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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 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 public.

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Eddie Killian

## Message from the President

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. We want to thank the FCGS Board for sponsoring a Genetic Genealogy Round Table Presentation, "Learn How to Be a Genetic Genealogist: Working with DNA Match Results"; afterwards One-on-One Lab Sessions by Kate Penney Howard. Topics Included: Introduction to Working with DNA Match Results, Leeds Method, Mapping Matches, DNA Painter Shared cM project, WATO/Banyan DNA, Brick wall case study and a Parent case Study. Kate Penney



Nancy Scott Hoy & James Walker Green, III

Howard is a genetic genealogist, specializing in brick wall work,, HighRoH, and endogamy. During a bout with cancer, she discovered that she loves sharing her knowledge with other genealogists. She is intentional about addressing injustice and myths in her presentations. Kate has presented at Rootstech, East Coast Genetic Genealogy Conference, the International Congress on Medieval Studies, NAAP/RTK's Untangling Our Roots, and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 2025 speaking engagements include Rootstech, Ohio Genealogical Society, 2025, and Ontario Ancestors Webinar Series, as well as local library and genealogical society gatherings. Kate studied vocal music and earned a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2011, and

has been pastor of North Christian Church since her ordination in 2012. Thanks again Kate for coming and given us a very interesting presentation. One can contact Kate at [katepenneyhoward@gmail.com](mailto:katepenneyhoward@gmail.com) or see Kate at the upcoming [RootsTech Conference](#).



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Well now that we have the holidays behind us, some will be researching or continuing to research their family roots. We have been kept fairly busy with booths, programs, parties, holiday activities, walk-in visitors and research request, but that's a good thing! We have tried to handle research requests via email in a timely manner. Also, we continued to update the FCGS web pages; not as much time this quarter either. We are trying to publish the newsletter in a more timely manner.

Members Only web pages, we have this past quarter: Fixed Bad Links for Fairfield-Winnsboro History [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [Lewis Grizzard's Write Up](#); Updated Church Information for: [Aimwell Baptist Church](#), [Aimwell Presbyterian Church](#), [Antioch Baptist Church](#), [Antioch Methodist Church](#), Added Family Information: [Abrams](#), [Adcock](#), [Abrahamson](#), [Chatman](#), [Evans](#), [Green](#), [Greene](#), [Havis](#), [Peters](#); Updated Family Information: [Abercrombie](#), [Able](#), [Abney](#), [Adair](#), [Adams](#), [Adamson](#), [Addison](#), & [Chapman](#); Updated Military Information [Korean War Tombstones](#).

I/We want to **welcome** our new and renewal members for **2025**. Since FCGS's membership runs annually from January to January, late September memberships are processed after October 1<sup>st</sup> to count as 2025.

FCGS had some great opportunities for members to get to know each other on a more personal level this past quarter:



1) FCGS had a booth and sponsored a DNA presentation October 5th & 6th at the Coleman-Feaster-Moblev Reunion (reunion cancelled from Hurricane Helena):

2) FCGS "Full" Board Meeting, October 17<sup>th</sup>;



3) October 9th, FCGS sponsored a DNA Genetic Genealogy Round Table Presentation "Learn How to Be a Genetic Genealogist: Working with DNA Match Results" by Katie Penney Howard;

4) FCGS "Full" Board Meeting, November 21<sup>st</sup>;

Eddie, Kate Howard & Sanita Cousar



5) FCGS co-sponsored the Fairfield County Museum Open House and Christmas Gala, December 6th;



6) FCGS held the 6th Annual Fairfield County Genealogy Society Board, Volunteers & Friends Christmas Party, on December 12th.



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**Sumter County**  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
(803) 774-3901  
genealogy@fc-i.net  
Physical: 122 North Washington St., Suite B, Sumter, SC 29150  
**Hours of** Tuesday through Saturday  
10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
**Operation:** \*Hours are subject to change depending on volunteers  
[www.sumtercountygenealogicalcenter.org](http://www.sumtercountygenealogicalcenter.org)

7) FCGS sponsored a field trip to the Sumter Genealogical Society and Museum, January 16th.

### Upcoming:

- 1) FCGS "Full" Board Meeting, February 20th at 11:30 am, Barn Express.
- 2) Announcement: The Friendship Nine: Past, Present, Future: Join panelist Dr. Adolphus Belk, Dr. Kenneth Alston, and Gina Price White for an insightful discussion about the historic Friendship Nine; Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am, Main Floor, Dacus Library, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.
- 3) 2025 SCAAHC Annual Conference, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at SC Dept. of Archives & History. FCGS Corresponding Secretary, Sanita Cousar will be attending & representing FCGS.
- 4) FCGS supporting a program, "The African American Experience in Ridgeway and Fairfield County" by Rev. Eddie J. Woods and Other Members of the Community, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday at 11:00 am, The Isaac C. Thomas Historical Museum, 150 E. Church St., Ridgeway, SC
- 5) SC Train Museum for an Ole Timey train ride, lunch & program, date to be determined.

**WINTHROP**  
UNIVERSITY  
Center for African American and Special Collections  
**THE FRIENDSHIP NINE:  
PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**  
Join panelists Dr. Adolphus Belk, Dr. Kenneth Alston, and Gina Price White for an insightful discussion about the historic Friendship Nine.  
February 20th @ 11 am  
Main Floor of Dacus Library  
Rock Hill, SC  
CULTURAL EVENT



**The Isaac C. Thomas Historical Museum**  
presents  
**The African American Experience in Ridgeway and Fairfield County**  
with Rev. Eddie Woods  
and members of the community  
Saturday, February 22, 2025  
11:00 AM  
130 E. Church Street  
Ridgeway, SC 29130  
Contact Info: (803) 337-3316  
**Museum News**  
Beginning in late February and March 2025, the museum will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tours will still be offered on other days by appointment only. For appointments, call (803) 337-3316.



**Make plans to come out and join us!**

Remember to check back with us or check the announcement page on FCGS website for latest details or additional information on Events and Meetings; our FCGS Website: [www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org](http://www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org).

As mentioned last quarter, this quarter, the foot traffic, email requests and phone inquiries have picked up a great deal. However, I still plan to publish the newsletters in the middle of each quarter. I have also been updating the web pages; just not as much and only as time permits.

Thank you, for the continued giving of old, discarded library books, old Bibles, research materials and new publications that help enhance the research library collection and expedite research request resolution. These items are coming in from estates, libraries, member's collections, and other sources. We have received several private collections. **We are a non-profit and can provide a receipt upon request.** It is our goal and aim to assist researchers no matter where they are from; in connecting their families to their family tree. We, at FCGS thank each of our FCGS members for their membership support and volunteering their time and services to their society.

I want to always thank every FCGS member for their membership support for this past quarter. Also, we want to thank FCGS Board members for their devotion and continued work for the society. Please consider helping us by volunteering to assist in cataloging and properly storing these invaluable resources or becoming a FCGS Board officer; in which currently we still have an opening for the Vice-President (Program Director) and for Newsletter Editor. We are most appreciative for our new and past volunteers for their assistance with programs, membership, donations, and support!

If you are considering submitting an article to the newsletter, please submit your information in MSWord or Notepad format to [Eddie](mailto:Eddie). The deadline will be the **16<sup>th</sup> of the May, 2025** for the second quarter newsletter. In your service, *Eddie Killian*



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## Member Submissions

(Shared by Pelham Lyles, Updated Final Copy, Dew Drop Society)

### **Growing up in Fairfield County's Douglass Community in in the Last Half of the 19th Century**

A typewritten copy of this story was included in a Stevenson family file packet donated to the Fairfield County Museum by Mrs. Pam F. Rambo. The packet was given to her mother, Mrs. Emmy Lou Stevenson Fellers by a roommate at the retirement home in Clinton, SC where she had spent the last ten years of her life until her passing in May of 2022. I have attempted to research the cast of characters mentioned in a typewritten story in the file about a children's club called the Dew Drop Society.

The story was written by Rev. John Walkup Douglas in the years before his death in Baltimore, MD (1873-1939). He was a Presbyterian minister, the founder and first minister of Roland Park Presbyterian church in Baltimore. The story takes place in



the New Hope ARP Church neighborhood in the rural Douglass Community of Fairfield County. Walkup was the son of John Simonton Douglas and Margaret Boyce Douglas. His grandparents built the iconic plantation house Albion.

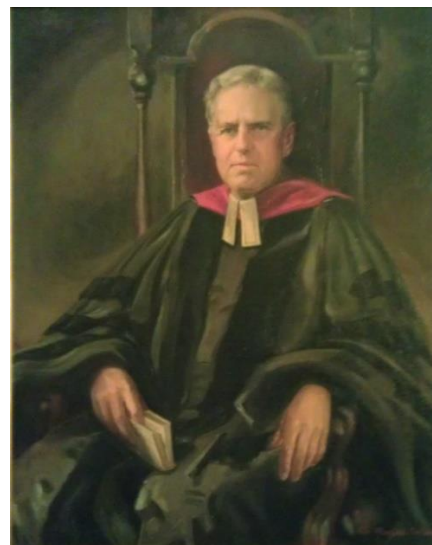


The account weaves a true story about growing up years of a cast of characters who were 13-year-old students and their teachers at the New Hope church school.

Macie Stevenson, the prime subject of this story, grew up (1872-1941) in the Douglass community, one of 5 children of Robert Murdock and Rebecca Margaret Stevenson. She was for 50 years a missionary of the ARP church in Tampico, Mexico. She was buried in New Hope ARP Church cemetery in Douglass.



Miss Macie Stevenson, Missionary to Mexico for 50 Year



John Walkup Douglas



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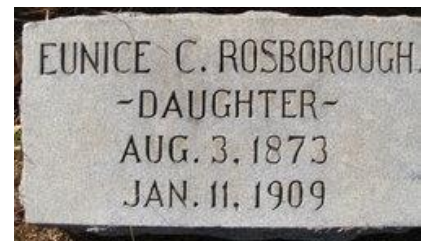
Robert Murdock Stevenson House in Douglass, SC.

Mary “Macie” Permelia Stevenson grew up in this home in a large family.

President of the Dew Drop Society, Ella Sterling (1873-1961), was the daughter of Thomas Riley Sterling and his wife Sarah Isabella Kirkpatrick. She was a school teacher for many years, and in the census of 1920, was listed as a 46 yr. old farm owner living with her mother Sarah and an “adopted daughter” Alice Shirley. In late life, she married widower Hugh James McKeown. McKeown had been married to Elizabeth E. Boyd and had a family of five children. He was next married to Laura Sterling (Ella’s sister? 1862-1919). After her death, Hugh James’ third marriage was to Ella (Eleanor Mary) Sterling. Alice Shirley appears in the 1940 census as the housekeeper for Hugh and Ella.

One of the children’s school teachers was Mrs. Agnes McFeat Caldwell (1828-1899), whose daughter Sarah was the wife of Robert S. Simonton (1849-?).

Eunice Rosborough, Secretary of the Dew Drop Society, was the daughter of William L. and Martha Ann Rosborough. She was buried at New Hope and apparently never married. She died at 36



Burtie Brice, Treasurer of the Dew Drop Society was also born in 1873. She was the daughter of Thomas S. and Frances E. Brice, and married her cousin, Dr. William F. Mitchell, living and dying in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC.

Teacher Mell Lathan was probably Emelia E. Lathan, who was married to William J. Lathan in 1870, and was the daughter of Jesse F. and Rhoda Maggie Posey Beam of the Blackstock area.

After leaving his post as the minister of New Hope ARP Church in Douglass, Rev. H. B. Blakely was a minister in several ARP churches across the south. The Centennial History of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: 1803-1903 cites his ministerial charges in several churches. In 1911, the Newberry Herald and News mentions Reverend H. B. Blakely as being originally from Bradley SC, a small town near Due West. He was the founder of the Buford Monument ARP church in Lancaster, SC in 1893 and was a prominent figure in a committee of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod of 1902, which met at Pisgah, North Carolina. He served after 1911 in Culleoka, Maury County, Tennessee at Hopewell ARP Church.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE DEW DROP SOCIETY.

The sun was low down the sky on a beautiful afternoon in late September of the year eighteen eighty-six. Macie Stevenson and my younger brother Joe and I were riding home from the school we attended at the old New Hope Church, - four miles from where we lived. We rode two horses, who for all the meek and modest natures were famous in their day. She rode a



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horse named "Printer" who, to his many amiable qualities added that of being fond of very young chickens and would eat them if he had a chance and had to be watched. Joe and I rode a horse named "Morgan", famous for his sorrel hair and the number and prominence of his bones. These horses, their worst enemies would acknowledge, were at least safe for children, - in that they never did anything more malicious than stumbling and throwing you gently over their heads, and that out of sheer laziness, - or stopping resolutely at whatever place took their fancy, and were quite indifferent to the switches applied by our helpless hands.

We had talked of everything - all three at once - never pausing a moment even to listen to each other, until at length for some reason that has never been explained, there was lull in the conversation. We rode along in silence for a moment or so, when from a clear sky and apropos of nothing; "let's have a society", said Macie.

"A what?" I said, being wholly unprepared for this thrust.

"A society", Macie repeated. "You know a society".

"What kind of a society? What for, and why and who" -

"O, a society", she said with evidences of disgust at my stupidity. "We've been reading a book called "The Westbrook Parsonage" and in it was a Society called "Dewdrop" and I think it would be nice for us to have a Society and name it "Dew-drop". Don't you?"

"I sure do", I said, inspired not so much by the need of a society or any contribution it might make to the great public questions of the day, but by the romantic name "Dew-- drop". It seemed quite sufficient to organize ourselves just for the purpose of being called "Dewdrop". The rest was as vague and indefinite as a dream, and mattered as little to us. From that until the time we reached home we talked of nothing else, - how nice the meetings would be, how it would help to fill up the hours at recess, and how when our larger brothers and sisters then at college would talk about their societies in their patronizing way, we could say: "Oh that's nothing -we've got one, too". And the more we talked, the more fascinated we became with the idea, until with true feminine impatience "let's do it now, - tomorrow, - as soon as we go back to school" said Macie.

"Sure", I said ready for anything now. And let's don't tell anybody at home about it until we get it going, and give 'em all a grand surprise". Feeling no doubt that this would be the shock of their lives.

By that time probably "Printer" stumbled and "Morgan" promptly followed suit and drove these ingenious ideas from our heads so effectually that they did not return until the next day.

But the next day they did return. At recess when we had played everything we could think of, the persistent idea of the day before came back into Macie's head, and she determined to carry it into speedy execution. She talked it over among the girls and demanded that I should do the same among the boys and in less than ten minutes - accompanied by the sound of the piano which Miss Mel Lathan, our teacher was playing in the music room - the historic Dew Drop Society came into being. To be sure it was without form and void, and we had no more idea what our object would be, or how to proceed than if we had been a group of chattering apes instead of good, proper school children. But nothing daunted by such trivial details we proceeded: We gathered on benches and called ourselves "The Dew Drop Society", - and immediately found ourselves embarrassed as to what to do next.

Then somebody remembered vaguely that societies had presidents. "Let's have a president", said this ingenious person.

"Yes, and let it be Ella Sterling", added somebody else, - and then in a few minutes by popular acclaim, with or without her consent, Ella Sterling was made our first president, who no doubt has long ago forgotten the honor thus so violently thrust upon her. Then - what next? Should we be a literary society, a pleasure club or a political party, - should we be



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a band of anarchists, or revive the Ku-Klux Klan of former days? This minor question we were at a loss to decide. But all the same we were a Society and duly christened "Dew Drop" and that was enough for the moment. And with what pleasure and pride we told at home in the days that followed of the modern ideas prevailing in our school and how up-to-date we were, and how Erskine College and the rest had nothing on us. In our mad enthusiasm we met every day, and sometimes twice a day, - until it was eventually thrust upon us that we were without motive or object.

We were helped later towards proper organization in a very remarkable way. Miss Mell Lathan, our teacher, soon began rehearsing us for the Christmas entertainment that the school was to give, and among the plays that we were to produce was one called the "Jim-Town Lyceum", a play which represented the meeting of a literary society in the Western back-woods, and we all thought it very funny, - and it proved to be very helpful and in a way we had not anticipated. From this play we discovered the following points concerning the nature of societies in general: That every society should have a secretary whose duty it was to write up minutes: that the president should have an opportunity to say something, at least once in a long time; that motions should be properly made and seconded, instead of simply saying. "let's do so and so"; that treasurers were individuals that handled money where there was any and begged it where there was not; and that societies met at stated times and not only when there was nothing else to do or when we were bored to death. So we proceeded along these lines and elected a Secretary, Eunice Rosborough, whose duty it was to write the minutes, and who half the time forgot to write them and the other half forgot to read them.

Then a Treasurer, Burtie Brice, who though she entered on her office in all good conscience, when she was told that she was to handle money was still very much embarrassed by the fact that there was no money to handle, - and whose report with painful regularity was: "assets nothing, disbursements nothing".

This brought a new problem: We must have money - and from where? It did not occur to us that money usually came from the members, so we cast about to find methods of getting it from somebody else. We thought of dime readings, which sounded dry enough to kill the idea at its very birth; then of sleight-of-hand performances, in no one embarrassed by the fact that none of us could do tricks, nor did we know of anybody who could. Then someone in a moment of inspiration conceived a brilliant suggestion; Write to president Cleveland to see if he would help us. His money or suggestions would both be welcome, especially his money. That was a clever scheme, it was the easiest and would give us standing in the community, - and best of all was a method of raising funds without any effort or sacrifice on anybody's part, So Cleveland was duly addressed, and was invited to become a "little Dewdrop" on the stern condition, however, of paying as he entered, the initiation fee of one dollar. (It was five Cents for less distinguished persons, unable to appreciate their privileges). This letter the president has not answered yet, and I suppose the historic little missive was found in the crowded pigeonholes of the official desk when he died and we might picture the mortification to his heirs when they discovered that such a trivial neglect excluded them and their posterity forever from becoming little "Dewdrops".

After this betrayal by our President, there was nothing else for it, our parents must be held up and made to pay, - not for any particular purpose that we were then able to specify, but only that our Treasurer might have something to report. To our enduring consternation, they came nobly to the rescue, and in most cases no questions asked; but I am convinced that to this day it was a clear case of obtaining money under false pretenses, for they were under the impression that it was for missionary purposes, - and it is only to the fact that we never told them that the officers of the society are not this day amenable to the law and are liable at any time to be hauled to prison and never to come out thence until they had paid the uttermost farthing. At any rate, we took the money and remained not "A Missionary Society", but just a "Society - and then cared not hardly a maple leaf about foreign or home missions, or any of the great concerns of the church that our devout fathers and mothers seemed to have so much at heart.

But the money did at length go to just such a cause. First of all, I think because we could not think of anything else to do with it; Most of the boys in the society were girls and so could not have baseballs and bats or anything belonging to athletics. Then second, on account of Rev. H. B. Blakely, who shortly before that was called to our church, and came on the scene in the nick of time to save that money. He had heard of our efforts to organize a society, and being under the impression, as everybody



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else was, that it was a "Missionary Society", patted our ingenious little heads and told us we were good children, and that we ought to meet in the church. This idea was all the more readily received as the summer vacation was approaching, and there was no other place where we could conveniently get together, - so there we went, and as noiselessly as the daylight, we found ourselves changed into a regular religious body, a regular contributor to foreign and home missions, meeting in the church under the control of the session, and a large and, as we thought, an indispensable part of New Hope congregation.

This led in time to a most important and stimulating event; We got our names in the paper; Never, I fancy can any of those charter members forget that bright and auspicious week when the Associate Reformed Presbyterian came out and announced that among the contributors to the cause of Missions in Mexico was ten dollars from the "little Dew-Drops", - and ten dollars in those days of hard times and scarce pennies was a most considerable sum, - as our parents had reason to know. But one thing dampened our arder: We were called "Little Dew-Drops". The Dew-Drops we didn't mind, but Little won both incorrect and unfair. It was not the original name, which was simply "Dew-Drop", and should remain; and besides we did not care any longer to be described as little.

The boys had lengthened their trousers, and the girls were fixing their hair in more modish ways, and here and there among the older ones there were actually vague preparations for college. Dew- Drops we would remain therefore, - for they were pure, refreshing and beautiful, - but as for the "Little", - we would none of it! So the next time we appeared in the paper, the editor, bribed by the receipt of another ten dollar bill, called us by the dignified title of "The Dew-Drop Society of the New Hope Church." and that we have ever since remained.

Of the season that followed, I have no immediate knowledge, as I was among those sent away to school, and not before I needed it. But I know that about this time our Society was very much indebted to a dear old lady, who was asked to "take charge" of us - who was very young at heart and whose gracious ways seemed to teach us that nobody need ever grow old. This was Mrs. Caldwell, mother of Mrs. Robert Simonton, and among whose many distinctions was that of being grandmother to the interesting Simonton family, who constituted no small part of our membership. She had the Society under her direction for several seasons, and tided us over the critical period of a change in membership when the charter members were all going and a new generation was taking our places and during which she saw to it the expanding energies of the organization was directed in proper and worthy channels; and if the Dew Drop society should ever attain the dignity of erecting a memorial tablet to anybody, I hope it will be in honor of this dear patron of ours who helped us over the most critical stage of our existence.

Years came and went. The original members became college graduates, and a newer and younger generation has long since taken our places; who although they might not have felt the same sentiment towards it as those that brought it into being, yet fell heirs to all our enthusiasm and more, and has profited by our mistakes. And I am sure that to this day that not one of those charter members in recalling the first chapters of its history - when fond recollections present them to view - but breathes an inarticulate blessing on the Dew Drop Society, - of this generation and all that are to come in future years.

And there is just one more thing: It surely must appeal to all of us as being divinely appropriate that she who first suggested the formation of this Society, - which proved at last to be of a missionary nature - should herself become its first representative on the foreign field - Miss Macie Stevenson. I wonder if the Dew Drop Society ever fully appreciated this peculiar honor. That one of the best known missionaries in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church should have been its original member. She presents to us an inspiring, if difficult, example to follow, and one that should call forth all of our best energies in the future, And I wonder, too, if the time will ever come - for who knows what these giant days are bringing us when the Dew Drop Society can undertake to be the main support of her who was its creator and so truly and honorably represents it.

If such day ever dawns, not only we, the first charter members, - not only New Hope Church, who nursed her in its bosom, - but the Christian Church at large, and I think too, the angels in heaven, would all say with the utmost fervency; "God bless the Dew Drop Society"





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(Shared by John S. Withers)

Just found this family gathering marked 1925. I think all of the family dates are already on Ancestry.

## NEIL FAMILIES

Winnsboro, South Carolina  
1925



### Front Row

Left Facing Photo	John J Neil III	(b)
Center	Charles M Neil	
Right Facing Photo	Robert B Neil	

### Back Row From Left Facing Photo

1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Thompson Neil	(b) 2/1/1887
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachael Brice	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Thompson Alling	(b) 1/28/1862
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eliza (Lida) Neil	(b) 10/8/1878
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy B Neil	(b) 8/21/1890
6 <sup>th</sup>	John J Neil, Jr.	(b) 6/26/1880

(Shared by Larry Curry)

## MORRIS & GOWIN DEEDS

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

JOHN MORRIS, WILLIAM MORRIS, EDWARD GOWING SR

by John M. King, 11/7/2024

Several free African American men of Fairfield Co SC petitioned the Senate of South Carolina in 1793 to avoid paying a tax on themselves, simply for being free persons of color.<sup>i</sup> The 22 signatures included those of JOHN MORRIS SR, his brother WILLIAM MORRIS SR, and EDWARD GOING SR. Three deeds in the records of Fairfield Co SC include these three names for property north of the Broad River and being on the branches of the Little River. The name of JACOB GIBSON, minister of the Gibson's Meeting House (aka Little River Baptist Church) also appears in these three deeds. John & William Morris and Amy Morris were early members of this church, which was organized in 1768.<sup>ii</sup> An 1820 Map of Fairfield Co SC is online at



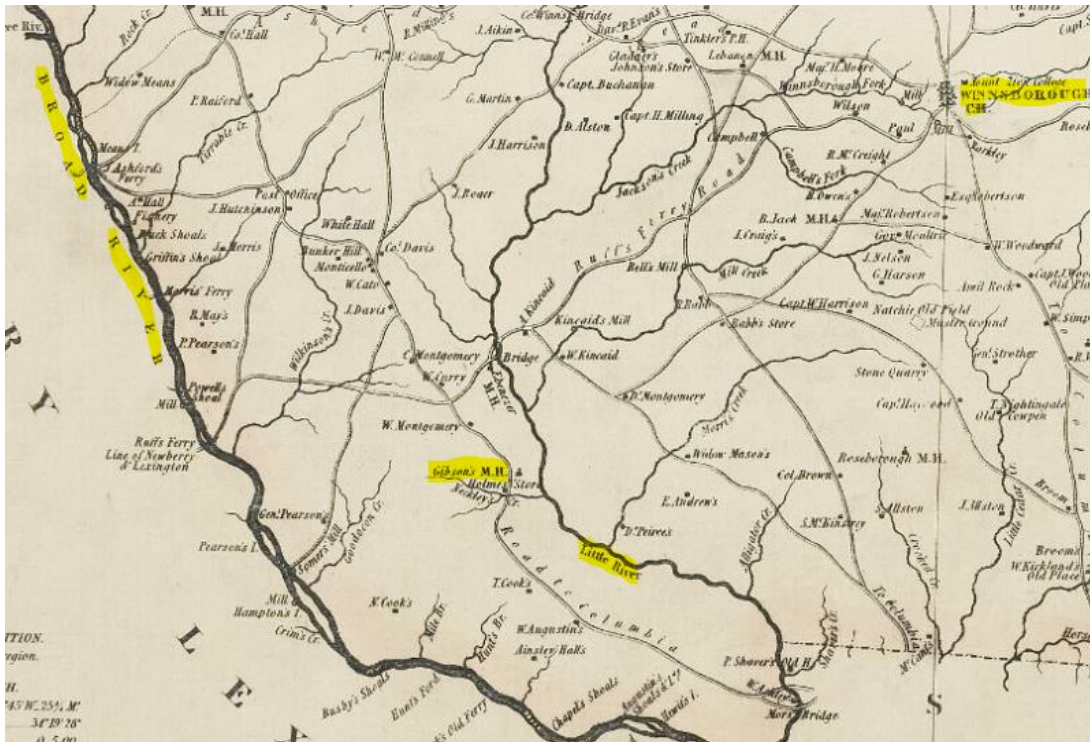
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<https://goyengoinggowengoyneandgone.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/fairfield-co-sc-map-in-1820.jpg>. The location of the Gibson Meeting House is shown on the following portion of the 1820 map—



The following three deeds are the only ones that I have found for the 1793 Petitioners. I have yet to find any deeds for JOHN MORRIS and his brother WILLIAM MORRIS selling their farms in Fairfield Co SC in conjunction with their move to Logan Co KY in the 1790s. Notice that WILLIAM MORRIS was described as a Free Negro, as early as 1769, and that EDWARD GOWIN, as early as 1770.

- Fairfield Co SC Deed K:232-234, dated 6/4/1769, recorded 10/29/1794 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKW-N7MK-7?cat=207758&i=453>, Film #008140748, Image 454 of 812).<sup>iii</sup> JACOB & JUDITH GIBSON of Craven Co SC and WILLIAM MORRIS of the county and province aforesaid **free negro** . . . 30 pounds . . . 100 acres . . . part of 250-acres lying and being on Little River in Craven County . . . Witnesses: John Long Sr & David Long . . . 1-year indenture paid in full
- Fairfield Co SC Deed K:235-237, dated 9/16/1783, recorded 10/30/1794 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKW-N7MK-D?cat=207758&i=454>, Film #008140748, Image 455 of 812).<sup>iv</sup> JACOB GIBSON Sen'r of Craven Co SC, Camden District to WILLIAM MORRIS, **free mulatto** of said district, plantation of 400 acres being part of a tract of 550 acres originally granted to Judith Gibson, Deceased. Twenty-four pounds sterling. Adjacent to land in possession of JOHN MORRIS and the said WILLIAM MORRIS. Plat map shows these properties on the west side of Little River.
- Fairfield Co SC Deed K:373-376, dated 1/12/1770, recorded 11/26/1790 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKW-N7MQ-F?cat=207758&i=759>, Film #008140748, Image 760 of 812).<sup>v</sup> Colin Forbis of Craven Co SC to EDWARD GOWING/GOWIN Sen'r, a **free Negro**, of said province . . . 200 acres on north side of Broad River & being on the branch of Little River. Witnesses: JACOB GIBSON & WILLIAM MORRIS.





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 This Indenture made the Twelveth day of June in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine and  
 in the Tenth year of his Majestys King William **Jacob Gibson** of  
**Craven County and Province of South Carolina Planter of the one**  
**part** and **William Moriss** of the County and Province of **South Carolina**  
 of the other part **Witness** in and by a Certain Grant bearing  
 Date the third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
 hundred and sixty nine and in the fifth year of his Majestys King  
 Under hand of the Honorable William Bull Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant Governour  
 and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys said Province  
 of South Carolina and the great Seal of the Province for that  
 Purpose Appointed did give and grant unto **Jacob Gibson**  
 a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred & fifty  
 Acre Situate lying and being on Little River in Craven County  
 and bounded Northeastward on land belonging to Thomas Woodard  
 South Westward on land laid out to Solomon Mc Geaw and made  
 other sides by vacant lands and hath such shape form and marks  
 as appears by a plat thereof unto the said grant annexed as in and  
 by the said Plat and Grant duly recorded in the Secretaries Office  
 of the said Province in Book in page 500 Reference being there  
 unto had may more fully appear Now this Indenture  
 Witnesseth that the said Jacob Gibson for and in Consideration  
 of the sum of Twenty pounds Lawfull Current Money of the Province  
 advanced to him in Toward well and truly paid by the said William  
 Moriss out and before the Signing and Delivery of this presents  
 the Receipt whereof he hath fully Acknowledged and to be well  
 truly Satisfied and paid hath granted Bargained and sold unto  
 the said **Jacob Gibson** and by these presents do grant Bargain sell  
 alien Assign Release Convey and Confirm unto the said William  
 Moriss in his Actual possession now being by virtue of a bargain  
 and sale thereof for one whole year and by force of the Statute for  
 Transferring of this into possession and to his heirs and assigns for  
 Ever one hundred and twenty part of the before mentioned tract of  
 two hundred & fifty Acre Situate lying and being South westward  
 on the remaining part of the above mentioned tract of two hundred  
 and fifty Acre of land North westward on lands laid out to Solomon  
 Mc Geaw and hath such shape form and marks as appears by  
 a Plat thereof to the above recited Indenture of these presents To be  
 their with all and singular the Liberties Tenures Customs Building  
 Barns Stables yards Gardens Orchards woods under woods timber and  
 timber Two Meadows pastures Lakes ponds fishing weirs Water Works  
 Courts paths passages Liberties Privileges Profits Hereditaments  
 Rights members and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or  
 in anywise Appertaining the Reversion or Reversions Remainder  
 and Remainders Rents Issues and profits thereof and of every part  
 and parcel thereof and all the Good Right Title Interest use  
 Trust possession Property profit Benefit Claim and Demand  
 whatsoever of them the said Jacob Gibson if into or out of the same



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premises and every part thereof and all Dues, Penalties, Fines, and Arrears of Rents  
 due touching or Concerning the same premises and every part & parcel thereof  
**To have and to hold** the said plantation or tract of one hundred acres  
 of land aforesaid with every the premises and appurtenances thereto be-  
 longing herein before granted Released and conveyed unto the said William  
 Morris his Heirs and Assigns to the only full and Absolute Use and  
 behoof of him the said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns forever  
 and in the said Jacob Gibson Deth Heir for himself his Heirs  
 Executors Administrators and Assigns (Covenant premises & agree to  
 and with the said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns in manner  
 and form following that is to say that in the said Jacob Gibson  
 is and shall the Execution of these presents shall stand Sued of good  
 sure just and Indefeasible State of Inheritance in fee simple  
 and in the aforesaid tract of one hundred acres of land with the Rights and  
 Members and appurtenances without any manner of Condition Trust  
 Judgment Execution or Incumbrance what soever to alter Change or  
 determine the same and also that the said William Morris his  
 Heirs and Assigns shall and may from time to time and at all  
 times for ever hereafter Peaceably and Quietly have hold use  
 occupy possess and enjoy the said plantation or tract of one hundred  
 acres of land with every of the Premises and appurtenances what-  
 ever thereunto belonging without any manner of Turbulent Hindrance  
 Molestation interruption and Denial of him the said Jacob  
 Gibson his Heirs and Assigns and of all and every other person or  
 persons whatsoever saving that his Majesty's quitrents shall  
 by the said William Morris be paid from the time that it has  
 become due the presents times and at all times that it shall arise  
 for ever hereafter as also all other of his Majesty's Quitrents in the  
 said tract of one hundred acres of land **and lastly** the said Jacob  
 Gibson for himself his Heirs Executors Adm<sup>r</sup> the said plantation or  
 parcel of one hundred acres of land with the premises and appurte-  
 nances unto the said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns against  
 him the said Jacob Gibson his Heirs and Assigns and all and every  
 other person or persons whatsoever shall and will recover and for  
 ever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Jacob Gibson  
 hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day and year first above written  
 Signed Sealed and Delivered }  
 In the presence of us } **Jacob Gibson**  
 John Long Jun<sup>r</sup> } **Judith m Gibson**  
 David D Long } mark

Received the day first year first within written of the within  
 named William Morris the sum of Twenty pounds it being the full  
 Consideration Money within mentioned Rec<sup>d</sup>  
 W<sup>m</sup> Jacob Gibson



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Mem<sup>o</sup> Before me John Winn Esquire one of his Majesty's Justices for Craven County Personally appeared David Long who after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God did declare and say that he was personally present and did see **Jacob Gibson** sign seal and as his Act and Deed deliver the within said of Release unto **William Morris** to and for the Intent and purpose therein mentioned and this Deponent further saith that he did see him sign the same have Indorsed and that himself and John Long subscribed their names as witnesses therunto

Recorded this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1769

John Winn

This Indenture made the sixteenth of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three Between **Jacob Gibson** Sen<sup>r</sup> of Craven County State of South Carolina Camden district of the one part **William Morris** Free Mullatto of said District of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jacob Gibson for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty pounds Sterling Currency of the State aforesaid to him in hand well and truly paid by this said **William Morris** at and before the Sealing and Delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged and to be well Contented



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 Released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents with grant bargain  
 at which Remains Release convey and confirm unto the said William  
 Morrey in his actual possession now by virtue of a Bargain and  
 Sale made for one whole year by indenture bearing date the day  
 next before the day of the date of these presents by John and Charles  
 of the State for conveying same into possession and to his heirs  
 Upon force a certain plantation or Parcel of land supposed to contain  
 four hundred acres of land more or less being part of a tract of five  
 hundred and fifty acres originally granted to Judith Gibson Deceased  
 and now in possession of said Gibson by deed of said John and Charles  
 and said Jacob Gibson conveyed unto the said William Morrey the said parcel  
 of four hundred acres of land surveyed in the waters of Little River  
 bounded East on the said river and possession of John and Charles  
 on vacant land and South such shape form and Metes as appears by a  
 plat returned Anno 1708 in land in possession of **John Morrey** and  
 the said William Morrey containing four hundred acres to the same more  
 or less as the plat of the same represents TOGETHER with all and singular  
 the Building, Barns, Stables, yards, Gardens, Orchards, woods and woodlands  
 and Tenements Meadows pastures lakes ponds, fishings, ways, rivers and  
 water Courses, paths, passages, liberties, Privileges, profits, Hereditaments  
 Rights, claims and Profits, Hereditaments and all the State Right title, Interest  
 use, Tenure, possession, benefit, claim and demand whatsoever both in law  
 and Equity of law the said Jacob Gibson or his heirs or assigns or assigns  
 and assigns in and to the said Parcel of four hundred acres of land TO  
 HAVE AND TO HOLD the said plantation or Parcel of four hundred  
 acres of land with the rights, members and appurtenances thereunto  
 belonging unto the said William Morrey, his heirs, Executors, Administrators  
 and assigns and to the said Jacob Gibson for himself his heirs, Executors,  
 Administrators and assigns from and against all persons claiming or to  
 claim the same by force of law or otherwise and all and every other persons or  
 persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and for ever defend by his heirs  
 the said William Morrey the said Jacob Gibson, his heirs and assigns and  
 that the day and year first written above written  
 Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
 in presence of us } Jacob Gibson  
 Stephen Gibson  
 William Brown  
 David Gibson

Received the day and year first written above written of the within named  
 William Morrey the full sum of Twenty pounds Current Money of  
 the State of South Carolina it being the full consideration money within  
 mentioned to say and  
 Witness my hand  
 William Brown  
 Stephen Gibson  
 David Gibson



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Before me John Cook personally appeared David Gibson and Stephen Gibson who after being duly sworn depose and swear that they above named and did see the within named Jacob Gibson sign seal and his last and did deliver the Release or Instrument of Writing unto the within named William Murray senior to and for the use and purposes within the said Release expressed and specified and that they also saw the said Jacob Gibson sign the Receipt for the Consideration Money herein mentioned and that they the deponents or William Murray sign his name as witness thereto

Given at the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1793  
Before me  
John Cook J.P.

Pursuant to the Covenant and agreement of the above said of Release unto William Murray and his heirs Granted Released and Conveyed by Jacob Gibson Sen and the above is a true plat of the above mentioned land both of the East and west sides of Little River Brandon District Surveyed in the name of Jacob Gibson and all that part lying on the west side of the said River within the bounds of the above plat supposed to be 60 acres and sold to the said Murray to the same more or less by Jacob Gibson as aforesaid mentioned

Recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1794





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This Indenture made the twelfth day of  
January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
hundred and seventy and in the ninth year of  
his majesty King William the Third of  
Great Britain and province of South Carolina, planter  
of the one part and Edward Cowley Sen<sup>r</sup> of the land  
and province aforesaid True negro of the other part  
Whereas in and by a certain grant bearing date  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September in the year of our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and in the  
seventh year of his majesty King under the hand  
of his Excellency Lord Charles Craven Montague  
Capt<sup>l</sup> General Governor and commander in chief  
and over his majesty's province said province of South  
Carolina and the great seal of the province for that  
purpose appointed did give and grant unto Colin  
Forbes on his majesty's Province a plantation or  
tract of two hundred acres of land situate lying  
and being on the branches of Little River on the north  
side of broad River in Craven County bounded S W  
on lands laid out to David Senrater and all other  
sides by vacant land and hath such shape form and  
marks as appears by a plat thereof unto the original  
grant annexed as in and by the said plat and grant  
duly recorded in the secretaries office of the said  
province in book 66 page 17 reference being thereunto  
had may more fully appear Now this Indenture  
Witnesseth that the said Colin Forbes for and  
in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty  
five pounds lawful current money of the province then  
to him in hand well and truly paid by the said Edward



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Gowery at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents  
the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and shew  
with to be well contented satisfied and paid both granted  
bargained and sold aliened Released and conveyed and  
Confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell  
alien Release and convey and confirm unto the  
said Edward Gowery in his actual possession now being  
by virtue of a bargain and sale thereof for one whole year  
and by force of the Statute for transferring of uses into pos-  
session and to his heirs and assigns forever the said  
plantations or tract of two hundred acres of land as  
afore mentioned Together with all and singular the  
the houses edifices buildings Barns Stables Yards  
Gardens orchards woods underwoods Timber and  
Timber Trees meadows pastures lakes ponds fisheries  
ways water watercourses paths passages liberties privileges  
profits Hereditaments Rights members and appurtenances  
whatssoever thereunto belonging or in anywise apper-  
taining the Reversion or Reversions Remainder or  
Remainders Rents Issues and profits thereof and of  
every part and parcel thereof — Erlin Forbes of into  
or out of the same premises and every part thereof  
Touching or concerning the same premises and every part  
and parcel thereof do have and to hold the said  
plantations or tract of two hundred acres of land as aforesaid  
and every of the premises and appurtenances thereunto belonging  
herein before Granted Released and conveyed unto the said  
Edward Gowery his heirs and assigns to the only proper and  
absolute use and behoof of the said Edward Gowery his  
heirs and assigns forever and he the said Erlin Forbes doth  
hereby for himself his heirs & assigns consent



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1780 promise and agree to and with the said Edward Goring  
his heirs and assigns in manner and form following that  
is to say that the said John Forbif now is and until  
the Execution of these presents shall stand seignior of, as  
good sure perfect and Indefeasible Estate of inheritance  
in full simple of and in the aforesaid Tract of two  
hundred acres of land with the rights and members  
and appurtenances without any manner of reservation  
Trust mortgage Judgment Execution or encumbrance  
whatsocver to alter change or determine the same and  
also that the said Edward Goring his heirs and assigns  
shall and may from time to time and at all times  
persons hereafter peaceably find quietly have hold  
use occupy possess and enjoy the said plantation  
or Tract of two hundred acres of land with every of  
the premises and appurtenances thereto belonging  
without any manner of trouble hindrance molestations  
Interruption and denial of him the said John  
Forbif his heirs and assigns and of all and every other  
person or persons whatsoever until lastly the said  
John Forbif for himself his heirs and assigns the said  
plantation or Tract of two hundred acres of land with  
the premises and appurtenances the said Edward Goring  
his heirs and assigns against him the said John Forbif  
his heirs and assigns and all and every other person  
persons whatsoever shall and will warrant forever  
warrant by these presents In Witness whereof the  
said John Forbif to these presents hath hereunto set his  
hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signes sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us  
Jacob Gibbs  
William Sheriff

John Forbif



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Received the day and year first within written of the within  
named Colin Forbiff the sum of one hundred and twenty  
five pounds current money of the province of South Carolina  
it being the full consideration money within mentioned day  
Received of me  
Colin Forbiff

1795

Memorandum that on the thirtieth day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
seventy one personally came and appeared before me John  
Winn Esq; one of his majestys Justices assigned to keep  
the peace in Craven County **Jacob Gibson** who after  
being duly sworn did declare and say that he did see  
the within named Colin Forbiff sign seal and witness  
and did sign and deliver the within and of Release to  
**Charles Green** for the intent and purposes within mentid  
and did also see him the said Colin Forbiff sign the Rec<sup>t</sup>  
on the back indorse and that himself and **William**  
**Storrs** subscribed their names as Witnesses thereunto  
Sworn before me  
the above date }  
John Winn Esq

Jacob Gibson

Recorded 26 Novembris 1796



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(Shared by Jongy Ward)

AEDANUS BURKE

TO GOVERNOR BENJAMIN GUERARD

Charleston 14th Decr. 1784

Sir

I arrived from my Circuit this Evening & take the earliest Opportunity to communicate to your Excellency. a very extraordinary affair which happened in the Town of Ninety Six on the 7th Instant. I suppose your Excellency has heard of an Excursion made by the noted Will Cuninghame in the Winter of 1781 into the interior Settlements, at the head of about 150 white men & negroes, under Orders from the British Colo. Balfour. Cuninghame having killed in his rout every person he met with, (it is said to the number of 50) whom he suspected to be friends to this Country, & burnt their Habitations, came at length to a House in which were an American party of 35 men, commanded by Colo. Hayes. These refusing to surrender at discretion, an attack commenced & a hot fire kept up, with some Loss on both Sides, for about three hours; the British party possessed themselves of the out buildings, & at last set fire to the house in which Colo. Hays was posted. In this distressful Situation they refused to surrender at discretion; reasonable terms were offered; that they should march out, lay down their arms & be treated as prisoners of war until exchanged; & a Capitulation was formally signed & interchanged. The Americans had no sooner marched out & laid down their Arms, but the British seized Colo. Hays, & with the Capitulation in his hand, pleading the terms of it & begging for Mercy, they hanged him to the limb of a tree & then fired a Bullet thro' him. Capt. Williams the second in Command, was treated in the same manner. After which Cuninghame, with his Own hands slew some of the prisoners & desired his men to follow his example. A most cruel slaughter of the prisoners ensued; nineteen of them were butchered & the rest escaped their fate by means too tedious now to mention.

A man by the name of Love, who had dwelt in the district before & since the war & had married there, was one of Cuninghame's party, & a principal actor in this tragical business. Love traversed over the ground where lay the dead & the dying, his former neighbours & old Acquaintances, & as he saw Signs of Life in any of them, he ran his sword thro' & dispatched him. Those already dead he stabbed again: & when others seemingly without Life, pierced by the point of his Sword were involuntarily convulsed with the pain, to these he gave new wounds; lest any in so dreadful a Calamity might sham death to avoid it. Many other Circumstances of barbarous insult to the dead bodies of Colo. Hays, Capt.



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Williams & others are related by Major Downs, Major Mulvee, Captn. Saxon & sundry other gentlemen of great worth & honor, who were witnesses of this Massacre, but fortunately escaped it; some thro' the good will of a Neighbour, & others by the intercession of their own slaves.

Love was thenceforth held in universal execration, yet he some time ago ventured to return into the vicinity of Ninety Six. He was taken up, & a Justice of the peace committed him to Goal [i.e. Jail], thinking that such barbarity did not come under the treaty of peace, so as to shelter him from prosecution. The State's Attorney laid the Affair before the Court of Sessions, who over ruled the prosecution; I being of opinion That under the Treaty, his Conscience & his feelings alone stood responsible for what was alledged; & on motion of his Council he was discharged. I then observed that there was no appearance, no look of disapprobation directed against a man so generally detested: all seemed to be reconciled. The determination on Love's Affair closed the business of the Sessions, & the Court immediately adjourned to the 26th of April next.

A party of men as respectable for Services & good Character as any in the district, composed of the fathers, Sons, & brothers and friends of the slain prisoners, had attended Court, & waited until the Judge had left the Court House, & arrived at his Lodgings. And then without tumult or noise made Love a prisoner & put him on horseback: they proceeded on, & tho' the house where they supposed the Judge had entered, led directly to the place where they intended to convey him, yet they took a Circuit another way to the skirts of a wood, where they arrived under the limb of a tree, to which they tyed one end of a rope, with the other round his neck, & bid him prepare to die; he urging in vain the injustice of killing a man without tryal, & they reminding him, that he should have thought of that, when he was slaughtering their kinsmen. The Horse drawn from under him left him suspended til he expired.

Thus I have related this unhappy Affair as I have heard it, & I can assure your Excellency., that whatever appearance this transaction may have to the contrary, the people of Ninety Six wish ardently to forget the injuries Of the War, provided those do not return among them, that have committed wanton acts of barbarity. Many plunderers and other mischievous people now set down among them without molestation; nor can I learn that there exists resentment against any man who acted like a Soldier & fought them in fair open action. But it is to be lamented that such men as Love is described to have been, will be so infatuated as to return among the Citizens, & thus prevent the restoration of the publick tranquility.

I have the honor to be Your Excellency's Most obedt. humble Servt.

His Excellency Governor Guerard

(Signed) AEdanus Burke



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## Notes:

This letter is in Records of the General Assembly, Governor's Messages, No. 313, South Carolina Archives. The letter is a copy made by a clerk sometime before January 24, 1785, when Governor Guerard submitted it to the General Assembly. It is transcribed literally.

Colonel Nisbet Balfour (1743-1823) was the British commandant at Charleston.

Colonel Joseph Hayes succeeded Colonel James Williams as commander of the Little River Regiment of the South Carolina militia when Williams died in 1780.

Captain Daniel Williams was the younger brother of Colonel James Williams.

Jonathan Downs (1738-1818), William Milwee (1753-1840), and Samuel Saxon were all survivors of the Hayes Station massacre. In 1784 Downs had been elected to the Senate and Milwee to the House. Saxon later served in the House and as sheriff of Ninety Six District. See Bailey and Cooper, Biographical Directory, 3:191-92, 502, 637-38.

Aedanus Burke (1743-1802) served as an associate judge of the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions from 1778 to 1799.

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The Hanging of Matthew Love  
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I. Steve Bailey, Discovered the following tribute by accident online last week. I love these accidental discoveries. I shared this tribute on my Facebook wall & the Pageland SC Historical Society Facebook Group. Enjoy your day & enjoy the holidays, Steve Bailey (brand new office manager of Anson County Historical Society).

This tribute was copied from "History of the American Negro and His Institution; South Carolina" Volume 3 - Published in the year 1919 by A. B. Caldwell Publishing Company.

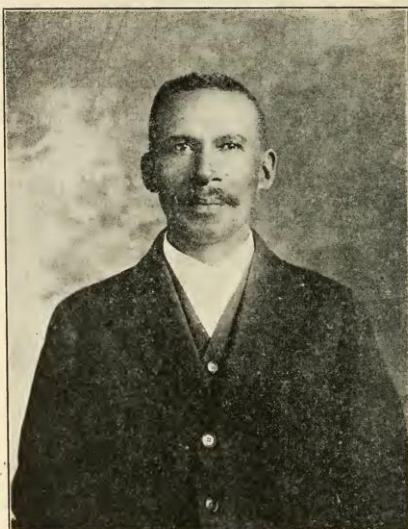
In the year 1918, Reverend John Walcott Douglas was stationed at Laurens, SC & has with singleness of purpose devoted himself to the Gospel ministry. What he lacked in early educational opportunities, he has sought to make up in personal application and enthusiasm. How well he has succeeded is shown by the fact that he commands some of the best appointments in his Conference.

Reverend Douglas was born in Fairfield County, SC just before the close of the Civil war, on February 27, 1864. His father, who was a slave before Emancipation, was a very skillful shoemaker. His work was much in demand. His mother was Sallie (Parker) Douglass. Beyond this he knows little of his ancestry.

On March 4, 1887, Elder Douglass was married to Miss Meta Leitner, a daughter of Daniel Leitner, of Fairfield County. They own a home at Carlisle in Union County, SC. In 1918 when Reverend Douglas was interviewed for this book, their three living children are: Arnett, John Wesley and James T. Douglass. Their father has sought to give them the educational advantages which he lacked.

Reverend Douglas worked on the farm till he entered the ministry, totaling depending on the public school at Winnsboro SC for his schooling. After he became an adult, he joined the church and entered the ministry. From the beginning he has given himself to the work whole-heartedly, and, when called to hard tasks for which he felt unprepared, has endeavored by close application to prepare himself. This policy has led to is steady advancement. He joined the Conference at Columbia SC in 1896. At his first appointment, the Eastern Circuit, in Union County, SC he built a church. After that he served St. James Circuit; Goldville Circuit, five years, built one church and remodeled another; St. Mary's Circuit, four years, built an annex to one church and remodeled another Antioch and Poplar Circuit, five years, remodeled one church and completed another. He is now in his third year at Bethel Station, Laurens, which is one of the best appointments in upper South Carolina.

Elder Douglass is much in demand as a revivalist not only in South Carolina, but beyond the confines of the State as well. He was a delegate to the Centennial Conference at Philadelphia, is a trustee of Allen University and a member of the Dollar Money Committee. He belongs to the Masons and Pythians. He sees in Christian education the only means to permanent progress and lasting prosperity.



JOHN WALCOTT DOUGLASS.

Reverend John Walcott Douglas passed away in Cheraw, South Carolina on February 15, 1942 at the age of 77 & was buried at Foundry Hall Cemetery in Cheraw. His wife, Meta Leitner Douglas passed away one month earlier on January 17, 1942 at the age of 75 & Meta was buried at Foundry Hall Cemetery.

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## (Q) queries / (A) answers / (I) information

The FCGS welcomes your assistance in solving the ongoing queries. Please email or contact Eddie Killian at 803-635-9811. If we were not able to find anything for your inquiry, perhaps one of our readers may be able to assist you. Also, at the end of the queries/answers/information section there will be a list of paid researchers from the SC Archives & History.

**Q1: Austin Giesel**, I am wondering if any membership records, baptisms, marriages, etc are still in existence for the Liberty Universalist Church in the Feasterville corner of Fairfield? My ancestors, the McLanes, lived up there amongst the Colemans, and I am trying to break through the brickwall of Henry Joel McLane's parentage.

**A1:** I am a Wylie "Screw" Coleman descendant. His daughter Elita married Henry Jeffares, my line. His daughter Polly married William McLane (Is this your line? Here is the link to the FCGS Members Only web pages for Liberty Universalist Church. I noticed several of my ancestors in the last article. Liberty Universalist

**Q2:** Thank you for the information. At the moment, I do not believe that William McLane is a direct ancestor, but rather an uncle/brother to my ancestors. From a comparison of late 1800s newspaper articles and obituaries, I believe that Jonathan Sutton McLane and William McLane were brothers, and that they were both sons of Lavinia (maiden name unknown) who was widowed by the 1829 Fairfield local census. Henry Joel McLane's headstone places his birth on Dec 24, 1834. He lived with Jonathan D Coleman, Jonathan's wife Sarah, and Lavinia on the 1850 and 1860 census. Henry Joel McLane married Precious Ann Crowder (Daughter of Robert and Susanna Crowder) on 15 Feb 1860, and was still residing in the Coleman house with Lavinia and his new wife on the census. Henry Joel McLane was living with his family 2 houses down from Jonathan D Coleman's household on the 1870 census. Lavinia, Jonas H (b. 1854) and another Henry J McLane (b. 1849) were also in the Coleman household. Jonathan David Coleman died on 20 March 1874 and a May 1888 newspaper article written by the politician John Hendrix McLane (the 1849 born "Henry J McLane" from the 1870 census) indicates that "grandmother McLane" died "thirteen years ago at Feasterville, where she had lived for about eighty-two years." Based upon census records, Lavinia would have been about 82 when "grandmother McLane" died in 1875, so this is certainly her. On the 1880 census Sarah Coleman was the head of the household and identified "Jones H McLane" and "Hendrix McLane" as "Nephew" and Hendrix's daughter Lula as "Niece". Hendrix was living with Jonathan Sutton McLane in 1850 and 1860 in Georgia, and while Jones H McLane was never in the household on a census, he did at various times report that he was born in Georgia. Based upon all of the above, I believe that Lavinia had at least 3 children (William, Jonathan Sutton, and Sarah), and that Henry Joel McLane somehow fits into this lineage. William would have only been 13, and Jonathan Sutton McLane would have been 17 when Henry Joel McLane was born, so William is likely excluded from the running. Jonathan Sutton McLane's earliest known wife would only have been 10y/o when Henry Joel McLane was born, so that leaves me with my current theories of 1) Lavinia had a 3rd son who was Henry Joel's father. 2) Jonathan Sutton had a young marriage and wife died shortly after giving birth. 3) Jonathan Sutton McLane had an out-of-wedlock son. 4) Lavinia has an out-of-wedlock son as a widow 5) Sarah had an out-of-wedlock son before marrying Jonathan D Coleman. 6) Something else entirely. I tend to shy away from option 5, because if Sarah had an out-of-wedlock child that Jonathan D Coleman was comfortable enough with to allow him to live in their home and then employ as an overseer, I would expect more indications of acknowledgment (land gifts, inheritance, etc), and while Sarah engaged in land transactions with Jones and Hendrix, she never did with Henry Joel that I have found. That being said, Henry Joel McLane did sell 2 acres in 1887 which were bounded "on South by lands of Estate of J D Coleman", and the 1880 Ag Schedule shows Hendrix owning 220 acres, Henry Jones owning 140 acres and Henry owning 100 acres with John G Wolling listed right below Henry (Henry Joel's 1887 sale was to John G Wolling's widow who already owned land "East and West" of Henry Joel's land). I have yet to determine where the 100 acres came from (beyond it likely having been a part of J D Coleman's land prior to Henry Joel McLane owning it), or what happened to the other 98 acres after 2 were sold to John Wolling's widow. Perhaps Henry Joel McLane's estate records would answer some of these questions, but I have never been able to locate those either. Apologies for the lengthy recitation, but I wanted to put it all out there, just in case something happens to ring a bell for you that might lead to further clues in this hunt.



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**A:** Maybe this will help; here is a quick link to the [Coleman](#) families.

**Q:** **Kay Brinkley**, I send an email back in July requesting forwarding my email to Lauren Mallory, a lifetime member. This membership is to the Honor and Memory of Annie Williams Dubard. Annie Williams Dubard Cooper was my great-grandmother's sister. My great-grandmother's name was Raiford Alcibiades Dubard Leitner. I'm wondering if Lauren is a granddaughter or great-granddaughter of Aunt Annie's. If so, this would make us distantly related. Would it be possible for you to forward this email to Lauren? I'm interested to know how we're related and she probably doesn't know that there are Dubard relatives still around. In fact, a granddaughter of Adam Dubard, brother to Annie and Raiford just recently passed away. Her name was Sandra Dubard Jones and she passed away on October 27, 2024, at age 81. I appreciate any help you can give.

**A:** Kay Brinkley asked me to forward her email to you.

**Q1:** **Susan Bates**, I've been trying to trace some ancestors who lived in Union County in 1800. I saw your post on the Roots and Recall website. I was just wondering what kind of genealogy research you do, how much you charge, etc. My ancestors had some land in the Pinckney District on Ned's Creek, waters of Broad River, but I cannot find Ned's Creek on any maps. Thanks

**A1:** Who is your ancestor or ancestors? I have some information on Union County. Have you seen the land grant plat maps done by the Union County Historical Society?

**Q2:** Susan Bates, Thank you for the efficient reply. My ancestor was Isaac Bates. I've traced my family back up to his son, Thompson G. Bates, who was born in 1805 in Union County. We have some old land warrants that show Isaac having land surveyed in Pinckney District, near Ned's Creek, or near Wolf Pen Creek. I can't figure out what happened to Isaac. It looks like he was in the 1810 census and not in the 1820 census. I also can't figure out who Isaac's father was, despite quite a bit of work. I would love to see the land grant plat maps. Thanks so much for any information you might have.

**A2:** Isaac might have been in the War of 1812, and something happened to him. That would explain why he is not in the 1820 census. I do not have anything for an Isaac Bates in our collection. On map attached, locate Broad River, then West of river Daniel Trammel 1760, then West of Daniel find R.R. tracks, then east of R.R. tracks, find Neds Creek. In case you have not found these at the SC Dept. of History and Archives: <https://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. Then go to 'Just take me to the search page', under 'Full name', type Bates, Isaac, then it lists a lot of information for Isaac Bates. I found one that showed me where Neds Creek was located, so which one of the grant maps to attach. It looks like Isaac has sold to someone by the time this map was produced, did not see him on Neds Creek anymore.

**Q3:** Susan Bates: Thank you so much for the info. I've looked at a lot of maps! First time I have seen where that is! Here are some of the listings I received from a genealogist who helped me work on this in the past: Any thoughts on these other locations???

Residence

2 Aug 1798 • Union County, South Carolina, USA

Isaac Bates indexed as a neighbor on plat for John Renfro, locations: Neds Creek, head of Reedy branch

22 Aug 1798 • Pinckney District, South Carolina, USA

For John Johnston, 393.75 acres surveyed for Isaac Bates on 29 January 1798, situate in Pinckney District on the waters of Wolf Pen Creek and Cane Break Creek

5 Mar 1799 • Union County, South Carolina, USA

"...for Isaac Bates a tract of land containing five hundred acres surveyed for Thomas Roland the 27th day of January 1798. Situate in Pinckney District Union County on Ned's Creek, waters of Broad River..."

**Q:** Jon Ward, I need a copy of an obit in the Spartanburg Weekly Herald for Jan 27, 1935, on Mrs. Mary Bolt Ball. If you have access to it and can email me a copy, I sure will appreciate it!



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A: Mary Bolt Ball Greenville News Obituary

**Mrs. Mary B. Ball**  
PELHAM, Jan. 27.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Bolt Ball, 77, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. King, near Pelham Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock will be held at the graveside in the Bolt cemetery near Barksdale at 11 o'clock Monday morning, conducted by the Rev. Charlie Bobo. Interment will be made in the Bolt cemetery.  
The following will be the pallbearers: A. J. Tate, Furman Fowler, B. O. James, G. W. Jones, John Bagwell, and J. B. Cox.  
Mrs. Ball was the widow of the late Dr. W. H. Ball. Her death followed an illness of one month.  
Surviving are two daughters and nine grandchildren.  
Until the hour of the service the body is at the home of Mrs. King.



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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra, an AT&T 5G smartphone The screenshot is from a 1957 Ridgeway High School Yearbook advertising/sponsor section. Any help finding my Smith Family in Winnsboro would be appreciated. Researching my family has lead from one discovery to another. There was an excerpt from a 1970 something Federal Register that had "William C. Smith dba as Smith's Truck Stop" in it. Clarence was known to bug a new Lincoln Continental every year also. He was a reserve sheriff's deputy also.

**Q: Clarence Smith**, my DNA at FamilyTree DNA kit is [1002716](#). Researching my dad's paternal line became my hobby after a heart attack in April of 2020. My dad and mom told me and my brother that we were the last Smiths in my line. I only knew there were three John Smith before me, so getting past that initial brick wall was quite the challenge. My hobby became an obsession, a passion, and addiction. I was unaware of any living Smith relatives, except of one family that lived in Winnsboro Mills, SC. Clarence Smith owned "Smith's Truck Stop" there in the 1970s. We visited there in 1970 and spent a few days visiting. Clarence came to my dad's funeral after he passed in November of 1976. It was the last time I saw Clarence. He, his family, and the truck stop are lost in time now. I still can't find a trace of him or his family now and do not to this day know how they were related. My children bought me a yDNA35 test kit from FamilyTree DNA for Father's Day in 2023. It seemed like it took forever to get the results back. Within two hours of being notified, Gerald Neil Smith wrote me an email to let me know we were matches. We became fast friends. I had noticed Ed was on my match list also, and he and Neil were friends already. Neil gave me his phone number and we spoke a couple of hours that night. Need less to say, I wrote Ed and told him we were cousins. GRP-R-M-269-8 is my Smith DNA group. I thought genealogy would more cut and dried than it is. My family paternal line is much talked about and many would like to steal my heritage. Everyone seems to have their theories and opinions. I am still looking for and have only been at this for just over four years. Ed says you are an expert on the Mauldins. I seem to be related to both the Smith and Mauldin lines. Neil is trying to find evidence to prove or disprove Christopher B. Smith's (my 5th GGF) wife was a Mauldin... we know her name was Mary because her name is listed on historical land records as Mary Smith. I have ties to the Mauldins regardless, because Elizabeth Mauldin remains my 5th GGM. Rucker Mauldin was my 4th GGF.



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I: Eddie Killian, we used to go to this truck stop on the way to the River (Wateree River). He had a bear and tiger in cages so people could look at them while they have stopped. You care to research this; just let me know?

A: Nancy Hoy, He joined my Mauldin DNA project and emailed me this morning. I have already emailed him back. His son, Charles Ray Smith, ran the truck stop after his father. They were born in Trion, Chattooga Co, GA. and moved here before 1950. Please let him know that you are working with him and that he needs anything else from me, he needs to let me know.

## **William Smith**

**GREAT FALLS — Services for William Clarence Smith, 85, will be held at 4 p.m. today at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Dantzler-Baker Funeral Home is in charge. Memorials may be made to the church.**

**Mr. Smith died Wednesday, July 29, 1992. Born in Trion, Ga., he was a son of the late William and Mary Smith. He was former owner and operator of Smith's Truck Stop.**

**Surviving are his wife, Lucille Smith; a daughter, Linda Heath of Great Falls; a son, Daniel Smith of Appling, Ga.; a sister, Jett Greene of Shannon, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.**

I: Larry Curry, Attn: Eddie Killian, This email has 2 attachments. One attachment is a copy of the original Petition in my first email. The other attachment pertains to the Little River Baptist Church. On page 2 of the Church attachment, under male members are the names John Morris and William Morris. Not sure if these Morris's are my ancestors. Do you know if there is any more information on this original Baptist Church? I am on a "wild goose chase" and need some help on these folks. Thanks for any assistance! (see Members Submissions above)

I: Pelham Lyles, I was reading through the Fairfield Genealogical Society newsletter and saw that you are looking for information on your Morris ancestors. I am the director of the museum and asked Eddie to share your email contact with me. I am also a descendant of Isaac and John Morris and would like to share with you what I have. This is from files I have saved on my museum desktop. Some, such as the Harrison connection may not be relevant but you may want to scan the information for clues. Susan Caroline Elizabeth Morris Lyles was my great grandmother and her father was James Morris, son of Isaac Morris, grandson of John. Several members of my family have Morris as a middle name. My grandfather, son of Susan C. E. Morris and John Woodward Lyles, was James Morris Lyles, Sr. My father was James Morris Lyles, Jr. and my brother is James Morris Lyles III. His son is James Morris Lyles IV. My sister is also named after our ggrandmother--Susan Morris Lyles. Actually I don't see my Morris file on my desktop here and will have to search for it on my data at home. Look for follow-up as soon as I can get to it. John Morris was mentioned in the post-Revolution records for his assistance in providing supplies to the American soldiers in the area. In 1818, Robert H. Morris signed a petition to the legislature for assistance in funding repairs on the Monticello-Jefferson Academy (Thos. Jefferson had sent a donation when it was founded). A lady from Arkansas sent me a lineage chart of the descendants who had migrated there. I'll get you all that information.



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William Morris was born in 1740. He had four sons with Ms. Jane between 1762 and 1767. He died on December 20, 1801, in Fairfield, South Carolina, at the age of 61.

John Morris was born in November 1767 in Virginia, the son of Ms. Jane and William. He married Mary Hancock [daughter of Robert H.] on March 13, 1792, in Fairfield, South Carolina [another source says 1751-1823]. They had 11 children in 20 years. He died on December 11, 1823, in Warren, Arkansas, at the age of 56.

Morris' Ferry on the Broad River, Posted 30 Mar 2018 by SUSAN JOHANSON

"Located near the mouth of Pole Creek, Nettersville's Ferry was sold to Philip Pearson in 1808 and chartered as Pearson's Ferry until its sale to John Morris in 1814. Morris' Ferry received a 7 year charter from the General Assembly in 1814 and appears in Mills Atlas. No record of Morris petitioning the legislature to re-charter the ferry exists, and since Morris died in 1823, it is probably that the old ferry site was not in use for a number of years. After the death of Morris' widow in 1839, the property on Pole Creek and the Broad River was sold to Col. John Dawkins."

John Morris died with a minimum of personal effects, mainly clothing. Isaac Morris' name was mentioned in the papers. John Morris 1767–1823 BIRTH NOV 1767 • VA DEATH DEC 11, 1823 • Warren, Bradley, AR

In the name of God, Amen. I John Morris Sr. of Fairfield Dist. and State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make and ordain this my last will, in manner following, That is to say, I desire that a sufficiency of my personal estate be sold to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, all the remaining part of my real and personal property to continue with my beloved wife Mary Morris during her natural life or widowhood for the support of her and such of my children as may remain with her, and at her death to be sold and the money arising from said sales to be decided amongst my children and the heirs of their body's share and share alike, except the share of my daughter Lucretia now the wife of John Fenley which share I wish to be for the use and benefit of my daughter Lucretia and the heirs of her body forever, to be distributed to her and the heirs of her body at the discretion of my Administrators herein after mentioned. but if my wife should marry then I wish my property real as well as personal to be sold and the moneys arising from said sales to be divided between Mary Morris my wife and my children herein after mentioned with the exception of the above excepted Lucretia, that is to say, Lucy, Elizabeth, Robert, John, Lucretia, James, William, Mary, Elisha, Isaac, Ephraim. First my wife drawing one third part and the remaining two thirds to be equally divided amongst my children above mentioned share and share alike. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my wife executrix during her widowhood and my friends Kellis Nevitt and David Montgomery executors of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of Nov. in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty three. Children found on Ancestry chart: James, William, Lucy, Ephraim, Mary, Lucretia, John Isaac, Robert W., Elizabeth



John Woodward Lyles and Susan Morris, 1915



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More on Morris lines. Jeanie Nance is the lady from Arkansas who sent them. My great grandparents John Woodward and Susan Caroline Elizabeth Morris Lyles lived in a recently renovated house just across the street from the elementary school I attended and my father attended when it was the high school in the 1930s. My gr-grandfather moved to town from his father's western Fairfield County estate when it was sold at his death in 1902. Grandpa Lyles was the county clerk of court from 1903 until his death in the 1930s. Is your Curry surname from Fairfield County? Randy Perry Sears has done much research on her Curry line in Fairfield.

**Q: Warwick Aiken III, MD,** I am a retired internist practicing 40 years in Gastonia, NC, and now retired since 2020 with my wife to Pawleys Island, SC. Genealogy is one of my hobbies, and most of my Aiken ancestors were immigrants from County Antrim, Northern Ireland to Fairfield County, SC in the 1780's. It has been years since I visited my Aiken ancestor graves so last week I stopped by Winnsboro to see these graves and found they need some attention, just cleaning up saplings, weeds and vines in the case of the Sion Presbyterian Cemetery Aiken graves, and major clean up at the Martin-Aiken Burial ground west of Winnsboro. There are trees down, briars and saplings all around, the gate is open where a tree fell through the gateway and one long wall is collapsed. In the case of Sion Presbyterian Cemetery, do you know if I need to get permission to clean up the graves needing attention, and if so, whom should I call? The graves are my GGG grandparents David Aiken and Nancy Kerr Aiken and my GG grandfather Col. Hugh Kerr Aiken. In the case of the Martin-Aiken Burial Ground, I may have been inadvertently trespassing since I did not know that landowners could bar access to family cemeteries. I was reading with interest your cemetery page about that. By the way I tried to use the link to email Jon Davis but my version of Outlook is outdated and would not work. I did walk in to the cemetery and found it is in terrible shape with access blocked by pine saplings and fallen trees, and numerous fallen trees inside. I would like to return with the landowner's permission and maybe his help to clean up the cemetery, especially removing the tree hanging over my GGGG grandmother's headstone, Elizabeth Reid Aiken, and the tree lying across the vault of Peter Aiken (GGG uncle) and the stone on that vault indicating my GGGG grandfather's grave nearby, James Aiken 1733-1798. The collapsed wall is beyond my abilities but might be a project in the future. Do you happen to know who owns the property where the Martin-Aiken Burial Ground lies and how to contact that person? Thanks for any help or direction you can give me. By the way I know a lot about my branch of the Aiken's and would be glad to share what I have learned if any interest.

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## CHILDREN OF DAVID AND NANCY AIKEN

October 27, 2012 in A. M. Aiken, Aiken, Aiken Simons, Albert Simons, Alice Slawson, Annie Aiken, Augusta Aiken, Augustus Aiken, Augustus Milton Aiken, B. F. Randolph, Bentham Simons, C. A. Douglas, C. G. Memminger, Capt. Spauldin McIntosh,



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James Reid Aiken, eldest son, was born November 15, 1812. He received his academic education at Mount Zion college, where he was prepared for the South Carolina College. Here he graduated in the class of 1832. James was well versed in belles-lettres, and fond of mathematics. He was particularly accurate in figures and his penmanship could not be excelled. His desire was for a mercantile life, so after his graduation he returned to Winnsboro, and was admitted to partnership with his father. The firm of David Aiken and Son conducted a large and lucrative business for about twenty years. He represented Fairfield district in the legislature of South Carolina for two consecutive terms. He was the first president of the Planters Bank of Fairfield and continued to direct its affairs until its suspension occasioned by the Civil War. He married Eliza Cloud, Bechamville, S. C., December 5, 1837. James R. Aiken was orderly sergeant of the company that volunteered from Fairfield in the Seminole War of 1836, and went to Florida to fight Osceola and his tribe. Their children were Clarence Cloud, who died Jan. 2, 1850, in his 12th year. Eunice, born November 30, 1843, married Pierre Bacot (who was a refugee from Charleston to Winnsboro during the Civil War) on October 10, 1866, Rev. W. E. Boggs officiating. She now lives at Winnsboro, a widow. William David was born July 18, 1846. He married Alice Slawson of New York, April 6, 1875, and both are living at Charlotte, N. C. Mary Louise was born October 30, 1848. She married DuBose Eggleston, Oct. 10, 1868, both now deceased. Margaret Cloud, born Jan. 24, 1858, now lives with her sister at Winnsboro. At the commencement of the Civil War in 1861, James R. Aiken was over the age to go to the front, but he held a Civil appointment under the Secretary of the Treasury, C. G. Memminger, Confederate cabinet, as receiver for Fairfield Kershaw and Sumter districts, South Carolina, under the Sequestration Act, of 1861, which required all monies due to parties North of the Potomac (our enemies) to be turned into the Confederate treasury, and returns of such indebtedness to Northern creditors, were by this law required to be made and paid to this receiver.

After the war, James R. Aiken resumed the business of merchandising under the firm name of Bacot and Company, with his son-in-law, in Winnsboro, S. C. His wife, Eliza Cloud, died June 18, 1861. His death occurred July 10, 1877, and he is buried in the family lot in the cemetery at Sion Church, of which he was an elder. In 1876, having retired from business, he employed his leisure hours in collecting and composing sufficient material for a book of 225 pages, which he had published, styling his labors, "Gems of Prose and Poetry the Fruits of Leisure House, by James R. Aiken, Winnsboro, S. C." Several copies of this book are in the hands of different members of the family at this date, 1806. His son, William D., served during the war as a courier for his uncle, Colonel Hugh K. Aiken, Sixth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, Butler's Brigade.

The second child, but first daughter, of David and Nancy Aiken, Elizabeth Rachel, was born the 23rd of February 1815, and married Dr. Osmond B. Woodward, 10th of February 1836. They went to live in the Salem section of Fairfield district. Ten years after their union, Dr. Woodward died, 11th of May, 1847, leaving no children. After this, "Annie," as she was called by



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the younger ones, made her home with, and was a mother to many of the children of several brothers. She died at Cokesbury, S. C., 26th of July, 1887. Her remains were carried to Winnsboro, and buried by the side of her husband.

Joseph Daniel, third child and second son, was born in Winnsboro, Aug 10, 1817. He received his academic education at Mount Zion' College, and from there entered South Carolina College, graduating in the class of 1841. Being of literary turn of mind, he chose the law as his profession, and he studied under Mr. David McDowell, one of the leading lawyers of the Winnsboro bar. He went to Charleston for the practice of his profession, and on the 4th of April, 1848, married his second cousin, Miss Ellen Daniel Martin, of that city, the daughter of Mr. Robert and Mrs. Serena Martin. Robert Martin was the son of Margaret Aiken, who was a sister of David Aiken. Joseph was quite an artist and having the talent for painting and sculpture, furnished his rooms in their hand—some residence, on the corner of Charlotte and Alexander streets (donated by Mr. Martin as a bridal present) with works from his own hand, such as oil paintings of birds, fishes, etc., for the dining room, while the parlor contained beautiful specimens of waterfalls and other landscapes. Nearby on pedestals would be seen busts of his wife and daughters, the work of his chisel. This talent was his diversion in leisure hours, and had it been seriously pursued, might have made his fortune. Joseph became financial agent for Governor William Aiken, and was in charge of the Martin estate. The rice and sea islands cotton crops of Governor William Aiken amounted annually to many thousands of dollars, and the Governor, besides his Jehossee Island plantation, with its thousand slaves thereon, owned many residences and stores in the city, rents from which were paid into the hands of his financial agent. Living then in Charleston myself, I remember handling once a check on the Bank of Charleston, payable at sight, to J. D. A., agent, and drawn by Robinson and Blalock, brokers, on East Bay, for a sloop load of rough rice, received from Jehossee, amounting to thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars. This gives some idea of the immensity of Governor William Aiken's estate, prior to the Civil War. When South Carolina seceded the planters along the seacoast organized a cavalry company, called the "Ashley Dragoons", and it was known as company H of the Third South Carolina Cavalry, Colonel C. J. Colcock commanding. Joseph D. Aiken was elected first lieutenant of this company, and they did service along the line of the Charleston-Savannah railroad, and on the seacoast near Beau-for and along the Savannah river, to hold in check the federal troops endeavoring to destroy property, burn houses and incite the numerous slaves to insurrection against their former masters. He was one of the originators of this company in 1861, and after serving two years with them, he received his discharge as being over-age for active service in the field, and was appointed an agent of the Confederate States government to buy cotton and ship to England through the blockade, for the purchase of supplies for the Confederate States army. After the surrender, he resumed business in Charleston, as a cotton factor and as agent for a line of steamers to Florida. Being associated with Captain Lewis M. Cofetter and E. M. Nowell, as the firm of J. D. Aiken and Company. He died the 5th of July, 1884, leaving a widow and four children: W. Martin Aiken, now an architect of New York, and who was appointed architect of the treasury department by President Grover Cleveland; Joseph D., second son, after a thorough education at the high school and at Charleston College, moved to Taftsville, Conn., and engaged in textile work, residing there now as an officer of a cotton manufacturing company; Serena, the eldest daughter married Dr. T. Grange Simons, of Charleston, and is now the happy mother of five sons, Grange, Aiken, Lucas, Bentham and Albert; Nell, who married Daniel H. Parker of Charleston or Georgetown (who lived but a short while), and after some years, a charming little widow, married Dr. R. P. Huger, of Anniston, Ala., where they now reside.

Caroline Margaret Aiken, the daughter of David and Nancy Aiken, was born in Winnsboro, Jan. 16, 1820. She received a classical education, graduated at Madam Talvan's, in Charleston. She never married, and after the death of her parents lived with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hugh K. Aiken, at Sewanee, Tenn., where Mrs. Aiken's children were being educated. Caroline died at Sewanee, Dec. 16, 1878, her remains being brought to Winnsboro and buried in the family lot there.

Hugh Kerr Aiken, the fifth child of David and Nancy Aiken, was born in Winnsboro, July 5, 1822 (being the first child born in the new home, the Aiken homestead, corner of Congress and Washington Streets). He, too, was sent to Mount Zion, until ready to enter the sophomore class at the South Carolina College in the year 1842. He did not graduate, but left in his junior year. Returning to Winnsboro, he followed farming and was a district surveyor in his county. In 1856, he moved to Charleston and became the senior member of the firm of H. K. Aiken & Co., cotton factors on Boyce's Wharf. When the war came on, he, with others, raised the Sixth S. C. Cavalry regiment, of which he was elected Colonel. They were stationed on the coast, along the Charleston and Savannah railroad near Adam's Run, until the regiment was ordered to Virginia in 1863. This Sixth Regiment,





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under the command of Col. Aiken, with the Fourth Cavalry (Col. Rutledge) and the Fifth Cavalry (Col. Jeffords) formed Butler's Brigade. Gen. M. C. Butler commanding, and were attached to Hampton's Division of Cavalry, Army of Northern Virginia. Hugh Kerr Aiken married Miss Mary Gayle of Mobile, Ala., Dec. 15, 1852. She now lives in New Orleans. At the battle of Travillian's Station, June 11, 1864, Col. Aiken was desperately wounded; a Minnie ball entering his neck and ranging through the chest came out under the shoulder blade. While wounded he told me that he was leading his men through a thick piece of woods, making for a rail fence, to use this as a breast-work, and the enemy were on the other side of the fence, trying to do the same thing. As he stooped to go under a chinquapin bush in his path, the ball, shot from over the fence, struck him above the collar bone and ranged downwards. Unable to rise, his men passed on without him, driving the enemy from the fence and out of the woods. This was Sheridan's famous raiding expedition on the Virginia Central Railroad to cut off supplies going to Lee's Army. Col. Aiken was moved to Louisa Court House, where he was carefully nursed by his devoted wife, who came to his side from South Carolina, and remained with him until she could get him removed to his home at Winnsboro, where she had refugeed while the city of Charleston was being bombarded. After several months, his wound having healed, Col. Aiken rejoined his regiment in Virginia. Being now the senior Colonel, he took command of the brigade, General Butler having been promoted to Major General and assigned to another command. After many skirmishes, fights and raids in Virginia, Butler's Brigade was ordered to Columbia, S. C., to oppose Sherman's march through Georgia and South Carolina. The hordes of this chieftain being continually reinforced, and the Confederates being too few to offer effective resistance, he entered Columbia, burned the capital city and drove the Confederates towards Winnsboro, tearing up and destroying the Charlotte and Columbia railroad in the march. At Winnsboro, Butler's Brigade was divided, a portion under Col. Aiken being sent in the direction of Camden, S. C., and the others towards Chester. Col. Aiken, with his command, followed the enemy to the Pee Dee, and after several skirmishes with them in Darlington District near Mount Elon Church at DuBose's Bridge, over the Pee Dee River, the opposing forces became engaged, and Col. Aiken received a mortal wound, a Minie ball passing through his heart while he was pushing to the front on horseback. He fell into the arms of his faithful nephew and courier, William D. Aiken, who had his body wrapped in his blanket and buried in Mt. Elon cemetery, from which place, after the war closed, his wife had his remains removed to Winnsboro and buried in the family lot of the Presbyterian cemetery. His children now living, are Dr. J. Gayle Aiken of New Orleans, who has an interesting family of six sons and one daughter: Holcombe, Hugh, John, Gayle, Warwick, Edith, Ralph and Charles. His daughter, Carrie, is the wife of M. C. Robertson, and they are living in Columbia, S. C. They have two daughters Mary Gayle and Minna Bayne.

Dr. William Edward Aiken was the sixth child of David and Nancy Aiken. Born in Winnsboro, Jan. 8, 1826, he received an academic education, being prepared by Professor Jas. W. Hudson to enter the sophomore class in the South Carolina College, from which he graduated in the class of 1846. He returned to Winnsboro and studied medicine under Dr. T. T. Robertson, afterward attending medical lectures in Charleston and Baltimore, and finishing his medical course in Paris. While in this city, he contracted from some hospital patient a severe case of small-pox, and was very ill, but owing to the faithful nursing of his friend and classmate, Dr. Wm. Huger, of Charleston, he recovered. On returning from Paris, he married Miss Patsie Eloise Woodward, of Talladega, Alabama in December, 1852.

Their children are Mary Ellen Aiken, Carrie (now Mrs. T. K. Elliott, of Winnsboro), Annie (now Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Winnsboro), Augusta (now Mrs. C. A. Douglas, of Washington D. C.), and David, now a dentist in Winnsboro. Edward another son, studied medicine, and had a bright future, but was cut off in early manhood. John, another son, died at the age of 25 or thereabouts. After his marriage, Dr. Aiken settled at Winnsboro for the practice of his profession. His reputation as a practitioner secured him a lucrative business. When the war broke out, his services were more needed at home, looking after the sick and wounded as they were brought back to Winnsboro, and for the relief of the widows and orphans in the community. By his liberal dispensing of drugs from his store, and visits to the afflicted and distressed women and children of the Confederacy he aided the cause of the South in every way he could. When Sherman's hordes of "Bummers" (thieves and scoundrels) took possession of Winnsboro, they captured Dr. Aiken, despoiled his hat, shoes and coat, and amid their taunts of "Secessionist", "Johnny Reb" and "Traitor", they marched him barefoot and bare-headed ten miles out of town and at their camp threatened his life if he did not sing and dance for their amusement. Under cover of darkness, Dr. Aiken escaped from this mob, returned to Winnsboro, and found his family robbed of every necessary article of clothing and food. After the



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war, Dr. Aiken continued his practice in Winnsboro. His farm near there had been stripped of all stock, but by the aid of friends, he was enabled by degrees to replenish it. He died July 18, 1900, and is buried at Winnsboro.

David Wyatt Aiken, the seventh child, was born in Winnsboro, March 17, 1828, and under the tutelage of Professor James W. Hudson, principal of Mt. Zion Academy, was prepared for South Carolina College as a sophomore. He graduated with distinction in the class of 1848. Degrees conferred at this time were First and Second Honors and "Five Appointments" to the seven highest in the class. D. Wyatt received an Appointment, from a class of 64 graduates. Returning home, he became tutor or assistant professor of mathematics at Mt. Zion, during the years 1850 and 1851. In the summer of the latter year, he visited England, France Switzerland, and other foreign countries. He married Miss Mattie Gaillard of "Clifton", the suburban residence of Mr. David Gaillard, one mile south of Winnsboro, on April 27, 1852. Having purchased "Bellevue", the farm of John B. McCall, a lawyer residing near Winnsboro, he now gave up the work as a teacher, and began his lifework of farming, to which he was greatly attached and for which pursuit he was ever ready with his pen to advocate and advance practical ideas and suggestions, hoping to instill into farmers the importance of diversified industries. In after years, he edited The Rural Carolinian, an interesting magazine, through whose columns he persistently advocated thorough preparation of the soil, heavy manuring and seeding with wheat, oats, barley, and the enrichment of our lands by raising cattle, sheep and hogs. His wife, Mattie Gaillard, died May 10, 1855, leaving two daughters, Ella, who is now Mrs. R. D. Smart, wife of a prominent Methodist Divine, residing in Norfolk, Va., and Louise. The latter lived only two years and is buried in the Episcopal cemetery in Winnsboro. D. Wyatt Aiken's second marriage was on the 27th of January, 1857, to Virginia Carolina Smith, of "Stony Point", Abbeville District, S. C. In the following year, Mr. Aiken sold "Bellevue" and moved to a plantation near "Stony Point", which he called "Coronaco", where he prepared to build and improve that settlement as a permanent home. However, by the time a four-room brick building had been erected on these premises, for a kitchen, laundry and servant's home, and lumber and brick had been hauled to the site where his mansion was to be, South Carolina had passed her Ordinance of Secession and Minute Men had been called for, to go to Charleston for her defense. D. Wyatt Aiken was among the first to respond to the call, and the house was never built. After the fall of Fort Sumter in 1861, enlisted men were formed into regiments and sent to Virginia. D. Wyatt Aiken was made adjutant of the Seventh S. C. Regiment of Infantry, Col. Thos. G. Bacon commanding. He served as such in the Battle of Bull Run, July 18, 1861, the first battle of the great Civil War fought on Virginia soil.

After one year's service, all men over fifty years of age were retired, regiments were reorganized, and D. Wyatt Aiken was elected Colonel of this Seventh S. C. Regiment, which had enlisted for three years of the war. The Second S. C. Regiment (Col. Jna. D. Kennedy), the Third S. C. (Col. Jas. D. Nance), the Eighth S. C. (Col. John W. Hennegan) and the Fifteenth S. C. (Col. Wm. D. DeSaussure) composed the famous Kershaw's Brigade of South Carolina Troops. Gen. Barksdale's Brigade of Mississippians, Gen. Wofford's Brigade of Georgians Gen. Semme's Brigade of Georgians composed a division of Infantry under the command of Major General Lafayette McClaws, a graduate of West Point, who withdrew from the United States Army when his native state of Georgia seceded This division was a part of Longstreet's Corps in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The Seventh Regiment, under the command of Col. D. Wyatt Aiken, participated in the battles around Richmond, and at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Called by the Federals "Antietam"). In the Maryland campaign, on Sept. 17, 1862, Colonel Aiken was shot through the body and reported mortally wounded. His body was found on the battlefield, removed to a house nearby and cared for by his brother, A. M. Aiken, aided by his faithful servant "Lianas." The next day we carried him in a canoe across the Potomac, to Sheperdstown, Va., and placed him on a bed in Entlers Hotel, which had been pressed into service as a hospital. Supposing his wound to be mortal, Col. Aiken had little hope for recovery, and expressed to his brother the disposition to be made of his body after death, viz.: "Bury on Virginia soil until the war closes and then remove my remains to the Rock Church, in Abbeville District, S. C., where my wife will no doubt want to be buried. Break the news gently to my dear wife." His strong constitution and determined will, however, with careful attention and nursing while in Sheperdstown Hospital, caused him to rally, and he survived the shock, growing stronger day by day, a prisoner in the enemy's hands for 30 days. After this, Gen. Lee's Army advanced from Winchester, Va., to which point it had retreated after the Battle of Sharpsburg. Lee's movement drove the enemy again across the Potomac, and the Confederate wounded were moved back to Staunton and Richmond. Colonel Aiken and I having given our parole, "not to take up arms again against the U. S., until duly exchanged", we were allowed to go to our homes in South Carolina. This parole expired by an exchange of prisoners Jan. 10,



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1863. A. M. Aiken returned to the army, but Col. Aiken's wound did not heal sufficiently until the summer of 1863, when he rejoined his command in Virginia. On the march to Gettysburg, Pa., during inclement weather, he was threatened with pneumonia, pronounced disabled for field duty, was retired from active service and assigned to lighter work, as Commandant of Post at Macon, Georgia. He filled this position until the surrender of April 8, 1865.

After the war, Colonel Aiken farmed in Abbeville District, taking an active part in politics and regaining the state from the Radical Government then existing. During this Reconstruction Period, he was arrested as being accessory to the killing of B. F. Randolph, a yellow-skinned carpet-bagger, who was inciting the negroes against the whites by incendiary language at Abbeville Court House. The next day he was shot and killed at Hodges Depot, as he was returning from Abbeville to Columbia, by three men riding up unexpectedly and making off before being recognized by witnesses.

The day Randolph passed Hodges en route to Abbeville, while waiting at the depot, he talked to the negroes from the car window, advising them to come up next day and hear him speak, and he would then instruct them what to do. Col. Aiken, hearing this conversation, remarked to Randolph that if he knew the people of Abbeville as well as he (Aiken) did, he would not use such incendiary language in their hearing. Randolph answered that such would be the material of his speech, and then Moses Hoge, a white carpet-bagger, sitting on the seat behind Randolph, attempted to join in the conversation, when Col. Aiken told him to shut up, for he was a bigger scoundrel than Randolph. "He is a negro trying to be a white man, while you are a white man trying to be a nigger". These hot words and the shooting of Randolph on the same spot next day, led the Radical Party, then in control of the state, to presume that Col. Aiken has instigated the killing. A few days after this occurrence, a deputy marshal, a "scalawag", Lem Guffin, came to Stoney Point and arrested Col. Aiken, carrying him off from the breakfast table to Ninety Six, and then by train to Columbia, where he was imprisoned in the county jail for ten days. Bail was furnished by his friends. Several ladies of Columbia, Mrs. F. W. Master Mrs. George Howe and others, showed him many kindnesses during his imprisonment. No proof of his connection with the killing was ever secured and the case was always continued. It was never called, and in after years it was found that Randolph had been shot by two brothers, named Logan, and a man named Talbert. The latter had fled to Texas. About eight years later, he came back to South Carolina and was killed by one Hollings-head, a carpet-bagger, ex-senator of Abbeville County.

In 1876, when South Carolina was redeemed from the thralldom that the Yankees had imposed on her citizens, by such renegades as Canby, Scott, Moses, Hubbard and others, and Hampton had been elected Governor of the State, saying "Fellow Citizens, I have been elected Governor of South Carolina, and by the Eternal God, I intend to be", the yeomanry responding "And by the Eternal God, you shall be", the State's determined spirit was not to be lightly regarded, and our despoilers took their departure, never to return. At the first primary election thereafter, Col. D. Wyatt Aiken was nominated for Congress, and elected to represent the Third Congressional District, and for ten successive years he held that office, much to the satisfaction of his constituency. Disabled by a fall on the ice in the city of Washington, a tumor of the hip joint was produced, and from this he never recovered. He died at Cokesbury, S. C., April 6, 1887, after suffering intense agony for sixteen months. He was buried with suitable honors in the cemetery in Greenwood, S. C.

Col. Aiken was one of the founders and served on the executive committee for the Patrons of Husbandry, or National Grange, from the organization of this society.

Virginia, his widow, and the following children survive him: David, Eliza (now Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, of Greenville, S. C.), Virginia (Mrs. W. C. Neville), Mary (Mrs. S. R. Pritchard), Wyatt, member of Congress from the same Congressional District, Augustus, of Chester, S. C., Joel Smith of Greenwood, S. C., and Nancy, living with May at Blacksburg, Va. [Later married to John W. Stull of Blacksburg—Buchanan in 1833].

[Note by copyist, W. A. T.—Mrs. Taylor has four children, D. Wyatt Aiken, George W., Hugh Kerr and Virginia Aiken.]

Col. Aiken's widow died suddenly of pneumonia while on a visit to relatives in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 16, 1900. Her remains rest by the side of those of her husband in the cemetery at Greenwood, S. C. His eldest son, David, died in Greenwood, Nov. 18, 1901, and was buried there.

Isaac Means Aiken, the eighth child of David and Nancy Aiken, was born in Winnsboro, October 18, 1830, and, like his brothers, received his education at Mt. Zion, under J. W. Hudson, by whom he was prepared to enter as a sophomore the South Carolina College. He was graduated with the class of 1851, returning to Winnsboro, he engaged in merchandising and with his brother, Jas. R. Aiken, formed a partnership under the firm name of I. M. Aiken & Company. This general



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merchandising business went on until December, 1853, when Isaac M. Aiken moved to Herds Island, Ga., on the Atlanta River, where he engaged in the lumber business, sawing ship timbers, etc., for the home and foreign markets, his partner in this business being c of Winnsboro. Soon after their purchase of this mill, it was destroyed by fire, but rebuilt and the business of Aiken and Gaillard continued until the Civil War began. On Jan. 21, 1858, he married Miss Fanny M. Brian of Darien, Ga., their eldest son, Lewis Bryan, died of yellow fever at Fernandina, Fla. The other living children are D. Wyatt of Brooklyn, N. Y., Frank Dunwoody of Brunswick Ga., and Isaac Hugh, Fannie Verona (Mrs. McGaughey) and Mary Ellison (Mrs. McClellan) now living at Pensacola, Florida.

When the Civil War came on, Isaac M. Aiken volunteered in the 47th Georgia Regiment, and was elected Captain of Co. H, the Regiment under Col. G. W. M. Williams, in Gen. Geo. P. Harrison's Brigade; was stationed first near Savannah, at Causton's Bluff for a few months, until ordered to James Island, S. C., where he saw active service, notably at "Grimball's and in the battle of Secessionville". While on duty among the rice fields and swamps of the Coast, Captain Aiken contacted a stubborn case of malaria fever, which incapacitated him for active service, and he was transferred to the Tax Department of the Confederate Government, where he served until the Surrender in 1865. His property on Herds Island having been destroyed, his slaves gone, he settled after the war in Pensacola, Fla., where he was interested in the lumber and export business of the firm of H. Baars & Co. At this writing (1806) in his 76th year, he is too feeble to attend to any business, and is living with his children in Pensacola, Fla.

Augustus Milton Aiken, the seventh son and youngest child of David and Nancy Aiken, was born in Winnsboro on the 10th of January, 1834. He received his preliminary education at Mt. Zion, under J. W. Hudson, and while preparing to enter South Carolina College, his health was impaired by close application to books. His father, believing that more physical than mental training was needed, sent him, at 17, to The Citadel Academy, at Charleston. After that two years of military training, his health being not much improved, his father requested that he be given an honorable discharge, and he came home and went on the farm for the next year. His health was improved by the outdoor exercise, and being fond of mercantile life, he became a salesman in the store of Isaac M. Aiken & Co., at Winnsboro. In 1856, he removed to Charleston and was bookkeeper for his cousin, James Martin, a cotton factor, on Boyce's Wharf. At the death of Mr. Martin, in the fall of 1856, the firm of H. K. Aiken & Co. became his successors, A. M. Aiken being the junior member of the firm. On the 27th of November, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Eliza Smith, a younger sister of Mrs. D. Wyatt Aiken, by the Rev. John McLees, at Stoney Point. The wedding was a private one, as David Aiken, the groom's father and Mrs. Isabella Smith, the bride's mother, had both died but a short while before. In less than one month after their marriage, S. C. passed her ordinance of Secession, which created such commotion throughout the State that all business was paralyzed, and what would be the result of the State's withdrawing from the Union was a perplexing question. How to arrange at the coming New Year for the large estate of David Aiken, deceased, consisting of 264 slaves and five plantations, most of which had to be cultivated for the support of the slaves, as well as to keep them employed, the seven sons of David Aiken were called together, and it was finally decided that five should volunteer for service in the Confederacy and the other two, Dr. W. K. Aiken and A. M. Aiken, should administer on the estate, work the crop of 1861, and after gathering the crop in the fall, to advertise the 264 slaves and the other personal property at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash. These instructions were carried out by the Administrators, but the war fever had so increased that not a handful of buyers could be marshaled, so the estate had to be divided among the heirs, at private sale in the parlor of the old homestead, after appraisement. Each could then do as he or she pleased with their own. A. M. Aiken, thus relieved of his Administratorship, volunteered for the War, and enlisted in Co. C, Seventh S. C. Infantry, D. Wyatt Aiken, Colonel, commanding. He was appointed by Capt. Spauldin McIntosh, assistant in the Adjutant General's office of Major Gen. Lafayette McLaws Division, then in Virginia. In this capacity, A. M. Aiken served for about eighteen months, save the time he was captured at Shepardstown, Va., with his wounded brother, D. Wyatt Aiken, after the battle of Sharpsburg. In 1864, he was made Ordnance Officer and assigned to Butler's Brigade of S. C. Cavalry, on the staff of Maj. General M. C. Butler, which position he held until after the surrender.

Emma E. Aiken, having died at Winnsboro during the war, the 30th of July, 1864, her remains were brought to the Rock Church in Abbeville District and buried there. In 1872 her remains were moved to the Greenwood cemetery. At the close of the war, A. M. Aiken farmed at Stony Point and Coronaca, removing to "Sunny Side" in Greenwood in 1867, the home of his second wife, Mary Ann Gillam, to whom he was wedded May 23, 1866, by Rev. John McLees, her pastor. Their children are Dr.



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Hugh Kerr Aiken, now of Laurens, S. C., born Oct. 5, 1867; James Gillam Aiken, now of Spartanburg, S. C., born in January, 1870, and Jessie Glenn Aiken, now Mrs. . D. Hodges, of Roanoke, Ala., born Sept. 18, 1872. After the death of Mary Gillam Aiken on the 2nd of June, 1877, her children were reared by their aunt, Mrs. Eliza Woodward.

(Pelham Lyles) My recently deceased partner Val Green was also descended from James Aiken the immigrant (in his words dictated to me)... [who settled on Little River \(Lick Creek\) in 1790s.](#) [Hugh and William \(sons\) came first.](#) [Son David came later.](#) [John was the fourth son and there were 2 or 3 girls, 2 of which married Martins.](#) [Hugh married a Robinson, William married a Wyatt \(his son was the Governor\), David married Nancy Kerr.](#) Val's mother was Hazel Aiken, daughter of Wm. Middleton Aiken, who was the son of James Hodgkins Aiken, Sr. (unknown father) and his wife Sarah (Sally) Elizabeth Aiken. Sarah was the daughter of William Aiken (born in 1819) and sister of W. E. Aiken (the doctor documented in the attached writings of Judge John D. McLeod and his sister Annie McLeod Jenkins). Sadly, I was pressed to move from Val's house when he was committed to an Alzheimers facility by his children, and was unable to copy his extensive paperwork researching the Aikens in Fairfield County. He and I hiked in to the property where the immigrant's home stood...nothing left but some large foundation stones...a property that he had owned at the time. We were able to take Aiken researcher Ron Aiken and his wife Leesa to the site before Val sold the property. Ron and Leesa have spent a lot of time in the Aiken-McDowell cemetery and can tell you who the owner of the property is now. I think the cemetery, at least the timber harvested property adjacent to the cemetery, belongs to Daniel Timms, realtor. Daniel will know about the cemetery. I got his company information from the web. He will not mind your accessing from the roadside trail off Jackson Creek Rd. I am trying to pinpoint the road on a digital map for you, but can't be precise even though I know it like the back of my hand. There is a granite cemetery sign on the trail entry. Ron Aiken will, I'm sure, want to be in touch with you about what he has found about the cemetery. Daniel's company address: Phone: [803.718.0090](tel:803.718.0090) | Email: [hillcrestlandsales@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestlandsales@gmail.com) Post Office Box 633 | Winnsboro, SC 29180 It may be that the cemetery is on the edge of the property owned by (the 1956 Miss Universe!) Miriam Stevenson Breckinridge, who has been overly kind to allow access to her properties. "[miriaminsc@sc.rr.com](mailto:miriaminsc@sc.rr.com)" <[miriaminsc@sc.rr.com](mailto:miriaminsc@sc.rr.com)> . I am copying here to Ron and Leesa as well as to Robert Martin who is another descendant who has done extensive research on the family. Robert's father was responsible for placing the granite cemetery marker on Jackson Creek Rd. Ron and Leesa, as well as Robert, should be very interested in helping. Let me know if they get in contact. I have phone numbers also if they don't respond. Val's grandfather was Wade Middleton Aiken, his g grandfather was James Hodgkins Aiken whose parents are unknown. However, James H.'s wife was Sarah "Sally" Elizabeth Aiken, the sister of W. E. Aiken.





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## Unravel the History of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi Through Its Earliest Residents

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Chicago, IL —October 21, 2024 —** Embark on a captivating journey into 19th-century Mississippi with **“1840 U.S. Federal Census Abstract of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi: A Comprehensive Do-It-Yourself Study Guide and Genealogy Workbook”** by Anita L. Boyd.

### Beyond Names and Dates: A Rich Landscape of Oktibbeha County's Past

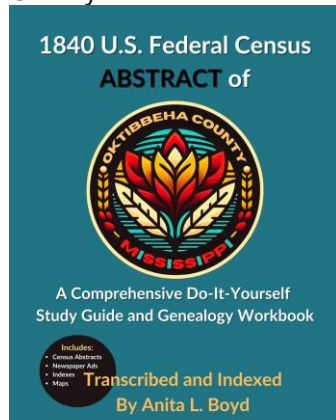
- **Grasp the impact of the "Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek":** Explore the complex history of Oktibbeha County, founded in 1833 on land acquired through this controversial treaty. The guide sheds light on the ramifications of this treaty for both Native Americans and settlers.
- **Meet the county's pioneers:** Unearth the lives of those who established roots in Oktibbeha County following the final Choctaw land cession in 1830. Uncover their family units, occupations, and roles in the developing community.
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### Empowering Genealogists: Tools and Techniques for Successful Research

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- **Sharpen critical thinking skills:** Thought-provoking questions, a comprehensive glossary, and engaging activities foster a deeper understanding of the historical context surrounding your ancestors.
- **Uncover hidden treasures in local newspapers:** Learn how to extract invaluable genealogical clues from historical newspapers, gaining unique insights into the social dynamics, legal proceedings, and everyday lives of Oktibbeha County's residents. The workbook provides guidance on accessing and interpreting these valuable primary sources.

### More Than Just a Workbook: A Gateway to Personal Discovery

“1840 U.S. Federal Census Abstract of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi” is more than a research tool; it is a passport to a bygone era. This meticulously crafted guide transcends a simple census abstract, offering a captivating blend of historical context, genealogical data, and interactive exercises designed to breathe life into the stories of Oktibbeha County's earliest residents.



### Details

- Title: 1840 U.S. Federal Census ABSTRACT of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi:  
Comprehensive Do-It-Yourself Study and Genealogy Workbook
- On Sale: **October 24, 2024** (Amazon)
- ISBN: 9798884488915
- Dimensions: 8.5 x 11 inches
- Print Length: 177 Pages
- Print Type: In Premium Color
- Price: \$39.99



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If you do not see your name or if the surnames for you need to be revised, please contact us so we can update our records. Also, please let us know if you would like to correspond with one of our members.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY (11<sup>th</sup> year) LIFE-TIME MEMBERS

Alston	Lloyd		Alston
Baird	Paula		Baird
Blackwell	Gloria	D.	Marion Douglass, Johns, Nix
Brown	Woodrow		Brown, Stone
Butts	Madelyn		Rion
Callaway	Nancy Buchanan		Buchanan, Callaway
Coleman	Susan		Coleman, Buchanan, McGraw, Yongue, Meador/Meadow, Moberly
Cooper	Dorothy	T.	Timms, Young, Yongue
Cousar	Sanita	Savage	Feaster, Chisholm, Moore, Alexander, Shelton, Coleman
Delleney, Jr	Francis G. (Greg)		Delleney, Nelson, Woodward
Dix	Scott	M.	Cathcart and associated names
Elliott	Karen		McCarley, Black, McKee, Elliott, Phillips
Ellison	Mark		Ellison
Ellison	Willie		Ellison
Flisher	Olivia		Jennings, Robinson
Forman	Liz		Forman
Gibson	James		Gibson
Hamilton	Holly		Broom, Broome, McKeanon
Haywood	Frances	Owens	Boyce, Brown, Cranford, Dillard, Duncan, Epps, Owens, Prather, Quiller, Raiford, Ray, Turner
Hesler	Julia	Palmer	Macon, Vann, Turner, Woodward
Hollis	Mary Ann		Ladd, Hentz, Cromer, Owings, Lemmon, Lauderdale, Bundrick, Closson, Cooper, Corbitt, Bundrick, Crosson, Cooper, Corbtt, Halfacre, Hoover, Lake, Sligh, Wicker
Hopper	William (Bill)	D.	Mobley, Mayben/Maybin
Hornsby	Benjamin	F.	Hornsby
Hunter	John	M.	Hunter
Hunter	William	C.	Hunter
Justice	Danny		Justice, McElveen
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Lowry, III	John	W.	Lowry
Lyles	Pelham		Lyles, Woodward
Mallory	Lauren		DuBard, Ruff, Elkin, Pearson, Raiford, Weston, Kinsler, Stohler, Gredig, Rebsamen, Turnipseed, Voight
McCormac	Mary	C.	McMaster. Elliott, Gooding, Rice, Buchanan, Fleming, Ferguson, Carlisle, Boatright, Killock?)
McCreight	James	Lee	McCreight
McKinstry	Jimmy	Leroy	McKinstry
McMaster	Kitt	R.	McMaster
Means, Jr	Robert	T.	Means
Merz	Martha	Hartin	Hartin, Merz
Moore	Alva		Macfie, Rice, Stevenson, Gladney, Sims, Brice
Morgan	Kenya		Barber, Boulware, Gladden, Gladney, McCullough, Weir, Young
Peabody	Donna		Raines, Broome, Hood, Neely
Pope	Natalie		Pope
Pulver	Chris		McKemie (McKinny), McDaniel
Rawlins	Suzanna		Boyd, Reeves
Shelton	Kenneth		Shelton
Sung	Carolyn		Hoover, Sung, Wylie
Sutton	Richard		Sutton
Thompson	John		Thompson
Turbyfill	Sue		Turbyfill
Turner	Mary Catherine		Turner
Ulmer	Larry		Ulmer
Vinnacombe	Mary		Ladd, Hentz, Cromer, Owings, Lemmon, Lauderdale, Bundrick, Closson, Cooper, Corbitt, Bundrick, Crosson, Cooper, Corbtt, Halfacre, Hoover, Lake, Sligh, Wicker
Williams	Otis and Carmen		Williams
Withers	John	S.	Coleman, Withers
Ziervogel	Gene		Douglas, Hicklin

Woodrow Brown Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **Toney Brown** (Trustee & Charter Member Friendship AME Church).

Karen Elliott Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **Margaret Ann Black Elliott** (1834-1907).

Holly Hamilton - Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **John Broom**, American Revolutionary War Patriot.

Bill & John Hunter - Lifetime Memberships in Honor and Memory of **George Ross Hunter**.

Thomas Jefferson Kirkland - Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **Dr. Joseph Kirkland**.

Lauren Mallory - Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **Annie Williams DuBard**.

Jim and Char McCreight - Lifetime Membership in Honor of **Historic McCreight House** in Winnsboro, SC.

Kitt McMaster Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **Nelle McMaster Sprott**.

Chris Pulver Lifetime Membership in Honor and Memory of **McKemie Family**.



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**This list may not be all inclusive.** If your name is **NOT** on the following list of **2025 members**, then you need to **renew** your membership. Please do so by checking with us. Remember the membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>. We mark any membership payments on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> to be for the following year of membership. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Members Only password will be changed. If you do not receive an email with the new password, please let us know.

### 2025 BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

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### 2025 PATRON MEMBERS

Brice	Robert		McMorries
Bright	Wanda and	Randy	Brought, Wyatt, Thach, Irwin

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Dodson	Deborah		Ringer, Cromer, Durrett, Hogg, Horsey, Goree, Alewine
Ellison	Samuel	Dubose	Ellison
Epps	Denise		Ratteree, Deal, Graybill, Ferguson, Love, Pope, Mncey, Burckhalter, Humphries. Moore, Edge
Hill	Theresa		Aiken, Tidwell, Young
Hobby	Gwen		Sexton
Igel	Susan		Gladney, Kennedy. Propst (SC, NC,PA), Hunnicutt (SC, VA), Cooper (TN, NY,MA), Bright (TN,PA), Timms, and related families; husbands are Igel, Rutten
Justice	Charlie		McElveen, Morris, Player, Justice
Patrick	Jessie		Scott, Cross, Ferrell, Rabb, Yarbourough, Proctor
Taylor	Jennifer		Ashford, Taylor, McKinley, Rabb, Hanna, Turnipseed, Stuart, Kennedy, Thompson, Hoffman

### 2025 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Brinkley	Kay		Ashford, Peach, Leitner
Cornish	Susan		Cornish
Curry	Larry		Morris, Cole, Anderson, Byrd, Goins
Davis	Jonathan "Jon"	E.	Boyd, Brown, King, McDill, McGraw, Powell, Roberts, Starnes
Duke	Julius		Dunlap, Richardson, Simpson
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Frazier	Linda	S.	Sellers, Meeks, Frazier, Hayes, Entreki
Freeman	Cheryl		Freeman, Mobley, Turner, Bell, Fletcher, Junkin, Cox, Massey, Tow, Case
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Green III	James	Walker	Broom, Powell, Banks, Marjoriganks, Robinson, Coleman, Roe, Mathis, Cameron, Ragsdal (all from Fairfield), Killian, Cherry, Hyatt, Culp, Horn, Cline (all from Chester County)
Hoy	Nancy	S.	Hoy, McAllilley, Scott
Jeffcoat	Otis	Allen	Crosby, Smith, Davis, Revels, Benton, Mobley, Jeffcoat
Kinsler	Brenda		Kinsler, Adams, Stevenson
Laird	Donnie	Laird	Blackmon, Gleaton, Laird
Laird	Pam	Reese	Kennedy, Reese
Leitner	David		Leitner, Lewis, Lever, McKeown, Weit, Dove, Ruff
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Moreland	Claudette		Wilson, Crankfield, Perry, Hagan, Lauham, Mobley, Moberly, Feaster
Oliver	Mary Ann		Burley, Bolick, Clowney, Crawford, Allen, Cooper, Martin, Oliver, Wages, Brice, Hendricks
Peyton	Leola		Rabb, Ferrell, Scott, Cross, Glazier, Proctor, Steele
Randall	Meridith		Winn
Reid	Richard		Davis, Means, Gill, Pagan, Milling, Fayssoux, Kelsey, Kelso, Mills
Roberts	William		Roberts
Rosser	David		Brown, McMaster, Ruff
Williams	Dean		Williams
Woods	Eddie	J.	Woods, Kennedy, Brevard, Robertson
Yarbrough	Diane		Cameron, Price, Yongue, Llevining, Knox, Hannah, Harris, Harrison

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NEW MEMBER: Please fill out membership information below / RENEWAL: Please make any updates below:

HIS/HER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME + SURNAME(S) Published in Newsletter)  
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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

HIS/HER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

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