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## FAIRFIELD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL

### Executive Board of Directors

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The Fairfield Genealogy Society needs your help.

All volunteers are trained and spend OJT time with a trained volunteer. The research rooms are small, comfortable and easily accessible. If you can give even three hours a month, please let us know!

### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please email to [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net](mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net) or postal mail to P.O. Box 93, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

**South Carolina Genealogical Society  
Fairfield County Genealogy Society Contact Information**

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GenForum:	<a href="http://genforum.genealogy.com/sc/fairfield">http://genforum.genealogy.com/sc/fairfield</a>
Facebook:	<a href="#">Fairfield County Genealogical Society</a>
Office Hours:	Open: Tuesday - Friday 10AM-5PM, Mondays and Saturdays by appointment  Closed for lunch (usually 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM)  <i>(those seeking research should contact us a week ahead of time to make sure we will have someone in to staff the genealogy room)</i> Contact <a href="mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net">fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net</a> or call 803-635-9811  Closed: Sundays, Holidays, & Lunch

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Fairfield County Genealogical Society is to:

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

First, I hope all of you have a safe and nice holiday season. As you all know this is a busy time of year, and this past quarter has been no exception.

In September for examples: Big Grab Yard Sale; September Board meeting; Nominating Committee assigned; booth at 2-Day Southern Studies Institute in Edgefield; Fairfield County Community Council; U.D.C.; S.C.V.; Richland County Library Networking Techniques Class; booth at Taylor Reunion; researched and closed 15 old and 19 new, total of 34 email requests; researched and/or assisted 86 Fairfield, 54 other SC Counties and 3 out of state walk-in researchers.

In October for examples: booth and participated in 3-day Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Reunion including camping, canoeing, fish fry, bonfire, genealogy workshop, cemetery tours, Shiver Springs, Shelton, Blair tours, church services, and family picnic; Fairfield County Community Council; Fairfield County Museum Tour for Gwen Maynard Group, booth and wagon at Ruff's Chapel Fund Raiser; joint meeting with Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Museum, Genealogy Society, Historical Society & Roots and Recall for project to update and enhance Fairfield County Historical, Winnsboro & Ridgeway Walking Tour maps; Fairfield County Genealogy Society program on How-To view latest microfilm land and deed records on the web; Genealogy Society Board meeting including decision and approval to seek our own non-profit corporation status and update By-Laws accordingly, this will result in no longer being a chapter in the state society; attended Brattonsville reenactment; researched and closed 10 old and 14 new, total of 24 email requests; researched and/or assisted 79 Fairfield, 61 other SC Counties and 25 out of state walk-in researchers, big increase from 3 to 25 this month for out of state researchers.

In November so far: Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>, research assistance appointment; Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, research assistance appointment including cemetery and church tour; Fairfield County Museum Tour – Good Sheppard Group; Treasurer elect obtained Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State's office; Treasurer elect obtained Federal ID number; booth & MC Killian Reunion; attended Boone Hall Plantation reenactment; produce Genealogy Society's fourth quarterly newsletter.

Still scheduled in November to do: project/contest for new Fairfield County Genealogy Society logo; Fairfield County Community Council; Fairfield County U.D.C. Relic Room Private Tour; Fairfield County Museum, Genealogy Society and Historical Society joint planning sessions for 150<sup>th</sup> Winnsboro Remembers Sherman; Fairfield County Genealogy Society Update on DNA program, general membership meeting annual elections and approval of By-Law changes; Disabilities Council Auction Fund Raiser; Museum, Garden Club, Genealogy Society and Historical Society joint planning sessions for December Christmas Gala and Open House; research and close email requests; research and/or assist walk-in researchers.

On-going presentations and/or projects: quarterly newsletters, website, FACEBOOK and perhaps a blog site; monthly programs; researching and cataloging new abandoned cemeteries; keeping documents (minutes, treasurer reports, etc.) updated including board meetings; cataloging library collection and new additions to the library into BookCat system; refilling vertical file collections and updating or adding new information to the vertical file collections; Fairfield County Historical maps overlay project; DNA Family Finder Fairfield Families project; friendly book reader/printer project, microfilm reader/printer project; digitizing of collection project; EAS library book anti-theft security system; and of course research and close email requests; research and/or assist walk-in researchers; schedule and conduct church, house and cemetery tours.

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In conclusion, believe it or not I know I probably left something out, however you each (and you know who you are) continue to excel and surprise all of us how much that is able to be accomplished each month; it does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. You all know our society, Genealogy Research Library and its collection is a reflection of your many contributions through your membership, your gifts, your donations, your many hours of volunteer work, your attendance in meetings, your generosity in giving toward our society and your help in reaching of our society's goals. Thank you once again!

Humbly in your service,  
Eddie

## MEETINGS/EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings are normally 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.** (For those without email addresses, announcements will be mailed to you.)

### Fairfield Genealogical Society Dates to Remember

**Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Fairfield County Genealogy Society Membership Workshop, 11:00 AM  
DNA Information Update and Annual Election of Officers (if needed)  
**Location: In the Genealogy Library (2nd Floor, FC Museum), 231 S. Congress St. (US Bus. 321), Winnsboro, SC**  
***After workshop, Fairfield County Genealogy Society Board Meeting (restaurant TBA), 12:30 PM***

**Saturday, November 22, 2014**

Disabilities Council Annual Auction Fund Raiser, Christ Central Church Building (next to Museum).  
Auction 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. Items can be reviewed behind the Museum under the big tent.  
Genealogy Society Genealogy Research Resource Library and Museum will be open, plan to stop by!

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**

**Merry  
Christmas**

A Christmas Gala presented by the Fairfield County Genealogy Society, FC Museum, FC Historical Society and Winnsboro Garden Clubs 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM  
Christmas Music, Food, Friends and Entertainment; plan to stop by and share your Christmas cheer.  
Location: The Fairfield County Museum, 231 S. Congress St. (US Bus. 321), Winnsboro, SC

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Thursday, December 18, 2014

Fairfield County Genealogy Society Board Workshop, 12:30 PM  
Location: Vice-President and Program Director Mrs. O'Neal's home

## Fairfield Genealogical Society Meetings for 2015

### January 15

Gina Price White (Winthrop) giving preservation tips.

### **February 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

Discovering Dave – film. (See information below).  
Location: Christ Central Community Center next door to the Fairfield Museum located at 235 S. Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC

### **February 21 – all day**

Fairfield Remembers Sherman (see information on page 7)

### **March 19**

Debbie Bloom (Richland Public Library) on the Dead Librarian blog



### [Discovering Dave: Spirit Captured in Clay](#) (2013)

This 40 minute documentary revolves around the story of the Edgefield, South Carolina, slave potter named David Drake. David, who used his skills as a craftsman, created beautiful pottery, which included jars and pitchers, during the turbulent 1800s. While producing thousands of pots in his lifetime, David also wrote poetry. What made Dave unique was the fact that he wrote verses and poetry on his pots. He was one of the first African-American slaves to sign many of his works. His story is a testament to his willingness to be heard and to leave his mark for ages to come, even at risk of severe punishment.

In *Discovering Dave - Spirit Captured in Clay*, his mystery and legacy are examined through informative dialog from scholars, historians and artisans in the pottery field. The star of the film is Columbia, SC's storyteller, Darion McCloud.

*Discovering Dave - Spirit Captured in Clay*, won the 2014 Best South Carolina Heritage Film Award and Audience Favorite at the this year's Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=881741448525494&fref=nf>

Dave was directed by George Wingard, and Mark Albertin with Scrapbook Video Productions.

## FAIRFIELD REMEMBERS SHERMAN February 21, 1865

A Preliminary Plan for the 150<sup>th</sup> Observance  
Of the  
Infamous March to the Sea  
Through Fairfield County

At the Fairfield County Museum, 231 S. Congress street, Winnsboro, SC and other County Sites

**All day:** Federal re-enactors on site at Fairfield Museum (hours to be determined)

**9:00 – 11:30 am:** Old Brick (Ebenezer) Church open to the public, The Old Brick Church is near the location of where one corps of Sherman's Federal army crossed the Broad River. On reaching the Little River, the troops found that Confederates had destroyed the bridge. Returning to the Old Brick Church, troops tore up pews and floorboards to make a temporary crossing. Graffiti on the church wall offers an apology to the congregation by an unidentified soldier for the damage done to the church.

**9:00 – 11:30 am:** The Century House (Beauregard's Headquarters during his retreat from Charleston) open to the public; Local musicians will be invited to perform Civil War era music.

**11:00:** Presentation at Christ Central Community Theater of historical personal Narratives – Dramatic Readings.

**1:00 – 2:30 pm:** Speakers

- **Pat McNeely**, author of *Sherman's Flame & Blame Campaign* (privately published, 2014) will speak on Sherman's general plan for his march through Georgia and South Carolina.
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- **Chester DePrater**, South Carolina State Archaeologist, will speak on his findings of the Camp Asylum archeological inspection.
- **Brian McCreight**, Charleston author and storyteller, will speak on stories passed on by the McCreight family. *Googly Moogly! The Lowcountry Liar's Tales of History & Mystery* (Pelican Publishing, 2013)
- **Jim Kibler**, author, will speak on the destruction of Pomaria Nursery and eastern Newberry by Sherman's troops. *Our Fathers' Fields: A Southern Story*, Pelican)
- **Karen Stokes**, author of *South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path* (The History Press, 2012), will speak on the historic accounts of Dr. Lord, Episcopal Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Winnsboro

**2:30 to 3:00 pm:** Round Table Q&A

**3:00 to 4:00 pm:** Book Signings by guest speakers at Museum

*The Fairfield County Genealogy Society will be selling its "Fairfield Remembers Sherman" and other relevant publications.*



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## FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY– WEB SITE

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## FACEBOOK

Please check our Facebook page at <http://www.fairfieldgenealogical.org/> (Fairfield County Genealogical Society) and “like” us! This will enable us with monitoring and getting assistance from Facebook that will help us with presentations and better reporting. Thanks!

Don't forget that you can post your queries on the Fairfield County Genealogy Society FACEBOOK page.

## **\*\*NEW\*\* SOCIAL MEDIA – BLOG....COMING SOON**

We are planning to add a BLOG to our website for Fairfield County genealogy, keep a check on the website for more information.

## SPECIAL PROJECT – Fairfield WW II Memorial Monument

It has been over 70 years now and it's past time to honor our WW II Veterans and the 36 young men from Fairfield County that gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life for our FREEDOM during WW II.

The WW II committee is planning to have a monument built to honor all WW II veterans. Monument will be built by Phillips Granite. All young men/women that were killed will be recognized with individual brick markers at the memorial. It will be built in The Mt Zion Green Memorial Park, in Winnsboro SC with other monuments in this area

The Town of Winnsboro is planning to build a park with walking trails in this area in the very near future. Fairfield County Council and the Town of Winnsboro have committed \$15,000 in marching funds, provided our committee is able to raise \$15,000 from the local community. Our committee of concerned citizens will be contacting local businesses and citizens to help us fund this worthy project. Our main fund raiser is to sell Brick pavers.

We are planning a Freedom/Memorial Walkway to the monument with brick pavers that you can purchase to remember a loved one. What a great way to honor a loved one and help us honor these 36 brave young men.

Brick pavers will be sold until 12/15/2015. Monument and Pavers to be installed on or before Memorial Day 2015. We are planning to have WW II re-enactors come to Winnsboro when we dedicate this monument and hopefully meet with school children, if approved, to educate them on the sacrifices made to keep our county free. We also would like to have a parade to show off their WW II uniforms and vehicles as we dedicate this memorial.

## BUSINESS PAVERS

8"x8" brick pavers- \$150.00

8"x8" brick pavers with logo - \$225.00

3"x3" miniature brick pavers - \$12.00



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## INDIVIDUAL, CHURCH OR NON PROFIT

8"x8" brick, up to 3 lines of copy - \$100.00

8"x8" brick up to 6 lines of copy \$125.00

## BUSINESS OR CORPORATE BRICKS ALSO AVAILABLE

8"x8" brick – up to 6 lines of copy - \$150

8"x8" brick – up to 4 lines of copy and business logo - \$225

## World War II Statistics

Number of Americans who served in WW II – 16.1 Million

Number of Americans casualties in WW II – 291,557

Number of South Carolina casualties in WW II – 3,423

Number of Fairfield County casualties in WW II – 36

For more information contact Bill Haslett (803) 815-1010, [wehaslett@truvista.net](mailto:wehaslett@truvista.net) or Brother Lyles, a WW II Veteran Honorary Committee Chairman at the Fairfield County Museum and <http://www.brickmarkers.com/donors/fairfield.html>. A **Winnsboro Lions Club Project**

## [Research at DAR Library Now Free to the Public](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at the DAR Library:

The DAR Library, one of the country's premier genealogical research facilities, is now FREE to all researchers. In October, the entrance fee for use of the Washington, D.C. family history library was eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.

“We are so pleased to be able to now offer the DAR Library resources free of charge,” says Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. “We invite and encourage anyone who may have been deterred in the past by the usage fee to come visit and explore our vast holdings. You never know what you may be able to discover about your family at the DAR Library.”

From novices to professionals, the DAR Library offers a wealth of unique materials for researchers of all levels. Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.

Further details may be found at: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public>.

Contributed by Frances L. O'Neal

## Ancestry.com Adds 3.2 Million American Indian Records

Utah-based genealogy website Ancestry.com has partnered with the Oklahoma Historical Society to add more than 3.2 million American Indian historical records and images to its website. The new addition will bring the total number of American Indian historical records to more than 10 million.



The website will contain records of more than 570 tribes, including those from which most Americans with Indian blood descend. Census counts, treaties, land allotments, marriage certificates and citizenship documents are all included in the new data set.

The new data set of 3.2 million records contains:

- Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914.
- Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851-1959.
- Ratified Indian Treaties and Chiefs, 1722-1869.
- Oklahoma, Indian Land Allotment Sales, 1908-1927.
- Records Related to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokee by Guion Miller, 1908-1910.

Laura Martin, deputy director of the research division at the Oklahoma Historical Society, said the collected data gives users the immediacy of having millions of American Indian records available with just a few keystrokes a major advancement from when people had to crisscross the country seeking documents.

“I think what we are most excited about is that this is the first time that basically, these records will be contained in one particular place,” Martin said.

This can be searched at our Genealogical Reference Library. This is one of the programs that we have available for our members.

Contributed by Frances L. O’Neal

## Interesting information from FAMILYSEARCH

**FamilySearch** has opened **Family Tree** to everyone. **Family Tree** may well become the most accurate online genealogical database that is available anywhere. An added bonus - it's available for free. It's part of FamilySearch.org. Just sign in to see it.

**Family Tree** provides several significant improvements to most online storage applications of gedcom data. It's easy to navigate. You can see more than four generations at a time and can zoom in and out. You can easily see children, other spouses, details, and other information.

**Family Tree's** capacity to consolidate repetitive legacy information about individuals will greatly enhance the quality of the data being stored. Once duplicative records are consolidated, there's no more need to look in multiple places for information about an individual. You'll be able to work with others to resolve inconsistent evidence that may exist in the legacy data. You can also provide reasons that explain why information is correct, so that others will be less likely to change it without a better reason. You can also attach sources to validate accurate information. If the source is online, you can even provide a link to it. A "watch list" feature also makes it easy to manage notifications that you receive.

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**FamilySearch has reached a milestone** - more than 100,000 books have now been scanned and published online in partnership with genealogical research libraries. These books are available to search and use on the FamilySearch.org website and can be viewed by clicking Search and then clicking [Books](#).

## **Findmypast.com**

Findmypast.com, which is available at all FHCs, has announced a partnership with the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) Genealogy Center to revolutionize the **PER**iodical **S**ource **I**ndex (**PERSI**), the widely used subject index for genealogy and local history literature. Most notably, findmypast.com will begin linking thousands of individual genealogical periodicals and resources to the index, which will allow original content to be accessed digitally - a first in the history of PERSI.

ACPL Genealogy Center has created more than 2.5 million searchable records in PERSI by indexing articles from more than 8,000 different periodicals. Records are indexed according to location, topic, surname, ethnicity and methodology which make PERSI an essential tool for genealogists and family historians. The partnership with findmypast.com will transform PERSI into an even more powerful resource. It also aligns with the Society Data Initiative, a joint project between the Federation of Genealogical Societies and findmypast.com to preserve, digitize and provide access to resources created by family history, genealogical and historical societies.

Findmypast.com is owned by BrightSolid online publishing, a British-owned world leader in online genealogy, with over 45 years' experience in family history and a record of online innovation in the field of family history nearly two decades long. BrightSolid hosts more than a billion genealogical records from across the globe.

Info above shared by "Renee's Genealogy Blog" (Renee M. Zamora, All Rights Reserved)

NOTE: Findmypast.com is available at all FHCs, although not all collections are currently available. We'll post further updates as we learn more about the availability of PERSI.

## **FHL Catalog coming to WorldCat**

The Family History Library catalog will soon appear in WorldCat, a free, online database currently listing more than 1.6 billion catalog records. One will then be able to search WorldCat for a surname, geographic location, ethnic group or organization and find the bibliographic information that FamilySearch has been compiling for years. Conversely, FamilySearch users will also be able to tap WorldCat results within search results by FamilySearch.

Because of WorldCat's work with Google and other search engines, one can frequently find books and other genealogically relevant resources listed in search results. A FamilySearch catalog presence in WorldCat will increase the chances that researchers will discover the valuable materials FamilySearch has gathered and made accessible over the years.

Researchers can also create a free account in WorldCat that will allow them to compile and annotate a research list that can be accessed from anywhere with an Internet connection. The researcher can also link to other participating libraries' online catalogs for more specific item information.

Contributed by Frances L. O'Neal

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## Family Tree DNA

Dear Valued Customer,

Family Tree DNA is now allowing people that have taken an AncestryDNA™ or 23andMe© (V3) test to transfer their raw data to the Family Finder database for FREE by visiting [www.familytreedna.com/AutosomalTransfer](http://www.familytreedna.com/AutosomalTransfer)

That's right! Pass this news along to your friends and family members that have tested with [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) or 23andMe so they can **discover new matches in the world's largest genetic genealogy database for FREE!**

**Note:** Autosomal raw data cannot be transferred to an account that already has Family Finder

### What's in it for You?

After transferring, you'll get your **top 20 matches**, complete with their surnames and relationship predictions. You don't have to do anything after uploading your data to see these matches. You've got nothing to lose!

You can unlock ALL of your matches and myOrigins results for free by recruiting 4 other relatives or friends to transfer their results using a link we'll provide!

Unlock Right Away for Just \$39.

If you do not want to wait for 4 others to transfer, we are also permanently reducing the price to unlock all of your matches and myOrigins results to just \$39!

Once a transfer has purchased or referred 4 other they will unlock the full Family Finder experience!

### How Does It Work?

New customers must enter their name and email address to get started. If you already have an FTDNA account, just click [Already have a Family Tree DNA account.](#)

Next, click 'Upload Raw Data' to select and upload the raw data file from AncestryDNA™ or 23andMe© (V3) from your computer. It is not necessary to unzip the file prior to uploading it. If you don't have your raw data file handy, instructions on how to download it will be available.

The first round of results processing will take about an hour and an email notification will be sent to the registered email address after we are done processing the raw data.

Contributed by Frances L. O'Neal

### [BillionGraves Introduces 5 New Features](#)

BillionGraves now claims to have the world's largest collection of GPS tagged headstones. Its competitor, Find-A-Grave, still has more headstones catalogued, but the majority of those do not have GPS locations. In a small cemetery, the GPS location of an individual headstone may not be important but in larger cemeteries it can be a critical piece of



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information for anyone seeking to visit the tombstone.

BillionGraves also has announced Map It, BillionGraves.com Ad Free, an enhanced Virtual Walk-through, new Record Notifications to be sent to you via email, and BillionGraves Priority Support. Details on these new features and more may be found at <http://blog.billiongraves.com/2014/10/billiongraves-introduces-5-new-amazing-features/>.

Contributed by Frances L. O'Neal

## **Free webinars with membership of \$49.95.**

This is a site that offers a number of webinars for a fee of \$49.95 (normal price \$79.00).

1 year unlimited access to recorded webinars at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com). Also includes access to the instructors' handouts, and 1 year of 5% off anything in the store (must be logged in at checkout), and a chance for a bonus subscribers-only door prize during each webinar.

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Learn genealogy at your own pace

All live webinars are free

Get on-demand access to their entire video archives

(now contains 191 classes, 281 hours and 780 pages of instructor handouts)

Watch via your computer or mobile device.

New videos added monthly at no extra cost.

Friday, November 14, 2014

Legacy Family Tree – Virtual User's Group Meeting

(Learn tips, tricks and best practices related to using the Legacy Family Tree software. Topics for beginners thru advanced presented by the Legacy staff and other experts. We will also have time for questions and answers.)

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Using Evernote for Genealogy

(You can remember everything in your genealogy research with Evernote because it puts all of your notes at fingertips. In addition to super fast and easy note taking and retrieval, you'll learn how to clip items from the Internet (rather than saving bulky web pages!).

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Family History for Kids

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Contributed by Frances L. O'Neal

## **Collection of letters from the Fairfield County Museum (up to 1859), Part 1**

Suzanne Johnson with the Fairfield County Genealogy Society has put together a text searchable collection of letters up to 1859. These letters have been digitized and are online and ready to view. The oldest one was written by Richard Winn in 1787. Please see the links below from John Quirk at the South Caroliniana Library, Columbia, SC:

<http://digital.tcl.sc.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/fcmmss>

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The second half of the letters from 1959 to the present time will be available at a later date.

## **John Robert Kennedy (1822-1864) Fairfield County Confederate Solider**

John Robert Kennedy was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1822, the youngest child of William Kennedy, Jr. (ca. 1775-1822) and Barbara Lightner (1785-1870).<sup>1</sup> John's father died when he was an infant and James McCants was appointed his guardian.<sup>2</sup>

John Robert Kennedy married Esther Mann (1824-1906) who was the daughter of Nathaniel Mann (1790-1856) and Margaret Richardson (1790-1878).<sup>3</sup> In the year 1850, John and his wife Esther were living next to his wife's parents, Nathaniel (age 60), and Margaret (age 60). Also living with John and Esther in 1850 was John's mother, Barbara Kennedy (age 65). According to the US Census of 1850, John's occupation was listed as wagon maker.<sup>4</sup> Ten years later in 1860, John's occupation was listed as planter and post office master and living in his household were his wife Esther, his mother Barbara (now age 75), and Barney Gibson (age 12), believed to be a nephew of Esther.<sup>5</sup>

The area of the county where this family lived is now referred to as Bethel Community and at one time it was known as Jennings. Chris E. Leitner (1913-2004) was a lifelong resident of this area and was born near the Kennedy house. Chris informed me that his father, Charles H. Leitner, moved from Jennings in 1889 and when he returned to the area in 1904 it was no longer referred to as Jennings, but as Bethel Community.<sup>6</sup> The name Jennings came from the family that lived in the community on Highway 269 where the local post office was once located.<sup>7</sup>

The sixth South Carolina volunteer infantry regiment was organized in 1861 and six of the ten companies were mostly men from Fairfield County. Col. James H. Rion was regimental commander when the regiment was organized but Captain John Bratton of the Fairfield Fensibles Company was made Colonel when the regiment was reorganized and he continued in that position until promoted brigadier general and became brigade commander.<sup>8</sup>

John Robert Kennedy does not appear on Confederate muster rolls until August 18, 1863, when he enlisted at Petersburg, Virginia in the 2nd Company G of the sixth regiment. He was enlisted by Lt. Brice for the period of the war. On the company roster roll of September and October 1864, Private Kennedy was listed as "killed in action on September 30, 1864." On the final page of his confederate record it states: "J.K. Kennedy, Pvt. Co. G, 6th SC, appears on a list of casualties in Bratton's Brigade in the campaign of 1864, Army of Northern Virginia." The initials "J.K." (above) was a mistake as the other muster rolls in his service record refer to him as "J.R." Kennedy.<sup>9</sup>

The book Broken Fortunes by Randolph W. Kirkland (1995) contains some more information on Private Kennedy, stating that he was "killed in action at Chaffin's Farm."<sup>10</sup> The battle of Chaffin's Farm, named after the landowner, was September 29-30, 1864, south of Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia on the James River. This was part of the Siege of Petersburg campaign. The Union offensives in the area of Chaffin's Farm were an attempt to break the outer confederate defenses protecting Richmond and its railroads. The battle can be considered a Confederate victory but it caused General Lee to have to transfer troops weakening his lines at Petersburg.<sup>11</sup>



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The widow Esther Kennedy, received a confederate widows' pension and listed her address as Jennings, SC.12 Esther Kennedy, lived at her home on the corner of Highway 269 and Estes Lane until her death on January 8, 1906, and is buried at Bethel Methodist Church, close to where she lived on Highway 269. The house where the family lived is listed on the 1876 map of Fairfield County. The house is very old and predates the War Between the States. It is now being renovated by the current owner.

When in Richmond, in 2007, I checked the National Park Service records for the grave location of John R. Kennedy without success. Many confederates who died in the Siege of Petersburg are buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

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## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

(By W. J. Elliott) From the March 30, 1916 Issue of The News and Herald, Winnsboro

South Carolina has always had a place on the map since the county was first settled and Fairfield County was always in evidence in all matters of war and peace. The Mexican War called a goodly number of Fairfield County men to the struggle though I do not even having heard that any Fairfield County men were at the Alamo. (Can some student of history tell us?) I've seen the Butler-Dickerson-Gladden medal, which was presented to Mexican veterans from our old county. General Gladden, of Mexican fame, was a brother of Mrs. Powell, mother of J. W. Powell, now of Columbia. One old veteran of two wars, a native and life long resident of our county was Richard Jackson Gladney. He had one of the above mentioned medals and was proud of it. Mr. Gladney told me on a certain occasion that while he was in Cherubusco, Mexico, he was boiling some soup for Gen. Maxcy Gregg who was confined because of a wound and that the Mexicans were at the time shelling the town during an earthquake. He said they were upstairs in a stone or cement building and that between the shells and the earthquake he would "sware pint blank" the jarring "shuck" the soup off the riddle and broke the stiches in Maxcy Gregg's wound. He was very fond of talking of Maxcy Gregg. Mr. Gladney was a soldier in the "Uncivil" war and was a good fighter. It was told of him that he was very fond of one of the Jeters from Union County and was always apprehensive that some disaster would befall Jeter. Son on a certain night while the Yankees were shelling our men he ran out and said, "Men, great God, look at that shell: I wonder where Jeter is" – and yelled out. "Look out Jeter, here comes a shell."

At a reunion of the Mexican veterans in Washington, D. C., Tom Mackey, who was a Mexican veteran, met Mr. Jack Gladney and inquired of him: "Now Mr. Gladney what branch of the service did you occupy in the Mexican war?" Mr. Gladney replied, "Only a private Judge Mackey, I fought through the Mexican war and though the Confederate war as a private." Taking Mr. Gladney by the arm, Judge Mackey said, "Come with me to the rostrum." Calling the assembly of veterans to order Tom Mackey addressed them: "Fellow comrades of the Mexican war, allow me to present to you Richard Jackson Gladney, of Fairfield County, South Carolina, the only surviving private of the Mexican war." Old man Jack had not learned the art of acquiring a post between army title.

There was quite a number of Sherman's men killed near Jack Gladney's house and they lie buried in the pines near the road. Three pines were known as the "Yankee pines" for a long time. Mr. Gladney was in no way connected with their death, so far as I know. Three of Sherman's men lie buried beyond the three mile post near the home of Hugh S. Wylie and I know who killed them. I have also been informed as to who was in pursuit of the men killed near Jack Gladney's place. But after a lapse of so many years I presume its best that names be kept from the public.

When Sherman's army was camped in Fairfield County some of his men were having a dance with negro women on the Adger place where Mr. Samuel Carthcart's present residence is located. The music was going at a great pace and all was merry. Walter J. Keller, who was a Confederate scout, in company with one or more of his comrades fed their horses from the troughs of the Yankee wagon in the camp at Adger. These scouts wore Yankee overcoats and it was hard to distinguish them from the regular Yankees. They witnessed the dance from the outside, as they could not venture near the light. Waiting around on the outskirts of the camp till toward morning they saw a Yankee come from his tent undressed. Slipping up to the fellow, Keller told him to keep quiet or he would be a dead man. Of course the command was obeyed. On this cold February night Keller mounted this man on a Yankee horse without allowing him to dress and by breakfast time turned him over to Wade Hampton who was at the time in Chester. The town was full of men and women, when Gen. Hampton came out and arrested the man for appearing in company in that undressed condition, understanding full well why he was not dressed. The Yankee replied "General, your men would not give me any chance to dress." The fact of this man's appearance in this guise at Chester is recorded in history and Walter Keller told me he was the man who

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captured the Yankee on the Adger place. In fact, he told me of the incident before read it in (I think) Butler and his cavalry, by Brooks.

For a number of years after the war it was not safe for Confederates of Tennessee and Kentucky to return home. Some men from Tennessee stayed in Fairfield County. To men whose names I remember were Fitzgerald and Bishop. They spent a good part of their time in western Fairfield and the Negroes were very much afraid of them. Fitzgerald married a Miss Henderson, sister of Mr. Stuart Henderson of Newberry County. Mr. Stuart Henderson married Miss Ella Milling of the Salem section. I have been with them at their home near Blairs by the Newberry side of the River within the last six years. Mr. Fitzgerald died a year ago. On my trip to Mr. Henderson's I met Fitzgerald's brother from Tennessee who told me that it was not an uncommon thing to hear three or four shots at night and when morning came to find two or three dead men in the neighborhood. The place was thickly settled and it was neighbor against neighbor. He explained to me that this condition prevented his brother from coming home. So he married a congenial woman in a congenial clime. The visiting brother told me we had no conception of the condition in his state after the war.

I don't know where Bishop was from but he was, I think, from the same state. He was a terror to Negroes. Some of the O'Neil Negroes came to Winnsboro to work for my mother and they regaled us at night with the terrors of Bishop. We were afraid to go to bed for fear we would dream of Bishop. The Negroes seemed to fear him especially. He was killed by the Negroes near or on the Furman place. He was expected along there and the Negro who fired the shot was in the yard and took advantage of an opening in the field from ambush. I remember the time of the trial. Col. Rion defended the Negroes charged with the murder and I heard him say that word was sent him by Bishop's friends that they would kill any lawyer who undertook to defend the Negro. I heard the Colonel explain, in this connection, why he occupied the desk to the Judge's left. He stated that because of his seniority he was entitled to the seat of honor, on the right of the Judge. But owing to the fact that he carried his piston in the left pocket of his coat shirt, he chose the position so he could hold the left side of his coat with left hand and draw and fire with the right, the position giving him the advantage of having the Bishop crowd more at his front than his rear.

Col. Rion had his own peculiar ideas about all matters. During a very exciting time in the court house yard in 1878 he said to me, "Elliott, where have you got your pistol?" I replied, "In my hip pocket of course, Col". He said "Look down this roll of paper in my left hand", and therein what appeared to be a judgment roll he nestled a 32 Smith and Wesson, saying, "I can pull my pistol without being suspected. You may be shot while reaching toward your hip pocket. I never was shot, I am thankful to say."

Contributed by Suzanne Johnson.

### **PEDIGREE/FAMILY TREE CHARTS**

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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.

## MEMBERS AND THEIR SURNAMES

This list is not all inclusive. If you do not see your name, please contact us so we can update our records. We will include them in the next newsletter. Please let us know if you would like to correspond with one of our members. Thanks!

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Agnew	Clinton	Agnew
Barrett	Jenna	Hammond School
Branham	Vikki	Braham
Brasecker	Carey	Wilkinson, Wilkerson, Howell
Brice	Steuart	Brice
Byrd	Stephen & Katrina	Byrd, Ellinger, Frick, Roberts, Goers, Shirah, Marthers, Harwell, Branham, Matthews, Evans
Cornish	Sharon	Thomas, Ballard, Gooding/Goodon, Turner
Dolliver	Martha	Myers
Erwin	Dianne	Blair, Bankhead
Franklin	Lisa R.	Wooten, Coleman, Feaster, Mobley
Furman	Felicia	Furman
Gartmann	Jan M.	Feaster
Gettys	Jim	Buchanan, McMaster
Porter	Mrs. L. Virgil	Porter , Shedd

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Rosborough	Edna Marie	Rosborough, Douglass, Kennedy, Craig, Cubit, Fears, Neil, Bell, Crosby, Rabb, Shedd, Hudson, Banks
Turner	Jessie "Mac"	Beam, Posey, Hardin, Carter, Seely, Rives
Whisonant	Ruby H.	Hollis, Steele, Faris, Garrison
Other queries:		
Atkinson	Marion	Atkinson
Hamm	Greg	Widener
Howard	Missy	McDowell
Mack	Donald	Mack, Nims, Banks, Coile, McWhorter
Stroup	Julie	Clayton, Smith

## EVENTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

Contributed by Jon Davis

### From the June 30, 1870 Issue of The Charleston Daily News, Charleston, S. C.

#### A Home Thrust

The county auditor of Fairfield advertises the sale of more than forty-five thousand acres of land for unpaid taxes. Fairfield County contains only four hundred and fifty-five thousand six hundred and forty acres of land of all kinds. It is evident that one-tenth of the total area of the county is advertised to be sold for taxes. What can be more forcible than this practical proof of the urgent need of immediate Retrenchment and Reform?

### From the May 25, 1872 Issue of the Charleston Daily News, Charleston, S. C.

A white male infant was found on a table in Fairfield County last week. It is adopted by the finders, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.

### From the September 19, 1900 Issue of the Keowee Courier, Pickens, S. C.

## ELECTION RIOTS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

### One Man Killed and a Young Man Fatally Wounded by His Father

A dispatch from Winnsboro, S. C., under date of September 11, says: "One man dead and another mortally wounded, or supposed to be, is Fairfield's woeful record for today's election. A hot contest was on for the election of county officers, and the two boxes that most engaged the attention of the candidates and their friends were Feasterville, in the northwestern section of the county, usually spoken of as the Dark Corner, and Blythewood, in the sand hill district, bordering on Richland County. It was a Feasterville that the murder occurred and definite information about the cause of it cannot be had.

H. A. Stevenson is the murdered man and his slayer is Johnson Cameron, Markley Cameron being an accessory. The murdered man was a first cousin of Dispenser Stevenson, who was beaten in the race for sheriff today, and it is not yet possible to find out what connection, if any, exists between this killing and the election. Stevenson's slayer was at once lodged in jail by Sheriff Ellison, who happened to be at the Feasterville box.

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“At Blythewood, in the midst of a general trouble bordering on a riot, when pistols were flying in the air and various other weapons were being brought into play, Ed. Brazwell, a very young man, received a wound in his leg that at once necessitated amputation and that may prove fatal. Conflicting rumors make it impossible to get the details of this occurrence, but it is general said that young Brazwell’s father fired the shot into the crowd that may cost his son’s life. Others say that John Campbell fired the deadly shot.”

From the August 14, 1907 Issue of The Laurens Advertiser

### **It is “Means Grass”**

At the close of the Revolutionary War three brothers, John, Thomas and Robert Means, removed from Boston to South Carolina. The last named settled in Beaufort and married Miss Barnwell. John and Thomas Means settled in the northwestern part of Fairfield, and married respectively Mary and Sarah Milling, sisters of Capt. Hugh Milling of the sixth regiment of South Carolina Continentals.

Thomas Means, whose son John Hugh Means afterwards became governor of South Carolina, at once became a large merchant and planter and imported some hemp seed from Egypt. With the hemp, came up a few sprigs of a fine, vigorous growing grass, which Mr. Means allowed to go to seed, and gathering, replanted the grass seed in his garden, near Buckhead, in western Fairfield County. Being a hardy and rapid grower, after this second planting the grass rapidly spread for the garden over his plantation, and from the plantation branches and creeks soon spread to bottom lands of Little River and Broad and Congaree Rivers.

It was thus introduced from Egypt by Thomas Means soon after the Revolutionary War, about the close of the eighteenth century. Mr. Thomas Means and his family called it “Egyptian Grass,” from its origin, but it soon became known locally and in South Carolina as the “Means Grass.”

Some of the neighbors erroneously fearing it would prove a pest in the cultivation of the crops on account of its rapid spread called it the “damned Means grass.” Some of the seed was taken from South Carolina by a Mr. Johnson to Alabama, where it became known as the “Johnson grass.”

An article written from Clemson College for The State Aug., 1901, in alluding to Means’ introduction of the grass in hemp seed from Egypt into Fairfield, stated that “a man named Johnson carried some of the seed to Alabama and planted it extensively. From him it got the name of Johnson grass, when by right it ought to be “Means grass.”

Col. Newman, professor at Clemson agricultural college, says it is a very valuable grass or hay, in fact the most valuable, and that it can be killed by simply pasturing stock on it. In Alabama, where Col. Newman lived for years, the grass is well known and highly valued, the people having long since learned not to fear it. For hay it should be cut while young and tender and can be thus cut several times a year. It is a rapid grower and if allowed to go to seed on good land easily attains a height of four, five and even six feet. Some of this grass can be seen now seeding in the State house grounds.

Much of the hay brought into Columbia from the river bottoms is Means grass. The man who imported this grass is the same Thomas Means whose picture and genealogy was published in the Oct., 1907 number of the Genealogical and Historical Magazine Society.

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raised another company, (Company E, 15<sup>th</sup> S. C. V. Regt., organized August, 1861) which served through the whole war, surrendering at Appomattox. The following is the roll:

*Names of those who composed Co. E, 15<sup>th</sup> Regt., S. C. V., organized August, 1861*

Jno. B. Davis, captain, survived the war, promoted to colonel 1864 for valor and skill in battle  
W. J. Dawkins, 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant, promoted to captaincy  
Thos. H. Smart, 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, wounded at Port Royal 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1861, from the effects of which he died, December 1861  
Jos. B. Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup> lieutenant, killed in action at Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863  
W. W. Kirkland, 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant, promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1863, for valor and skill at Bean Station, Tenn.  
Jos. H. Pettigrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> sergeant, promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, and died of disease January 1863  
J. B. Hay, 3<sup>rd</sup> sergeant, promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> lieutenant, and killed in battle at Boonsboro, Maryland  
C. B. Blair, 4<sup>th</sup> sergeant  
W. Mc. Blair, 5<sup>th</sup> sergeant  
Samuel Gladney, 1<sup>st</sup> corporal, killed in battle at Strasburg, Va. 1863  
J. B. Lyles, 2<sup>nd</sup> corporal, killed at Deep Bottom, Va. 1864  
W. A. Bridges, 3<sup>rd</sup> corporal  
W. C. Crumpton, 4<sup>th</sup> corporal, killed at Wilderness, Va. 1864  
D. M. Aiken  
W. B. Aiken, killed May 8, 1863, at Spotsylvania C. H., VA  
F. C. Bridges, died of disease 1862  
J. S. Bagley, detailed as teamster during the war  
Lee Bagley  
Jno. J. Butner, killed in action at Strasburg, Va.  
W. J. Barker  
S. C. Barker  
Wm. Claxton  
Samuel Camac, killed in battle at Gettysburg, Pa., July 1863  
A. F. Camac, captured at Charlestown, Va., 1863 and died in Northern prison  
W. B. Cabeen  
Wm. Cropland, killed in battle at the Wilderness, Va., May, 1864  
A. T. Cropland, captured at Boonesboro, Md., and died in prison  
J. S. Clarke, killed in battle May 8, 1863  
T. H. Crumpton, died of disease in East Tennessee  
W. S. Crumpton, killed in battle May 8, 1863  
John Carlisle, died of disease on the coast  
Wm. Cotton, killed in battle at Boonesboro, Md.  
Joseph Cotton, died of disease  
Ross Davis, killed in battle at Petersburg, Va.  
J. B. Davis  
Jno. W. Evans, assigned duty in commissary department  
J. A. Johns  
J. M. Kirkland  
W. F. Kirkland  
Jos. B. Lyles  
Al. C. Lyles  
W. W. Long



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J. A. Lee  
J. N. Ligon  
Jos. H. Neil  
Robert L. Martin  
John R. Murphy, killed in battle at Fredericksburg, Va., December 1862  
Enoch E. Murphy, killed in battle at Sharpsburg, Md., September 1862  
Saml. A. Murphy  
Wm. E. Murphy  
T. S. Morris, died of disease on the coast  
Wm. J. Moorehead, died of disease in Virginia  
W. H. McConnell  
James McCrorey, died at Boonesboro, Md.  
John McClure  
Alex McDowell, died of disease at Lightwood Knot Springs, S. C.  
W. T. Pettigrew  
A. R. Pettigrew  
D. H. Pettigrew, died of disease in Virginia  
G. B. Pettigrew  
Jefferson Pettus, lost an arm at Gettysburg, Pa.  
G. B. Pearson  
J. W. Pearson  
Lafayette Poteet, discharged 1862 by reason of wounds received at 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas  
R. L. Parrott  
J. W. Price, died of disease at Richmond, Va.  
Fletcher Price, died of disease at Richmond, Va.  
Hugh Robertson, killed at battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863  
Jas. W. Rabb  
J. D. Richardson  
D. A. Smith  
Edward Smith  
J. W. Smith  
Hiram Sprinkle, died of disease  
G. W. Williams, discharged 1862 by reason of wound received at 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas  
Alex Walker  
Danl. Walker, discharged by losing an arm in battle  
Jno T. Wylie  
T. C. Wylie  
C. B. Veronee, discharged  
Henry Varnadore, died of disease on the coast on account of old age  
Thos Yarborough, discharged by being disabled  
J. T. Yarborough  
W. Y. Yarborough, captured and died in Northern prison

This company was raised in August, 1861, for and during the war and entered Camp of Instruction at Lightwood Knot Springs, S. C., in September, 1861. Most of them had served eight months in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, under Gregg as colonel, on Sullivan's, Morris' and James' Islands, and in Virginia, and was disbanded 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1861, at Fairfax, C. H., Va, when they came home and re-enlisted in this company.

It is not known exactly how many at present are living, but it is certain not more than twenty.

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## FAIRVIEW IN FAIRFIELD AND ITS FAMOUS FOLKS BY: JOHN C. BLACKBURN

### THE COMING OF THE BLAIRS

There are few names, if any, more frequently met in the history of Reformed Scotland, and in the annals of the Presbyterian Kirk of Shet country, than that of Blair. Some of this family moved with the first western tide to the much-sought and greater liberty of the western wilderness. There are Blairs found in both Virginia and Pennsylvania between the migratory period of 1720-1750. Some of the Virginia Blairs moved up the valleys of the Piedmont, and settled in western Pennsylvania. One of the Virginia families, that of Thomas Blair (1762-1840), moved with their manservants and maidservants, with their bags and trunks (one is still in existence), and settled in the Broad River section of Fairfield County. Thomas Blair brought his money with him, and bought a plantation in the Dawkins neighborhood. Here he raised fine crops and a fine family – Margaret, Maratha, Nancy, and William.

At the death of Thomas Blair, who was buried in 1840 in Salem Cemetery, at Salem Church, a church of which he was a charter member, William, the only son, inherited a part of his father's estate. Soon afterward, the Means' mansion, Fairview, together with the plantation of some four hundred acres, was offered for sale. This plantation extended from the Ashford Ferry Road to Broad River, and from the Jacob Canamore hill on the south to the Rock Creek on the north.

William Blair bought this beautiful home, with its fertile river lands and fruitful hills, and moved his family there. This plantation was worked with about one hundred slaves, one of whom was the cook, "Aunt Nellie", who had come with the family from Virginia and lived to be one hundred years old, and is buried in the Rock Creek cemetery (white Baptist Church). Another servant was Dick, the dependable colored foreman, who in the dark days of the War Between the States, "when all the men folks were away at the battle front", managed four of the five Blair plantations. Here William Blair planted his good acres, and made a goodly roll of money in the days when the South was a "Cotton Kingdom", and "Cotton was King". His hospitable home was open to family and friend alike. Here lived Mary Blair Frazier, a daughter of the family, with her little son, James Blair (1857-1950), who father died before his birth.

It was Friday, February 17, 1865. All day the gusty winter wind had been moaning around the bleak walls of the old mansion on the hill. Inside were gathered the family of William Blair, together with others of his family connection in the neighborhood. All faces were serious and conversation was subdued. The Yanks army under Sherman the Vandel was not many miles off. Perhaps at that very hour his cannons wee pounding Columbia, forty miles southward. The sun had set in florid light beneath the ragged, wind-torn clouds beyond the ridges – beyond the River. Out in the log kitchen little seven years old Jimmy Frazier, with the other children of the neighborhood, pressed around "Aunt Nellie's" yawning fireplace, where supper was being cooked on the spits and coals. Childhood questions this certain evening failed to rouse "Aunt Nellie". She shook her old white head, muttered under her breath, and poked in the ashes on the hearth. "Aunt Nellie" wasn't very far up from the jungles of Africa, and the regions of black art and ebony witches. She tottered over to the door and peer out into the night. "Lukt deh!"

She raised her palsied hand and pointed her crooked finger into the blackness of the south. The children, standing behind her and clutching at her dress, stared out into the darkness. Far over the hills a strange light was glowing, springing up from the earth as from a hidden volcano. Its lurid reflection lit the cloud banks above. "Dat whut I tel yuh! Him de debbil! He in de saddle and he ridin' hard. He gonna bun up du wyte foks – al un um!"

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The children, listening in terror, screamed out, and burst through the door and dashed for the “big house”. Little Jimmy was pushed down and left behind in the mad rush of the horrified children. Then a strange thing happened. As if pulled by an unseen hand, Jimmy was led to the door of that awful cellar. Right down into the fearful darkness Jimmy went. Way over in the darkest corner Jimmie fell on his knees in the mud, and in anguish and terror of soul called out to the God of his mother to save him from an unknown danger. Suddenly, he seemed to hear a voice answering, a light seemed to shine around him, and the voice, in consoling tones, told him that he was saved. Jimmy arose and in quietness of spirit went into the house.

There was no sleep in the “big house” that night. Grandfather Blair, a man of three score years, and unable to be in the army, went upstairs and looked out of the back window. Up came all the women of the house with the numerous children. None dared be left behind. The children crowded in the broad casement windows, and plastered their little faces against the panes in awed silence. Wider and wider grew the reflected flames on the cloud-billows above. “Grandpa” Blair said not a word. His lips were drawn tight and fire flashed in his eyes. Now and then he left the window to walk restlessly a few times across the floor, and then resumed his silent watch before the window. The women sighed deeply, but suppressed their moans for the children’s sake. The young children sobbed fitfully – at what, they did not know. But the old folks knew what the red billows overhead betokened – the Yankees were burning the capital of their beloved state.

Up from the servant quarters came an increasing volume of lamentations, weird and frantic calls to Heaven for mercy. Old “Aunt Nellie’s” dreadful warning and dire prediction, that this was the Devil’s work, and that he was setting fire to the earth, was every whit believed down there. Once William Blair went down to his servants to reassure them and to stop their frantic cries. All night the red glare lit those upper rooms and drove all sleep from every eye.

Next day came the reports, like a magnetic wave – from plantation to plantation – that Sherman had burned Columbia. His soldiers had robbed and killed. None has been spared insult and dishonor, men or women, young or old, black or white – and his army was heading for Fairfield County.

That day dragged; new reports kept coming of atrocities and vandalism. All faces were filled with dismay; all hearts were numb with fear. Wild stories were spreading among the negroes and among the whites there crept like a paralysis that unspoken terror – an uprising. The stock were hastened down to the river and hid on the island. The meat was hidden in the nearby wood, and the silver was turned over to faithful Dick, the black plantation foreman.

Dread and anticipation had no time to cool; the Yankees came, but not exactly as expected. It was the middle of the morning. There came the sound of hoof-thuds on the clay ruts of the Strother road; then more thuds, and more and more. A troop of horsemen were coming, coming in a gallop! Out of the woods they swept. What a sight! Jimmie had never seen such a sight in all his short years of plantation life. The horsemen, in column of twos, circled the top of the hill, passed under the big oak, and rode up the drive to the front gate. It was a General, a big, handsome rider on a magnificent horse, and with him his staff. All were superbly mounted, resplendent in gold braid, gold corded hats, blue uniforms with brass buttons, and shiny cavalry boots with spangly spurs. Jimmie couldn’t keep his eyes off of the horses and those shiny spurs – and those big revolvers.

Grandfather Blair came out of the door of his home, walked slowly down the walk and stood in the gate. Little Jimmy followed closely behind; the ladies stood in the door or looked out of the windows. The General and the Planter looked each other over. They looked strangely alike, somehow. There was a moment of silence. (The circle of officers looked on – such as could hold their mounts still.) Then the General broke the silence:

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“I saw your house on top of this hill from the ridge over yonder”, he tapped the field-glass at his belt, and pointed across the river; “I inquired who lived over here and was informed that this was the Blair home. Are you Mr. Blair?”

There came a curt “I am”, from the home owner.

“I am General Frank Blair of Pennsylvania”, continued the officer, in an affable tone, “I’m very much interested in the Blair history. I have collected considerable records of the American branches’ of the family. We Pennsylvania Blairs are kin to the Virginia Blairs. Your folks were from Virginia, I believe.”

The sentence had scarcely escaped his lips when the northern Blair stared with amazement at the change his few words had wrought in the southern Blair. His features were transformed into a haughty scorn; from close set teeth, the lips curled in utter contempt; beneath the furrowed brow his black eyes were instinct with anger. In the mind of William Blair there shuttled back and forth, like bolts of summer lightning, the memories of four long years of wrongs, deaths, and arson. The flame lit by that fire in the southern sky was burning fiercely in his heart and mind. Slowly the straightened his aging form and lifted his head until the black hair fell from his furious brown. Deliberately his hand went to his waistcoat pocket. Drawing it out with equal deliberation, he slowly opened the blade of his pearl-handled knife and held it up before the astonished General’s eyes.

“Do you see this knife?” he asked in a supremely controlled drawl.

“Yes!” came the terse reply.

“If I thought I had a single drop of Yankee blood in these veins I’d take this knife, and cut them open and let every last drop run out on that ground.”

The knife was poised aloft, his left hand pointed eloquently to the ground. There as an ominous hush. Jimmie’s heart beat thump, thump, thump. The leather saddled creaked audibly. The General’s big chestnut pawed the ground and shook the brass rings of his martingales. All the while electric sparks leaped back and forth from eye to eye, as “Yank” and “Reb” glared at each other. Then the big chestnut broke the current; he pranced and did a double spin. The General brought him under control with a stoke of his gauntleted hand, and faced his enemy again. Then in chilliest of tones,

“I guess some people might feel that way about it.” There was another pause. “The foragers will be coming along here presently – They might start a fire up there,” indicating the house, “will you have a guard?”

Indignation and anger had thrown precaution to the wind.

“Nothing from you! And if you want to burn it, burn it! Your scoundrels have burned everything else in their path!”

The General lifted his eye to the house as the master pointed, and his eyes rested on his country’s seal, standing out in bold relief above the lintel of the door. He gazed pensively for a moment – then tightening rein, he spun his horse, touched spurs to his flank, and down the hill he went, his staff wheeling two by two behind him. Jimmie saw them disappearing at a gallop toward Rock Creek.

At the bottom of the hill under a pine the leader reined up his charger. Swiftly his officers surrounded him, each face clouded with indignation and resentment.

“General, are you going to stand for talk like that? Let’s go back and burn that Old Rebel out.”

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General Blair lifted his eyes to the house upon the hill, then turning to his staff, half-frowning, half-grinning, "Listen here, if he had talked any other way, he wouldn't have been a Blair. He's my kin, all right." He turned to his aide: "Major, send a man back up there with orders that the first man who puts a torch to that house will be court-martialed", and over the hill he rode.

And the foragers did come – riding up from every direction. They found and drove off the stock from the island. They located the meat and took all of it. The kegs of molasses they left behind. They couldn't take it away on horseback so they poured sand through the bungholes and "left it be." They searched the house for valuables, but found none. One of the "hands" told on Dick, that he had hid the silver, and so Dick had. Not only "Marse William's stuff", but a number of others' as well. The men were all gone, and nobody else could be depended upon like Dick. Single-handed he had put it away and not a soul, white or black, knew where it was, but Dick – and he could be counted on to keep his business to himself.

The soldiers set out to find Dick, and they hunted until they came up on him. Now Dick was one of those "tony" negroes, brought up right in and around the white folks, almost like a member of the family. He took great pride in being steward of all that his master had. He had a high sense of honor in rendering an account of all that was committed to his trust. Under his hand his master suffered no loss, or hurt, to his property. When Dick mounted the carriage seat and drove the lady folks to Greenbrier for a visit, "Marse William" had no fear, for the powerful and brave black would have given his life in defense of the women and children in his care. But there was one class of whites that Dick had no respect for – "po" white trash" – and the aristocratic servant was at no pains to hide his contempt for such.

When the Yanks spotted Dick – he made no effort to hide – he was up by the "big house" where he might be needed, they had a problem on hand – how to get the trusty foreman to tell where he had hidden the valuables. He readily admitted burying the things. He was proud of it. After a secret conference, the soldiers surrounded the stalwart negro and tried to cajole him into telling them where the silver was hidden. All they got from his was that the things of the different families were in "different places". Then the Yanks tried bribery: "Didn't we come down here to set you folks free? Is this the way you're going to treat us?"

Apparently it was. Another horseman made another rally – "If you want a good job, and a good house to live in, and a chance to make plenty of money, go dig up that stuff and come with us."

Then the leader of the troops became angry. "Look here, you old fool, if you don't tell us where you put those things, I'll cut your kinky head off."

His furious face and threatening gestures were suited to his words. His hand went to the hilt of his savor and with a quick move the blade flashed from the seaboard. The cavalymen jerked their horses back to clear the stroke. With a dexterous back-hand sweep the saber swept with a s-w-i-s-h over Dick's bare heard.

"Now, where'r those things?"

"I dun tole you I ain gone tel yuh. Yan kin kilt me if yuh wanna, dat won't git yuh nuttin."

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The black man stood his ground stubbornly. Once more the trooper prepared for a slash. He measured the distance to the negro's head with his eyes; pulled in closer to be sure of his stroke; raised himself in his stirrups; and lifted his right arm with the blade curved over his shoulder – “Where's that stuff?”

The slave's lips were visibly pressed together. Down came the saber in a sweeping, hissing curve for the negro's head. A finger breadth of awkwardness and Dick's scalp and skull would have been severed. Two of the troopers flinched at the rashness of the slash.

“Leave him alone, Bill,” blurted out one of the men. “There's plenty more coming. You're going to get us all in trouble with the Provost.”

Bill took a last baleful look at black Dick, standing stolidly dumb, his secrets buried like the white folk's treasures, safe in his sturdy chest. Clucking to his mount, the would be raider went in pursuit of the fast retreating raiders.

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