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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fairfield County Genealogy 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, Robert Edward "Eddie" Killian, Jr.

Hello y'all! Boy this has been a busy summer!

Hope all is well with you and your families. Yes, you will read some of the same words from previous messages, but there are some things that are worth stating again and perhaps heard for the first time by others. Thanks, for all the support and efforts of our members to make our/your society a success. Through all of our efforts, I believe we continue to meet our mission goals. Also, in bringing success by assisting each one of our members and walk-in's in expanding their family tree(s) our society objectives are being met.

This summer has been very busy with our board meetings and programs; digitizing and creating searchable PDF documents from our Family Files; and creating searchable PDF documents from our over-sized documents like yearbooks and scrapbooks; researching and assisting in researching members or walk-in requests; updating the Fairfield Families DNA project and assisting requests about DNA tests and/or results; updating the society website, FACEBOOK, and quarterly newsletters.

I am excited to inform you that the Fairfield County Genealogy Society Executive Board of Directors has awarded its first annual scholarship award, two this year, to two very deserving young students (see picture and write up from the Voice newspaper by Barbara Ball in upcoming pages of this newsletter). The annual Fairfield County Genealogy Society Scholarship details can be found on the web site, requested by email or USPS mail. Anyone can also donate toward this scholarship by stating on a note or check's for line, 'FCGS Scholarship Fund'. We hope to offer this scholarship toward one's education annually as long as funds are available. Under the Society Information web page, treasurer's report will show progress of funds toward this annual scholarship or report can be requested by email or USPS mail. This is a great way for us to give back to our members and possibly the local community by giving one's applying an opportunity to expand their family genealogy as well as their service back to their community.

Please take note of the Board of Directors, Officers and Support Personnel and send them a note of encouragement, thank you, or constructive suggestions on how we may improve the society and it's venues of information.

Board of Director's: Vice-President, Program Director and FACEBOOK Coordinator, Frances Lee O'Neal keeps us ready to present programs, usually monthly and coordinate our FACEBOOK page. Corresponding and active Recording Secretary, Linda S. Frazier has kept the board and membership informed with monthly board meeting minutes and correspondence such also to include welcome letters. Betty Carol "BC" Luffman has agreed to start doing our minutes as our new Recording Secretary. Treasury and Membership Director, Larry Ulmer continues to keep us solvent and giving accurate and informative treasure's reports and up to-date membership directory. Member-At-Large, Ben Hornsby continues to keep the board informed of information for good of the group such as the state society and SC Archives activities.

Officers and Support Personnel: Cemetery chairman, Jon Davis and his team continue to document abandoned family cemeteries, update FindAGrave, and look for additional opportunities to expand our cemetery collection. Jon has also recently been working on a project to digitize the plats in the court house for 1842 to 1917. This will be a great addition to the library collection. Also the board approved for the society to purchase for \$600 or maybe less the 1917 to 1980 microfilm from the SC Archives. DNA chairman, James W Green III and Nancy Hoy continue to assist members with their DNA questions and education. Nancy has managed our Fairfield Co., SC

DNA project and continues to build up the Fairfield Co., SC family tree. A massive tree and undertaking, however, she has done a great job! She has assisted several members in finding lost relatives in their family tree with DNA results. Liaison chairwomen, Pelham Lyles and her team continue to keep the board and membership informed of community events.

All of these items we have been working as time permits and we will have successes, but as you all know, walk-in visitors and researchers get priority over back office work like described above in the previous paragraph. Greydon Maechtle has joined us in assisting with research request and along with Jon Davis we have been able to in the past couple of weeks address request as they come in. Betty Carol has completed the "F" Family Files and is well into the "G" Family Files. Once this newsletter is published, I hope to get back to updating the Family Files web pages (still in the "A" Family Files). Note, if you see one '*' by a surname, this means the Family Files have been digitized and can be requested for us to send you the information. Note, if you see '**' by a surname, this means the digitized Family Files are available to view online. Larry Ulmer has continued to digitize and make available on the society web site old yearbooks for Fairfield County. We have decided to make these available to non-members as well. Check out "Other Resources" web page; select "Fairfield County Resources"; select "Yearbooks of Fairfield County". If you see that your school or high school yearbook is not listed or the yearbook year is missing then Larry needs the yearbook. If you have it, please either gift it to us or loan it to us to digitize and return to you. We thank you, Ken Shelton as you continue to digitize microfilm information we send you. We are planning on asking Ken to digitize the 1917-1980 plats being purchased.

Many of our successes in finding our family genealogy and DNA roots is due to the efforts of many of our family and friends that have paved the family roads ahead of us. We always enjoy meeting these old genealogy veterans as well as assisting the new at heart, those beginning to start their journey.

If you are in the local area we can always use additional research volunteers or assistance with the library collection, please continue to come in and give us a hand as you can.

Members please send us an email letting us know your feedback or items you would like us to discuss at Board meetings or see in our upcoming newsletters.

Thank you once again everybody, for your patience with us and your many ways of support for our/your society! Humbly in your service,

Eddie



Message from the Vice-President / Program Director, FACEBOOK Coordinator Frances Lee O'Neal

SOME OTHER WEB SITES SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OR FRIEND OF THE SOCIETY

Research Your Family History

Are you just starting out on your journey to discover your family roots...or are you one document away from solving a mystery of one of your ancestors? Wherever you are in your genealogical process, **DAR** is here to help. The **DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS)** includes free online databases containing information on Revolutionary patriot ancestors, descendants of those patriots, as well as the vast array of genealogical resources from the DAR Library.

No More Library Fees - The DAR Library is now FREE to the public

Submitted by Frances O'Neal

The **RUSA History Section Genealogy Committee** has launched a new Facebook page designed to help librarians help genealogists: https://www.facebook.com/rusahsgenealogy/

The page shares resources, tips, and news about genealogy - all to help you better serve your genealogy customers.

Amy Johnson Crow, Member, RUSA HS Genealogy Committee Submitted by Frances O'Neal

<u>Newberry county, South Carolina updates</u>, contributed by Dena Whitesell genealogytrailshost@gmail.com [southeast_states]" <u>southeast_states@yahoogroups.com</u>

After many months of transcribing, Probate Court General Index to Estates, 1785-1949, is now complete. You can find it here:

http://genealogytrails.com/scar/newberry/estates1785-1949.htm

PROMISING SITE FOR SOME LOST CHURCH RECORDS:

https://www.worldcat.org/title/church-records-1839-1943/oclc/866411165 Contributed by Pelham Lyles (this was found on the SC Genealogy FB page)

THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY FOR OLD PHOTOS. THIS WILL BE GREAT TO USE IN RESEARCH

Photo Sleuth - New Digital Tool Redefines Photo Sleuthing By Kurt Luther You might find this website of interest. It has facial recognition software due out. https://militaryimages.atavist.com/photo-sleuth-summer-2017 Contributed by James Green.

FACEBOOK Hits on the rise!

2016 total hits were 5,891 with a monthly average of 491 per month.

Already to mid-August 2017, we have 6,239 hits with a monthly average of 780 per month about a 40% increase. Keep up the LIKE's and contributions to our FACEBOOK page.

From Jon Davis, Cemetery Committee Chairman

Cemetery Report

The Gladney Reunion was held during the last weekend of July. As well as having meetings and speakers; they also went to the Gladney Cemetery to clean the grounds and some of the tombstones. They hired Lou Strozier of Omega Mapping Services to look for additional graves using ground penetrating radar. It was interesting watching and listening to him explain how the system works and how he interprets what he sees in the screen.



Cathy Gladney Newman cleaning the tombstone of Margaret E. Gladney Davis on Friday afternoon. As seen below, the tombstone still needed additional cleaning on Saturday.

Lou Strozier is talking to the Gladney Reunion about Ground Penetrating Radar and what he hopes to find in the cemetery.





Lou Strozier using ground penetrating radar to search for graves. He would go north to south to get the length of the grave and then go east to west to find the width of the grave. Based on the size of an unmarked grave he is able to determine if it was an adult or a child.

He found approximately 25 unmarked graves. He placed orange flags in the center of the grave; if the flag was high it was for an adult and if pushed low it was a child.

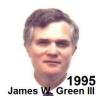




After marking any unmarked grave he takes GPS points around the cemetery and a GPS point for each grave. With his equipment he can get an accuracy of 10 cementers. He can then download the data and have a plat drawn of the cemetery.



These two men are using copper wires to not only to locate but also to determine the sex of the person in the grave. They say it the wires cross if it is a male and spread apart if it is a female. The jury is still out on the accuracy of this.



From James W. Green III, DNA Committee Chairman

Co-DNA Administrator and Administrator of the Fairfield Co., SC DNA Project Nancy Hoy is now available Thursday afternoons 1:00-4:00 PM for DNA assistance; sign-up for assistance by emailing Nancy Hoy.

Please join the Fairfield Co., Project; it currently has about 585 kits in the project.

DNA SUCCESS STORY, Dianne Greene

In May of 1970 I found out I was pregnant. The father and I had been dating for several years but he was still in college and I wasn't ready to start a family. We agreed we would put the baby up for adoption when it was born but I wasn't telling anyone about the pregnancy. Everything went surprisingly smoothly, I had been heavy most of my life and carrying her high it was easy to hide the fact I was pregnant. When I was seven months along I knew I needed to get away someplace where I could have the baby and give her up for adoption. I decided to go to Hamlet, NC since my college roommate was from there and I would have her nearby if I needed help; and it was far enough away that my parents wouldn't be showing up for a visit. My excuse for going was to take some college classes and to look for possible work there. I had grown tired of the job I had been at for the last three years and my parents had encouraged me to find something else. I was able to find an apartment for rent that was near the hospital and close to shopping which worked great since I took a buss there.

Everything went fine though I was about two weeks over due. I finally went into labor and had a baby girl. The nurses asked if I wanted to see her but I said no, I knew it would make it hard to give her up if I saw her. My roommate saw her and amazingly enough a month later her husband found out who adopted her. He worked for Southern Bell and was sent out to a home to work on their phone line. While there he learned they had just adopted a baby girl. A few days later, my roommate was in town and saw that same lady, holding a baby and was telling some friends about adopting her. She was able to get a good look at her and immediately recognized her as my daughter. I had told Janie if she ever found out who adopted her, not to tell me, and she didn't.

Almost two years later I married the father and eight years after that we had a baby boy but I still never told anyone about his older sister. Nine years later the father and I divorced and I eventually moved to Texas. I had set up my account on Ancestry.com and thought often about doing the DNA test but never did.

Eleven years later I had to move back home to NC to take care of my mother. My dad had passed nine years earlier and she had become unable to take care of herself. One thing I was looking forward to doing was to work on my family history, little did I know just how much of that history I was going to uncover. One evening when I checked my Face Book account I had a message from one of my second cousins. She had done her DNA on Ancestry.com and received a message from one of her matches. She said the match had been adopted and she was trying to find her biological family and she lives in Charlotte and she looked like me. My heart was racing when I looked her up on Facebook and when I saw her birthdate I cried out. Looking at the picture I could see the resemblance, she defiantly had her father's blue eyes. I sent her a friend request and over the next few days we decided to meet and go over our connections, I wanted to meet her first before I told her I was her mother.

I put together a photo album with pictures of her grandparents, her great-grandparents, her father and I and her brother and her nephews. I didn't tell anyone, not even her father, about meeting with her because I wanted to be certain she was ok with our connecting. We met at a Starbucks in Gastonia which was half way for

us and luckily we had a table to our self. I had to fight back the urge to tell her I was her birth mother but I wanted to learn about her life growing up. What her childhood was like and when her adoptive parents told her she was adopted. When she told me how long she had tried to find her family, I couldn't wait any longer. I told her about my getting pregnant and having a baby girl in Hamlet, NC that I put up for adoption and that I was her mother. She was shocked to say the least. I told her how the decision had been made to put her up for adoption, about her father and the rest of her family. We went through the picture album and when we parted, I was the happiest I had been in many years. We agreed she would come to visit with me in a few weeks so she could meet the rest of her family. The next day I told her father I had found our daughter, he was shocked and anxious to meet her. He told our son we had found her and both of them were here when she came.

I was surprised when I told Mom about her to find out she knew I had been pregnant. She and Dad both knew but they never told anyone. And I was even more surprised when she told me that she had a brother and sister that she had never told me about. The brother only lived to be 2 years old before dying from pneumonia and a sister that was given up for adoption at 6 months.

My daughter and I have enjoyed learning all the similarities we have. One big one was that we both work as recruiters for staffing agencies. And we both love animals, especially dogs. She raises French Bulldogs and I work with a Labrador rescue group. She and her brother haven grown close and get together when time permits. The best part is that she got to meet Mom before she passed away that August. I'm so thankful that Ancestry brought us together.



Cammy and my son Tommy Greene



Tommy Greene, my ex-husband, Cammy and myself, Dianne Greene

Friends and Family Summer Sale at Family Tree DNA

Almost everything is on sale, including new kit orders, the Family Finder test, upgrades AND the Big Y; just in time to stock up on kits for those upcoming family reunions or Labor Day picnics. This sale price of \$395 is the best price I've ever seen on the Big Y. If you've been waiting, now's the time. The sale started August 1 and runs for the entire month of August.

New DNA Kits		Sale	Regular	Savings	
Autosomal	*Family Finder (FF)	\$69	\$89	\$20	
Y DNA	*Y37	\$139	\$169	\$30	
Big Y	*Big Y	\$395	\$575	\$180	(Best price I've ever seen on this test)
Y Upgrades	*Y12 to 37	\$69	\$99	\$30	
	*Y25 to 37	\$35	\$49	\$14	
	*Y37 to 67	\$79	\$99	\$20	
	*Y37 to 111	\$168	\$220	\$52	
	*Y67 to 111	\$99	\$129	\$30	

^{*}Log into your kit then click upgrade

HONORARIUMS

Sam and Irene Schaffer by Jeffrey D. Schaffer John Cork by Tommy Cork Otis Williams by Carmen Williams

Memorials

Randall Williams by Carmen Williams

From Robert Edward "Eddie" Killian, Jr. FCGS – Scholarship Committee Chairman

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Scholarship Winners -

The Fairfield county Genealogy Society (FCGS) awarded scholarships to two college-bound students whose parents are members of the FCGS. The awards go to the advancement of young minds in education and public service. Joshua Lance, center left, received a \$1,000 scholarship that was donated by Carmen Williams, in honor of her husband, Otis Williams, left, a lifetime U.S. Air Force veteran, and in memory of her grandson, Kendall Williams who was killed in an accident his senior of high school. Rachel Benefield, center right, received a \$1,000 scholarship that was donated by Gloria Blackwell (\$500) and the Society (\$500). Lance, the son of Tom and Melissa Lance, will start at Midlands Technical College and transfer to the Citadel, majoring in Cyber Security Systems Management. Benefield, daughter of Tim and Vivian Benefield, will attend the University of South Carolina, majoring in Hospitality Management. (Picture and article provided by Barbara Ball)

From Membership **FCGS – Membership Newsletter Stories**

DNA Story Submitted by Bob Seigler

I am happy to report a real contact with a distant first cousin through DNA. On August 15th, we confirmed our family trees and find that our families came to Charleston from Rotterdam in 1752 and 1753. We don't know

yet whether our families have been in touch in the last 265 years, but the DNA tests do work. Bob Seigler (family from Wilkinson's Creek in the 1700's)

DNA Story & Visit By Roxana Williams



Roxana and her daughter stopped by our FCGS booth for the Ag-Art Tour weekend at the Blair Farm in Blair Community in Fairfield County



Hi Eddie, James and Nancy!

I just wanted to thank you guys for all the work you did for Mary and me. We finally got home from our trip and I'm almost ready to start going thru the papers you printed off for us. I'm enclosing the pictures we took on our excursion, Eddie. That was so much fun and very interesting. I'm really sorry that we didn't have time (or energy) to go with James to the Powell place. A cousin who is thinking of doing the Y-DNA has a question as to what more would it show than his father, Jess Willard's, DNA that we did thru Ancestry. I told him I would see if Nancy could answer that. Again, thank you so much for all of your help. Next email will include a photo of Thomas Mabry Willard (1846-1904).

Roxana Williams

The Duel of Thomas Baker and Jacob Brown Submitted by Greydon Maechtle

Thomas Baker was an 18th century inhabitant of Fairfield County. He had close associations with the Winn family, his wife Sarah was the sister of General Richard Winn. Thomas Baker was an executor for the estate of John Winn Richard's father, and Richard Winn the primary executor for Thomas Baker's estate. Sarah Baker died in 1785 and Thomas Baker died in 1789. It is believed that Thomas had a minor daughter, Sarah, who was raised and later accompanied Richard Winn (her uncle?) when he relocated to Tennessee.

According to an article in Historic Camden, Part Two, Nineteenth Century (Kirkland and Kennedy, 1926), a duel between Thomas Baker and Jacob Brown may be the earliest duel recorded in the Camden (Kershaw?) District. Jacob Brown and his brother Daniel (a Harvard graduate) are likely the first attorneys to reside in Camden. Thomas Baker is described as a farmer or planter (and evidently a Militia Captain) residing near Winnsboro. The incident below, described in the affidavit of John Havis (later Camden jailer) appears to be the beginning of a dispute leading to the duel.

"That on April 17th last (1788) he was in the house of Joseph Quarell, tavern keeper, in Fairfield County, setting in the porch, when he was violently assaulted by Capt. Thomas Baker and kicked, knocked down and beaten and his ear dangerously bitten by him. And although James Douglas and John Bigham pulled deponent from under

said Baker, he was a second time thrown down by him, violently beaten and both his eyes gouged, one in so dangerous a manner, that deponent has not recovered the full use thereof. Deponent alleges all this done without any provocation whatever given by him." James Douglas deposes that he saw John Havis beaten and gouged as aforesaid; that in the second encounter he could not pull Baker off as they were so closely engaged, "the thumb of the said Baker being in the mouth of the said John Havis."

As a result, Jacob Brown swore out a peace warrant against Thomas Baker. Relating now from Biographical Sketches of the Bench and Bar of South Carolina, Volume II, (O'Neall 1859), Baker reacted to this by calling Brown "a d--d saddle-bag lawyer." In this account Brown offered the challenge to Baker, who was interested in settling the affair merely by "fisticuffs."

Baker's second in the affair of honor was David R. Evans, of Winnsboro, a quite notable personage. Evans was born in England, educated at Mount Zion College, studied law with the Brown brothers who had the first law office in Winnsboro, and was deputy county clerk and later clerk of the first county court. John and Richard Winn were justices of this court. Later, Evans succeeded John Winn as the Camden District Commissioner of Taxations, "a very lucrative office." His first attempt to be admitted to the bar was rejected, as "he was very wild and dissipated in early life." Evans married a daughter of Richard Winn, was elected to the South Carolina House, elected a trustee of the South Carolina College, as a widower made a second marriage to a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Whorter Yongue, was elected to Congress as a representative of Laurens, Newberry, and Fairfield, and eventually retired to his plantation, "near Winn's Bridge, on Little River." He was a president of the Mount Zion Society, and a ruling Elder of both the Jackson's Creek Lebanon Church and the Winnsboro Presbyterian Church. He died leaving an estate of \$100,000. In spite of studying law with the Browns, he became Baker's second. Evans encouraged Baker to accept the formal challenge to a duel, and Baker did so. In O'Neall's account, "The parties met on the Wateree River, were placed back to back, walked five paces, wheeled and fired; both fell and died.

According to Kirkland and Kennedy, Baker sent the challenge to Brown and the duel took place at the Camden Race Course, Thursday morning, May 28th, 1789. Baker is supposed to have died in half an hour and Brown that night.

From the Gentleman's and London Magazine: Or Monthly Chronologer, 1744-1794: "A duel was fought lately by Captain Thomas Baker and Jacob Brown, Esq. of Camden, South Carolina: they fired together, at a distance of ten yards, and both fell; Capt. baker was shot through the body, and expired in the field, in about twelve minutes. Mr. Brown was shot in the lower part of his belly, and the ball was cut out of his left side, but he died twenty hours later. When these gentlemen had fallen, they conversed calmly together, and exchanged forgiveness."

The South Carolina Historical Magazine, Volumes 54-55, 1953, states that South Carolina duels were frequent and surrounded by complicated formalities. And comments, that it was also true concerning a duel near Winnsboro between Thomas Baker and "Daniel" Brown, that it "could have been prevented without dishonor to either principal. But their friends pushed the affair to a conclusion and both men were killed. It is interesting and perhaps somewhat ironic to consider, to our eyes, the obviously different attitudes displayed by Baker and Evans. On the one hand they were gentlemen and men of honor and members of the upper echelon of society, but seemingly also prone at times to rowdy and wild behavior. They would not suffer insults or disrespect without requiring satisfaction, preferably in blood. But also seemingly prone to dissipation (drunkenness?) and (at least on the part of Baker), violent, emotional and aggressive physical behavior, and fighting, and perhaps for no good cause.

THE WORLD MUST BE SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

President Woodrow Wilson

More than twice as many of those who served during the Great War from Fairfield County were African Americans (at least 581). Like most of the nearly 400,000 men of color in the US Army they were assigned to either a Pioneer Infantry, a Depot Brigade, a Labor Battalion or a Stevedore unit. All of these assignments would have involved manual labor in the United States and France caring for horses and mules, felling trees, building barracks, railroads and other infrastructure, and at port cities loading and unloading cargo ships bound to and from the war zone. In France these units cleared battlegrounds of munitions and debris, often immediately behind the front lines, and were responsible for the gruesome task of burying, and often reburying, the bodies of those who had died in combat.

Twenty-eight men served honorably with the 371st Infantry Regiment (a regiment comprised of African American draftees from South Carolina) which fought on the front lines in France during the campaign to break the Hindenburg Line in the final month of fighting during the war. These African American men fought to make the world "safe for democracy" when in fact they had not been treated democratically in the United States – by either its citizens or its president – nor did they return to a country where they were treated as racial equals, much less as the war heroes they were.

The 371st received its initial "training" as early as October 1917 at Camp Jackson before being sent overseas with the first American troops in early 1918. There, along with the 369th 'Harlem Hell-fighters,' the 370th and the 372nd Regiments (all National Guard units), they were relieved of their US uniforms and weapons before being transferred to the command of the French Army which was desperate for replacement troops. After a short training period the troops and their white American officers relieved the exhausted French units in the trenches of the Western Front. The division of black troops served under General Mariano F.J. Goybet, commander of the French 157th Division which included African troops from the French colonies of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. They wore the distinctive French model 1915 "Adrian" helmet, the first modern steel helmet.

Submitted by Suzanne P. Johnson

WW1 Soldiers from Fairfield County

Nearly 1,000 men from Fairfield County, both enlistees and draftees, served as soldiers, sailors, and officers in the Great War. Of those, thirty-one died during the conflict. Nineteen succumbed to the 'Spanish fly' or other respiratory factors of the disease which killed between 50 and 100 million people world-side in one of the worst pandemics to hit the planet. There was one death of "accidental acute alcoholism" and one possible suicide. At least five sons of Fairfield County found their final resting place in one of the six American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries on French soil.

Of the 53,313 Americans who died in action or from wounds received in battle, five were African Americans from Fairfield County, all members of the 371st Infantry Regiment fighting under French command because the political and military leaders of the United States had no confidence in their fighting ability. The 371st played a key role in the success of the Allied Armies against the Central Powers.

Fifty-two men chose service in the United States Navy. Thirty-six Fairfield County natives were college students when they reported to register at the draft office. The majority (13) were attending Clemson College. Most of these young men served their country in a Students' Army Training Corps unit at their college.

Before enlisting or being drafted the majority of the men were employed in farming. Thirty-one were employed by the Southern Railroad Company, six were mill workers, and four worked in a local granite quarry. Nine listed their home of record in Fairfield County although they were actually employed in one of three steel companies (Bethlehem Steel, Duquesne Steel Works, and Carnegie Steel) in the north where they were most likely engaged in the production of steel for military ships and munitions.

Thirty young men, including four dentists and four doctors, served in a medical field. Seven were assigned to an evacuation ambulance service. Seven were also assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland where during World War II medical-related experiments were performed on soldiers without their knowledge or permission. It is very likely that at least some of those assigned to the Chemical warfare Service were involved in experiments with poison gas. The official purpose of the arsenal was the manufacture of gas masks and other related items.

One woman from Fairfield County, Miss Nan Aline Bryce was a nurse during the war. She served at Base Hospital 56 at Allerey, Saône-et-Loire, in eastern France.

For more information on Fairfield County's role in World War one visit the Fairfield County Historical Society's 100th anniversary commemorative exhibit at the Fairfield County Museum.

Submitted by Suzanne Johnson

Query - Is anyone researching **Cooks** in Fairfield County? I am interested in **Nathaniel Cook** born est1800 and any connections to the Howells of Fairfield County. Contact: John Howell - <u>Jihowell41@aol.com</u>.

Query – Is anyone researching **Schaffers** in Fairfield County? I want to confirm as many ancestors on the Schaffer side as possible. (Photo's & History) Contact: Jeffrey Schaffer—campschaffer@gmail.com

New Book Releases Donated to Fairfield County Genealogy Society Collection

We have continued to update our records with donated books by Mrs. Annie for her collection called, "Mrs. Annie Lee Ratliff Collection. However, we are not prepared for this newsletter to list the additional books. Please look forward to the 4th quarter newsletter for additional books listed.

Volunteers always needed

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!

- Recording Secretary needed once a month to record Board meeting
- Corresponding Secretary needed to keep up mailing list & occasionally send out correspondence
- Newsletter Editors needed to assist with quarterly newsletter

Family Research & Resource Library Needs:

- Greet researchers and get Family Files, Wills, Books out for them to start their research
- Research email or mailed in research request
- Help clean up and maintain a professional appearance for the library
- Re-shelf or re-file Family Files, Family Wills, Family Books, or other materials back to their proper place
- Examine Books shelves and make sure books are in the proper place
- Examine Books on shelves and remove duplicate books
- Ensure all Books on shelves are in BookCat
- Ensure all Books on shelves have Catalog Label
- Ensure all files and books have EAS Security Strip in them
- Gives us your ideas.....



Meetings/Announcements



The Sun and the Coming Eclipse Public Lecture

Sunday, August 20, 2017, 7:00 PM
Christ Central Community Center next to Fairfield County Museum 235 S. Congress St., Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Map)

The Total Eclipse Public Viewing Party

Monday, August 21, 2017, 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM Garden Street Park Ball Field

1 N. Garden St., Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Map)

presented & sponsored by Davidson College, Fairfield County Museum & Fairfield Historical Society

Saturday, September 9, 2017

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Early Registration & Information

Friday, September 15, 2017
Midlands Tech Center

1674 US 321 Bus., Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Map)
5:30 PM FCGS Board Meeting
7:00 PM WWI Veterans Program
(tentative, check back later)
by Jack Myers

Friday & Saturday, September 15 & 16, 2017

Southern Studies Showcase

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Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society and Edgefield Civic League Registration: 9:30 AM until D. A. Thompkins Library, Edgefield, SC (Map)

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Thursday, October 19, 2017
Fairfield County Research Library & Resource Archives
2nd Floor of the Fairfield County Museum
231 S. Congress St., Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Map)
5:30 PM FCGS Board & Annual Business Planning Meeting

Friday, November 17, 2017 Offsite TBD, Winnsboro, SC 5:30 PM FCGS Annual Business Meeting 7:00 PM Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Fairfield County Museum
231 S. Congress St., Winnsboro, SC 29180 (Map)
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Christmas Gala
Public event, light refreshments

Wednesday, August 30 thru Saturday, September 2, 2017
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REUNIONS (For details please see website reunions page at this link: Reunions)

ALLEN FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 11:00 AM - until Zion United Methodist Church, Zion Church Road, Blythewood SC 29016 (Map) 11:00 AM - Gather at picnic area 12 (Noon) - Covered-dish lunch For more information, please call or text Carolyn Glenn Payne at (704) 860-5482

Taylor - Gen. Edward Taylor Descendants Family Annual Reunion

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Progress on General Edward Taylor's Family & DNA Prospects

(Taylor & DNA Presentation by Nancy Hoy of Fairfield County Genealogy Society)

Charlie E. Taylor's Home, SC Hwy #215, North of Cool Branch Baptist Church

Details Email: Eddie Killian

(C-F-M) Coleman Feaster Mobley - 77th C-F-M and Allied Families Annual Reunion

Friday September 29, 2017 - Sunday October 1, 2017

Feasterville Academy Grounds, SC Hwy #215, Feasterville

77th C-F-M and Allied Families Annual Reunion for Details, Email or Call Coordinators:

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Friday October 6, 2017 - Sunday October 8, 2017

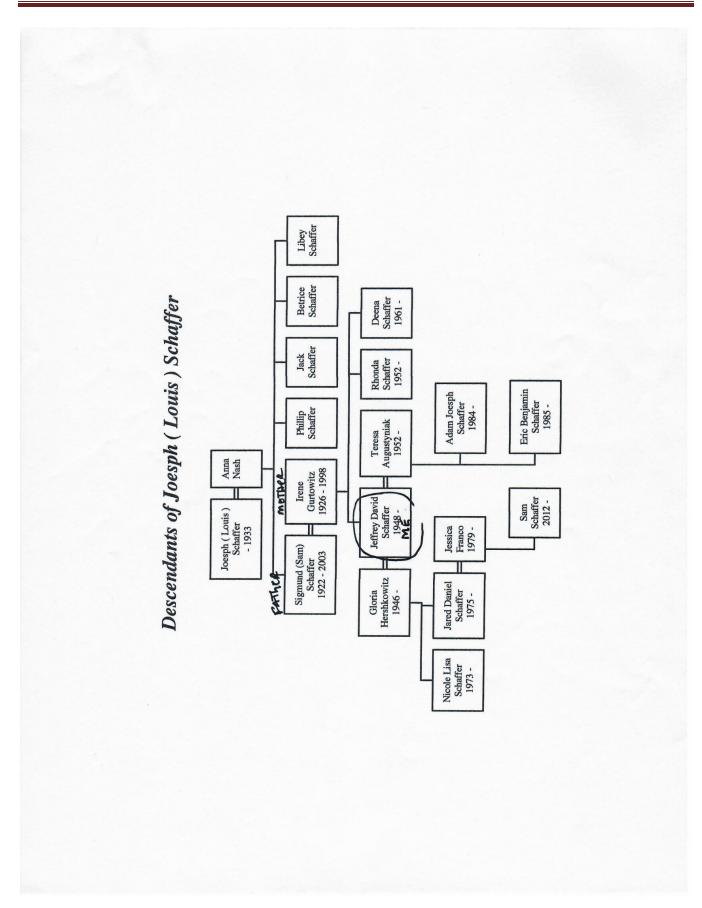
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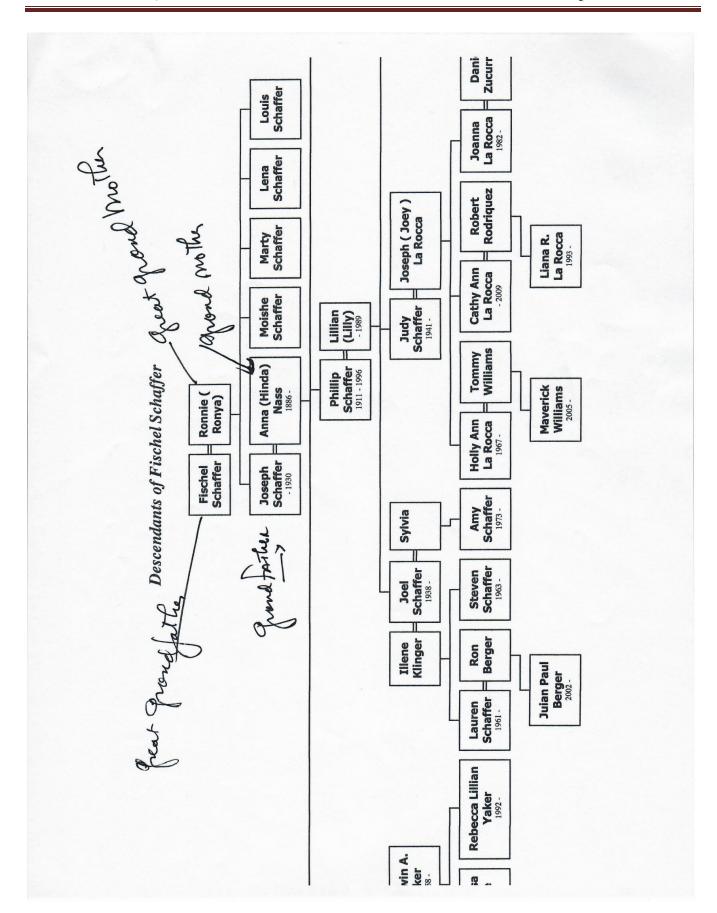
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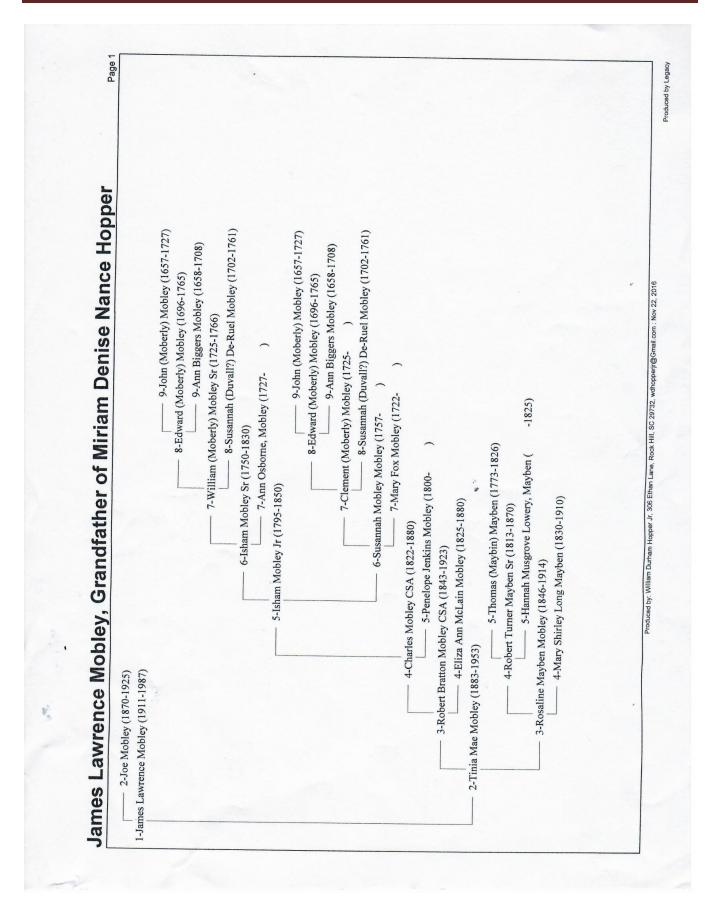
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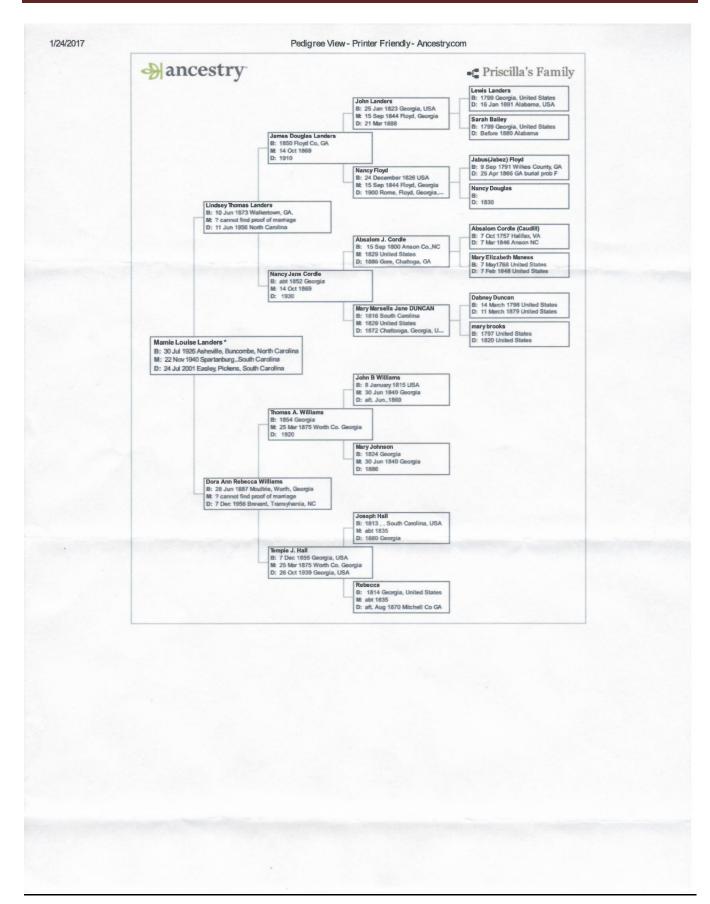
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