves surnamed "Gadson." Also, I am searching for records in the Fairfield County area noting the parents of a slave named "Phillip Ross."

Contact: Brian L. Gadson, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Kappa Sigma Alumni Chapter

bg2515@prodigy.net

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER!

We would like to welcome Laurie Vaughn as a new member. She is researching the surnames: Hutchison, Williamson and Aiken.

Address: 554 Old Barnwell Road, West Columbia, SC 29170-2450 (803) 739-0903

SCGS 1999 ANNUAL MEETING

Reminder: This meeting is being held October 15-16, 1999 in Hilton Head, SC. Everyone should have received information concerning hotel and program information, and a brochure about The Heritage Library.

NEWS FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Looking for someone to do research in the Courthouse & cemetery's, etc.

Contact: Mary Ann Niswanger, P.O. Box 308, Prosper, TX 75078-0308

Email: MARYANN@texoma.Net

Searching for Railroad Workers?

(Thanks to: Old Ninety Six District Chapter, Greenwood, SC)

If a person worked for the railroad after 1936, he may have qualified for a pension for the Railroad Retirement Board in lieu of Social Security. That is why researchers do not find those ancestors in the Social Security Department Index. Most of the railroad employee numbers begin with the digits 700 through 729. Researchers may write to:

Railroad Retirement Board 844 Rush Street Chicago, IL 60601

Scottish Folk Patterns of Name Selection

(Thanks to: Old Ninety Six District Chapter, Greenwood, SC)

Most countries have their own naming customs, but the Scots had a very highly developed system of naming children. It went:

The eldest son after the paternal grandfather.

The 2nd son after the maternal grandfather.

The 3rd son after the father.

The eldest daughter after the maternal grandmother.

The 2nd daughter after the paternal grandmother.

The 3rd daughter after the mother.

Subsequent children would be named after still earlier forebears, but generally the naming pattern in their cases would be less structured.

ANSON COUNTY RESEARCH

I am currently available to do genealogical research in **Anson County, NC**. I am also available to do research at the State Archives in Raleigh, NC. I have 22 years of experience in researching the records in Anson County and 15 years of experience in searching the records at the Archives in Raleigh. I will not return long distance phone calls unless permitted to call collect. Please write or call for more details.

CONTACT: Steve Bailey, 300 Moores Lake road, Wadesboro, NC 28170 Tele: 704-694-3137

African American Genealogical Research – By Paul R. Begley, Alexia J. Helsey and Steven D. Tuttle, 28 pages, photos. PR4....\$6.75

Welcome to the exciting and challenging world of African American genealogical research in South Carolina. This guide provides a context for researchers in this field. It describes particular records in the Archives and in other collections, and it explains how those records can be used. Call numbers given refer to books in the reference room at the Archives. They can be reached by: www.state.sc.us/scdah/genealog.htm – phone: (803) 896-6191. Fax: (803) 896-6167 or SC Department of Archives & History, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223 (thanks to: Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society, Edgefield, SC)

DAR Library Catalogue is now on-line

(Thanks to: Old Ninety Six District Chapter, Greenwood, SC)

The card catalog of the huge genealogy library of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution is now available on-line. This is an enormous resource. Quoting from the information on NSDAR Library's Web page (http://dar.library.net) "The Library is one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers and was recently (1998) ranked the third in importance of national institutions based on the uniqueness of sources in a listing by publisher Heritage Quest." In late 1998 the Library's book collection numbered some 150,000 volumes, the cataloging records for which constitute this catalog. Approximately 5,000 new titles enter the Library in any given year.

Many thousands of volumes of genealogical compilations, record abstracts and other materials are available only at the DAR Library. DAR members and the public have contributed these sources, building a collection of great research depth covering all periods of American history. The period of the American Revolution is naturally a major focal point, but the colonial era and the nineteenth century receive detailed coverage as well. Through the efforts of local DAR chapters and members nationwide, approximately 15,000 volumes of Genealogical Records Committee Reports have entered the Library and constitute a unique source for family histories, cemetery transcriptions, and Bible records.

The Library is one of several departments at NSDAR Headquarters in downtown Washington, which contains genealogical research material. Researchers wishing to become more familiar with the large holdings of the Library and the other officers should consult the NSDAR's 1997 publication, "American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington, D.C." by Eric G. Grundset and Steven B. Rhodes. This is the first comprehensive guide to NSDAR collections designed to answer questions by both DAR members and general researches.

The Old Ninety Six Chapter has a copy of the Grundset/Rhodes's book, but it is not on the Library shelf. Anyone wanting to reference this book should contact Mrs. Wilma Kirkland, chapter librarian, for a special appointment.

Registers of Signatures of Depositors in the Augusta, Georgia, Branch of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, Vol. I, Nov. 1870-June 1872.

This 700-page hardback book will assist African American genealogical researchers who had ancestors in East Central Georgia (Columbia, Richmond, Burke and surrounding counties), and West Central South Carolina (Aiken, Barnwell and Edgefield Counties) immediately after the Civil War. The registers contain the following information on each applicant: name, date, place of birth, place brought up, residence, age, complexion, spouse, children, parents, siblings, and remarks. The remarks section typically contains the names of grandparents, aunts and uncles. It is first and last named indexed. Composed by Alice O. Walker, Local History Librarian, the book was published with a grant from the R.J. Taylor, Jr. foundation. Cost is \$35, + \$2.50 sh/h. Order from Augusta-Richmond county Public Library, 902 Green Street, Augusta, GA 30901-2294. (Thanks to: Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society, Edgefield, SC)

The New England Historic Genealogical Society presents their 1999 Research Programs and Tours. NEHGS programs offer opportunities for genealogists to utilize the expertise of the NEHGS staff through one-on-one research consultations, cutting-edge program topics, and compelling lectures. For information on these offerings, please write NEHGS Education Department, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116. Or you may call toll-free at 1-888-286-3447, or visit our website at www.nehgs.org. (Thanks to: Columbia Chronicle, Columbia, SC)

Is there slave genealogy in your family? Are you planning a reunion for the year 2000? The Comprehensive Genealogical Services invite you to hold your family simultaneously with the Genealogical Symposium 2000 11-13 August 2000 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel, Charlotte, NC. The planned theme is "We honor the Past and Imagine the Future" for persons researching and writing family histories and persons researching in the slave period before 1865. Veteran genealogists, family members, and friends everywhere are invited. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for further information send your name, address, and telephone number to: Dr. Vernon M. Herron, PO Box 26242 Charlotte, NC 28221. (Thanks to: Old Ninety Six District Chapter, Greenwood, SC)

Just a reminder. Prior to 1752, the first day of the new year was not January 1, but March 25. So, when you are researching and have a date of 7 February 1714, this would actually be 7 February 1715 (our current calendar). All dates from January 1 through March 24 would be in the old year. You can write the dates as 7 February 1714/15. This is the way you will find it entered in most books, except on early court records, the original records. Your editor actually found an early Virginia will that was dated August 1728 and was probated in January 1728. (Thanks to: Old Ninety Six District Chapter, Greenwood, SC)

Book for sale by The Dutch Fork Chapter

Bauknight-Bouknight - The genealogy of the "Bauknight-Bouknight Family in the United States of America. This book was compiled and published by Ivan M. Bauknight of Miami Florida. It is hard bound with 530 pages on acid free paper and is fully indexed. The materials were researched from German records to 1599 and in the United States to 1989. It contains data on many allied families. They are for sale now only through the Dutch Fork Chapter and we have a limited supply. The price is \$35.00 prepaid.

Dutch Fork Chapter, PO Box 481, Chapin, SC 29036-0481

Outdated Medical Terminology

(Thanks to: The Old St. Bartholomew Genealogical Chapter, Walterboro, SC)

Outdated Term

Apoplexy Podagra bad blood lung sickness blood poisoning

quinsy

Bright's disease

toxemia of pregnancy

consumption

lock jaw cretinism

glandular fever

dropsy

plague/black death

fatty liver grippe jail fever lung fever

Current Term

stroke aout syphilis tuberculosis

septicemia (bacterial infection)

streptococcal tonsillitis

glomerulonephritis (kidney disease)

eclampsia (high blood pressure and seizures)

tuberculosis, pulmonary

tetanus

hypothyroidism, congenital

mononucleosis

congestive heart failure

Bubonic plague

cirrhosis influenza typhus pneumonia

America 1900

(Thanks to: Hilton Head Genealogical Society)

America 1900 – some say it was the dawn of "the American Century." What was America like 100 years ago?

The 1900 Federal census revealed that there were 76 million Americans. There were more telephones in America than bathtubs, more blacksmiths than doctors.

There were only 8000 automobiles in America in 1900, and only 10 miles of concrete highway.

Some of us had parents who were born in 1900. The PBS documentary, "America 1900" features remarkable archival film and photographs which gives us a glimpse of what life was like for them min America in 1900. There is a rich musical score and the narration is ably done by David McCollough.

As we face a new century, it is interesting to learn that the struggles and dreams of many Americans nearly 100 years ago turn out to be remarkable close to our own.

You can purchase the three-hour video of this remarkable presentation, "America 1900," which was produced by WGBH Boson. We recommend it. You can order the video by calling 1-800-645-4727. Cost is \$29.98 plus shipping and handling, and you can pay with a credit card.

"America 1900" was the premier program of the 11th season of the series, The American Experience" on public broadcasting.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE EDITOR OF THE FAIRFIELD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER? We are hoping someone who has done newsletters before on the computer will volunteer to take over the editorship of the Newsletter. Please call or email if you are interested.

Email: <u>lfrazier@sc-online.net</u>. Telephone: (803) 754-1123

RETURN OF BIRTHS

The book/ledger entitled Return of Births in the City of Newberry, SC, was maintained from 19 Aug 1885 until 15 Dec 1918. This record is not continuous but contains some breaks. The data for each birth is listed on two pages. The first page contains information on the child; the second page contains information on the child's parents. The following categories are listed at the top of the "CHILD" page (followed by a "[]" indicating the abbreviations used in this article): Record Number [#]; DATE OF BIRTH, Month Day Year [Birth Date]; SURNAME, AND CHRISTIAN NAME, IF ONE BE GIVEN [Surname]; PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE [Physician or Midwife]; Male Female [S]; White, Black, Mulatto, Etc. [R]; Stillborn, Illegitimate, Twins, &c. [&]; BIRTHPLACE [Where]. Additional abbreviations used on the "CHILD" page are m = male, f = female, w = white, c = colored, t = twin, s = stillborn, and W. = Ward. following categories are listed at the top of the "PARENTS" page (followed by a "[]" indicating the abbreviations used in this article: FULL NAME OF EACH [Full Name], RESIDENCE [Residence], BIRTHPLACE OF EACH [Bp.], OCCUPATION OF FATHER [Occupation of Father], DATE OF RECORD [Rec D.]. Additional abbreviations used on the "PARENTS" page are N Co = Newberry County, Nby = Newberry, Pros = Prosperity, Co = County, Cha = Charleston, Edg = Edgefield, Gvl = Greenville, A = Augusta, GA = Georgia, and Do = ditto. Brackets "[]" are used to denote additional material not found in the original record.

This book was kept at the Health Department in Newberry. It was donated to the Newberry County Library in the early 1990's. It is hoped that this record may help identify some children who were born prior to and after the 1890 census.

(THANKS TO: OLD NEWBERRY DISTRICT QUARTERLY, NEWBERRY, SC)

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM BRENT II. HOLCOMB

AT LAST! ANNOUNCING THE COMPLETION OF THE SERIES: VOLUMES SIX AND SEVEN OF COUNCIL JOURNAL PETITIONS PETITIONS FOR LAND FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL JOURNALS VOLUME VI:1765-1770 by Brent H. Holcomb. Hard cover, 420 pages, indexed. Price \$45.00 plus mailing. Mailing charges are \$3.00 for the first book, \$1.25 for each additional book to the same address.

PETITIONS FOR LAND FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL JOURNALS VOLUME VII:1771-1774 by Brent H. Holcomb. Hard cover, 420 pages, indexed. Price \$45.00 plus mailing. Mailing charges are \$3.00 for the first book, \$1.25 for each additional book to the same address.

While in most cases in the period covered by Volumes VI and VII, the actual texts of the petitions are not included, the lists of petitions which replace them do give important information about the number of acres applied for and the location of the land. Some of the data included in the lists is similar to that included in land entry books in North Carolina, such as "where he now lives" or "including the improvements of so-and so." Some petitions in the lists to have plats certified indicate the name of the person for whom the land was originally surveyed. When the applicant is of the same surname as the person for whom the original survey was made, we have a hint at a relationship between the two persons. The petitions for bounty indicate immigrants and give some family data. Petitions on the Kings Bounty indicate service to the British government. The journals covered in this volume contain some lists of immigrant passengers with their ages. By careful comparison of these lists with the lists of applicants for the land, especially noting the acreage, a family group can be assembled. Some variants in these lists in the British copies have been noted and included. Problems with the unsurveyed border between the province of North and South Carolina continued, as mentioned in petitions, and would continue until resolved by the border surveys of 1764 and 1772.

The first five volumes are still available at \$40.00 each plus mailing
Please order from: Brent H. Holcomb, P. O. Box 21766, Columbia,
SC 29211 - SC residents please add 5% SC Sales Tax.

(THANKS TO: DUTCH FORK CHAPTER OF THE SC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, CHAPIN, SC)

Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie MD 20716



Stamper Footprints: Eleven Generations

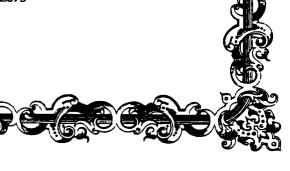
Betty Stamper Latham

"To go back in time and know our ancestors would be the greatest of all adventures." With this sentence Betty Stamper Latham begins her book and it was with this principle that she has created more than just a genealogy of the Stamper family. Ms. Latham personally spent over five years researching this book. She visited many of the places where the Stamper families lived and where they forever rest in peace. She spent hours sifting through microfilm and pouring through archival evidence to develop this clear chronicle of eleven generations of the Stamper family. Ms. Latham does more than just duplicate the dry facts of her research. She combined what she learned of her family with her knowledge of general history and used a little imagination to bring to life such events as a marriage, a night in a tavern or hitching a ride on a boxcar.

The book begins in 1660 with John Stamper, a probable immigrant from England, and ends at the present time. Like many of the early colonists, the Stampers wandered around their new country, settling for a while and then moving on. After originally settling in Middlesex County, Virginia, the Stampers moved to Amherst County, Virginia. After about ten years they moved again, this time to Rowan County, North Carolina. By the early nineteenth century there were Stampers all over southern Virginia and North Carolina as well as Kentucky and other states west. Many Stampers played roles in some of our country's most significant historical chapters, as well. Jonathan Stamper, Sr. had sons who fought in the Revolutionary War and many Stampers fought in our nation's Civil War.

There are approximately 1800 persons named in this book. Most of the maiden names are included, as well as the names of parents when available. There is an everyname index for the ease of researching names. There are also several old photos of Stampers, pictures of places related to the family's history, a map of pertinent areas and copies of some of the land grants issued to the Stampers. #L073

ISBN 0-7884-0320-6



First Alabama Cavalry, USA



Homage to Patriotism

Glenda Mc/Whirter Todd

Microcopy Number 276 of the National Archives Microfilm Publications contains 10 rolls of microfilm which include the compiled service records of volunteer Union soldiers belonging to the First Regiment of Alabama Cavalry. This regiment is the only organization of Union troops from Alabama for which the national Archives has separate compiled service records, except those organizations redesigned as US Colored Troops. These men not only fought in the Civil War, but also fought for what they believed in.

Many of the men in the First Cavalry lived in Northwest Alabama and did not approve of the secession. However, living in the South, they were unable to speak out against it. Many of these men had to travel long distances to avoid being captured by Confederate soldiers and branded as traitors to join the Union Army. The text includes reports from the field, a chapter on General William Tecumseh Sherman, some National Cemeteries and places of death of the First Alabama Cavalry Union Soldiers, the combat diary of Sgt. Maj. Francis Wayland Dunn, camp-fire chats between the men and a roster of soldiers in the regiment. The roster is alphabetized and includes the following information on each soldier: name, age, residence, family information, and what happened to them during the war, along with biographical information, photographs and many other interesting facts. A bibliography and a full name index are also included. #T511



Todd Author

T511 Book Number

\$34.00 Price + \$4.00 S & H

Heritage Books, Inc. 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl. Bowie, MD 20716

Fairfield's Heritage

Fair View - Old Frazier Home - J.B. Frazier, Jr.

"Fairview", the old Frazier home which is located on one of the highest points in the Blair section of Fairfield County, was built soon after the Revolutionary War by General Thomas means. The exact date is not known but General Means died in 1807 and was buried in the yard. The old weather-worn tombstone with date still stands.

After the death of General means the house was purchased by William Blair. The Blair family has owned the home considerably over one hundred years. William Blair was married three times: Descendants of William Blair are the Blairs, Fraziers, and Aikens of Fairfield. The home has not been occupied for some yeas but the last of the descendants to live in the old house was the family of Mr. J.B. Frazier, Jr., present owner.

The house was built of hand-made brick made by slaves on the place and covered with cement. The walls wee some twenty inches thick. Carved ceiling details are seen on the ceilings which surrounded the hanging chandeliers. All of the old mantels are very high and wide where at one time four-foot logs crackled and burned.

Above the doorway is found incrusted the design of a huge American eagle, the symbol of our American Government, the freedom of which General Means, one of the staunchest patriots of this section, fought so bravely.

It is said that this was one of the few homes in this section untouched by Sherman's troops because when the troops arrived at the house and saw the outstretched wings of the American eagle, they were afraid to set fire to it.

Fonti Flora - Home of Mrs. Wm. Boyce Pearson

"Fonti Flora" was built by Dr. George Butler Pearson some years before the War Between the States. The name, Fonti Flora – fonts and flowers – was derived from the natural springs on the place and the lovely flowers surrounding it. The landscaped gardens including twenty-five acres of flowers, fruit trees, vineyard, and rows of nut trees was Colonial in design whose pattern was brought over by the Colonists, copied from the English gardens. The boxwood which lines the formal walks came from England.

The cyclone of the '80's lifted the tin roof of the long piazza and set it down intact in Terrible Creek nearly a mile away. Large stones in the back yard is all that remains of the original old kitchen.

A separate house was erected on the edge of the yard called the "Doctor's Shop." He was not only a doctor but a naturalist. He collected and grew rare herbs from all sections of the world from which to compound the medicines. Descending the long stairway in the hall which looks into the parlor can be seen the lovely Scarborough paintings of the Pearson family.

Sherman's troops on their march through this section set fire to the Doctor's Shop, leaving burned holes in the doctor's chest. Large charred holes are seen in the library baseboard. The house was saved from burning by the faithful slaves.

Ivy Hall - Home of Mr. And Mrs. L.M. Blair

"Ivy Hall," home of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Blair, has twelve large rooms, six upstairs and the same downstairs, with two wide halls the entire length of the house. An interesting feature is the two beautiful winding stairways, one at each end of the hall.

The present owner, Mr. L.M. Blair, purchased this home and 580 acres of land from the estate of Captain Thomas M. Lyles in 1902. Captain Lyles was a descendant of Arramanus Lyles, the first white child born in Fairfield County.

The house is said to be about 175 years old. It is put together with wooden pegs and all the lumber was hauled from Charleston in wagons. The horses wore sleigh bells so the family could tell when the entourage was returning with the lumber. It took more than a week to make a round trip.

During General Sherman's march through South Carolina, a detachment of his soldiers took an old trunk, filled it with trash and set fire in an upstairs room. A faithful old slave, "Uncle Billy Mosley," discovered the fire in time to extinguish it. The hole which burned in the floor is still in evidence, with a piece of thick leather nailed over the burned section.

The old home has been well preserved by its present owner. It still retains the original charm, with huge fireplaces, wide floor boards of hardwood and lovely plastered walls. The entire front is covered with ivy vines over a hundred years old, from which it derives its name, "Ivy Hall."

Clanmore - The Faucette Family Home

"Clanmore," the home of the Faucette family in Fairfield County, was built about 1844, by contractor, William. A. Lonergan of Charlotte, N.C., for John Christopher Columbus Feaster. John C.C. Feaster and his wife lived there until 1866, at which time it was sold. Major Charles W. Faucette, Sr., coming home from the Confederate War and finding his home in Winnsboro burned, brought the house and plantation, and later, with his family, moved into this community, and gave the name "Clanmore" to his new estate. Sine that time, it has been the ancestral home of the Faucette family in Fairfield.

The house is built in the Colonial Georgia style. It is a two-story brick structure of eight rooms, with halls extending the entire length of the house, but upstairs and down.

Both house and kitchen were built of material mostly from the plantation, and the work was done by hand. The bricks were furnished from the owner's brick mill, also lumber of heart pine came from the estate's forests, and foot-facings and trimmings wee hand carved. All frame work of the roof is fastened together with wooden pegs and wall partitions are of solid double sized brick.

Probably the most interesting feature of this old house is the quaint staircase and burned spot. The burned spot marks the place where a detachment of Northern soldiers made an attempt to burn the house during Sherman's march through South Carolina.

In 1866, Major Faucette and family moved into his new home, where they spend the remainder of their lives. The house and land were inherited by his only son, Charles Faucette, Jr., who lived his entire life there. Clanmore is now in possession of his widow and children.

City Tour - Early History of Winnsboro

Several years before the Revolution, Richard Winn from Virginia moved to what is now called Fairfield County. His lands covered the present site of Winnsboro and as early as 1777, the settlement was known as "Winnsborough." The village was laid out and chartered in 1785 upon petition of Richard Winn, John Winn and John Vanderhorst.

John, Richard, and Minor Winn all served in the Revolutionary. Richard was a General and he is said to have fought in more battles than any Whig in South Carolina. John was a Colonel.

During the Stay of Lord Cornwallis, Colonel John Winn and Minor Winn attempted to ambush and kill his lordship, but they were frustrated. They were captured and condemned to the gallows, but Cornwallis pardoned and released them.

In December, 1832, Winnsboro was incorporated as a town to be governed by an intendant and wardens.

Fairfield County Court House

Fairfield County's Court House was built in 1823, Robert Mills architect, perhaps one of the oldest court houses in the upper part of the State, constructed with English ballast brick brought to Charleston. It was remodeled in 1939, retaining the Mills design. Then it had no piazza or steps in front nor was it overcast or plastered on the outside.

Mount Zion

On January 29, 1777 in Charlestown the Mount Zion Society was organized. It has been claimed that it was composed of about four hundred people from all parts of the State, but mostly from Charlestown. On February 13 of the same year the society was incorporated for the purpose of "founding, endowing, and supporting a public school in the district of Camden." First president of the society was John Winn of Winnsborough and wardens were General Strother and Captain Robert Ellison. Of the thirteen members of the Board of Directors, seven were from Up-Country and six from Charlestown. This was the first cooperative undertaking between South Carolina Low and Up-Country for general welfare.

As early perhaps as 1767 William Humphreys conducted classes in Winnsboro in a small building believed to have been located near the site of the present post office. It is believed that he became an employee of the Mt. Zion Society after its incorporation.

The occupation of Winnsboro by Lord Cornwallis late in 1780 interrupted classes, but in 1783, the society met, reorganized, and continued the school. The building of the period was a modest structure of logs but located upon the same site it has occupied throughout the years. In 1784, the Reverend Thomas Harris McCants was given charge of the institution. He and his three assistants, W.S. Yongue, W.M. Davy, and William Humphreys, enlarged and improved the school.

In 1785 the General Assembly of South Carolina granted a charter to "Mt. Zion College at Winnsboro," but the school never functioned under it.

1824 is recalled as the date that the Mt. Zion society met for the first time in Winnsboro. Prior to this date Up-Country members had to journey 150 miles to attend society meetings.

James W. Hudson became principal in 1834. He was a teacher and administrator of considerable ability and with the aid of six assistants he made the school famous. Students were attracted from distant parts.

During the War Between the States, Mt. Zion did not close. Classes, however, had to seek shelter in the Baptist Church and other buildings when the school building was taken over for a military hospital. Late in the war Federal troops occupied it.

In 1867 the building was burned at a loss of \$30,000.00. A small building to replace it was finally built six years later.

Mt. Zion was changed from an academy to a public school in 1878. This is believed to be the first public school in the State outside of Charleston.

Bratton Place, now "Wynn Dee" - Home of Mr. And Mrs. Joe Cathcart

This historical old dwelling was built on land which was an original grant from King George of England to Joseph Owen, a settler who came here from Pennsylvania in 1768. It was surveyed by Richard Winn, a settler from Virginia for whom Winnsborough was later named. In 1777, Winn purchased this land from Owen. In 1805, he gave, as a wedding present, the land and appertances to his daughter Christina Winn and Colonel William Bratton from York County. During the Confederate War it was the home of his son, General John Bratton, Fairfield's leading general, and his wife, the former Betty DuBose of "Roseland Plantation". During the war it was a refuge house for the women relatives. Sherman's troops visited the premises, raiding the pantry and taking other loot. According to tradition, they drove their horses through the long hall, tearing out the original stairs in the center of the front hall as they went. Today the base of the original old newal post can still be seen in the floor.

This is one of the most typical examples of the Up-Country architecture of the type built in the "L" shape with the two-storied wood frame and the long porch across the front. Unusual are the wide boards of the wooden walls which run horizontal instead of vertical with the dados. The chimney pieces in the living and dining rooms with the hand-carved mantels and paneling which reach to the ceiling are beautiful in simplicity of design. The one in the living room is the old "Sunburst" design seen in so many Adams details. The front entrance is of a special Colonial design. The side lights alternating in circle and diamond shapes. The large fan-shaped glass overhead is interspersed with small circles and arcs forming the arch. The floors are of the original old mellow pine boards. The three outside chimneys of the original part of the house are made of hand-made brick from England and laid in a special Welsh bond.

The old kitchen still stands in the yard and nearby the old well. In the cellar is the cooling well where many a morsel of food was kept. For a century and a half it has been a landmark of the town of Winnsborough.

McCrieght House - 1774 - Home of Mrs. W.M. Quattlebaum

This interesting and picturesque old home has the distinction of being the first frame structure built in Fairfield County. All homes prior to this were made of logs. Built in 1774 by Colonel William McCrieght, one of this section's well known cabinet makers, it definitely reflects the spirit of the Scotch Irish settles in simple, utilitarian aspects whose homes were built for comfort and usefulness. The frame work, walls, and floors are of hand-hewn, hand-planed old pine boards, mostly pegged together. The few nails that were used are hand wrought. The house stands three stories high with two rooms on each floor. The kitchen and dining room on the first floor, living and bedrooms on the others. The original kitchen on the first floor has a quaint hand-made corner cupboard built in the wall with butterfly shelves. It originally had panes of blown glass. The mantels are all high and very wide. The windows have the old twelve-pane sash and still have the original shutters.

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