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The next meeting of the Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS will be Sunday at 3:00 pm, on November 23, 2003 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.

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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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Queries

Franklin D. Aiken is seeking any information about John Aiken and his wife Grizzellah (Grizzy) Weldon Aiken who lived in Fairfield County, circa 1780-1837. They sold their plantation of 510 acres in 1837 to Theodore S. Dubose and moved to Georgia with their nine children.

Contact Franklin D. Aiken, P. O. Box 2359, Covington, Ga. 30015
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George F. Bowie, Jr. is seeking the following : Per family tradition, Thomas Robbins, III prior to the Revolutionary War emigrated from the Maryland-Virginia Eastern Shore to the Camden District in South Carolina in the present York or Chester County area. For his service in the War he was granted 750 acres of land in Chester County. Thomas Robbins' daughter Nancy married an Anderson. Does anyone have information on this Anderson's given, antecedents and descendants?

Also, Thomas Robbins had a half sister by his father's first wife. Did she migrate to South Carolina and to whom did she marry?

George will share any information he has on the following lines: Bowie, Lay, Anderson, Nimmons, Lewis, Griffin, McKinney and Boon.

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Society Publications for Sale

Cemetery Books

Three Cemetery survey books of Fairfield County are available. Volume One includes large cemeteries in the western section of the county, Volume Two in the eastern section and Volume Three includes most family and abandoned burying grounds.

These books cost \$25.00 each plus \$5.00 if mailed.

Marriage Book

This book has information on approximately 780 marriages and approximately 750 implied marriages found in the Fairfield Herald and the News and Herald from 1866 to 1916. Both these newspapers were published in Winnsboro. The implied marriages are from information found in death notices.

This book cost \$25 plus \$5.00 if mailed

Death Notices Book

This book has information on approximately 2300 death notices found in the Fairfield Herald and News and Herald from 1866 to 1916. It contains any name, date, place of death, place of birth, cause of death, place of burial, etc. found in the notices.

This book cost \$25.00 plus \$5.00 if mailed.

These books are available at the Fairfield Museum in Winnsboro or by mail from

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Ederington's History of Fairfield County, South Carolina. Soft cover, 120 pages, indexed. Price \$20.00 plus \$3.50 mailing for first book, \$1.50 for each additional book to the same address. SC residents add \$1.00 sales tax. Order from SCMAR, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221. This work is a short history of the central South Carolina county of Fairfield. While it is not what we would term a county history today, it contains recollections of events and people not found elsewhere. Some people and families are David R. Evans, Richard Winn, Lewis, Pickett, Gaither, Lyles, Buchanan, W. W. Boyce, Feaster, Coleman, Ederington, Woodward, Wright, and others.

The following articles were published in 1873 in the News and Herald. The Prof. Wise cited was living in New York and trying to fly to Europe in a balloon.

July 16, 1873 Issue of the News and Herald

Balloon Ascension.

It was rumored on the streets Thursday that Mr. Dannenburg was constructing another balloon. That evening by six o'clock, quite a crowd of juveniles had assembled before Landecker's store, anxiously awaiting the ascension. At precisely seven o'clock the balloon appeared on the scene, escorted by a guard of honor composed of the elits of Winnsboro. The procession was brought up in the rear by the local and several small boys, and the usual complement of dogs. The place fixed upon for the ascension was the site of the old "Odd Fellow's Building". A fire was kindled and a stove pipe inserted in the balloon. As she gradually filled, intense excitement was manifested by "the boys," while a few curs howled their appreciation. The word was given and off she went. But she sprang a leak and fell to Mother Earth. The leak was mended and a second trial was successful. She shot up like a rocket, until she reached an altitude of several hundred feet. Here she ignited and became a mass of flame. The ascension was a success. Another balloon will probably be sent out soon to overtake Prof. Wise on his trip to Europe.

P. S. We are required to state that Prof. Dannenburg did not ascend as commonly reported on the streets Thursday night. He is still on "terra firma." These are only trial trips preparatory to an excursion to the North Pole in search of the Polaris. The day for the trip has not yet been appointed.

August 6, 1873 Issue of the News and Herald

That Balloon

We exceedingly regret to have to chronicle the fact that the balloon ascension expected Thursday afternoon was a failure. Prof. Dannenburg and his corps of able and expert assistants, bearing "The Champion," came on the ground in due time, and at once proceeded to inflate the air-ship, but owing to circumstances over which they had no control, the supply of gas was inadequate to the demand, and the balloon did not ascend.

Prof. D. desires to assure the public that it failed through no fault of his and begs to announce his intention to "try, try again."

August 13, 1873 Issue of the News and Herald

Aerial

Winnsboro is much interested in the problem of aerial navigation. As announced, Prof. Dannenburg has been making a series of interesting experiments in aeronautics, in order to insure success in his contemplated voyage to the Moon via Congo Hall and the North Pole. The desideratum has heretofore been to construct an air-ship that will not ignite before leaving the ground. This has been obtained. Thursday the Professor received a balloon per express from Baltimore, fabricated from the finest material, modeled after the "Graphic," and embellished

with “full length busts” of Gen. Grant and the Man in the Moon. The arrival of this paragon of perfection caused intense interest among all classes, and the small boys fairly hankered “to see that balloon go up”. We give the dimensions of this wonder in the French metrical system, as the English scale is not sufficiently refined and delicately graduated to measure it accurately. Length 1,121.32 millimetres, diameter of base 229.18 m. m., largest diameter 874.66 m. m., capacity 999,999 milligrammes.

At the designated hour all the devotees of science congregated at “Balloon Square” to witness the ascension. Conspicuous among these was Capt. Jeems Mac, who had doffed his nether integuments for the occasion, and whose flowing drapery, as it flapped lazily in the breeze against his symmetrically proportioned ebon pedestals, suggested mingled thoughts of the blessings of soap and the glorious results of the fifteenth amendment. (This is an episode.)

Everything was ready. The guys were loosened. The balloon, like a caged bird, panting for its native air fluttered for an instant. The brass band struck up No. 1 quickstep and amid its inspiring strains and the acclamations of the assembled multitude, the balloon arose gracefully until it struck a S. S. E. wind and was wafted to worlds unknown. – In its course it passed directly over Main St. Merchants, lawyers, physicians, clerks and loafers, might be seen hatless, breathless, speechless with suspense, until the aerial prodigy had gone from their gaze like a beautiful star. Then they returned to their work, wiser, if not sadder men.

Two colored individuals on their way from town, considerably elevated by copious draughts of untamed benzine, saw the balloon. They pronounced it “a sign in the elements.” The strains of the band they mistook for Gabriel’s trumpet summoning them to Judgment. One dropped on his marrow-bones and began to shout, “Now I lay me down to sleep,” and shattered one eye tooth, two incisors and four molars down his throat. The other broke off at full speed and ran until, from the combined effects of fright, bad liquor, perspiration and heat, he fell in an almost melted condition. He was brought to town in a wheelbarrow, placed on ice, and had the pores of his skin closed with plaster of Paris to prevent further exudation. By degrees he recovered, but his chiseled profile is gone forever. It is a remarkable circumstance that his hair did not turn gray from fright. We did not learn the names of the unfortunates.

The band are practicing to play at the next ascension the popular song,
“Up in a balloon boys, up in a balloon.
Up above the little stars in Dannenburg’s balloon.”

August 20, 1873 Issue of the News and Herald

Balloons

Several successful ascensions have been made recently, but our reporter has not recovered from the agony of his last “graphic” account, and we are not able to do the subject full justice.

That Balloon

The Union Herald complains that we did not give an account of the descent of that balloon. We sent the balloon up, and expect some other journal to give an account of its coming down. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the “Kamschatka Gazette” or the “Spitzbergen News” as these exchanges may furnish the items desired by our contemporary.

This is a continuation of the series of articles written by W. E. This article was in the August 5, 1880 of the News and Herald

Biographical Sketches

Further Incidents and Anecdotes of the Olden Time

Rock Creek, July 26 – In my haste I had forgotten to record the memory of my old friend neighbor, Capt. Wm. Osborne, and others. He came to Fairfield about 1818 from Mecklenburg County, N. C., and married in 1827 the daughter of Ephraim Lyles, who shot the Troy across Broad River during the Revolutionary War. He and James Bennett and Simon Ashford and their sons, George, Robert J., William and Robert H., were honest, industrious and economical farmers. Capt. Edward, Dr. David C. and Robert, Beverly W. and Thos. C. Means deserve a niche in the annals of Western Fairfield as intelligent and useful members of society. Higher up on Broad River lived and died Kelleys, William, Cornelius and Benjamin, Nevitts, Thomas and his son, Wm. J. Shelton, Wm. Chapman and sons, Dr. Newbill and Andrew McConnell, all worthy citizens. Andrew McConnell deserves notice as an exemplar to our young men of this fast and idle age. His life proves the old adage “where there’s a will there’s a way.” He told me that his first start in life was an ax, a plow and a hoe, which his father loaned him while working for him, allowing him to cut down and cultivate a poor place of land, which he did mostly after night had set in by the light of the brush he had cut off the land. He was allowed to cultivate it while laboring for his father a few years, when he married and continued to labor on a little farm with a hired hand or two, until he had the means to purchase a negro man. By industry and economy he had accumulated a valuable property at the age of fifty, when he died. No truer friend to the poor ever lived. He died after a short illness about 1859-55. His loss was lamented by his friends and neighbors. His only two sons fell in battle late in our civil war. His worthy daughters are mothers of respectable families of children.

Capt. Edward J. Means, whose death we lately mourned, lived an exemplary Christian life. After leaving the Naval School at Annapolis, he entered the United States Naval service in the African Squadron, to suppress the nefarious slave trade on the western coast of Africa, Island of Madeira and the West Indies. He was in the service six years and was wrecked on board the Yorktown, off the coast of the Island Maybo. He served as captain in the late Confederate War, with his brother Beverly W. Means, who fell while battling for his country in Virginia. Edward J. Means was at one time captain of a gun boat during the Confederate contest, was superintendent of the Confederate Navy Yard off the Pedee, and remained in service till the war closed. He was a true patriot. He held the office of ruling elder in the church of Salem. His death is of recent date and a loss to his numerous friends and to his pious family. I should have recorded the worth of Thos. Coalter Means first, as he was the eldest. Space forbids more than a passing tribute to his memory. Suffice it to say, that he was a practical farmer, and useful citizen, a warm and sincere friend and obliging neighbor, charitable to the poor, and that noblest work of God, and honest man. Dr. David C. Means, whose sad death we had lately to deplore, was so well known, that I feel unable to do justice to his memory. No better man I ever knew. Kind, attentive and skillful in the practice of his profession, he also combined all the qualities of a noble heart, of husband, neighbor and citizen.

When a boy I recollect seeing old Billy McGraw, and old Jimmy Newton, both soldiers in the Revolutionary War, at Rock Creek Church, from 1813 to '18. A story was told of old

Billy McGraw, a staunch Whig, during the Revolutionary War. When asked by another Whig – What if the news? He replied: “Glorious news! Glorious news!! Col. Lyles has killed Dollerhide, a notorious, nasty, stinking Tory.” Old Jimmy Newton killed the last elk that was ever heard of in the State, as is related in Mills’ statistics of South Carolina. He calls him the true Nimrod of his age.

In my last I stated that I would say something on my own family, by way of closing these feeble and imperfect sketches. What little I know of my ancestry is from my father and others who emigrated from Virginia, as also from correspondence I held with an intelligent gentleman, I met at the Warm Springs, VA., who married one of our family, and whose letters were burnt with my dwelling by the savage Yankees in 1865. It seems from these sources that either my grandfather, William Edrington, of his ancestor emigrated to Virginia, then a colony, from Wales in its early settlement, and settled in King George, and afterward moved to Stafford county, that he was a wealthy farmer and a member of the House of Burgesses for some time. He married a Miss Helms, who was connected by family to the Fitz Hughs, Ficklius, Tylers, and I think Metcalfs, and other whom I have forgotten. My grandfather rode out to South Carolina, and entered a large tract of land on Rock Creek some time before the Revolutionary War, in what was then called Craven County, as I noticed by his old titles and maps, which my father held. After returning to Virginia he died, and my grandmother moved to South Carolina and settled on his lands about 1774-’5. Some of her sons and all of her daughters moved with her. All the sons, of whom my father was the youngest, served in the Revolutionary War to its termination. Some of them removed to Kentucky to raise tobacco on Green River, about 1805. My cousin Henry Edrington, remained with his father, William in Virginia, until after the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town October 19th 1781, and was battling in that siege until the surrender of the British forces to General Washington, which terminated our struggle for Independence. After the war he removed with his father and family to South Carolina, and settled on Rock Creek. He was noted for his piety and exemplary life as Baptist Deacon, which office he held forty years, until his death in 1836. The pastor of Rock Creek Church, of which H. E. was deacon was heard to say of him: “The pillar of Rock Creek Church has fallen.” My father adhered to the Episcopal faith and doctrine, of which church my grandfather was a member in Virginia. He died in 1824. I know of nothing more of my family worthy of record, only that they were noted for honesty, independence of character, industry, candor and integrity, and were all farmers in the full sense of that term – produced their own family supplies, and all their stock, &., and were good livers, and that is more than one in ten can say now. Some of my father’s descendants are physicians – some of the family are members of the Legislature in Kentucky and Mississippi, and but one a lawyer, so far as I have heard, and he is one too many, yet occupies an honorable position at the bar, for one of his age. And now, Messrs. Editors, I close these sketches with the hope that I have given your readers some amusement, if not instruction in recounting reminiscences of the past as well as of recent date. I can truly say. “Nothing extenuate of set down aught in malice,”

P. S. – As the rite or ceremony of Feet washing in some churches has become nearly obsolete, I will relate an incident as to how old Dr. Woodward put a stop to it in his church, the old Rock Creek meeting house, located on my Uncle Henry E’s land, near Maj. W. T. Lyles’ fish pond, and to which I used to ride on horseback behind my mother, before the war of 1812. It seems the question arose in the church s to whether Feet washing should be observed or used any longer in that Baptist Church. One of the members, and quite an officious one – old Benny Mays – urged the continuance of it. Old Billy Woodward, the doctor and pastor, who was fond of a

joke, was called on, and rose and observed to the church: "Brethren and sisters, I know the reason why brother May wants to keep up this feet washing here. It is because he wants to see sister M.s legs." This threw cold water on it, and I heard the relator say feet washing fell into disuse, and was never mentioned again in that church.

I forget to mention Col. David Province, who died not long since. He was a native of Kentucky, removing to Florida many years ago, where he practiced the profession of law, until he married a lady of our State, and removed to Fairfield County and settled on Terrible Creek. He again removed to Arkansas and served as an officer in the western campaign with distinction, was taken prisoner of war and sent to Rock Island, where he suffered untold cruelties, as he told me, until exchanged after the close of the war. He returned to his home and was a practical planter until his death. Colonel Province inherited a sound, practical mind, was a useful citizen and left an intelligent and amiable family at his death. W. E.

Fairfield County Family Cemeteries

Perry Cemetery – near Monticello

Hugh Perry, died July 10, 1840, aged 75 yrs 5 months
Mary Perry, died Sept. the 6 1834, 68th yr of her age
Joseph Perry, born Oct. 20, 1800, died Feb. 11, 1836

Harrison Cemetery – near Monticello

Sarah Harrison, wife of Jonathan Harrison, March 1855, 84 yrs of her age

Rabb Cemetery – near Monticello

John Rabb, died Oct. 1, 1844, aged 63 yrs 4 mo 25 days
James B. Rabb, died Aug. 29, 1841, aged 81 yrs 2 mo 12 days
William B. Rabb, died Sept. 25, 1839, aged 22 yrs 7 mo 21 days
Ms Patience Rabb, died 1st Aug 1809, aged 20 yrs 8 mo 22 days
Parmela E. Rabb, only daughter of James and Patience Rabb, died 27 Jan 1809, aged 12 hours
Alexander Rabb, born Au 1787, died Sept 14, 1805

Near the intersection of Jackson Creek Road and Reservoir Road, in the Southeast Corner.

Single Stone: David Crawford, April 29, 1821 – Nov 22, 1892
Sarah A. Crawford, Jan 12, 1830 – Oct. 30, 1906

In the Jenkinsville, Alston Area

Single marker: To the memory of William Tho. Cook (son of Burril and Mary Honoria his wife) who died 12 Oct. 1820 aged 11 months and 19 days

Single marker, disturbed: Thompson Chappell, born Nov 2, 1832, died Feb. 2 1884

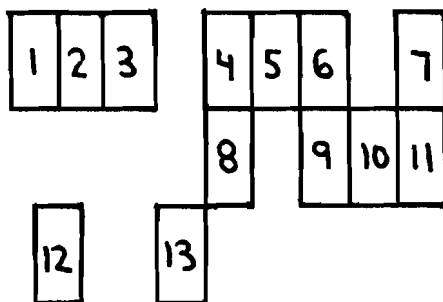
Cook Cemetery near Alston:

In memory of Joshua T. son of George C. and Mary S. Player, born Sept 28 died 17 Oct 1826

Other markers with no dates: B. Robertson, Nancy Cook, N. C. and (?) R. Cook

COOK CEMETERY

This Cemetery is located on McKennin Road about .25 miles from SC Route 219⁵ in the Jenkinsville Area



1. J. K. Cook, November 3, 1828 – Oct. 8, 1897
2. Martha P. Hutcherson, wife of J. K. Cook, May 6, 1824 – Jan. 17, 1892
3. Leila, died Nov. 7, 1864, Aged 5y, 7m
4. Mrs. Mary H. Cook, wife of Burrel B. Cook, died May 20, 1883, Aged 83 years and 3 months
5. B. B. Cook, Nov. 15, 1794 – March 29, 1872
6. Jas Alston Cook, June 3, 1835 – Aug. 29, 1862, died from wounds received at Battle of Manassass, Va. (B.F.) Color SGT - CO F
7. Infant daughter of S. A. and M. K. Lewis, born Oct. 4, 1862 AGE 26 127+
8. Fannie H. Cook, July 19, 1826 – August 1895 d. 10/15/62
9. Infant Daughter of G. S. & Rebecca Chappell, born and died July 31, 1880
10. Emma Pope, daughter of G. S. & Rebecca Chappell, Jan. 3, 1870 – Oct. 9, 1873
11. James Cook, son of G. S. & Rebecca Chappell, Dec. 16, 1859 – July 9, 1870
12. Infant Daughter of G. B. & M. E. Douglass, July 4, 1876 – July 7, 1876
13. Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Wicker, born and died Nov. 8, 1889
14. Garris Hix, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Chappell, Mch. 7, 1891 – Jan. 27, 1902
15. McBryde, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Chappell, Mar. 1, 1901 – May 27, 1901
16. Charles D. Chappell, July 27, 1860 – October 9, 1912
17. Honoria C. Chappell, December 12, 1861 – December 8, 1946

May 21, 1890 Issue

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ROLL OF COMPANY

The following roll of Co. G, James' Battalion, was furnished by W. N. Mason:

Sergt. J. W. Ashford, wounded at Chickamauga September 20, 1863.

Hugh Aiken (Big) died at home in 1862.

Hugh Aiken (Little) died in hospital at Richmond, Va., in 1862

James Aiken died in Virginia in 1864, I think.

Jno. W. Boyd wounded at South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862.

Thomas G. Brown now living in Arkansas.

George Brown wounded at South Mountain, died at Staunton in 1862. 11/11

Nathan Brown died at Jeffersonston, Va., in 1862.

Frank Brown

William Broom died at Adams' Run in 1862.

J. Richard Broom wounded in Virginia in 1863.

Charles Broom died at Front Royal, Va., in 1863.

James Beard served twelve months and discharged; died since the war.

Lieut. Andrew F. Blair wounded at Gettysburg, July, 1863, and retired.

Thomas Blair discharged in 1862 on the coast of South Carolina.

Warren Camak died in Virginia in 1863.

Sergt. William Craig lost an arm at Chickamauga September, 1863, and died.

S. C. Carman wounded at Gettysburg, July, 1863.

Jesse S. Carman bayonet wound at Spottsylvania, May, 1864.

Thomas Crumpton discharged on the coast in 1862, Now dead.

Jasper Crossland wounded and died at Knoxville in 1863.

* Thos. C. Davis died in Virginia in 1863. 2 12/8/62

William Douglass

Corp. Sam Douglass wounded at Knoxville in 1863.

Charles Douglass wounded at the Wilderness in 1864, Now dead.

Lieut. R. S. Desportes left after the reorganization in 1862.

Jno. A. Desportes left after the reorganization in 1862.

Flanigan.

* Lieut. J. Wash Gladney died at Gaines' X Road, Va., in 1863. 6/24/62

Josiah H. Gibson discharged on the coast of South Carolina in 1862.

Green H. Gibson wounded at Cold Harbor in 1864.

David Gladney wounded with bayonet at Spottsylvania in 1864. Now dead.

Jesse Graddick wounded slight at South Mountain, Md., September 1862, and wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., in 1864.

Leighton Hawes died at Summerville, S. C., in 1862.

Wm. Hamilton died at Columbia, S. C., in 1862.

Pink Hogan lost or captured in 1864.

Willie Hopkins killed at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1863.

William Hook

Robert Haigood wounded at Boonsboro September, 1862, died since the war.

Capt. A. P. Irby left after the reorganization in 1862.

Wm. F. Irby enlisted in cavalry in 1862.

* Wm. Johns died in Richmond, Va., in 1863.

Lieut. R. H. Jennings flesh wound in leg at Chickamauga September, 1863, lost left arm at New Market Heights, Va. 1864.

B. F. Lyles exchanged with John Parnell to 12th Regt. in 1863.

Sergt. W. N. Mason wounded at Boonsboro in 1862, Knoxville in 1863, Berrysville in 1864, Strasburg or Cedar Creek in 1864.

Thomas Mann served twelve months and discharged. Dead.

James Milling living in Abbeville County.

Newton Martin transferred in 1862 to cavalry.

William Martin transferred in 1862 to cavalry.

John Martin (Arkansas) detailed as a teamster.

R. Russell Milling wounded at 2nd Manassas in 1862, lost leg at Chickamauga September, 1863.

* William Morgan killed at Chickamauga September, 1863. 9/20

Sergt. David Martin killed at Boonsboro September, 1862

Samuel McCreight (Brother) died in Florida since the war.

Andy McConnell wounded at Knoxville and died in prison in 1862. SGT

Butler McConnell died at Jackson Hospital, Richmond, in 1864. 6/28/

Dr. Thos. McKinstry detailed as hospital steward in charge of ambulance corp.

John McLure detailed as a butcher.

Matthew McGrady lost an arm at Chickamauga in 1863.

John Nelson died in hospital at Columbia, S. C. in 1862. 7 (10) 62

John F. Paul wounded at Boonsboro in 1862.

Calvin Rabb died at Petersburg, Va., in 1864.

Lieut. John S. Robinson left after reorganization in 1862. Killed at Petersburg, Va., in 7th Battalion.

John W. Robinson left after reorganization in 1862; died since the war.

John W. Robinson (Grizzly) wounded at Spottsylvania in 1864.

James Y. Robinson lost an arm at Bean Station, Tenn., in 1863.

W. O. Robinson lost an arm at the Wilderness 6th of May 1864.

Elisha Ragsdale died in hospital at Richmond in 1862.

Jesse Scott died in Virginia in 1862.

B.F. * Lieut. James Shedd killed at Boonsboro September 1862. 9/14/1862

* William Shedd died in Columbia in 1862. 7/28/

Laban H. Trapp discharged at twelve months and joined cavalry. Now dead.

Wm. Tinker bayonet wound at Spottsylvania in 1864; died since the war.

George Tinker died in hospital in Virginia in 1863.

Warren Turkett wounded at Gettysburg in 1863. Now dead.

___ Verona detailed service

B. Franklin Watt died in hospital in Virginia in 1863. WATTS

Capt. B. M. Whitener killed at Cedar Creek, Va., October 1864. W.G. 10/19/64

* Cpl James Withers killed at the Wilderness May 6, 1864.

David Wilson lives now in this County.

July 1, 1868 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

Died, at his residence in Fairfield District, on 23d May last, Col. William Smith, in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was among the oldest citizen of his District, and his sterling worth, and useful life, claim more than a passing notice.

His father was William Smith, of Spartanburg Dist., who emigrated from Pennsylvania at an early age and became one of the earliest settlers of that District. He held the office of Colonel in the American army during the Revolution and afterwards represented his congressional district in the U. S. Congress. Still later in life he held the office of District Judge. His name stands enrolled during that bright and glorious list of patriots who delivered the American people from British oppression, and who also assisted in guiding the trembling helm of our republican government, amidst the shoals and breakers, that, in its early history, threatened its overthrow – a government which would have shed its mild and peaceful influence over us to the present hour, had it not been for the recreant, and faithless spirit of fanaticism.

As was the sire, so was the son, Colonel Smith possessed several traits of character which rendered him more than an ordinary man. He adhered, implexibly to whatever he believed to be right, and denounced boldly, and fearlessly, whatever he believed to be wrong, whether in politics, religion or the affairs of life. He was a man of remarkable fidelity. This was exhibited through his whole life. The interest of others, when confided to his hands suffered no detriment, but received more attention, perhaps, than would have been given, had it been wholly his own. He was also a man of remarkable integrity. He thought, and acted for himself unmoved by smiles or frowns.

He had his own standard of excellence, and marked out his own course, both of which were entirely independent of the views or opinions of others. And if those who knew him thought that he sometimes carried this spirit beyond its legitimate bounds, let them remember that to err is human; and that an excellence carried beyond its just limit, is, perhaps a less evil, than not exercising that excellence at all.

Col. S. was emphatically a man of order and discipline. Possessing a strong mind, and an uncompromising will he was fitted by nature to rule, order and discipline was not only apparent in the transactions of business with others, but also in the transaction of his own affairs in the plantation and about his house. Every one had their specific duties, and these duties had to be performed at the right time, and in the right manner. I heard it said, since his death by one who knew his will, that he worked freedmen more successfully than most others, which was attributed to the order and firmness that belonged to his nature. The writer has heard him say more than once “it will not do to yield an inch, yielding produces the trouble.” When elected Colonel to command a regiment of cavalry under the old militia laws of South Carolina, his summary dealings with all defaulters, and his rigged enforcement of military law, at the commencement made him very unpopular; but after his command had seen the results of such a course, in promoting strict order and obedience, they first admired then loved, until he reached the pinnacle of popularity. He belonged to the State Rights School of politics – was a great admirer of Calhoun, and even in his old age would become enthusiastic when speaking of the glorious history of S. C., from 1828 to 1832. He was in the Convention which rescinded the act of nullification but instructively true to his native State he stood among the noble eleven (out of above 180) who voted against rescinding that act.

He became a member of the Fairfield Baptist Church during the time Rev. J. Davis had charge of it, and was afterwards chosen a deacon which office he held until that body was

disorganized by the burning of their house of worship. No minister within his knowledge was so much admired by him as Dr. Furman, of Greenville, who had charge of the Fairfield Church during his professorship in the Furman Institute. He spoke of him frequently in the latter part of his life, and was often heard to say that he possessed the best balanced mind he ever knew, that while most men were strong in one or two points only Dr. F. was strong in many.

Col. S. was the friend of education. He had received in youth, distinguished educational advantage, and gave to each of his children excellent opportunities for mental cultivation. He was for a time as active working member of the Board of Trustees of Furman Institute, but he had no sympathy for the Manual Labor School, the speedy failure of which proved the soundness of his judgment. His long and eventful life had peculiar trials and vicissitudes. He had eleven children, seven of whom he saw buried. He lost his wife in 1848. Of the seven children that died, five were grown, and had been prepared by education to enter upon the stern realities of life. How sad to the heart of a fond parent, to see his children, with the bright prospects of usefulness and honor before them, suddenly laid in the tomb!

But perhaps no event so weighted down and depressed his spirits as the sad changes that have of late years withered the prospects, and blasted the hopes, of the southern people. These sad changes led him to say, not long before his death, to his niece, Mrs. Judge Robertson, of Winnsboro, "I am now weary of life." Alas! many of our old and valued citizens are sinking into their graves with their spirits broken and their hearts crushed by the calamities that have fallen upon our once happy country!

Col. S. belonged to the past generation – the companion of his youth and those associates with him in active life, have most of them passed away. Yet he will be missed as a citizen, a neighbor, and a friend. Farewell, high toned and noble spirited old man! The storms of life beat not upon thee now. We fondly hope your weary feet rest in a happier land – a more congenial clirae.

"Fecisti nos, Domins, propter te, et inique tam est cor nostrum, donec in is redsat."

July 2, 1873 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

We regret to hear that John McCully, Esq. Has been afflicted with another stoke of paralysis. He was attacked last Tuesday while on his way from town. One side is useless. We trust that he will recover.

July 16, 1873 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

We are pleased to hear that Master T. K. Elliott, son of H. L. Elliott, Esq., bore off the second honors of the fourth class at the Virginia Military Institute, at the recent examinations. The class was a very large one. Master Elliott has the Mt. Zion scholarship and we are glad to find that he is sustaining her reputation.

July 30, 1873 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

Miss Mamie Elliott, daughter of our esteemed townsman, J. M. Elliott Esq., bore off the first honors of the graduating class at Rev. R. Burwell's female academy at Raleigh, N. C. at the last session. Fairfield has cause to be proud of her sons and daughters.

August 10, 1870 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

Public Meeting

At a public meeting held in the Court House on 6th instant, Judge Robertson in the chair. It was resolved that a Barbecue should be prepared in Winnsboro on the occasion of the visit, on 17th instant of Judge Carpenter, Gen. Butler, Gen Kershaw and other distinguished gentlemen.

The following gentlemen were appointed upon committees to solicit subscriptions of supplies or money for the Barbecue.

WINNSBORO

Major Thos. W. Woodward, Jas. B. McCants, John H. Cathcart, Robert D. Bolick, George H. McMaster, Dr. C. H. Ladd, Dr. Wm. E. Aiken, DuBose Egleston, B. F. Davidson, I. N. Withers, Francis Gerig.

JACKSON'S CREEK

A. Y. Turner, Robert A. Herron, John Weldon, Robert B. Sloan. R. J. Gladney.

YOUNGUESVILLE

Wm. B. Woodward, W. Watt Brice, A. S. Gaillard, John Mackorell, Wade Brice.

MONTICELLO

Thos. W. Rabb Sr., Col. J. T. Dawkins, James Gelston, J. Murray Kirkland, Maj. William Bell.

ALSTON

D. J. M. Glenn, David Elkin, Warren Turkett, Nathan Cook, Hayne McMeekin.

HOREB

Thomas Mckinstry, Jesse R. Delany, Capt. James Mann, Capt. A. F. Irby, Joel A. Smith.

POPLAR SPRINGS

R. R. Vann, William McCully, Thos. P. Cason, Dr. Henry F. Gibson, William Yongue.

GALDDEN'S GROVE

Capt. Jas. Beaty, Gen. John Bratton, Edward P. Mobley, O. R. Brown, A. F. Lumpkin.

DOKO

Dr. S. W. Bookhart, Peter Hoffman, Dr. Jno. W. Campbell, John C. Haigood, J. W. Starns.

BUFFALO

Capt. W. P. Broom, Baylis Elkin, John Taylor, Thos. Smith, John Hinnant, W. F. Jackson.

BUCKHEAD

Col. D. Prevince, Mitchell Owens, Edward Means, Sam'l H. Stevenson, Thos. M. Lyles.

FEASTERVILLE

Dr. Robert Coleman, David Coleman, Henry Sigman, Henry Coleman, David Feaster.

RIDGEWAY AND LONGTOWN

Joseph Lauhon, Henry C. Davis, Howell Edmunds, John McCarley, Robert G. Lamar.

BRICE'S STORE

Robert C. Clowney, John A. Brice, T. P. Mitchell, John S. Douglass, Thos. S. Brice.

The following Committee of Arrangements was appointed, to which Judge W. R. Robertson, by a vote of the meeting, was added as chairman, namely:

James Law, Thos. W. Woodward, James B. McCants, Geo. H. McMaster, John H. Cathcart, Dr. C. H. Ladd, W. Moultrie Dwight, James A. Brice, Rev. T. W. Erwin, Dr. W. E. Aiken, Capt. I. N. Withers, Robert D. Bolick, E. W. Ollever, William R. Garrison, W. B. Creight, DuBose Egleston, J. W. McCreight, Saling Wolfe, Samuel B. Clowney, Robt. S. Ketchin, O. R. Thompson, John A. Frazer, D. R. Flenniken, William W. Ketchin, A. F. Gooding, B. F. Davidson, John S. Cathcart, Jas. D. Frazer, R. E. Ellison, W. S. Rabb.

It is resolved that a meeting should be held on Friday, 12th instant, at 10 o'clock at which the committee should make reports of contributions received.

G. H. McMASTER, Sec.

July 31, 1880 Issue of the News and Herald

Five Generations – Cedar Creek calls attention to the fact that five generations are living in one house in this section. They are Mrs. Schroeder, her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hendrix, her granddaughter Mrs. Leitner, her great-granddaughter Mrs. Pres Broom, her great-great-granddaughter, a child of Mrs. Broom's. This is indeed a remarkable household. May it long continue in unbroken line.

May 3, 1881 Issue of the News and Herald

An invitation has been extended to Miss Hattie Brown, of this place, to be one of the young ladies to assist in unveiling at the Cowpens Centennial. Miss Brown is the daughter of the late M. L. Brown, Esq., whose great-grandmother was a sister of Daniel Morgan, the hero of Cowpens, whose monument is to be unveiled on that occasion.

July 5, 1882 Issue of the News and Herald

Caught at Last – Dick Brown, alias Dick Woodward, was captured on Mr. Ben. Tennant's place, near White Oak, on Tuesday by Messrs. John L. Cameron and John T. Patrick (two special deputies appointed by Sheriff McCarley) on a warrant issued by Trial Justice Neil. Dick had been avoiding arrest for the past eight years. He was convicted in this county of stealing horses (two cases) in 1870, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen months in each case. After his term expired he went to Newberry County, in 1874, and there committed a larceny for which he was arrested, but made his escape from the officer before he reached the jail. He immediately came to this county, and the warrant was sent to Mr. James Aiken, the trial justice at Monticello, and he was arrested on Mr. S. B. Clowney's place on Jackson's Creek, by two constables; but he again made his escape. He shot a colored man near White Oak, in February, 1881, and has shot at several white men who were trying to arrest him. He has had the reputation of going armed all the time and saying that he never intended to be arrested by anybody, and that there was no jail that could hold him. There have been several attempts made to arrest him, but he could never be found by the officers of the law, though often seen by parties whom he did not fear. His headquarters were near White Oak. He is now in jail with shackles on his feet, awaiting a hearing in the Court of Sessions. There are three warrants in the sheriff's hands against him – for larceny, assault and battery with intent to kill and threats to kill.

January 5, 1887 Issue of the News and Herald

Off for North Carolina – Mr. W. B. Douglass left last week for Statesville, N. C., where he will make his future home. While we regret very much to lose such a citizen, we wish him success in his new home.

April 6, 1887 Issue of the News and Herald

A Fairfield Invention – Mr. J. C. Huey for the past month has been attempting to complete a cotton planter which he thought when completed would be far superior to any now in use. We are glad to announce that his efforts have been crowned with success. A perfected sample of his genius is now on exhibition at the store of Mr. R. M. Huey, which was made by the iron works of Charlotte. In brief it is about as neat an invention as one would wish to see, which will be clearly shown by the following description: The first advantage over other inventions is the fact that it is not near so cumbersome, being only sixteen inches in length. The front of it is made that it opens the bed, and in cast it should strike a rock or any obstacle it gives way by means of a spring, but immediately opens the bed as soon as the obstacle is passed. Following this comes the planter proper, which distributes the seed remarkably even in the row. After this is done and just in rear comes the cover, which is so constructed that it passes any obstacle, and

when passed immediately performs its work. The only other, and last piece of the machinery, is the roller, which is so constructed that it leaves the row an incline plane from the center, in order that the water may flow off and not stand on the bed. The inventor has also constructed a corn and pea dropper, which may be attached to the same machine in such a way that it can be regulated to drop either corn or peas, at any distance from each hill that is desired. A patent has been applied for, and the verdict of all who have it is that it is one of the most perfect machines ever offered on the market. We wish him success in his enterprise, as we are sure that his efforts deserve success.

January 4, 1888 Issue of the News and Herald

Mr. W. L. Timmons and family left on Saturday for Statesville, N. C., where they will make their future home. Mr. Timmons is a sterling young man, well and favorably known in Winnsboro and the county. He has been engaged in merchandising in this county for several years. All his friends and acquaintances will regret the departure of him and his wife and family from Fairfield. Now wishing him any harm, we hope he won't stay long. He will engage in merchandise with Mr. W. B. Douglass, late of this county.

January 25, 1888 Issue of the News and Herald

Dr. T. F. Broom and family have left Simpson's for Darlington, where their future home will be made. Their departure will be regretted by friends in the county and neighborhood. The doctor was in feeble health when he left.

December 17, 1890 Issue of the News and Herald

J. H. Clamp, who lives between Ridgeway and Blythewood, was returning from Columbia on Tuesday, where he had gone with cotton, and when near his home he was assaulted by highway robbers. The thieves severely injured him and got over \$400 and his purchases. He is badly but not mortally wounded. We sincerely hope the scoundrels may be caught.

James Mobley about eleven years old, son of Mr. Moses H. Mobley, was returning home on Sunday from his grandfathers, Mr. W. T. McCrorey, riding a horse, the horse threw the boy and broke his arm in three places. He was attended by Doctors Mitchell and J. C. Buchanan. Mr. E. P. Mobley's son Berry was on the same horse, but escaped without injury.

May 9, 1894 Issue of the News and Herald

Pension Roll for Fairfield Country, 1894

D. H. Walker, G. G. Robertson, R. B. Crawford, J. R. Harvey, W. F. Jackson, M. K. Craft, N. E. Hood, J. M. Pettis, J. L. Richmond, M. H. McGrady, J. W. Rowe, Thomas Mayfield, G. S. Hinnant, J. K. Smith, J. R. Westbrook, Jane Paul, M. C. Robertson, Mary Carlisle, S. R. Bean, C. J. Eastler, C. McNeal, M. A. Miller, S. G. Mickle, M. E. Smith, Sarah Cassels, Jane Raines, M. S. McDowell, Elizabeth Fetner, S. H., Sloan, Esther Kennedy, Martha Nelson, C. A. Davis, Mary Phinney, A. E. Rogers, Lucinda Hood, Izetta Price, A. E. Chaplin, Margaret Neely,

Mary Broom, N. G. Hendrix, M. L. Christmas, Ann Kennedy, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Sloan, H. A. Klinck, C. C. Leitner, C. C. Brown, Thos. Gallagher, Jos. Reynolds, W. A. Street, J. A. Hinnant, H. R. Eastler, H. G. Gibson.

The above parties are entitled to \$22 each. Call on the Clerk of the Court or send your written order.

April 21, 1875 Issue of the News and Herald

Mr. William Milling, near Salem Church, in Fairfield, last week killed a "catamount" weighing twenty pounds. He was out hunting with his rifle, when passing under a tree, the "varmint" sprang upon him from an overhanging limb. It missed its distance and landed upon the ground, but sprang a second time at Mr. Milling and fastened its claws in the breast of his coat. He struck it off and it ran a second time up the tree. Mr. Milling drew his pistol and fired at it, the ball taking effect in the animal's head. It sprang upon him again, but was soon dispatched. Had the beast been larger, it might have made a dangerous fight, at it evinced any amount of pluck.

This animal is about three feet in length with brown back, and tawny belly, covered with brown spots.

Major T. W. Woodward, an authority in such matters, pronounced it to be, from the description given of it an American by lynx. He has caught several of the same species with his dogs.

July 12, 1877 Issue of the News and Herald

James R. Aiken

James R. Aiken, Esq., died at his residence in Winnsboro, on the morning of the 10th instant, after a lingering illness, from affection of the lungs. The deceased was a son of the late David Aiken, Esq., was born on the fifteenth of November A. D. 1812, and was the eldest of a family of seven brothers and two sisters, all of whom, with the exception of Col. H. K. Aiken, who was killed in a gallant charge during the war, still survive. After careful preparation he entered the South Carolina College, from which he graduated in the class of 1832. Returning to Winnsboro he entered into mercantile pursuits, in which he was engaged for the greater portion of his life. The Seminole War in Florida gave rise to a call for volunteers. A splendid company, under command of Capt. Derrill Smith, left Fairfield for the Florida campaign, and was engaged in active service. Of this company Mr. Aiken was orderly sergeant, and during the campaign proved an efficient officer.

Entering into public life, Mr. Aiken was elected to the House of Representatives in 1844 by a most flattering vote. He was re-elected and served a second term, after which, although still taking an active interest in politics, he did not come again before the people until 1866, when under Andrew Johnson reconstruction, he was elected a member of Orr Legislature.

When the Planters' Bank of Fairfield was organized, in 1854, Mr. Aiken was chosen president, a position held by him for a number of years.

The deceased was possessed largely of public spirit, and contributed liberally to charitable and benevolent purposes; while his genial bearing and affability gained him many

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warm friends both at home and abroad. The strong constitution and great vitality of the deceased for a long period resisted the inroads of a treacherous malady, and to the very last he displayed remarkable vigor.

The remains of the deceased were laid with those of a son, Clarence, who died years ago, in the family plat in the Presbyterian Cemetery, of which church he was an elder for many years. The services were held at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. C. E. Chichester, the pall bearers being Messrs. Jas. B. McCants, A. S. Douglass, O. R. Thompson, F. Gerig, H. L. Elliott and James Beaty.

Mr. Aiken leaves a son and three daughters, all grown. He was married but once. His wife a daughter of the late D. Cloud, of Chester, preceded his to the grave in 1860.

September 22, 1875 – Official Directory of Fairfield County

Senator – Moses Martin
Representatives – Joseph Thompson
 John Gibson
 Joel Copes
Sheriff – L. W. Duvall
Jury Commissioner – R. F. Martin

Judge of Probate – J. J. Neil
County Auditor – W. B. Peaks
Clerk of the Court – Saml. B. Clowney
County Treasurer – W. M. Nelson
School Commissioner – W. J. Crawford
Notaries Public – M. C. Robertson

County Commissioners – Jas. B. Harvey
 Henry Jacob
 Carter Beaty

J. Q. Davis
H. N. Obear
D. B. Kirkland

Trial Justices – A. M. Mackey
 W. R. Marshall
 James Aiken
 Silas W. Ruff
 H. J. F. W. Coleman
 Thomas Walker
 Dr. Ira S. Scott
 T. R. Robertson

August 23, 1876 Issue of the Fairfield Herald

Fairfield Sabre Club

At the annual election for officers of this Club, held on Saturday, the 19th inst., the following selections were made:

J. B. Davis, Captain; F. J. Cameron, 1st Lieut.; T. R. Robertson, 2nd Lieut.; J. D. McCarley, 3rd Lieut.; W. J. Herron, 1st Sergt.; T. W. Rawls, 2nd Sergt.; W. W. Brice, 3rd Sergt.; Iraneus Pope, 4th Sergt.; A. E. Davis, 5th Sergt.; J. W. Brown, 1st Corp.; F. A. Neil, 2nd Corp.; J. W. Lyles, 3rd Corp.; J. W. McCreight, 4th Corp.; E. A. Rabb, 5th Corp.; J. W. McCants, Sec. and Treas.; M. F. Pope, Color bearer; Dr. J. C. Mobley, Surgeon. The Club numbers at present fifty-five men.

August 4, 1897 Issue of the News and Herald

A Narrow Escape

Several persons who were at one time residents of Winnsboro, had a narrow escape from drowning while bathing in the surf at Pawley's Island a few days ago.

Mrs. Lucile Rion and her two children were in the water and, venturing too far out, were caught by the strong under tow and carried beyond their depth. Mr. Albert Withers who was near, realizing the danger that Mrs. Rion and her children were in, went immediately to their rescue, but the deadly under current proved too much for him, and he soon found himself in just as helpless a condition as those whom he was trying to save. The whole party would doubtless have been drowned had they not been picked up by a boat which, fortunately, came along just at the critical moment. Mrs. Rion was unconscious when taken from the water but she was in a few hours completely restored. It was a fearful experience for those concerned, and one that might have had a most terrible result. Their friends are sincerely thankful that the consequences were not more serious.

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