

# Fairfield Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER

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Welcome! Thank you for being a member and we invite you to submit your family trees or documented family articles. Some person reading this Newsletter may have just the proof and information that you have been searching to find. You should always include sources of your information. Have you discovered a correction to some long-standing

mistake in your family history? Have you found a letter that clarifies a relationship? Do you have Bible entries that have not been published? We look forward to hearing from you.

Please submit any information or queries to be included in your newsletter to:

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Wi-Fi, Network Printing, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, and  
GenealogyBank.com available for your research visit.

**Location:** The Fairfield County Museum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 231 S. Congress St., Winnsboro, SC 29180  
**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-3PM (**note: effective July 1, 2013, the Museum will be closed on Saturdays**); other times by appointment; please call ahead so we can make sure we have a volunteer ready to assist you; call (803) 635-9811 and ask for Genealogy Research Room; FREE ADMISSION

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone, (Battle at Congaree Creek Reenactor/Sutler Registration)

I want to thank our many contributors to our society for their membership, gifts and generosity in giving. These monies enable us to strive to be the best we can be. We can all be very proud to know that we still are the talk and buzz of our community. I want to thank our officers (Frankie, Linda, Ben, Jon, James, Pelham, Larry, Steven, Debby and John) and volunteers (Shelbia, Nancy B., Nancy H., Suzanne), for this quarter's accomplishments due to all of their continuing efforts to make our society a success. In this newsletter, you will find a recap of those accomplishments. Thank you!

As many of you are well aware, we have a great need for volunteers to conduct research at the Genealogy Library. After all, we want to be available and give old fashion hospitality and assistance as best as we can. Take the breakdown of our visitors is about 1/4 local, 1/4 within SC and 1/2 out-of-state. This means 3/4 of our visitors, eats, buys gas, and may stay over the night resulting in economic impact to our community. A visitor's negative or positive experience will influence our reputation for future visits or visitors. i.e. If someone is there to help or assist these people we normally get very positive feedback and they want to come back. If no one is there to help or assist these people and you are busy and cannot assist these people they may feel left to their own, feel that we have not been very helpful, which may result in a negative feeling or experience about their visit, they will not want to return and will tell others about their visit. Also, most CEO's or their representatives take into consideration the humanities or cultural activities (arts, museum, etc.), the community offers its employees before considering coming or locating their business here. Let's get it done!

Please start making plans to attend our Fairfield County Chapter meetings and events. The latest information can be found within this newsletter. If you have any suggestions or comments to make this chapter the best ever, please contact me or someone else in the chapter. Please consider taking an active role in our chapter to help it continue to grow and prosper.

I also feel it is part of my job and message to recap our accomplishments, and keep you aware of our goals and objectives. In this newsletter, you will find a list of those goals and objectives. Granted some of these may present questions or ideas from our membership. Please feel free to comment or give constructive ideas to help us all obtain and reach our goals.

I know you have heard my closing before; it's just worth repeating again. I am proud of the outstanding distant cousins and members I have come to know and their accomplishments toward our county Family Genealogy and History to whom our chapter and organization would have not grown to what it is today. Congratulations and gratitude for all the efforts, sweat, and many hours of time and dedication to those that have made it happen. We can all be proud of the timeless memories and history that has been made for our future generations. I have continued to meet new cousins, new lifelong friends, seen and obtained family information and pictures, visited cemeteries, listened to programs with great speakers, taken tours, visited museums, the "Barn", "Hoots", "Cove" and the list goes on. We have a need for someone to step up and help us with either the Treasurer's position or Membership. Let's get involved, get to work and do some more! Answer the call! Thank you!

Eddie

### **Fairfield County Genealogy Society Accomplishments This Past Quarter**

- Revised our by-laws,
- Developed a mission statement
- Developed a yearly budget (still needs Board approval)
- Research Library activities: assisted walk-ins (845 visitors) and researched email request (Alert: open Tuesdays through Fridays 10-5, now closed on Saturday – Monday, Saturdays now only available by appointment), purchased BookCat (Frankie and Linda, have started cataloging library collections; this will aide in researchers; just like card catalog in public library), step ladder, 3 bookshelves, bookends, flash drives (for sale) and supplies to get color printer working donated by Debbie Lewis, developed template emails and letterhead, developed mail handling procedure, Linda and Shelbia have developed beginnings of a research resource guide, started ground work in obtaining society's own State Surplus ID, Suzanne J. presented us a completed Index for our Slave Narrative Collection, Suzanne donated additional books for our library collection
- Involved in community activities: Senior Awareness Day, Art on the Ridge Arts Festival, Fairfield County Council, Fairfield Community Coordinating Council, SCGS quarterly meeting, Reunion of Upcountry Families, Frankie is now on Old English Tourism Commission and has presented them with new updated brochures to be placed in Welcome Centers and Chamber of Commerce locations, purchased 6-foot plastic table and clip boards to aide with work at booths
- Presented programs: James presented The ABCs of DNA in March, I presented Starting your Genealogical Quest in April and Using our NEW. Up-Dated Web page in May, purchased pin-light to aide presenter and Sony recorder to aide in recording meetings, presentations, and to be used in joint oral History project with Historical Society
- Membership updates: had membership cards printed and have begun distributing, updated membership form to expand membership levels, tabled for now but considering embroidered polo/golf shirts to be made available to our membership
- FaceBook: Debby has established account, monitored and updated, please check us out (link from website)
- GenForum: John has continued to monitor and assist with post
- DNA: James has continued to assist researchers with DNA questions
- Cemeteries: Jon has conducted cemetery activities: Neil cemetery (eastern Fairfield), worked on updating Abandoned Cemeteries book, surveyor's meeting, partnering with the Old Zion St. Paul Halsellville Cemetery Association to identify abandoned African American Cemeteries, members have attended Cemetery Restoration Workshop Historic Randolph Cemetery in Columbia, Jon has met with Jarvis Barnwell, a forester, of Plum Creek, who told him about eight cemeteries, purchased roll of rubbing paper to assist in tombstone identification. Jon gives an account of the Cemetery Committee's hard work identifying abandoned cemeteries later in this newsletter.

- Webmaster activities: Larry has added additional links for researchers, welcomed Steven White as our new webmaster and research volunteer, Steve has replaced our URL and web hosting, replaced, reworked or created new web site pages, added pictures, replaced site counter, upgraded search engine to professional version (now does 200,000 matches vs. 100), added additional links, check it out: [www.fairfieldgenealogical.org](http://www.fairfieldgenealogical.org) (old site [www.fairfield.scgen.org](http://www.fairfield.scgen.org) will give you a link button to this site), provided how-to answer to reduce size of PDF files <http://www.wikihow.com/Compress-a-PDF-File>, Ken Shelton continues to digitize Fairfield County plats and deeds and make them available on web, we have added memberships to GenealogyBank.com and Family Tree.com to aide library researchers
- Technology Needs Projects: continued to research for Microfilm replacement (scanpro, ristech, genusit, Epson), still would like to dove tail or obtain something that would also satisfy our Large Map/Book Friendly Scanner, Board decided Grave Finder Tool too expensive for now (we would have to enlist help/assistance from those that have this tool)
- Grants and awards: developed a yearly budget to be presented to next Board meeting and a Mission Statement; both necessary to qualify for grants and awards
- Wish List: continued to expand and notify membership and readers of our wish list for the society by way of the newsletter; remember books and/or donations can be given as honorariums or memorials to individuals

#### **Fairfield County Genealogy Society Goals for Rest of This Year**

- Research Library activities: assisted walk-ins and keeping research email requests current, BookCat (Frankie, Linda and Chad [summer intern]) hope to finish up cataloging library Collections next month; Linda and Shelbia hope to complete research resource guide, Schedule and give training class for volunteers this summer, obtain society's own State Surplus ID, develop professional brochure advertising, obtain an appreciation plaque to be placed in the genealogy room (for patron and benefactor donators), postage for non-profit organizations (review again if newsletters, new/renewal members letters should be mailed also), complete index for Harden Funeral Home Collection, develop a digital sign in process, revisit signage after BookCat, Research Guide and Research Training completed
- Involved in community activities: September 42 Mile Big Grab Sale, Rock-a-Round-the-Clock Festival & Parade Winnsboro Christmas Parade, Pig on the Ridge Festival, sometime this year partner with the historical society in conducting an oral history program
- Programs:
  - 7 & 8 June 2013 – For Your Information
    - Diamonds, River Rocks, and Lumps of Coal,
    - Overlooked Genealogy Sources,
    - Follow a Case through Court
    - Road Crews, Jury Selection and Daily Court Action: Finding an Ancestor without a Census
    - Trails of Daniel Boone and other Western Travelers
    - Finding your Landless Ancestors
    - This program requires registration.
    - Registration and more information available at: [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org).
  - June 20 – Fairfield Chapter
    - Photographing your ancestor's grave stone; putting it on "Find a Grave" site
  - July 12 & 13 SC Genealogical Society
    - Fairfield Chapter to pay for two people to attend and work our booth
    - SC Genealogical Annual Meeting in Columbia
  - Aug 18 – Fairfield Chapter
    - Our annual business meeting (still being planned)
- Additional purposed future programs:
  - Organizing My Stuff (including heirlooms, documents, etc.),
  - Using the Courthouse,

Introduction to Genealogy Computer Programs - with demo of various programs,  
Obtaining Documentation for Lineage Society Membership,  
Ellis Island Research,  
Genealogy Numbering Systems,  
Using Timelines,  
Local Sources (PowerPoint with pictures of various buildings within a two county  
Radius, asking participants to identify them as to type (courthouse, church, museum, businesses,  
homes, etc.) and location),  
Managing a Genealogical Project - what to keep and how to organize documents

- FaceBook: Debby to continue to monitor, update and keep current
- GenForum: John to continue to monitor and assist with post
- DNA: James to continue to assist researchers with DNA questions, increase People Finder project awareness
- Cemeteries: Jon to continue cemetery activities: work on updating Abandoned Cemeteries book, develop a map of abandoned cemeteries, start a cemetery/tombstone Restoration project
- attend surveyor's meeting, meet again with Jarvis Barnwell about eight cemeteries
- Webmaster activities: Steven to continue to monitor, update and keep current, add additional helpful research links to 'other resource' tab, add additional members only information, electronic shopping cart, electronic payments, reviews and perhaps add additional resource links: <http://eservice.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>,  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scfairfi/scfairfield.htm>,  
<http://www.academic-genealogy.com/professionallibrarysources.htm>,  
[http://academic-genealogy.com/professionallibrarysources.htm#THESES & DISSERTATIONS](http://academic-genealogy.com/professionallibrarysources.htm#THESES&DISSERTATIONS),  
WWII papers:
  1. U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle Barracks, PA: <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/>,
  2. Library of Congress Veterans History project [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets),Chicora Foundation has recently posted 22 Chicora Research Series publications to their website <http://www.chicora.org/researchseries.html>,  
Florence National Cemetery expansion project. This lesson can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/142Florence/142FlorenceStockade.htm>,  
<http://www.ala.org/rusa/resources/guidelines/guidelinesdeveloping>,  
<http://www.ala.org/rusa/resources/guidelines/guidelinesintroduction>,  
<https://familysearch.org/techtips/2011/07/going-digital-cemetery>.  
Consider adopting and consolidating the various web sites like SC Genealogy Trails (Fairfield Genealogy Trail),  
Get updated/changed: Welcome to Fairfield County, South Carolina (lists a number of Groups under useful links but the Genealogical Society is not listed or linked),  
[Ken Shelton](#) to continue to digitize Fairfield County plats and deeds and  
Make them available on web; add membership to African American Heritage to aide  
Library researchers, meet with John Quirk (USC online digital project, <http://library.sc.edu/digital/index.php>), this month when he returns FCM Bibles, the North of the Broad River manuscript, the Winn family book by Buford Chappell, and a Plantation ledger for the estate of war-deceased William Boykin Lyles (there are several Pages listing the names, birthdates, and monetary values of the individual slaves by first Names) have been also digitized
- Technology Needs Projects: continued to research for Microfilm replacement and/or Large Map/Book Friendly Scanner, review for Microfilm Project: scanpro, <http://www.ristech.ca/?gclid=CPTjysW6t7cCFZPm7AodTgkATA>,  
[http://www.genusit.com/book\\_scanners\\_and\\_copiers.php](http://www.genusit.com/book_scanners_and_copiers.php),  
<http://www.ristech.ca/?gclid=CPTjysW6t7cCFZPm7AodTgkATA>, Epson 10000 XL,  
Ask John Quirk for ideas for this project
- Grants and awards: Obtain approval from Board for yearly budget, complete well before due date (new August 14) Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> Major Grants <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> and (November)

Lutz Foundation Grants <http://www.lutzfoundation.org/>, [next year](#): Story Corps, Honoring Our Ancestors, [http://www.schumanities.org/grants/awardedgrants\\_by](http://www.schumanities.org/grants/awardedgrants_by)

May 1, 2013: ([grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:grants@savingplaces.org)) National Trust for Historic: Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors, [Hart Family Fund for Small Towns](#), [Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation](#), [Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund](#)

May 1, 2013: National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions. <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html> or [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov), or by

June 1, 2013 National Trust Preservation Funds

**WEB SITE – FAIRFIELD CHAPTER – SCGS, <http://www.fairfieldgenealogical.org>**

**Webmaster: Steven White**

I would like to introduce the newly redesigned website of the Fairfield County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. For various technical reasons, we decided to move our website off the South Carolina Genealogical Society's host and obtain our own hosting account and domain name. The new website is located at the web address listed above.

I would like to encourage everyone to visit the new website. The website has a new look and feel which I hope will provide an improved aesthetic experience. I did a lot of work behind the scenes to optimize the site - reducing the size of the code and files - to make it load faster and to make it easier to maintain in the future.

If you go to the old website, you will see a page informing you that the website has moved and providing a link for you to click to go to the new site. Please update your bookmarks or favorites to point to the new website at the url listed above.

External links (links to other websites) that were formerly on the main menu have been moved to "Other Resources" and renamed in some instances (e.g "Cemetery Finding" becomes "Find Cemeteries"). All external links should open in a new tab or window. That enables people to close the tab when finished and still be on our site in the first tab. This facilitates navigation, and makes use of the "Back" button unnecessary. If you find any that don't behave this way, let me know.

I have added a page on the Genealogy Library which was not on the original site.

Plans are to add a "Newsletters" page with a short excerpt from an article in the current newsletter and a link to the entire current newsletter. All older versions of the newsletter are archived in the Members-Only section and are searchable via a search-engine. The members-only section also includes records from Harden Funeral Home (1932-1957), Bible Records compiled by Miss Florence Feaster, and an index to Fairfield County Bonds and Mortgages (1785-1841). If you are a member and don't have a password for the members-only section, please contact Linda Frazier through the Contact Information page.

I hope everyone will enjoy and benefit from the new website.

#### **A funny anecdote from "Edrington's History of Fairfield"**

Old Bolin Wright came from Virginia and settled about a mile west of Liberty Church, where he died. He was a revolutionary soldier. The most notable of his children were William Wright, a Baptist preacher of the old school, and Uriah S. Wright, who was noted in his day and time as a "home doctor" and was called by nearly everyone, Dr. Wright. His practice was not confined to Fairfield, but Chester, Union and Newberry counties demanded and had his services. He was eccentric, erratic and generous. He was a great fox hunter and what he did not know about fox-hunting was left out of the spelling book.

In 1860, Major T. W. Woodward was a candidate for the Legislature, and stopped with a relative who lived near the "Corner", and on inquiring for the names of those living around, he was told to call on old Wright by all means. "Old Uriah is a fox-hunter, and I am sure you (the Major was a fox-hunter, too) can talk enough about dogs to secure his vote." "Well, give me some points about the pack," said the Major. "Ring Smith is his best strike and Jolly Wright his coldest trailer, and Molly Clowney his swiftest runner," he was told. The Major, having obtained a description of these

dogs, so there would be no difficulty in identifying them, made it convenient to call on old Uriah the next day about dinner time.

Old Uriah had just come in from ploughing as the Major rode up to the gate. "That is what Jonathan D. and the boys around here calls me."

"My name is Woodward, and I am a candidate for the Legislature, and being a young man on my first political legs, I am going to see and be seen, if not by everybody, certainly by the most prominent and influential citizens of each section."

"Git down, you a monstrous likely man, and I'll take you to see Pinkey (his wife), and we will see what she has to say about it."

The Major descended and was going into the house to see "Pinkey", the while discussing the crops with old Uriah, when he paused a moment and, turning in the direction of some hounds who were lying around in the shade, he said, "Dr. Wright, I am a very peculiar man. I love the ladies dearly, it is true, and yet, I hope, sir, you will pardon my weakness, - - a fine hound dog comes nearer perfection in my eye than any earthly object."

"And what do you know about dogs?" asked old Uriah, turning from the house and following the Major who had gone in the direction of the dogs and was already seated at the foot of a large white oak, with the whole pack around him. He had little difficulty in selecting the dogs of note from the description given him the night before, and after some general comments on dogs he said, "What is the name of this dog?..... Ah, Ring Smith you say? An uncommonly fine dog he seems to be - if there any truth in signs, he ought to be a might strike."

"Good strike, did you say? If there were four thousand dogs here, I would bet a million dollars that Ring Smith would open three miles ahead of the best hunter in the bunch, and you might go before a magistrate and swear that it was a fox when he opened," was old Uriah's reply.

The Major was now intently examining a large pale black and tan dog which filled the description of Jolly Wright - the coldest dog - feeling his nose and walking around, he eyed him intently. "Dr. Wright," said he at last, "I think this is one of the most remarkable dogs I have ever seen, just look at that head and feel his nose; I honestly believe this is the coldest dog I have ever seen."

"Coldest, did you say? Why, he can smell 'em when they have been gone three and four weeks, and if the fur ain't good he won't open on 'em then."

Molly Clowney had been easily recognized and now came in for her turn.

"Here ought to be the very apple of your eye," said the Major, "for if I do not know anything about dogs, this is unquestionably the fleetest footed animal I have ever met. Tell me now, truthfully, can't she out-run anything in these parts?"

"Run, did you say? No, she can't run a bit; but there ain't a crow, nor a turkey-buzzard that ever crossed 'the corner' that can hold a light to her a-flyin. I have seen her treed against many of 'em. Dinner is about ready, and I want Pinkey to meet you."

The Major was taken into the house and introduced to Mrs. Wright. "Ain't he likely, Pinkey? Just look at him!" and the old man led him around the house like a fine horse at a fair. "And smart! Why, he has forgot more than all the other candidates ever knowed. I am sure he must close kin to old preacher Billy Woodward, for I heard my daddy say he was the smartest man in the world, and he knowed what he was talking about."

After dinner, the Major having promised to introduce a bill for the benefit of tired dogs, providing that no fence should be over five rails high, was in the act of leaving when "Old Uriah" called Pinkey to bring his fiddle, saying, "Hold on 'til I

play "The Devil's Dream" for you." When he finished his piece, "One good turn deserves another," said the Major, "I'll play a tune for you before I go," and taking up the fiddle, he rendered "Hell Broke Loose in Georgia" with such spirit and skill that "Old Uriah" jumped up, hugged Pinkey, and cut the pigeon wing all over the room.

It is needless to say that the Major got "Old Uriah's" vote.

Submitted by Steven White  
 Steven White  
 Webmaster

**FCGS Statistics**

Web Site		Visitors to Research Room	Facebook	Note: all figures are from 2007 - 5/31/13 except Facebook; that total is from 5/07/13 – 5/31/31.
Year	Visits/Hits	Page Views		
2007	42	62	116	
2008	478	617	95	
2009	581	704	89	
2010	621	709	69	
2011	682	838	124	
2012	913	1,121	1600	
2013	963	1,559	619	508
Totals	4,280	5,610	2,712	508

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Fairfield County Genealogical Society is:

- to promote genealogy through education of its members and the general public;
- to improve access to genealogical information in Fairfield County by maintaining an educational research center;
- to foster collaboration among members;
- to assist those researching their Fairfield County ancestors;
- to conduct periodic educational programs and conferences to explore cultural, genealogical, and historical topics;
- to disseminate cultural genealogical, historical and biographical information to members and to the general public

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**FACEBOOK**

Check our Facebook (Fairfield Chapter of SC Genealogical Society) site and "like us! You need to go into the page and hit the like button under the large photo. You will receive updates about where we will be and when, information on new and old books published about our county, mystery photos we are trying to identify, articles about genealogy, etc. This site is continuously updated. We are assisting with a project at the museum in identifying old photos and will be posting photos weekly. We would appreciate your help in identifying people in them.

Debby Van Sant , Facebook Coordinator



## SLAVE NARRATIVES FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY

*Born in Slavery*

Slave Narratives from the Federal Writer's Project, 1936-1938



Suzanne Johnson presents Eddie Killian with copy of all of her hard work indexing the Fairfield Narratives.

*Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938* was compiled and indexed by Suzanne Parfitt Johnson in April of 013 on behalf of the Fairfield County Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society. This notebook includes the sixty-five narratives conducted by interviewer W.W. Dixon of former slaves living in Fairfield County, South Carolina, as well as other interviews of African Americans who were former slaves from Fairfield County, though not living there when the interviews were conducted.

The index, which follows the narratives, in addition to all interviewees (indicated by bold type) and others mentioned individually, includes a number of subjects, among which are Churches, the Earthquake of 1886, Patrollers, Plantations, Families, Emancipation, Red Shirts, Sherman's Troops in Fairfield County and the Tornado of 1880.

Researchers will find a large number of white and African-Americans mentioned in the Slave Narratives.

## SHIELD HISTORY



The Fundamental Constitution, that body of laws composed by the philosopher John Locke, under which the Lords Proprietors governed-or misgoverned their province of Carolina, established America's only native hereditary nobility. The title of Landgrave and the lesser title of Cacique were awarded, along with enormous tracts of land, to deserving English gentlemen, some of whom actually immigrated to Carolina and remained here. It was necessary, of course, to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, and genealogies, since the titles were inalienable and were intended to exist in perpetuity. This responsibility fell to an officer whose duties were much like those of a member of the English College of Arms. He was to register and grant coat armor in Carolina, he was to maintain genealogical records, and he was called "the Carolina Herald". To distinguish Carolina heraldry from that of England, the shields were centered upon a sunburst, with its straight and wavy rays symbolizing both heat and light.

Time passed, and with it, the Lords Proprietors, the Fundamental Constitution and the Carolina Herald himself. In 1670 Carolinians were much too busy securing their toe-hold on this continent to be concerned with genealogy and heraldry; and so the Carolina Herald was ignored, then forgotten. We of the South Carolina Genealogical Society see ourselves as his successors, in a sense, and so it is in his honor that we have named our publication The Carolina Herald, and have taken as an indentifying symbol a shield, centered upon a sunburst, with a (family) tree displayed upon the shield.

Submitted by James W.Greene, III. From The Carolina Herald, Volume 1, year 1972 #1

**SCGS SURNAME DIRECTORY PROJECT**

The Board of Directors of SCGS has approved the Surname Directory Project for all SCGS members. To have your surnames included in the project, each member must complete the Surname Directory form and email or mail it to the project managers. All members are encouraged to participate in the project. Each individual member may submit up to 10 surnames. If more than 10 names are submitted, the first 10 will be used. Family memberships may submit up to 20 surnames for inclusion.

The form will be posted on [scgen.org](http://scgen.org) and printed in the Carolina Herald's 2013 issues. Two forms will be on our [scgen.org](http://scgen.org) website – print version and email version. The print is available now and the email version is coming soon. Also, directions for both versions will be on the web page. For forms received by email a confirmation receipt will be returned to the sender by email. Completed printed or copied forms should be mailed to: SCGS Directory Project, 841 Garden Dale Dr., Columbia, SC 29210.

If you have questions regarding this project feel free to call Frances Osburn at 803-788-4951, Sylvia Castles at 803-772-0143 or Brenda Meyer at 864-350-0832 for clarification.

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**Surname Directory Information Form**

This form may be completed online at [www.scgen.org](http://www.scgen.org) or by mailing the completed form to SCGS Surname Directory, 841 Garden Dale Dr., Columbia, SC 29210.

If the surname being researched is from a state other than South Carolina, please indicate the state.

Please return prior to the **December 31, 2013** deadline.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Surname</u>	<u>S.C. County</u>	<u>or State</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
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Submission of this form authorizes the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc., to publish the above information in its upcoming Surname Directory.

Submit by mail to **SCGS Surname Directory, 841 Garden Dale Dr., Columbia, SC 29210** or email to **[scgssurnamedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:scgssurnamedirectory@gmail.com)**.

## MEETINGS/EVENTS/WORKSHOPS

Meetings to be held in the Christ Central Community Center next door to the Fairfield Museum located at 235 S. Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC. Please check the announcement page on our web site for more information.

### **June 20 – Photographing your ancestor’s grave stone and putting it on “Find A Grave” site.**

Fairfield local historians and genealogists have transcribed inscription information concerning their ancestor’s lives and burials for generations. Many of these handwritten and typewritten efforts are now being entered into databases, some of which are available online. The latest innovation is the use of photography to create a photographic record of both the inscription and the carvings on your ancestor’s tombstones. By inserting a picture of the headstone as part of the database, you are able to see what actually appears on the stone including both the epitaph and the artistic carving. It is a record of what the cemetery marker looks like before further damage occurs or the stone disappears.

The Fairfield Genealogical Society is pleased to offer a short workshop on photographing one’s ancestor’s grave and possibly recording it on a national data base site, **Find A Grave**.

Jon Davis and Debbie Van Sant will conduct this 11:00 a.m. workshop on June 20, 2013. Jon will start at the Sion Presbyterian Cemetery on the corner of Washington and Garden Street in Winnsboro. This cemetery was chosen because of the easy access to some very old tombstones. Persons attending are asked to park along Garden Street near the entrance to the graveyard.

Jon will be covering things that you can do to get better pictures of your ancestor’s tombstones. Some of the items Jon will discuss are:

- things you may need to take with you
- the best time of year to take pictures
- best time of the day to take pictures
- methods that will improve your results (such as rubbing, chalk and using a mirror)
- do and don’t while taking these pictures.

After a short session in the cemetery, all will be asked to go to the Christ Central Community Center at 235 Congress Street in Winnsboro to finish Jon’s session with additional informative photos and to hear Debbie Van Sant talk about her experience with the national database program, **Find A Grave**. She will also talk about how one becomes a contributor for this on-line database program.

For more information, please call Frances Lee O’Neal at [803-635-3027](tel:803-635-3027) or email to [francesleeoneal@hotmail.com](mailto:francesleeoneal@hotmail.com)..

**July 12 & 13** – SC Genealogical Annual meeting in Columbia

**August 18** – Our Annual Business Meeting

We would love to hear from you about workshops of interest to you.

**Reminder:** It’s not too late to renew your membership. We have forms on line and one in the newsletter.

**NEW BOOK AVAILABLE**

Legendary Locals of Fairfield County  
Honoring the local legends that make up the fabric of our community.

Dr. Virginia Schafer, a licensed chiropractor and trained Medical Doctor is a medical writer and educator. The Schafer's recently moved to S.C. from the Mississippi Delta. By chance, after receiving an intriguing email, Schafer, took upon a project of putting together a publication, published by Arcadia publishing company, that honored history in vintage photos and Legendary stories.

"I called an old friend, Carroll Pope who always told interesting stories about Fairfield County and asked him -Where is Fairfield County?" At that time, the Schafer's were renting in Blythewood and in the process of looking for a permanent home. After an introduction to Pelham Lyles, the museum and the town, the Schafer's bought a house on Bratton Street and proceeded to remodel the place to make it "theirs". "It was a natural process as I researched the county for Legendary Local pictures and stories. I fell in love with the people and the town starting with the history."

Schafer has jumped into being part of the community from volunteering for many projects and organizations to spreading the stories of the Legendary Locals. "Even though the book is finished, I am looking forward to a part III!"

Blessings,

Dr. Virginia Schafer  
1-800-381-2306

These books are available at the Fairfield County Museum, 231 S. Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or you can order online at [Legendarylocalsoffairfieldcounty.com/](http://Legendarylocalsoffairfieldcounty.com/)

**IT'S EASY TO CLIMB YOUR FAMILY TREE!**

Instead of traveling to your homeland, cemeteries, research libraries, etc., you can now search thousands of records online. Ancestry.com just finished uploading U.S Census records for 1790-1930. You can search Ellis Island immigration lists from home – and more records are added each day.

You always start with knowns and go piece by piece. A family pedigree chart is an excellent start. Census records are a valuable source that shows clues such as age, occupation, the year your ancestors immigrated and much more.

Some web sites are free such as FamilySearch.org while others are fee-based.

Finding Your Roots – The Family History Center in Salt Lake City is a genealogy buff's Mecca, but the center also runs 4,000 branch libraries around the world. The local centers are staffed by volunteers, including the subscription-only Ancestry.com database. A small fee covers photocopies, printouts or copying and postage if you want microfiche sent from the Utah headquarters.

S.C. Centers – Family History Centers in the Midlands: Columbia, (803) 782-7141; Camden, (803) 432-7038; and Orangeburg, (803) 531-5531.

Submitted by: Frances L. O'Neal

**41st Annual Summer Workshop - July 12 & 13, 2013**  
**SC Archives and History Center, Columbia, South Carolina**  
**8301 Parklane Road (off Farrow Road) - (803) 896-6104**

**Friday, July 12, 2013**

8:45 – Until - Registration & Vendor Setup

**Pre-Workshop Sessions**

- 9:00 - 10:00 - Search Room Hands-on Tour #1 (Steve Tuttle) Meet in Archives Search Room  
10:00 - 11:00 - Search Room Hands-on Tour #2 (Steve Tuttle) Meet in Archives Search Room  
10:00 - 11:15 - Auditorium - Meet other members who are researching the same people or area that you are. (Bring a sign with you to notify others).  
11:15 - 12:30 - Lunch (On Your Own)  
12:30 - 12:45 - Welcome & Announcements - Ms. Jacqueline K. Hughes, 1st Vice- President SCGS , & Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH  
12:45 - 2:00 - Auditorium - Bennett Greenspan - Family Tree DNA  
2:15 - 3:15 - Auditorium - Mary Saunders, Susan Saunders & Linda Hawkins - Information on How to Join the DAR  
Wachovia 1 - Pat Kruger - Supplementary Census Schedules  
Wachovia 2 - Wevonneda Minis - Not Your Grandmother's Genealogy  
Wachovia 3 - Johnny Andrews - Beginning Genealogy  
3:30 - 4:30 - Auditorium - Linda Hawkins, Mary Saunders & Susan Saunders - Advantages to Joining the DAR  
Wachovia 1 - Debbie Bloom - Richland County Library - Using Social Network and Genealogy  
Wachovia 2 - Robin Foster - Using <FamilySearch.org> in the Wiki  
& New Things Coming Out at the LDS Church  
Wachovia 3 - Jason Brantley - Printing for all of your Genealogical Needs  
4:30 - 7:00 - Supper (on your own)  
7:00 - 8:00 - Speakers Reception at the Marriott Courtyard - (Light Refreshments Only)

**PLEASE INDICATE, ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM, IF YOU WILL ATTEND.**

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

- 8:30 - 9:30 Registration, Coffee and Doughnuts - Displays Open  
9:30 - 9:45 Welcome & Announcements - Mike Becknell President SCGS,  
Ms Jacqueline K. Hughes, 1st Vice-President, Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCAH  
9:45 -11:00 –Auditorium - Bennett Greenspan - Once you have your DNA Results - then what?  
11:15 - 12:15 - Auditorium - Mary Crockett - South Carolina Rivers and their early settlers  
Wachovia 1 - Craig Keeney - South Carolina Digital Newspapers  
Wachovia 2 - Pat Kruger - Breaking Down Brickwalls  
12:15 - 1:30 Lunch - Catered – Displays Open, SCGS Board Meeting During Lunch  
**(Please allow board members to proceed to the beginning of the lunch line.)**  
1:45 - 3:00 - Auditorium - Brent Holcomb - South Carolina's Colonial Records  
Wachovia 1 - Scott Wilds - DNA and Me: One Researcher's Experience with FamilyTreeDNA, Ancestry and 23andMe  
Wachovia 2 - Brent Burgin - 'Ye iswa: The People of the River - The Catawba India Tribal History  
Wachovia 3 - Wevonneda Minis - Interviewing For Clues  
3:15 - 4:15 - Auditorium - Mike Bedenbaugh - Preserving Historical Houses  
Wachovia 1 - Scott Wilds - Finding the Last Master: Tricks and Tips in Breaking Through the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research  
Wachovia 2 - Jackie Hughes - Advanced Genealogy  
Wachovia 3 - John Smith - Research at the University of Georgia: Using the Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library

**REGISTRATION for SCGS 2013 Summer Workshop**

Pre-registration Fees:

- ( ) SCGS Member: \$30.00
- ( ) Non-member: \$35.00
- ( ) Catered lunch: add \$10.50

Registration **after July 1, 2013**

- ( ) SCGS Member: \$35.00
- ( ) Non-member: \$40.00
- ( ) Catered lunch: add \$10.50

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SCGS Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of which SCGS Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member \_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Speakers Reception Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ No-return on registration fees

If you want to be notified that you have been registered provide E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Remit to: SCGS 2013 Summer Workshop

c/o Lynn Lee

P.O. Box 10

Lydia, SC 29079

Conference Hotel is Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia, NE, 111 Gateway Corporate Blvd.,  
Columbia, SC Phone (803) 736-3600 (near I-77 and Farrow Road)

Marriott Courtyard has blocked out rooms for SCGS at the low nightly price of \$95.00  
plus Tax until June 20, 2013. Breakfast is included in this price.

NOTE: You must mention SC Genealogical Society to get this price. Reservations made after the 20th of June will be on space available and at their current price.

Two other hotels in the area are:

The Hilton Garden Inn - 8910 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 1- (803) 807-9000

Hampton Inn - 1551 Barbara Drive, Columbia, SC 1- (803) 865-8000

Are you planning on camping? Sesquicentennial State Park

9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223 - Phone (803) 788-2706

[sesquicentennial@scprt.com](mailto:sesquicentennial@scprt.com)

**Fairfield Chapter Publications for Sale**

A Fairfield Sketchbook.....	\$50.00
American Revolution.....	\$8.95
Black Crows & White Cockades.....	\$12.95
Catawba Nation.....	\$13.00
Colonial Spy.....	\$30.00
Confederate Pension Records.....	\$15.00
Confederate War Memorial Chester Note Cards.....	\$12.50
Death Notices, Fairfield Herald.....	\$30.00
Fairfield County Cemeteries Vol.I.....	\$30.00
Fairfield County Cemeteries Vol.II.....	\$30.00
Fairfield County Cemeteries Vol.III.....	\$30.00
Fairfield County Cemeteries Vol.V.....	\$30.00
Fairfield County Museum Note Cards.....	\$5.00
Fairfield Equity Court Records.....	\$30.00
Fairfield Remembers Sherman.....	\$30.00
Faith, Valor, and Devotion -The Civil War Letters of William Porcher DuBose.....	\$35.00
Family Religious Values.....	\$5.00
Forward Together.....	\$21.99
General John Bratton.....	\$20.00
Gladney's in America.....	\$40.00
History of Cotton.....	\$10.00
History of Fairfield County, S.C.....	\$35.00
History of Saint John's Episcopal Church.....	\$35.00
History of Upper Country of S.C.....	\$42.50
If Ever Your Country Needs You.....	\$12.95
Marriages Listed in News and Herald.....	\$30.00
Memory's Keep.....	\$22.00
Our Heritage.....	\$10.00
Reminisces of Old Winnsboro.....	\$35.00
Researching Family History.....	\$5.00
South Carolina Becomes a State.....	\$8.00
The Mobley's and their Connection.....	\$25.00
Through the Years in Old Winnsboro.....	\$35.00
Tri-centennial Songs.....	\$15.00

**WISH LIST – FAIRFIELD CHAPTER – SC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

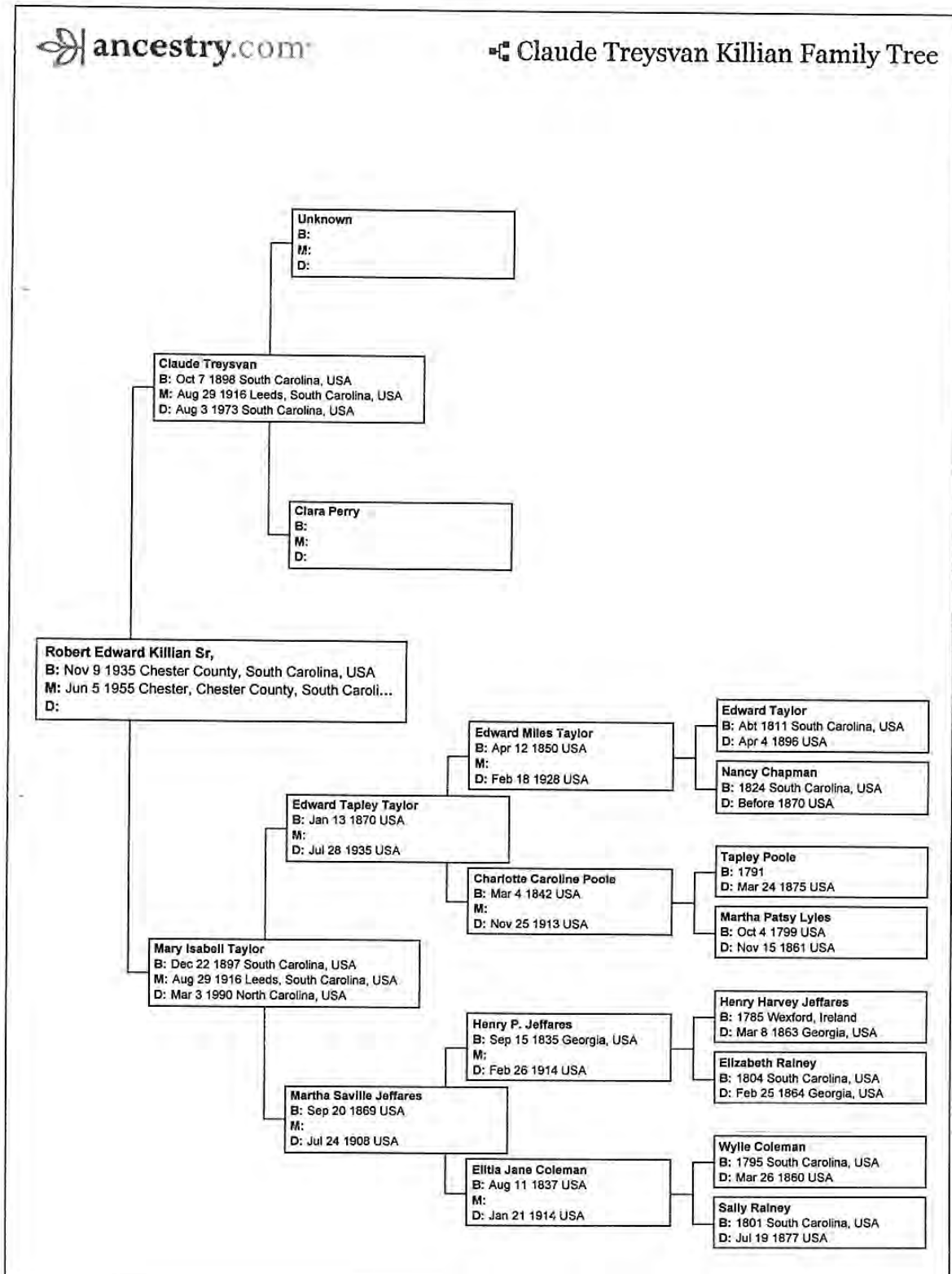
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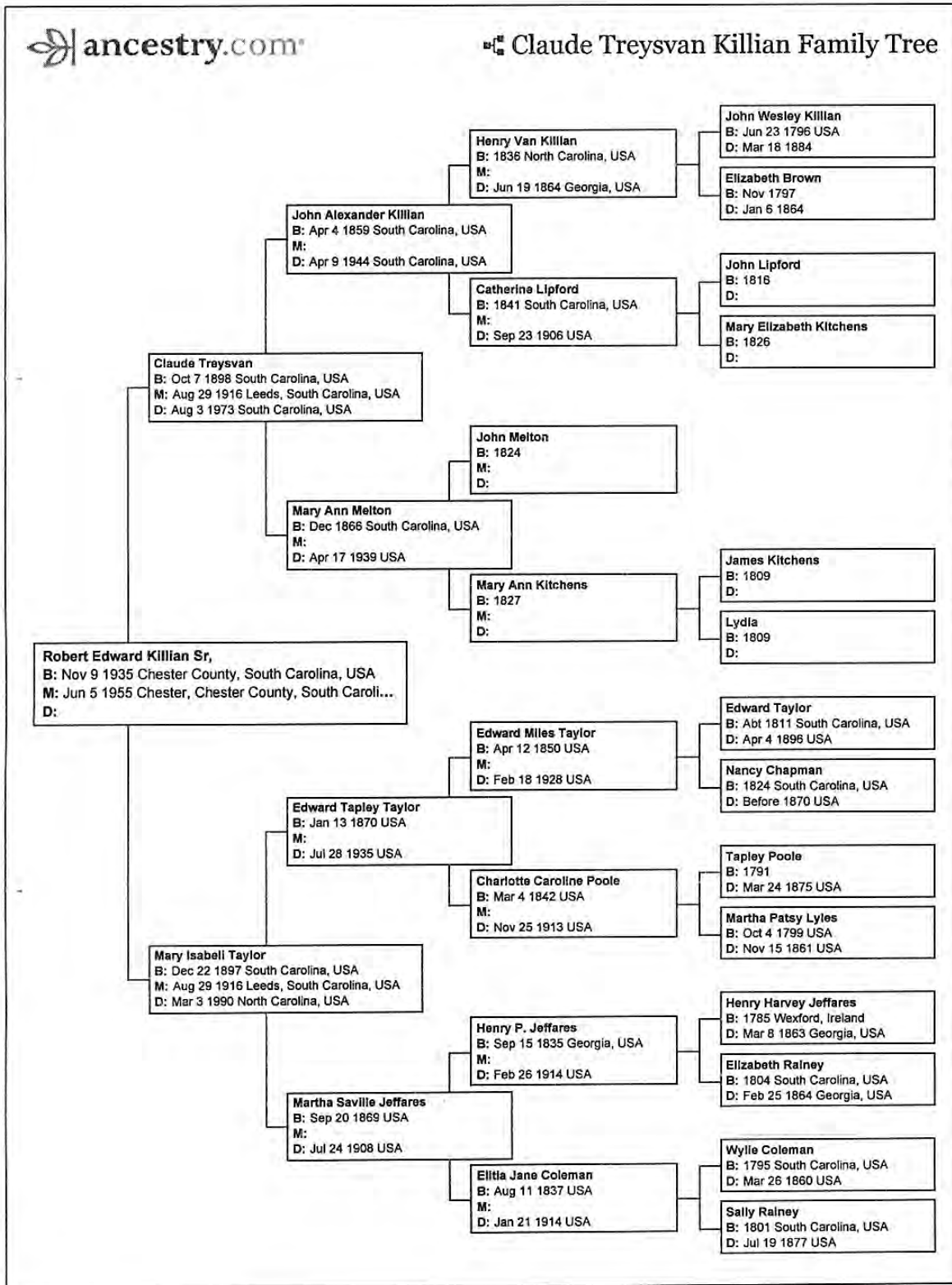
- Microfilm Reader/Printer Project
- Large Map/Book Friendly Scanner Project
- Video Camera with Tripod
- Supply File Cabinet with lock
- Jean (John) Gaston Genealogy CD.

[This CD contains 958 pages with many pictures, land records, and files submitted by various researchers. I have added much lineage to the main body of the Gaston Family file which is fully indexed. Also, included is a fictional novel "Polly of the Pines" featuring Justice John Gaston of Revolutionary Fame. This CD is available from Betty J. Carson, 368 Sease Hill Road, Lexington, SC 29073 for \$35.00 postpaid. If you buy two or more, the price will be \$30.00 each postpaid.]

Donations may be made in memory of or in honor of loved ones.  
Gift Certificates are also available for memberships upon request.







BELL

b. (1) John I  
 d. (2) WILLIAM I (1727-1790) md 1864 ISABELL BROWN (b.1728)  
 buried  
 md

b.  
 d.  
 buried

WILLIAM BELL I

b. 1727 Ireland (1) Elizabeth (b.1748)  
 d. (2) John (b.1751-1819 ?)  
 buried (3) WILLIAM II (c1754-1825) md MARGARET MONTGOMERY (c1755-1798)  
 md (4) Mary (b.1759)  
 (5) Samuel (1768-1852)

ISABELL BROWN

b.1729 Antrim, Ireland  
 d. 1789 Fairfield Co, SC  
 buried Old Brick Church

WILLIAM BELL II

b. c1754 Belfast, Ireland (1) William III (c1775-1845) md Sarah Montgomery  
 d. 3 Sept 1825 SC (2) James (c1777-1809) md Jane  
 buried Old Brick Church (3) Margaret (b c1780) md McGill  
 md 1774 (4) JOHN (1781-1849) md 1802 Elizabeth Hawthorne (1782-1802)  
 (5) Charles (1784-1844) md 1807 Margaret Montgomery (c1785-1820)  
 (6) Thomas (1785-1850) md 1815 Martha McClure Martin (1709-1854) buried Old Brick Church  
 (7) Hugh (b. c1789) md Martha Montgomery (1791-1871) Starksville MS  
 (8) Elizabeth (1790-1842) md William McKell (c1784-1821)  
 (9) Adam (c1791-1833) unmarried  
 (10) Robert  
 (11) Isabella md Hugh Montgomery

ANNE MONTGOMERY

b. c1754  
 d. 16 Nov 1832 SC

JOHN BELL

b. 28 July 1781 Fairfield Co, SC (1) Margaret Montgomery (1807-1832) md 1827 Enoch Bolen (1800-)  
 d. 4 Jan 1849 SC (2) JAMES MONTGOMERY (1810-1871) md 1832 MARY BIGHAM (1810-1848)  
 buried Ebenezer Presby (3) John (1814-1835)  
 md 1806 (4) William Joseph (1816-1837)

ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY

b. 13 Mar 1788 Fairfield Co, SC  
 b. 7 Apr 1850 Chester, SC  
 buried Ebenezer Presby

JAMES MONTGOMERY BELL

b. 5 May 1810 SC (1) John Leroy (1832-1863) md 1856 Charlotte Bagley (1836-1911)  
 d. 29 Dec 1871 SC (2) Robert Brown (1834-1903) md 1860 Margaret Ann Barnes (1838-1897)  
 buried Hopewell ARP (3) CHARLES JAMES (1836-1896) nd 1867 RACHEL ISABELLA BIGHAM (1842-1898)  
 md 1867 (4) Joseph Bigham (1839-1863) md 1861 Eliza Jane Collins  
 (5) Nancy Margaret (1841-1875) md J Harvey Bigham  
 (6) Elizabeth Montgomery (1842-1876) md 1867 Weir Beattie  
 (7) Mary Jane (1844-1875)  
 (8) William Thomas (1848) 3 mos

MARY BIGHAM

b. 5 Sept 1808 SC  
 d. 24 Apr 1848 SC  
 buried Hopewell ARP



Gloria Blackwell  
 507 W. Liberty St.  
 Winnsboro, SC 29180

JAMES BIGHAM

b. 1 Dec 1690 Down, Ireland (1) ROBERT (1714-1777) md  
 d. 1733 Dublin, Ireland (2) JAMES (1719-  
 buried  
 md 1713

JOE ANN REILEY

b. 1695 Down, Ireland  
 d. 1733 ?  
 buried

ROBERT BIGHAM

b. 1714 Antrim, Ireland (1) Infant  
 d. 7 Oct 1777 (2) JOHN (1740-1792) md MARY GRIER (1754/7-1798)  
 buried Steel Creek, NC  
 md  
 CHECK 'Betty Gregg' ship to America

b.  
 d.  
 buried

JOHN BIGHAM

b. 1740 (1) Robert (moved to TN)  
 d. 29 Apr 1792 NC (2) Thomas (moved to TN)  
 buried Steele Creek, NC (3) James (1777-1807)  
 md (4) JOHN JR (1785-1855) md AGNES 'Nancy' BROWN (1785-1853)

MARY GRIER

b. 1754/7 Ireland (5) Margaret  
 d. 1795/8 NC (6) Jane (1782-1849) unmarried  
 buried Steel Creek, NC (7) Nancy

JOHN BIGHAM JR

b. 3 Nov 1785 (1) John III (d.1871) md ? Nancy McDill (1806-1881)  
 d. 16 June 1855 SC \* (2) MARY (1807-1848) md JAMES MONTGOMERY BELL (1810-1871)  
 buried Hopewell ARP (3) James (1809-1855)  
 md (4) William (d.1865 ?)

AGNES 'Nancy' BROWN

b. 17 Aug 1785 SC \*\* (5) JOSEPH LOWRY (1815-1885) md NANCY EMELINE MILLS (1819-1880)  
 d. 8 Apr 1853 SC \*\*\* (6) THOMAS G (1817-1883) md JANE HENRY (1818-1880)  
 buried Sharon ARP, (7) Robert  
 York Co, SC (8) Samuel  
 (9) Nancy Margaret M (1825-1883) unmarried  
 (10) Jane infant

\*\* JOSEPH LOWRY BIGHAM.

b. 1 Apr 1815 NC (1) Mary Jane (1843-1920) unmarried  
 d. 20 Apr 1885 SC \*\*\*\* (2) NANCY MARGARET (1846-1932) md 1864 JOHN BROWN CARSON (1835-1910)  
 buried Hopewell ARP twin (3) Robert Harvey [twin] (1849-1870)  
 md twin (4) Sarah Abigail [twin] (1849-1931)

NANCY EMELINE MILLS

b. 19 Apr 1819 (5) John Thomas (1852-1930) md Mary Miller  
 d. 28 May 1880 SC (6) Elizabeth Isabella (1854-1929) unmarried  
 buried Hopewell ARP (7) James Boyce (1857-1935)  
 (8) Mary Ann Eugenia (1860-1927)  
 (9) Emely Josephine (1862-1948) unmarried

\*\*\* THOMAS G BIGHAM

b. 31 July 1817 \*\*\*\*\* (1) RACHEL ISABELL (1842-1898) md 1867 CHARLES JAMES BELL (1836-1896)  
 d. 11 Sept 1883 (2) Jane (infant)  
 buried Hopewell ARP (3) Infant son (1845) 3 mos  
 md (4) Mary A (1850-1853) 2y 8m 20d  
 (5) Harvey (1853-1867) 14 yrs

JANE HENRY

b. 21 Feb 1818  
 d. 17 Jan 1884 SC  
 buried Hopewell ARP

- See JAMES MONTGOMERY BELL
- \*\* See JOSEPH LOWRY BIGHAM ABOVE
- \*\*\* See THOMAS G BIGHAM ABOVE

- \*\*\*\* See JOHN BROWN CARSON
- \*\*\*\*\* See CHARLES JAMES BELL



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CHARLES JAMES BELL

b. 4 July 1836 SC (1) Harvey Henry (1868-1908) md Ida Hamilton (1875-1902)  
d. 5 June 1896 SC (2) Thomas Bigham (1870-1926)  
buried Hopewell ARP (3) Son [twin] infant  
md 19 Dec 1867 (4) Daughter [twin] infant

RACHEL ISABELLA BIGHAM

b. 27 Sept 1842 SC (5) John Montgomery (c1874-1947) md Margaret Lewis  
d. 6 Oct 1898 SC (6) ROBERT McMASTER (1877-1910) md Mrs Eula Willis Canter  
buried Hopewell ARP (7) Charles Killough (c1882) md Maggie McCluney

ROBERT McMASTER BELL

b. 26 Apr 1877 SC (1) Charles Ralph (1898-1958) md Mildred Lynn (1898-1958)  
d. 1 Sept 1940 SC \*(2) MARY LEE (1900-1992) md HAROLD EUGENE DOUGLASS (1890-1978)  
buried Hopewell ARP (3) Rachel Carson (1903-19 ) md Malcolm Monroe Chappell  
md 18 Aug 1897 (4) Thomas Bigham (1906-1987) unmarried

ANNA MONTGOMERY CARSON

b. 5 Apr 1877 NC (5) John Brown, USAF Ret (b.1908) md Louise Chappell  
d. 26 Nov 1948 SC md Madie Hill  
buried Hopewell ARP

\* See HAROLD EUGENE DOUGLASS



Ms. Gloria D. Blackwell  
144 S Congress St  
Winnaboro, SC 29180-1104

### PEDIGREE CHARTS

We are including charts from two of our members and will provide charts of other members in future issues. We are asking all of our members to provide these. Please send yours to [LSFrazier5@gmail.com](mailto:LSFrazier5@gmail.com) or [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net)

### REUNIONS/FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

If you are planning a reunion or family event, please contact the Genealogy Room (803) 635-9811 or email [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.com](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.com). It would be our privilege to join you in the celebration of your family to assist future generations searching for answers to their family heritage. We set up a booth with research materials, various cemetery/marriage/death and other books from the Fairfield County area. Do you have questions or have you hit a brick wall in your research? Perhaps we can help you



## GRAVE SUBJECTS

### Jon Davis

← Rosanna Hartin –  
In the Harten Cemetery

John Hollis at work →



Your Cemetery Committee had a very good year. Our major effort is to locate and relocate abandoned cemeteries in the county. When located, its GPS is recorded and each grave is photographed and entered into the Findagrave Web Site. We were able to relocate and record about 35 cemeteries and located 10 new cemeteries.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for our success. Special thanks goes out to Jarvis Barnwell, who showed us the location of eight cemeteries. Extra kudos go to Green Giebner and John Hollis who waded through briars, climbed walls and did what was needed to find and record these cemeteries.

There are numerous cemeteries that we hope to locate and survey. We try to go out at least once a week on a clear day, so if you want to be informed, just let Jon know and he will put you on the email list. His email is [davis925@mindspring.com](mailto:davis925@mindspring.com)

The new cemeteries located are:

#### Davis-Tidwell Cemetery

Jacob Davis – Born March 22, 1793, Died November 27, 1854  
Charles Tidwell – Died aged 3 years, 9 months & 12 days (no other info)

#### Gaither Cemetery

Nancy A. Bailey – Born November 1, 1771, Died August 16, 1855, Native of Maryland  
R. C. Bailey – Born January 19, 1808, Died October 23, 1860  
Richard G. Bailey – Born February 2, 1804 in Chester District, Died August 13, 1835  
Sarah M. Bailey – Born February 20, 1817, Died December 8, 1852, Consort of R. C. Bailey  
John Doig – Died June 17, 1843, Aged 50 years, Native of Forfarshire, Scotland  
Jeremiah R. Gaither Jr. – Born February 1, 1821 in Fairfield District, Died December 25, 1846  
Jeremiah Gaither, Sr. – Born October 20, 1783, Died April 14, 1844  
Mary Ann Montgomery – Died December 1847

#### Will Gladney Cemetery

Will Gladney – Died February 28, 1918, Aged 50 years

#### Harten Cemetery

Jacob Harten – Died January 6, 1827, Aged 46 years, Native of Ireland  
Rosanna Hartin – Died September 11, 1798, Aged 10 years

#### Irby Cemetery

Peter Franklin – Died June 26, 1933, South Carolina, Pvy. 408 Serv. Bn.

#### Peay Cemetery

Emma Peay – Born December 17, 1839, Died February 21, 1862

#### Charles Rabb Cemetery

Charles Rabb – Died July 30, 1866, Aged 85 years  
Mary V. Rabb – Died April 3, 1870, Aged 76 years, Wife of Charles Rabb

#### Reynolds Cemetery

Becky Reynolds – No Info  
Maggie Reynolds – Born 1888, Died 1976

#### George Shedd Cemetery

George Shedd – Born October 13, 1764, Died August 23, 1846

Martha Shedd – Born April 13, 1781, Died April 1838

Wages Cemetery

Benjamin Wages – Died September 1, 1897, Aged 85 years, 6 months & 22 days

Dony Wages – Died October 11, 1896, Aged 76 years, 9 months & 16 days, Wife of Benjamin Wages

***Extra! Extra! Chronicling America Reaches Six Million Pages!***

<http://library.sc.edu/blogs/newspaper/2013/03/19extra-extra-chronicling-america-reaches-six-million-pages/>

As of Monday, March 18, 2013, the team at the Library of Congress has made some enormous improvements to *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Adding over 800,000 new pages to the database, the site now holds over 6 million pages of freely available and full-text searchable historic newspapers from 1836-1922! This update includes new content from states already represented on the site, papers from new states (Indiana and North Dakota), and newspapers in French and Spanish from Louisiana, Arizona, and New Mexico. The update contains around 33,000 new pages from South Carolina, including some additions to titles already on the site as well as some brand new titles. **It also includes the first content from the South Carolina to predate 1860,**

**The most recent additions to South Carolina newspapers:**

Edgefield Advertiser (Edgefield, S.C.), 1836-1863

This expands upon the run of the Edgefield Advertiser that was already available on Chronicling America from 1863 to 1922.

The Laurens Advertiser (Laurens, S.C.), 1913-1922

This expands upon the run of The Laurens Advertiser that was already available on Chronicling America from 1885 to 1913.

The Manning Times (Manning, Clarendon County, S.C.) 1885-1922

The Pickens Sentinel (Pickens, S.C.), 1913-1922

The Sumter Banner (Summerville, S.C.), 1846-1855

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86053240/>

The Fairfield Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), 1866-1876

The News and Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), weekly edition, 1876-1881

The News and Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), triweekly edition, 1877-1900

**SEE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DIGITAL PROGRAM**

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86053240/>

The upgrade to *Chronicling America* also brings about some enhancements to the layout and functions of the website. Two noticeable changes can be seen when looking at a single newspaper page. The viewer now has a thumbnail of the newspaper page in the upper right hand corner; when zooming in and out on a page, this thumbnail image helps provide further navigation. Beneath the image, a full citation for that particular page is listed, including the page's persistent link.

Many other changes were put into place including additional support for viewing the site on iPhones and iPads as well as lots of upgrades behind the scenes. Be sure to head over to Chronicling America and see all the new improvements for yourself! Which of these new South Carolina titles are you most excited about? Do you think some of these additions will help you when using the site? Use the comments section of the *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers* website!

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## WEB SITES

### **OurBlackAncestry.com** - African American Genealogy

Our Black Ancestry (OBA) is developing an online repository of records that name the name of people that were enslaved. Working with a major genealogy company, OBA aims to create a platform where African American researchers will be able to, view and download copies of records with the click of a button. The service is provided free of charge and there is no limit to the numbers of pages/records that can be digitized; the more the better.

### **Web Sites to Locate Departed Ancestors**

Use these sites to find obituaries, cemeteries and other traces of your departed ancestors.

#### **American Battle Monuments Commission**

If you have military ancestors buried in US cemeteries abroad, this is the place to find them. The site covers 24 overseas military cemeteries with almost 125,000 American war dead, plus Tables of the Missing that memorialize more than 94,000 US servicemen and women.

#### **Ancient Faces \$**

This collection of nearly 50,000 old family photos also offers family stories and recipes, plus Family Spaces Web pages on which to share them (starting at \$29.95 a year).

#### **Cemetery Surveys**

View nearly 240,000 burial records, many with photos of the actual headstones; the site is richest in coverage for the southeastern United States. You can even import your finds into Google Earth

#### **DeadFred \$.**

A longtime favorite, this genealogy photo archive has helped more than 1,400 people reunite with pictures of their ancestors. It's free to search the archive of more than 92,000 records representing more than 16,000 surnames. Paying members (\$19.95 a year) get customization options and enhanced photo posting.

#### **Find a Grave**

This simple-yet-powerful cemetery database has grown to more than 31 million grave transcriptions. You can search by name (with options for maiden names and partial surnames), birth date, death date or cemetery location, or browse a cemetery for people you think might be your ancestors. There's also a surname index and the Social Security Death Index.

#### **Interment.net**

Though smaller than Find a Grave, Interment.net is likewise worth a look—its user-submitted gravestone records cover cemeteries that no longer exist, along with graveyards beyond the United States. Special collections cover veterans' cemeteries, flooded cemeteries, California mission graveyards and Woodmen of the World burials.

#### **Mortality Schedules.com**

Don't you just hate it when you find an inconsiderate ancestor who died right before the next census? Now you can track him or her with the help of this site: It provides free transcriptions of the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census mortality schedules, in which enumerators recorded information on all people who perished within the 12 months preceding the census.

**Nationwide Gravesite Locator**

This Department of Veterans Affairs Web site—a domestic counterpart to the aforementioned American Battle Monuments Commission site—searches burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries and various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries. It also includes veterans buried in private cemeteries where the grave is marked with a government grave marker.



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