

# Fairfield Genealogical Society

## NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of the Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS will be Sunday at 3:00 pm, on March 28, 2004 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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## **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 family and abandoned burying grounds.

### **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.

### **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.

These books are available for \$25.00 each, plus \$5.00 if mailed, at the Fairfield Museum in Winnsboro or by mail from

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## **Bible Records Needed**

Your Society is trying to gather Bible Information. We would like anyone with old Bibles submit the following information. This information will be compiled into a book.

- 1 – Photo copy of the Bible
- 2 – Photo copy of the information in the Bible
- 3 – Photo copy of the Bible's Title Page, publisher and published date
- 4 – Have a family member transcribe the information
- 5 – Who owns the Bible and who transcribed the information

Send your information to:     Fairfield Chapter - SCGS  
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If you have not sent in your dues, you need to send them so you will not miss the next Newsletter and The Carolina Herald and Newsletter

### **A Smithsonian Exhibit Comes to Winnsboro**

The Fairfield County Museum is excited to announce that it has been chosen as one of six small museums in South Carolina to host the traveling Smithsonian exhibit, Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon. This exhibit, organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Nation Building Museum in cooperation with the National Trust for Historical Preservation, is being brought to South Carolina in partnership with the Smithsonian, the South Carolina Council on Humanities, and the six museums. This exhibit will open in Fairfield County on Sunday, May 2 and close on June 12

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### **Query**

Lester Johnson, Jr. of Inkster, Michigan is researching his African-American and has located his ancestors on the John Mobley Plantation in 1828. He is interested in locating other relatives and descendants who were slaves on the John Mobley Plantation. His address is: Apartment # 102, 201 Cherry Hill Trail, Inkster, Michigan, 48141; his email address is Lesterjohnson01@aol.com.

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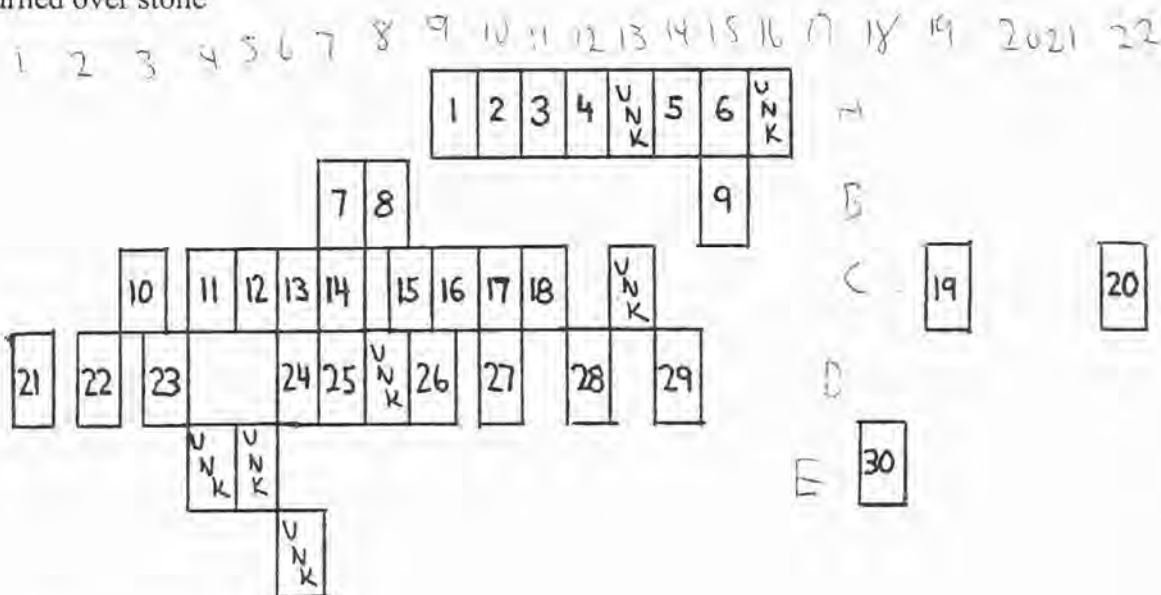
## Martin McDowell Cemetery – A. K. A Martin – Aiken Cemetery



- A-9 1. Sacred to the memory of Peter Aiken, Youngest son of William & Henrietta Aiken of Charleston who departed this life at Winnsborough on the 10 day of May Anno domun 1811, Aged 2 years 6 mos, 12 days. Also near this Stone lies James Aiken, who died 6<sup>th</sup> January 1798, Aged 63 years. And his Wife Elizabeth Aiken who died 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1803 aged 60 years. And their Son James Aiken who died 10<sup>th</sup> April 1804 Aged 31 years
- A-10 2. Broken stone, top part missing
- A-11 3. In memory of Eliz. Aiken wife of James Aiken, died 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1805 Aged 66 years, Also of her grand son Samuel Aiken who died Oct 10, 1831 Aged 5 years
- A-12 4. Memory of James Aiken who died the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1804, Aged 31 years
- A-14 5. Sacred to the memory of Nancy B. daughter of Wm. M. & Jane Martin. Born Novr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1841, Died Feby. 10<sup>th</sup> 1842, Aged 1 year, 2 months and 20 days

- B-15 6. In memory of Elizabeth A. daughter of W. M. & Jane Martin who departed this life May 25<sup>th</sup> 1847 aged 1 year, 1 month & 18 days
- B-7 7. In memory of Edward Martin Esq., Born Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1758, Died Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1815
- B-8 8. In memory of Margaret Martin wife of Edward Martin, Esq. Born Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> 1761, Died Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1789
- B-15 9. In memory of J. Franklin Steele who died May 3d 1858
- C-3 10. Sacred to the memory of John McMillan who departed this life Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1780. Aged 50 years.
- C-4 11. Sacred to the memory of Mary Faris who departed this life Oct. 22d A. D. 1778 Aged 21 years, Also of John McMillan who departed this life Decemr. 23<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1794, Aged 30 years
- C-5 12. This stone is erected as a debt of honour to our beloved Father Sam. McMillan, who departed this life July 16<sup>th</sup> 1844, in the 90<sup>th</sup> year of his age
- C-6 13. Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Ann McMillen, who departed this life September the 13<sup>th</sup> 1804, Aged 48 years.
- C-7 14. Here lieth the Body of Robert Martin who departed this Life December the 29, 1811 Aged 82 years Also his Wife Rebecca H. who departed this Life October the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1795 Aged 66 years
- C-8 15. In memory of Jane M. Smith wife of H. A. Smith who was born the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1806, Died the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 1855. Aged 49 years, 8 months & 23 days
- C-9 16. In memory of Margaret Martin who departed this life on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, A. d. 1847 in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of her age,
- C-10 17. In memory of David Martin who was born 12<sup>th</sup> March A. D. 1762 and died 19<sup>th</sup> February A. D. 1842, Aged 49 years, 11 months and 22 days
- C-11 18. Sacred to the memory of David Martin who was born the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1762 and died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1812, Aged 49 years 11 months and 22 days
- C-19 19. Marie E. McDowell, Born 1845, Died July 31, 1889
- C-22 20. McDowell
- D-1 21. Rebecca McVea, Born December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1794, Died November 1826
- D-2 22. Sacred to the memory of Janet Jemima Brice, daughter of James and Jane Brice who departed this life June 11<sup>th</sup> 1858, aged 12 years 1 month & 22 days
- D-3 23. In memory of Clerimond McVea born July 3, 1806, died July 2, 1888

24. In memory of Jemima J. McDowell who died October 9<sup>th</sup> 1838, aged 6 years 2 months and 13 days.
25. In memory of Harriet R. McDowell who died May 10<sup>th</sup> 1838 aged 17 months and 28 days.
26. Sacred to the memory of Nancy Martin, wife of Robert Martin, Born April 26<sup>th</sup> 1780 departed this the March 21<sup>st</sup> 1834 aged 53 years 10 months and 21 days. Also near this stone lies Wm. B. Martin, Son of R. & N. Martin who died March 24<sup>th</sup> 1813 aged 1 month & 3 days.
27. Sacred to the memory of Robert Martin who departed this life August 31<sup>st</sup> 1836 aged 66 years 5 months & 20 days.
28. In memory of Elizabeth McVea Born November 9<sup>th</sup> 1767 Died December 29<sup>th</sup> 1839.
29. In Memory of John McVea Senr. Born March 12<sup>th</sup> 1755, Died June 28<sup>th</sup>, Died June 28<sup>th</sup> 1830.
30. Turned over stone



UNK – Graves with only footstones.

NOTE: A survey of this cemetery was done about twenty years ago and lists the following graves that we were unable to locate, two of which are probably location 2 and 30.

William McDowell, September 23, 1839 – January 26, 1922  
 Mary E. Steele, December 29, 1827 – October 7, 1895  
 Jane Martin, May 30, 1815 – May 3, 1848

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This article is from The State Newspaper, Columbia, South Carolina of November 16, 1892

## VERY ROMANTIC INDEED

### Miss S. B. Coleman Weds Mr. H. L. Allen Despite Parental Objection

The parsonage of Rev. S. P. H. Elwell was the scene at a late hour last night of one of the most romantic marriages that has occurred in Columbia in many a day. It was the old story of the insufficiency of locks and bars and objections, when Cupid is at work.

H. L. Allen, a well known young broker of Columbia, loved Miss S. B. Coleman, the daughter of a prominent farmer of this county, whose home is at the Starling place. Parental authority intervened, but this fact did not cause the young couple to lose hope. They made their plans for an elopement, and these plans were most happily consummated at a late hour last night.

At the usual time the young lady retired, and when the family were deep in slumber, arose, wrote a note, telling her parents of the intended marriage, and met her lover, who awaited her coming with a buggy near the house. The couple hastily drove to the city, reaching here at 11 o'clock, where they summoned Fred and Miss Germany, who consented to witness the ceremony. The party then proceeded to the residence of Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, who united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride and groom stopped last night at the Columbia Hotel, after receiving the congratulations of the few who witnessed the ceremony.

The parents of the bride will awake this morning in the belief that their daughter is still with them, but the note that was left will soon tell the story.

Both the bride and groom mentioned in the above article were natives of Fairfield County. Miss S. B. (Sarah Belle) Coleman was a daughter of George W. Coleman and his first wife Mary Elizabeth Stevenson (daughter of Samuel Hemphill Stevenson and Cynthis Yongue Stevenson). The Colemans were from the Feasterville section of Fairfield County.

The groom was Howard Leitner Allen, son of Hiram Sylvanus Allen and his wife Rebecca C. Leitner Allen (daughter of David Wesley Leitner and his wife Betsy Smith). The Allens were from the Blythewood section of Fairfield County, but were residents of Columbia during the 1890's, Mr. Hiram Allen being a railroad engineer operating out of Columbia.

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November 22, 1905 Issue of the News and Herald

Mr. Walter Crawford, who clerked for Mr. R. B. Refo for several week after giving up his place as mail rider, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crawford of the Salem section, Monday morning after an illness of about four week. He was about 18 years old.

This article is the first of a series written by T. W. Woodward. This one was in the July 5, 1899 Issue of the News and Herald.

## THOMAS WOODWARD: THE REGULATOR

Mr. Editor: As per your request, I hand the following article. The personal reminiscences are such as I have gathered from talk of the older members of the family and the political incidents of the Regulator are by Prof. R. Means Davis.

T. W. Woodward

The first American ancestor of "The Regulator" came from England with George Calvert, Baron of Baltimore, about 1634, and settled near Annapolis, Md. It was here that Thomas, the father of the Regulator, was born and raised. By his first wife, whose maiden name I do not know, he had several children. After her death, he went to Fairfax County, Va. and married Elizabeth Simpson, the descendant of a Scotch family. Thomas Woodward and Elizabeth Simpson had one son who was the Regulator. Returning to Maryland to bring to Fairfax the children of the first marriage, he died before accomplishing his purpose and the children remained in Maryland, leaving many descendants who reside in that State. After the death of Thomas Woodward, his widow married William Robertson and reared three sons, William, John and Henry, and several daughters. Some of these children moved in after years to Dinwiddle County, Va., and others to North Carolina.

(Note: The earliest mention of the Woodward family was about the year 1666, (*this is the date in the newspaper article, should probably be 1066*) when they were wards of the wood, or keepers of the forest for William the Conqueror who "loved the tall deer as if he were their father." Their names as was usual in many cases indicated their occupation.)

In a series of letters from General Thomas Simpson Woodward, a grandson of Wheeling, Winn Parish, La., to J. J. Hooper, author of Simon Suggs and editor of the Montgomery Advertiser in 1857, he says, speaking of the Regulator! "that he showed in early life an inclination to become a soldier, and was in the French War, being a part of the time with George Washington, who was then a Major or Colonel. He was a captain in the service, and much older than Washington. From what I learn from Parson Weems and others, the old man was regarded as a good fighter." At an early age Thomas, the Regulator, married Jemima Collins, and had by her four daughters and two sons. The sons bear the names of John and William. The daughters married Nelson, Raiford, Rabb, Anderson. While in service he lost his wife, and after coming to South Carolina he became acquainted with the Widow May, who had Indian blood in her veins. Pressing his suit, she accepted him and they were married. Of this union there were three sons and three daughters. After this marriage, he brought home in Virginia, his mother and three half brothers, William, John and Henry Robertson. William was the father of Major Benoni Robertson, John of the Longtown branch, and Henry the father of "Turkey Jim," whom I have frequently met on his hunting and fishing expeditions on Mill Creek. The mother of Thomas Woodward and the Robertsons lived to be 114 years old.

Capt. Woodward, it seems, came to South Carolina prior to 1760, a date sometimes assigned to his coming, for there is an record in the office of the Secretary of State a grant of land of 200 acres dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1758. (Vol. 6, page 390). There were other grants in Craven County, viz. 50 acres on Cedar Creek, (vol. 7, page 281) on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1763, 100 acres on Wateree River and Creek, on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1763, 100 acres on north side of Broad River, on Cedar Creek, and between 1766 and 1774, four tracks embracing 600 acres in Craven County, (one on Mill Creek). Most of these tracts were bounded by vacant lands, showing that the country at that time was

sparsely settled. Tradition has it that he came when South Carolina called on Virginia and North Carolina for assistance against the Cherokee Indians. Fairfield is described at this time as being one of the most charming and fertile districts in the State, and its settlers were chiefly devoted to stock raising, Kirkland, the grandfather of Reuben Harrison the progenitor of old John Harrison owning as many as fifty brood mares. After hostilities had ceased, and the people were returned to their homes, many dishonest men were banded together for the purpose of stealing and carrying away such of the stock as they could lay hands on. As there was no court nearer than Charleston, and but one provost, or sheriff for the whole colony, the organization of a body of regulators became a necessity.

It might be supposed that from his character and prominence Capt. Woodward would take the lead on this work of suppressing robbery and outlawry. He was not a man of letters, but was endowed with an ample fund of practical and useful information, and was one of the founders of the Mt. Zion Society. He is said to have subscribed for the first newspaper taken in the district, and for a long time it was custom of the neighborhood to assemble at his house once a week to hear the news read. The first dwelling house of Capt. Woodward was erected at the place known as the Muster Field Spring, on lands now owned by Major Thomas W. Woodward; and known as the Coon Hall Place. Here may still be seen the ruins of the settlement with the remains of the "apple jack cellar", so common in those days when drunkenness was rare and dispensaries unknown. Near the old homestead was a race track, which was still plainly visible through the woods in 1866 when the land was cleared, although oaks twelve inches in diameter had grown up in the track. Old Major Benoni Robertson, father of Mr. Thomas G. Robertson, (now 82 years of age) and old "Billy" Simpson, who lived at the old Williamson place, now known as Simpson's were the race riders. I remember both these venerable old men, especially old Billy Simpson, who kept a huge bear chained to a large oak in his yard. My father frequently rode down to see old Billy and I always rode behind him to see the bear.

Thomas Woodward was of large stature, weighting about 240 pounds, but was very active and possessed great strength. I am indebted to the Hon. Joseph A. Woodward, a grandson, for the following incident showing his courage and strength. Capt. Woodward, with part of his company had pursued a band of Tories who had taken refuge in a strong log house on the Little River; and in those days when cannon were not to be had it was a problem how to dislodge them, although it was a simple enough matter to surround the house under protection afforded by trees and other impediments. After a consultation as to the best plan of attack Capt. Woodward, having notified his men to be ready, made a rush for the door, and with one stroke of his foot broke it from its fastenings and landed it clear of its hinges into the middle of the floor. A volley from outside and a few shots from within, when the contest came to a close in the surrender of the beleaguered parties. Tradition says it was here that he received the only wound sustained by him previous to his death at the ford on Dutchman's Creek. Instead of a pistol Capt. Woodward was in the habit of carrying a rifle with the barrel sawed off so as to be wielded with one hand. On this occasion he happened to be holding it in front of his breast as he made the charge, and a bullet fired from within the house split on the rifle barrel and splattered lead into his breast on both sides of the gun. I have heard my father say that he heard some of the older females of the family describe how they picked particles of lead out of the old Regulator's bosom with the points of their scissors.

A letter published in the Charleston Gazette 13<sup>th</sup> June 1768, (see Gregg's History of the Cheraws, page 138) gives a somewhat different account of the wounding. It says: "It seems hardly probable that the disturbances in our back settlements will entirely subside notwithstanding all the prudent steps that have been taken by the Government to suppress them until the late act of the General Assembly of this Province for establishing Circuit Courts takes

effect; for we daily hear of new irregularities committed by the people called regulators, who seeming to despair of rooting out those desperate villains that remain among them any other way still take upon themselves to punish such offenders as they can catch. We hear that within this month, one Watts and one Distoe have received 500 lashes by their direction and that an infamous woman has received corporal punishment. We hear also that one John Bowles has lately lost his life in attempting to take Mr. Woodward one of the leaders of the people called regulators. According to our account, Woodward, refusing to surrender himself, Bowles fired at, and would have killed him, but the ball struck the barrel of his gun which he held across his breast, upon which some people in company with Woodward fired and killed Bowles.

Some remarks may now be prefaced concerning the regulators of whom Thomas Woodward appears in History as the most prominent leader.

Settlements in North and South Carolina were first made along the Coast, and the back country was largely terra incognita. The up country of South Carolina was described by Adair and others as consisting of beautiful rolling prairies with little underbrush but covered with long canes and wild peas making a natural pasturage. Indians possessed these lands for a long time without rivalry, but the defeat of Braddock caused many settlers to leave Pennsylvania and Virginia and people in the back country of the Carolinas. In a treaty made with the Indians secured for the colonists all the territory embraced in the present counties of Edgefield, Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, Union, Spartanburg, York, Chester, Fairfield and Richland, with the new counties formed from their territory, the danger being thus to some extent removed, and migration began into this section. Col. Clark settled on Pacolet in 1750, Patrick Calhoun settled in Long Cane in 1736; previous to which time says Ramsey, not more than twenty families had settled in upper Carolina. William Moberly or Mobley, secured 100 acres of land on Beaver Creek in what is now Fairfield, "butting and bounding on vacant land on every sides" and was the patriarch of a large connection. The records show that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 1758; 200 acres on Broad River were granted to Thomas Woodward, and that at various times subsequently, up to the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 1774, he secured 850 acres more on Cedar Creek, Mill Creek, and Wateree Creek and River. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1760, a tract of 150 acres laying on "Coll Creek," (evidently Colonel's Creek in Lower Richland,) was certified to Barnaby Pope by Joseph Curry, D. S. It bounded on land of Scott and of James Kilpatrick, and had been originally preempted by Peter Cree. On 18<sup>th</sup> of September, 1762, 100 acres more in Craven County on Wateree River were certified to Pope, adjoining lands of John Hays, and lands of Cope originally surveyed for William Hilliard, deceased. This lay partly in a marsh, and was bound elsewhere by vacant lands. On June 5, 1774, Joseph Curry certified to Pope still another tract of 100 acres on Little River, the same land having been laid out to Joshua Ginn, alias Green, December 1762. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1763, Pope acquired a two hundred acre tract situate on Lower Saluda, and adjoining lands of Moses Powell and Gavin Pope. It is located by Joseph Curr as lying in Berkeley County, a somewhat indefinite geographical division.

Another name destined to become prominent in regulator records was that of Edward McGraw, whose son, the Rev. Marshall McGraw, died some years ago, a nonagenarian. There were two Edwards, probably father and son and one attaches the designation junior to his name. Edward McGraw had secured 200 acres of land in Saxe Gotha, (or Lexington) as early as the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 1745. At different times subsequently, he acquired tracts on Coben's Branch, Wateree, Little River and "Craven" making total holdings from the Crown, 1,850 acres. David and Solomon McGraw owned places on Morris' Creek as early as June 25, 1759; while Edward McGraw, Jr., (who was probably the Regulator) secured grants for 250 acres in 1770. These holdings do not necessarily include all lands owned, for they comprise only original grants. William and John Fraser, or Frazier, or Frasher, owned places on Broad River as appears from

the book of plats and also the council records, William Scott owned, apparently, unless there were several persons of that name, a large number of tracts, chiefly along the Wateree and Santee. In the absence of definite location in the narrative, the dealings of the principal actors in the regulation, may be guessed approximately.

A war with the Cherokee began in 1757 and lasted till 1761 when the strength of the Cherokees was almost totally destroyed, and they had to sue for peace. This fact induced another wave of immigration; but the settlers were not all desirable persons. There were horse thieves, Indian traders, drunkards and immoral men who made the back country a reproach. Unable to stamp these offenders out by means of the regular channels of justice since there was but one court in Charleston for the whole province, the law abiding men of the back country organized a "regulator" for the purpose of bringing miscreants to justice. The movement was widespread. In North Carolina, "as early as 1766, the people began to resist excessive taxation, these disturbances, beginning in Cranville, extended into Orange and Anson counties." These men seemed to have called themselves "the mob" until April 4, 1768, they changed it to that of "regulators". They rose in arms against the government but Gov. Tryon whipped them at Alamance Ridge, killed several hundred and tried and hanged some more. (Ramsey's History of the Revolution in S. C.) Many of these regulators afterwards became Tories, having enough of resistance to the king's officers.

In 1732 John Crawford, Owen David, William Summer and six others on the Pedee River had petitioned for a division of Craven County and the establishment of a courthouse in the upper portion in order to bring to justice miscreants of all kinds who were living in flagrant vice all along the border. The assembly recommended some improvements, and the establishment of a court at Georgetown; but the exception of the appointment of additional trial justices for the back districts nothing was done for relief. (Gregg's History of the Cheraws, 131 et seq.) The records are silent regarding these matters for about fifteen years, but discomfort was increasing and the settlers determined no longer to submit.

Along here Gregg's history of the old Cheraws is an interesting guide, from it we gather that in the Gazette of May 26, 1767, a portion of a letter written at Pine Tree or Camden, and bearing date May 14, was published, which said that "on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant a number of armed men being in pursuit of horse stealers, robbers, etc, discovered a parcel of them in camp on Broad River, where an engagement ensued, and the thieves were put to flight, and though none of them were taken it is reasonable to suppose from the quantity of blood on the ground that some of them were killed. They left behind them ten horses, thirteen saddles, some guns, etc. Gregg, p. cit. 134.

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### Power exploded - Seriously Burned Mr. Will Brown Who Was Testing It

Mr. Will Brown, who works at the Leiper-Davis quarry, near Long Run, was seriously burned one day last week. He had some old powder, which had been wet, and was testing it to see whether it would do to use in an explosion he was going to make. At first it did not explode. Then he tried a larger quantity with some dry powder mixed with it. About this time Arthur Matthews, who was standing near. Let a cigarette fall into the powder, when it exploded with the result mentioned above. Matthews was also slightly burned. Mr. Brown's injuries are not considered necessarily fatal, though extremely painful.

This is the last of the Sketches written by W. E. and was in the August 7, 1880 Issue of the News and Herald

August 7, 1880 – Rock Creek, August 3, 1880 – Allow me to correct an error in my sketch of Hon. D. R. Evans. I learn since I wrote it that he died in Winnsboro in 1843. My acquaintance with him was quite limited, hence the error. I learn also that he was a member of Congress eight years. This must have been before and during the war of 1812, as Dr. Wm. Woodward was a member not many years after that war, and Gen. Starling Tucker, of Laurens County, his successor. I learn also that the Hon. David R. Evans was educated in England, and I suppose his brother Joseph also. I omitted in my sketches Capt. Henry Harrison Counts, a native of Newberry County, but lived and died near Lyles' Ford. He was assessor and tax collector of our county, as many of your readers know, and a member of the Baptist Church at Rock Creek, and died in 1872. When I commenced the task of recording the memories of our departed men of Western Fairfield, it was my object only to memorialize those who lived and died in ye olden time, but as some of your juvenile readers, as I thought, might wish biographical sketches of later date of some of our men of worth, who have paid the last debt of nature, I have thought best to do so, and as I before observed hope they have been both entertaining and instructive. W. E.

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From the July 25, 1906 Issue of the News and Herald

#### Death of Mr. Francis Elder

Francis Elder was born in County Antrim, Ireland, October 12, 1824. He emigrated to this country November, 1850, landing at Charleston, S. C. On his arrival in Winnsboro he was at once employed as clerk by Mr. H. L. Elliott, and later became manager of Maj. Barkley's store. A cabinetmaker by trade he soon opened shops here, and conducted this business successfully for a number of years. In the year 1859 he was married to Miss Henrietta Shaw, who lived only a few years. Mr. Jas. S. Elder of Great Falls, Miss Maggie D. Elder of Winnsboro, and Mr. Robt. H. Elder of New York, children of this union, survive him. During the war he worked at his trade for the Confederate government in the car shops at Columbia. By industry and thrift he accumulated quite a competency, but lost it all by Sherman's torch. After the war he merchandised and farmed extensively up to 1900. Then on account of ill health was forced, much against his desire, to retire from business.

Mr. Elder suffered intensely at times during the last six years, but bore his sufferings with great patience and Christian fortitude. He highly appreciated the visits and attendance of his friends and neighbors and constantly expressed his appreciation of them.

Besides the children above mentioned he is survived by his second wife, who was Miss Lizzie Brice, to whom he was married in February, 1873, and two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Cathcart of Winnsboro, and Miss Ellen Elder of Illinois.

His death occurred at his home Tuesday evening, July 17, and his remains were interred in the A. R. P. cemetery, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Freeman, in the absence of his pastor, Rev. C. E. McDonald.

A Tribute to the Memory of Nace Means

Nathan Means, a former slave of Dr. David Harper Means, died on September 3, 1891. He was honored and respected by all good men—a man who, during his entire life, had never been known to break his word or to do a little act. He was truly a nobleman among his race, and his quite manhood, his personal prowess—and the gentle disposition which covered an iron will—made him to the writer of this feeble tribute to his memory a great man, and had he lived at the time of the battle of Bunker's Hill he would have stood side by side with Attucks in fighting for the right. Before old age began to make inroads upon his form, he was a striking man in appearance. Tall and powerfully made, with no equal among his race for strength and skill in manly exercise or in workmanship as a carpenter.

In the walks of his quite life he daily illustrated that he was a Christian. He was true as steel to the white man, and in the most trying days of Republicanism, when it was generally believed that any negro voting in the Democratic ticket would be lynched by the Union League, he would ride through the seething rabble that congregated the polls and publicly call their attention to the fact that he was voting with the white man and for good government.

When Sherman's vandals began their cowardly work of desolation in South Carolina he took charge of the wagons owned by his mistress, Mrs. Fannie C. Means, and when every driver deserted him he places small boys in the saddles of his teams and after skillfully eluding the Yankees brought safely back the silver plate and valuables of the Means family.

Immediately after the war, when on an errand, he was "held up" with a pistol presented at his breast by a straggler, who demanded the horse he was riding. With the quickness of a tiger he leaped from the animal, wrenched the pistol from the hands of the would-be horse thief and delivered it to his employer when he returned home.

These and many other acts are recorded of his bravery. He loved a gentleman, and often his eyes would fill with tears in speaking of the kindness he had received from his master's sons. He loved them all, and would freely, up to the last moment of his life, have poured out every drop of his heart's blood for any one of them. For several years prior to his death he was the foreman in the wagon and carriage factory of Mr. R. T. Matthews, of Winnsboro, who in speaking of his high character, said: "I have sustained a loss in his death of the best friend I have ever had." I have been the recipient of so many acts of thoughtfulness and generosity from him that I shall ever cherish his memory.

In his last sickness, when his powerful form was wasted by burning fever, I visited his bedside. He stretched out his hand and said: "I knew you would come. I am very ill and do not expect to live much longer. I have been lying here today thinking of what care would be taken of me now in sickness and old age: if my master's boys were near me. I will soon see them again. The people of Winnsboro have been very kind to me, but if any of the family lived there I would like to die at my old home.

His mind for some time before his death dwell upon the past, and when death closed his eyes and the heart that had been so true and faithful to every trust beat no more, I believe that the Angel of Death in recording his name placed it among the very best who have passed from this world to the great beyond.

Over his grave a plain slab will be placed, which needs no epitaph except the name of Nace Means, a faithful and just man made perfect through the blood of Christ. - John G. Mobley

May 2, 1894 Issue of the News and Herald

## COLORED GRADED SCHOOL

The closing exercises of the colored graded school will be held this week. On Thursday evening at Wayman A. M. E. Church the prize contest will take place, commencing at 8 o'clock. Following the contest, the annual address will be delivered by Prof. J. W. Morris, M. A., president of Allen University, Columbia, S. C. Prof. Morris is an elegant and one of the most classical speakers about, and will certainly give his hearers a grand treat.

On Friday evening at Thespian Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, we will have our annual concert. Admission to the contest free; to the concert ten cents. It is hope of the teachers that the exercise will surpass our previous efforts, as we strive to improve our school in every particular each year. We are, as ever, certainly grateful to our efficient school commissioner, our accommodating trustees, and to the many kind friends and patrons who have assisted us so much in the management and progress of our school. We are free to admit that we have not accomplished what might have been done under more favorable circumstances, but we hope that such additions will, from time to time, be made to the colored school work here that will enable the teachers to give all instructions available and necessary to make the negro youth what he ought to be – an honest, upright, intelligent and industrious citizen. We cordially invite our friends and patrons to attend our closing exercises.

On Thursday and Friday, at the school building, commencing at 10 o'clock, our public examination will be had, consisting of pupils from the first to the eighth grade. We very especially invite our white friends to attend our closing exercises, as they can get a better insight to our work by so doing, and as they are fully competent to judge of such work.

It is our custom to advise and have our advanced pupils to write on the county examinations – not particularly to teach, but in order to encourage them in their studies, and to be familiar with what they must be able to pass or to undertake when required to teach.

Misses Mamie McIntosh, Anna B. Ayers, Dinah Campbell, Maggie J. Goins, Carrie Brown, Rosa. M. Henderson, Mary J. Clark, and Messrs. Nat. Jones and C. R. Banks have all passed and recent county examination for teachers (all third grade except the last two named) and have been awarded certificates in accord with the same.

Again thanking the friends and citizens of Winnsboro for kindness given us during our three scholastic years in this town, and ever helping to prove ourselves worthy of continued respect.

C. G. Gvarrett, Principal  
W. G. Emerson  
Miss Patsy McIntosh,  
Assistants Winnsboro Colored Graded School

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From the January 12, 1880 Issue of The Lexington Dispatch – Married by the Rev. E. L. Lybrand, on 22d December 1880, Mr. C. B. Bloom, of Fairfield County and Miss Emma Price of Richland.

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September 6, 1905 Issue of the News and Herald

Miss Kittie Patrick has gone to take charge of her school at Wrens, Ga.



February 8, 1940 Issue of the News and Herald

## Witchcraft Abounded In Fairfield 150 Year Ago

Letter Written by P. Edward Pearson of Winnsboro in 1837 Tells That “Burning & Beatings” Were Resorted To Here In 1792.

By Frank A. Dickson – In Anderson Independent

As strange as it seems, witchcraft – which flourished to its greatest degree among the pioneers of the Northern colonies – was known in South Carolina at one time. In fact hardly more than a century ago there sprung into existence within the borders of the Palmetto state witchcraft trials that resulted in the beating and burning of the feet of those hags who received adverse verdicts.

Amounting to a curiosity in it hidden somewhere in Charleston an odd defense of a belief of witchcraft, but it has remained uncovered despite a faithful search for more than one hundred years. So far, historians have been unable to trace any known activities of demonology between the Charleston coast and Walhalla mountains except citations made in a letter written in 1837 by P. Edward Pearson of Winnsboro to Dr. Thomas Cooper, president of the University of South Carolina, who had been ordered by the legislature to set forth the details in his compilation of the South Carolina laws.

Amounting to a curiosity in itself, the message sheds startling light upon olden witchcraft and trials regarding the practice, always extra-legal in their nature. The contents read:

“Dear Sir, In reply to yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I answer that I was never concerned in a case of witchcraft. Some years ago Stephen D. Miller, esq., defended seven or eight persons who were indicted at Lancaster for assault and battery and false imprisonment. The defense was that an old woman, the prosecutrix, residing in Chesterfield, had mal-treated, by diabolical acts, a poor girl residing in Lancaster; and that the persons indicated, acting on the best advice procurable went to the old woman, gently laid hands on her, and brought her into Lancaster to touch the abused girl, and say over her “God bless you.” The significant words had been pronounced with the proper ceremony, and the girl instantly recovered.

“Judge David presided, and I suppose with a view to look somewhat into grounds of defense as a matter of curiosity, permitted the girl to be sworn.

“She testified that being fatigued one evening at her labors, she lay down to rest; Barbara Powers, the prosecutrix, came in and sat upon her and choked her with great violence. After this, Barbara raised her up, converted her into a horse, rode her to Lancaster village, went through the keyhole into several shops, brought out goods of great value, loaded them on her and rode her into Chesterfield with the booty. Barbara subsequently rode her to Cheraw, and proceeded in like manner, obtained bags of goods, and rode her back to her residence.

“With the severity of her almost incessant hardships in the service of the witch her health and strength greatly declined. Here the judge interposed and cut off all further testimony.

This happened about 1813.

“In the year 1792 witches abounded in Fairfield. Many a poor girl was thought to be sadly afflicted with these miscreants. Also not a few persons of the other sex. In fact, to so great a length did they carry their enmities to a number of individuals, that to relieve the sufferers it was deemed necessary to give the witches a trial, and if found guilty of the charges brought against them to punish them with signal severity.

“In that year a court composed of witches doctors was held at the house of Mr. Thomas Hill, five miles below Winnsboro. Four persons were tried and found guilty. They were punished by stripes and burning their feet at a bark fire so that the soles came off. I can barely remember seeing one of the sisterhood in the hands of an officer of the court. She was a poor German woman, seventy years of age, going to the place of trials; and afterwards to have seen the scars of cow skin on her arms and shoulders. The sufferers brought suit in the county court of Fairfield and the defense was gone fully into. The plaintiff’s recovered nominal damages. From that day to this we have not had occasion to complain of dealings of witch or wizard among our people.

P. Edw. Pearson”

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October 17, 1894 Issue of the News and Herald

## THE BALLOON WENT UP

Shortly after three o’clock on Thursday evening the balloon was seen straightening up from the ground and in one half hour from the time the fire was built it left the earth and darted up in the air like a thing of life. The ascent at first is straight upward from the earth and after going from a mile to a mile and a quarter it takes the general course of the wind up at the point where it is. The balloon left the hill near the A. R. P. Church and commenced to drift toward the Presbyterian Church.

The dog, “Miss Daisy, “ landed about one hundred yards from Dr. Quattlebaum’s house and was picked up by a colored boy and taken along. The canvass fell right in the corner of the Presbyterian churchyard. It appeared to get faster as it neared the earth and made something of a smothered report as it struck.

The man, Professor Thompson, was the only object in the air at the time, and it seemed as if he was going toward Alston before he would stop to those who were following near, but to parties further off, it seemed as if he was dropping in town. It was soon seen however that he would drop in some place, on the right of the road, but by kicking and exerting himself other ways he deflected the course of the parachute for more that one hundred and fifty yards and landed in the “old Fraiser field” about three hundred and fifty yards from the Presbyterian Church.

Professor Thompson made a complete success of the feat and every body was wild with excitement.

It is certainly an interesting sight, and would not grow old to a great many of us even if it went up every day in the week for quite a while.

The dog has a bandage around it’s body arranged so as to let hang in a natural position.

Professor Thompson sits in a swinging rope. The parachutes are tied to the balloon and at the signal of the pistol firing he jerks a slip-knot right at his hand and lets the dog loose. Then at the second shot he jerks another slip knot and lets himself loose. When he first cuts loose from the balloon he darts straight toward the earth and by the action of descent the air gets under the parachute and it resembles a large umbrella and they both glide as smoothly along as if floating on water.

On Friday the balloon went up about 4 o’clock. The anxious crowd was wild with excitement and the fields in the lines of the current was lines with people running wildly after it. The little dog landed in a field in front of Mr. Ellison’s house, and Prof. Thompson landed about two hundred yards from there a little nearer the road. The ascent was not quite as high apparently as on Thursday, but the landing would have been more difficult had it gone further.

## A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

### Almost a Block of Business and Dwelling Houses Burned

Sherman and his horde of bummers applied the torch very vigorously while marching through Winnsboro, and on several occasions since then our town has suffered serious loss by fire, but the fire which on Friday night swept away almost a block of business houses on upper Main street was one of the ugliest, though not the most disastrous, in the history of Winnsboro.

At 10:15 o'clock p. m., or thereabouts, fire was discovered in the old Elder building and the alarm was immediately sounded. It did not take many minutes for all three of the fire companies to make their appearance and commence their struggle with the flames. The fire had unfortunately made so much progress, and the building, a large wooden one, was so inflammable that it was soon realized by everyone that no human effort could save it. The building was deluged with water until it became evident that to put any more upon that building would be a useless waste. The nozzles were then turned upon the old Shaw Hotel, which was already smoking, and the roof and walls of that house were kept thoroughly drenched. All of this work was without avail. In a few minutes the building was in flames and given up. All of the energy of the firemen was then directed to Caldwell & Ruff's store. The most unceasing and tireless efforts on the part of the firemen did not prevent that building from catching, and it, too, was soon wrapped in flames. Just about this time the firemen did some noble work; it was good all the way through, but at this particular juncture their work was especially commendable, and praiseworthy. Just before this the steam engine became disabled and useless, so that the work devolved upon the hand engine and the bucket brigade. Gallantly, did they do their duty.

J. F. McMaster's store was only about fifteen feet from Caldwell & Ruff's, yet it was saved, and scarcely a shingle was burned. Messrs. M. W. Doty, D. V. Walker, T. W. Robertson, and several others stationed themselves on the roof and kept it saturated with water. A number of the firemen were between the buildings where it was almost unbearably hot, but they stuck to their work like heroes and kept the walls from catching. It was a great piece of work, and too much cannot be said in praise of it. The colored firemen sustained their reputation as fire fighters.

It was at one time thought advisable to blow up Caldwell & Ruff's store, but it was finally decided not to do so, as nobody understood the method of fighting the flames.

The fire spread both ways, and the vacant lot south of W. C. Beaty's store checked its advance in a northerly direction.

As it seemed so certain that J. F. McMaster's store would go, an attempt was made to tear down Dr. Quattlebaum's office, it being thought that the fire could be checked in that way. When it was found that McMaster's store was not going, the idea was abandoned.

Two or three times during the night buildings across the street were on fire.

The people of Winnsboro have always felt that a fire in that locality would be very destructive to property. The one Friday night could very well have been worse.

The following is a complete list of the building destroyed.

Caldwell and Ruff's store, property of T. H. Ketchin, insurance on stock \$6,000, none on building.

The Shaw Hotel, property of T. H. Ketchin, insurance \$2,500, valued at \$5,000. In this building was R. T. Matthews' store. His loss is about \$1,500. Mr. Matthews had no insurance at all. Mrs. Sitgreaves and family who occupied rooms in this building lost very heavily.

The Elder building, property of H. L. Elliott, Sr., insurance \$2,000, valued at \$3,500.

Ketchin & Cathcart's stock of goods total loss. Insurance \$2,000.

S. S. Gibson's stock, valued at \$1,000, insured for \$300.

A. E. Beckhan's loss is almost covered by insurance, although he loses something.

Propst & Co.'s stock burned. No insurance.

Mrs. J. B. DeHerrodora lived just above Propst's store. Nothing saved.

R. P. Lumpkin's dwelling house, then occupied by Dispenser' Mobley, was burned. No insurance. Loss about \$1,200.

J. F. McMaster's stock was much depleted by removal. He will recover his loss.

A fearfully ugly gap is made in upper Main street, and that section of town presents a very much dilapidated appearance.

Mr. Ketchin speaks of rebuilding at once.

The houses occupied by Mrs. Deherrodora and Mr. Mobley were among the oldest in town. The former was known as the Crawford house and the latter as the Chambers house. They were both very old landmarks.

It is thought that the fire was accidental, although it is hinted that it was the work of an incendiary.

## ECHOES OF THE FIRE

The fire is still a prominent topic, and it probably will be for some time to come. Several insurance men have been in town this week adjusting the losses, and it is understood that the work accomplished satisfactorily to the losers and the insurance companies. There certainly should have been no trouble on the part of the losers in having their policies promptly paid, at the rate, from 41/2 to 51/4 per cent, paid by the property holders who were burned out should insure a speedy settlement of their claims by the companies interested.

J. D. McCarley & Co. had a quantity of groceries stolen the night of the fire, but as there was no insurance on the stock the loss will be clear.

Caldwell & Ruff have moved the remnants of their stock into the store room three doors above W. C. Beaty's.

R. T. Matthews has moved into the store next door to J. D. McCarley's.

S. S. Gibson is occupying temporarily the front part of Williford's millinery store.

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### Laying the Corner Stone of Methodist Church at Ridgeway

This impressive ceremony was conducted last Thursday afternoon, by the Rev. Mr. Elwell, assisted by Rev. Mr. Clifton, the latter delivering a pleasing and appropriate address. Among the articles deposited under the stone is a ferrotype of the donor of the edifice – Mr. H. D. Ruff, whose name will live when our stammering tongues are silent, and whose magnificent charity will go before him, illuminating the dark river, and finding for him rest everlasting, “beneath the shade of the trees.”

WINNSBORO HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Attention to Roll Call

President, Samuel B. Clowney – and the secretary answered, “left years ago and is in Dallas, Texas.”

Vice-president, Pierre Bacot – He has departed this life and his trumpet will be heard no more.

Andrew M. Timms – sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.

Jno. A. Frasier – died far away from home and friends, a stranger in a strange land. He breathed his last in Springfield, Missouri.

Pink M. Sprinkle – moved to Charlotte, N. C., and has passed to rest.

Wm. Stewart – he lies in the Presbyterian churchyard awaiting the sound of the trumpet.

Wm. G. Gerig – died at home amid friends and loved ones.

Thos. W. Rabb – breathed his last in Mississippi.

W. H. William – his merry voice is hushed in death.

J. O. Boag, in business in Winnsboro.

A. W. Ladd, merchandising near Dawkins.

Jno. McIntyre, in business at Ridgeway.

E. S. Chandler, in railroad office in Savannah.

Willie Aubry, went to New Orleans and then to Texas.

W. D. Aiken, lives in Princeton, N. J.

DeBose Egleston, postmaster at Winnsboro, S. C.

J. Creighton McMaster, in railroad business in Augusta.

J. F. McMaster, merchandising in Winnsboro.

T. R. Robertson, postmaster at Charlotte, N. C.

S. K. McDonald, lives in Winnsboro.

Wm. DeVoe, moved to Charlotte.

Wm. J. Kelly, farms in Chesterfield County.

Fred Cope, doing business in Orangeburg.

O. M. Clark, in the drug business in Augusta.

Fletcher Walker, at home near Ridgeway.

A. F. Gooding, living in Charleston.

Jno. A. Despertes, in business in Ridgeway.

Jno. J. Neil, at home in Winnsboro.

Jim Lumpkin, gone West.

G. C. Bacot, traveling in Southern States.

Joe Gilbert, works in United States Navy yards in Washington.

Samuel Gilbert, in shoe business in Ashville, N. C.

W. G. Jordan, teller in Winnsboro National Bank.

R. J. McCarley, in cotton business in Columbia.

C. M. Chandler, jeweler in Winnsboro.

Jas. A. Fraser, farming in Edgefield County.

M. C. Robertson, book-keeper for oil mill in Columbia.

W. W. Ketchin, farms near town.

A. S. Douglass, practicing law in Winnsboro.

Jno. W. Chandler, in railroad office in Savannah.

J. H. Cummings, traveling in North Carolina.

R. W. Philips, deals in furniture in Winnsboro.

As we gaze upon the photograph of the Winnsboro Hook and Ladder Company, taken years ago, when Mr. Samuel B. Clowney was president and Mr. Pierre Bacot vice-president, we wonder, as many others have done, where they are and what they are doing. We have endeavored to trace them as correctly as possible, and the answers to the roll are mainly correct. Eight of these figures standing before us have gone from our midst forever, and only nine out of the entire company, numbering 42, are residence of Winnsboro. Some are in far distant lands, and perhaps have forgotten that their faces are in the picture, but it is our aim to send a copy of the roll, to each and every living member, and we will appreciate a reply, however short from the members who receive this account of the roll call.

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### A HORRIBLE DEATH

The people of Winnsboro and vicinity were shocked on Saturday evening by the news of the horrible death of Mr. J. D. Harden, a son of Mr. James Hardin, who lives near Little River. The facts are as follows;

Mr. Harden left town about sunset and was driving very rapidly; he gave the horse several hard cuts with the whip, which caused him to plunge forward suddenly into a run; he jerked the animal up suddenly and the "hold back" straps broke. This caused the buggy to run against the horse and he became unmanageable. Just beyond the park woods, going down hill, about half way down the hill Mr. Carlisle was thrown out and Mr. Harden fell on him. Mr. Carlisle was free from the lines, but unfortunately the lines caught around Mr. Harden's heel, it did not even get around his ankle. In some way the hold was so secure that the horse dragged him along with the buggy about three hundred yards. When Mr. Carlisle, who was not hurt much, reached the buggy and horse, for the horse stopped of his own accord, the lines were still tight on his heel. Mr. Carlisle sent a negro on with the horse and buggy to inform friends and relatives in the country, and a messenger was sent for a doctor. The doctor soon arrived and thought best not to attempt to move him till some reaction set in; but his end came, he never spoke and life was extinct in about two hours. The poor fellow was horribly mangled; the back of his skull was crushed, his arm broken, his shoulder broken or out of place, back snagged terribly, and there were cuts about his forehead. In face he was almost torn to pieces. The body was removed to the residence of his cousin, Mr. Jno. M. Harden, and about 11 o'clock his stricken wife arrived in company with Mr. Jno. M. Turner, both having come over the very spot where a short while before the unfortunate man breathed his last.

The remains were taken to the home of Mr. Jas. Harden on Sunday morning, and from there to new Lebanon Church in the evening where the funeral was preached by the pastor, assisted at the grave by Dr. Thornwell. Mr. Harden was the eldest son of Mr. Jas. Harden. He leaves a wife, (formerly Miss Alice Gladney) a father, two sisters and one brother. It was painful indeed to witness the grief of the family and friends as they took the sad farewell look at one who was so short while ago in full vigor of manhood. The sympathy of all who know them goes out to those so suddenly bereft in so terrible a manner.

## DEDICATION OF SALEM CHURCH

It was the pleasure of our reporter to be present at the dedication services of Salem Church on Sunday, September 16. Before the dedication commenced, the pastor asked that those parents having children to be baptized present themselves. Messrs Robt. Aiken, Jno. S. Clowney, Sylvester Carter and S. R. Crawford presented themselves with their children and the ordinance of baptism was administered by the pastor, Rev. G. T. Bourne.

The dedication of the building was the next matter taken up, and the building committee, composed of W. B. Estes, R. L. Martin, C. B. Blair, and W. J. Burley, was called up by Dr. Thornwell. This committee read a report which stated that a balance of \$240 was due on the building. This report showed in this connection that the ladies' society of Salem Church had raised \$1,000 to help pay the expenses of building the edifice.

This made an impression on our reporter. The building cost about \$2,000 and one-half of it was raised by the ladies. What a powerful church auxiliary is the ladies' society. It being against the rules or custom of the Presbyterian to dedicate a building which is not paid for, Dr. Thornwell at once asked for committee to rest awhile, and he then called for ten persons who would give \$10 each toward paying the balance due. In a remarkably short time the following named persons responded to the call of \$10 each: J. B. Fraser, A. W. Ladd, W. B. Estes, R. L. Martin, G. B. Sims, Mrs. M. A. Owings, G. Frank Andrews, J. D. Aiken, D. R. Coleman and the pastor, Rev. G. T. Bourne. This brought the amount to \$140.

Dr. Thornwell then asked for twenty persons who would give \$5 each, and the following persons responded: W. J. Burley, C. B. Blair, J. W. Crowder, W. J. Martin, J. Q. Bolin, T. D. Owing, R. M. Aiken, F. C. Lupo, S. R. Crawford, W. Y. Coleman, Martin Yongue, J. D. Blair, J. W. Blair, Miss C. Coleman, Miss Maggie Hamilton, Dr. E. C. Jeter, S. T. Clowney, and some others whose names could not be obtained. Then a contribution of \$2.50 and any less amount was called for and in a very few minutes the church was free from debt. The committee was called up again with a clean balance sheet and Mr. Estes, the chairman, turned the key over to Dr. Thornwell. The elders and deacons were then called up and the charge of keeping the key was turned over to Mr. Geo. Sims. The pastor then dedicated the house to God in prayer. So the exercises soon closed and Dr. Thornwell preached a most forcible sermon, giving illustrations and comparison from every day matters in such a way as to make a lasting impressions on his hearers.

Communion was administered, and the meeting which was a pleasant and profitable one came to a close. The Salem congregation has cause to be proud of their church, their pastor, and more especially the ladies' society. The building is quite a credit to them and the contractor, Mr. E. F. Wright, a Virginian, whose services were secured by Rev. G. T. Bourne.

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### Bound for Texas

Messrs. S. D. Mobley, J. B. Mobley and John Mobley, with their sister, Miss Rebecca Mobley, and Mr. John Erwin, left for Texas on Tuesday. We regret to lose such good citizens, but we wish them every success in their new field.

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**A daughter of a Revolutionary Colonel**

It is worthy of notice that Mrs. James D. Crawford, now living on Fishing Creek, in Chester County, is the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who fought all through the Revolutionary war in Sumter's army. Col. Archie Gill was her father. He at one time owned the land all along the Catawba River at the Falls, where the United States erected barracks for soldiers and a magazine. Some of the buildings are still there.

Col. Gill had four brothers in the same army, and all came through safe.

His descendants are scattered over the Southern States.

Mrs. Crawford is now 87 years old, and has always been an active and industrious woman.

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