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FIFTEENTH YEAR CELEBRATION

The next meeting of the Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS will be Sunday at 3:00 pm, September 22, 2002 at the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro, S. C. The church is located on Congress Street, one block north of the town clock, across from the Winnsboro, S. C. Post Office. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for the meeting and help celebrate our fifteenth year!

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QUERIES

Need information on **WILLIAM H. LEE**, born in 1812 at South, York, SC and died in 1889 in DeQueen, Miller, Arkansas. Need to know who his parents and siblings were. I have him living in Bibb and Perry County, Alabama in the 1830's. He had four sons who were born in Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. The "H" could be Henry or Harrison. Norma Lee Mayben, 7 Hillard Circle, Abilene, Texas, 79601

Articles, Bible Records, Lineage Charts Etc. Needed

Sharing your information, sources, and experiences is a vital part of being a member of your genealogical society. Please submit any information you may have for inclusion in your newsletter to:

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The following letter, written by John B. Phillips to his brother in what is now Northern Ireland, was submitted by Mrs. Jackie Cannon. The letter is copied from the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland--T-1449 and is presented with the spelling and punctuation that the writer used. Lisburn, the geographical location named in the letter, is near Belfast and the port of entry of John Phillips is Charleston SC.

Fairfield District March the 12 1819

Dear Brother

Being anxious to know how you are I take the liberty of sending you these few lines hoping that they may find not only you but my Father and mother and every member of our family in good health and spirit, such as I now perfectly enjoy indeed. I have been very well since I left Ireland except sea sickness and that was of short duration being only half an hour during the whole voyage at that time we were in the middle of the Atlantic ocean cruising at the rate of ten miles an hour with double reefed topsails which were torn to pieces not withstanding we had a good passage being only six weeks from we left Ireland to we got a view of our distant shore. There was nothing happened during the voyage worthy of communicating so I have only to relate what happened after I landed. It being far in the day when we got to shore I spent the remainder in taking a view of the town which is the most considerable in South Carolina and is a pretty well built town. the public buildings are an exchange store, House armory, feed house, two large churches for Episcopalians two for congregationalists or independents one for Scotch presbyterian one for Baptists one for german Luthern two for the Methodists one for French Protestants besides a meeting house for Quakers, a Roman Catholic chapel and a Jewish Synagogue which are all well finished elegant houses. the streets are wide and sandy the people are cleanly in their person affable and very polite indeed too much so in many respects. they have too much of the politeness of the french people I had not been walking long to I met very respectable gentleman who asked me if I was not one of the passengers I stold him I was what part did I come from Lisbuon then we entered into conversation in The course of which he asked me if I knew Mrs Singers I told him I did perfectly he told me he was her Brother John so I gave him her letter Then he took me with him to dinner where I drank some of the most exelent spirits I ever tasted during which he read the letter give me an exelent advce and promised to look for a place for me Mr Blackwood is a verry respectable man and an extensive Merchant he intends to visit Ireland this summer which you must let Mrs Singers know It was near dark when I parted with Mr Blackwood returning down street I met James Coburn and Robert who was glad to see me after taking a drink of ale I returned to the ship. the next day was nearly spent in getting our chests landed. A Mr Gray the gentleman that Robert Coburn keeps store for went to the custom house with us where we had to swear that what we had was our own person property as we got a permit for which we paid half a dollar. I put my chest in Mr Grays store and dined with him that day. I stoped at Mrs Stucks(?) in that night where I met with a country gentleman who told me they were very ill of for a school master in there settlement and wished me to go with him telling me that I would have 300 dollars or 70 L per year bound to me and that he would carry me to the place which was 160 miles above Charleston and if the place would happen to be engaged he would not let me be at any expense to. I should happen to get a place suitable to my inclinations so I started off with this man the next day and encamped successively in the woods for four or five nights when we had got up so far as Jackson creek

I met a Mr David Phillips son to Captain James Phillips who is Brother to the old Colonel. This young gentleman pressed me verry much to go and see his father but I did not like to stop to I have seen whether the school has engaged or not but I had only teen miles further to go so that I could see him any time however my host did not avail the school was engaged but I was pretty safe being carried 160 mile into a healthy part of the country with out any expense after I had spent a few days I returned to see Mr Phillips who gave me a most agreeable reception and told me to make his house my home to I would get business this old man has a large plantation lives retired and independent he has 5 sons 4 of them are married and have plantations of their own one of them is an adjutant in militia I stoped too weeks with the old man verry happily as he is so agreeable his memory so good and having seen so much of the world that his company cannot fail of being interesting though he is 70 years of age he relates all his youth ful exploits with the sprightleness of youth and that dignity of manners which can only be acquired by frequenting the best companies. I have begun to work with one of his sons at the carpenter business we are building a Methodist preaching house of timber which is a frame work which is shuted over we have 700 dollars for it we have only to put up the outside and gallery and floor we get the plank at the saw mill for a dollar and a half for 110 feet the rest of the timber for the cutting down I have had a job sawing the stuff for our frame so that now I can use the framed saw completely cannot tell you what wages I will make yet as I get a share of the profits but carpenters wages are from one dollar and a half to two dollars per day Bricklayers and stone masons are the same plasters or painters can allmost make as much as they please a laboring man will get 200 dollars and sometimes his diet per year A Blacksmith who will work will make at least 400 dollars per year Schoolmasters get pretty good wages I have been offered 50L per year three or four times with my diet but A person who is able to buy a peace of land he will get it for dollars per acre for ever he can make more that trade man can do a man who can set up a small store in the country is superior to any other he will sell nothing but what he will have 30 p C at least or more the natural produce of the place whare I have stoped is walnut, pine and locust on these lands are cultivated there is principally wheat - rye - barley - oats the three last of which the sow only for pasturag as the land dose not produce grass of any consequence in this state T{he} peaches and apples are plenty in this settlement Mellons especially the water Mellon are vary plenty and grapes are plenty in the woods in summer I have little more to communicate onely I am at work every day my master is a good undertaker give me every instruction besides I am making money plenty in chort I live as well as a man could wish when I wish to go to any house of worship or any orther place there is a horse to ride when I please though my master has a numerous family it is a most agreeable one composed of 9 boy and one girl who is most amiable tell Sarah McAfese will meet a good reception here let me know every particular and write as son as you recieve this. I remain you affectionate

Brother John BPhillips

Mrs. Cannon has connections to many Fairfield families; the major ones are Buchanan, McDowell, Phillips, Russell, Gladney and Young. She has edited the Georgia Genealogical Society newsletter and quarterly in the past and has accumulated on microfilm a large library of deeds, wills and other records. AND, is willing to share the information. You may contact Mrs. Charlie R Cannon Jr., Pleasant Acres, 4779 Adams Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338; Email: Jackjjc@aol.com. Here are the Fairfield County material she has.

BOOKS AND MICROFILM-

Fairfield County	Family Histories – Johnson
Fairfield County	History of – Ederington
Fairfield County	Court of Equity Minutes, 1820 – 1832
Fairfield County	Court Minutes, 1785 – 1799
Fairfield County	Deed Books 1784 – 1794; 1785 – 1788; 1788 – 1789
Fairfield County	Deed Books 1800 – 1802; 1802 – 1804; 1804 – 1806
Fairfield County	Deed Books 1819 – 1821; 1821 – 1822; 1823 – 1824
Fairfield County	Deed Books 1824 – 1825; 1825 – 1826; 1826 – 1828
Fairfield County	Deed Books 1828 – 1832; 1831 – 1833; 1833 – 1835
Fairfield County	Deed Books D, E, F, G, H 1790 – 1793
Fairfield County	Deed Books I, K, L, M 1793 – 1800
Fairfield County	Deed Books Q, R, S, T 1806 – 1811
Fairfield County	Deed Books U, V, W, X 1811 – 1816
Fairfield County	Deed Books Y, Z, AA1816 – 1819
Fairfield County	Estate Books E7, F8, G9
Fairfield County	Estate Records 1787 – 1815
Fairfield County	Estates 1801 – 1805; 1835 – 1838; 1840 – 1844
Fairfield County	Family Histories of
Fairfield County	History of – McMaster
Fairfield County	Index to Estate Papers 1787 – 1869
Fairfield County	Index to Deeds 1785 – 1841
Fairfield County	Inventory Book 1, 1794 – 1800
Fairfield County	Marriages 1775 – 1870 from Probate Records – Langdon
Fairfield County	Minutes of County Court 1785 – 1799 – Holcomb
Fairfield County	Sketch Book – Bolick
Fairfield County	Through The Years in Old Winnsboro – Obear
Fairfield County	Wills 1773 – 1797
1810 Census for Darlington, Edgefield, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Fairfield and Georgetown Counties	
1820 Census for Fairfield County	
1830 Census Index for Fairfield County	
1840 Census for Fairfield County	

In the Name of God Amen

I **Nancy Boyd** of Fairfield District and State of South Carolina, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following Viz.

First I leave and bequeath to my beloved Brother **Robert Boyd** all my property real and personal to have and to hold during his natural life but at his death said property both real and personal. Shall be disposed of in the following manner Viz.

Item 1st I give to my brother **John Boyd** Five Dollars

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved sister **Jane Frazier** 1 trunk, all my clothes. 1 flax spinning wheel.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved Grand Niece **Nancy Jane Romedy** 1 low post bedstead-bed- and its furniture.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephews **James Frazier, Joel Frazier, Robert Frazier and John Frazier**, Sons of my sister **Jane** one tract of land containing seventy six acres subject to this condition – That they shall have no power to sell the whole of a part but to each other or in other words it shall never be possessed by any but themselves of descendants. The above tract of land was will to me by my beloved Father **Robert Boyd**.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew **Robert Boyd Frazier** one Negro boy named Solomon about sixteen years of age as my aforesaid Nephew is not of age and should I and my Brother Robert die before that time I enjoin it as a duty on my Executor to place said boy in a situation that he shall be treated well and not abused. The proceeds of his labors to go to my aforesaid Nephew **Robert Boyd Frazier** when he shall have arrived at age and if in my will that the Negro boy Solomon shall always be treated well and that he shall never be sold nor removed from the State. If my Nephew **Robert Boyd Frazier** die without heirs then one of his Brothers before mentioned shall take the boy Solomon and pay the others two thirds of a fair valuation. In this case as before recorded the Negro is not to be sold nor removed from the State.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my beloved Niece **Mary Ann Romedy, Sarah Elizabeth Frazier, Ellen Malinda Frazier** each twenty dollars – which my executors will pay our of such property as is not specified in this will.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to the three children of my beloved brother **John Boyd** viz. **Samuel Robert Boyd, Mary Jane Boyd, John William Boyd** all my right and claim to any land not before mentioned said land not to be sold but a fair valuation made one party taking it and paying the others their share.

Item 8th I give and bequeath besides to the aforesaid three children of my brother **John Boyd** viz. **Samuel Robert Boyd, Mary Jane Boyd, John William Boyd** one Negro named Aaron said boy never to be sold nor removed from this State and always to be treated well, as two of the three above named children are non residents of this State it is my will that the one residing in this state take the boy Aaron and pay his brother and sister each a third of a fair valuation.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my beloved Grand Niece **Ellen Rebecca Boyd** daughter of my Nephew **Samuel Robert Boyd** one Negro girl named Hester never to be sold or removed from this State. The increase of said Negro girl Hester is to be the property of my aforesaid Grand Niece **Ellen Rebecca Boyd**.

Item 10th I also give and bequeath to the aforesaid **E. R. Boyd** daughter of **Samuel Robert Boyd** one bedstead and bed and bed clothes, also one side saddle and cotton spinning wheel.

Item 11th My boy William I leave in charge of my Executors to be allowed to live where he is treated best among his children. I wish him never to be sold nor removed from the State.

Item 12th And I give and bequeath to my Nephew **Samuel Robert Boyd** for himself and his sister **Mary Jane Boyd** and **John William Boyd** all other property of which I may be in possession at the time of my death not before mentioned in this will.

Item 13th I do hereby make and constitute my Nephew **Samuel Robert Boyd** my Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Any one dissatisfied give them (one) dollar. In presence of us who saw her sign seal and acknowledge the same to be her last will and testament and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses to the same.

Marshall McGraw
E. Andrews
J. B. McGraw
W. N. Mason

her
Nancy X Boyd
mark

These marriages are from the Fairfield News and Herald

August 1, 1866 – Married at “Palmettoville,” Arkansas River, Arkansas, May 10th, 1866, by the **Rev. Mr. Hallar**, **Miss Mattie Belton**, oldest daughter of **Rice Dulin**, Esq., to **James N. Cathcart**, - all formerly of South Carolina. Charleston News and Columbia Phoenix copy and send bills to this office.

December 19, 1866 – Married on the 6th December, by the **Rev. C. B. Betts**, at the residence of the bride’s father, **Dr. H. W. Owens** and **Miss Sallie E. Bell**, all of this District.

May 1, 1867 – At Blithewood Female Institute on Tuesday morning 23rd instant, by **Dr. J. L. Reynolds**, **W. E. McNulty** of Georgetown, S. C., to **Miss Minnie L. Durham** of this District.

October 25, 1871 – Married at the residence of the bride’s father, in the city of Charlotte, N.C., on the evening of the 17th instant, by the **Rev. William H. Campbell**, **Miss Cora M. Johnston**, daughter of **Col. William Johnston**, to **Mr. T. Ross Robertson**, of Winnsboro, S. C.

October 25, 1871 – Married on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the residence of **Mr. A. J. Hamilton**, by the **Rev. W. W. Mills**, **Mr. M. Y. Milling** to **Miss M.L. Yarborough**, all of Fairfield County.

November 22, 1871 – Married at Winnsboro, South Carolina, on Tuesday evening, 14th November, by the **Rev. William H. Campbell**, **Charles S. Dwight**, to **Maria L.** the daughter of the late **David Gaillard**, of Fairfield District, S. C.

December 21, 1876 - Married on the evening of the 13th of December, 1876, by the **Rev. W. W. Mills**, at the residence of the bride’s father, **Miss Sallie E. Aiken** to **Mr. James H. Aiken**, all of Fairfield county.

December 21, 1876 - Married, on the evening of the 14th inst., by **Rev. W. W. Mills**, at the residence of the bride’s grandfather, **Robert Means Aiken**, of Fairfield county, to **Miss Mamie Isabella Hodgkins**, daughter of the late **Capt. Thos. Hodgkins**, of Seaforth, near Liverpool, England.

January 11, 1877 - Married on the 3rd Jan. at the residence of **Judge F. C. Furman** near Milledgeville, Ga. By the **Rev. G. T. Goetchius**, **R. Means Davis** of Winnsboro, S. C. to **Sallie E.**, daughter of **Pro. Joseph LeConte** of California.

September 15, 1877 - The Episcopal church in Chester was filled to its utmost on Thursday evening last, to witness the marriage of **Mr. James Q. Davis** of Fairfield, and **Miss Rebecca Pagan**, daughter of **Maj. James Pagan**. The church had been most tastefully decorated and the chancel was hung with graceful festoons. The ceremony, which was performed by the **Rev. Josiah Obear** of this place, was most impressive. We wish Mr. Davis and his charming young bride, long life and unalloyed happiness.

November 26, 1877 - Married, November 7th, at the residence of **Mr. Wm. Pettigrew**, by the **Rev. W. W. Mills, Mr. Thomas Carter** and **Miss Nannie A. Murphy** of Fairfield.

November 26, 1877 - By the same, November 8th at the residence of the bride's mother, **Mr. F. Douglass Kennedy** of Chester, S. C. and **Miss Julia A. Yongue** of Fairfield.

November 27, 1877 - Married, in the Baptist church at Anderson, S. C., on the 31st of October, 1877, **Wm. H. Lyles** of Columbia, S. C. and **Miriam M. Sloan** of Anderson, S. C.

November 27, 1877 - Married, on the 21st inst., **Mr. A. C. Lyles** of Feasterville, Fairfield county, to **Mrs. Willey** of Union county.

November 28, 1877 - Married, on Tuesday evening, November 27, at the residence of **O. R. Thompson**, Esq. by the **Rev. C. E. Chichester, Mr. John J. Neil**, to **Miss Mary Grey Thompson**, all of Willsboro, S. C.

December 15, 1877 - Married, on the 12th inst., at the residence of **Iraneous Pope**, Esq., by the **Rev. W. W. Mills, Mr. John Clowney** to **Miss Alice J. Brice**, all of Fairfield.

December 15, 1877 - Married, on the 11th inst., at the residence of **W. F. Jackson**, Esq., by the **Rev. J. M. Boyd, Mr. Robert Camack** to **Miss Inez Jackson**, all of Fairfield.

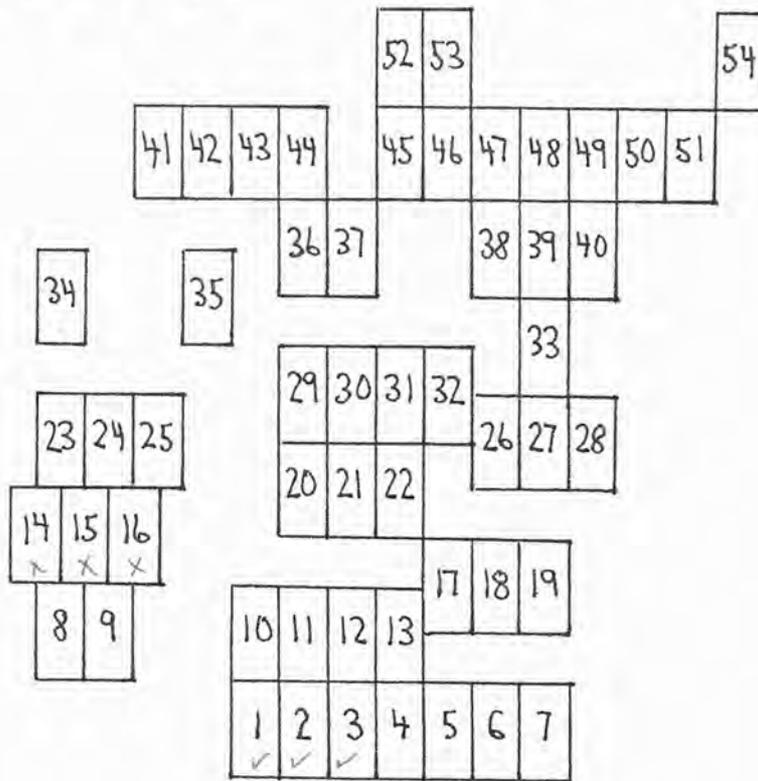
February 17, 1877 - Romance at Ridgeway - Society in our sister town of Ridgeway has been in a flutter of excitement for some weeks in anticipation of one of those spectacles with which the love god sometimes favors the world - a double marriage ceremony. Not that there is anything peculiarly novel in this blending of two souls into one, for marrying and giving in marriage have been the order of the day since Adam first found himself ribless in Paradise. Nothing is more common than that Cupid should scatter his darts at random among quivering hearts; indeed at Ridgeway during the past winter he found a number of victims. But when he uses a double-barrelled bow, so to speak, and makes four hearts happy simultaneously, it is a spectacle worthy to be witnessed.

A week or so since cards were issued inviting the recipients to witness the nuptials of **Mr. James A. Kennedy** and **Miss Minnie Coleman**, and **Mr. A. L. Porter** and **Miss Mamie Cason**, which were to be celebrated at the Methodist church on Thursday the 15th inst., at half-past nine o'clock, a. m. Quite a large concourse was expected; but to the intense disappointment of all and more especially the feminine portion of the townspeople, Thursday morning dawned dark and dismal, while the rain and ice permitted but a few ladies to attend. The sterner sex were, however well represented. At ten o'clock the brides and grooms elect repaired to the church in carriages, and separated at the door, one couple entering through each aisle. The brides were equally charming, and the grooms correspondingly happy. The **Rev. Munnerlyn**, in the absence of the **Rev. A. K. Durham** of the Baptist church performed the ceremony. The happy couples having been pronounced two, the ceremony was ended and the concourse dispersed. Mr. Kennedy and his bride left upon the midday train for a tour to Charleston and other points, while Mr. Porter entertained his friends with a collation and festivities at home. Long life and happiness to the young couples.



SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH - JENKINSVILLE

This is a plot of the Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery. The numbers correspond with the list of graves on the next page.



SHILOH

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery

JR

- 1 Chas Brown Douglass -- June 28, 1877 -- Feb. 15, 1921
- 2 Mary Cook Douglass -- Feb. 26, 1856 -- June 15, 1925
- 3 Chas Brown Douglass⁴⁵ -- Oct. 23, 1851 -- Nov. 12, 1918
- 4 Earl Douglass Chappell -- Sept. 9, 1897 -- June 2, 1965
- 5 Louise McMeekin Chappell -- July 25, 1905 -- December 10, 1972
- 6 Irvin Walker Chappell -- Sept. 11, 1889 -- Nov. 18, 1977
- 7 Elizabeth Glenn Chappell -- Nov. 26, 1900 -- Nov. 19, 1988
- 8 Thompson Charles Chappell -- May 19, 1889 -- April 27, 1950
- 9 Martha Weimer Chappell -- July 25, 1892 -- July 14, 1961
- 10 Zack Crumpton -- April 3, 1918 --
- 11 Helen Chappell Crumpton -- October 13, 1920 --
- 12 Clara Ann McMeekin Bell -- 1856 -- 1893 -- Wife of Thomas E. Bell
- 13 Olin Hugh Bell -- 1881 -- 1911
- 14 Mrs. Martha Cook -- Nov. 7, 1754 -- Died 1796 -- Wife of Capt. John Cook
- 15 John Cook -- 1730 -- 1799 -- South Carolina, Captain, Lt. Col Goodwyn's Bn, Rev War
- 16 Burrel Cooke -- 1760 -- 1800 -- South Carolina, Pvt., Ross' Regt., Rev War *β. COAKE COOK ?*
- 17 G. F. Fowler -- Age 60 years
- 18 Elmira A. Fowler -- Jan. 12, 1839 -- Died Sept. 13, 1911 -- Wife of Gazaway Fowler
- 19 Gazzie W. Fowler -- 1876 -- 1948
- 20 A. Maxcy McMeekin -- Feb. 23, 1873 -- June 10, 1958
- 21 May Louise McMeekin -- May 19, 1867 -- Dec. 5, 1933
- 22 Infant Son of A. M. & M. L. McMeekin -- Born and Died Jan. 9, 1910
- 23 Evelyn McMeekin Hedgepath -- July 1, 1870 -- Feb. 28, 1972
- 24 Peter Ausburn Hedgepath -- 1847 -- 1939
- 25 Mahaley Meetze Hedgepath -- Died 1905
- 26 Joseph McMeekin -- Feb. 7, 1839 -- June 26, 1911
- 27 Martha Douglass McMeekin -- April 23, 1846 -- July 24, 1926 -- Wife of Joseph McMeekin
- 28 Raymond Marvin McMeekin -- April 4, 1889 -- Feb 2, 1914
- 29 Margaret S. Simon -- Aug. 10, 1917 -- Feb. 1, 1990 ✓
- 30 Jack D. Ehney -- June 14, 1933 -- Aug. 9, 2001 -- AN U. S. Navy ✓
- 31 John Sanders Swygert -- March 28, 1887 -- April 24, 1966
- 32 Bessie McMeekin Swygert -- Aug. 16, 1893 -- April 21, 1948
- 33 Earle Wayne Suber -- Feb. 8, 1904 -- June 2, 1905
- 34 Wellington Wingard -- May 7, 1851 -- March 21, 1909
- 35 G. W. Gibson -- Died January 18, 1873 -- Aged 42 Years
- 36 John S. Swygert -- Nov. 18, 1838 -- Nov. 27, 1919
- 37 Mamie Elizabeth Swygert -- Feb. 1, 1856 -- Mar. 28, 1942 -- Wife of John S. Swygert
- 38 Infant Son of O. & F. Chappell -- Born May 27 and Died May 31, 1911
- 39 Infant Son of Oscar & F. C. Chappell -- Born and Died Mar. 5, 1901
- 40 Florrie Chappell -- Aug. 18, 1875 -- Mar. 27, 1912 -- Wife of Oscar Chappell
- 41 Eunita M. Ruff -- 1881 -- 1965 -- Daughter of W. H. & Annie S. Ruff
- 42 Stella M. Ruff -- 1878 -- 1966 -- Daughter of W. H. & Annie S. Ruff
- 43 Annie Stearns Ruff -- 1846 -- 1926 -- Wife of William H. Ruff
- 44 William H. Ruff -- 1847 -- 1933
- 45 William Thompson Glenn -- May 20, 1873 -- Dec. 15, 1942
- 46 Ida May McMeekin Glenn -- May 20, 1876 -- Dec. 24, 1926
- 47 Infant Daughter of W. T. & I. M. Glenn -- Born & Died June 21, 1897
- 48 John W. McMeekin -- Aug. 5, 1828 -- Sept. 10, 1914
- 49 Elizabeth L. Hunter McMeekin -- Mar. 8, 1835 -- Dec. 25, 1921 -- Wife of John W. McMeekin
- 50 William T. Glenn Jr. -- June 3, 1898 -- Aug. 29, 1963 -- South Carolina AS USNRF -- World War I
- 51 Jessie Dunlap Glenn -- March 31, 1903 -- Jan. 1, 1997 -- Wife of William T. Glenn Jr. ✓
- 52 Andrew C. "Jack" Meadow -- Dec. 12, 1907 -- Jun. 1, 1994 -- CPO, U. S. Navy-WW II ✓
- 53 Katherine Glenn Meadow -- January 1, 1912 --
- 54 Barbara Nichole Glenn -- November 5, 1977 -- July 7, 1978 -- "Nicki" -- Daughter

The following obituaries are from the Fairfield News and Herald.

July 4, 1866 – Another Death – Little **Alice Carlisle**, age 10 died on Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. J. M. Elliott. It is a melancholy fact that this is the second death in the same household in less than a week. She died from the same fever which took off little **Johnny Elliott**, her cousin.

July 18, 1866 – Death of **Dr. Furman** – Our District has lost a valuable citizen in the death of this gentleman. Dr. Furman, though an old citizen, had always been very retired in his habits. It may be known how highly he was appreciated by the fact that repeated efforts were made to bring him into public life by nominating him for positions of honor, but he always declined. Dr. Furman was a bother of the Rev. Dr. Furman.

July 18, 1866 – The Murder of **B. S. Rhett**, of Charleston – The Charleston News publishes the proceedings of the coroner's Jury in the case of the murder of Mr. Rhett, a notice of which we have published. From them we extract the following confession of the two colored men who are guilty of the deed. The jury found a verdict that Mr. Rhett was killed by firearms in the hands of Horace Greely alias Bennet and John Bull,

July 25, 1866 – Departed this life on the night of Thursday, the 12th of July, 1866, at his residence in this District, **Dr. Thomas Fuller Furman**.

For thirty years Dr/ Furman has been known to the citizens of Fairfield as a gentleman of superior intellectual powers and of rare intelligence, professional and general, of indomitable energy and the highest integrity.

Having completed his course of studies in the S. C. College, the honors of which were not awarded only because of an unhappy disturbance which had scattered the class, he devoted himself with characteristic assiduity to an unusually thorough preparation for the responsible profession which he had selected as the sphere of his future activity. In the spring of 1833 he commenced a practice which from the first was large, lucrative and eminently successful. Great constitutional vigor and an iron will bore him through an amount of labor which few could have sustained. Having acquired a handsome estate and proving as successful in husbandry as he had been in the treatment of disease, he sought to relieve himself of the pressure of professional labor, but not with complete success, for it was impossible to resist the importunity which sprang from past experience of the value of his service, and here and in other Districts he was found exercising his keen discrimination and turning to account his ample experience. These labors which for the last ten years were bestowed without charge because during the years of the war heavy and costly to himself. But no call was ever unanswered. The humblest and the poorest gained the prompt attention which their cases called for. The personal discomfort of the practitioner was never considered. Cold, heat, storm, were perhaps too little regarded by him, more especially of late, when he had almost completed his three score years.

Dr. Furman was a sincere Christian. Long before he made an open profession of his faith in Christ, every one who knew him intimately was impressed with the fullness and accuracy of his Biblical knowledge and with his profound conviction of the truth and reality of religion. Some years ago he became a member of the Little River Baptist

Church, but he might well have taken this step early in life. Such was the careful judgment of his venerable father, the late Rev. Dr. Furman of Charleston.

The disease of which he died, (Typhoid Fever) disqualified him for exercising in his own case his accustomed accuracy of the diagnosis of disease. He expected to recover. At the same time he declared his entire readiness to die, were it the will of God to take him. He engaged in conversation with the same pleasing and earnestness for which he was always remarkable, but it was intermingled with the devout ejaculations. Notwithstanding his professional judgment respecting his recovery, his spirit, as if unconsciously was planning itself for its upward flight. In the last day of his illness he expressed his perfect resignation to the will of God and his assured trust in his Redeemer.

One common sentiment pervades the community in his more immediate vicinity – “Our best friend is gone.” was heard again and again from the various classes who witnessed his death and stood around his grave. The highest and the lowest, the rich and poor, white and black, all concurred in feeling that they could have spared any one else better than Dr. Furman. The freedmen who had belonged to him and who would not quit his service whenever free, mourned with undissembled grief. It was remarkable how one who had always held a check upon the expression of his own emotions, had by the mere force of his moral worth, touched the springs of emotion in so many hearts! “The memory of the just be blessed.”

July 25, 1866 – **Death of Col. A. G. Sumner** – One of the former editors of the South Carolinian has gone to his long account. An active journalist, a man of fine abilities, and one whose influence widely extended. Col. Sumner in his day and generation filled a niche in the temple of journalism which will long be remembered by his cotemporaries. For several years however, he devoted himself to the planting interests, and our parting record of him is his recent death in Fairfield, whither he had but recently returned from his home in Florida. Peace to his ashes. – Carolinian 20th

September 4, 1866 – **Ex-Governor Morehead** – The telegraph had communicated the decease of this distinguished man of our sister State. The Wilmington Journal in chronicling his death, says:

“He was one of the most remarkable men of the State, and, as connected with the great works of internal improvement now completed, had probably left a greater impression upon the history of North Carolina than any of her sons who have preceded him.

He was born on the 4th of July 1798, in Rockingham County, and graduated, in 1817, at the University of the State. He represented his native County, in 1821, in the Legislature, and the County of Gilford in 1836. In 1841, he was elected by the Whig party as Governor, defeating the Hon. R. M. Saunders. He was re-elected in 1843. Gov. Morehead’s last political service was a member of the Peace Conference which assembled in Washington in 1861, and vainly attempted to check the impending struggle.

September 12, 1866 – **Fatal Accident** – **Mr. J. G. Lindsay**, a merchant from Yorkville, S. C., who had arrived on Thursday evening by the cars, and put up at the Mills House, fell from a window in the third story of that building to the pavement, between one and two o’clock yesterday morning, and was picked up in an insensible condition and carried to

his room, where he died at 7 o'clock. A gentleman passing the spot at that hour heard the fall and afterwards a groan, and having obtained the assistance of the attaches of the house, with lights, discovered the unfortunate gentleman and conveyed him into the hotel. It is supposed that Mr. Lindsay must have been sitting on the sill of the window for the purpose of getting some passing air, as the night was very warm and mishap slipped and fell. – Charleston News

October 17, 1866 – Death of the Oldest Inhabitant of South Carolina – On Sunday, the 16th of September, **Bob Wheeler**, a Negro, who had reached the age of 107 years, departed this life. During the Revolution, Bob was a boy between sixteen and eighteen years of age, and as his memory and mind remained unimpaired, he delighted to tell of his recollections of the old Revolution when the red coats were the terror of every neighborhood. He was for some time a waiting boy for Gen. Wade Hampton, and considered him the next greatest man to Geo. Washington, and during his whole life had a great veneration and respect for the Hampton family. When he heard of the promotion and success of our worthy and beloved Gen. Wade Hampton, the old man's eyes would kindle, and he would stand almost on tiptoe, rejoicing at his achievements, saying that "the true old blood would show itself". When his old master (Wheeler) died, some forty-five or fifty years ago, Bob was then an elderly man, and was left by his master's will to help to support his three daughters. This duty he discharged faithfully and honestly. His death occurred about four miles from Pomaria, in Lexington District. – Phoenix 9th.

October 31, 1866 – Death of a Minister – It is with much regret that we learn the death of **Rev. R. S. Douglass**, one of the Ministers who lately attended the Presbytery at this place, and who for the last two or three years has been Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union Court House. Whilst in attendance upon the Presbytery here, he was the guest of the Senior Editor of this paper; we therefore, feel more than ordinary interest in the sad announcement of the death of this young minister, whom we esteemed a most worthy and promising servant of the Church. He left us feeling slightly indisposed, on Monday morning, the 8th inst., for his home at Union C. H. Going as far as the Rev. Mr. Saye's in Chester District, he was taken ill and died there, on Sunday morning following – the 14th instant. Again are we reminded, that "in the midst of life, we are in death," – Lancaster Ledger.

The Rev. R. S. Douglass was a native of this District, and the numerous friends of the family sympathize with them in their affliction, as well as with the Church for its loss of a promising and useful young minister.

November 7. 1866 – Died on Friday the 28th September 1866, **Jane Fulton**, consort of **John McNaull**, in the 69th year of her age. The deceased was a native of County of Antrim – Ireland, and emigrated to this country, with her family in the year 1819, and located themselves in Fairfield District, where she remained until her death. She possessed many amiable and affectionate qualities, among which were most conspicuous was her great love for the Presbyterian Church, with which she was connected for fifty-three years, and adorned that profession with a Godly walk and conversation. Her peculiarly kind and unobtrusive manners gained her many warm and kind friends, from her peculiar, generous and kind attention to her friends and acquaintances when visited

by them. As a head of a family, she was singularly kind to her family and domestics; and in every relation of life exemplified the true and sincere Christian.

She had left a void which cannot be supplied, especially to her aged husband, her loss is irreparable, although he mourns not without hope "that she has passed from a world of trial and turmoil to one of happiness and bliss", and that her loss is her eternal gain. Her passage to the grave was marked by that calm, serene deportment characteristic in life, with a sincere reliance on her Savior. As a Deaconess in the church, she fulfilled that duty to the satisfaction of all concerned, the good of the people and advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth. D. M.

Southern Presbyterian copy and send bill to this office.

November 7, 1866 – Died – In Bossier Parish, La., on 3d October 1866, after an illness of only four days, of conjection, **Col. Thomas J. Caldwell**, aged about 47 years. He was a native of Fairfield District, S. C., whence he removed to this Parish about 12 years ago. He was the youngest of six brothers, all of whom took a high stand as active, exemplary citizens. Col. C was a member of the Secession Convention, from Bossier, and twice represented his Parish in the Confederate Legislature. He engaged most actively too, when the clash of arms was heard, as an officer, through all the bloody struggle for South Independence. One of nature's noblemen has fallen. Long will his neighbors and friends, as well as his stricken family mourn their irreparable loss. He was most affable and exemplary in all the relations of life, as husband, father, brother, master, neighbor, son and citizen. He leaves disconsolate companion, and five children, and many friends, to mourn his departure. May they emulate his virtues, as they cherish his memory. And as the Great Shepard "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," so may they derive sweet comfort in the confidence that "He doeth all things well." O! the cup is bitter, but if our Father wills we will drink it.

"Learn ye this lesson then-
Learn it and ne'er forget,
That in the cup of your grief and pain,
Some sweetness is mingled yet.

The star that you miss shall return-
The withered flower shall bloom-
And the lov'd ones for whom you mourn,
Come back from the silent tomb" Pilgrim

November 14, 1866 – Death of **Rial North**, Esq. – Our community was startled, yesterday forenoon by the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Rial North, the active partner of the firm of Townsend & North, booksellers. Mr. North was a useful citizen in all that appertained to the welfare of the community in which he lived. Whatever he entered into he did so with his whole heart and energy, and many of our local associations owe much to his energy and zeal for their success. – Phoenix

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERANS – 1910

On May 25, 1910, The Fairfield News and Herald published brief sketches of living Fairfield County Civil War Veterans. Some of the sketches include a picture of the veteran. I plan to include the sketches in each newsletter as space permits. If you have a veteran you want included, let me know and I will see if he is in the publication and put him in the newsletter. The sketches are typed just as they are in the newspaper.

John Abbott – Born December 27, 1835 near Ridgeway. Entered Army at commencement of War in Company B, 6th Regiment. Slightly wounded Aug. 21 near Petersburg, Va. Has farmed since the war.

James S. Allen – Born in 1845 and entered Army in 1863, Company B, 7th Bat. Inf. Now farming near Blythewood.

James M. Blain – Born August 6, 1842 near Blackstock. Entered Army at the beginning of the War as a member of Little River Guards. Afterwards transferred to the Companies of Captain Edward Means and Boykin Lyles. Wounded four times at Drainsville, Seven Pines, Second Manassas, and Fort Harrison. Now farming at place of his birth. The Little River Guards which I joined in organization early 1861 or the latter part of '60, disbanded at Summerville, the greater part joining Capt. Edward Means Company, Buckhead Guards, at Orange Court House, Va. At expiration of one year's service we were mustered into service for three years of was under Capt. Boykin Lyles combined with Capt. Weston's Company from Richland. Surrendered at Appomattox under Capt. Robert Clowney.

Leroy D. Black – Born Dec. 20, 1833 in Chester County. Entered Army Dec. 1861, Co. B, 6th Reg. Now a substantial farmer of the Stover section. Has been very feeble the past few months and suffered heavy affliction in his family.

R. D. Bolick – Born Oct. 22, 1846, near Lebanon Church. Entered Army 1863 in Black's Reg., under Capt. Barber. Later transferred to Haskell's Bat. of Art. Received slight wound from spent ball. Surrendered at Appomattox, Va. in April. Got home in July, 1865. Now living at Ridgeway.

Chester G. Boulware – Born May 29, 1844, at Crosbyville. Entered Army April 1861 in Co. B 20th Miss. Reg., under Capt. Massey. Wounded at Kennysa, Ga. Was prisoner at close of War. Now farming.

John R. Boyd – Born July 23, 1846. Entered Army June 1, 1863 in Co. B, 7th S. C. Bat., under Capt. Luke Kennedy. Farming near Rion.

W. Watt Brice – Born July 30, 1842, near Winnsboro. Entered Army in spring of 1861, Co. F, 12th S. C. V. under Capt. Hayne McMeeking. Wounded in the battle of the Wilderness.

“I was captured on line below Petersburg on March 25, before the surrender and carried to Fort Lookout as a prisoner. On the morning after the assassination of Lincoln we were formed by Division by order of the fact. The next morning Major Brady congratulated the

prisoners on their not making any demonstration the day before, as his orders were to fire on the point with the gunboats and batteries while there was a prisoner left. Was released about July 1st."

Thomas Scott Brice - Born Sept. 16, 1840 in the New Hope Section. Graduated at Erskine College with the first honor. Entered Army April 10, 1861, in Little River Guards under Capt. Michael Brice. Promoted to Corporal and Color Guard of Reg. Wounded at Seven Pines and Fort Harrison.

Represented Fairfield County for several terms both in the House and Senate. Was for a number of years County Chairman. Now living in Shelby, N. C.

Jesse R. Bryce - Was born July 28, 1847, and joined State troops July 18, 1864, Co. B, under Capt. McClurkin. Was never wounded. Now farming near Winnsboro.

Samuel W. Broom - Born January 2, 1848 at place of present residence. Entered Army April 9, 1861 in Co. C, 12 S. C. V. promoted to Ord. Sergeant. Wounded Dec. 13, 1862 at Fredericksburg, Va. Went out first in Capt. J. R. Harrison's Co, 6 S. C. V., under Col. J. H. Rion. When at Summerville two Companies pulled out. The one I was in came home, organized, elected officers and was placed in Gregg's Brigade, later in McGowan's. I was present at Charleston when Fort Sumter was surrendered, and was present at Appomatox when Gen. Lee surrendered.

David Branham - Born July 9, 1836, near place of present residence. Entered Army the spring of 1861 in Co. D, 1st Reg. S. C. Inf., under Capt. Thomas Boykin. Was private prisoner at close of War.

"I was taken prisoner at Gettysburg in July, and was taken to Fort Delaware on Delaware Island and remained until close of war. Rode on ship from New York to Charleston and walked home at close of war. Fought at the bombardment of Hilton Head Island. Was at the siege at Fredericksburg, Va., and other skirmishes too numerous to make mention of here. Farming."

William E. Braziel - Born May 31, 1845, near Ridgeway. Entered army April 12, 1861 in Cedar Creek Rifles. Transferred to Co. C, 12 Reg. Wounded at Wilderness and Gettysburg.

"At Deep Bottom, Va., Jenkins, Kershaw and McGowan's Brigades were sent to capture the breastworks. Negro tried to push off with loaded gun, which was shot off behind his knapsack. 500 were captured."

James Edward Craig - Born Sept. 29, 1846, near Ridgeway. Entered Army Dec. 28, 1862, Co. C, 6 S. C. Cavalry, under Capt. P. W. Goodwyn. Never wounded. Now a merchant at Blackstock.

"Capt. Goodwyn's company was originally made up of two Counties, Abbeville and Fairfield. The Captain was from Abbeville and the 1st Lieut. R. W. Kennedy of Fairfield. I mention this to show that Capt. Goodwyn was not a Fairfield man. I had the good fortune not to be wounded, although I was in every engagement that my Company was in. Met Sherman in Columbia and was in front of him every day until the surrender. I never surrendered, leaving the army the night before, my whole company leaving at the same time.

Thomas Franklin Curlee – Born Aug. 24, 1847, near Rion. Entered Army Nov. 1864 in Co. B, S. C. Reserves under Capt. McLurkin. Was never wounded. Now farming near Rockton.

“I went with the reserves to guard prisoners at Florence, S. C. Went to Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 1865, until we exchanged all of the prisoners we had in charge and then came back to Chester, S. C. Our captain gave all that were able to come to Fairfield a furlough for ten days, so before I was able to go to my Company the War closed.”

George W. Coleman – Born Sept. 4, 1844 at Feasterville. Attended Feasterville Academy and Kings Mountain under Cols. Jenkins and Col. Coward.

Entered Army in 1861 in Buckhead Guards, 6th S. C. V., under Capt. E. J. Means. Transferred from 6th to 17th S. C. V., J. H. Means' Regt. At close of War was Sergeant of Co. B, W. P. Coleman being Captain. Was wounded at Second Manassas and Sharpsburg. Now farming near place of birth.

“I and brother Allen G. Coleman, swapped places with John Banks and Andy Mobley, they to the 6th and I and brother Allen to the 17th. We entered service in Means' 17th Reg. the day previous to the second Manassas. There were five brothers there then, Henry, Preston, Allen, Franklin and George, now the only survivor. Capt. Preston lost a leg there, came home and died. Lieut. Frank died at Brucetown, Va., and Allen was killed in front of Petersburg. Henry came home as well as I. Jacob F. Coleman died at Wilmington, N. C. He was a member of this same company and Regiment.”



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