



Fairfield Genealogical Society

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The Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS will meet Sunday, May 26 at 3:00 pm at the First Methodist Church. The church is on Congress Street, one block north of the town clock, across from the Winnsboro SC post office. The next meeting will be September 22 and we will have a reunion and celebrate our fifteenth year.

Please send articles, lineage charts, stories, bible records, queries, suggestions or complaints to:

**Fairfield Chapter-SCGS
PO Box 93
Winnsboro SC 29180**

or e-mail the treasurer at.....

jhollis@conterra.com

Articles for the newsletter are especially welcome.

Books

Cemetery survey books of Fairfield

County are available at the Fairfield Museum Genealogy Room in Winnsboro SC or by mail from the address below. There are three volumes, Volume I includes large cemeteries in the western part of the county, Volume II covers the east and Volume III is includes most family and abandoned burying grounds. The cost is \$25 each (\$30 if mailed).

**FAIRFIELD GENEALOGY ROOM
PO BOX 941
WINNSBORO SC 29180**

Notice - Reconstruction of the Genealogy of the Wise Family of the Congarees

The Wise genealogy will be available in March 2002. The book is indexed and fully documented. Hardbound copies are available from the author for \$22.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling charges. Copies are limited. If you would like a copy or copies please send a check and shipping address to the author at:

**William R Bauer, 823 Calhoun Street,
Columbia SC 29201**

Queries

Boyd/Kennedy

Need information on ROBERT BOYD and NATHANIEL BOYD both living in Fairfield District in 1819 to determine if either was married to MS. KENNEDY the daughter of WILLIAM KENNEDY (died 1819) or possibly Robert or Nathaniel had a son who married a Kennedy. William Kennedy who died 1819 made reference to his granddaughter PEGGY BOYD in his will probated in Fairfield District October 19, 1819. Both Robert Boyd and Nathaniel Boyd are listed as purchasers of personal property at the estate sale. The William Kennedy family lived in the southwest part of Fairfield County near the Little River. ESTHER MANN KENNEDY, the daughter of NATHANIEL MANN (1790-1856) and MARGARET RICHARDSON (1790-1878) was married to JOHN ROBERT KENNEDY (1820-1864), a son of WILLIAM KENNEDY JR. (died 1822) and grandson of WILLIAM KENNEDY (died 1819). Esther is listed on the 1876 map of Fairfield County living on what is now Highway #269 at the intersection of Estes Road in Bethel Community. Information on the Boyd-Kennedy Connection or related family information will be appreciated. Contact William R Bauer, 823 Calhoun St, Columbia SC 29201; e-mail: williamrbauer@msn.com; FAX: 803-252-0703; Telephone 803-256-7777.

Cathcart, Huey, Nelson

Seek information on HAMILTON CATHCART, born 1870, Spartanburg Co., son of WILLIAM HUEY CATHCART, born 1848, Winnsboro SC and LEVINA *****. WILLIAM HUEY CATHCART died 1875 of accidental gunshot wounds, buried in Bethel ARP Cemetery, Winnsboro. (Editors note: Vol II of Fairfield County Cemeteries has a listing for WILLIE H CATHCART, died 12/11/1875, age 26y 3m 27d.)

Also seek parents of BRYANT HUEY, born 1906, died February 1932, buried in pl.ot of MARION NELSON Laurelwood Cemetery, Rock Hill SC. No SC death record, possibly died in NC(?). MARION, nephew of JAMES and JANE (NELSON) HUEY, in Winnsboro, SC 1842-1860. Evelyn C Murray, 22 Howard Hill Road, Foster RI 02825-1220--Ph 401-397-3918.

Helm, Porter, Goodrum, Tidwell

Searching for the names of the wife and parents of MEREDITH HELM, born between 1760-70, reportedly in Fairfield County, SC; migrated to Smith County, TN, c1800; patented land in Cooper County, MO in 1818 and died there before 1821. Heirs listed when his property was divided were: MALACHI, WILLIAM, POLLY, ALLEN LYNA, DICEY, JANE (JINSI), TILMAN, MEREDITH, SUSANNA, MARGARET (PEGGY) AND RHONDA HELM. Oldest proven son, MALACHI HELM, married ELIZABETH PORTER, the daughter of SEBRA GOODRUM and WILLIAM PORTER on 14 May 1814 in Maury County, TN. SEBRA GOODRUM married RICHARD TIDWELL, also of Fairfield County, SC. Betty Helms Vinski, PO Box 473, Klondike, TX 75448-0473
e-mail: betty_vinski@etsuodt.tamu-commerce.edu

Elizabeth Hollis
To
John B Pickett

Deed of Right of road
Article of agreement between Elizabeth
Hollis & Robert D Hollis of one part
And John B Pickett of the other. In consideration of privileges that

will be under named we the said Elizabeth Hollis & Robert D Hollis do hereby give Mr John B Pickett a waggon road through our land to his Horse Branch place commencing where the old road through our field now is on the Ridge to run near the grave yard for the span of two years or forever & do bind ourselves our heirs and assigns to warrant said Road to said John B Pickett his heirs and assigns forever. The consideration of which Mr John B Pickett has the above named privileges is that he agrees to haul rails and assist in making a lane through said place and assist in splitting rails to assist to make such lane as is above described and also said J B Pickett agrees to haul in Robt D Hollis corn the present year and next year in witness of the above agreement and we have hereunto set our hands & seals this 10th day of Oct 1849

her
Elizabeth X Hollis LS

Witnesses
P. G. Killingsworth Robert D Hollis X LS
R. K Pickett mark

South Carolina Fairfield District

Personally appeared before me R. K. Pickett and made oath that he saw Elizabeth Hollis and Robert D Hollis sign seal and deliver the annexed inclosurement of writing further uses and purposes therein mentioned and that he with P G Killingsworth in the presence of each other witnessed this due execution thereof.

Sworn to before me 11th June AD 1850

O R Thompson Cl P & Ex off Cog{?} R K Pickett

Recorded 11th June 1850 Delivered to R K Pickett

6Jul1859

Cemetery Committee Activities

With the help of the museum director, Pelham Lyles, we are trying to locate family and abandoned cemeteries in Fairfield County. Many were located several years ago and this information was published in Volume III of the cemetery survey books; the number that was used to identify each cemetery is given after the name of the cemetery. However, many were missed as well as were the black cemeteries. Even the ones that were located at that time are difficult to find today. That is where the GPS (Global Positioning System, that uses satellites to determine longitude and latitude) will be helpful. We have visited the following sites and have the GPS readings. If you have any information or directions that would be helpful please contact the museum at 803-635-9811 or fairfieldmus@chestertel.com.

CRAIG/KENNEDY (SEE NEXT PAGE >)

3 mi SW of Ridgeway , 1/4 mi North of Rd #30 on dirt road (), just East of I-77.

NOT in Volume III of FF Cemetery Survey

N 34 17.11'

W 80 59.71'

In good condition.

LYLES (#65 in Vol III)

West side of Road 421, SW area of county near Brown's Bridge on Little River.

N34 14.60'

W81 10.81'

In good condition.

MANN (Not in Vol III)

No inscribed markers.

N of Rd 420, one mi W of intersection with Rd 176

N 34 14.10

W 81 10.57

In Good condition, granite stones, no names inscribed.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHO IS BURIED HERE?

MILLING (#41 in Vol III)

NW of intersection of SC #213 & Rd 54 (Jackson Creek Road)

N 34 21.40'

W 81 10.69'

In excellent condition, all family cemeteries should look like this.

OWENS CEMETERY (AA-Not in Vol III)

3/10 mi S of Jenkinsville, off Fire Tower Road (S-20-275), W on Penner Road

N 34 15.64'

W 81 16.83'

Large black cemetery in good condition.

YARBOROUGH (#2 in Vol III)

Directions same as Owens above, on opposite side of dirt Penner Road .

N 34 15.64'

W 81 16.81'

In very bad condition, needs some work.

NEW BUFFALO BAPTIST (#104 in Vol III)

Two miles N of Richland County on US #321, turn on Devil's Racetrack Road, a dirt county road (#93), for 6/10 mile, markers are in front yard of private home.

N 34 16.03

W 81 04.01

In good condition, CSA marker reported in previous survey is missing from John B Broom grave.

The Craig/Kennedy Family Cemetery

This cemetery is located in Ridgeway SC. In 1966 there were nineteen legible tombstones. It is located on what once was Craig property near Cedar Creek and may have been originally owned by Alexander Kennedy Sr. Some suggested that this may have been the location of the original Aimwell Presbyterian Church building.

Thanks to Gayle Kennedy Williams, 421 Harrell Drive, Spartanburg SC 29307, 864-579-0076, g.k.williams@home.com for contributing this information.

First Row:	<u>Cynthia Ann</u> infant daughter of A K & M E Craig died Feb 21 1854 Aged 2 mos, 18 days	<u>Mrs. Margaret Emeline Craig</u> March 18, 1854 Aged 27 yrs, 2 mos, 25 days
	<u>Arthur K Craig</u> b April 14, 1816 d Dec 3, 1879 Aged 63 yrs, 7mos, 19 days	<u>Alexander B Craig</u> b June 1, 1810 d June 11, 1880
Second Row:	<u>Samuel W Kennedy</u> b June 9, 1798 d April 27, 1837	
Third Row:	<u>Alexander G Kennedy</u> b Sept 20, 1820 d Dec 1, 1852	<u>Alexander B Kennedy</u> b Feb 21, 1823 d Aug 28, 1840 Aged 17 yrs, 8 mos, 7 days
	<u>James C Kennedy</u> b Dec 6, 1820 d Aug 18, 1840 Aged 19 yrs, 8 mos, 12 days	<u>Eliza A Kennedy</u> b Oct 13, 1829 d Oct 1, 1846 Aged 16 yrs, 11mos, 17 days
	<u>Thomas W Kennedy</u> b Jan 1, 1839 d Oct 2, 1846 Aged 7 yrs, 9 mos, 1 day	(On same marker as Eliza A Kennedy)
	<u>John Kennedy</u> b Jul 13, 1779 d Aug 21, 1840 Aged 61 yrs, 8 mos, 7 days	<u>Martha</u> wife of John Kennedy b Sept 17, 1791 d Jan 31, 1827 Aged 35 yrs, 4 mos, 14 days

HOREB CHURCH

The following article was printed in *The News and Herald* on 21 June 1962....

Marker at Horeb Church Dedicated

Approximately 100 persons attended dedicatory services of a marker at the site of Old Horeb Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 10. The marker was erected by Union Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Robert E Smith, pastor of Sion Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro, gave the invocation, the Rev Cecil D Brearley Jr of Columbia read the scripture lesson. The Rev Arthur M Martin of Columbia, executive secretary of the Synod of South Carolina read a history of Horeb Church, and Elder George R Park, Clerk of the Session of Union Memorial, dedicated the marker. The prayer of dedication was given by Rev Samuel Hudson Hay of Columbia and the Rev Joe D Beale, pastor of Aimwell Church, Ridgeway, pronounced the benediction.

The History of Horeb Church as read by the Rev Arthur M Martin, June 10, 1962

Horeb Presbyterian Church, according to a Mrs Camak, who being 77 years old and the oldest member of the church in 1850, when she told to Dr Howe for his *History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina*, was organized in 1791 or 1792, when Rev Thomas Harris McCaule(y?) began to preach there. A log church was built, evidently near the old cemetery where the road through Mossydale, crosses Crooked Run branch, a tributary of Cedar Creek and an affluent of Broad River.

It was first known on the rolls of Presbytery as Crooked Run Church. On February 1, 1800, the church requested First Presbytery to record its name as Horeb; and later that same year on September 30, they call William G Roseborough, who accepted and on February 4, 1801, was ordained and installed pastor of Horeb and Concord congregations. Mr Roseborough served Horeb six years, but his name lingered. In Mills' Atlas the church, about ten miles southwest of Winnsboro, is called Roseborough Meeting House.

The longest pastorate of Horeb Church began in 1826 when Rev William Brearley, just out of Princeton Seminary, came to be pastor and preached monthly until 1840, when he moved to Darlington. After irregular supplies, Rev Samuel Hutson Hay, fresh from Columbia Seminary, which had been founded in 1828, became pastor for two years. Rev George Christian Logan served as pastor two years until his death, June 10, 1848. His tomb is the most distinguished evidence on the site today, along with the foundation of the former frame building. Dr Daniel Baker held a great revival at Horeb Church in 1832 on one of his tours. He also raised a good sum for his Austin College in Texas.

The first three elders, according to Mrs Camak, were James Brown, a Mr Boyd, and one other she had forgotten. Other elders of Horeb were James McDill (1845), Nathaniel Marvin, Jacob Bookman, William Gilbert and Charles B Douglas. Others were John Elliott, John Hamilton and John Brown (1820's).

The history of the church after the war is meager. The last record of the church in the statistics of the General Assembly is in 1879, when the church reported 60 members, three elders and three deacons. When Union Church was organized in July 1889, its membership which grew from 22 to 69 in three years, was made up largely of former members of Horeb Church, including Elder J B Murray, who became a charter member and one of the first two elders of Union.

In a very real sense, the life and history of old Horeb Church has been perpetuated in the organization, life and history of Union Presbyterian Church. In 1939, Elder Leighton Hawes, who grew up in Horeb Church, left his generous bequest to Union Church, thus making possible the erection of the present granite church, now known by the terms of his will as Union Memorial Church. It is a memorial to Elder and Mrs Leighton W Hawes and behind them, a memorial to Old Horeb Church. The marker dedicated June 10, 1962 to mark the site of Old Horeb is thus fittingly dedicated by the congregation and session of Union Memorial Church.

Fairfield County Officers

What might reasonably be termed the first county officers of what is now Fairfield County were, under act of March 12, 1785, the following were appointed members of the county court, which had wide powers: John Winn, Richard Winn, Minor Winn, Capt John Buchanan, James Craig, William Kirkland, John Pearson, John Turner and Isaac Love. The men lived in different sections of the county, and probably had individual as well as collective powers.

In the early days there were election contests as there are today. In 1796 there is a petition to the legislature of Ephraim Lyles protesting the election to the house of representatives of James Kincaid and John Turner, and in 1798, there is the petition of James Kincaid protesting the election of John Boykin and Thomas Means. In neither case did the protests seem to have any effect.

The inconvenience of voting in the early days is made plain by a petition in 1799, asking that two other voting precincts be established in the county other than at Winnsboro, saying that many electors lived more than 25 away, and that in bad weather it was well nigh impossible to get to Winnsboro in the two days allowed for voting.

In 1783, Col John Winn was entered as a member of the senate of South Carolina, but the district he represented was not indicated. However, as he was from Fairfield, he may be taken as the first senator.