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Fifteenth Year Celebration

The next meeting is planned for September 22. This will be our fifteenth year and we plan to have a reunion and celebration. The celebration will be at 3:00 pm at the First Methodist Church, one block north of the town clock, across from the Winnsboro, SC Post Office. Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be receiving additional information on the celebration as September nears.

Articles, Charts, etc.

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

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South Carolina Archives

Many of you are aware of the change in the hours that the Archives are open, but some may not know of the change. Due to budget cuts the Archives have cut the hours that the Search Room is open. The Search Room is no longer open in the evenings or on the weekends. The Search Room is only open from 8:45 am to 4:45 pm; Monday through Friday. It is not too late to write your local Representative or Senator and express your support to restore funds to enable the Archives to open the Search Room for evening and weekend use.

QUERIES

DR. THOMAS RIVES CENTER [1808-1886], son of NATHAN CENTER and Charlotte Rives [daughter of Timothy Rives, Columbia}, son of NATHAN CENTER who died 1783, and Martha Taylor, Camden District, Columbia Area. Dr. Thomas Rives Center [sometimes in records as Thomas B.] first married Miss Hester Boyd [sometimes, Byrd], 1816-1856; secondly, married Mrs. Sarah Waring. Dr. Thomas Rives Center's children were: Marion, Robert Gibbs, Thomas Murray, James Nathan, Celia Howard, Martha, and Hester Boyd Center. NEED: Burial Site of Dr. Thomas Rives Center and any information on any of his descendants. Email: historiang@msn.com or write: W. M. Gray, 5634 Collins Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72904.

Creative Genealogy

Being Creative With Troublesome Kin

You are working on your family genealogy and, for the sake of example, let's say that your great-great uncle, Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing his standing on the gallows. On the back are the words: Remus Starr: Horse Thief, sent to the Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged, 1889.

Pretty grim situation, right? But let us revise things a bit. We simply copy the picture, scan in an enlarged image and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot. Next we rewrite the text: "Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885 he devoted several years of his life to service at a governmental facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

WERE YOUR ANCESTORS REGULATORS?

In the middle 1700's the only law or court was in Charleston and our ancestors had to basically fend for themselves. In an effort to establish some degree of order the people activated the Regulators. The following is a short summary from "The South Carolina Regulators" by Richard Maxwell Brown.

There was no basically no law other than along the coast and bands of outlaws roved the backcountry. In June and July of 1767 there was an intolerable crime outbreak. The Back Countrymen rose up and assaulted the villages and cabins of the outlaws. They burned the cabins, took the horses, goods and young girls the outlaws had taken. The outlaws counterattacked and the back countrymen gathered to consider some order in their proceedings. The area between the Broad and Catawba Rivers was a hotbed of the Regulator movement. In this area three leading citizens activated the regulators. These were Thomas Woodward, Barnaby Pope and Edward McGraw. After they gained control over the outlaws they evidently started meddling and some of the local people started complaining. In June 1768 John Wood, a deputy of Provost Marshal Roger Pinckney was captured by the Regulators. He was carrying a writ calling for the arrest of three regulator leaders, Moses Kirkland, Edward McGraw, and Henry Hunter. They tied him to his horse, flogged him and chained him to a tree for five days. John was able to make his escape and fled for his life. There ensued a lot of heated discussion between the Regulators and the Governor. The Regulators were planning to amass a group of 3-4000 men and march on Charleston to express their grievances. In an effort to avoid the bloodshed that had occurred in North Carolina, the Governor was able to get King George III to pardon the Regulators on October 31, 1771. Every effort was made to copy the pardon just as it was written.

THE REGULATOR PARDON OF OCTOBER 31, 1771

South Carolina George the Third by the Grace of god of Great Britain, France
& Ireland King Defender of the Faith & so forth

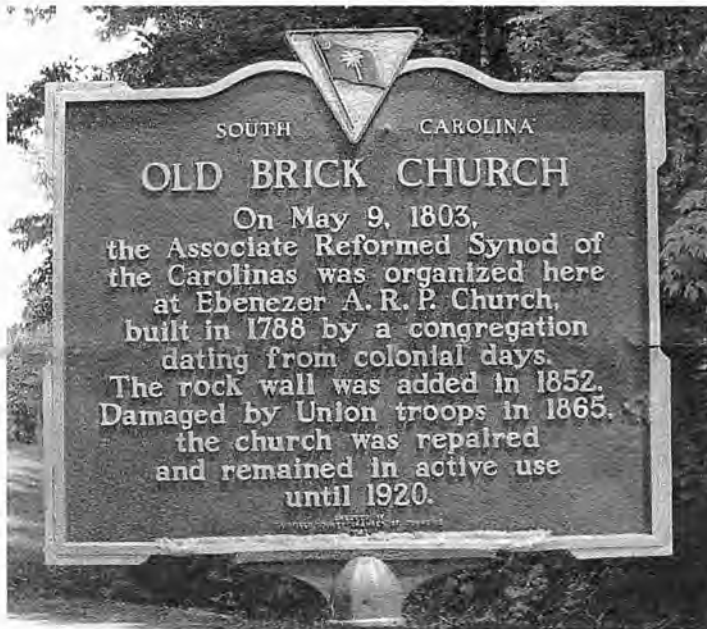
To all & singular our Judges, Justices, Marshalls, Sheriffs, Constables, Balliffs & Other our Peace Officers of loving Subjects with in our said Province, Greetings Whereas sundry Inhabitants in the northern part of our said province hereto For assembled themselves together under the name of Regulators & committed various Outrages & acts of violence in illegally whipping & imprisoning divers persons under pretence of their being Robbers & Horse Thives. But forasmuch as it appears that sundry well disposed people had been unwanly draws in to join the said Association in some of the said illegal acts of violence by them committed. We did by our Proclamation under the Great Seal of our said province bearing the sixth Day of August 1768 promise our most gracious Pardon for the said Outrages & Acts of Violence Committed by any person or Persons on or before the said sixth Day of August 1768 to all such Persons as Should henceforward peaceably Demean themselves & should keep our peace & duly observe the Laws of our said province enacted for the preservation of the same. And Whereas very many of the said people who called themselves Regulators did thereupon Desist form the illegal practices aforesaid & peace & tranquility hath in a manner been restored to the inhabitants in the back settlement of our said province. And whereas John Marshall William Welsh, Richard Burnett, John Welsh, Thomas Marshall, William Deason, John Holley Senior, John Holley Junior, James Holley, John Cook Jonathan Holley, John

Kirkland, Benjamin Cook, Francis Kirkland, James Marlow, John Owens, James Owens, James Rutland, Edward Grigg, Andrew Baskins, Joshua English, William Hilton, Joshua Dinkins Samuel Wiggins, David Gibson, Barnaby Pope, John Kimbol, William Kirkland, Thomas Parrot, Moses Matthews, David McGraw, William Simmons, Philip Shaver, David Moore, Thomas Frankland, William Frazier, Jacob Frazier, William McGraw, Edward McGraw Junior James Jones, Mark Davis, James Nelson, John Woodward, Josiah Horn, James Andrews Senior, Thomas Trap, John Miles, John Prigg, Edward Narramore, Bryant Tyley, John Lighner, Edward McGraw Senior, Henry Wimpey, Henry Gates, Gorge Lewey, John Goodwin, James Russell, George Lightner, James Andrews Junior, Enoch Andrews, William Hill, Enoch McGraw, Benjamin Gigary, Peter Rapesome, William Ackary, Jesse Stevens, John Roden, Alexander Daley, Henry Horne, William Nettles, Averheart Nates, John Gray, Richard Taylor, Daniel Gardner, Wood Tucker & John Cook of our said province planters, have represented unto us that altho' they were present at some of the illegal proceedings committed on the first Association of the Regulators they have for a long time past duly observed our peace & have humbly besought us to grant to them our pardon for the said Offences. Now know ye that we being graciously inclined Release unto the said John Marshall, William Welsh, Richard Burnett, John Welsh, Thomas Marshall, William Deason, John Holley Senior, John Holley Junior, James Holley, John Cook, Jonathan Holley, John Kirkland, Benjamin Cook, Francis Kirkland, James Marlow, John Owens, James Owens, James Rutland, Edward Grigg, Andrew Baskin, Joshua English, William Hilton, Joshua Dinkins, Samuel Wiggins, David Gibson, Barnaby Pope, John Kinbol, William Kirkland Thomas Parrot, Moses Matthews, David McGraw, William Simmons Philip Shaver, David Moore, Thomas Frankland, William Frasier, Jacob Frazier, William McGraw, Edward McGraw Junior, James Jones, Mark Davis, James Nelson, John Woodward, Josiah Horn, James Andrews Senior Thomas Trap, John Miles, John Prigg, Edward Narramore, Bryant Ryley, John Lighner, Edward McGraw Senior, Henry Wimpey, Henry Gates, Geo. Lewey, John Goodwin, James Russell, George Lightner, James Andrews Junior, Enoch Andrews, William Hill, Enoch McGraw, Benjamin Gigary, Peter Rapesome, William Ackary, Jesse Stevens, John Roden, Alexander Daley, Henry Horne, William Nettles, Averheart Nates, John Gray, Richard Taylor, Daniel Gardner, Wood tucker & John Cook & to each & to every of them All Assaults, Batteries, Trespasses, Misdemeanours, & Crimes whatsoever under the Nature & Degree of a Felony had done, committed & perpetrated by them or any of them on or before the first day of October Instant, & all Fines, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, & Imprisonments or other punishments for the same, & We do hereby further Will & Direct, that no Suit shall henceforward be Instituted or Prosecuted in our Name or at our Instance against all or either of the above named persons for any of the Trespasses or Misdemeanours aforesaid, of which our Attorney General of our said province & all others whom it any concern, are required to take due Notice & govern themselves accordingly.

Given under the Great Seal of our said Province
Witness His Excellency the Right Honble
Lord Chas. Greville Montagu Captain
General governor & Commander in
Chief in & over our Said province this
thirty first day of October Anno Dom:
1771 & in the Twelfth Year of our Reign
Chas. Grev. Montagu

By His excellencys Command
Geo. Murry
Dep. Secy.

Some Historical Markers in Fairfield County



OLD BRICK CHURCH



Cathcart-Ketchin House

South Congress Street – Winnsboro—Richard Cathcart purchased this lot from John McMaster in 1829, and it is thought he built the present three story Federal Style House shortly thereafter. The house has had a number of owners including artist George Ladd and his wife Catherine from 1852 to 1862. Mrs. Ladd was principal of the Winnsboro Female Institute here until forced to close by the war. Priscilla Ketchin, who purchased it in 1874, and her family made their home here until her death in 1911. Subsequently, the building became rental property, public school, a hotel and a boarding house. The building was deeded to Fairfield County to be restored in 1969 by Ella Cathcart Wilburn and Carrie Cathcart Owings. Restoration was completed in 1974; with the house retaining its original heart pine floors and hand-carved woodwork, and the Fairfield County Museum has occupied the Cathcart-Ketchin House since March 15, 1976. The Fairfield Genealogy Room is also housed in this building.

Nuclear Power

Road 16, near Parr - Two miles west of here at Parr Shoals on the Broad River is the first atomic nuclear power plant in the Southeast. In 1954, the Atomic Energy Act was amended to allow the construction of nuclear power plants by private industry. Built by Carolina Virginia Nuclear Power Associates Inc., this plant was dedicated on October 24, 1961

Kincaid-Anderson House

Road 48, near road 213 – This two story brick house was build by James Kincaid (1754-1801), Revolutionary War soldier, who came from Scotland in 1773 and acquired this land in 1775. It was completed according to his plans after his death by his son William Kincaid (1782-1834). Their descendents, the Andersons, lived here until about 1900.

Kelly Miller (1863-1939)

Born in Fairfield County, this renowned black educator attended Fairfield Institute, 1878-1880, and won a scholarship to Howard University, from which he graduated in 1886. The Fairfield Institute, a grade school and normal institute for blacks, was founded in 1869 by the Northern Presbyterian Church. In 1880, one hundred of its students were studying to be teachers and twenty other to enter the ministry. After graduate work at John Hopkins, Miller received his AM and LLD Degrees in 1901 and 1903 and was for many years professor and dean at Howard. His writings on race problems were widely read in major universities.

Will of Robert Boyd

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Boyd of Fairfield District South Carolina, being of sound & disposing mind & memory but weak in body & calling to mind the uncertainty of life & being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleases God to bless me with do make & ordain this my last will & manner following, vig. First of all, I give to my son John Boyd all the land belonging to me west of the Winnsborough Road & five dollars in money. Secondly, I give to my son Archibald Boyd all that trace of land containing 171 acres more or less, known by the name of the Mason land, one set blacksmith tools & a rifle gun. Thirdly, I give to my son James Boyd 100 acres of land an oblong square commencing at Quigly corners & running from thence south east to my own corner & also one rifle gun. Fourthly, I give unto my son Robert Boyd the tract of land I now live on lying betwixt the Kinsdy Road & John Boyd boundary line commencing at Quiglys line on the Kundy & extending to the Andrews & Bears corners on the Columbia Road also one set Blacksmith tools & shot gun. Fiftly, I give to my daughter Jane Fraser 75 acres of land commencing at Frasers fence at Nats old field running a straight line with his new ground fence until it parcels a plot of 75 acres. I also give to her a Negro girl Nancy & her increase. Sixthly, I give to my three daughters Elinor Mary & Nancy all the balance of my land to be equally divided amongst them. All the residue or balance of my Estate including negros horses cattle hogs sheep wagon & gear household & kitchen furniture plantation tools crop of every description money note bond mortgages or any other property that I may be in possession of at my decease or have any legal claim to all of which I give unto my six children, vig. Archibald Boyd, James Boyd, Robert Boyd, Elinor Boyd, Mary Boyd & Nancy Boyd to be equally divided amongst them the same to be valued by three disinterested persons the negros to be put into six different lots as equal in value as possible & then drown for by the Legator commencing as their names are on the record above & if there should be a difference in

value of said lots of negroes that child or children drawing the lots most valuable I injoin it on them to refund in money to the child of children drawing the lots of less value a sufficient sum to make each child dividends precisely the same & as regards the balance of the property negroes excepted if the children to whom it is left cannot divide it so as to give to each one an equal share I regress the same course to be taken as with the negroes as above dissected. Lastly I do constitute & appoint my sons Archibald Boyd, James Boyd & Robert Boyd executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other & former wills and testaments by me made intestimory whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord on thousand Eight hundred & forty.

his
Robert X Boyd
Mark

Signed sealed published and declared in the presents of
M W Nelson, M A Nelson, I W Nelson

Probating the Last Will of Robert Boyd

State of South Carolina Fairfield District

Personally appeared Margaret W. Nelson who being duly sworn makes oath that she saw Robert Boyd sign seal publish & declare the within instrument of writing as for his last will & testament that the testator was then of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding to the best of this deponents knowledge & belief & that this deponent with M. A. Nelson & I. W. Nelson in the presents of each other In the presence of the testator, signed these names as witnesses to the duly execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 7th day of Feb. 1848. At the same time qualified.

Archibald Boyd & James Boyd Executors

J. S. Stewart O. F. D.