



# Fairfield Genealogical Society

## NEWSLETTER

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### MOBLEY

My great-grandfather was Robert Jackson **Mobley**. His wife was Alexina Zina Craft. He was born about 1855. Alexina Craft was born in 1857 or 1858. Robert Jackson Mobley and Alexina Craft's children are: Mary Susan (Susie), Lilla, Claire Jane, Mack, and Jack.

In an 1860 Fairfield County census, Robert Jackson Mobley is listed along with brothers Nathan C. and Samuel Mack Mobley. Their parents are Nathan Mobley and Susan Mobley. Who are Nathan and Susan's parents? Where are Nathan and Susan buried? Any information about this family will be much appreciated.

**Contact:** Joyce Eddleman, 2075 Franklin Street, Rock Hill, SC 29732

### HANCOCK

HANCOCK: Seeking any information on the family of my 4th great grandmother, ANN HANCOCK. She moved from Virginia to Fairfield County, SC around the middle 1700's, bringing with her a son, ROBERT HANCOCK, and three daughters, MARTHA, MARY and ELIZABETH HANCOCK. ANN married EHRAIM LILES and had children by him. ROBERT HANCOCK married LUCY (maiden name unknown) and had children. What happened to ANN'S daughters or whom did they marry?

Will appreciate hearing from anyone who has information about these families, no matter how small. Some clues are hidden. Thank You.

**Contact:** Blanche Hancock Turlington, 1155 Hancock Road, Crossett, Arkansas 71635; E-mail: blanche\_turlington@hotmail.com. Telephone 870-364-8589.

## JENKINS

ISO family of John Presley Jenkins born before 1890 in Fairfield County S.C., married Sarah Pinky before or abt 1904. Some of his descendants moved to Virginia." Could you please run this query in your newsletter? Many thanks.

**Contact:** Cindy Hicks [Chicks540@aol.com](mailto:Chicks540@aol.com)

**Cemetery survey books of Fairfield County** are available at the Fairfield Museum in Winnsboro or by mail from the above address below. Volume One includes large cemeteries in the western part of the county, Volume Two is the East, and Volume III is the rest including most family and abandoned burying grounds.

The cost is \$25 each (plus \$5 for each volume if mailed).

FAIRFIELD GENEALOGY ROOM

PO BOX 941

WINNSBORO SC 29180

## SOUTH CAROLINA ROOM

- Rockingham Co., NC, Land Grants, 1778-1929.
- Guilford Co., NC, Land Grants, 1778-1929
- Missouri Birth and Death Records, v. 3
- Internal Revenue Assessment, 1864-1866, Pickens District.
- 1880 United States Census and National Index.

This is a fantastic tool for 1880 searches. It is on 56 CDs and indexes everybody on the census and gives most of the information found on the microfilm of the census. If you do not know the state your people were in, you can search the neighbors when you find an entry. There are transcription errors but with a little imagination you can usually overcome these.

### **Computer programs at the SC Room:**

Ancestry, Family Search, Cyndi's List, US GenWeb, and many other genealogy programs are available for patron searching in the South Carolina room.

### **Classes at the SC Room:**

- Sept. 10 – You Can Get There From here: Getting Started and understanding the Census.
- \*Oct. 15 – Land Records and Probate Records

Classes are 10 a.m. –12 noon and 7-9 p.m. There is no charge, but registration is requested. Please call 242-5000 ext 261 and leave your name, phone number and the date and time you wish to attend.

## NEWS FROM OUR MAILBAG

### **J.M. Connelley Funeral Home Records, Charleston, SC**

J.M. Connelley bought the Ansel Undertaking business of Charleston, SC in 1886. His records began in October 1889 and continued until the 1980's. This first book is an account of Volumes 1 7 2 compiled by Linda Dayhoff Smith, SC researcher & genealogist. The burials recorded are not just Charleston residents but from many towns in South Carolina, many states and even visitors from around the world who met their untimely deaths while staying in the Holy City. This publication is a valuable resource not only for the genealogist and family historian but also to anyone interested in the physicians of the day and the diseases they were faced with! This is the next step in your family search!

Cost: \$25.00 + 5% sales tax (SC residents only) \$3.00 S/H  
Linda D. Smith, 1000 Cold Branch Drive, Columbia, SC 29223

### **2001 Symposium on South Carolina in the Civil War**

The Fourth Annual Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Greenville, SC on September 14-15, 2001. The programs are planned to include presentations by Brent Holcomb, Harold Boozer, Steve Batson and Jim Clary. A full outline of programs, speakers and a registration form can be found: <http://members.tripod.com/mwyckoff/form.html>

### **BUTLER'S BRIGATE**

A new Civil War book about a Confederate cavalry brigade. This brigade commanded by General Matthew C. Butler of Edgefield, SC fought in most of the major cavalry engagements in Virginia during 1864.

Cost: \$21.95. NC addresses add \$1.20 for 6% sales tax.  
Ray Boylston, Boylston Enterprises, 4713 Scollay Court, Raleigh, NC 27609.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED**

Effective December 31, 2001 we will need a new editor. I regretfully have to resign. Anyone that is interested please contact Mr. John E. Hollis, 105 Glenwood Drive, Chapin, SC 29036 9211 or [jhollis@conterra.com](mailto:jhollis@conterra.com).

## WITCHES/WITCHCRAFT – WINNSBORO, APRIL 26, 1837

This is from an article I copied from the files of the Fairfield County Museum. This article has been retyped in its entirety due to the readability of the copy.

“Dear Sir – In reply to yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I answer that I was never concerned in a case of witchcraft. Some years ago, Stephen D. Miller, Esq. defended seven or eight persons who were indicted at Lancaster for assault, battery and false imprisonment. The defence was, that an old woman, the prosecutrix, residing in Chesterfield, had maltreated, by diabolical arts, a poor girl residing in Lancaster; and that the persons indicted, acting from the best advice procurable, went to the old woman, gently laid their hands on her, and brought her into Lancaster, to touch the abused girl, and say over her ‘God bless you!’ That the significant words had been pronounced with the proper ceremony, and the girl instantly recovered. Judge David Johnson presided, and I suppose with a view to look somewhat into the grounds of defence as a matter of curiosity, permitted the girl to be sworn. She testified that being fatigued one evening at her labors, she lay down to rest; Barbara powers, the prosecutrix, came in and sat upon her, and choked her with great violence. After this, Barbara raised her up, converted her into a horse, rode her to Lancaster village, went through the keyhole into several shops, brought out goods of great value, loaded her with them, and rode her into Chesterfield with her booty. Barbara subsequently rode her to Cheraw, and proceeding in like manner, obtained bags of goods, and rode her back to her residence. With the severity of her almost incessant hardships in the service of the witch, her health and strength greatly declined. Here the Judge interposed, and cut off all further testimony. This happened about 1813 or 1814.

“In the year 1792, witches abounded in Fairfield. Many a poor girl was thought to be sadly afflicted by these miscreants, and not a few young persons of the other sex. In fact, to so great a length did they carry their terrible enmities to a numerous list of individuals, that to relieve the sufferers, it was deemed necessary to give the witches a trial, and if found guilty of the charges alleged against them, to punish them with signal severity. In that year, a court composed of witch-doctors, was held at the house of a Mr. Thomas Hill, five miles below Winnsboro’. Four persons were tried, found guilty, and punished by stripes and burning their feet at a bark fire, so that the soles came off. I can barely remember to have seen one of the sisterhood in the hands of the officer of this court, a poor old German woman of 70 years of age, going to the place of trial; and afterwards to have seen the scars of the cow-skin on her arms and shoulders. The sufferers brought suits in the county court of Fairfield, and the defence was fully gone into in each case. The plaintiffs recovered nominal damages. From that day to this, we have not had occasion to complain of the dealing of witch or wizzard among any of our people. I am in possession of the bulk of the evidence delivered on the trial of these poor old people and if you desire it can detail it with a good deal of exactness. Judge Johnson will no doubt remember the case of Barbara Powers. Yours, etc.

“P. EDW. PEARSON.”

“Dr. Thomas Cooper.”

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I also have a copy of an article “The Witches of Fairfield, S.C.” that was published in FATE, True Stories of the Strange and Unknown by Lee R. Gandee, January 1970. If anyone is interested, I’ll be glad to send a copy.

# Ellis Island Records on Internet

We no longer have to search through reel-on-reel of microfilm hoping to find the name of a family member or relative who entered the United States through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924.

Just go to <<http://www.ellislandrecords.org>> and two clicks of the computer mouse will open up a new data base introduced by the Mormon Church containing arrival records of 22 million immigrants.

A visit to Ellis Island can give you access to this data base via some 50 computers stations in the remodeled buildings. There is no extra fee for using the computers in this area. A small fee is paid upon entering the facility. More intensive "scrap booking" and detailed searching is available for a fee and advanced reservation.

This system became operational on April 18, 2001, and includes 70 percent of all U.S.A. arrivals during the 32 period mentioned above. Included in each search will be name, age, nationality, marital status, hometown and port of origin. Church volunteers have worked with the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation to compile the information from manifests immigrants filled out on board ship. This project took several years.

After you have the Web page **Steps to take in your search:**

- 1) input a name and start a search;
- 2) when the search produces a list of names, click on one of them; this calls up the passenger record for that name. Take down that information (e.g., age on arrival) but also
- 3) click on the "ship manifest" button in the left column; this calls up the page of the transcribed manifest that includes the name you clicked on.
- 4) note the line number on which your person of interest is entered In the transcribed manifest, as well as other people on the manifest that are from the same village. For most ships, once the transcribed manifest appears, a button labeled original manifest will also appear. Click on this and a photographic image of the manifest appears, click on the magnifying glass icon on the right to call up an image you can read line by line.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**THE WINNSBORO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS  
GRAVEYARD TOUR IN HISTORIC FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**WINNSBORO S C** – The Winnsboro Downtown Development Association

announces its first “Graveyard Crawl” in Historic Fairfield County on October 27, 2001.

Six churches and graveyards - which date from 1773 - throughout the county are on the tour route. Participants will enjoy a guided tour led by local historians. Bus transportation will be provided along with descriptions of historic sites.

Graveyard Crawl proceeds will be used to develop the master landscape plan for the revitalization of the downtown area of Winnsboro, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A major streetscape project is under construction. Gateways to Winnsboro, pocket gardens, and downtown green spaces will enhance the historic town that was chartered in 1785.

Tickets for the daylong tour, transportation, materials, and lunch cost \$45.00 and may be obtained by sending a check to:

Martha Wilkes, Winnsboro Downtown Development Association

~~214~~ <sup>210</sup> West High Street, Winnsboro, S C 29180

e-mail: [MNJWilkes@chestertel.com](mailto:MNJWilkes@chestertel.com)

Fax: 803.635.596 <sup>5096</sup> Phone: 803.635.9111 mail box 2

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE LIST THIS EVENT AS A LINK ON YOUR WEBSITE.  
THANK YOU.**