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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The Fairfield Genealogy Society needs your help.

All volunteers are trained and spend on-the-job 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 or postal mail to P.O. Box 93, Winnsboro, SC 29180.



Hello everyone,

Hope all is well with you and you have had many successes in finding your family genealogy and DNA roots over the holidays.

January has been a busy month with the transition over to Fairfield County Genealogy Society from being the Fairfield Chapter within the SC Genealogical

Society. The Board felt that this would be a good move for the society at this time and received membership approval in November. You can imagine all of the paperwork, logo change, web site, correspondence changes, etc we are experiencing with this change.

February is an exciting and busy one with the society remembering African History with newsletter special feature and program. We have Kelly-Miller featured in this month's newsletter. The society's February program will feature the award winning film, Discovering Day: Spirit Captured in Clay by George Wingard (actual pottery with him) and Mark Albertin, with special quest star in the film and storyteller, Darion McCloud on Friday, February 20, 7:00 pm. Please refer to details in this newsletter for more information.

We are also working jointly with the Fairfield County Historical Society, Museum and Town of Ridgeway with the 150<sup>th</sup> Remembrance of Sherman's Army in Fairfield County on Saturday, February 21, 9:00 until 5:00. The Old Brick Church and Century House will be open for visitors only in the morning. But, the Chester County Historical Society will have the original Confederate Artillery Cannon, Fairfield County Genealogy Society will have an 1861 Federal Supply Wagon, re-enactors and living History civilians are planned, along with other exhibits behind the museum all day. In the afternoon, five authors will be presenting programs and having book signings. Ed Gates and Pat Curlee have done a masterful work in producing a map of the movements of Sherman's Army throughout Fairfield County that everyone would love to have in their library or collection. The new color map, "Sherman's Carolina Campaign Through Fairfield County, February 1865" will be on sale for \$25. The book, "Fairfield Remembers Sherman" normally \$30, will be on sale for February for \$25. Please refer for details of these events in this newsletter.



On the left are Jon Davis and Frankie O'Neal unpacking the new copies of the book, "<u>Fairfield Remembers Sherman</u>", to be on sale for \$25 (normally \$30) at the 150<sup>th</sup> Remembrance of Sherman.

March, the society will be presenting a program with Debbie Bloom (Richland County Public Librarian) speaking on her blog, The Dead Librarian. (<u>http://thedeadlibrarian.blogspot.com/</u>)

April will be a Board meeting. Please send us an email letting us know your feedback or items you would like us to discuss at the April Board meeting. (<u>mailto:fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net</u>)

	Museum Total	Library Fairfield	Library SC-Not Fairfield	Library Out-of- State	Library Total	Monthly Total
January	67	68	40	2	110	177
February	66	59	42	7	108	174
March	93	80	47	26	153	246
April	70	72	41	1	114	184
Мау	90	78	58	11	147	237
June	126	99	52	25	176	302
July	134	95	47	23	165	299
August	116	70	37	19	126	242
September	110	86	54	3	143	253
October	116	79	61	25	165	281
November	162	60	44	4	108	270
December	171	90	39	20	149	320
Year						
Totals	1,321	936	562	166	1,664	2,985

Fairfield County Genealogy Society Resource Library & Archives 2014 Statistics for Visitors/Researchers (limited to those who sign in on our register)

Special point of interest: An out of town researcher had been in early last year and stated that the resource library was a great find; a gold mine of information and assistance. Apparently good news, the word must be out about the resource library. We use to get on average about 3 email research requests per month, this past year our average was 20 email requests per month; our walk-in research visitors are up from January 2014, 110, to an average of 139 walk-ins per month; out of state research visitors are up from January 2014, 2, to an average of 14 per month. This is great and wonderful news; however, we are still supplied by a volunteer staff, with fewer and lesser hours. The details are displayed in the chart above. Please be patient with us and feel free to contact us for an update of the status of your research request. We are closed on Sunday; by appointment only Monday & Saturday; and Tuesday-Thursday we are open 10:00-5:00. *Our hours will be reduced on Friday's from 10:00-5:00 to 10:00-1:30.* If you would like to see us open more days and hours, or you would like to thank council members for plans to construct a new Resource Library & Archives (with ground level access and ground level rest rooms), please contact the Fairfield County Council. (http://www.sccounties.org/fairfield)



On the left is Shelbia Trotter (pictured with me at the microfilm reader), she will no longer be working with us on a part-time basis. However, she has promised to volunteer some of her time on occasion. We surely will miss her and hope she does come back soon and regularly. Thank you so much for your help, especially in the Resource Library & Archives. We all love you!

In conclusion, I do not ever want to forget the wonderful support many of you give to our society, in sweat equity and monetary support; it is very much appreciated. You all know our society, Genealogy Research Library & Archives 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

#### Fairfield Chapter of the SCGS – It's beginnings.....

Fairfield Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society started as of January 1988. Fairfield Genealogical Society apparently was in existence as early as 1986 or earlier. Recently, we found a template stating the following:

SOCIETY OFFICERS 1986	
President	Recording Secretary
Lake E. High, Jr.	Liswa Hasty
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	
Dr. L. D. Jordan	Treasurer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Joyce H. Ellis
Mabel Pace	Archivist Historian

If you know anything about our society roots and / or have any information (officers, newsletters, minutes, pictures, etc.) you may be able to share with us, we would greatly appreciate adding any of this information to our archives.

Eddie Killian Fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Fairfield Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society Charter Members and lines being researched				
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Gloria D. Blackwell	Brown, Douglas, Bell, Rabb Shedd, Cooper, Hoover, Smith Bigham, Carson, Crosby			
Sara M. Bolick Mason, Robertson, Jones, Ford Durham, Mickle, Andrews				

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Martha Elizabeth Dixon	Caldwell, Dixon, Dye, McMeekin, Gracen/Grayson Barrineau, Douglas
James Walker Green III	Banks, Bolick, Braswell, Horn Broom, Cline, Culp, Hyatt, Powell, Probst, Ragsdale, Robinson, Roe, Sims, Wood
Carolyn Lewis Harwell	Faust, Sharpe, Smith, Monts Summer, Lewis, Miller, Eleazer, Rhea, McCartha William Smith, Samuel Newman
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Kathryn S. High,	Yongue, Morgan, McConnell Martin, Roe, DeLashmett Wagener, Osborn, Fox, Halsell
Lake E. High, Jr.	Lawson, Thomas, Courtney Mills, Gibbs, Collins Waddill, Montgomery, Jackson
Mary Ann Hollis	Ladd, Owings, Lake, Lemmon Cromer, Crosson, Lauderdale Cooper, Smith, Hoover, Dow Hartshorn, Mitchell,Hart
Frank Junigan	Young, Stanton, Cross, Scott Jernigan, Jones, Smith, Finklea, Bryant, Sanderford Dunkley
Sara Junigan	Watts
George Lauderdale	Wylie, Whisanent, Yongue Coleman, Lauderdale,

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Mary Rice McMaster	McMaster, Dickey, Moore Raines, Rice
Nellie Ladd McMeekin	Lake, Hentz, Crosson, Cromer
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Sam Timms	Timms, Young, Stantons Cross
William B. Wall	McMeekin, Glenn, Watt, Cook, Gibson, Montgomery, Rogers Chappell, Brooks, Myers Tidwell, Peay, Pearson
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# Fairfield County Genealogical Society Contact Information

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Fairfield County 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.

# **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 Genealogy Society Dates to Remember

Fairfield Genealogical Society Meetings for 2015

February 20 – 7:00 p.m.

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

## February 21 – all day

Fairfield Remembers Sherman Event At the Fairfield Museum

## March 19

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

#### April 16

Board Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

May 21

Debbie Bloom (Richard Public Library) speaking about searching the Internet

#### HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

You can review the following from our last newsletter on our web site:

- Ancestry.com Adds 3.2 Million American Indian Records
- FHL Catalog coming to WorldCat
- Family Tree DNA
- DAR Library Research is now free to the public
- Interesting information from FAMILY SEARCH
- Findmypast.comAncestry.com Adds 3.2 Million American Indian Records

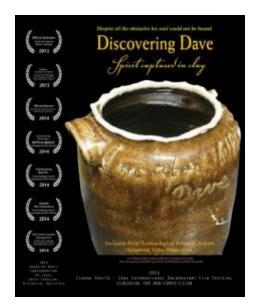
# FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY NEWS

The Fairfield County Genealogy Society is pleased to present:

**On Friday evening, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, in the Christ Central Community Center, 235 S. Congress Street (next to the Fairfield County Museum), Winnsboro, SC, a free public screening of the documentary film *Discovering Dave: Spirit Captured in Clay*, by the Archaeology Channel.

This production was an awards finalist in the Dixie Film Festival 2013 in Athens, GA and the Audience Favorite Award at the Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival 2013, in Hilton Head, SC.

Producers George Wingard, Savannah River Archaeological Research Program and Mark Albertin, Scrapbook Video Production, will present the program, along with the guest appearance of actor/storyteller Darion McCloud.



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 Arkhaious Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival.

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

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

# WORKSHOP UPDATE REGARDING PRESERVATION TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

The program was presented by Gina Price White, Director of Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop University. Among other preservation guidelines and tips:

- Suggested using a home-made humidity chamber to unroll oversized photographs.
- Noted that an ideal climate for archival records is between 63 and 68 degrees, with a humidity level between 44 and 55 percent. More important, however, is maintaining a constant climate.
- Scrapbooks put tissue paper between the pages of scrapbooks

Preservation Procedures

- Remove staples, paper clips, pins, rubber bands, any type of metal fastener that will rust or deteriorate and harm the item (can use stainless steel staples).
- You do not use ink pens, but use pencils; no staples and use only plastic coated paper clips.
- Carefully unfold the item as much as possible.
- Use plastic sleeves to store document (make sure they are archival quality)
- Place item or items in acid-free folders and boxes.
- Keep boxes and folders in a room that does not have great fluctuations of temperature and humidity. Standard 65<sup>0</sup>-68<sup>0</sup> and between 45 and 55% relative humidity however a constant average will work fine.

Other Preservation Techniques

- Encapsulation
- Phase boxes
- Digitization
- Interweaving use acid-free tissue paper (scrapbooks)

Do Not

- o Laminate
- o Tape
- o Glue
- Leave in direct sunlight
- Negatives Nitrate. These are dangerous, especially motion picture film. In some conditions, they could combust and catch on fire.
- Labeling Photographs and documents
- Never

Write in ink – always use soft lead pencil

• Suggest using labels with acid free backing

Simple Tips

- Don't know date of item?
  - Photos look for calendar or vehicle in background to find out the date, license plate
  - Letters look for a postmark on envelope or some mention of historic event

Preserving Our Past

- Deposit family or organizational papers in a professional institution College or University, Historical Society, Public Library, Other Museum or Archives
- If you choose to keep your papers in your house or organization's headquarters Keep in place with relatively constant temperature and humidity
- Remove all staples, tape, rubber bands, pins, etc. (anything that will harm the paper)
- Separate photographs and newspaper clippings
- Put paper in some order (chronological, alphabetical, etc.)
- Place papers in acid-free boxes and folders
- Interleave scrapbooks or other items that have widely varying types of documents
- Create some sort of inventory or container list to make finding documents easier

#### ~~We don't know where we're going until we know where we've been~~

# FAIRFIELD REMEMBERS SHERMAN - February 21, 1865

**On Saturday morning, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM**, all-day events will be presented at several sites in Fairfield County to observe the happenings on Feb. 21, 1865 when General William Tecumseh Sherman's four columns of the Union Army marched into Fairfield County, having burned the capitol city of Columbia.

These weekend events are presented and sponsored by the Fairfield County Genealogy Society, the Fairfield County Historical Society and the Town of Ridgeway.

Two historic sites, Ebenezer ARP (Old Brick) Church near Monticello and the Century House in Ridgeway staffed with historians and period musicians will be open for self-guided tours. Military and camp-site reenactment groups will be set up on the Fairfield County Museum's back campus at 231 S. Congress Street in Winnsboro. The Museum's new military exhibit will be available for touring the same time.

The afternoon events begin in the Community Center with (1:30) presentations with several noted authors and historians, followed by Q & A and book signings until the afternoon light fades. (Note: Cash only/no electronic payment.)

# FAIRFIELD REMEMBERS SHERMAN - February 21, 1865

## 150<sup>th</sup> Observance

## Of the Carolina Campaign Through Fairfield County

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

# All day: FREE ADMISSION

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

#### Federal re-enactors on site at Fairfield Museum

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

- **1:00 1:30** 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.
- **1:30 2:00** Chester DePratter, USC Research Associate Professor and archaeologist at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology will speak on his findings of the Camp Asylum archeological inspection.
- 2:00 2:30 Brian McCreight, Charleston author and storyteller, will be reading *from Googly Moogly! The Lowcountry Liar's Tales of History & Mystery* (Pelican Publishing, 2013). www.lowcountry.com
- **2:30 3:00** 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).
- **3:00 3:30** 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, SC.
- **3:30 5:00** Book Signings by guest speakers at **Museum**.

All speakers will be selling copies of their books and other publications.

The Fairfield County Genealogy Society will be selling its book, "Fairfield Remembers Sherman", "Sherman's March Through Fairfield Maps", and other relevant publications.

NOTE: Electronic payment may not be available .

## More Major Events Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Burning of Columbia.

#### See a listing of events at the following site:

http://www.thestate.com/2015/01/03/3906249/major-events-commemorating-the.html#storylink=cpy

From The State newspaper, Columbia, SC

# **Biography Information on Speakers**

**Professor Emerita Pat McNeely**, journalist, historian and professor **t**aught writing and reporting in the USC School of Journalism for 33 years. Before joining the faculty at USC, she was a reporter and editor for The Greenville News, The State and the Columbia Record. She is the author of "Sherman's Flame and Blame Campaign through Georgia and the Carolinas … and the burning of

Columbia." She is co-author of "Knights of the Quill: Confederate Correspondents and their Civil War Reporting" and the author of "Fighting Words: a Media History of South Carolina."

**Dr. Chester B. DePratter**, USC Research Associate Professor and archaeologist at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology earned his doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees in anthropology from the University of Georgia. Specializing in the archaeology of the Spanish exploration, he has conducted extensive excavations at Santa Elena (1566-1587), discovered the location of the French Charlesfort established on Parris Island in 1562. His work includes the identification of the routes of several sixteenth century Spanish expeditions to interior "La Florida" including those of Hernando de Soto, Tristan de Luna, and Juan Pardo; this work has helped redraw the map of the interior southeast and the locations of its Native American peoples in the sixteenth century. During several months during the spring of 2014, he conducted an important eleventh-hour archaeological survey of Camp Asylum, a prison camp for Union officers from October 1864 to February 1865 on the walled grounds of the SC Asylum for Lunatics. The project was hurried along by a developer's plans to demolish buildings and build a baseball park, shops and houses on the campus of the old State Hospital property on Bull Street.

**Brian McCréight** has been featured at every major annual storytelling festival in South Carolina, and is always invited back to tell some more. He is listed on the SC Arts Commission's Approved Artist Roster, and conducts workshops and school residencies on storytelling and puppetry throughout the state. Brian has been a Children's Librarian and was the Storyteller-in-residence for the Charleston County Public Library.. He is a musician, playwright, and the author of a collection of folktales, The Legend of the Lowcountry Liar and other Tales of a Tall Order.

He is descended from one of Fairfield County's founding families and will share stories on this family from his book, "Great Googly Moogly! The Lowcountry Liar's Tales of History and Mystery".

http://lowcountryliar.com/book/index.html For booking info: (843) 847 – 6179 < or > 571 – 4378 lowcountryliar@yahoo.com

**James Everett (Jim) Kibler** is author of fourteen books and numerous essays on Southern architecture, art, literature, historic gardening, and conservation. His *Our Father's* Fields won the Fellowship of Southern Writers Award for Nonfiction in 1999. His poetry has won prizes from the Poetry Society of South Carolina and has appeared in publications across the country. He is currently restoring an early home in Newberry County, South Carolina, where he was born, and is replanting its acres with hardwoods indigenous to the Upcountry. He teaches at the University of Georgia.

**Karen Stokes** is an archivist at the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston, SC. Having worked with the wonderful manuscript collections of the South Carolina Historical Society for nearly 20 years, she developed a special interest in the Confederate period of the state's history.

Mrs. Stokes is the author of numerous articles on South Carolina history, one of which was recently reprinted in The Civil War in South Carolina: Selections from the South Carolina Historical Magazine. She is the coeditor of Faith, Valor, and Devotion: The Civil War Letters of William Porcher DuBose, and a new book published by USC Press, A Confederate Englishman: The Civil War Letters of Henry Wemyss Feilden. She is also the author of two non-fiction books published by the History Press, South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path, and The Immortal 600: Surviving Civil War Charleston and Savannah. Her first historical novel, Belles: A Carolina Love Story, was released in November 2012. Another historical novella by Mrs. Stokes, The Soldier's Ghost: A Tale of Charleston, was recently published by Ring of Fire Publishing.

#### SHERMAN'S MARCH THROUGH CHESTER COUNTY

(Taken from The Chester News, July 30, 1953)

"Having utterly ruined Columbia," says General Sherman in his' Memoirs, "the right wing began its march northward..."

At Winnsboro he found General Slocum with the left wing who had come by way of Alston.

In an order written, "In the Field, near Columbia," Sherman's strategy was to stimulate a movement on Charlotte in order to deceive the Confederates and leave Beauregard to concentrate his forces at Charlotte but actually to have the Union Army execute a turning movement to the Eastward and direct its march on Fayetteville, N. C. From Fayetteville it would be an easy matter to establish water communication with the Union Garrison at Wilmington... The strategy of General Sherman produced the results which he expected.

General Beauregard, who was in Chief Command of the scattered detachments of the Confederate Army in the Southeast, dropped back from Columbia toward Charlotte, and was followed by Wheeler and Butler's Cavalry under the command of Lieut. General Hampton.

The remnants of Hood's army, under Cheatham, Stephen Lee and Stewart, were drifting across Georgia and upper South Carolina and were also directed on Charlotte.

In the meantime Sherman's army executed a grand wheel to the right, pivoting on Muddy Springs (a point about 13 miles North-east of Columbia, not far from the Camden road), and swept through Fairfield county to the crossing of the Wateree (or Catawba River) at Peay's Ferry and Rocky Mount (Fairfield county.)

The extreme left element of the wheeling army consisted of Kilpatrick's Calvary which passed through Western Fairfield and the lower part of Chester county and crossed the Catawba at Rocky Mount.

For several days nearly every road in Fairfield county (and lower Chester county) was congested with the movement of these marching columns.

They filled the East and West roads as well as those of the North and South; and Fairfield was foraged upon and burned more thoroughly, perhaps, than any other county in the march of the Army north from Savannah...

Each Corps consisted of three or four infantry divisions. The Calvary Division was commanded by Major General Judson Kilpatrick. General Sherman's headquarters traveled near the center, and with whichever wing of the Army as best suited his plan.

The axis of advance of Bugan's Corps of the Right Wing was north along the railroad from Columbia to Winnsboro. His rate of march was slow due to his task of destroying completely the railroad...

General Sherman arrived at Winnsboro on the afternoon of the 21st. At 6:00 p.m., he wrote to General Howard, who was at Dr. Boyd's (about 6 miles east of Winnsboro): "General Slocum and Davis are here. Slocum sends his pontoons and wagons tomorrow straight for the ferry at Rocky Mount P. O. by Gladden's Grove.

He will keep four divisions breaking road up as far as the Chester district line and

aim to cross his whole command the day after tomorrow. Let Blair finish up the road good to this point and assemble at Poplar Springs and effect a crossing of the Wateree, prepared to get all across the day after tomorrow. Slocum will assemble his command at Gladden's Communicate with me there or at Gladden's.

On February 22nd the movements of the Fourteenth Corps were directed as follows:--General Carlin from Adger's to Springwell Post Office and destroy the railroad from that point back to Youngsville; General Baird to White Oak and destroy the railroad from that point to Youngsville; General Morgan with the trains and reserve artillery to march via White Oak to Wateree church. In the Twentieth Corps General Geary's division continued to occupy Winnsboro and destroy the railroad between Winnsboro and White Oak. The other two divisions with the Artillery and trains marched via Wateree church to Rocky Mount and started the construction of a pontoon bridge at that point.

On the night of the 22nd General Davis, of the Fourteenth Corps had his headquarters at the Douglas house near Blackstock; Kilpatrick was also at the Douglas house; General Geary was at Wateree church. All the rest of the forces of the Left Wing were near Rocky Mount, and those of the Right Wing were crossing at Peay's Ferry.

General Howard completed the passage of the Right Wing across the river at Peay's Ferry on February 23rd. However the passage of the Left Wing at Rocky Mount was not so easy. The famous "Sherman Freshet" was on the pontoon bridge was swept away and all of the troops did not get across-until February 28th.

General Sherman's headquarters until the 24th was at James G. Johnson's house at Rocky Mount. On that day he moved on to join his advanced troops which were marching on Cheraw.

General Kilpatrick remained at Lancaster until the 28th covering the left flank of his cavalry.

#### Confederate

During the retirement of the Confederate forces from Columbia to Charlotte General Beauregard was in supreme command, with Lieut. General Hampton in command of the forces actively delaying the advance of the Federals.

Beauregard was at Ridgeway on February 17th and 18th, while Governor Magrath was at Winnsboro. On the 19th Beauregard stopped for luncheon at Winnsboro and then moved on to White Oak where he spent the night. The next day he established his headquarters at Chester and remained there for two days and then moved to Charlotte. On February 22 General Joseph E. Johnson superseded him in command.

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Captain John Mattocks was one of the heroes who fell at King's Mountain. His family resided a few miles below Armstrong's Ford on the south fork of the Catawba River, at what is known as "Allison's Old Place". His whole family was noted for its stoutness. He had three brothers and two sisters, Sallie and Barbara. John and Charles were staunch Whigs, but Edward was Tory. All of them fought at Kings Mountain, John was killed early in the action, and Edward or "Ned", the Tory brother, was among the severely wounded. Charles, fearing his brother would be hanged with other Tories who suffered this penalty, interceded in his behalf, took him home and nursed him until his recovery. This extraction of blood, so effectually performed by the gallant Whigs cured "Ned" Mattocks of Tbryism. After the Revolution, the whole family moved to Georgia, where they have plenty of descendants. Captain Mattocks, with William **Rabb** and **John Boyd**, is buried in a common grave at the foot of the mountain with a simple headstone of slate rock.

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### Incidents in The Town of Winnsboro

February 21, The brigade entered the town of Winnsboro and was detailed as provost guard, and immediately entered upon its duties. The town was filled with foragers from different corps of the army. These men, in the most unlicensed manner, had plundered the public and nearly all the private residences, and to the same body may be charged with firing the town. As soon as possible the town was cleared of these foragers, or, as they might more properly be termed, plunderers, and measures taken to extinguish the flames. The brigade remained in Winnsboro until the afternoon of February 22, when it marched to Wateree Church. The quantity of cotton burned in Winnsboro without authority was about 1000 hales.

February 21, When we were within two miles of Winnsboro, I saw heavy smoke arising from it, and doublequicked my two advance regiments in order to reach it in time to arrest the conflagration. This we effected with much labor, my troops performing the part of firemen with great efficiency. About one square was burned before the fire could be arrested. A large number of foragers from various corps were found in the town. These were sent to their commands, and Brivette Brigadier-General Pardee, with his brigade, was directed to occupy the town, while my two other brigades commenced destroying the railroad northward, three miles and a half from which they destroyed most effectually during the afternoon. They burned the ties, other timbers, and twisting every rail. Winnsboro is a pretty town of about 2,500 population, the seat of justice for Fairfield District. Among its residents were many residents from Charleston. The surrounding country is well farmed and furnished abundance of supplies, which were brought in by foraging parties.

February 22, Pardee's brigade remained on duty in Winnsboro until the rear of the army had passed through at 4:30 p.m., when we left the town by the road toward Rocky Mount Post Office. During our occupation of Winnsboro the best of order was preserved and private property protected. Lieutenant-General Wade Hampton commanding the enemy's cavalry forces, had left the mayor a note pledging his word that any men of our army who might be left in town as safeguards after the departure of the main forces should be protected from arrest or injury if overtaken by any of his troops. At the urgent request of the mayor and citizens I left two mounted men from my provost guard. The citizens of the town, drove out a few stragglers from our army, who came into the place, and preserved good order and security in the town until a detachment of Butler's rebel cavalry entered the town the next morning, who showed my men every courtesy in their power. When the two guards left, the people of the town crowded around them to express their gratitude. The men rejoined me safely the next morning. The incident is a very remarkable one in the midst of such a campaign as that of our army through South Carolina.

# DEATH TO ALL FORAGERS-A FAIRFIELD INCIDENT

During the march through Fairfield County, there were several incidents that transpired involving Yankee bodies being found along the roadside with their throats cut. There was also a note attached bearing the words, "Death to All Foragers". General Sherman was horrified when he received the news of these

incidents. One incident took place somewhere in the vicinity of Feasterville, in which nine men were found. Nine more were found elsewhere throughout the county. The following is a dispatch from General Kirpatrick of the Yankee cavalry to General Wheeler of the Rebel cavalry: (Sent out under flags of truce.)

#### Headquarters Cavalry Command, Army of Invasion

In the Field, S.C., February 22, 1865

#### Major-General WHEELER,

Commanding C.S. Cavalry:

General: Yesterday a lieutenant and seven men and a sergeant of a battery-were taken prisoners by one of your regiments-if I am correctly informed, a Texas regiment-armed with spencer carbines and commanded by a lieutenant colonel. This officer and his men, after surrendering and being disarmed, were inhumanly and cowardly murdered. Nine of my cavalrymen were also found murdered yesterday, five in a barnyard, three in a open field, and one in the road. Two had their throats cut from ear to ear. This makes in all eighteen Federal soldiers murdered yesterday by your people. Unless some satisfactory explanation be made to me before sundown, February 23, I will cause eighteen of your soldiers, now my prisoners, to be shot at that hour, and if this cowardly act be repeated, if my people when taken are not treated in all cases as prisoners of war should be, I will not only retaliate as 1 have already mentioned, but there shall not be a house left standing within reach of my scouting parties along my line of march, nor will I be responsible for the conduct of my soldiers, who not only be allowed, but encouraged to take a fearful revenge. I know of no other way to intimidate cowards.

I am, general, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. KILPATRICK Brevet Major-General, Commanding Cavalry

This dispatch was received by General Wheeler, and a reply was sent back as follows:

#### Headquarters, Cavalry Corps,

Chesterfield, S.C., February 22, 1865.

#### Major-General KILPATRICK, U. S. Army,

Commanding Cavalry, & c.:

GENERAL: Your dispatch of this date is received, and I am much shocked at the statements which it contains. I am satisfied that you are mistaken in this matter. I have no Texas regiments armed with spencer rifles, and none headed by a Lieutenant-colonel. The two Texas regiments which belong to my command are commanded by captains, and neither were in any engagement yesterday. If any of my regiments were engaged with the enemy yesterday that fact has not been reported to me. I will have the matter promptly investigated and see that **full** justice is done. Should the report, however, by any means prove correct, **I** prefer that the retaliation may be inflicted upon the parties guilty of the misdeeds, and not upon innocent persons. I have no desire to make counter threat! in response to which those you have thought proper to address to me, but should you cause eighteen of my men to be shot because you chanced to find that number of your men dead, I shall regard them as so many murders committed by you, and act accordingly. I trust, however, such a painful necessity wills not he forced upon me.

Your threat "to burn every house as far as your scouts can extend" is too brutal a character for me, and I think for my Government, to reply to. Respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

**J. WHEELER** Major-General, C. S. Army

General Kirpatrick's reply was sent back, it read as follows:

### Headquarters Cavalry Command, Army of Invasion, In the Field,

S.C., February 22,, 1865

## Major-General WHEELER,

Commanding Cavalry, C.S. Army:

General: Your dispatch dated February 22, has just been received and I feel satisfied that you will so fully investigate the circumstances attending the murder of 19 of my men that the guilty parties will be discovered and punished. The regiment being referred to as being commanded by a lieutenant-colonel may have been commanded by a captain, but certain it is that the force was mostly composed of Texans, many armed with spencer rifles, and my people were shot by order of the officer in command. One of my scouts, a reliable man, was with this force all day, and testified to the fact that not only were these men referred to murdered, but that the general conversation of your men was that they would take no more prisoners. I hope that you may be able to furnish some reason that may in a degree may justify the course taken by your men.

You speak in your communication of my threat to burn houses, &c., as being "too brutal for your Government to entertain." No matter how brutal it may seem I have the power, and will enforce it to the letter, and more, if this course is persisted in, I will not only allow but encourage my people to retaliate man for man. I shall take no action for the present. If stragglers from my command are found the houses of citizens committing any outrages whatever, my own people are directed to shoot them on the spot, and I expect officers and soldiers of your command to do the same.

I am alive to the fact that I am surrounded by citizens as well as soldiers, whose bitter hatred to the men I have the honor to command did not originate with this war, and I expect that some of my men will be killed elsewhere than on the battlefield, but I know and shall not hesitate to apply a sure remedy in each case.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. KILPATRICK Brevet Major-General, Commanding Cavalry

General Sherman had already sent an order for Kirpatrick to kill eighteen prisoners. This order was observed when the army between Gladdens Grove and Rocky Mount Post Office. The prisoners were made to draw straws to see which ones would die. It is generally believed among historians that this hanging took place at Dr. Scott's house, where they were camped.

Mrs. Furman in her diary talked of the deaths of the Yankees as being due to the fact that they "tied Mrs. Rhabb up, stripped her of her clothes, had their way with her daughter, and burned her house in front of her."

Some of the deaths could be attributed to the "notorious" Nick Myers from the Longtown section of Fairfield. He was known to be wearing a Yankee uniform during the invasion. He saved a few houses from being burned by ordering guard to be attached to them. Mrs. Bowler of the Flint Hill section of the county stated in her diary that she saw Nick Myers in her yard with the Yankee soldiers. She went on to say that he had lured many soldiers away from their commands and then would kill them, covering their bodies with brush. At the plantation house where Nick lived at, there were Yankee skulls that were kept in the attic after the war. This must have been trophies to him. After the war he was the most wanted man in Fairfield, and was said to evade capture and moved to Florida, where it's said that Fort Myers was named after him.

Additional orders and correspondence from Part II concerning this incident are as follows:

#### HDQRS. Cavalry Command, Army of Invasion,

Douglass' House, near Black Stocks Station, February 22, 1865 Maj. L.M. Dayton, A.A.G., Military Division of the Mississippi: An infantry lieutenant and seven men were murdered yesterday by the Eighth Texas Cavalry after they had surrendered. We found their bodies all together and mutilated, with paper on their breasts saying, "Death to Foragers." Eighteen of my men were killed yesterday and some had their throats cut. There is no doubt about this, general, and I have sent Wheeler word that I intend to hang eighteen of his men, and if the cowardly act is repeated, will burn every house along my line of march, and that can be reached by my scouting parties. I have a number of prisoners, and shall take a fearful revenge. My people were deliberately murdered and by a scouting party of 300 men commanded by a lieutenant-colonel. 1 will

try and see the general-in-chief at the bridge (Rocky Mount).

Very respectfully, &c.,

#### J. KILPATRICK Brevet Major-General

#### Sherman At Rocky Mount

Some of the Incidents in Sherman's Campaign as He Passed Out of Fairfield County

(Written for The News and Herald)

Mr. Editor: You asked me to write something for your Memorial issue. Some years ago I wrote for the Herald "Sherman's Stay at Rocky Mount." The former article is lost, and I have concluded to reproduce a duplicate of that account as my quota for the Memorial number.

The evening of the 22nd of February, 1865, a vanguard of Sherman's army rode down to Rocky Mount Ferry, presumably to look out for a crossing of Catawba River. A number of gentlemen, including Dr. Ira S. Scott, John A. Duncan, Robert H. Ford of Fairfield District, and Drs. Tom and Robert McDow, of Kershaw, were in camp on the Lancaster side of the river trying to save their stock from the Yankees. We were encamped just on the side opposite the power house, built at the mouth of Rocky Creek. We had an excellent position from a high hill to observe an enemy coming from the direction of Winnsboro. Just before nightfall hundreds of troops marched over, occupying the hills for miles westward, and struck camp. It was evident the army would cross at the ferry and Drs. McDow, Scott and Mr. Ford proposed a retreat toward the town of Lancaster, and left Duncan, Peay and two negroes and myself to dodge the Yankees the best we could.

After these men left us we were naturally lonesome and turned our thoughts to the best route to hide ourselves. We slept that night on a higher hill just about one-half of a mile up the river and saw the army go into camp, and for miles westward every hill was dotted with camp fires which shown like stars, and their bands and drums made music that doubtless inspired them with their trembling and evil forebodings. At prowess and superiority, and us with daylight next morning, Sherman's miscreants could be seen just across the river at Dr. Scott's quarter, burning the gin and cotton, chasing the chickens and hogs, impressing me, a boy of 13 years of age, with awe and "war is hell "house"

That night the Yankees began putting down their pontoon bridge, and to throw out pickets lines. Their movements precipitated our retreat further up the river until evening, when we were surrounded by swarms of the enemy, and finding a bateau we soon had the lock broken and sought security by crossing over to Pickett's Island, and after reaching Foot's cave felt pretty safe. (Foot, a horse thief, who occupied this cave years before

was hung by a mob.) Rain began to fall in great torrents, exaggerating our distress, for our hiding place was on the bank of the river and was being encroached upon by swollen stream. The high water broke Sherman's pontoon bridge just below us and this added to our distress for it kept Sherman's army from getting away. His forces were divided into two divisions on the opposite sides of the river for several days, and it is said he and his men were not able to conceal their fears of an attack on their divided forces.

It is certain they prepared with vigorous and hasty prosecution the erection of breast works and the planting of cannon on the eastern hills of the river. From the island above we were able to watch their movements and finally saw some skirmishing between Federals and Rebels just after the main army had crossed the river, on the identical ground on which the battle of Rocky Mount had been fought nearly a century before. We could see with our field glass, and very distinctly, the movements of Wheeler's and Butler's men as they made a flank movement along the northern slope of the hills down the bank of Rocky Creek. It was a great pity we did not have a larger force when so much advantage from their fears and hedged in position could have been had. While on the island, Crusold, we depended on the raging Catawba for our safety from Sherman's men. They were on either side of us, but were unable to get into the island, and on one occasion we were thoroughly disconcerted by a number of whistling bullets discharged at us. The bullets, I thought, were mighty close, but my old uncle who was a soldier, John Peay (Whistler) said they were high above, so I guess the whistling nearby was a delusion.

For three days we were without food — had eaten our remnant of flour and ham, and although the Yankees still were on our home side, we attempted to cross the high water, and while drifting down to the point of the island very cautiously, holding and catching to the overhanging trees along with a snap, and this gave our boat a rapid turn, which capsized the bateau and we were thrown into the river but saved ourselves by swimming; with the exception of losing my hat, we returned to the cave for another night.

We managed to catch the boat a little distance down the stream, by a low bending tree. Next evening we made a more successful attempt to reach the other shore and after reaching Pickett's quarter, hungry and tired, we begged for something to eat. And Uncle Simon Pickett, an old negro, who had received a severe bayonet wound by one of Sherman's men, and who afterward died from the effects of the wound, gave us a tray of canned peas which was seized with activity, and after enjoying the glorious repast we moved on and spent the night with Mrs. M. E. Gayden, who was greatly deranged, induced by fright of the Federals. The poor lady's hands and arms were severely cut by being thrust through the windowpanes. She was better next morning and we hurried on home. All along the way we witnessed ashes and silent Ione chimneys of defenseless homes. Our fears were greatly relieved when we reached our home to find our house had not met the same fate. Home folks were glad, of course, to greet us and full of startling things to relate about Sherman's army, which I shall now proceed to tell.

Mr. F. B. Lumpkin, an old veteran of former years, had been hung by the Yankee troops until nearly dead, for his money and gold and silver plates. After hanging him until nearly dead (Mr. Lumpkin was a large man, weighed 300 pounds) they let him down for breath, and when he pleaded he had never owned a watch even, they assured him they would complete the job of hanging, for they said any man who had lived so long without a watch ought to be hanged.

Mr. Lumpkin about this time was induced to make a Masonic sign of distress and was rescued by one of the men present. Dr. Wm. Cloud, an old wealthy gentleman, not far away, was also maltreated in the same way and for the same purpose.

Dr. Scott, my father, was a cripple, one leg being shorter than the other. A few nights after leaving us he advised his friends to leave him and save their stock; that they would be better able to keep out of the way of the Yankees without him. After his friends left he concluded rather than hazard a capture from the enemy he would make an effort to escape, and walked all night in an effort to get away. He was very much disappointed at daylight next morning to find he was only a short distance from where he began his retreat. He often explained as the reason he didn't get away, his short leg kept him making circles. He went to a farm house next day and was there until all the army passed on, unmolested, however. The first night spent in this home the following occurred:

The owner of this home, a soldier, slipped through the Yankees and went into the house and found my father sleeping in one of his beds and supposing him to be a Yankee, passed out silently to find an axe to strike without a noise. A member of the family apprised him who the sleeper was before a blow was given. Gen. Sherman's headquarters were at Rocky Mount, at the old Barkley place, the home now of Mr. Johnston. Gen. Garlington, who commanded one of the army corps, made his headquarters at our place. The latter was a gentleman and was especially kind and polite to my mother and children. Mr. E. J. Palmer, of Ridgeway, made my father's house his refuge after being taken by Yankees and he and General Garlington discussed and argued the questions between the sections with such warmth and vehemence every day in the parlor that my mother was actually afraid the two men would come to blows. Mrs. Scott always cherished the opinion that Palmer got the better of the argument. Gen. Garlington kept his men from intruding and expressed the fear that the boomers or camp followers would depredate after the place was vacated, and sure enough two or three of these men came in at night and ruthlessly gathered Mr. Palmer by the throat and forced him out doors and threatened his life unless he gave up his valuables, including money. They robbed him of some valuable plates.

There was considerable of a fight between our men and the Yankee forces, our soldiers taking positions behind the large oaks around the house and behind the granite pillows under the house, and the blue coats on the eastern ridge, near and about the house of Mr. Robert Ford, four or five hundred yards away.

A number of bullet holes were made in the house and trees in the yard and flattened balls were picked up under the house. Two or three of Wheeler's men were slightly wounded – do not know what casualties were produced among the Northern men.

One of our generals, Cheatam, I think, after the skirmish was over, and supposing the Yankees had left, rode down the road and was warned by Mrs. Scott that a troop of Yankees were in ambush just beyond, had a fair prospect of being captured, when admonished from the front piazza to go back. Some years after the war when the general was a member of Congress, the later Mr. B. R. Scott, of Longtown, met Gen. Cheatam in Nashville, Tenn., and he remembered the incident well, how he retreated with his aide up the road, with Yankee bullets flying around him. The following is an amusing incident related by Mrs. Scott. She heard a great commotion in camp one morning and on investigating found that one of Sherman's men had gone into the smoke house and had filled a tub with sorghum syrup and when he raised it to his head the bottom dropped out and he was being chased everywhere by his comrades for being transformed into a candy man. We children had great pleasure in hunting for trophies in the Yankee camps. I remember I found some Yankee money (greenbacks) and having heard the contempt the Yankees had for our money and having imbibed a Spartan's spirit and filial love for my Southland, I committed this money to the flames. It is needless to declare that forty-five years of burdens and fruitless efforts to procure this same kind of money has increased very greatly my distress, for my poor judgment and consideration and motives of patriotism. If another opportunity for getting the same money is presented I am sure after so many years of regret and reflection, I shall be governed by a more sordid common sense and up to date spirit and a higher estimate of Yankee money.

#### African American History Month

# Special Recognition for Kelly Miller's Example to Fairfield County Citizens

Kelly Miller: Author, Lecturer, Mathematician



Kelly Miller was born in a two-room shack on the plantation of Nancy Kincaid Rabb on July18, 1863, just five miles west of Winnsboro on Mill Creek. He was the 6<sup>th</sup> child of Kelly Miller, a free man and tenant farmer who served in the Civil War as a servant to Captain John Bell of Company F, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment, SC Infantry under Captain Hayne McMeekin, and his mother was Elizabeth Roberts, once a slave of the Chappell family of Jenkinsville. His

grandfather was Isaac Miller, also a free man. Kelly Jr. died December 29, 1939 in Washington, D. C. and is buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

The Washington Post newspaper once wrote of him stating, "The Nation, as well as Washington, lost a noble man when Kelly Miller passed on as the old year neared its end."

Kelly first attended the New Hope School and then went to the Joe Thomson School here in Fairfield County. Then in the 1870's , Mr. Willard Richardson, from New England, open a school for Negro children in Winnsboro known as the Fairfield Institute. Kelly was taught by Mr. Richardson (1878-1880), received a B.S. from Howard University in 1886, he studied advanced mathematics (1886-1887) with Captain Edgar Frisby, an English mathematician at the U. S. Naval Observatory, postgraduate of Johns Hopkins University (1887-1889). He was the first African American to attend Johns Hopkins University, but left the college in 1889 when the tuition was raised from \$100 to \$200, after he left Johns Hopkins, the college closed its doors to black students. He then taught mathematics at the M Street High School in Washington, D.C. (1889-1890) and then became a professor of mathematics at Howard University 1890-1895 and a professor of Sociology at Howard University (18951934), was Dean of the college of Arts and Sciences at Howard University (1907-1918), received a M.A. in mathematics in 1901 at Howard University and received a law degree (L.L.D.) in 1903.

Kelly has also been the author of several books: <u>Race Adjustments</u> 1908, <u>Out of the House of Bondage</u> 1914, <u>An Appeal to Conscience</u> 1918, and <u>The Everlasting Stain</u> 1924.

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In 1886, he came back to his home town and purchased the land on which he was born. He purchased one hundred acres of land known as the "Kelly Miller Place" for \$800 from Nancy K. Rabb. But then in 1937 he sold 25 acres of this land to John Bird for \$200 and in 1939 sold the remainder of the property, 75 acres to Charles Andy Young for \$500.

On July 17, 1894, he married Annie May Butler of Baltimore, Maryland and had five children to this union — Newton, deceased before 1940, Paul, Irene, May and Kelly Jr. One of the sons became a dentist in New York City and the other son a newspaper man in Washington, D. C.; both daughters became teachers.

Kelly worked his way through college by working as a clerk for the U. S. Pension Office in Washington, D.C.

His accomplishments were written in the "Journal of Negro History" pages 182-197. (July, 1960). Quotes from his obituary published in the "Journal of Negro History", pages 137-138 (July, 1940): "He represented in a great measure that generation of enterprising Negroes who were inspired by the missionary teachers from the North to prepare for service among their lowly people and finally found their way partly blocked by these very white friends who would not readily yield to the ambitious Negroes the leadership in their own education." "He was drawn from his chosen field to battle for the rights of his race during the years of reaction when it seemed that all that the race had won immediately after emancipation would be swept away. He ceased to teach mathematics and took up sociology." "He lectured more extensively than any Negro who has ever lived, and he thus demonstrated the capacity of the Negro to profit by higher education at the time when others sought to restrict the race to the study of the fundamentals and practical pursuits." "He was a scholarly man in the sense of having mastered what he had studied and in being conversant with the best thought of his day, but he was not a scholar from the point of view of the specialist, for Miller produced no great theory or principle in the fields in which he worked. Time will determine his stature." These quotes were written by Carter G. Woodson.

He convinced Howard University that they should use their prestige and location in Washington to become a national center for black studies. Miller had planned a "Negro-Americana Museum and Library" and in 1914 he persuaded Jesse E. Moorland to donate to Howard his large private library on blacks in Africa and in the United States as the foundation for the proposed Library. It became known as the Moorland Foundation and in 1973 was reorganized as the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, a research library, archives and museum.

In a time when there was no television, radios nor air travel, this man traveled up and down the east coast from the Mid Atlantic to the South lecturing on civil rights and equality. This is a time when there was no equality for the Negroes but yet he believed that through education and higher learning, you can accomplish anything. And to believe that this man got his humble beginnings with a McGuffey's First Reader in a little country school named "New Hope", what a fitting name. It is interesting to note that the teachers at New Hope came from Biddle University, Charlotte, N.C. This school is now known as the Johnson C. Smith University, and that another native of Fairfield County, H. L. McCrory, was its president at one time.

Kelly believed anything can be accomplished when you put your mind and hard work to it and this is just one of Fairfield Counties, great examples.

## Cemetery Committee Report, Jon Davis

With the hunting season over and the leaves off the trees your cemetery committee has been busy. I would first like to thank the following society members for helping to locate and photograph the cemeteries, John Hollis, Green Giebner, Eddie Killian, Ben Hornsby James Green and Steve White.

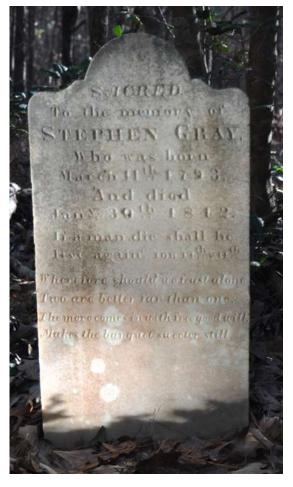
Another group of people that deserves our thanks are Pastor Mary Brown, Liz Bankhead, Brian Greer, Jarvis Barnwell, Wayne Archie, Don Dennis, Bill Robert, Sonny Clark and Faye Wakefield. These folks helped us relocate some known cemeteries and locate some previous unknown cemeteries.

So far we have inventoried nineteen cemeteries, nine of which had not been previously inventoried. Several of these cemeteries only had fieldstones marking the graves.

Here are some of the graves we have documented so far this year.

The Stephen Gray Cemetery

This is the only documented tombstone in the cemetery. This cemetery is located in the Bethel Community. We would like to thank Ben Hornsby for locating this cemetery for us.



# John Hall Cemetery

This cemetery is located just east of I-77 above Wateree Creek. Thanks to Wayne Archie for showing us the location of the cemetery.



We plan to continue searching for cemeteries until it gets warm and the leaves come out. If anyone knows of a cemetery location, please let us know.



#### RICHMOND COVENANTER CEMETERY

Grave of David Weir, departed his life on June 23rd A. D. 1797, aged 75 years.

This is the oldest grave we have found so far this year.

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## \*\*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.

# **PEDIGREE/FAMILY TREE CHARTS**

We would like to publish charts from our members. You may email them to us at <u>fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net</u> or mail them to us at PO Box 93, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

## **SURNAME & PEDIGREE PROJECTS**

Please forward copies of your completed surname pedigree charts to fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net or postal mail to P.O. Box 93, Winnsboro, SC 29180 so they may be added to the Research Room files.

#### **QUERIES**

Looking for: **will** of **Governor John Hugh Means** of South Carolina, died 1862. **Contact**: Fairfield County Genealogy Society @ <u>fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net</u>

Mary Powell **Peterson** married Malcom Mc Millan Peterson about 1849. She was born in 1828 according to census and died in August 1870.Her line behind her is lost to us. Montgomery county Ga is her death place.

South Carolina lost roots-----Martin **Jacob** or Jacob **Martin Witt** married Liddie Lydia Elizabeth? **Gore** born about 1800 and moved to Jones county GA. Martin died in about 1830 OR 40. Liddie is buried in Gordon Ga. DIED ABOUT 1890... Jacob Martin, I do not know where HE IS BURIED-- in Jones county area of GA I presume....I have seen references to Newberry SC and KNOW they came from SC. "Before and After Michael Witt" was no help. I even talked to the author and he was unable to help although many of the names were the same... I have been unable to reach the Swiss German Society at Orangeburg someone told me to contact for help.

I am also a descendant of Richard **Mathias** of Orangeburg back about 1790 (have seen somewhere). Through Stewart county GA---to my home county Montgomery County GA, with William Eugene **Mathias** married to Mary Sophia **Carsylile**. Dates 1848-1932 for William Eugene

Thanks for any help especially for the Witts!!!! They are the greatest mystery??

Contact: Craig Wilkes <u>803-331-9745</u>

I am searching for the name of my 3rd great-grandfather (father of John Hollis, born 1803, died 1886), for I seem to have hit a "brick wall."

I have received a message from another member concerning my request for information, and he has listed his family line as John, James, Burrell, Robert D and Robert W, but has no specific information about my line except that he does know that my gr-gr-grandfather John Hollis is buried at Aimwell in Ridgeway and has sent me a photo of his tombstone.

I do appreciate any and all efforts to help me with my search for information. **Contact:** whisonantruby75@gmail.com

Looking for information on (1) Elijah Vinson [Venson] Hollis, Jr.; children of Elijah and Mary and children of Elijah

and Susannah (2) Rufus Hollis b. 1814 in SC.

Contact: William J. Hollis, Jr., fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

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5<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul / Old Zion Heritage Day (Halsellville) Saturday, February 21, 2015, 2:00 PM St. Paul Baptist Church Halsellville 2344 West End Rd., Chester, SC 29706 Interested, get more details from Jannie Price-Woods (803) 581-1545 allmifaith@yahoo.com

# 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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