One historian, who is at variance with the others, claims that a school was already in existence in Winnsboro, having been started by John and Richard Winn who had moved there from Virginia about ten years before the Revolution, and had bought up the lands around and given the settlement their name.

This school, it is said, was built of logs, down near the College spring, source of water for the town, and that Mr. William Humphries was its teacher.

If a school was in existence there, or if one was not, the Society then took over the job of seeing that education was available to all who wished it. Tuition was very low, board was obtained in private homes, and orphans, to whom no charge was made, were admitted only following the quarterly and semi-annual meetings of the Society.

Now projected into further prominence, the Society continued to add distinguished names to the roll and to accept gifts of money and land in the name of education. At one time, there were over 600 members, including Andrew Pickens, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, the sons of Anthony Hampton—Henry, Edward, Richard and Wade—and a cousin, John Hampton.

The Society was disbanded during the Revolution, when Cornwallis' men made use of the campus of Mt. Zion, but up until May 8, 1780—four days before Charleston was surrendered to the British Army—more and more people joined. Of this group, one stood out, Charles Pinckney, chief justice of the province and president of the Provincial Congress who drafted the Constitution.

At a called meeting in Charleston in 1783, the Society became active again, and John Huger was named president, and lands and money were accepted from Col. John Vanderhorst (pronounced VanDrost). A very profitable era then began for the Mt. Zion school and the Rev. Thomas Harris McCaule, a minister from Centre Church, N. C., was named its head.

Through his influence, advice and encouragement, the institution was incorporated into a college March 19, 1785. It was patterned after the College of New Jersey, now Princeton, where he had been educated.

★ ACCOMMODATIONS, to say the least, were very primitive, and these conditions probably brought out in the boys what now is called "juvenile delinquency." The blast of a horn rudely wakened the students at day-break and brought them sleepily at sunrise to the first roll call and prayers of the day. The schedule was rigorous enough to defeat even the most eager for learning, but apparently it whetted their appetites. Breakfast was at 8, prior to which they were supposed to have been at their studies, and after the meal, there was more study from nine until 12. Intermission and food, and another study session was held from two to five when the roll was again called and more prayers were heard.

Stout hickory switches could have been a part of the curriculum, because they were much in evidence as a strong, controlling factor. In contrast to many parents' attitudes now, fathers and mothers demanded strict discipline from their children and expected them to receive frequent floggings. The teachers gloried in carrying out their wishes, for both boys and girls were whipped, and it was said that no session was off to a good start until corporal punishment had been felt by the majority.

The rules were numerous and severe, no duelling, [illegible] fighting, quarreling, cheating, or pil- [illegible] Academy; no visits to taverns; no diversion by betting on cards or horses or dice; no wanton use of firewood; no turbulent words or behavior, loud talking, reading or calling; and on Sundays, no diversion except Psalmody in their rooms or quiet walking in the background.

Wednesday was a day set apart for special activities, a day which many viewed with alarm, and one which good writers and orators looked forward to with pleasure. That was the day when one-half the student body read compositions and the others gave declamations. Twice a year, public exhibitions were given, July 4, and December 1, after which the students enjoyed a month's vacation from their toil.

At these exhibitions, diplomas were awarded, beautifully written in script in Latin, and some of the students were commended for excellence. One old catalog lists as subjects available Astronomy, Navigation, Surveying, Chemistry, Geology, Bookkeeping, Latin, Greek, French, German, and Vocal Music was required of all.

★ THE Confederate War brought serious changes to "Mt. Zion Collegiate Institute," as it did other institutions of the South. Its endowment from colonial days was swept away, its buildings destroyed, and the elaborate and invaluable library of the Mt. Zion Society was burned. Bon fires were made from the books not taken by soldiers, and it must have provided a heart-rending sight to watch costly volumes, rare manuscripts, fine old plates and folios consumed by the flames.

But, as in former days, following the loss of each building the school arose again, and enlarged, and a new era for Mt. Zion came into being. In 1878, a public graded school was established under R. Means Davis, and the Society no longer had to keep a constant watch on the care of the students. In 1885, the town issued $7,500 in bonds to provide additional buildings and the beautification of Mt. Zion continued ever onward.

A list of the Society since its founding shows names that are similar to present day ones in Winnsboro, and its roll of presidents has been notable: John Winn, 1777; John Huger, 1783; Col. Richard Winn, 1783; James Lynch, 1800-09; W. H. Gibbs, 1809-10; Peter Smith, 1810-24; David R. Evans, 1825-31; Gen. William Strother, 1830-34; Col. William McCreight, 1834-51; Samuel G. Barkley, 1851-59; Gen. John Buchanan, 1859-62; James R. Aiken, 1862-70; J. B. McCants, 1870-80; H. A. Gaillard, 1880-1922; T. K. Elliott, 1922-32; S. D. Dunn, 1932-47; W. D. Douglas, 1947-51; and Josiah J. Obear, 1951 to present.

Though the Society's supervision of Mt. Zion is not now one of necessity, it still holds a keen interest in "The Light on the Hill" and supplies three of the members of the Board of Trustees.

The majority of the 75 members come mainly from Winnsboro into the Society, though its constitution, as originally provided, allows participants from any part of the State. Semi-annual meetings furnish an opportunity to look over letters from individuals requesting membership, and as in the days of the 1700's it is still necessary for three-fourths of the Society to give its approval. No woman has ever been allowed.

Nearly two hundred years after its birth, the Mt. Zion Society is still a living, growing organization with no thought of letting down its traditions or going into obscurity. Though old in name and years, it is new in ideals and service, and two hundred additional years from now—unless time stands still—it will be in the forefront in its seat of culture.

Mount Zion Society Ante-Dates U. S. Constitution

Established in 1777, It Enjoyed a Membership of Almost 500 Seven Years Later. Charleston and Fairfield Took Great Pride In This Ancient and Honorable Organization.

3/2/1944

(Editor's note: A native of Fairfield who now resides in another state sends to The News and Herald the following accurate and interesting account of the founding of the Mount Zion Society. We publish it with pleasure and send to him sincere thanks for his painstaking research.)

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney was largely responsible for the structure and composition of the Constitution of the United States, in 1787, but long before that he was a member of the Mount Zion Society, and active as a director in shaping its policies.

The Society was established in the City of Charleston January 9th, 1777, and was incorporated February 13th of that year. The principal paragraph of the enabling act reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by Excellency John Rutledge, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of South Carolina, by the Honorable the Legislative Council, and General Assembly of the said state, and by the authority of the same, that John Wynn, Esquire, the President of the said Society, and Robert Ellison and William Strother, Esquires, the present wardens, and the several persons who are now, or shall hereafter be members of that Society, in this State, commonly called the Mount Zion Society, and by that name shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and a common seal, with power to change, alter, break, and make new the same, as often as they shall judge expedient, and they and their successors shall be able and capable in law to purchase, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess, and retain to them and their successors, in perpetuity, or for any term of years, any estate or estates, real and personal, messuages, lands tenements, or hereditaments of what kinds or nature soever, not exceeding in the whole three thousand dollars per annum, and to sell, alien, exchange, demise, or lease the same, or any part thereof, as they shall think proper, and by the same name to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any court of law and equity in this state: and to make such rules and by-laws not repugnant and contrary to the laws of the land, for the benefit and advantage of the said corporation, and for the order, rule and good government and management of the said school, and for the masters, teachers and scholars thereof, as shall be from time to time agreed to by the majority of the members of the said society.

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the corporation hereby erected, to take and hold by them and their successors forever, any charitable donations, or devises of lands and personal estate,—' etc, etc.

In 1777 the membership of the Society was fifty eight. In 1778 ninety eight members were added, and in 1779 eighty seven members were added.

Edward McCrady in his History of South Carolina, says: "Just before the fall of Charleston, in 1780, many of the Low Country men joined the Society, probably with a view to the maintenance of a school in a part of the province to which they might be driven by the enemy on the coast. New members were received on the 8th of May 1780, just four days before the surrender of the town."

By 1784 the membership had reached four hundred and seventy one, well divided between Tidewater and the Up Country, and included most of the distinguished men of the state.

In a comparatively recent year Mayor and Council of the City of Charleston saw fit to reprint, in their Year Book, the Articles of Incorporation of the Mount Zion Society, with the names of members to include the year 1784. If Charleston is proud of the Society, why may not be Winnsboro and Fairfield also?

May this ancient Society have its renaissance, and continue its beneficent influence in the cause

county the opportunity of obtaining a complete practical education at home. After several plans had been tried a meeting of the Mt. Zion Society & the citizens of the town was held at which it was determined to issue bonds to the amount of $7,500 for the erection of such additional buildings as were needed.

ground work was broken for the foundation of a large brick building. Since that time the equipment has been gradually added to, the faculty has been increased and the Mount Zion Institute has taken an enviable position among the educational institutions of the state.

Mount Zion Collegiate Institute

(Columbia Record—Feb. 1, 1914)

Intimately associated with the history and growth of Winnsboro is Mt. Zion Collegiate Institute, a preparatory school, which, like the town, had its beginning in Revolutionary days. At present the school is among the best of its kind in the state.

About 10 years previous to the revolution, John and Richard Winn moved from Virginia to what is now Fairfield county and secured possession of most of the lands where the present city of Winnsboro is located. Shortly after the town was established a school house of logs about 200 yards west of the present college was built. The first teacher, as far as can be learned from available records was named Humphrey. In January 1777, the Waynes, together with Thomas Woodward, Richard Strother, William Strother, Joseph Kirkland, John Milling, and John Kennedy of Fairfield associated with them a party of men from Richmond and Charleston and applied to the General Assembly, then in session in Charleston, for charter for the Mt. Zion Society. The society proposed founding, endowing, supporting, a public school in the District of Camden. Within two years from the formation of the society, many new members were admitted in Charleston; it was, therefore, decided to hold the meetings of the society in that city. This continued to be the practice until 1825, since which time the meetings have been held in Winnsboro.

The school was broken up when Cornwallis occupied the town in 1780-1781. In 1785 a charter changing the school to a "college" was secured upon the recommendation of Rev. H. McCoule of Salisbury, N. C., who a year previous had been invited to take charge of the institution. At this time, the buildings consisted of two 1 1-2 story log cabins, about 30 feet apart, connected by a frame structure of the same height. The blast of a horn at daybreak corresponded to the "reveille" of modern military schools. At sunrise the students attended roll call and prayers while the hours for study and recitations were from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5.

Foundations for a large brick building were laid in 1787, but it was several years before the structure was completed. Rows of cabins on the north and south sides of the campus furnished accommodations for boarding students. During the administration of J. W. Hudson (from 1823 to 1858) the institution, having acquired a reputation throughout this section of the south, the building was enlarged. In May 1867, this building was destroyed by fire. This was soon replaced by a one story structure at a cost of $3,500.

In 1876 a public graded school was established by consent of the Mount Zion Society under the management of R. Means Davis.

In 1885, just a century after the original charter was granted, it was determined to revive the col-

Representation

Miss High Miss ..... Anne Busbee
Girls' State ..... Gloria White, Mary Lynn Brown
King Teen ..... Robert Hilton

Cheerleaders

Jean Bass
Sara Wallace Brice
Harriet McMaster
Paulette Porter
Joette Spires
Ann Timmons
Dorothy Timms
Geraldine Walton

Mount Zion Band Officers

President and Drum Major ..... Robert Hilton
Vice President ..... Wesley Baker
Secretary ..... Katherine Stewart
Treasurer ..... Susan Kelly

Mount Zion Choir Officers

President ..... Theron Wilson
Vice President ..... Charles McDonald
Secretary ..... Harriet McMaster
Treasurer ..... Jackie Sims

Girls' Vocal Ensemble

Mary Ann Brunnemer
Helen Collins
Ethel Dean
Pam Fellers
Harriet McMaster
Jackie Sims
Betty Ann Stone
Mary Jo Turner
Brenda Weed

Boys' Octet

Francis Brewington
Harold Bryant
Jimmy Ray Douglas
Robert Hilton
Charles McDonald
Ronald McPhatter
Tommy Sprott
Theron Wilson

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12th Grade

Karin Armstrong
Mary Ann Brunnemer
Donnie Collins
Jerry Davenport
Agatha Fort
Billy Graves
Bob Hilton
Katherine Hiott
Patsy Lyles
Kenneth Martin
John McLeod
Ernest Propst
Dan Ravenel
Patsy Rish
Waymon Rhymer
Ann Timmons

11th Grade

Wesley Baker
Joyce Black
Mary Coleman
William Davis
Andrea Dove
Pam Fellers
John Johnson
Lindsay Leviner
John McFadden
James McLendon
Harriet McMaster
Wayne Shull
Katherine Stewart
Betty Ann Stone
Ted Strange

10th Grade

Ben Bass
Cecil Broom
Helen Collins
Larry Cotton
Vicki Dark
Kenneth Davenport
Paul Dove
Dorothy Floyd
Cindy Hiott
Susan Lyles
Linda Martin
Billy Patrick
James Ravenel
Carolyn Smith
John Taylor
Mary Barkley Turner
Mary Jo Turner
Joe Warmoth
Brenda Weed
Belvia Wilson

9th Grade

Carolyn Cathcart
Virginia Cathcart
Tim Clark
Claude Coleman
Jeanette Dove
Carolyn Freeman
Paul Grieb
Miriam Lyles
Morris Lyles
Judy Martin
Wayne Mixon
Patricia Patrick
Nicky Propst
Lois Quattlebaum
Linda Stevens
John Stewart

8th Grade

Harold Baker
Toby Chapman
Janet Fellers
Ann Henderson
Gail Hutchinson
Oliver Johnson
Wade Macfie
Ellen McMaster
Frances Mitchell
Nancy Nunn
Susan Smith
Jake Stone
James Warmoth
Rebecca McSwain

Senior Class Officers

President ..... Charles Ronald Collins
Vice-President ..... Larry Gene Hollis
Secretary ..... Patricia Ann Rish
Treasurer ..... Mary Ann Brunnemer

Honor Graduates

Floyd Stewart Beasley
Mary Ann Brunnemer
William Yongue Buchanan
Jerry Lewis Davenport
Agatha Pepper Fort
William Hughes Graves
Julia Katherine Hiott
Robert Eldredge Hilton, Jr.
Betty Jo Lemmon
Wilmont Kenneth Martin
Eloise Travis Matthews
John Davis McLeod
Floyd Ernest Propst
Daniel Ravenel
Lewis Waymon Rhymer
Patricia Ann Rish
Cuba Ann Timmons
Martha Wood

Marshals

Mary Coleman
Harriet McMaster
Dub Davis
John Johnson

Ushers

Mary Lynn Brown
Gloria White
Buddy McFadden
Furman White

Program

Prelude ..... Mrs. W. T. Sprott
Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Elgar
Invocation ..... Dr. A. F. Ragan
Song: "Service" ..... Cadmen
Mount Zion Vocal Ensemble

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Best Citizen ..... Mrs. R. B. Fort, Jr.
Mary Ann Brunnemer
Music Award ..... Mrs. T. K. McDonald
Mary Ann Brunnemer
Math Award ..... Mr. John R. White
Floyd Ernest Propst, III
Earle Turner Award ..... Mr. Harris McDonald
Stewart Beasley
Scholarship ..... Mr. George Coleman
Floyd Ernest Propst, III
Introduction of Speaker ..... Mr. W. D. Mitchell
Address ..... Dr. J. C. Holler
Song: "This Day Is Mine" ..... Ware
Soloist: Mary Ann Brunnemer, Soprano
Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mr. E. A. Williams, Supt.
Mr. P. W. Collins, Prin.
Benediction ..... Rev. B. H. Covington
"Recessional" ..... DeKoven
Mount Zion Vocal Ensemble

THE JOHNSTON INSTITUTE.

Mr. Editor: As that section of the State has been represented in our school this year by four young men, viz, Messrs. Robert Clowney, Leonard Hogan, Theodore Richardson and myself, I desire, on the part of the faculty of the Johnston Institute, to extend an invitation to those who would like a pleasant visit at that time to be present at our commencement exercises from the 11th to 14th of June. The exercises are as follows:

Sunday morning—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Moseley, of Florence, S. C.

Monday morning—Lecture by D. A. Tompkins, Esq, of Charlotte, N. C.

Monday evening—Exercises of graded school department.

Tuesday morning—Lecture by Gen M C Butler.

Tuesday evening—Exercises of high school department.

Wednesday morning—Joint celebration of the literary societies.

Wednesday evening—Graduating exercises.

Already the students are beginning to look forward to the time of their return home with light and longing hearts, and are getting impatient for the time to come.

This has been a very prosperous year for our school. It has enrolled 252 students and the records show that the work of both teachers and students has been done in a most satisfactory manner.

Prof F E Hinnant and W D Holland were unanimously re-elected to the superintendency of the school a few days ago. With such men as these at the head of the school we look forward to a better school next year than Johnston has ever had in her history.

We are glad to learn that another Fairfield teacher has been added to our faculty. Miss Jennie Thomas, of Ridgeway, who is a graduate of Winthrop College, we are told, will have charge of shorthand next session.

The Fairfield boys are trying to hold their own in the record of the school. Mr. Leonard Hogan, who came from the Ridgeway school, has made the senior class and will graduate in December, 1899. Last month Mr Robert Clowney made first honors in his class—the sophomore class—and the writer of this has not received a demerit since he has been in school.

PUPILS OF MRS. STEWART HEATH GIVE RECITAL AT MOUNT ZION

The pupils of Mrs. Stewart W. Heath gave a recital at Mt. Zion auditorium Monday night. A large audience was present, many being from the county and Columbia.

Martha Coleman won first prize for unusual hard work and the most progress in studies. Alice Aiken won first prize for scale playing, and Mary Jean Crosland won the scholarship for the summer classes.

Mrs. Stewart Heath's June Concert

Mt. Zion, June 10th---8:00 O'clock

1935

Duo—Waltzes Nos. 1 and 5 ..... Brahms
Elizabeth Hesutess—Catherine Caldwell

Solo—Valse Bleur ..... Margis
George Butler Pearson

Solo—Ripples ..... Brett
Betty Jo Phillips

Duo—The Meadow Lark ..... Martin
Margaret Lemmond—Mary Jean Crosland

Solo—Happy Farmer ..... Schumann
Margaret Lemmond

Spanish Carnival ..... Hatch
Ansley Ketchin

The Little Toe Dancer ..... Johns
Mary Jane singing, Ansley at the Piano

Minuet ..... Paderewski
Betty Heath

Duo—Lucy Locket ..... Williams
Mary Boulware—Mrs. Heath

Duets—Numbers 1 and 2 ..... Mrs. Crosby Adams
Mary Boulware—Mrs. Heath

Solo—Elf and the Fairy ..... Rhea
Dorothy Propst

Trio—The Clock ..... Harris
Isabelle McCants—Caroline McMaster—Betty Jo Phillips

Solo—Joy Bird ..... Britt
Andrew Jackson March ..... Blake
Isabelle McCants

Duo—Sonatina in G ..... Beethoven
Spring Song ..... Ellenreich
Mary Jean Crosland—Isabelle McDowell

Solos—The Cricket and the Bumblebee ..... Chadwick
Waltzet ..... Greig
John Harden III

Duos—The Grasshopper Dance ..... Martin
Hymn—O' the Tumult ..... Jude
Sarah Jane Patrick—Mrs. Heath

Solo—To a Wild Rose ..... McDowell
Lavinia Lyles

Duo—Ballet Scene ..... Schultz
Lavinia Lyles—Margaret Harden

Solo—At Dawning ..... Cadman
Margaret Harden

Solo—The March of the Wee Folks ..... Gaynor
Eleanor Patrick

Duo—Guitar ..... Gaynor
Eleanor Patrick—Mrs. Heath

Solo—Prelude ..... Chopin
Joan Fayssoux

Duo—Melody in F ..... Reubenstein
Joan Fayssoux—Mrs. Heath

Solo—Consolation ..... Mendelssohn
Ray Morris

Duo—Selection ..... Gurlitte
Alice Aiken—Ray Morris

Solo—Avalanche ..... Gurlitte
Alice Aiken

Duet—No. 4 ..... Wagner
Mary Dixon—Mrs. Heath

Duo—Vespers Hymn ..... Bortniansky
Mary Dixon—Mrs. Heath

Solo—Etude Mignonne ..... Schuitt

Solo—That's What Happens ..... Holst
Nancy Moore

Duo—Etude ..... Gurlitt
Nancy Moore—Helen Patrick

Solo—Tumble Weed ..... Bliss
Helen Patrick

Solo—First Waltz ..... Durand
Eleanor McCants

Duo—Minuet in G ..... Mendelssohn
Eleanor and Laura Glenn McCants

Solo—Hungary ..... Koelling
Martha Coleman

Duo—Andante ..... Chaminade
Martha Coleman—Elizabeth Heustess

Solo—Caprice Venoise ..... Kreisler
Elizabeth Heustess

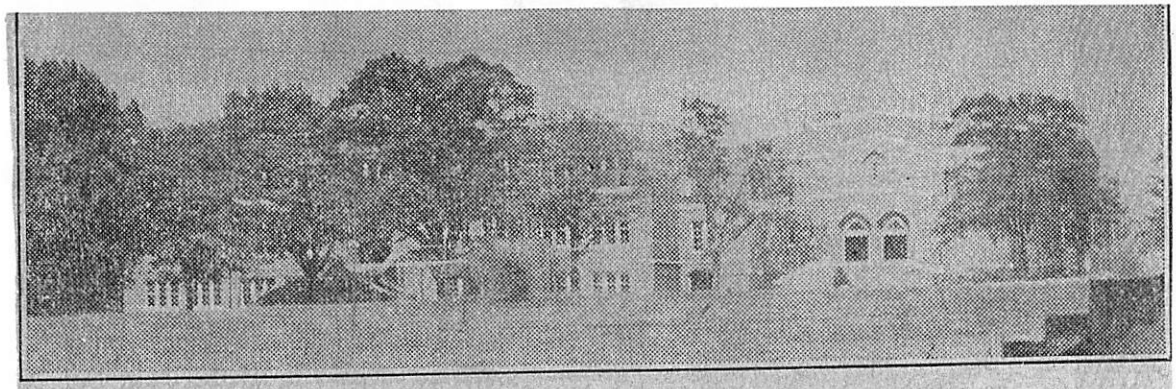
Duo—Butterfly ..... Greig
Elizabeth Heustess—Catherine Caldwell

Solo—Kamennoir Ostrow ..... Rubenstein
Catherine Caldwell

NOTICE!

9/11/1931

Mrs. S. W. Heath has returned from New York and will open her studio for music classes on the 14th. Enrollment of stu-



Mount Zion Closes 162nd Year With Appropriate Exercises For Grammar and High School Pupils

Thirty-Five Seniors Win Diplomas. Honor and Perfect Attendance Roll Is Given.

1929

Commencement exercises for the high school department of Mt. Zion Institute were held on Friday evening, June 2, in the high school auditorium. The stage was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Dan Crosland, Mrs. Ralph McDowell and Mrs. G. F. Patton. Professor W. C. Herbert of Wofford college, delivered the annual address to the graduating class. He brought a most inspiring message. Lola Coleman was valedictorian and Juanita Jones the salutatorian. Wilson Yates of the tenth grade was awarded the medal given by the Board of Trustees to "best all round boy" in the high school and Norma Darby of the eleventh grade the like medal for the girls. Helen Patrick of the eleventh grade won the Certificate of Citizenship given by the Daughters of the American Revolution and [illegible] Coleman as the valedictorian [illegible] class received from Th[illegible] Digest, a year's subscrip[illegible] that magazine. One member of the graduating class, Willie Mae Crawford, had the rare distinction of never having been absent or tardy or missed a class in eleven years, and, what is still finer, of never having been reproved for misconduct. Music was furnished most acceptably by the high school glee club, trained by Miss Nelle McMaster and the high school band under the direction of Mr. J. C. Allen. High school diplomas were awarded to thirty-five boys and girls as follows: Mary Ameen, Avery Caldwell, Lola Coleman, Nelle Ruth Edenfield, Willie Mae Crawford, Mary Gene Crosland, Norma Darby, Juanita Jones, Isabel McDowell, Bessie McLendon, Helen Patrick, Helen Porter, Mamie Weir Stevenson, Doris Brannon, Virginia Bryce, Evelyn Leviner, Beatrice McLendon, Minnie Clark, Dean Fowler, Ralph Hames, Buster Hudson, Spencer Rice McMaster, Martin Spigner, Joe Timms, Leonard Wilson, Grady Williams, Horace eBasley, Joe Castles, Donald Lyles, Henry Matthews, Max Stevenson, Edgar Walsh and Jimmy Workman.

Commencement exercises for the grammar grade department of Mt. Zion Institute were held Friday morning, June 6 — one week ahead of time owing to the authorities having taken precautions in regard to the threatened epidemic of Poliomyelitis. Despite the disruption of the plans that had been made, the exercises were most attractive. Only the graduating class and their adult friends and parents were present and only the necessary things were on the program. But the seventh grade, although disappointed at the curtailment of their plans, still took a great pride in their commencement. The stage was beautifully decorated—flowers everywhere, even extending out into the entrance hall. Rachel McMaster, valedictorian and Ruth Sherman, salutatorian, did not deliver their addresses and many of the accomplishments of the graded school were not mentioned, owing to the hurried and unexpected closing. Under the leadership of the seventh grade some four hundred volumes have been placed in the graded school library, all these books being bought by the children, unaided by public funds. Mrs. Macfie's section of the sixth grade left $5.60 for the beginning of a fund for the purchase of a moving picture machine for Mt. Zion. The seventh grade, too, assumed leadership in the movement for aid for The Southern Symphony Orchestra, and $21.00 was the contribution of the graded school. The graded school teachers seem always able to "get next" to their pupils. During the year just past interest was shown in the S. P. C. A., Junior Red Cross, parallel reading, letter writing to foreign children, anti-tuberculosis seals , and seals for aid of crippled children.

In the grammar grades, the Essay Medal, given to the boy or girl in these grades, who writes on some true subject, the five dollar prize was won by Charles Turner of the fifth grade. Second place went to Frances Robertson of the 7th grade, and there was a tie for third place between Earline Stevenson of the seventh grade and Jack Sitton of the sixth grade.

Certificates of promotion to the high school were awarded to the following: Jack Arrette, Marshall Aiken, Ann [illegible] Brabham, Mildred Br[illegible] Katherine Center, Miriam Center, Ann Crosland, Odell Darby, Kate Ellison, Caroline Funderberg, Betty Goudelock, John Harmon, John Haynes, Tal Haynes, Bobby Hicks, Ralph Johnson, Elizabeth McMaster, Norvelle McMaster, Rachel McMaster, Betty Jo Phillips, Bob Ragsdale, Frances Robertson, Ruth Sherman, Erleen Stevenson and Lindsay Wylie.

Scholarship Honor Roll

High School

8A—Dick Ferguson, William Heustess, Margaret McLendon, Addie Jean McMaster, George Mend, Jane Sherman, Rebecca Turner, Margie Wylie.

8C—Carol Berthold.

9A—Livian Wylie, Rae Morris, Isabel McCants.

9B—Caroline McMaster.

10A — Alice Aiken, Helen Ameen, Wilhelmina Douglas, Walton Jones, Ansley K[illegible]in, Virginia Ragsdale, Mary Turner, Mary Edith Turner, Mary Agnes Wylie, Wilson Yates.

Mt. Zion classes hold reunion

1990

By Ansley Ketchin

Sir Winston Churchill's observation "shorter in wind and in memory longer" applies fully to the four groups of Mt. Zion Institute graduates who gathered at The News and Herald Tavern Saturday night. The celebrants included the classes of 1940 (its 50th), 1941, 1942 and 1943, with a principal and three faculty members present.

Although there were sad moments when those no longer here were remembered, most of the recollections were happy ones, a few were outrageous and some, undoubtedly, exaggerated.

When the class of 1940 emerged from the comparative safety of high school into the world, Europe was already embroiled in World War II and Pearl Harbor was 20 months away. For the class of 1941, the safety margin was just six months, and the younger classes graduated into a world at war. By the end of the war, some were missing from each class, and these were remembered and honored.

Purvis Collins, a member of the class of 1940 and a former principal of Mt. Zion, was Master of Ceremonies. After welcoming the group, he asked Mildred Plyler McKenzie to lead the Alma Mater.

The hard-working local class representatives were introduced by the M.C. As overall chairman, Doris Shaw Bennett was honored. Mary Hudson Collins was recognized as leader for the class of 1940, with Virginia Ragsdale Stevenson, Collins, Wilhelmina Douglass Dexter, Mildred Plyler McKenzie, William J. Arnette, Thomas Center, Everett Williams and Billy Meng.

For the classes of 1941 and 1942, Collins named George Lauderdale, Margie Wylie Meng, Otis Ameen, Harry Levy and Margaret Sanders. The self-designated 1943 "baby class" members were Miriam Center Cooper and Bob Ragsdale Wylie.

A tightening schedule forced a slight curtailment of the last parts of the program. Harry Levy presented beautiful maps of Fairfield County to the one from each class who had traveled the greatest distance: Ansley Ketchin of Washington, D.C., class of '40; Dudley Main of Bulls Head, Ariz., class of '41; Eloise Johnson Morelli of Naples, Italy, class of '42; and Ann Mildred Brabham Blake of Sacramento, Calif., class of '43.

Eight states were represented by the 111 who attended the reunion from points in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Washington, D.C., Kentucky, Arizonia, California, Virginia and Italy. Messages of good will were sent from as far away as Japan.

The class of 1941 was honored when the son of a deceased classmate, Margaret Leviner Holmes, stopped by to see them.

The evening closed with members assuring each other that they will not wait so long again to renew old ties.

Copies of pictures may be obtained from Ken McLeod at Fairfield Photographics, 119 N. Congress St., 635-4232.

Class of 1940

Class of 1941

Class of 1942

Class of 1943

Mt. Zion Institute

IT. ZION CLASS OF 1940

'irst row, from left to right; Frances Price Boshears, Mary ee Trusedale Clarkson, Virginia Ragsdale Stevenson, Mary ludson Collins and Tom Center. Second row, from left to ight; William Wylie, Wilson Yates, Everett Williams, Purvis ollins and Wilhelmina Douglass Dexter. Third row, from eft to right; Billy Meng, Ansley Ketchin, Alice Aiken Wheatley nd Mildred Plyler McKenzie. Fourth row, from left to ight; Jack Wilson, Leonard Stevenson, Billy Porter and 'illiam J. Arnette.

MT. ZION CLASS OF 1941

First row from left to right; George Lauderdale, Isab McCants Yates, Mary Boulware Martin, Mary Levine

Hudson and Caroline McMaster Lyles. Second row, left right; Mary Louise Walker Boys, Dorothy Douglass Traylo

Dudley Main and Edith Porter Pope. Third row, left t h Ernest Ferguson, James Turner, David (Pete) Wylie, Mar Alice Lyles.

MT. ZION CLASS OF 1942

First row, from left to right; Margie Wylie Meng, Charlie Freeman and Imogene Pope Bates. Second row, from left to right; Margaret Park Sanders, Eloise Johnson Morelli, Otis Ameen and Christine McMaster Harris. Third row, from left to right; Doris Shaw Bennett, Harry Levy, Carol Berthold, Miriam Douglas Wallace, Anne Walker Darty and Bennie Hudson. Back row, from left to right; Bright Sitton, Jr. and

MT. ZION CLASS OF 1943

First row, from left to right; Anna Mercer Pullen, M ll McMaster Cox, Burnidene Baggott Boulware, Viola Jackso Jones and Ann Crosland Beckham. Second row, from left t right; Betty Phillips Washington, Oscar Pullen, Elizabet McMaster Davis, Bob Ragsdale Wylie, Miriam Center Coope and Ann Brabham Blake. Third row, from left to right Forest Hughes, Austin Jones, Jack Arnette. Lindsay Wylie

10B—Tom Center, Helen Gantt, Marie Osborne, Mildred Plyler, Frances Price.

11A & B—Mary Ameen, Avery Caldwell, Lola Coleman, Norma Darby, Juanita Jones, Bessie McLendon, Helen Patrick, Doris Brannon, Virginia Bryce, Spencer Rice McMaster.

Beta Club Letters To:

Tom Center, Alice Aiken, Helen Ameen, Wilhelmina Douglas, Helen Gantt, Walton Jones, Ansley Ketchin, Marie Osborne, Francis Price, Mildred Plyler, Virginia Ragsdale, Mary Turner, Mary Edith Turner, Mary Agnes Wylie, Wilson Yates.

Attendance Honor Roll — High School:

8A—Robert Douglas, Margaret McLendon, Margaret Park, Rebecca Turner.

8B—Sara Mae Plyler, Doris Shaw.

8C—Ruth Cathcart, Mildred Neeley, Osborne Wells.

9A—Isabel McCants, Robert Parks, Maud Timms, Marion Roddey, J. C. Wylie.

9B—Rebecca Ellison, Susanne Lyles, Edith Porter.

9C—Martha Cathcart, Willette Lucas, George Lauderdale, James Turner.

10A—Sara Cribb, Mary Lee Truesdale.

10B—Susie Truesdale, William Wylie, Marie Osborne.

11A—Isabel McDowell, Mamie Wier Stevenson.

11B—Virginia Bryce, Spencer Rice McMaster.

Willie Mae Crawford of 11A has never been absent, tardy, nor missed a single class in 11 years!

Grammar Grades Honor and Attendance Roll

1st Grade—Loretta Heustess, John Jess Bryce, Steven Goudelock, Louise McDonald, Mary Lou McMaster, Jeleby Norman, Marguerite O'Connell, June Peebles, Anne Phillips, B. C. Phillips, Jr., Clarence Sanders, Joe Stephenson, Dorothy Turner, Faye Watson.

Perfect Attendance — Anne Cathcart, Riddick Craven, Steve Goudelock, Anne Phillips.

2nd Grade—Nell McCants, Tom McDonald, Susanne Shedd, Harold Timms, Lucy Anne Boulware, Betty Sue Brabham, Jacqueline Dees, Doris Hardy, Helen McCants, Virginia Lou McMaster, Turnice Anne Pope, Hazel Smarr, Billy Hicks, Bennett Kirkpatrick, Jimmie Whitington, Roy Walden, Nancy Lou Mims.

Perfect Attendance — Harold Timms.

3rd Grade—Luther Dunn, Bettie Hardy, Bryan Roberts, Joan Brooks, Ernestine Kelly, Bobbie Park, Anne Stevenson, Marion Shannon Stevenson, Larry Stevenson, Joe Wilkes, John Buchanan, Jimmy Stevenson, Lavern Wilson, Betty Jane Chapman, Nora Norman, Reba Turner, Joe Harden, James Heyward Mattox, John Rabb, Carolyn Johnson.

Perfect Attendance — John Buchanan, Nora Norman, Sophie Park, Catherine Cathcart, Ernestine Kelly, Betty Jane Chapman, Bryan Roberts.

4th Grade—Margaret Ameen, Ren Frew, Mary Jane Ketchin, Mary McMaster, Nelle Wylie, Billy Goudelock, Gaillard Mend, Creighton McMaster, Ruth Cota, Sara Kelly, Marian McMaster, Jeannette Norman, Barbara Wylie, Tom Pope, Ruby Hennessee.

Perfect Attendance — Lois Brannon, Nelle Wylie, Billy Goudelock, Tom Pope.

Fifth Grade—Brady McKay, Ann Doty, Jeanne Hicks, Tommy Brice, Phil Phillips, Ray Hennessee, George Douglas.

Perfect Attendance—Phil Phillips, Conrad Hall.

6th Grade — Carroll Turner, Mary Byrd Rutledge, Billy Beckham, Rhetta Crawford, Quay McMaster, Louise Day, Bobby Lee Estes, Elizabeth Brown, Hendricks George.

Perfect Attendance — George Shedd, Hamby Norman, George Clowney, Arthur Park, Lillie Belle Crawford.

7th Grade — Ruth Sherman, Lindsay Wylie, Rachel McMaster, Miriam Center, Tal Haynes, Kate Ellison, Frances Robertson, Betty Jo Phillips, Norvelle McMaster, Bob Ragsdale.

Perfect Attendance—Betty Jo Phillips, Erleen Stevenson, Genera Thigpen, Frances Robertson, John Haynes, Tal Haynes, Edward Timms, Ralph Johnson.

HONOR ROLL WHITE OAK SCHOOL FOR NOVEMBER.

1st Grade—

Robert Patrick..... .... .99
Minnie Patrick..... .....98½
Alice Mitchell..... . 97½
Robert Buechel..... .....96 1-5
Sam Patrick..... 94
Robert Huey.....92

2nd Grade—

Florence Patrick.....99 1-5
Killough Patrick..... 97
Lexie Patrick.....96½
Helen Patrick.....96
Irene Patrick..... 96
Bruce Patrick..... 93
Hadden Mitchell..... ....92½

3rd Grade—

Horace Traylor.....90

GLEAMINGS FROM CROSBYVILLE.

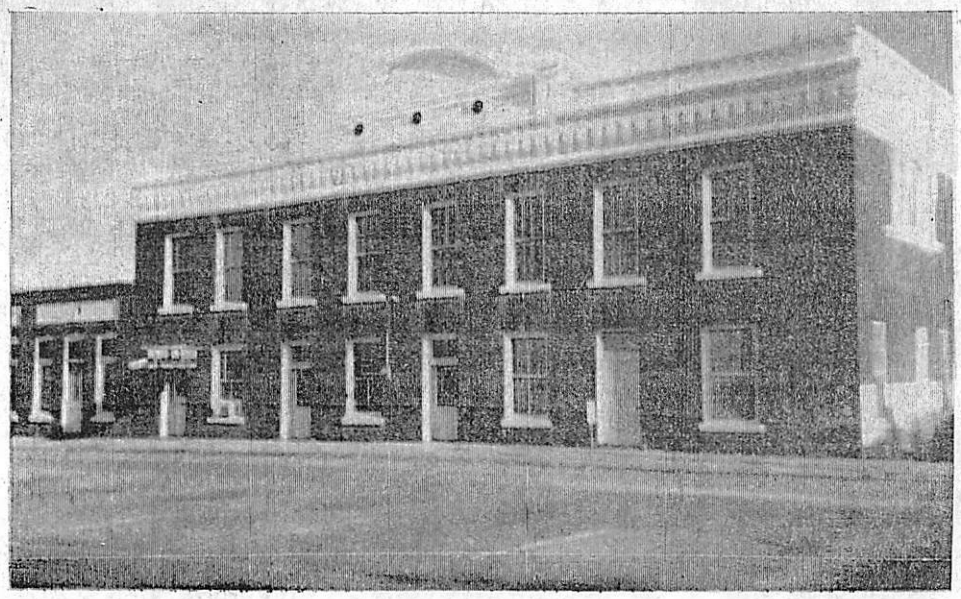
12/26/1897

Miss Nannie Keller, the accomplished teacher of the Crosbyville school, has recently been selling her rent cotton at Carlisle, S. C. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Walter Keller.

Mr. Joe Nevitt, better known to us as "Uncle Joe", will soon have his new residence completed. It is being built on the same foundation on which his former residence was burned.

All those from our vicinity who attended the Baptist State Convention at Rock Hill, S. C., have returned, and report a most pleasant trip. Miss R. V. Keller was among the fortunate ones who attended. She was accompanied by her friends Miss M. A. Pruit of Bradley, S. C., and Miss Virgie Hagie, from Virginia. While in Rock Hill they were guests in the beautiful and attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr. They say their visit could not have been more enjoyable, as Mr. Kerr is such a kind and thoughtful host, and they have never known a more charming hostess than Mrs. Kerr.

THESPIAN HALL -- CIRCA 1830



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GEORGE TRACY PIANO STUDIO

Compositions by Winnsboro Music Teacher Released

GEORGE S. TRACY

Two piano compositions by a Winnsboro piano educator have just been released. 1959

George Tracy, local musician, has received copies of "Tom Tom Parade" published by J. Fischer and Bro. and "Chinese Boy," published by Boston Music Company. Fischer has purchased another composition for a collection, and Boston Music Company is slated to release another composition this fall. "Tom Tom Parade" has been included in the 1959 lists of material selected by Bernice Frost, well known authority in the field of piano instruction.

For his master's thesis at Cornell College, Mr. Tracy wrote an original 'Sonata for Organ," which was given a public performance at the school.

Mrs. Tracy, the former Lilla Boyd Ketchin, is the daughter of the late Thomas H. Ketchin and Mary Elizabeth Shaw Ketchin of Winnsboro. She is an educator with special training in the field of Elementary Education.

DANCE AT THESPIAN HALL.

The young men of the town gave a dance to the young ladies at home from Winthrop Colege with their friends who were their house guests, on last Friday evening in the Thespian Hall. Comstock's Orchestra of Columbia furnished the music. The occasion was quite a merry one. A number of out of town people were in attendance and the young dancers had a host of spectators. 2/28/1919

Be sure and attend the "Singin Skule" in the Thespian Hall on Friday night. The "skule" was a great success in Columbia and drew a tremendous crowd. They say that it is great fun and well worth hearing. The following ladies and gentlemen will assume the different characters: Misses Berenice Parmeter, Chilian Pixley, Charlotte Allston, Susie Ketchin, Laura Gerig, Maggie Stevenson, Kate Jennings, Carrie Elliott, Katherine Flenniken, Isabel Douglass, Marie McCants, Pat Elliott, Annie Aiken, Maggie Gladden; Messrs Charles Jennings, Ernest Gladden, John Beaty, Charlie Stevenson, Dr. David Aiken, Longstreet Gantt, Lawrence Porter, Brice Robinson, Charlie Douglas, LeConte Davis, Marvin Gladden, Ed Hanahan, Palmer Davis.

[illegible], S.C., September 26, 1890.-The closing one of the very delightful dances of the summer season of '90 was celebrated at Mr. Butler Pearson's on the evening of the 24th inst.

'Tis often said, the best is reserved for the last. So seems to have been the case in this instance, when the parlors of so charming a host and hostess as Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, were thrown open for the enjoyment and pleasure of a few invited guests.

On approaching the residence up a lovely drive from the main road, there was presented a scene strikingly beautiful. On one side could be seen the light steps of the many dancers in beautiful harmony with the strains of sweet and delightful music, while on the other, were found the more mature, who, while enjoying, from a short distance, the sound of the music mingled with the conversation and merry tip of the gay and light-hearted dancer as wafted upon the wings of night from the opposite room were spending the evening in a more quiet, but not to them at least, a less pleasant way....

After dancing had continued for some time....(came) the announcement that supper was ready...Suffice it to say, therefore, without entering into details, that it was supper worthy of the caterer's art, and it is hardly thought that the truth would be imperiled by saying it was highly enjoyed by each one present...The entire evening passed as pleasantly as one could wish...The following is a list of the ladies:

Misses Ola Blair, Sallie Willingham, Alma Dickert, Ella Blair, Belle Lyles, Sallie Lyles, Lovie Irby, Alva Gladney, Florence Martin, Nicie Long, Mamie Pearson, Lena Pearson, Nellie Pearson, Mrs. Julia Pope, Genie Zealy, Mrs. J.R. Dickert, Mrs. J.S. Lyles, Mrs. J.D. Blair, Mrs. A.W. Ladd.

The following were the gentlemen:

Messrs. W.Y. Trapp, J.D. Martin, Jos. G. Martin, Jno. Hamilton, Jas. Hamilton, Ed. Martin, Sam Cameron, Jno. Lemmon, Jos. Free, Jr., Charlie Ladd, Washie Ladd, A. W. Ladd, L.M. Blair, Willie Blair, B.E. Lyles, J. D. Blair, J.S. Lyles, J.R. Dickert, Willie Wilkes, Richard Wilkes, Dug Brice, W.P. Dawkins, Willie Long, Milo B. Martin, G. T. Sims.

A PLEASANT OCCASION. 1890

On the evening of the 21st inst. there was given in Monticello, in honor of Misses Berry and Bollinger, two charming and accomplished young ladies of Columbia visiting the family of Mr. R. L. Martin, the most delightful dance the gay lovers of terpsichore have participated in this season. At an early hour the fair maidens of the surrounding neighborhood, beautifully attired in their exquisite evening costumes began to assemble, attended by polite and chivalrous escorts. In a short time thereafter, over the smooth surface of a well waxed floor, to the strains of delightful music, were seen graceful figures gliding in the mazes of the waltz and polka...Dancing continued till the early hours of morning, and when, at last, the soft sweet strains of "Home Sweet Home" slowly wafted by the morning breeze had ceased...The following ladies were in attendance:

Misses Berry and Bolinger, Columbia, Bessie Bynum, Tillie Bynum, Alva Gladney, Fannie Gladney, Anna Lee Martin, Florence Martin, Mrs. Henny Grafton, Mrs. Hazel Zealy, Mrs. Julia Pope and Miss Genie Zealy.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Bunyan Gladney, R. L. Martin, Wm. Preston Dawkins, W. Yancy Trapp, Jos. G. Martin, Jas. Macfie, S. T. Clowney, J. D. Martin, Leon Seay, of Columbia, Dave Milling, H. M. Zealy, Richard Wilks, Willie Wilks, D. Brice, Sam Campbell, Milo Martin, and G. T. Sims.

County News.

EAST WATEREE. A very enjoyable entertainment was given at Mr. W. S. Durham's on last Thursday night. Although the afternoon was threatening and bespoke of disappointments the earliest breeze of the night cleared the sky of every cloud and allowed the moon to present its undivided brilliancy. A goodly number were present, and came doubtless anticipating a good time, and it may be said that their expectations were more than accomplished. The usual innocent and refreshing plays, such as christofocation, the Raleigh trip, etc., were indulged in until a late hour. Refreshments were served during the night. The participants were: Ladies, Misses Gertrude Heins, of Ridgeway, Lida McNulty, of Columbia, Cynthia Durham, Eloise Lumpkin, Mattie Lumpkin, of Winnsboro, Berta Durham, Mattie Bell Bray, Lizzie Smith, Mondie Wardlowe, Mamie Rawls, Nannie Robertson, and Mrs. J.C. Pickett, Willie Peay, W. S. Weir, Jimmie Rawls, Capt. J.L. Wardlowe, Jno. Gibson, A. C. Mellichamp, Jno. Meyers, Henry Robertson, Wood Durham, Hawley Robertson and Hugh Wylie. 1890

THE LEAP YEAR PARTY. 12/31/1880

The Leap Year party at the Winnsboro Hotel on Friday night was in every way a pleasant entertainment. The beaux and the belles exchanged places with utmost grace-some of the former even going so far as to wear their hair in "bangs". At the appointed hour a committee of young ladies called for the gentlemen and escorted them to the hotel parlor. During the evening the gentlemen were fairly overpowered with attention, and though embarrassed by the changed order of things, yet enjoyed themselves even more than usual. The dancing commenced in due time, and everybody joined in most heartily. As the clock struck twelve the whole party, exclaimed, "A Happy New Year!"....

The Moving Picture Show. 5/19/1912

As the result of Mr. J. B. Doty's efforts, Winnsboro really has an up-to-date moving picture show in the Thespian Hall. The service is the very best that can be procured, and, instead of the usual three-reel show, they give five reels each night, so that no pictures are repeated. Then, too, the hall has been so much improved in every way.

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C.,
Wednesday Morning, June 7, 1871.

Barbecue at Maj. T.W. Woodward's.

That genial host, the very soul of good fellowship, Major T.W. Woodward, having invited us to a barbecue at his place on Saturday last, we coridally accepted the opportunity for a little social enjoyment, and rode out with several friends, beneath the cool and cloudy sky, among the earliest guests of the day. The gallant Major immediately "cornered" us, that is to say, took us to that corner of his mill where was prepared for our recreation a refreshing drink, in which a moral man might certainly have perceived the flavor of lemonade, and a soldier or a gentleman might have possibly recognized the flavor of whiskey. We profess ourselves to be simply a moral man, and so asking no questions for conscience' sake, enjoyed the mixture the lemonade to which we can with certain knowledge testify with decided relish, soon feeling somewhat livelier than on the road, which was doubtless due to the rest and company. Our accomplished amateur band struck up, upon flute and violins, delightful music, while the guests amused themselves, in several parties, with various games at cards...A rain having come up, dinner was soon announced in the second story of the mill, and the supply of wellcooked potatoes, pork and bread, was ample, and ample justice was done upon it. Major Woodward, so soon as the company had returned to the lower story, mounted the rostrum (an elevated pile of cotton seed) and gave a thrilling, romantic and picturesque account of an expedition of pioneers in the earlier times of our history, up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers...he closed by quoting, amidst immense applause, the memorable utterance of the pioneer Captain on that occasion, namely: "Now, Boys, it's about time to take another drink"...Mr. James Aiken, Mr. H.A. Gaillard, and Mr. Norwood Obear, each, then, addressed the company. We understand one of these gentlemen to say, that he had entered into the spirit of the occasion (referring perhaps to lemonade) but not sufficiently to make a spirited speech...The music then struck up...

We were cordially invited to a barbecue on Saturday previous, given by our friend Capt. J.P. Macfie, but were unable to attend...We are informed by those present that it was handsomely gotten up, and was

Breezy Point

Did you go to the Thespain Hall last Friday night to see "Breezy Point", played by the Mt. Zion girls. But of course you did, or else how could the house have been so full? For it was a very full audience, which witnessed, and thouroughly injoyed the performance. Much praise and credit is due these young ladies, who, of their own accord, got up, and with the efficient help of Miss Mary Ellison and Mrs. H. B. Refo carried out this entertaining little play. We are sure that "the Deacon's favorite song" by Miss Mehitable Doolittle (Miss Isabel Gladden) will not soon be forgotten by those lucky enough to hear it, and the "Hardscratch Twins, who never told nothin'" were a delight indeed.

The amount realized from the play was over sixty dollars, which will go to Mt. Zion. Do it again girls! 11/22/1911

NEW DANCE IS HAILED AS SUCCESSOR TO CHARLESTON

1926

New York, Aug. 24.—The "Valenca", described as a Spanish "Fox Trot", was demonstrated to dancing masters today and hailed as a successor to the Charleston.

Miss Edna Passapse, Newark dancing teacher, glided over the ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria in a demonstration of the new dance before delegates to the first joint convention of the International and American National Associations of Masters of Dancing.

She said the dance was "without the vulgarity of the Charleston and will appease the moderns" desire for new steps."

Ned Wayburn, instructor of stage dancing, defended the Charleston.

"It has lived three years," he said, "and it will continue to live. It is an outgrowth of post-war restlessness, but it has something basic in it that will keep it alive. It is a moral dance, since the dancers have to stand from four to six inches from each other."

The new "Black Bottom" dance was described by Wayburn as "one of the 400 versions of the Charleston."

DANCE AT OLD HICKORY

There will be a round and square dance at Old Hickory School House Shelton, on Friday evening, November thirteenth, benefit of the Feasterville Boarding House. 1936

MISS DUPRE GIVES PARTY

8/27/1938

Miss Carrie Aiken DuPree gave a lovely bridge party last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. T. K. Elliott. The yard was all put in readiness for a lawn party but as the weather did not permit it, the tables were arranged in the two front rooms and hall. There were three tables of bridge and one of set-back, also games for the smaller boys and girls. Twenty young people were present. After the rain had ceased several of the couples enjoyed dancing on the porch. As the midnight hour approached, all joined in singing several merry songs, with Miss DuPre playing the ukulele accompanied by Miss Carrie Mayes at the piano. Sandwiches and punch were served throughout the evening.

Fairfield Theatre Opens In Winnsboro

"Grand Opening" Is Set For Friday. Newest and Most Modern Equipment Has Been Installed, Says M. Meriwether.

1929

The Fairfield Theatre will officially open its doors to the public on Friday, December 3, according to M. Meriwether, local manager. Feature picture will be "Wings Over Honolula" and in addition there will be comedy, serial and cartoon attractions.

The theatre has been renovated throughout. New, comfortable seats and the latest RCA Photophone sound system have been installed, as well as a modern ventilation machine.

Some Fairfield people received the following invitation this week: "Charles Tidwell cordially invites you to attend the Grand Opening of the Old Mill Hideaway, dining room and cocktail lounge, Hotel Sutton, between 1st and 2nd Avenues, New York City." Mr. Tidwell, whose home is in Ridgeway and who plays entirely by ear, is the "personality pianist" for this club. 1954

A meeting for men only, will be held at the Palmetto Theatre Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting is sponsored by the different churches around and in Winnsboro, and the principal speaker will be Rev. T. A. Snider, of New Brookland, S. C. The men in and around our community are especially urged to attend this meeting. There will be special singing by a male choir from Winnsboro Mills and other specials that will be interesting.

THE OLD WINNSBORO HOTEL

The unsightly ruins on the corner of Congress and Washington streets of what was once the Winnsboro Hotel shown in the accompanying picture bring to mind interesting incidents in the history of Winnsboro.

The Winnsboro Hotel, a four-story brick building, for many years was a taller building than any, except public buildings, in Columbia, and was a matter of pride to the small boys at least. The date of its erection is somewhat uncertain but it is supposed to have been in the 1820's. Mr. Robert Cathcart, a wealthy man, whose home was where the A. R. P. church now is, was the owner and builder. The story long circulated was that the rival in wealth, Mr. David Aiken, built a three-story building across the street, and because its elevation was higher than Mr. Cathcart's building which then was three stories, as the cornice showed in later times. So Mr. Cathcart added another story to make his building the highest in town. The facts are, probably, as another tradition has it, that Mr. Cathcart ordered four stories in the beginning, and going away was much disappointed when he returned to find that only three stories had been finished and a cornice put around the top. He ordered the fourth story to be added as originally stipulated.

There was no appearance in the 1880's that the fourth story was ever used. It was never furnished in the flourishing days of the Winnsboro Hotel.

It was bought, after the Confederate war, about 1866, by Mr. George Hunter McMaster, the purchase including the whole property from Congress street to the railroad, the Thespian Hall, and a number of offices, and also, it is understood, what was a large livery stable across the street and a one story brick building which still stands. It was a very worthwhile purchase and about made Mr. McMaster a rich man. The rents, in a few years paid the purchase price which was about $8,000.

Mr. Mark Brown had the front, second story and upwards, as a hotel, and for some years Mr. McMaster's family occupied the second story ell. On the first floor corner was McMaster, Brice and Ketchin's what would now be called department store, drug store, dry goods, shoes, crockery, and clothing departments. They also sold paints, oils, etc. Next on the front for many years was the grocery store of D. R. Flenniken, which did a large business. Next where the bank was for many years, but before the bank came, for many years after the Confederate war, was a bar room.

Space forbids telling the whole story of the hotel and the incidents connected with it, and the story could be extended to tell who lived along Congress street north of the hotel, but this must be reserved for another time.

The site of the old Winnsboro Hotel and the buildings to the railroad now belong to the estate of the late Senator Thomas H. Ketchin.

The Winnsboro Hotel was completely destroyed by fire in 1938.

WINNSBORO HOTEL.

6/3/1886

THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES PLEASin informing the people of Fairfield County and the traveling public that he has taken charge of the WINNSBORO HOTEL, and is now prepared to receive both permanent and transient boarders.

The building has just been repainted and put in first-rate condition throughout.

The table will be supplied with the best that the local and neighboring markets afford, and no pains will be spared to insure the comfort of guests.

A Sample Room is provided, conveniently arranged for the use of Commercial Travelers.

TERMS REASONABLE.

A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

A. F. GOODING,
Proprietor

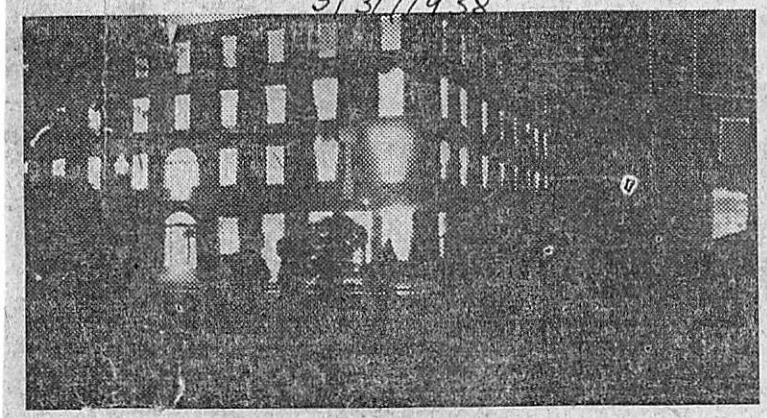
The Colonial Inn.

As a background to the finest ornamental garden of shrubs and trees in the State stands the Colonial Inn, on an elevation in the historic old town of Winnsboro. In this garden, planted 52 years ago by Robert Bentham Boylston, are fine specimens of California and Devdar cedars, camelias, japonicas, white, pink and purple Japanese magnolias and a great variety of the handsomest roses in the State. This mansion was built by Thos. P. Ligon for Mr. R. B. Boylston in 1855 and is of a composite architecture, Corinthian and Volute, and is an unusually finely proportioned building. Miss Reynolds of Winnsboro and Miss Vanderhoff of New York city are the proprietors of the inn and it has been full of visitors both this and last winter. 11/23/1907

Winnsboro Hotel Building, More Than A Century Old, Is Destroyed By Flames

Thousands Watch As Four Fire Departments Fight Biggest Blaze In City's History. Town Clock And Other Structures Are Threatened, But Spread Is Prevented.

3/31/1938



The Fire At Its Height—Photo by O. A. Brown.

All That Remained Of The 100-Year-Old Building On Tuesday Morning.—Photo by O. A. Brown.

Fire, of an undetermined origin, which apparently began in a storeroom of Brice's Wig-Wam, completely destroyed the Old Winnsboro Hotel building Monday evening. For a time the entire business block was threatened, and it was feared that the historic Town Clock and Town Hall would go up in smoke and flames.

The fire was discovered about 9 p. m. in the rear of the Main Street poolroom. At first blush, it did not seem to be a real threat, but with devastating rapidity, the flames spread from one section to another until, in a matter of minutes, all sections of the building were ablaze. The Winnsboro fire department, which was wholely inadequate to cope with one of the biggest fires in the town's history, immediately went into action. SOS calls were sent to the Columbia and Chester Fire Departments, which promptly responded, arriving on the scene about ten o'clock. By this time the entire building, from the old stand of the Merchants and Planters Bank (now vacant), to the rear end of the DeLuxe Cafe, seemed a mass of flames and smoke. The combined efforts of the Winnsboro, Winnsboro Mills, and Chester Fire Departments, together with the prompt and efficient fire-fighting of the Columbia outfit, finally brought the flames under control, but not until the building was a total wreck. The fire did not reach the offices on Washington Street, being checked at the point where the rear of the Cafe joins the office of H. E. Ketchin, of the Farmers Mutual. For a time it was feared that the buildings on Washington Street, which comprise Miss Lizzie Johnston's Beauty Shop, the Western Union, Horace Traylor's Law Offices, The News & Herald Company and a pressing club, would be destroyed.

Wiped out were the DeLuxe Cafe, The Three Friends Barber Shop, Brice's WigWam, on the ground floor, and some 26 rooms and apartments on the second and third floors, some of them used for lodgings. The building is a four-story structure, but the top floor was not in use. The store of M. W. Doty & Son, adjacent to the north of the Hotel, was damaged by smoke and water.

The Town Clock, adjacent to the South side of the Hotel building, caught several times, and was smoking and flaming at the very top. For a time it was thought the building would be lost, but the Columbia department trained its hose on the danger point and the catastrophe was averted. Later, firemen mounted the town clock to make sure no sparks or flames were left.

Fire-fighting was continuous from the time of the alarm at 9 o'clock until well past midnight, and the Columbia Department continued to pour water on the smouldering debris for an hour more. An attempt was made to raze the brick front of the building which remained standing but only a part of the structure fell.

Tuesday morning the sun looked down on a building that to all intent and purposes was completely demolished. The end office, some years ago the stand of the Merchants & Planters Bank, more latterly occupied by the Smarr Insurance Company, but now vacant, was left partially intact. Business places that were destroyed completely were Brice's Wig-Wam, Jones' Cafe, J. L. Mattox' Barber Shop, as well as the three upper stories.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the building, although little property was removed, so fast did the flames spread. Firefighting was of a hazardous nature, but no one of the firemen suffered injury.

Literally thousands of people jammed Main and Washington Streets to watch four fire departments battle one of the most sensational fires in Winnsboro's history. The immense crowd was variously estimated from a low of 1,500 to a high of four thousand. Certainly several thousand, at one time or another, witnessed the blaze.

The Winnsboro Hotel Building was built in 1837 and hence was over 100 years old. Ownership, in the course of a century, had pass-

now the property of the estate of T. H. Ketchin, J. S. Ketchin, administrator.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Resolutions To Neighboring Fire Companies

To Chief A. C Marsh of the Columbia Fire Department: The citizens of Winnsboro assembled at a public meeting in the court house desire to express to you and your fine men the deep appreciation of your prompt response and efficient service in controlling our disastrus fire last night. We were fearful of losing our cherished town hall and historic clock until your arrival. We knew then they were safe and the fire would spread no further. Please accept this as a pledge that we hold you and your men in high esteem and sincere gratitude.

Court House, March 29, 1938
Oliver Johnson,
H. Floyd Surles,
G. M Ketchin, Committee.

To Chief F. R Sanders of the Winnsboro Mills Fire Company: We do not consider you as belonging to a different community from ours. We are all one community. While it is somewhat like thanking ourselves, yet we do, as citizens of Winnsboro assembled in the court house, desire to assure you of our deep appreciation of your service in helping with our fire last night. The spirit of such service is that which binds people together in cordial good will. We ask you to receive this as a pledge of our high esteem for you as individuals and as a group.

Court House, March 29, 1938,
Oliver Johnson,
H. Floyd Surles,
G. M. Ketchin, Committee.

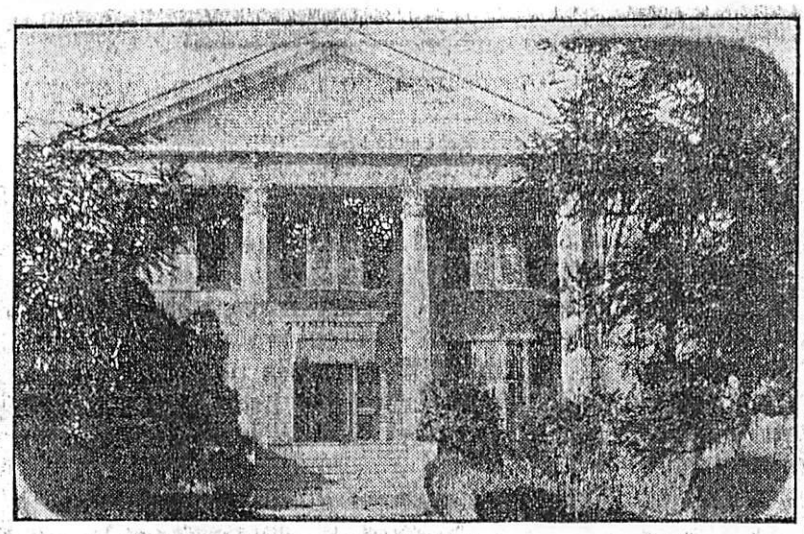
To the Chief of the Chester Fire Department:

The citizens of Winnsboro meeting in the court house express to you their sincere appreciation of your prompt response and valiant help in controlling our fire last night. Without your aid the destruction might have been much greater. This spirit draws communities together in cordial fellowship and good will. We wish you to accept this as assurance that we hold you in high esteem and sincere gratitude.

Court House, March 29, 1938
Oliver Johnson,
H. Floyd Surles,
G. M. Ketchin, Committee.

Side Lights On The Fire

Some one commenting, as the fire reached its height, that Winnsboro was losing its only "skyscraper" . . . Little spurts of flame shooting from the top of the Town Clock, the town hose being unable to throw a stream so high, but the Columbia pump, with its extra pressure reaching the spot . . . Hands on the Town Clock refusing to run, but the bell continuing to strike the hours . . . At four o'clock Tuesday, the bell struck two. . . . The fire at its zenith burning with all the fury of Dante's Inferno, both a splendid and a terrifying spectacle . . . Every crack in the old building standing out in bold relief in the glaring brightness. Then, the building, as the flames died down, taking on the appearance of a sepulchre . . . B. B. Meng, Jr., climbing a light pole on Washington Street as the fire blazed angrily, to clip electric wires, being hit by a stream of water, and handling himself well in a tight spot . . . Rhett Sanders directing the Winnsboro Mills fire department, as the men fearlessly carried the hose into the burning poolroom . . . Otis Brown and Conrad Arrington taking pictures of the blazing building . . . Law books from Horace Traylor's office, books and material from The News & Herald, supplies and equipment from the beauty shop and H. E. Ketchin's office, piled promiscuously on Washington Street . . . . People from Monticello saying that the blaze was visible there, and they, wondering if all of Winnsboro was burning down . . . Burnt splinters falling as far as Mr. Jesse Doty's house . . . . Cars parked two deep on certain sections of Main Street and the fire truck from Columbia wending its way at top speed through them . . . . . People watching the Columbia Department train its hose on the brick front of the building, after the fire had subsided in an effort to bring down the walls . . . Some sections falling, and people wondering if and when the remaining parts would crumble and wisely giving the place a wide birth . . . Crowds packing the Court House piazza and steps to watch the fire from a better point of vantage . . Some one recalling that the brick in the old hotel building were hauled in an oxcart from Charleston more than one hundred years ago . . . Members of the fire departments and some citizens climbing to the top of the burning town clock . . . Cries of alarm and distress from various onlookers, "Please save the town clock" . . . The Columbia Record erroneously reporting that volunteer firemen worked to save the valuable files of The News & Herald. The Herald building was untouched by flames and the files remained inside, although some material from the front office was moved into the street . . . Program of the Erskine College Glee Club and Orchestra being interrupted by the fire alarm as a large part of the audience rushed to the scene of the conflagration . . . Citizen, in the midst of the fire, recalling the time when the old Enterprize Building, located where the Bank of Fairfield now stands, went up in flames . . . A large part of the crowd rushing to the Colonial Drug Store upon hearing that it, too, was burning. Upon arriving people found the store filled with smoke caused by the burning of a coat in the back of the store. Little damage resulted . . . Otis Brown driving to Columbia with the pictures he made of the burning building to have plates made. Two appear this week in The Herald . . . An executive meeting of the Lion's Club being cut short by the fire alarm . . . Proprietors inspecting the roofs of their buildings before retiring for the night . . . Bob Hood saying, that in his opinion, at least four or five thousand people witnessed the fire. People, who lost their lodging places and possessions, being taken to the homes of friends for the night . . . Many looking for new living quarters on Tuesday morning . . . All day Tuesday people lining the streets to view the ruins and many contemplating what a change in the lives of individuals a fire can make . . . Plans for razing the old brick walls, which are a source of danger, in progress.



Colonial Inn

WINNSBORO, S. C.

(OCTOBER TO MAY.)

A most charming section of the South for winter sojourning is Winnsboro, South Carolina. It is situated in the central part of the State, about 30 miles from Columbia and Camden, and may be reached in 18 hours from New York City by the Southern Railway.

Winnsboro is on a ridge, 542 feet above sea level, having good drainage, and a climate that is dry, bracing and temperate. The water is pure and soft. There are five churches, a small library, good school and a livery in the town. Quail hunting in the fall and early winter, for which guides and dogs can be secured.

It is here that the Colonial Inn, a small home-like house, with modern conveniences, open wood fires, piazzas, picturesque old-fashioned garden and tennis court, is located. The season is from May to October.

For particulars address,

THE MISSES VANDERHOFF & REYNOLDS.

Originally, the structure was known as the Boyleston House, as it was built by Col. Robert B. Boyleston in the late 1850s. He purchased the land from Henry H. and Robert B. Clark. The house remained in the Boyleston family until 1905, when it was sold to Sabritt Dunn. Dunn never occupied the house and a year later sold it to Virginia Reynolds and Josephine M. Vanderhoof, two northern ladies who operated it as the Colonial Inn, a winter resort for northern visitors and sportsmen. Mrs. W.M. Dunlap and Mrs. K.R. McMaster remember the house during this period, and Mrs. Dunlap recalls that as a young girl she passed by the inn many times, always admiring the beautifully kept grounds.

In 1910, Gertrude H. Refo bought the house, and Mrs. Dunlap remembers being invited to a party there, given by Mrs. Refo for her daughter, whom she called "Baby Gerturde". Mrs. Refo sold the house to Dr. Buchanan.

THE NEWS AND HERALD

A BIT OF NEWS

If you have a bit of news,
Send it in.
Or a joke that will amuse,
Send it in.
A story that is true,
An incident that is new,
Never mind the style,
If the story is worthwhile,
It may help or cause a smile,
Send it in.

THE NEWS AND HERALD.

WINNSBORO, S. C.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, : : 1887.

E. B. RAGSDALE,
W. L. McDONALD, } EDITORS.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

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The Fairfield News and Herald of August 15, 1894. At this time Mr. W. D. Douglas was editor, Mr. Jas. Q. Davis, Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Elliott, Business Manager.)

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J. M. McNaull, Editor and Proprietor

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We assume no responsibility for the opinions of correspondents.

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Wednesday, November 22, 1911.

KETCHIN TO EDIT FAIRFIELD PAPER

Seneca Journal. 11/1934

McMaster Ketchin has accepted a position as editor-in-chief of The News and Herald of Winnsboro, S. C. This paper is the only one in Fairfield county and one of the most influential in that section of the state. Mr. Ketchin is well qualified for this position of responsibility. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with the degree of A. B. His contributions to the leading newspapers and particularly the articles on sports written for The Seneca Journal have received much favorable comment. For a number of years Mr. Ketchin taught mathematitcs and science in the Seneca high school. It was with keen regret that his many friends here learned of his resignation at the end of this past year. They wish him every success in his new field of endeavor.

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SHAMEFUL CONDITION.

A number of the citizens of Winnsboro held a meeting Monday in the town hall, at which meeting quite a few of the leading citizens of different sections of the County were invited to be spresent . This meeting was first scheduled to be held at the Winnsboro Bank, but on account of the crowd it was changed to the town hall. We believe that if this committee had known the condition of the town hall the meeting most certainly would have been held elsewhere. Fact of the matter is, that there was not a citizen of the town on the committee but who blushed with shame when the visitors came in. Such was the condition that one responsible citizen, one of the leading business men of the town remarked that it was a disgrace and a shame and that if every one of the town citizens present would go with him after the meeting an' invitation would be extended to the town anthorities to visit the hall on a trip of inspection.

We do not like to be placed in the position of knocking, but facts are facts and truths are truths. We propose to tell them when we find them and if at any time we make a mis-statement we are ready to correct same. However, in this instance, we are satisfied that the condition of the city hall in Winnsboro was such as to be a disgrace to the citizens of the town. Chairs that cost the town government considerable money were thrown over the floor and one especially, the most expensive one in the room, and one which a few weeks ago was good and sound, was broken to pieces, for what reason we do not know. A costly desk was being used as a receiver for trash and dust. A costly hardwood table was made into a bed. Trash, dirt and ashes and refuse was on the floor. Candidly and truthfully, we have seen pig stys in better condition.

We do not know how much of this condition is known to the city officials. We hope if it is not that they will begin from this time on and require that the city hall be kept in decent shape.

& HERALD OF 1787

3/24/1938

Feb. 2, 1787—

"Our employees complain of the interruptions and inconveniences to which they are subjected by the frequent visits of persons who come on no business, but simply for curiosity or to kill time. We do not wish to be rude, but we must again call attention to the notice conspicuously posted on different parts of our printing office—"No Admittance Except On Business." We do not wish to be either unkind or discourteous. But the matter of which we complain has really become extremely annoying and we trust that we shall not be troubled anymore.

"The Gordon Light Infantry are taking active steps to procure their uniforms. The one thing now needed is a complement of arms and equipment. These, we trust, the adjutant and inspector general may soon be able to supply.

Feb. 5, 1878—

"It is said that candidates in the ensuing campaign will be as thick as the leaves in Vallumbrosa. Let's get ready, then, and fix things so that they can all have a fair, square race for the nomination. Abbeville and Anderson are already in line. Our county executive committee must prepare a scheme to be presented to the different clubs for ratification.

"The Russians are reported to be within 24 hours march of Constantinople and nothing definite can be heard about peace. England is in a state of ferment and her leaders are divided on the question of war or peace. Austria and Italy are becoming restive at the possible absorption of Turkey by Russia.

"We trust something will be done by our citizens toward a dinner or collation for the Fairfield survivors of the Florida war, who it will be remembered, meet at this place next Monday.

Feb. 7, 1878—

"The graded school at Mt. Zion has opened with one hundred and twenty-five scholars.

"Mt. Zion Society—The annual meeting of this time-honored association was held in the Town Hall on Thursday last. The following officers were elected: President, James B. McCants; Senior Warden, H. A. Gaillard; Junior Warden, A. S. Douglas; Secretary and Treasurer, G. H. McMaster; Trustees, J. H. Rion, T. T. Robertson, James Beaty, H. L. Elliot, James A. Brice.

"Mt. Zion Institute—During the continuance of the graded school in connection with Mt. Zion, students in the ancient and modern languages, higher mathematics and the sciences will be received into the Institute upon the payment of $2.50 per scholastic month of four weeks in advance.

R. Means Davis, Principal.

March 16, 1878—

"Mr. C. Brice McKeown of Blackstock, graduated with high honors recently in the Medical college at Charleston.

April 23, 1878—

"The Town Charter—The following is the full text of the recent act of the Legislature amending the charter of Winnsboro.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that the intendent and Wardens of the said town shall, during their term of service, severally and respectively, within the limits of the said town be vested with all the powers and jurisdictions of Magistrates, Trial Justices or Justices of the Peace, as either of such offices shall exist in this state, except for the trial of civil cases.

Section 2. The town Council shall have power to arrest and commit to the county jail of Fairfield county or to the guard house of the said town, for a term not exceeding ten days, any person or persons committing any offenses as set forth in the charter of said town.

Section 3. The Town Council shall have power within their discretion to impose an annual tax, and to grant licenses for the same upon such terms and regulations as they may establish, to keepers of the pin alleys and bowling alleys, owners of public drays, wagons, carts or hacks and livery stable keepers.

And the said Town Council may likewise impose an annual tax upnies having a resident agent or operator.

2. Photographic artists or picture takers, brokers or money-exchange dealers.

3. Lecturers, traveling theatrical companies, concerts or musical entertainments, exhibitors of curiosities of any kind, except those for charitable purposes.

4. Also, upon peddlers or venders of soaps, medicines, goods, wares or merchandise of any kind not the products or manufacture of this state, or by a citizen resident in this state."

Mr. Jno. W. Chandler, a well known native of Winnsboro, was on a short visit to his relatives here last week. He has recently obtained an important position on the Port Royal Railroad, at Augusta, and will take up in residence in that city. We wish him much success.

1889

LADD BRO'S. & CO.

Ladd Bro's. & Co., have received their Spring stock of Goods, and are offering them low for cash. They promise to sell goods at Columbia prices, and some styles ten per cent cheaper.. 1870

TAILORING.

THE undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Winnsboro and the vicinity, that he has opened a a TAILORING establishment in the rear of Thompson & Woodward Store where he is prepared to do all kinds of of Tailoring. Special attention paid to the cutting of Ladies BASQUES and CLOAKS. All work warranteed if properly made up. 1870

T.H. BROLLY.

Removal.

G.H. PARKER, has removed his Bar Room to the store formerly occupied by W.M. Nelson, where the finest of Liquors will always be kept. A first Class Restaurant will be carried on in the rear of the Bar, under the management of Tony Hall, former cook of J.W. Hudson. The patronage of the public is solicited. 1870

Boarding and Day School

1870

ON MONDAY, January 10, 1870, I will re-open a Boarding and Day School. The scholastic Year will be divided into two sessions of 20 weeks each. The English department will embrace every branch that constitutes a thorough education. Languages, Music, Painting and Fancy Work, a separate charge. Musical department under the charge of Miss M. L. Gaillard. The Ornamental branches will embrace Painting in Oil and Water Colors, Grecian Painting, Wax and Shell Work.

Boarding including washing $75 per session.

C. LADD

DISSOLUTION

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the name of A. McELROY & CO., was dissolved on the first day of January, 1870, by mutual consent. The business will still be continued by W. K PROPST, at the same old stand. 1870

A. McELROY
W. K. PROPST

NEW FURNITURE!
GOOD FURNITURE!
CHEAP FURNITURE!

Just received direct from the best factories of New York and Boston. Consisting of fine Rosewood and Chestnut suits, complete Mahogany and Walnut Bureaus, Sofas, Divans, Parlor Chairs Stands, & c., Bed Steads and Chairs of fifteen different grades each, Wardrobes, Salon Tables, and everything usually kept in the Furniture Line, which we propose to selp as cheap as can be bought anywhere in the State. Call and see.

JOHN McINTYRE & CO.

1870

Carolina Life Insurance Company

1871

It will be observed by an advertisement in another column, that our friend Mr. DuBose Egleston, of the firm of Bacot & Co., is the Agent of the Carolina Life Insurance Company, in which Ex-President Jefferson Davis, is President, and M.C. Butler, General Agent of the State. This is a good Company and deserves patronage.

EARLY POTATOES.

Mr. Robert Phillips who is ever ahead in gardening, has placed on our table a lot of very fine Irish potatoes the first of the season. They are of the Early Rose and Early Goodrich varieties. Some of them are as large as a hen's egg. 1871

WINNSBORO, February 6, 1867.

Apples, Bushel,	$3.00
Baggin, Gunny per yard,	.37
Bagging Dundee per yard,	.35
Bale Rope, manilla, per lb.,	.28
Bale Roper, New York or Western, per lb.,	.20, .25
Bacon, Hams, per lb.,	.20
Bacon Sides, per lb.,	.17, .18
Bacon Shoulders, per lb.,	.14
Butter, Country, per lb.	.25
Cotton, Yarns, per bunch,	$2.75
Cotton, Ordinary lb.,	.25
Cotton, Middling, lb.,	.27
Candles, Parafine, lb.,	.50
Cotton Sperm, (whale), lb.,	.50
Cotton Adamantine, lb.,	.35
Coffee, Rio, lb.,	.80
Coffee, Laguayan, lb.,	.45
Coffee, Java, lb.,	.50
Cheese, English Dairy, lb.,	.28, .30
Cheese, Goshen, lb.,	.22, .25
Hides, Dry, lb.,	.10
Lard, lb.,	.18
Molasses, Muscovado, gallon,	.75
Molasses, Sorghum, gallon;	.60
Molasses, New Orleans, gallon,	$1.25
Nails, lb.	.08½; .09½
Onions, bushel,	$1.50
Oil, Kerosine, gallon,	$1.20
Oil, Tanneus, gallon,	$1.70
Corn, white, bushel,	$1.60
Corn, yellow, bushel,	$1.50
Salt, Liverpool, sack,	$3.75
Cards, Cotton, doz.,	$9.00
Cards, Wool, doz..,	$8.00
Sugar, Crushed, lb.,	.21
Sugar, Powdered, lb.,	.21, .23
Sugar, Brown, lb.,	.15, .16
Sugar, Extra C, lb.,	.17, .18
Tea, Extra Gunpowder, lb.,	$2.00
Tea, Hyson, lb.,	$1.50-$2.00
Tea, Black, lb.	12.5, 1.50
Tobacco, Chewing, lb.,	1.50
Specia, Gold,	.32
Specia, Silver,	.23
Flour, Country Extra cwt.,	9. 9½
Flour, Ohio, Extra bbl.,	$16.00
Arks, W.J. Teneyck & Co., doz.	$21.00
Arks Collins, Warranted, doz.,	$21.00

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., Wednesday Morning, March 1, 1871.

Mr. S. M. Gilbert, an experienced, and therefore, a good shoemaker, offers his services to the citizens of Winnsboro and vicinity. Those desirous of Boots and Shoes, can have a neat job done at Mr. S.M. Gilbert's.

The store of Messrs. E.W. Ollever & Co., was feloniously entered on Thursday night last while the proprietors and clerks were at tea, from the back door, by means of a chisel, and robbed of twenty-five or thirty dollars in money and a fine pistol. It seems to us that the rogues in this community do not fear the penitentiary. Our jail is now full of them, although several have been sent to Stolbrand & Co., the cry is "still they come". Cannot there be some other means devised by which these scoundrels can be punished? Will not the legislature resume the whipping post law, or make stealing a capital offense, in order to stop this wholesale robbery? 1869

THE undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to the public that he has opened a BLACKSMITH SHOP, at the old "Laughlin Shop", near the passenger depot, where he will do every kind of Blacksmith work. He has secured the services of one of the best Smith's in the country, and will be glad to receive the patronage of his friends and the public in general. All work done at his shop is warranted.

Jno. D. McCarley.

Morris House 1879

AT THE MORRIS HOUSE you can get transient or regular board at prices to suit the times, with accommodations not surpassed in Winnsboro.

A.A. MORRIS,
PROPRIETOR.

B.F. Davidson & Co. 1869

We invite the attention of the citizens of Winnsboro and vicinity, to the advertisement of Messrs. B.F. Davidson & Co., who have opened a store in our town for the purpose of carrying on a mercantile business. We bespeak for him a full share of the public patronage.

Livery and Sale Stable.

The undersigned will open on or about the 25th inst, as a LIVERY AND SALE STABLE. 1869

He will keep constantly on hand Horses and Vehicles for Hire and Sale, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

He will arrive about the 20th inst., with a fine lot of Kentucky Horses and Mules.

A.F. GOODING

Caldwell's Millinery Opening. 1899

The millinery department of the Caldwell Dry Good Co.'s establishment is always an intensely interesting place, especially from a feminine point of view, but the formal fall opening inaugurated two days ago has made it even more than usually attractive in the eyes of the ladies.

A reporter for THE NEWS AND HERALD dropped in for a few minutes Friday and he found himself in the midst of the most bewildering display of feminine finery. Under the supervision of the young ladies in charge, the room has been most artistically decorated. The walls were hung with graceful drapery, the color schemes of which suggested the shades and tints which will prevail this season...These shades and tints are red, blue, gray and rose, the latter, being apparently the most popular.

There are pattern hats, and picture hats, and hats that are in the humble opinion of the reporter are not pictures, but which, being "smart" and the correct thing, will "go". Ladies who can't find in that tempting array of gems of the millinery art something to appeal to their fancy are assuredly hard to please.

1879

A few days ago we had occasion to drop in at Mr. Brown's Hotel. Mine host keep everything in perfect order. A first class table, a cheerful fire — well furnished rooms. And in fact, everything for the convenience of the traveling public. Mr. M.L. Brown is a good caterer, and we would wish to say to our country friends — that if they wish a good meal, and to enjoy a few hours of quiet repose — to call on him. As a hotel keeper, he is no. "Sardine".

Sunday Night Blaze.

Mrs. Habenicht's Store Partially Destroyed by Fire. 1879

Shortly after ten o'clock Sunday night fire was discovered on the roof of Mrs. F.M. Habenicht's store building on East Washington Street, and almost before the alarm could be turned in the whole roof was in flames and burning fiercely...The firemen responded promptly, however, and in a short time the engines had three steady streams playing on the flames, and scores of willing workers were busy removing the stock of goods..to places of safety...

Crawford's stables, and the adjoining sheds caught fire several times, but after the engines commenced to work these buildings were never in any serious danger...No department could have done better work, and the firemen deserve all the "bouquets" that have been thrown their way.

Mrs. Habenicht's loss is fully covered by insurance. She will not reoccupy the old building, but will move at once into one of the store rooms in the DesPortes block. The contents of the offices of school commissioner and the auditor were pretty babdly torn up in the excitement, and it will take these officers some time to get their rooms in shape.

Great Excitement At Palmetto House. 1879

Just ARRIVED one of the finest assortments of Liquors in the Boro. One Barrel of Gibson's Celebrated Old Nectar, 1840; Three Barrels of fine old Rye Whiskey: 1st, Old Imperial Cabinet Whiskey, 9 years old, 2nd, also, the Mabel Belle, 9 ditto, 3rd, Roanoke Rye, the oldest, 18 ditto, Corn Whiskey of the best grades. North Carolina Corn, Sweet, and Sour Mash of the best grades. Also, Wines and Brandies of the finest brands...You can find me at all times at the Bar under the Winnsboro Hotel, next door to D.R. Flenniken's.

J. CLENDINING

The Elliott Cotton Gin. 1879

We are pleased, though not at all surprised to learn that the first premium was awarded to the Elliott Cotton Gin at the recent fair in Chester. Mr. Elliott, its manufacturer, to long experience adds enterprise and progressiveness: so that his gin, as now constructed, combines all of its latest improvements. His success at Chester is all the more an evidence of merit when it is remembered that his gin was placed in competition with the Winship Gin — a machine that has acquired a very high reputation in this and other Southern States.

Hennies, the photographer, of Columbia, is now in Winnsboro, at Thespian Hall gallery, and ready for business. Remember for this week only - six nice photos for 35¢. All sizes and styles of photographs. Don't put it off, but call at once. 1879

A HENNERY.

Mr. J. Clendining has stocked a poultry yard on the outskirts of town, under the charge of Mr. Lafayette Poteet, and purposes to supply Winnsboro with spring chickens and eggs. They are both a great disideration, and we hope the enterprise will succeed. 1880

Eighty-one Years Ago in Fairfield

(The information which follows was compiled from "The Home Seeker and Business Guide", Volume 1, Number 1, C. M. Dempsey, proprietor, Columbia, S. C., November, 1893. The proprietor describes his publication as "a journal devoted to the general business, industrial and agricultural interests of the South, and free from politics."

(The News and Herald is indebted to Henry Norwood Obear for the 81-year old pamphlet. Excerpts, especially applicable to Winnsboro, are printed herewith, and more data, in regard to Fairfield, will appear later.)

FAIRFIELD - 1893

Nowhere in this State, or any other state in the union, are there better advantages or better openings for investments, than are offered in Fairfield County. Her rich bottom or river lands are productive and adapted to almost any kind of crops. Her clay is of a superior quality for brick and pottery; her forests and hillsides abound in fine timer, and her granite, of which there is an inexhaustible supply, is second to none in the country. It crops out to the surface and in some places rises a hundred or more feet above the level. The finest quarrying lands in the country are found in this county. Lands are being offered for sale cheap and on reasonable terms. We know of several good farms for sale in this county suitable for either stock or farming purposes, and on some of them is granite enough to pay for them many times.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OFFICERS

Senator - T. S. Brice, Albion
Representatives - W. J. Johnson, Ridgeway; R. Y. Lemmon, Winnsboro; T. P. Mitchell, Woodward
Sheriff - R. E. Ellison
Clerk of Court - R. Y. Jennings
School Commissioner - A. Y. Milling
County Commissioners - T. C. Leitner, B. G. Tennant, W. J. L. Weir. J. J. Neil, clerk
Coroner - G. O. Hinnant
Auditor - J. L. Richmond
Judge of Probate - S. R. Johnson
Treasurer - Hayne McMeekin

WINNSBORO

County seat of Fairfield county, thirty-eight miles north of Columbia, on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, and has a population of about two thousand. It is a good business town. Healthy, with good water; a market, two hotels, one good restaurant, several boarding houses, two schools, five white and five colored churches, oil and fertilizer works, several livery and feed stables, two banks, and backed by an agricultural and granite interest that is unsurpassed in the South.

(The following business and professional firms were operative in the town in 1893, according to the directory:)

Aiken, Dr. David, dentist
Beckham, A. E., grocer
Beaty, J. M. & Bro., gen'l mdse.
Beaty, W. C., gen'l mdse.
Blake William, barber
Boag, J. O. gen'l mdse. and farmer
Brown, R. P., 5 miles sw, farmer and cotton gin
Hanahan & Hanahan, attys. at law
Caldwell, J. C., com. broker and ins agt.
Caldwell & Rugg, dry goods, clothing and shoes
Cathcart, T. M., atty at law and trial justice
Chappell, J. C., saw mill and farmer
Crawford, G. W., sales stables
Crawford & McMaster, butchers
Chandler, C. M., jeweler
Clark, F. M. dry goods and clothing
Desportes, Ulysses, gen'l mdse. and cotton buyer
Doty, W. R. & CO. gen'l mdse. and sales stables
Douglass A.S. & W.D., attys. at law
Egleston, DuBose, postmaster
Ellison, R. E., dealer in mules
Fairfield Oil & Fertilizer Co., S. D. Dunn, supt.
Garrison, W. R., butcher
Gerig, Francis, farmer
Gerig & Seigler, hardware and saddlery
Gibson, Hugh W., blacksmith
Gibson, S. S., variety store
Habenicht, F. W., restaurant, cigars and tobacco
Hall & Crawford, gen'l. mdse., livery, feed and sale stable
Hanahan & Son, physicians
Hotel Duval, Mrs. M. A. Duval, proprietress
Ketchin & Cathcart, gen'l. mdse.
Ketchin, T. H. & Co., dry goods, clothing and shoes
Lauderdale, D., gen'l. mdse.
Lumpkin, T. T., gen'l. mdse.
Matthews, John P., grocer
Matthews, R. T., grocer, hardware and mfr. of wagons, buggies, etc.
Madden, T. B., physician and farmer
McCants, Jas. G., atty. at law
McCarley, Mrs. H. M., fancy groceries
McCarley, J. D. & Co., grocer and livery stables
McCarley, S. A., grocer
McIntosh Simon, blacksmith
McDonald, Douglass & Obear, attys. at law
McMaster & Co. druggists
McMaster, J. R., physician and druggist
McMaster, J. F., grocer
Mobley, M. H., county dispenser
Montague, Valentine, barber
Meuller, Charles, jeweler
Murphy, Bunion, farmer
Millett, C., cotton buyer
Mt. Zion Collegiate Institute, Prof. W. H. Witherow principal
Phillips, R. W., furniture, grocer and undertaker
Ragsdale & Ragsdale, attys. at law
Roche, W. G., tailor
Ruff, S. W., farmer (Continued From Page 1)
Smith, C. L., farmer
Steele, J. M. ,farmer
Stewart, J. M., cotton buyer
Skinner, J. H., ticket agt. and operator
Tedwell, Rev., J. S., farmer
The People's Bank, W. C. Beaty president, Jas. Q. Davis, cashier. Capital Stock $81,000; surplus $15,000
Turner, R. Y., gen'l. mdse.
White, G. A., broker and confectioner
Williford, A. & CO., grocers and livery stable
Williford, W. H., dry goods and clothing
Williford, Q. D. & CO., dry goods, clothing, millinery, etc.
Winnsboro Drug Store, Murray Robertson, prop.
Winnsboro Hotel, D. H. Stevenson, prop.
Winnsboro National Bank, G. H. McMaster president, T. K. Elliott, cashier. Capital stock $100,000; surplus $35,000
The News and Herald, published weekly and triweekly by the News and Herald Pub. Co.

Executor's Sale.

BY virtue of authority vested in me as the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Charles Rabb, deceased, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, at the late residence of said deceased, near Rabb's Ford on Little River, on Saturday the 10th of December next the following real and personal property...namely: All that plantation or tract of land whereon the said deceased resided, during his life time, containing 720 acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of John G. Rabb, Dr. H.W. Owens, D.B. Kirkland and others.

Horses, Mules, Cattle, Corn, Fodder, Cotton Seed, Blacksmith and Plantation Implements, and other small articles. 1870

TERMS OF SALE: For the land; one-fourth cash, the balance on a credit of one year, secured by bond and mortgage, with interest from day of sale; and for the personal property cash on delivery.

THOMAS W. RABB, SR.
Executor.

WINNSBORO
Female Institute.

THE duties of this Institution will be resumed on the first Monday in January, 1860, under the present Principal Mrs. C. Ladd. The Scholastic year will consist of 42 weeks.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS.
Mrs. C. LADD.
Rev. C. B. BETTS. A. W. ADD.

FRENCH.
P. S. LAYTON
DRAWING, PAINTING AND WRIT
GEO. W. LADD.
MUSIC AND FANCY WORK.
Miss E. CROSSITT.

TERMS

English Tuition in the Primary Department, including board, Lights, bedding and Fuel	$120 00
Second Class, including the above	124 00
Third Class, do. do.	130 00
Junior or Senior Classes, do.	140 00
Ancient Languages, (Extra)	10 00

ORNAMENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Music on Piano or Guitar	$40 00
Drawing and Painting in Water colors	20 00
Painting in Oil	30 00
Use of Piano	4 00
Fuel for school room including use of Maps	1 00

The above are the charges for the Scholastic year. Pupils are admitted per Session at half the above charges. The session of each pupil will commence on the day of entrance.

The Tuition of day scholars in the English Department will vary from $20 to $40,00 for the scholastic year

Pupils can graduate in those languages that constitute a thorough English Education.

Those living convenient to the Railroad, and intending to patronise the Institution, will, by stating the day of their arrival be met at the Depot with a convevance for their baggage.

For further particulars, apply to
GEO W. LADD, Winnsboro, S.C.

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The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., Wednesday Morning, April 27, 1871.

TO DRIVE AWAY BEDBUGS.

The Wilmington Star gives the following as a sure way to drive bed bugs from an old bedstead: "Take green tomato vines, put them into a basin or tray, pound them to pieces as fine as possible, then stain the bedsteads where they inhabit with the juice, fill the crevices with the pieces of the vine, lay leaves under the ends of the slats." If this is practised twice a year not a bedbug will remain in a bed stead.

JOB WORK!

1871

The Job Department of the NEWS AND HERALD has been fitted up with new type, cards, Bell Paper, & c., such as will warrant the Proprietors (both of whom are Practical Printers,) in saying they can execute as good JOB WORK as any other office in the State. Our merchants will have no excuse to go north for their Jobs. Anything printed at this office from a visiting card to a Poster 25 x 38.

Desportes & Williams,
Proprietors, Winnsboro, S.C.

The News and Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., Weekly Edition, Wednesday, February 23, 1881.

If you want something handsome as well as durable call at B. Sugenheimer's and get some celluloid collars and cuffs.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. 1881

Messrs. J.M. Beaty & Co. are now the agents for the sale of the "Queen Bass" Corset, which they recommend as an exceptionally fine article. They have also on hand their usual stock of dry goods, fancy goods, etc., which will well repay an examination.

We are pleased to know that John C.S. Brice, of the county, and Mr. Cartledge, of this State, have won the prize for best scholarship, in Hospitable College of Medicine, of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Brice entered college last September and we congratulate him upon the high stand he has taken in that institution. He graduated at Erskine College in the Class of 1877, and for a year or two was engaged in teaching in Fairfield. We wish him new honors and the most eminent success in his chosen profession. 1881

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., Wednesday, January 11, 1871.

Chapped Hands.

This is the season for the somewhat painful and decidedly annoying experience of chapped hands. A friend says one of our exchanges, who has tried it fully, and seen it tried on others, says the following recipe will quickly restore the natural condition of the skin affected: "One quarter pound of fresh lard the yolk of an egg, a large tablespoon of clear honey; mix with the finest part of oatmeal flour."

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., Wednesday Morning, March 15, 1871.

ESTABLISHED 1859.

I RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Winnsboro and Fairfield District, that I have a full assortment of Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Spectacles, & c., always on hand, and will sell at the lowest prices, and would respectfully ask the continuance of the patronage of my old friends and customers. All goods warranted as represented. I am prepared to do all kinds of Watch and Jewelry work and have always a good stock of material on hand, and will guarantee satisfaction. All work warranted.

CHARLES MULLER,
Second door from Col. Rion's office.

The News and Herald, Weekly Edition, Winnsboro, S.C., Wednesday, January 7, 1880

Mr. A.A. Morris, who has kept a good hotel in Winnsboro for several years past, has retired from that business and removed with his family to Ridgeway, where he will open a photograph gallery. He will also visit Winnsboro from time to time, prepared to take, in first-class style, the pictures of all who may call upon them.

DENTAL NOTICE.

1891

DR. DAVID AIKEN offers his professional services to the citizens of the Town and County. A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited.

Office, No. 9 Washington street, three doors west of the post office.

The Register.

TRI-WEEKLY.

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The Fairfield Herald

Winnsboro, SC

February 12, 1868

The Care of Public Property

It has often been said that what is everybody's business, is nobody's business.

As a public journal we would call attention to the condition of two public structures in this town. The first is the Market Steeple, and the second is the Baptist Church. In both the spires have openings into which pours the copious rains now flooding our country.

Something ought to be done by the respective guardians of these two public buildings to secure them against rapid destruction to which they are both now subjected.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C., January 1, 1868.

New Editorial Scissors.

Yesterday our sanctum glistened with a very valuable present from Messrs. Ketchin, McMaster & Brice, through the agency of the first named gentleman. About eleven o'clock a call was made at our office door, and a voice demanded the "printer's devil"; but the call was coupled with the request that no devil worse than the printer's should be sent to the door.

Well he went, and returned with a most excellent pair of scissors for editorial purposes, for which we hereby tender our thanks.

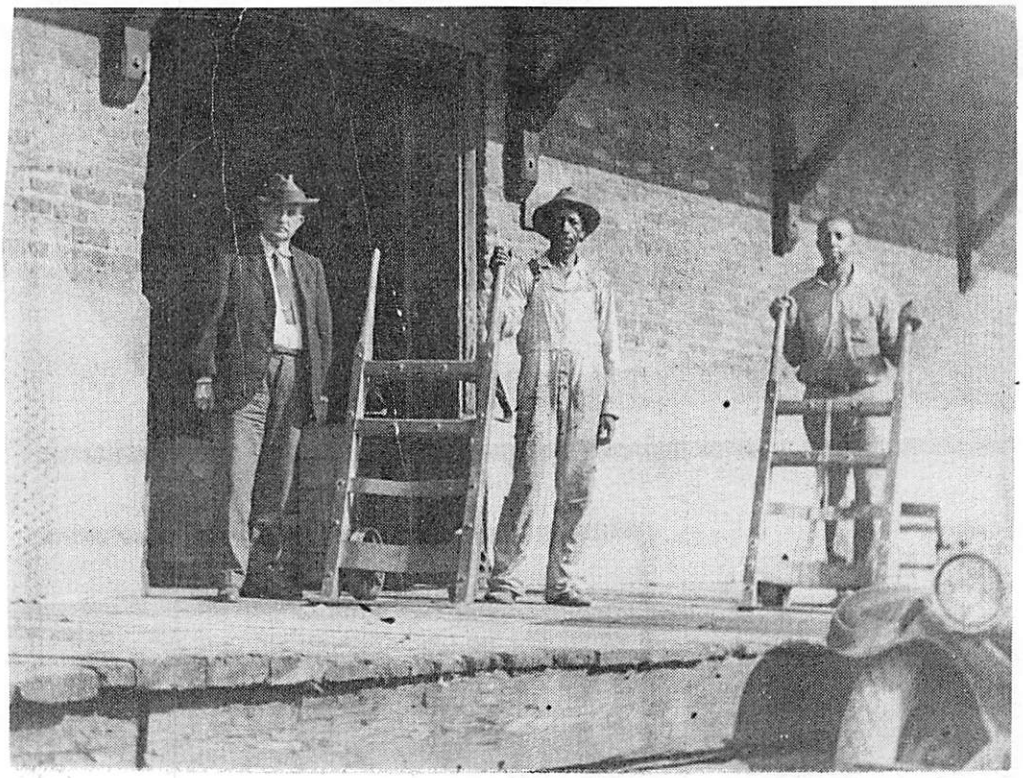
"Our Town the Tops"

The following jingle appeared recently in the advertising columns of a neighboring newspaper. We recommend it to thoughtful inhabitants of Winnsboro:

"Dollars spent in distant store,
Help that town but nothing more.
Dollars spent in home town shops,

The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C.
Wednesday Morning, April 12, 1871.
A Good Postmaster.

We take pleasure in copying the following paragraph from the Christian Neighbor: "Omitting others who are also correct and obliging, we take pleasure in mentioning T.D. Oxner, at Winnsboro, S.C. as a man worthy of the responsible office of Postmaster. What a blessing is a good postmaster! What a vexation and curse is a bad one.



Depot In The Twenties

This picture of the Southern Railway freight depot loading platform was taken in the late 1920s. From left to right are John Creight, freight agent; John McDowell, a freight handler with Southern for forty years; and Jim "Slick" Russell, who worked for Desportes Mercantile. Mr. Creight originally owned the property where the depot stands, and it was he who built the building, at first leasing, then selling it to Southern. This picture was loaned to the Independent by John C. (Rock) Wade, grandson of John McDowell, and himself a freight handler for sixteen years. 1979

The Fairfield News and Herald, Winnsboro, S. C., Wednesday, January 10, 1900

The dispensary was moved on Thursday to the room under Thespian Hall, where the passenger depot was so long located. The moving was quite an undertaking and occupied some time. For a long time complaints have been made by people in the neighborhood, as it was extremely unpleasant to have it so near. In its present location it will... not be such a source of annoyance as it has been heretofore.

The telephone exchange which has recently been opened in our neighboring town Ridgeway, will prove a great convenience to everybody, and will also be a convenience to many Winnsboro people, particularly those who have relatives and friends in that town, and to businessmen 1900 as well...Ridgeway is an enterprising place and keeps abreast of the times in many ways...

--Mr. S.J. Carlisle, living in the Stitt place of Jackson Creek, in plowing new ground a few days ago, turned up a pair of spectacles, a pair of scissors, writing pen and a gold breast pin...They had evidently been buried to escape Sherman. 1891

R. B. Shedd Will Open Grocery Business Here. 1935

Mr. R. B. Shedd, who has been connected with the U. G. DesPortes Co. for seven years is announcing in this issue of The News and Herald the opening of a grocery store. Mr. Shedd has rented a part of the old Boag building and has several workmen busy getting it ready for the opening, Monday, September 2nd. The News and Herald joins with others in wishing Mr. Shedd much success.

Stores to Close on Wednesday Afternoons Here.

We the undersigned merchants of Winnsboro, S. C., agree to close every Wednesday at one o'clock, beginning May 8, 1935.

R.T. Haynes, The Men's Shop, The Dorothy Shop, Propst's, Horne's Store, Tom S. Haynes, Scott & Lyles, Harden Cash Grocery, Ameen Bros., Jas. M. Smith, Gladden Furniture Co., Ketchin Mercantile Co., Charlie Norman, Frank Norman & Bro., J.F. Davis & Bro., Porter's Store, O.E. Manigault, Ross Grocery, Z. Levy, M.W. Doty & Son (store only), Charlie Sam, J.L. Mattox Barber Shop, Home Store-Main St., Rose's 5-10-25c Store, A&P Tea Co., J.H. Aiken Barber Shop, Rogers Inc., C.A. Robinson, L. C. Hardy, U.G. DesPorters Co., Maxwell Bros. & Collins, McKay and Keene, Geo. R. Lauderdale, Hollywood Beauty Shop, Winnsboro Beauty Shop, B-B Grocery, Elizabeth Beauty Shoppe, Board of Public works, Belk's Department Store, Philip M. Braham, S.A.

February 13, 1867.

ESTATE NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the late Richard Wainwright Bacot, will present the same properly attested, and those indebted will make payment to Pierre Bacot, Winnsboro.

MARIA B. BACOT,
Executrix.

2/1/1877

J. CLENDINING

Boot and Shoe Manufacturer

WINNSBORO, S.C.

The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Fairfield that he has removed his Boot and Shoe Manufactory to one door below Mr. C. Mullers. I am prepared to manufacture all style of work in a substantial manner, out of the very best materials, and at prices fully as low as the same goods can be manufactured in the North or elsewhere...Dried Hides bought.

ANNOUNCING

Fred Turner's Service Station

as the new dealer in this city for

OLDSMOBILE

...You will find that Oldsmobile is the Style-Leader-"The Car That Has Everything"- with smoother, livilier power... roomy, luxurious interiors... and all the modern fine -car features...

Sixes $665 and up... Eights $810 and up... 1936

NEW FIVE-AND-TEN CENT STORE FOR WINNSBORO

10/30/1931

The McMaster Building, formerly occupied by Schlosburg's 5 & 10 cent store, has been leased for a long term of years to ROSE'S 5, 10 and 25 cent Stores, and is now being put in shape for their use.

Rose's 5, 10 and 25 cent Stores is a southern organization, composed entirely of Carolinians, with their executive and buying offices at Henderson, N. C. They are operating now fifty three stores—Winnsboro being their fifty-fourth—in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. They have stores in the following South Carolina towns: Newberry, Union, Gaffney, Clinton, Mullins, Bennettsville and Hartsville.

The Rose people have the reputation of operating very fine stores, having them always completely stocked and efficiently managed. The Winnsboro store will be equipped with new fixtures and stocked with new merchandise. It is felt that this store will be a decided asset to the business life of the community. The opening date will be announced later in this paper.

PURCHASES OLD McMASTER BUILDING

9/10/1936

Of intertst to the town, and of particular interest to "Irishtown", is the announcement of completion of the sale of the store building that for many years housed the McMaster-Davis Company and later the business of K. R. McMaster. Title passed during the week from Dr. Samuel Lindsay to Mrs. Charles L. Jennings, of Salem. Mrs. Jennings, a former resident of Jacksonville, Fla., where she and her husband, Dr. Charles L. Jennings, participated in many real estate promotions, believes in Winnsboro and its future, and contemplates the removal of the present buildings and the early erection of a handsome store on this sité.

This first deal in commercial property in the business section since the depression was handled by Mr. Ernest Gladden, that active agent, who has turned numerous prpperties in recent months to the satisfaction of his clients. Talk your real estate matters with him—he believes in Winnsboro and in Winnsboro property.

Mr. Jack Leavell, Winnsboro agent for the Southern Railway announces that this company has recently inaugurated a free pick-up and delivery service on less than a carload of freight shipments. This service will apply to Winnsboro city limits and the Winnsboro Mills village. 2/27/1936

MR. J. C. ELMS LEASES CITY DRY CLEANERS

1936

Mr. J. D. McMeekin, Jr., manager of the City Dry Cleaners, stated Tuesday that he had leased his plant to Mr. J. G. Elms, of Charlotte, N. C. Until a few days ago Mr. Elms had been assistant manager of the Charlotte Laundry, giving up that position to take charge of the local dry cleaning plant. It is understood that Mr. Elms will come to Winnsboro in a few days.

MEAT MARKET AT U. G. DESPORTES CO.

7/9/1936

Last week a meat market was installed in the U. G. DesPortes Company store. The market is equipped with modern devices and furnishings so as to supply the store's customers with efficient service on all kinds of meats. It is understood that Mr. Tommy Lyles will be in charge of this department.

Mr. Meade, of the Meade Villa, has opened a handsome and exclusive new dining room to run in connection with his establishment which is located 3 miles north of Winnsboro. This dining room, he says, will be used for private parties, dances and club banquets. Reservations are re-

Of interest to many natives of Winnsboro will be the following comment, taken from the society columns, of Tuesday's State: "It is always interesting to get news, and especially good news, of our Columbia friends who no longer make their homes here. Aubrey Gooding, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gooding, has been living in Boston for the past four years and he has recently accepted a position with the Scoville-Wellington Audit company, which is evidence of his success in that line of business. We all recall the beautiful baritone voice which Aubrey possesses and it is quite fitting that each Sunday he should sing in the choir of the Old South church in Boston. We know, with all this, Aubrey is very busy but he seems to find time to study at the New England Conservatory of Music."

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Aubrey Gooding is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gooding of Winnsboro. In past years he has been a frequent visitor to our town.

Mr. Lyles Boyd, who for the past several months has been working here with his uncle, Senator J. Morris Lyles, left last Sunday for Columbia. He has accepted a position with E. A. Pierce & Company, Columbia brokers. Mr. Boyd, since his graduation at Furman University, has held a position in New York City and only recently came to Winnsboro. However he has made many friends during his short stay here who are sincerely sorry to see him leave. 1/30/1936

R. W. RAGSDALE BUYS VALUABLE PROPERTY

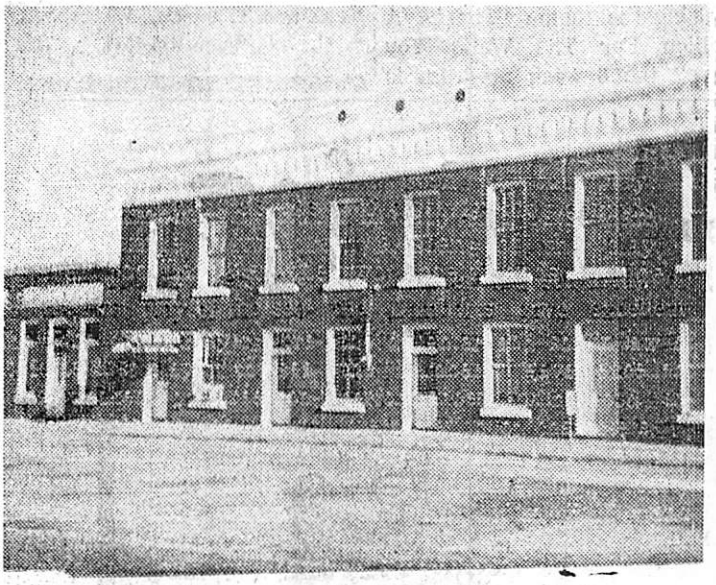
1937

Announcement was made several days ago by Mr. Ernest Gladden, real estate dealer, that Mr. Robert W. Ragsdale had purchased the building now occupied by The Men's Shop from Mr. James H. Aiken. This is the second piece of main street property to change hands within the last eight months —Mrs. Charlie Jennings having purchased the K. R. McMaster store building from Dr. Samuel Lindsay.

It is understood from a reliable source that a real estate man from out of town was in Winnsboro one day recently and made the remark that property in Winnsboro was well worth more than the price being asked. He went on to say that our town was one of the best small towns in South Carolina and that two years hence the price real estate was bringing now would seem very cheap.

The News and Herald Will Be Bought By Banner Publishers, Inc.; Effective on Dec. 1

1973



This has been the home of The News and Herald for many years, along with the office of Dr. Bernard Frank, a beauty parlor (now Town and Country Stylon), Alton Hoy's CPA office and the residence of Mrs. George S. Tracy, who owns the entire Thespian Hall building on Winnsboro's E. Washington Street.

The Winnsboro News and erald, county seat newspaper r Fairfield County, has been rchased by Banner Publish- s, Inc., a community news- per organization based in amden, S. C.

The announcement of the wspaper acquisition is an- unced jointly by G. M. Ket- in, publisher of The News d Herald, and Fred R. She- en, President of Banner Pub- hers, Inc.

The transfer of ownership will ke place on December 1, 1973, inging The News and Herald to an organization of 13 com- unity newspapers owned by anner Publishers, Inc., and its ster company, Chronicle Pub- hers, Inc.

The present front office staff The News and Herald will main with the newspaper, al- ough production will be mov- l to a modern, central offset inting plant in Camden.

The management, in announc- g the sale of the newspaper, ited as a major reason the ne- essity for more modern print- ng facilities in order to serve he growing community needs f Winnsboro and Fairfield County.

"We have looked carefully at a number of publishing firms that could provide our community with the necessary printing facilities and management talent," said the editor, "and we have concluded that the best interests of the community and the newspaper will be served by joining the Banner organization."

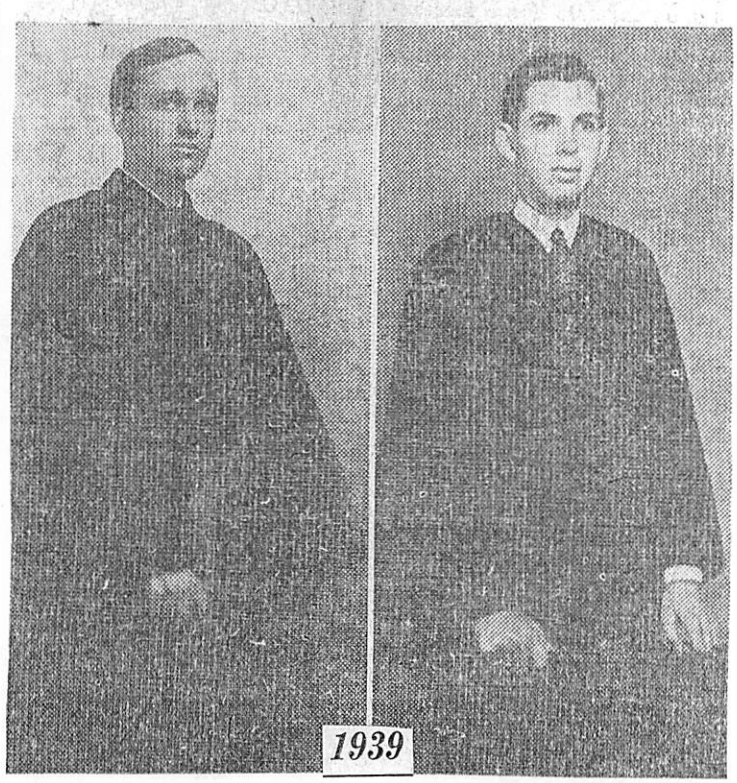
Ketchin will remain with the newspaper as Winnsboro Director for Banner Publishers, Inc. He will have overall supervisory responsibilities and community relations responsibilities for The News and Herald, although he will not necessarily maintain a fulltime schedule.

Mrs. Emmy S. Fellers, an employee of The News and Herald for many years, will remain with the newspaper as Office Manager.

Mrs. Faye J. Johnson will assume additional writing duties and has been named Managing Editor for the newspaper by the new owners.

Several of the production employees have been offered the option of working in the central printing plant where The News and Herald will be printed, or being placed in other employment positions in the community.

FATHER AND SON



"Grandfather Edited The News & Herald"

When John Bratton Davis, Jr., Hartsville, was inaugurated as president of Euphradian Literary Society at theUniversity of South Carolina during the current term, he stood behind the same desk that his father stood behind when he took the same oath of office in 1908, and wielded the same gavel. Mr. Davis, Sr., pictured at the left in the robes signifying the presidency of the 134 year-old society, was a prominent Hartsville banker and business man until his death in 1925. Mr. Davis, Jr., a junior law student, is pictured at the right, 30 years later.

James Q. Davis, grandfather of the youth pictured above, was once treasurer of Fairfield County, and later he edited The News and Herald in partnership with Mr. Davis Douglas, of Winnsboro. He was a brother of Mrs. W. H. Ruff, Ridgeway correspondent of The Herald, the late Professor R. Means Davis, the late Mrs. DuBose Gaillard, whose husband engineered the famous Culebra Cut of the Panama Canal, and the la[illegible] Colon[illegible] C. Davis, all natives of Fairfield. [illegible]e) was the namesake of General

THE NEWS AND HERALD, WINNSBORO, S. C., SEPT. 28th, 192

WINNSBORO NEWSPAPER PRINTED BEFORE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

We are indebted to Mrs F. M. Gadsden for a copy of The Register, published in Winnsboro long years ago. This copy is dated Tuesday, November 22, 1859. The paper is greatly dilapidated, but although frail and frayed, its print is still clear and legible.

We wish we could reprint the entire edition, but it is impossible on account of about one-third of the paper being gone. However, we believe it will be of interest to our readers to reproduce certain articles with a general description of its make-up.

The sheet is four pages of six columns, with column width the same as today—infact, it seems the standard size of newspapers has not changed in this long time. A. DesPortes is named as publisher and proprietor, wth P. S. Layton, editor, and J. Wood Davidson, contributing editor. There were two editions of The Register, a tri-weekly on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and a weekly edition every Thursday morning. The subscription price of the The Register (tri-weekly) was $3 per year, and The Fairfield Herald (weekly edition) was $2. Thus it seems that the charge of some that $2 a year for The News and Herald is too much is answered, for we can safely say that the price is the same as it was a century ago. Next we consider the advertisements. Of the twenty-four columns in the paper, eighteen were devoted to advertisements. There were no large display advertisements, although some were two columns wide by ten inches deep, but in the fragment of the paper we have, there were 136 separate advertisements. We made a comparison of the advertising rates, and find that they were approximately the same as today, possibly a trifle higher; but with this stipulation, advertising was paid for in advance. There was a whole page of advertising from Charleston merchants. It really seems that the prices were higher, judging from the value of money. Look at the following produce quotations:

"Flour—the article of flour is scarce. We quote $2.87½ to $3.25 per sack of 98 pounds."

"Corn—none in market. We quote $1.10 to $1.20 per bushel of 56 lbs.

In another advertisement is this: "A few more of those $5.25 suits left, call and get one in time to save

Public Officials.

A directo[illegible] the town and county [illegible] printed. Some of these appear to be gone from the memory of older residents, while others can be identified through having the same initials of present citizens.

Town Council—S. G. Barkley, intendant; J. McCreight, H. B. McMaster, H. Miller, J. H. Propst, wardens.

District Officers—Sheriff, R. C. Woodward; Clerk, G. W. Woodward; Ordinary, J. Johnston; Com'r in Equity, W. R. Robertson; Coroner, R. Hawthorn; Tax Collector, J. F. Craig; Notary Publics, S. G. Barkley and J. H. Rion; Escheator, Jacob Feaster, Jr.

Mount Zion Society—Gen. J. Buchanan, president; David McDowell, T. S. DuBose, wardens; J. S. Stewart, secretary; J. A. Woodward, J. B. McCants, R. B. Boylston, W. R. Robertson, W. E. Aiken, trustees.

Commissioners of Free Schools—John Buchanan, A. K. Craig, William Crosby, James Aiken, D. H. H. Clarke, Theo. S. DuBose, Jacob Bookman, J. A. McCrorey, G. H. McMaster.

Legislative Delegation—Torn off.

Governor and Commander-in-Chief—W. H. Gist.

Lieut. Governor—M. E. Carn.

Secretary of State—I. H. Means.

Surveyor General—M. R. Hunt.

Comptroller General—T. J. Pickens.

Treasurers—Charleston, William J. Laval; Columbia, H. Y. Charles.

Planters Bank of Fairfield—James R. Aiken, president; H. L. Elliott, cashier; J. S. Stewart, teller; D. McDowell, S. Jackson, J. A. McCrorey, J. B. McCants, J. E. Caldwell, John Simonton, WmBrice, Jacob Feaster, John Buchanan, O. Woodward, J. H. Rion, O. R. Thompson, directors.

News Stories.

We reproduce here some of the news stories of The Register:

Brown Refused Another Trial.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19, 1859.—The Court of Appeals of Virginia refuse to award a writ of error to the Circuit Court of Jefferson county in the case of John Brown. He (Brown) will, therefore, be hung on the 2nd day of December.

Negro Sales in the South.

In Mobile last week negroes were sold at auction at the following prices: Sam, 33 years, $1410; Henry, 24 years, $1550; Philip, 18 years, $1670; Sanford, 32 years, $1600; Ned, 25 years, $1500; Moses, 28 years, $1590; Hannan, 27 years, $1500; Washington, 30 years, $1825; Jacob, 21 years, $1575; Stephen, 22 years, $1500.

Death of An Infant.

Died, on Wednesday, the 9th Nov., 1859, after a lingering illness of months, Isaac Saling, infant son of Saling and Sarah Wolfe, of Winnsboro, S. C., aged one year, three months and nine days.

"He is called to rest, and why should we mourn, knowing the loss is only ours, but his eternal gain."

"Motto" in Adv. of B. Israel.

Honesty is the best of policy,
Though all of you will admit
No wool be pulled over your eyes
In purchasing varieties at B. Israel's price.
Be sure to give him a call
One of you and all,
Bargains he will give
As sure as you live.

A few years prior to the War Between the States, there was of course a great deal of agitation over the question of slavery, and the possible secession of the Southern sttaes. Reprinted in The Register is the following editorial:

RIDGEWAY MAN WAS ONCE EDITOR OF THE HERALD

BORN AT VALENCIA, NEAR RIDGEWAY.

Had Brilliant Career as a Lawyer—Served Town of Winnsboro as Intendant.

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The following was copied from The News and Herald dated in the year 1891:

Edward Gendron Palmer, eldest son of Hon. E. G. Palmer and his wife, Catherine Davis, daughter of Dr. James Davis, of Columbia, was born at Valencia, near Ridgeway, on October 23rd., 1823, died Nov. 23, 1891; buried at St. Stephen's.

He graduated high in the class of 1842 at the South Carolina College, and read law with Henry W. DeSaussure, Esq., of Charleston. Admitted to the bar, he pursued his profession at Winnsboro in partnership with Gen. Maxy Gregg, and at once assumed a prominent position at this bar when its reputation was upheld throughout the state by such distinguished lawyers as W. W. Boyce, Jas. M. Rutland, Jas. A. Woodward and James B. McCants—leaders in their profession. The bent of his aspiring mind, however, inclined to politics, and the exciting issues of his day gave him an abundant opportunity.

The great question before the people in 1852 was that of Secession per se or co-operation, whether it was expedient then and there to take South Carolina out the Union without reference to action of other southern States. With the ardor of a bright and vigorous intellect he exerted all his powers to induce his State to declare her independence.

In a campaign during that year involving this issue with pen and voice he worked night and day.

He assumed the editorial chair of the Fairfield Herald, and also canvassed the district in opposition to his father, W. J. Alston, William Owens, and J. H. Means, afterwards Governor. The campaign resulted in favor of Mr. Palmer's views in Fairfield and his father was defeated for office in this district. About this time, also, Mr. Palmer served Winnsboro as intendant.

The consequences of the severe labors he underwent, together with the close pursuit of his legal studies, undermined Mr. Palmer's health, and that fall he took a voyage to Europe for recreation and study.

The physical benefit he received, however, was slight, as in 1856 at Paris he suffered a stroke of paralysis. The immediate effects were not so serious as to prevent his continued residence abroad until in 1861, when his state finally (but too late for success) had assumed the policy he advocated so earnestly ten years sooner, and he returned to this country.

In getting through the lines, although furnished by President Lincoln himself with a passport, he was detained by Gen. Dix in Fortress Monroe, and placed there in confinement in a cell. The exposure he suffered brought on at once a second attack of paralysis, when the Federal authorities permitted his exchange as one who could never bear arms in defense of his native state he loved so well. Arriving home his health continued to break and in 1866 he received a third stroke.

Notwithstanding his condition, however, Mr. Palmer's faculties have been such that in the period subsequent to the war, when he came into his large landed estate, he succeeded in a successful management of his planting interests, when many were stronger physically, but less gifted, might have failed.

He was generally known as Colonel, having served upon Gov. Seabrook's staff.

Editor The News & Herald:

Recently Mr. G. F. Patton wrote an article on Mt. Zion. It was good, as everything he writes or says is good. I clipped it out for my scrap book, in fact, clipped it from The State and then from The News and Herald. I want to add a little to it. He mentioned Dr. William Porcher DuBose as a graduate of Mt. Zion and as one of the great men of the state and nation. I agree with him. But I want to put beside Dr. DuBose another graduate of Mt. Zion, Dr. James H. Carlisle. I think these two men are the two greatest men South Carolina has produced in the last 100 years. Dr. DuBose was better known nationally and abroad, and Dr. Carlisle, better in South Carolina.

Along side these two men might be put Major John Lide Coker of Hartsville, General Wade Hampton and Dr. M. W. Grier of Due West.

In the hope of having students at Mt. Zion study what real greatness is I am going to fortify what I have said about Dr. Carlisle.

I am quoting from The News and Herald of December 18, 1909: "Winnsboro has no prouder distinction than that of having been the birth place of Dr. James H. Carlisle, in whose death, at Spartanburg on October 2, the State of South Carolina sustained the loss of her most distinguished son".

Dr. W. B. Duncan, in the foreword to a short sketch of the life of Dr. Carlisle said: "From the day that Dr. James Henry Carlisle, South Carolina's greatest son, passed beyond the shadows I have felt it would be an irreparable loss to the citizenship of this nation not to have some literary preservation of the story of his inspiring life."

Dr. D. D. Wallace the historian, asked to write of Dr. Carlisle as a teacher said: "Dr. Carlisle was the greatest teacher that it has ever been my fortune to know; nor have I ever heard any person who knew him give the place of primacy to any other."

Judge Charles A. Wood, quoting with approval Dr. Charles Foster Smith, a student under Dr. Carlisle, says: "The best man I have ever known, and the most potent in my life."

Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman: "The greatest man in the country, and the most successful in his line, the making of men."

Senator E. D. Smith: "The greatest man that South Carolina has ever produced."

Identical tributes from many others could be quoted.

And yet Dr. Carlisle never made over $1500 a year in his life! While drawing that salary as president of Wofford college he had other offers at higher salaries, one from the trustees of the South Carolina college, his alma mater, at a salary of $2500. But he chose to stay with his church college.

When 70 years old he resigned the presidency of Wofford, and to the unanimous and very earnest protests of the trustees, insisted upon it, saying, "I have sense enough now to resign. I may not have later." After that he drew $900 a year.

I close the tribute with a quotation used by President Rion McKissick of the University, made at the time of Dr. Carlisle's death: "Ulysses is gone and there is none left in Ithica that can bend his bow."

Dr. Carlisle was the second cousin of Dr. J. C. Buchanan, Sr. His grandfather was William Buchanan (died in Ireland, 1813), brother of Creighton Buchanan, who was the father of Dr. Robert Buchanan and of Mrs. Rachel Buchanan McMaster, wife of John McMaster, one time postmaster of Winnsboro.

There are other graduates of Mt. Zion who were great, but none quite so great as Dr. William Porcher DuBose and Dr. James Henry Carlisle.

Fitz Hugh McMaster.

Gainsville, Ky.
August 14, 1940

News and Herald:

Will you kindly publish my request for information of news about the Noland family?

Stephen and Susan Noland lived in Fairfield county prior to 1759. Their son, William, was a Revolutionary soldier n 1778 under Col. Robert Winn's regiment, age 18.

William Noland is mentioned in the Heads of Families First Anniversary of United States in 1790. Had wife, one son and two girls.

He moved to Russell county, Virginia where he lived for many years, then to Floyd county Kentucky and died in Carter county, Kentucky at his home, Big Sinking.

How many children were born in Fairfield county and are there any by the name of Noland or Nolen living there? I want to find birth of George Noland and where William Noland married. Hope you can publish this.

H. A. Federa, assistant attorney general of Kentucky.

LETTERS

Rowlett, Texas
August 17, 1940

The News and Herald,
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sirs:

A year's subscription to your interesting paper, by a North Carolina cousin, Mrs. Ernest Bohannon, afforded a group of us South Carolinians 'way out here in Texas, a great deal of pleasure. We enjoy your editorials, which are timely; your viewpoint almost always coincides with ours.

Mother's subscription having recently expired, we keenly miss the paper, so here's my check for a renewal for one year.

There are quite a few South Carolinians in Dallas and surrounding towns, most having been away from their native state for years — indeed, some for half a century. There is Mrs. Minnie Darby, typical Palmetto state lady who came to the Lone Star state when a girl of 18. Mr. Kinsler Williamson Brown, son of the late Mrs. Maggie Gladden Brown of Winnsboro, the latter being a first cousin of my mother.

My mother, Mrs. Weddington is the daughter of the late Dr. John Campbell of near Ridgeway. She married Mr. Weddington of Charlotte, N. C., and with him came to Texas in 1889. She is 85 years young, and the memories of her childhood and girlhood days on her father's plantation are most vivid.

Her school years, spent at Mt. Hope, Miss Henrietta Thomas' home, are yet a subject for reminiscing. It seems that I know so well all those families of that community — the Thomases, Davises, Palmers, Ruff, DesPortes. No, one doesn't easily forget one's native state, love how he may, his adopted state.

With bulging eyes mother's family of six children, 'way out here in Texas, heard of Sherman's famous trek to the sea; how those vandals swarmed like ants over their beautiful home in it's setting of trees on a high red hill. She recalled how frightened the family was as the Yankees drew ever nearer, setting fire to Winnsboro, which they plainly saw. In the wake of the retreating Confederates, the northern hordes marched by her home, pillaging, burning. She plainly saw the glaring fire at Columbia, which marked their progress to the sea. (And now we are all shocked at Hitler's marches to the various seas.)

The old home on the hill no longer houses it's priceless furniture. But under the house, in mute testimony to days and times that are long past, reposes the running gear of the old family carriage, burned by Sherman's men so long ago. The old colored driver, beloved by all the family, has long ago passed to his reward.

Like numberless Southern homes, it has succumbed to the ravages of time, it's greatness gone — yes, "Gone With the Wind," indeed.

Yours very truly,
Irene Weddington

LETTERS

11-9-1939

The following is a portion of a letter written by F. H. McMaster, of Columbia, to his class-mate, W. V. Ball, editor of The Charleston News and Courier, when Mr. McMaster learned of the retirement of another associate, Mr. Charles A. Robinson, of Winnsboro:

My Dear William:

I saw in The News and Herald that one of my old friends—getting mighty few now—Charles A. Robinson, had retired from business. Wise man, wise man. The notice said he had been in business in Winnsboro for over 32 years and was turning over the business to his son.

Charlie Robinson is an old school friend from Mt. Zion, way back into the 1878-82's. I do not quite remember when I first knew him. I think it may have been in 1884. After my mother's death in January, 1874, my father put me to school under Miss Sally Robinson and her sister, Mrs. Moore. Miss Robinson was something of a disciplinarian; Mrs. Moore was very gentle. I think it likely that Charlie and his brother, long since dead, went to school there. Then afterwards I knew him at Mt. Zion. He is one of the most modest, unassuming men I have ever known, but he was elected Mayor of Winnsboro whenever he ran, and that was several times. His son, too, served as Mayor for several times.

Twice in the last year or two, Al Gaillard and myself have spent a Sunday with Hugh Wylie, three miles from Winnsboro. Charlie Robinson was there the first time and would have been there the second time, a few weeks ago, but he had a heart attack.

Hugh Wylie has also retired. So have John Buchanan and George Mayes. Elliott Ketchin and Sabe Dunn, like myself, are still working, but a more delightful company with varied traits and minds I do not know. I would enjoy retirement with them—just beginning to live, as George Mayes said at the church home-coming day when I had my accident.

The church, Mt. Olivet, Wateree Presbyterian church, has the only graveyard of which I know where there is one handsome monument erected to three Beatty brothers, who gave their lives to the Confederacy, and two McCullough brothers who died within one day of each other in a Federal prison at Elmira, N. Y.

This old church is kept in excellent condition by the descendants of those who are buried there. Among these are the Gayden brothers of Columbia, and the Mobley brothers.

About a mile from this church is the old home of my uncle, Dick McMaster, father of Colonel Richard, and grandfather of Captain Richard who married Alita Gonzales. Sherman burned the "big" house which belonged to Aunt Sallie and Uncle Dick, and Aunt Sallie and the children lived in the overseer's house when I was a boy. Colonel Richard was telling me that he once took his wife (from Connecticut) there, and she said she believed that if she turned her back, Dick would get down on his knees and pat the ground. I told this to Mrs. Virginia Lee Foard, and she said she had heard of Dr. James H. Thornwell's returning to South Carolina by private conveyance and upon crossing the line he stopped the carriage, got out, and on his knees thanked God for return to his native soil.

Hugh Smith, one of Hugh Wylie's ancestors, came to near the Wateree church section in 1787, and received a grant of land from the state, signed, I think, by Governor Moultrie (who also had lands in Fairfield)—400 to 500 acres. I think he paid 10 pounds, 12 shillings for it.

At the church home-coming, called upon for a speech, I told them the men who founded the community were noble men, I had no doubt, but not better than those of the present—that Hugh Smith of 1787 was no better than Hugh Smith Wylie of 1939—none better are made.

If you lived in Winnsboro you would forsake the "weighed in the balance and found wanting" philosophy of the Victorian age and become something of a New Dealer, which has a trace of Communism, Naziism, Fascism, but 99 per cent of Christianity.

FITZ HUGH McMASTER

The News & Herald
Winnsboro, S. C.,

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Dear Sirs:-

My father, J. Barkley Johnston, received a copy of The News & Herald, which contains his story of Rocky Mount during General Sherman's stay there.

He is enjoying your paper so much and he is especially pleased to get a copy of Bob Ward's article since we have not been able to get a copy of The Charlotte Observer.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness so much and please accept many thanks.

I shall encolse a check for one dollar ($1.00). Please send me four more copies of Feb. 24, issue of The News & Herald and apply the balance of check to a subscription of your paper for J. B. Johnston, Liberty Hill, S. C.

He has always enjoyed reading your paper and we intended subscribing for it before this time.

Yours truly,
Miss Louise Johnston,
Liberty Hill, South Carolina

April 18th, 1938

Dear Sirs:-

Last Saturday we went to Winnsboro and returned over the old Winnsboro road via the new cut, passing Ruff's and entering the Greenbrier road about a mile below Rockton. The first 20 miles from Columbia, which is about 17 in Richland and three in Fairfield, was comfortable riding. All of the Richland county road from the end of the pavement, 15 miles, has been top soiled. The other three miles of the road in Fairfield to the Dove place, where the road forks, (the right fork going via Devil's race track and to Simpson and the new cut to the left going by Ruff's place). From this point, 20 miles post, from Columbia, for two or three miles, the road was bad. Then for a mile or more before the paved road is reached, past the Ruff place the road is excellent.

If the two or three miles from the 20 mile post was scraped occasionally, and little sand and gravel put on it this would be excellent. There is an abundance of sand and gravel near by. If you can induce your county supervisor to do some work on this stretch there would be a 26 mile road to Winnsboro that could be run easily in 30 minutes. The grades are better than on what we call the Monticello road (via Hinnant's) and is at least seven miles shorter than the road via Ridgeway, and three or four miles shorter than the Monticello-Hinnant-Robinson road.

This is new and beautiful country, and would be a drawing card in your selling Fairfield to others. I have talked to Irvine Belser, who owns a place 19 miles from Columbia (in Fairfield, Langford place) and if Stevenson would improve the bad stretch travel would increase, and the chances of having the highway department take it over and pave it would be greatly increased.

Richland county intends to pave the balance of this road to the Fairfield county line. If this is done and something is not done to improve the Fairfield line there may be danger of the people there seceding to Richland, as Blythewood did.

This is deserted country, but the few voters might wish to leave Fairfield and come into Richland if the road to Winnsboro is not improved.

Think upon these things.

Fitz Hugh McMaster
Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Laura Gerig Strohecker has been visiting old friends in Winnsboro during the past week. Mrs. Strohecker formerly lived here but for many years Greenville, S. C., has been her home. For the past three year she's been living with her sister, Mrs. Wolfe in Pala Alto Calif.,—Herbert Hoover's "home town."

3/26/1936

Fond Memories of "Old Winnsboro"

1960

(Ed. Note: Last week The News and Herald reported the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Gerig Wolfe on May 9 in Oakland, California. "Lizzie" Gerig was born in Winnsboro on Christmas Day in 1865, and strangely enough, she, herself, sent the obituary — the dates to be filled — to a friend here, and it was carried in these columns largely as she wrote it.

(In June of 1957, this "friend" wrote a letter to The News and Herald, which is appropriately being re-published below):

To The News and Herald
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sirs:

In reminiscent mood . . .

The oldest residents of Winnsboro remember well the Gerig family and their old three story brick home on Main Street, now occupied by Rose's Ten Cent Store on first floor, and offices above.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Gerig were natives of Germany, came here as young people. Mr. Gerig was a gallant Confederate soldier. They, with four or five sons and two daughters, lie buried in the Presbyterian Church yard. Loyal members they were.

Two sons were honored citizens in Florida, Jake, being Mayor of Ocala. Contemporaries of Jake here, were, the late S. D. Dunn, Hugh Wylie, Davis Douglas, Fitz Hugh McMaster, Oscar Brice, and others.

Before the days of telephone, automobile, radio, not to mention television, young people had most of their pleasure in gathering in the various homes. Lovely memories come of the meetings at the Gerig home, where Albert sat at the piano with a harmonica in his mouth, tapping a bell on the floor with one foot, and the crowd joining him in singing the old songs. An interesting story could be told of the old home being saved from Sherman's fire, but space forbids.

The two remaining members of the family are "Miss Lizzie," a widow of Col. Edwin Wolfe, and Laura, widow of Mr. John L. California.

"Miss Lizzie," is a wonderful woman — four score and ten years old. Recently an 8-page letter came from her, written in a beautiful hand, from which I quote:

"Have been thinking of you and the fine loyal friends we still have in our beloved home, Winnsboro, particularly since the last outstanding issue of The News and Herald arrived. I loved seeing the old McCreight home, and thought of the many happy visits there. It was in the basement there, that my education began. Miss Julia Austin was our teacher. She emphasized good manners, which I fear we children promptly forgot. The mention of the Brice name, and wonderful memories of Oscar Brice came back, happy memories of the miles I danced with him in my young lady days. What a fine thing to have a tour of the homes and gardens. It is interesting to know Winnsboro has City Management. We have had it for some time and it works. When we came to Palo Alto in 1930, the population was 10,000, now it is 40,000.

"Please tell "the force" what joy and satisfaction we get out of The News and Herald, always.

"Did you know I had a fall in November? I had cleared a cab on returning home from a dinner, but alas, like Lot's wife, I looked back, lost balance and fell. At long last, I seem to be coming back.

Most interestingly on, the letter goes, giving news of nieces and nephews, scattered — far — all doing well. Wish there was space to write all and of Laura's loving care of her. There was never a more lovable, sociable, Christian home, than the Gerigs.' Sweet Memories!

"A Friend of the
Gerig Girls"

Mrs. John Strohecker (nee Laura Gerig, of Winnsboro) returned this week to her home in Palo Alto, Calif., after a visit to friends and acquaintances here. Every two years Mrs. Strohecker makes the long trip from California to South Carolina, to renew acquaintances with her many friends of long standing in this section.

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2206 Arch St.
Little Rock, Ark.

The Winnsboro News & Herald
Winnsboro, S. C.

Gentlemen:

I am very anxious to get in touch with any relative, descendent, or any one who may have any information what-so-ever about the late Richard Woodward, who was Sheriff of Fairfield county around 1856.

I am so anxious to complete a little family history and he was a great-uncle of mine.

I shall greatly appreciate any effort or any suggestion that any one may make.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Iola T. Jones

P. S. The real information I am particularly anxious to get is the names of Richard Woodward's parents.

LETTERS

Mrs. John L. Strohecker
526 Forest Avenue
Palo Alto, Calif.
Oct. 4th, 1949.

The News and Herald
Company, Inc.
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sirs:

My sister and I do so appreciate the article in the Sept. 29th issue of The News and Herald written by Mr. F. H. McMaster and told to Ansley Ketchin.

These memories of our old home and related by our late brother, Jake Gerig, to Mr. McMaster are accurate and of course most interesting to those of us who are left.

We would appreciate your sending a Sept. 29th issue to each of the following addresses, and kindly mark the article on page 2, Editorial Correspondence:

Mrs. J. J. Gerig, 1118 Lake Weir, Ave., Ocala, Fla.

Mrs. A. E. Gerig, 413 Wenona St., Ocala, Fla.

Mr. F. G. Gooding, Sr., 1129 Glenwood Terrace, Anniston, Ala.

Lt. D. R. F. G. Gooding, Jr., U. S. Navy, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, Pacific, C-o F. P. O., San Francisco.

Mrs. F. E. Terrell (Katharine Gooding), Box 1153, Buffalo, Wyoming.

I am sending a blank check for you to fill, covering the mailing and costs of the five issues of The News and Herald.

Thanking you for all courtesies and with every good wish for the future welfare of your paper, I am

Cordially yours,
Laura Gerig Strohecker.

LETTERS

The News & Herald,
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sirs:-

I have been receiving your paper since the last week in December. I had been in Arkansas fifty years that day. I see a lot of familiar names but I can't get them placed. Most of them are grand children of the ones I knew, but I can still see some that I know. I think I used to play baseball against your Sheriff's father. He played with Monticello. Lee Scruggs, Wade and Jim MacFie were with the same team. I was with the Lightfoot team of the Feasterville section.

I see the name of one old firm that was in the paper when I was a small boy, Douglas & Douglas, attorneys-at-law, but I don't see John W. Lyles C.C.P. and Bob Ellison, Sheriff.

I will close for this time. I thank the person that sent me the paper.

Sincerely,
F. P. (Wax) Coleman, Princeton, Arkansas.

LETTERS

To The Editor

Newberry, S. C., 9-1-51.
P. O. Box 281.

Editor,
News & Herald,
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sir:

The new history, NEWBERRY COUNTY, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL, 4 8 7 pp., (1950), gives much basic history and many genealogies with data on over 400 pioneer colonial families of this district. There were many affiliated families of Newberry District with old Fairfield District, and we find many similar names in each section. Also there were many marriages between families of the two counties. I thought you might be doing your readers a good service if you would publish this letter or some news about the book, as not many know about it. I have had many copies printed (of which I am the author), and have only about 150 left over. Would like to see some distributed among the descendants of colonial Newberry families now in Fairfield County. The book sells for $6.50.

Thanking you for your kind interest, I am,

Very sincerely,
G. L. SUMMER.

P. S. — I have selected from the history the following family names of those in your county, affiliated or descended from early Newberry Counties: Beasley, Beckett, Beam, Blair, Boulware, Buchanan, Carter, Collins, Desecker, Dick, Ellison, Ewart, Finly, Fish, Frazier, Gibson, Graves, Henderson, Johnson, Johnston, Jones, Kerr, Kenner, Kincaid, Lee, Howe, Lowe, Adams, Montgomery, McMaster, Noland, Parr, Smith, Leitner, Willingham, Winn, Yongue, Young, etc. (probably were others).

Albermarle, N. C.
May 12, 1961

Editor, The News and Herald
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been advised that you are in possession of historical data concerning events in and around Winnsboro. I visited Mr. M. R. Cranford in your city a few weeks ago and we visited an old cemetery a few miles south of the city that seemed of historical interest. The dates ran from 1779 to 1928. One inscription read "Thomas Woodward, The Regulator, Killed by British Tories May 12, 1779," (182 years today). Do you know the history of people mentioned on the markers? My reason for interest in cemeteries there is that I was looking for my great grandmother's grave. She was buried at Winnsboro near the Civil War time. The name was Laughlin; she was the mother of Mrs. J. G. Blair. The Blairs later moved to Madison, Ga., and lived through the war.

I was unable to locate the Laughlin marker. However, I have written a few people there who may be able to locate it. In regard to the cemetery mentioned, if it is of historical value, your county would do well to restore it as it is in very bad shape with broken markers and opened vaults. The historical researchers of my county would really enjoy their work if they had the events of your county to work on. About all we have of interest is Indian mounds and old homes on the Yadkin river. Some of the Indian mounds have been opened and they produced articles of very poor tribes.

If you care to reply to my letter I will appreciate your comments.

Very truly yours,
Atmar Morrow
P. O. Box 1136
Albemarle, N. C.

(Ed. Note: Anyone with information about the Laughlin grave might correspond with Mr. Morrow. He would appreciate the favor. We agree with the writer that more attention should be given to matters of historical value. Fairfield abounds in such lore).

LETTERS

3/17/1938

The News & Herald,
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sirs:-

I have just finished reading your article as copied in today's State in regard to "Undiscovered Fairfield" and I cannot resist sending in this plea to those in whose hands rests the future beauty of Winnsboro and Fairfield. Preserve Winnsboro's own early architecture.

Recently an architect was consulted while in Winnsboro about planning a "Cape Cod Cottage." Over and over I heard him say "why a Cape Cod Cottage in Winnsboro? Why not a Winnsboro Cottage for Winnsboro and for many other places as well." There is there a unique pattern of a true Southern Colonial style worthy to be preserved."

I have only recently moved to this section of the state, but as a child, I was brought to Fairfield county to visit the grave of my great, great grandfather, Captain Edward Martin at the Old Brick church, and to see the place where Sherman's soldiers burned the old Martin home. John Aiken Martin and his wife, Frances Pernecy Gary and their two children, John Edward and Mary (my grandmother) refugeed to Due West.

Fairfield county is the setting for the many colorful stories of Colonial Days and the War Times that have filled my mind from early childhood.

Old Fairfield needs only to rejuvenate.

With best wishes for her success.

Mrs. James C. Hemphill

Hayneville, Alabama,
January 4, 1936.

Mr. W. W. Dixon,
Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Though I have worked for many years to find out my Robinson ancestry, I found little encouragement until the receipt of your letter of December 6th. I am certain of the Moore connection. And your mention of Major Henry Moore who had been given lands in Louisiana and Ohio blends not only with family tradition, but with the migrations of my Robinson kin.

The children of Hugh Gaston, of Wilcox County, Ala., were my father's first cousins; also the children of Washington Gray, and the children of Rev. Isaac Hadden who founded the first Presbyterian church Montgomery, Ala., ever had. Isaac's first wife is buried in Long Cane cemetery, Abbeville.

In this, Lowndes County, which adjoins Wilcox county, I find mention in an old newspaper of Jesse H. Robinson, who married in South Carolina and came here in 1833 from Winnsboro. He was related to my father. And his sons were Jesse, James and John-William. They either died, or moved away before I can remember. The name "John-William" looks to me like an effort to perpetuate the names of the two Robinson brothers, half brothers of Thomas Woodward, the Regulator.

The three Woodward brothers are written of (separately) in my father's history "Alabama," and mention is made of the Indian blood of Thomas Woodward. Do you know how this Indian blood came into the family?

It would make me supremely happy to learn the names of the children of John and William Robinson, half-brothers of Thomas Woodward. And to whom married.

Thank you very much for answering my letter. It is by far the most satisfactory I have ever received in regard to the Robinson family to which I belong.

I subscribe to the Winnsboro News and Herald to benefit by reading your truly interesting and delightful letters. Long may you continue as [illegible] ings."

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Mildred B. Russell.

"Cat Catastrophe"

Born last week, to the tabby cat who keeps down the mice in John H. McMaster's & Co.'s Drug Store, were three kittens. Sometime Saturday the mother cat disappeared, but returned to the store Tuesday morning. Meanwhile Rob Matthews appointed himself caretaken and kept the orphans alive, feeding them milk at regular intervals by means of a medicine dropper. Latest reports said that the young kittens were thriving. 4/9/1936

A LETTER FROM A FORMER CITIZEN OF FAIRFIELD

3/7/35

The McKnight Hospital
Haxtun, Colorado.

Dear Editor:

The News and Herald is thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed to the utmost.

The day it arrived we were shrouded in a dust storm. Objects across the street could not be seen, traffic was impossible, the schools were closed, city street lights were on all day and we were in total darkness.

Fine, reddish, black dust like fine powder was suspended in the air. "Old Timers" laughed and remarked that "real estate from Wyoming and the Dakotas was changing hands." The wind increased a a cyclone and soon the mercury dropped to 20 below. Snow cleared the air which made breathing easier but the drifts continued to tie up traffic.

These changes come about quite rapidly, in 15 or 20 minutes. One goes down town in a spring coat, the sun shining; clear blue sky above, and with a bang a blizzard strikes, making it difficult to make a few city blocks.

If caught on the prairie the wise procedure is to head into the first farm house, though it be a "Dug Out", and rest assured there's warmth within and a welcome. Horses and sleighs to go over snow drifts when automobiles cannot make them.

The chief industry here is farming, cattle, sheep, corn, wheat and sugar beets. Due to the drought of last summer, these thrifty, hard working farmers are hard hit. They appreciate the Corn-Hog Allotment, the wheat loan, and feed loan to keep cattle and horses alive till the grass grows green again.

Many of the settlers here are Swedes and Germans. There are people from every walk of life. They become "Red Blooded American", a few "Yellow", and occasional "Bolshevick".

It does not take long to become adjusted to conditions and the possibilities are as big and broad as are the prairies.

A man is a man for what he is. He is not asked who his father was, or who his brothers are. He does not have to be born on the "Battery" or in "The Big Home Up State" to make achievements, to obtain reward for labor. It is known though as to whether or not he pays his debts.

One misses the rolling hills, the forests, and shrubs, but most of all S. C.'s dear people. None like them anywhere on the globe.

From a political standpoint most of the offices were filled by Republicans, now even our governor is a Democrat and the present administration is appreciated.

However, all is not Prose.

After work is finished a drive is taken around a section. As far as the eye can see there is nothingness, just distance, when out in the west snow white clouds are seen. They are fleecy white against a blue, blue sky. These clouds are as white as the glaciers on the Rockies from whence they came.

The sun sets and the sky is aglow with brillant tints. Those clouds change into reds and yellows and far below on the horizon can be seen soft, purple hues, and it's so like the ocean one listens for the splash of waves.

Brilliant pheasants proudly strut across the prairie roads and their colors seem a reflection from the sky above.

Outside the blizzard rages. Inside heat from the furnace whistles. The radio dial is tuned to KOA, Denver, and mellow tunes of "Carolina Moon" float into my study. Memory takes me back to friends and loved ones "Back Home" where this Carolina Moon still shines. I can see their names in the Herald and I find that many of them are my friends. They seem so real, so near, and I think of them, one by one, and my soul is filled with loving thoughts of them.

To thank you for the Herald,
brought to me from far away.
Is what I want to say,
to you at the closing of the day.

DR. PORTIA McKNIGHT LUBCHENCO, M. D.

CONCERNING "THE ACT OF A GRAND OLD MAN."

Blackstock, S. C., June 1, 1918.

Mr. Editor:

Your editorial in regard to the Red Cross meeting at Mitford, "The Act of a Grand Old Man," had the right ring about it, and I want to congratulate you in saying something good about us while we live. But since the Mitford people will know to whom you referred, and as the files of The News and Herald will after a while be the history of the county, let me give the name of the man of whom you wrote so forcefully.

I remember Calvin Ligon coming to Mitford, then known as Pea Ridge, forty-three years ago, and working on a farm. The next year he moved to the Heath's Chapel neighborhood and married into one of the sturdy families of the community, Mr. Lem Jackson's daughter. There he reared a large, worthy family. He lived there until four or five years ago, and returned to Mitford where he owns a farm worked by his family on the intensive, progressive plan.

You spoke of his subscription to the Red Cross. That's in keeping with his practical, every day life. Mr. Ligon is one of the few men whom I know that gives one-tenth to the Lord. Our community is fully alive to the winning of the war, and in every possible way we are making an honest effort to carry out the suggestions of the administration.

C. S. Ford.

LETTERS

The Editor
The News and Herald 11/1942
Dear Sir:

I read with interest your story of Palmer Matthews' four sons who are in the Service, and of his wife's brother, Lieut. Colonel Marcus Boulware, who won the Distinguished Service Cross in the first World War, and who now is reported missing in the Philippines.

It recalls to mind another story of the service of Mrs. Matthews' father, Benjamin F. Boulware, a boy soldier of the Confederacy, who enlisted in the Sixth Regiment and fought in the campaigns in Virginia, where he was twice wounded the second time seriously. He transferred to the Cavalry and after the Battle of Trevillian Station was listed as missing until the end of the war, when he returned from a Northern prison.

He then entered the South Carolina College, from which he graduated. Returning to the family lands at Flint Hill, he farmed, ran a store, Captained the Oakland Company of "Red Shirts," became an elder in his church, and died before the turn of the century.

His nearest neighbor was his kinsman James Pickett, and it was there that both Colonel Marcus Boulware and General Harry Pickett were born, within a half mile of the walls of the old cemetery where the Boulwares and Picketts are buried.

I know that the grandsons of the old Confederate soldier cherish his memory, and I hope that the printing of this may not revive too poignantly the lingering sorrow in an aged heart.

Richard H. McMaster.

Interesting Letters Written During The War Between the States

Note: The fight referred to in this letter was the battle of Seven Pines, May 31, 1862 in which a piece of shell, which first struck and broke the flag staff which John Watt Rabb carried, struck him in the head, stunned, he fell to the ground and was left for dead on the field.—H. Rabb.

Dear Father:

We attacked the enemy yesterday about one o'clock and drove them back until nightfall killing many, taking a great deal of ammunition and our brigade fought well driving them back every step for two or three miles and holding our position that night. Our regiment drove them out and beyond three or four camps where there were large piles of ammunition piled away. They left everything behind them that you could think of, barrels of ground coffee mixed with sugar, barrels of fine brandy and everything that camp affords. Our brigade and our regiment I think must have won laurels for their country. We drove them over fields where the woods were cut down and entranchments thrown up and labored under the disadvantage of the field being attacked by the enemy. Our brigade were a mile in advance of any on the lone last night.

Our regiment suffered severely with five captains killed, both Captain Phinney and Captain Lyles. Captain Phinney died in a few minutes, Captain Lyles killed instantly, shot through the brain. Captain Phinney was shot through the body. Wiley Sloan was killed, Wash Ladd severely wounded, George Boggs killed, Arthur Boney killed, Robert Aiken, Robert Bankhead, James Gilliard, Jim Raines, Wyatt Melton, Jim Boulware and myself wounded. The doctor says the bone is not fractured.

I will be able to return to my post in a very few days. Charley Robinson took the flag when I fell but I heard afterwards that another of the color guard had it and I am afraid he is hurt.

The ones I have mentioned are what I have seen and heard wounded, and there may be a great many more. I left the field about a half hour before sundown. I am going to try and go to a private house this evening. I will close at this. The fight is still going on today and we are driving them back still.

My love to all—

J. W. Rabb

Dear Father and Mother:

I will again attempt to write you a few lines but it is only with a lead pencil on the back of a cartridge box. We have never before experienced any part of a soldiers life until we left Summerville. We were from Tuesday morning until Sunday morning on the road before we landed at Manassas Junction with very bad weather on us for two nights, our company on flat cars in the rain. But I myself was lucky enough to get a seat in a baggage car. We landed, as I have before said at Manassas Junction on Sunday about noon with all safe with the exception of one man which was killed on the road by the cars running over him. He belonged to the Chester company. When we landed we were in sight of the smoke from the battle, which was then going on some distance from the place and could hear the firing distinctly. After being prepared for action we marched in the direction of the battle, meeting all the way wagons loaded with wounded men and some carrying dead men giving all accounts of the fight, which was still going on which was awful to hear the tale but said the enemy was retreating. We marched about five or six miles and found out the enemy were entirely gone and halted for the night without blankets, supper or anything else, I myself without a coat. We were awakened next morning by a rain. I could hear dreadful accounts of Hampton's legion, how it had been cut up and heard nothing of Jim. I went up to a house early next morning and found some dead and about 75 or 100 wounded. I went back to camp thinking seriously about Jimmy seeing load after load of wounded men pass by. Finally here came about 250 of Hampton's Legion and Jimmy in the crowd. You can not imagine how I felt when I saw that Jimmy had fought through the greatest battle that had ever been fought in the American continent. He had some trophies which he had plucked up in his fight. I was in the rain all day yesterday without anything. I went to see the battle ground which was a horrible sight to see. The dead bodies lying every ten or fifteen steps. I will stop by telling you all good bye. You need not write for I can not tell you where to write to. I am now 6 or 7 miles from Manassas.

Your affectionate son,

John Rabb

Due West, S. C.
January 15, 1938

The News & Herald
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Mr. Editor:-

I have just been loking over The News & Herald Memorial issue of May 25, 1910.

I have two copies of that issue, and if you are in need of one, I'd be glad to furnish it.

There is so much of interest in this paper that I hope you will reprint for the benefit of the people of Fairfield county.

I'd like for you to get your copy of that issue of The News & Herald and notice that among the privates mentioned in the list of the Boyce Guards, is the name of J. R. Rabb. That should be J. K. Rabb. He was a brother of J. W. Rabb, who is noted in the list of officers as fifth corporal. Both were sons of John Glazier Rabb.

If you will change those initials to J. K. I shall appreciate it. My special reason for this is that there was a J. R. Rabb, who was also in the Confederate army from Fairfield county.

It seems that the claim that John Watt Rabb was a color bearer, in the 6th S. C. Regiment has been criticised. It is claimed that he is not so recognized, in the records of that regiment. But General John Bratton's address at the reunion of the Regiment on the Seven Pines battlefield, on the 6th of August 1885, clearly indicates this. I have in my possession, in the hand writing of John W. Rabb himself, in which he states that Charley Robinson took up the flag, when he fell. If the rocords of the 6th S. C. Regiment do not show that he was color bearer, it ought to be looked into and so indicated.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter written from Chimborazo hospital, (Va.), by John W. Rabb the day after the Seven Pines battle, which I suggest that you publish, as it will interest so many.

I also enclose a copy of a letter he wrote about the 1st Battle of Manassas in which his brother, James Kincaid Rabb, as a member of Hampton's Legion, took a prominent part that is quite interesting.

Again, I am enclosing a copy of the poem, written by Mrs. W. H. Flenniken, on "The Women of the Confederacy." This is a poem of unusual merit.

I shall appreciate it if you will return these papers to me, after you have used them.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Horace Rabb

Remember These Old Firm Names?

Interesting Items of Winnsboro's Past Gleaned for Edition of 1910

(By Kathleen Lewis Sloan)

The News and Herald published an elaborate, Memorial Edition of the newspaper, on May 25, 1910. It was devoted to the county's Confederate veterans and featured, principally, those who were still alive at that time.

J. Frank Fooshe, editor and proprietor, explanined in his editorial columns his regret at not being able to publish the edition on Confederate Memorial Day, as had been planned. He also expressed his appreciation to the John Bratton Chapter of the UDC for delaying its usual memorial services until that time.

Blanks had been sent to every veteran whose name could be located. These included those on the pension rolls, those who had recently been decorated with crosses, and those supplied by friends and relatives. Some information came from veterans living out of state.

Fifteen hundred copies of the edition "over and above those required for office use" were printed.

The edition now is a keepsake that all would treasure but few possess.

The front page of the newspaper was designed by Brantly Smith of Columbia, who was with The State Newspaper.

It consisted of a collection of photographs of some of Fairfield's famous personages. The center was given over to the Town Clock which was photographed with the Confederate Monument in the foreground. Spaced around this picture were those of Governor John Hugh Means, General John Bratton, Colonel James H. Rion, Major Thomas Woodward, Dick Hogan (chief of Butler's Scouts), Mrs. Catherine Ladd, James Cason Raines (color bearer of the Sixth Regiment of S. C.), and Colonel H. K. Aiken.

Inside were many photographs of the living veterans with brief sketches of their lives. Some were shown as old men with Van Dyke or handsomely trimmed, long beards and a number in their Confederate uniforms. The only photograph of two men taken together were James Carroll Lewis and his brother, John.

The brief write-up for James Carroll Lewis stated that he was "famed far and near for being able to cook the best barbecue meat ever served," and that he was "indispensable on all picnic occasions at Woodward."

Even in the small amount of space devoted to the veterans, it was obvious that their deeds of valor had been many; also that they were still un-reconstructed rebels. Many stated that they were proud that they had been able to serve. There were stories of hardships, losses of brothers and friends, and at least one account of a brother dying in another's arms. Although the ravaged countryside was mentioned, and the difficult task of returning home at the war's end, few expressed bitterness. Several articles in the paper, however, gave coverage to mistreatment of citizens by Sherman's troops.

In addition to advertisements by some of out of town firms, such as the R. L. Bryan Company and Sylvan's of Columbia, local businesses included were:

W. C. Beaty (mowers and rakes); A. B. Cathcart (mules and horses); D. V. Walker & Co. (wash fabrics and novelties); Caldwell & Co. (shirts, ties, summer goods, shoes); John H. McMaster & Co. (Nunnally's candy, baseball supplies, stationery, cutglass, china and soda fountain); Jas. M. Smith (baker and confectioner—Lowney's candy 60c lb.); H. B. Refo Co. (meal); W. M. Chandler (wedding presents); Moore & Co. (shoes and men's clothing); W. W. Willingham (furniture and clocks); T. M. Hayes (windmills); B. G. Tennant & Co. (ice, fish, fresh meat); The News and Herald (special subscription rate from May to December, (only 50c); W. R. Rabb & Co. (doors, sash, blinds); S. C. Johnston (flavorings, hams, jello, ice cream powder); J. O. Boag (millinery, mattings and rugs); J. W. Seigler (screens); R. W. Phillips (furniture, undertaker); Will Evans' "Woman's Shop" (ready-to-wear, women and children's clothes); George R. Lauderdale (salutation, "Welcome Vets."); C. S. Pixley, M. D. (offices at 4 Law Range); H. E. Ketchin (furniture; undertaker); Obear Drug Co. (dyspepsia tablets); Horne Bros. (dry goods and notions); C. A. Robinson (Velva syrup); Ketchin Mercantile Co. (clothiers); L. Landecker (lace and embroideries); Bank of Fairfield (deposits of $1.00 and up); M. W. Doty (fertilizer); Winnsboro Bank (capital $100,000; surplus $80,000); W. A. Hood (fertilizer); James Macfie (groceries).

The special edition also contained the complete rolls of the Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers, Colonel James H. Rion, commanding. Also, the death list of Company G., Sixth South Carolina Infantry was printed.

On an inside page was run the formal, golden wedding anniversary portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jennings, which had been taken the previous May 17.

Information below the photograph stated that Mr. Jennings was Treasurer of South Carolina, and that for the occasion of the celebration, all of their children had been present, plus thirty-five grandchildren.

The portrait was a characteristic setting of that era: Mr. Jennings was seated, while his wife stood back just a bit, to his side.

Other interesting miscellaneous items mentioned "Secession Eve," when a torchlight parade was held in Winnsboro and heaped praise on the Fairfield veterans and the citizenry.

A WISE SPIDER

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper he once received the following letter from a lady subscriber. Dear Sir: When my newspaper was delivered this morning I opened it and found within a spider. I would like you to tell me whether this is a sign of good or bad luck. The humorist replied as follows: Dear Madame: Finding a spider in your paper was neither a sign of good nor of bad luck. The spider was merely looking over the advertisements to find out what merchant did not advertise, so that it could go to that store, weave a web across the door, and remain undisturbed for the rest of its life.

(Items taken from The News and Herald, Thursday, April 1, 1943)

"25 Years Ago — Interesting Items Taken from The News and Herald of March 29, 1918"

The Landeckers have enlarged their sales force to serve their growing trade. Miss Amick, formerly with R. H. Anderson of Newberry, is in charge of the ready-to-wear department. Miss Williford, formerly with the Efird chain of stores, has charge of the piece goods section.

Spencer R. McMaster left Friday for duty in Columbia, having enlisted in the navy for the duration of the war.

Lieut. James L. Bryson, M. R. C., Camp Sevier, Greenville, spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bryson.

Mr. R. Y. Turner, Jr., senior cadet captain at The Citadel, is spending a short holiday at home.

Enoch Crowson and Carl Stevenson represented Mount Zion in the High School debate at Clinton Friday night.

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison are delighted to hear of Dr. Harrison's promotion to a Captaincy in the Medical Corps at Camp Sevier, Greenville.

There was a called meeting of the John Bratton Chapter, U. D. C. at Red Cross headquarters Tuesday afternoon. The special business of the afternoon was a discussion of plans for the annual dinner given to the Confederate veterans each Memorial Day. Mesdames J. E. Bruce and O. J. Frier were elected delegates to the Ridge convention in Rock Hill in May.

(Items taken from The News and Herald, April 29, 1943)

"25 Years Ago — Interesting Items Taken from The News and Herald of April 26, 1918"

At the regular annual contest of the Catawba Oratorical and Athletic Association, held at Rock Hill, last Friday night, Enoch Crowson, a pupil in the third year of the high school at Mt. Zion, was unanimously awarded first place in the contest in declamation, winning for his school the silver trophy cup and for himself, a gold medal. Miss Kathleen Lemmon, of the fourth year at Mt. Zion, was awarded third place in the contest for girls in reading. Owing to the rainy weather, the athletic events which were scheduled for Saturday afternoon had to be postponed until May 4, when they will be held at Chester, this being a more central point than Rock Hill for the members of the Catawba Association. Winnsboro won the athletic cup last year and holds it until the contest on May 4, so that at the present time, Mt. Zion holds two silver trophy cups.

Winnsboro is host this week to the Rock Hill District Conference of the Methodist Church. Sessions of the Conference began here Wednesday morning and will continue through Friday. Delegates began to arrive on the 7:42 train Wednesday evening and are continuing to arrive on the different trains today. These have been distributed among the many homes of the town. Reverend J. R. T. Major is the presiding elder of the Conference.

Tuesday afternoon at 8:10, an unusually bright but medium in size meteor was noticed by a number of our townspeople, falling or shooting thru the heavens. When about 60 degrees from the horizon in the northern sky, it apparently burst, shattering into many small fragments and causing a reflection on the ground like that from lightning or a strong searchlight. This was followed by a silvery smoke, which floated about spreading and dispersing itself till it disappeared with the darkness. No one explains or remembers a similar instance — some think the smoke was chemicals reflected by the sun.

A negro on Mr. W. J. Stevenson's place killed an extraordinary large and unusual species of eagle this week. The eagle is golden, large enough to carry off a good sized pig; it measured 7 feet and 2 inches from tip to tip of wing, and 22 inches from bill to tail.

(Items taken from The News and Herald of Jan. 14, 1943)

(Ed. Note: The late Mr. Thomas C. Camak, who wrote under the pen-name of "Mossy Dale," was probably the most celebrated correspondent in this paper's long history. Like Will Rogers, he never wrote about a man he didn't like, and his columns were spicy with homespun wit and humor. The following is an article he penned in 1943, about an important porsonal event that occurred four decades earlier.)

On the sixth of January, 40 years ago, I hitched a pair of mares to my buggy and hit the road for Columbia, while a few flakes of snow were falling and was cheered by the Stewarts as I passed.

When I reached Columbia, I turned my team into McCarther's stable, got a bite to eat, then called on one of my old sugar babies and told her that I was going to marry Mary Carlos Paget next morning at 9 o'clock. After bidding her goodbye, I went to the home of my cousin and benefactor, R. H. Jennings, and slept with that eminent jurist, M. B. Jennings. At the crack of day, I was trying to get inside a new shirt. Of course, I had a split tail coat and breeches, too. After that ordeal, my next move was to my horses and a drive to the home of Dr. Darby, who was to marry me to the best woman in the world. We reached the home of the bride to be on time, 12 miles on the Garner's Ferry Road, where we took each other for better or for the worse.

After a big turkey breakfast, we bade farewell to friends and arrived home where my children were awaiting the coming of their new mother.

And now, 40 years since the above occasion, my children are all gone and we are alone, seated by a big log fire — and don't give a darn for the sheriff nor anybody else.

I have some tobacco and my wife has a little sugar and coffee in the house, but no 'tatoes —but I expect to pay my preacher.

MR. JAS. M. SMITH INDULGES IN FURTHER REMINISCENCES

12-15-33

Editor The News and Herald:

I have had so many kind and complimentary remarks on the article I wrote sometime ago, and suggestions that I write some more, with your permission, I will write something about the growth and population of the past. I will first take the growth of the town. I have heard some of the would-be critics of the town say that if Lord Cornwallis, who made hs headquarters in and around Mt. Zion, could come back he would recognize the place. My first article would refute that charge for there are only 4 or 5 houses on Main Street besides the Town Clock and Court House, that was there 50 years ago. The stores up to 30 or 35 years ago were all wooden shacks. As they are now, they compare very favorably with stores of other towns of our size. The dwellings have increased very much during the past years. When I first came here there were only ten dwellings from the present Methodist block to the top of the hill going north; the home of Mr. McKinney Elliott on the corner, the home of Rev. Josiah Obear, now Mrs. Williford's, the home of Jas. Aiken on the lot now owned by W. H. Flenniken, it stood on the front of the lot with yard and grounds on the side and rear; the home of Mr. Geo. H. McMaster was the next. It was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1882, but was rebuilt at once by Mr. McMaster. It was there during the building of the home that Gregg McMaster, a small boy, fell and broke his leg. The home of the Rev. J. M. Todd, as stands now between the two roads was there; the home of Mr. J. E. McDonald on the corner, and the home of J. N. Cummings across the street, (now the property of J. F. McMaster estate). A small two room house where Jack DesPortes is, was occupied by Dr. Simpson, dentist of the town. The home of T. K. Elliott now as then across the railroad, and the home of Mrs. J. M. Jennings. The land back of Mr. McDonald's was only a straw field in 1883. I think C. M. Chandler and a Mr. Trimmons bought lots and begun to build up that part of town, (now the home of Mrs. J. H. McMaster). McBryde Smith and Bill Romedy were the architects and builders of these two homes. In the eastern part of town around Mount Zion, the home of Mr. Jas. Beaty, now Mrs. Cathcart, the home of Mr. Henry L. Elliott and the home of W. R. Garrison were the original old homes. The western part of town hasn't grown so much but some. The southwest has filled up a great deal. At one time from the Presbyterian church yard there was but one house of any consequence. The land and home was the property of the Rev. Malcom Frazier, one time pastor of the Presbyterian church. The house was where Mrs. Martin's home now is. Mr. D. R. Flenniken used to farm the land, and it was there the first reaper and binder was shown around here. Mr. Flenniken had a fine field of oats and cut these with the machine. Capt. W. G. Jordan and Mr. Jas. N. Center were the pioneer builders in that section. They both built about the same time. The southern part has filled up too. The Fairfield Inn, then the home of Mr. A. S. Douglas, the home now of the Misses Obear, the home of Col. Jas. H. Rion, and the Boylestons were the principal homes for some time. I have only skimmed around the edges. To tell of the interior, would, I am afraid, consume too much space.

I will touch on the population: I have been asked to tell who is who of the town but I will have to shy off from that. But I suppose all who ride in automobiles think they belong in that class. The population has grown some but not so fast. I think the census of 1890 gave about 1600; of 1930, around 2,000. That does not take in account the hundreds of boys and girls who have been raised here and had to go away—the boys to get work and the girls, most of them to get married. If we could have kept them here there is no telling what size town we would have had by now. It has always been so, and I suppose will continue to the end of time, that children who grow up here will have to go away and

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MR. JAS. M. SMITH INDULGES IN PERSONAL REMINISCENCES

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leave the parents here or take them with them. Our population has changed almost entirely in the 25 years. There are very few who are to the manner born here now and most of the early emigrants are gone now. At one time we had 8 or 10 families of the Jewish race living here. Now we have only one. They made good citizens, law abiding but made no pretense of religion.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have said all that was on my mind. I could have written a great deal more, but it would take more space than I wished to ask of you. If what I have written, has been of any benefit to any, or if anyone has found pleasure in it, I feel repaid for it.

JAS. M. SMITH. 12-15-33

Winnsboro's Oldest Resident Gives Origin of Town's Historic Streets

Editor The News and Herald,
Winnsboro, S. C.
Dear Sir:

As I am, perhaps, the oldest living resident of Winnsboro, I shall answer your enquiry about preferences for street names.

The Winns came from Virginia many years ago, before the Revolution, settling in the western part of the county with large land grants. The Winn home on the Will Turner place stood on a knoll northeast of the present house. Richard, John and Minor played important roles in the early history of the county. Later members of the family removed to Winnsboro, where they had good holdings, and with others donated land for the purpose of laying out the town. Minor Winn, having a grant of 300 acres, built a home on Malvern Hill, now the site of the home of Mrs. T. H. Ketchin.

The well-done survey made by the surveyor-general, Mitchell, in 1785, is in the office of the Secretary of State. A number of people have copies. Mr. W. D. Douglas has one hanging on the walls of his office. There are streets inscribed on the plat. The confines of the settlement were Moultrie and High Streets.

When the town was laid out, Congress was the first and main street. It was divided in half by Washington, a wider street than its parallel streets. This was the business section. The names of Congress and Washington should be retained, and should be used more intelligently than they have been used in the past. The only alternative for Congress would be Columbia Street. Columbia Street or Columbia Road gives a definite direction and "Columbia" is patriotic.

Bratton Street, for the brave Confederate general, Moultrie for the older general, are familiar to everyone. Vanderhorst came from one of the many prominent Charleston families that sought the healthful climate. ((See Mills' Statistics of South Carolina, which tells why Cornwallis selected Winnsboro for a permanent camp site). Frazier Street was so-called for another low-country family. Mr. Frazier was a Presbyterian minister who owned the place where the Misses Martin live, with added land west of this property. Calhoun and Zion are suitable appellations. Chalmers comes from the family of Mr. Chalmers, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister. He lived here 60 or 70 years ago. Liberty, Garden, High, College, with others, are important streets yet carry names with little meaning.

Since we are no longer a small village but a goodly sized town, financially and industrially, it is time we realized our bank deposits and prestige in the state. We have given from town and county fine soldiers in all the wars, and men of brains and culture to the development of the country. And it behooves us to take cognizance of them; to make a record of our history as we go along through the years. We should become more "town-conscious," with pride that is justified in our good deeds for a reminder to generations to come who may ask, "Why was this street named

We have been honored and made happy that this is the birthplace of the mother of Bernard Baruch of world-peace fame, and one of the greatest, if not the greatest American of this generation. Could we not call High Street Baruch Street and write Mr. Baruch we did so as a memorial to his work for world brotherhood?

Colonel David Gaillard, quiet, charming and unassuming, undertook and accomplished the engineering feat of building the Gaillard Cut of the Panama Canal. It cost him his life. He was a Winnsboro man. Could we not call Liberty Street Gaillard Street?

Also, Thomas Woodward, the great reformer, who lost his life protecting others from Tory depredations, and by force holding the first court in the upstate, later gaining general courts by petition, along with Major Thomas Woodward, the leader against the carpet-baggers in Fairfield county, deserve the mild honor of having a street named for them. Could not Garden Street be called Woodward Street.

Aromanus Lyles, the first white man born in the county, was killed by an Indian's tomahawk. He, too, should have recognition.

After schools began to see the need of a definite standard, the old Mt. Zion Institute had an outstanding man at its head. A brilliant scholar, one who saw the future, a gentleman whom Winnsboro loved, R. Means Davis was a Fairfield man. He saw the necessity of raising the educational requirement for the well-known school. So he studied the form most needed for general scholarship and gave Winnsboro its first graded school in 1878. It was the second in the state. College Street should be changed to Davis Street for the ideals Mr. R. Means Davis implanted in the minds of his pupils.

Recently the mayor and council have had the foresight to pass modern and safety measures. They plan many excellent changes for making Winnsboro a more pleasant place to live in. We can all help them with encouragement so they may see that we, the citizens, appreciate living here.

A writer-visitor rang my door bell and said to me, "I have stopped here two days instead of going to my planned destination, a coastal city, because the people in the stores and on the streets are cordial and superior. And the town interests me. Will you give me its history?" Later an article about Winnsboro appeared in a Northern paper. The description of the stranger is a high standard for us to follow. I hope that many more virtues will be added to those we possess.

MRS. D. V. WALKER, SR.

Walks Over 45,000 Miles For Water 1938

After she had walked more than 45,000 miles to fetch more than 280,000 gallons of water, Mrs. Nannie McCarley, 78, who resides with a son, Charlie, three miles east of Brickstock, has been relieved of this responsibility by Uncle Sam.

For 64 years, since a child of about 12 years until the last year or so, Mrs. McCarley had walked three times a day to a spring some 600 yards from the house, over a steep knoll, to bring two "eight-quart" buckets of water on each trip for household purposes. More often than not, she made more than three trips a day to the spring, and when a wife and mother did her household work and labored shoulder to shoulder with her husband, the late William McCarley, in the fields. She raised a family of six, four of whom still live and are successful in their chosen lines of endeavor. She has 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, but one would never guess she had climbed the allotted three score and ten years by her appearance or her activity.

In August, when she celebrated her 78th birthday, she saw water pouring from a hand-pump sunk within 10 feet of her kitchen doorstep through a grant from the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture. So long had she been accustomed to "scrimping" on water to keep from making extra trips to the spring that it was some days before she could realize that water in abundance was at her command, and only recently has she learned the pleasure of tossing away a panful without first thinking of whether or not it could be put to other uses.

"Carrying water will not preserve one's school girl figure, as you can see," chuckled Mrs. McCarley, "but work will keep one fit and being busy is the best way to keep one from worrying. My interest in my children and their children, and all young folks, has kept me young—for I am 78 years young and few believe I am so old when I tell them. I have always liked young people, and always will."

Mrs. McCarley resides in the home built by her great grandfather more than 200 years ago, the original logs having been weatherboarded by her father, the late William Smith Gordon, when he acquired the property. The great fireplaces have been made smaller, and the huge mantels removed, but few other alterations are apparent.

"I was two years old when the Yankees ransacked our house," she said. "Although I don't remember the soldiers, my mother told me about it often when I was a bit older. She said that father was in the Southern army and she was living alone in this house with us three children, a sister of mine who was six and a brother who was four. The soldiers took ev-

wheat bran for a week until we could get other food. A ham fell in the cotton that was stored upstairs and mother found this, but she was afraid the Yankees had poisoned it and left it on purpose (as they had done elsewhere), and she was afraid to cook it.

"I suppose I started to carrying small buckets of water from the spring over yon hill when I was a small child," recalled Mrs. McCarley. "Certainly I was taking my place with my brother and sister in carrying the water when I was 12 or 14 years of age, and have carried it ever since until a year or so ago when it became a bit too much for me. I still make occasional visits to the spring just to get a drink of the sweet water, although the water from our new government pump is as good as a body could want. I'll be disappointed if I ever get too stove-up to get down to that spring, for it has been right smart in my life, and lots of memories linger there."

ROBINSON REUNION WAS HELD LAST SATURDAY

Large Attendance At Annual Event Enjoy Day Together At Ridgeway August 24th 1935

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robinson held their annual reunion on Saturday August 24, at the old Robinson home near Ridgeway.

Eleven of the twelve children, a number of grandchildren and other relatives and friends were present. They were Mrs. J. S. Young, Samuel and Esther Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Guy, of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Murray, George Murray and Miss Pearl Dixon, of Shelby, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hollis, Iris Hollis and James Sistcue of Spartanburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballentine, Dorothy and Allen Ballentine, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Davis Ballentine, Julian and Ernestine Ballentine, Mr. and Mrs. David Graddick, Vivian and Avery Graddick, of Blythewood; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robinson of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith, Eleanor, Lilla Mae and Coralie Smith, Katherine Sistcue, Mrs. Bessie Parnell, Robert and Roland Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Robinson, Eugenia, David, Kenneth and Carlyle Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reed, Mrs. Sara H. Clark and Dorothy Vandiford, all of Ridgeway; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollis of Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Murray, L. H. Murray, Jr., and M. R. Addison of Eastover; Jas. W. Smith Theus Pound of Gaston; Mr. Jim Kelly of Smallwood; Mr. John Porter of Lugoff; Mr. S. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Robinson of Monticello and Eli Love of Summerville. The daughter not present was Mrs. Nelle Conrad, of Clinton.

At one o'clock a bountiful picnic dinner was served under the trees.

This reunion has been held each year for a long time and at this time was organized and will be on the third Saturday in August each year.

Shedd Family Holds Reunion Recently

The sons and daughter and their families of the late Jonathan Rabb Shedd and Jennie Crowder Shedd, held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earle Shedd Saturday, Dec. 2. 1939

The day was spent in reminiscing, picture making, and planning to make the event an annual affair. At noon time a bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shedd and children, Jo Ann and Thomas Earle; Mr. and Mrs. John Chappell and son, Joe, all of Dalton, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Shedd of Cedartown, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shedd and Jack, Jr., of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pope and Bobbie of Monticello. Special guests of the day were Mrs. J. P. Jenkins and W. D. Crowder of Shelton.

The family regretted the absence of one member, Robert R. Shedd and family of Chattanooga, Tenn.

LYLES FAMILY HAS REUNION 8/1939

Members of the family of Captain John W. and Mrs. Sue Lyles met Sunday at the home of Senator J. Morris Lyles for the first reunion in a number of years. Dr. W. Boykin Lyles and family of Spartanburg were absent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lyles and family, Spartanburg, Mrs. F. A. DesPortes and son, Allen, Jr., of Guatemala, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lyles and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyles and family, all of Winnsboro and Mrs. W. C. Boyd and Lyles Boyd, of Columbia.

There were twenty-one present and among these was one, Nannie McConnell (colored), the cook and housekeeper of Captain and Mrs. Lyles, who helped to raise all the children, and, as an old time "mammy" is considered one of the family, and especially so, at a reunion.

M'MEEKIN REUNION HELD ON JULY 5TH

On July 5, 1936, members of the McMeekin family gathered at the home of Mr. Maxcy McMeekin, Jenkinsville, S. C., for a reunion. After a bountiful picnic dinner was served, those present sat around beneath the spreading branches of the large oaks and engaged in conversation. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Those present were: Mrs. Lula Chappell, Mrs. P. A. Hedgepath, Miss Mattie Chappell, Odell Chappell, Mrs. Ruth Blume and little daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McMeekin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMeekin and son, Joseph, III, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dixon and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Chappell, Winnsboro, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Suber and daughter, Ila Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Wille Ray Suber, Silverstreet, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Heath Caldwell and children, Great Falls, S. C.

McDONALD CLAN HOLDS REUNION 9/1936

On Thursday of last week the McDonald Clan held its annual reunion at the old homestead, now occupied by Dan and Tom Black, and sisters, and appropriately called "Wildwood."

A bountiful picnic dinner was spread on a table prepared under the oak trees in the yard. Around this table gathered nearly a hundred relatives and friends for an hour of enjoyment. In spite of the rain, which drove the crowd to shelter, an afternoon of reminiscense and story-telling was enjoyed by all.

Since the revival of the custom a few years ago, this is the second reunion held at the old home. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the group, however, that this should be the permanent meeting place, so everyone departed anticipating another happy time next year.

ROBINSON REUNION HUGE SUCCESS 1938

The annual reunion of the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs Will Robinson of Ridgeway was held at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Guy in Chester, Saturday, August 20th. Ten daughters and one son with their families children and grandchildren, were present.

Only one death has occurred in this family since that of the father and mother, that being a son Palmer Robinson, who died in October of 1936.

Each year this reunion is held at the home of some member of the family. This year Mrs. Guy, granddaughter, was hostess. The home was the center of happiness sisters greeting sisters and brother, and everything going as if the space of a year had not elapsed since their last meeting. In the yard a temporary soft-ball field was erected, both young and old taking part in the game. A bountiful picnic table was spread. Announcements were made by George Murray, a grandson, and thanks were returned by Mr. Willis. So plentiful was the food that when the crowd had finished, there seemed to be enough to serve as many again. Approximately 125 persons, including members of the family and friends, were present.

A very creditable family, this It's ten daughters and one son present with their families were Mrs. Bessie Parnell, Mrs. Lilla Smith, Ridgeway; Mrs. Nell Conrad, Columbia; Mrs. Edith Murray, Shelby, N. C.; Mrs. Sara Young, Chester; Mrs. Daisy Hollis, Mrs. Hattie Hollis, Spartanburg; Mrs. Laura Ballentine, Mrs Jewel Graddick, Blythewood; Mrs Louise Ballentine, St. Petersburg Fla.; Sam Robinson, Florence.

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Wagers Reunion Held Sunday, October Thirteenth

1935

A day that will linger long in the memories of many and always bring with it the thought of pleasant associations was that of Oct. 13th. On that day the Wagers family held their annual reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wagers in lower Chester county.

This enjoyable occasion is always held in October because this months is the anniversary of the birthdays of both Mr. and Mrs. Wagers and their oldest daughter, Mrs. Elbert Roberts and little granddaughter, Catherine Roberts.

This year everything seemed to lend a hand in making it a perfect day. The always attractive home never looked more inviting or showed better the natural beauty of its setting than on this lovely Indian Summer day when everyone could appreciate the beauty of the autumn woods which can be seen on all sides.

This home is known for its hospitality and on this occasion the house, homey and attractive in its decorations of cut flowers was thrown open to the guests. From early morning until late afternoon friends and loved ones were gathered in groups chatting; from parlor to kitchen and from front gate to the beautiful fish pond a few hundred yards away, all renewing old ties of friendship or meeting new friends, enjoying real southern society.

At noon a bountiful picnic dinner was spread on a long table in the shady yard. Centering the table were two large birthday cakes. One was "Dad's Cake" large and snowy white, the date 1851 standing out prominently, formed by 84 pink candles. The other bore the dates of all the birthdays being celebrated, laid in white icing on a large square chocolate cake.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Wagers children and grandchildren were present, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter Wagers and family; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberts and family; Messrs. Gary and Jimmie Wagers and Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Edwards. In all about a hundred relatives and friends were present to enjoy the occasion and join in wishing for many happy returns of the day.

In the afternoon music and singing were enjoyed. Quite a number of favorite old hymns were sung. Among them was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and its sentiment had been truly felt throughout the day. When the shadows of evening were falling, sadly but sincerely was sung "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." With deep regret that such a day must end, goodbyes were said.

THE LINDSAY RE-UNION
(The Chester Reporter) 1938

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. William Lindsay had their fifth annual re-union at the Chester Country Club on August 9th. All seven of the sons and daughters were present bringing with them many of their children and grandchildren. Thirty-six people met at the home of Mr. Joseph Lindsay and went out to the club for a delightful picnic dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lindsay, Mrs. Mortimer Muller, Betty and Mortimer Muller, Jr., Shannon and John Lindsay, Camden, S. C.; Mrs. J. R. Miller, Sr., Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Miller, Rock Hill; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller, Gadsden, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller and son, Roddey, Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, Mrs. H. K. Hallett, Catherine and John Hallett, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Lindsay, Miss Margaret Lindsay, Winnsboro; Mrs. Wardell Ashford, Hamlet, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Beal, Lenoir, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lindsay, Bobby Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lindsay, Dorothy Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lindsay, and Misses Mary and Elizabeth Lindsay, Chester.

Family Reunion At Ed's Pond

Two Hundred Members Of Lauderdale - Lemmon Clan Have Celebration On August 30th.

1938

It was an ideal day, August 31d for a meeting of two hundred men, women and children, descendants and connections of two of the earliest families in South Carolina history — The Lauderdales and Lemmons. The celebration was held at Ed's Pond. This spot presents quite a contrast to what it was a few years ago. An obnoxious bubble of water by the roadside has been made by E. L. Stevenson, the owner, into one of the most popular summer recreational resorts in the county. Bath houses and a pavillion surround the pool of clear water, a great iron pot, tables, and benches are on the grounds suitable for either barbecues or fish fry parties, and the spacious floor of the pavillion will accommodate three hundred people.

Swimming was enjoyed during the day especially by the children, and a barbecue hash and picnic dinner was served on the grounds in the shade of the trees above the pond.

The program carried through in the morning at ten o'clock with the people assembled in the pavillion, was as follows: Scripture reading of the 121st psalm by Rev. Charles Harris. Prayer by Rev. Mills Lemmon. Welcome by Annelle Turner. Responses by Floride Baron Lemmon and Mrs. J. A. Clark. Remarks and reminiscences by Rev. David T. Lauderdale. Address of the day by Rev. Mills Lemmon. Reading, "Ma at the Home coming," Kathleen Lemmon. Special Music by David T. Lauderdale and children. Historical sketch by Mrs. D. E. Crosland. A reunion of the family in 1891, Miss Jane Lemmon, oldest living member, aged 82 years. Reading, "Aunt Keturah's visit to the city," Mrs. E. L. Rabb. Song, 23rd psalm by the assemblage. Benediction, Rev. D. T. Lauderdale.

At this point baskets and boxes were obtained from the automobiles and the dinner table was set with barbecue hash, fried chicken, ham, sandwiches, pickles, pies, custards and all kinds of good pastries, cakes and confections with iced tea.

The Rev. R. M. Bell, pastor of the Hickory Grove A. R. P. church asked a blessing upon the bountiful feast. After dinner Mr. W. W. Dixon was appointed to see after a marker for the grave of the Revolutionary soldier, Capt. Hugh Milling, buried at old Jackson Creek Presbyterian church grave yard. The captain is an ancestor of many of the family. Some during the day, went to the burial place to see the monument there erected to his memory.

Officers of the association elected are: President David T. Lauderdale, Vice president J. L. Lemmon, Historian, Mamie Ladd Raesdale, 1st assistant Historian, J. A. Clarke, 2nd assistant Historian Kathleen Lemmon, Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Ladd.

The time and place of the next annual meeting will be named by the elected president, Mr. Lauderdale. Resolutions were passed thanking E. L. Stevenson for the use of the grounds for the meeting and to the News and Herald for the publicity it gave to the annual event prior to the date of the gathering.

The Rev. D. T. Lauderdale gave several reminiscences of the family, which were told him by W. J. Lemmon.

W. W. DIXON

At Old Bethel Home 1947

Sunday, October 19th, about 150 descendants of the late John D. and Susannah J. Leitner, gathered at the old home and spent a pleasant day together. This date marked the 78th birthday of William J. Leitner, only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Leitner. Sharing honors with him were his wife, Mrs. Mary Sue Lever Leitner and a brother-in-law, S. U. Robinson, husband of the late Ida Leitner. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren made up the rest of the group.

The crowd began to gather about 10:00 a. m. After several hours spent in renewing acquaintances and visiting, a sumptuous picnic dinner, supplemented with barbecue, was served under the massive oaks in the yard.

Before departing, the members of the clan voted to make this an annual affair. James Robinson of Monticello was elected president, W. A. McCain of Columbia, secretary and Fred Leitner of Winnsboro, treasurer. This reunion is to be held each year at the old home which is now owned and occupied by John D. Leitner II and his family. The reunion is to be held on the birthday of the first John D. Leitner, August 25th.

Among those who came from a distance for this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Walker Leitner and baby of Whiting, Ind., Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis Franklin and Barbara of Greenville, S. U. Robinson, Misses Mary Sue and Mattie Belle Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson and sons, James, Jr., and Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robinson, Mary Ross, Johnnie and Eddie of Monticello, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCain, Roberta, George Edward and Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCain, Jr., and W. A. III, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joy and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mann, J. W. Mann, Jr., Roy, Eugene, Richard, Tommie, Harriet and Hazel Mann, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Leitner and children, Mrs. T. Henry Suydam and T. Henry Suydam, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Pendergrass and Audrey Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Crank, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mann, all of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. James Mann and two children of Florence.

CROWDER REUNION 1941

The descendants of the late William J. and Jemimia Crowder will hold their annual family reunion at the Feasterville Boarding House, August 10th. All are urged to come and bring baskets.

Crowder Reunion Is Great Success 1940

The home coming for the direct descendants of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crowder, which was held at the hospitable home of a daughter, Mrs. Jesse L. Hill and Mr. Hill, Sunday, Sept. 8., was greatly enjoyed by a large number of the family, coming from Chester, Newberry and Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. John Pressley from Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crowder of Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crowder from Blairs, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill of Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Turner of Winnsboro, Mrs. Robert Crowder of Columbia, Mrs. W. T. Peters, Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Shelton and quite a number of grand children and great grandchildren were present.

After happy greetings, devotional was conducted from Psalm 91. Prayer for peace in our war-torn world was offered and hymns were sung in praise.

Mrs. Peters, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crowder, sang several lovely selections. A bountiful dinner was served, the seat of honor at the table being given to a son-in-law, Mr. Jenkins, who is 81. The blessing was invoked by Mr. John Pressley another son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crowder.

Mr. Gene Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Hill, came from Columbia for the occasion.

Hartin Reunion

The descendants of the late George W. and Mary Claxton Hartin met at the old Hartin home in Rion, S. C., on Aug. 3, for a reunion. 1941

A bountiful picnic lunch and barbecue was served to the six children and their families.

The children are W. M. Hartin, Seffner, Fla., A. B. Hartin, West Columbia, S. C., J. H. Hartin, Springfield, S. C., Mrs. U. C. Odom, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. J. W. Eckert, Merchantville, N. J., Mrs. G. S. Wrenn, Rion, S. C.

There were 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren present. A grand time was had by all.

BOULWARE FAMILY HOLDS FIRST REUNION 9/1940

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Boulware held their first family reunion at the old "boarding house" in the Feasterville community near Shelton on Sept. 1. A more fitting spot for the reunion could not have been selected, since the first recollections of many of those present are centered around this section.

Approximately forty children, grandchildren, aunts and uncles were gathered for the day.

No pogram had been planned, as we felt that everyone would better enjoy the day in reminiscing and seeing relatives whom they had not seen recently.

At noon hour a most delightful and abundant table was spread beneath the oaks.

Reunion At Lebanon

Descendants of Margaret and Charles B. Blair met for their annual reunion in the Lebanon community of Fairfield county at the Aiken home on Sunday, August 31.

The day was spent reminiscing and for some it was the only time they had seen each other for a year.

It was decided to make the last Sunday in August the annual date. Sixty-one were present and not all of the families were represented.

Those present were: the Broome family: Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Broome, Mr and Mrs. Garriss W. Broome, Mary Broome, William Broome, J. D. Broome, Mrs. Katherine Oswald, Mrs. Kate McCormack, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCormack, Beth and "Jim," W. Claude McCormack of Columbia, and Alston B. Broome of Asheville, N. C.

The DeHihns family: W. E. DeHihns of Strother, the oldest member of the reunion group, Mrs. Lee A. DeHihns, Sr., Lee A. DeHihns, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Eleazer, Irvin, Jr., and Joyce, of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wise of Ballentine and Jimmy Wise of Ballentine.

The Andrews family: Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Andrews, C. A., Jr., Helen and Donald, Becky Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. C. Andrews, and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. George Craig and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Andrews and Pamela of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Lever and Clarice of Blythewood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Andrews and Frankie of Spartanburg.

The Lever family: Kitty Jay Lever and Eddie Lever of Blythewood, Chris Crapps, Columbia, RFD.

The Aiken family: Lena May, Hugh B., and Arlie W. Aiken, Winnsboro.

Visitors present for the occasion were C. A. Wise of Olar and Ballentine, Annie Charles Blackmon, Blythewood, Annie Mae Stines, Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Billy) O'Kelley and Billy, Spartanburg.

Dye Reunion Held Sunday, July 27 1941

Sunday, July 27th the annual reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Ida E. Hill, the only surviving member of the late Thos. E. Dye's family. Every one seemed to enjoy the day to the fullest. There were seventy-five names placed on the register which was on a table in the hall. A large number of kindred from Columbia and Chester attended, both nieces, nephews and great-neices and nephews. In the yard under the large oak tree was a picnic table where a most bountiful dinner and cold drinks were served, which were enjoyed by all present.

The Young Reunion

Annual "Get-To-Gether" To Be Held Near Winnsboro August 4.

1940

The annual "Young" reunion will be held at Fairfield Baptist church near Winnsboro, Sunday, August 4. The Rev. Russell W. Park, pastor of the Lake City Presbyterian church and great grandson of the original couple who came to this country over a hundred years ago will be the principal speaker at the morning hour.

The program lasting over the entire day, will include services in the Fairfield Baptist church, generally known as Hickory Ridge, at eleven o'clock, followed by a picnic dinner on the grounds and the afternoon will be given over to family reminiscences.

Andrew Young and his wife, Anne Tweed Young came to this country from Ireland in 1835 and settled near Winnsboro. Hundreds of their descendents and in-laws gather annually for a reunion the first Sunday in August; however the reunion was cancelled last year on account of the polio situation in the state. Committees in charge of preparation anticipate a record crowd this year.

All descendents of the above couple and their in-laws are urged to attend and remind others who have moved from this community to other sections of the country.

MRS. FAIRCLOTH'S 88TH BIRTHDAY IS OBSERVED AT FORT MILL REUNION

1959

There was a family reunion on last Sunday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Cook in Fort Mill, celebrating the eighty-eighth birthday of Mrs. S. E. Faircloth, who was in Fort Mill at the time of her anniversary, but who is here in Winnsboro a good bit of the time with her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Crawford.

A delightful picnic dinner was spread and served, buffet style.

Among those of the immediate family present were: Dr. and Mrs. W. Y. Faircloth of Leesburg, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cannon and two children of Conway; Mr. and Mrs. Burriss Huggins and two children, of Forest City, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cook and two children of Fort Mill; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Will Crawford, Misses Betty and Joyce Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Brooks and daughter Lisa, all of Winnsboro.

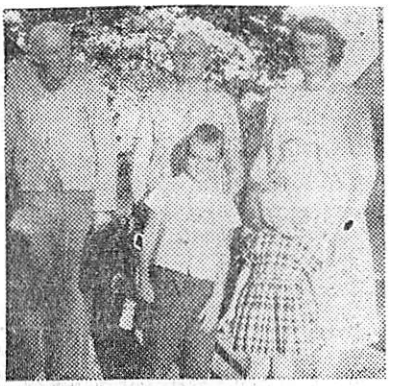
Mrs. Faircloth greeted many local friends and received cards and letters from absent ones and was the recipient of many nice gifts.

Ashford Reunion Attended by 91

1958

The annual meeting of the Ashford descendants was held on Sunday, June 8, at the Shrine Club.

There were 91 registered, including the following from out of the town and county: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ashford and family, Starkeville, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Little Rock, Arkansas; V. B. Taylor and family of Ocean Springs, Miss.; the Reverend and Mrs. Cool from McColl, Miss., Sam J. Ashford and family of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Castles and family of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Castles Jr. and family of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pleasants, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dantzler, Mr. and Mrs. William Pope Cook and Louis Ashford, all of Columbia; Mrs. Sadie B. Cannon, St. Matthews; Ben T. Ashford and family, Beaumont, Texas; W. A. Ashford and family, of Winnie, Texas; K. A. Waller and family of Cove Springs, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Yost of Winston Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. Wardell Ashford, Hamlet, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. George R. Shedd of Carthage, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Weed of Bryan, Texas. The oldest member of the family attending was 76, and the youngest was three months old.



"Uncle Bud" and Descendants

1959

I am enclosing a photo of the oldest member of our church and community, Mr. Chesley G. Boulware (Uncle Bud as he is generally known) who is over 90. Also included in the picture are his daughter, Mrs. Annie Bridges (standing next to him), his granddaughter, Mrs. Davis H. Boulware, and her two children, Harold Ray and Sheila, which makes four generations in our Cool Branch Community. Many people in the county and state will remember him as the "ferry man" of old Smith's ferry for quite some time.

(Mrs. Marion B. Boulware)

75 Attend Park Family Reunion Held August 16

Descendants of the late W. D. Park and the late R. R. Park gathered for a family reunion at the home of Miss Rosa Park and Young Park on August 16. Seventy-five members of the two families attended. Mr. Dave and Mr. Russ, as they were respectively known, settled in the area known as "Rabb Community" in 1880. At that time the post office was also named Rabb.

1959

The home site of the brothers was eight miles west of Winnsboro on the "Kincaid Road." Here they reared large families, many of whom still live within Fairfield County. Others reside throughout the two Carolinas.

"Mr. Dave" was married to the late Miss Sallie Timms and their family consisted of six boys and two girls. Five sons and one daughter are living. They are Miss Rosa Park and Young Park of the old home; George Park, also on the Plantation; Dr. J. Glen Park of Spartanburg; Andrew Park of Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Rev. Russell Park of Olanta. Deceased members are the late Archie Park and the late Miss Sara Park.

Mr. Russ was married to the late Miss Adelia Bryce and they reared nine children, six sons and three daughters. The living children are J. M. (Jim) Park and Miss Mary Park of the old home place; Hugh Park of the Avon Community; Dr. R. H. (Hanna) Park, Dave Park, Boyce Park, all of Greenwood. Deceased members are the late Mac Park (who also had his home on part of the original plantation), the late Miss Etta Park and the late Mrs. J. M. Timms (Lizzie).

A bountiful picnic dinner was spread on the front lawn of the Park home where an afternoon of reminiscing was enjoyed. Of the seventeen children who grew-up in the two homes just across the road from one another, twelve are still alive today.

At a short business meeting the group voted to hold another reunion on the third Sunday in August in 1960 and an invitation was extended by Mrs. A. Mac Park and her son, Shaw, for the group to meet with them. It was graciously accepted.

The Descendents of the Gladney-Stevenson Clan Enjoy a Family Reunion

1959

The three daughters of the late Mrs. Alva Gladney Stevenson, Mrs. Joe Beckham and Mrs. R. R. Macfie, Jr., of Winnsboro and Mrs. W. O. Ruff of Newberry, and their families enjoyed a family reunion of children, grandchildren and in-laws, on Sunday at the farm pond of R. R. Macfie, Jr. All the members of the three immediate families were present except Billy Beckham from New York, and Rice Macfie, III, from Galveston, Texas. Mrs. John G. Stevenson of Hartsville, and Mrs. William F. Stevenson, of San Antonio, Texas, widows of Mrs. Stevenson's deceased sons, were unable to attend.

A delightful picnic dinner was spread and enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ruff of Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ruff, Jr., and family of Walterboro; Mrs. Dorothy Ruff North and four children of Natchez, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beckham and sons, Steve and Jimmy, of Winnsboro; Joe B. Beckham, Jr., and two children of Columbia; and Mrs. John Beckham and son, Steven, of Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blankenship and two children of Lake City; Mrs. Charles Hall and son of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Rice Macfie, Jr., Miss Ann Macfie and Jim Macfie of Winnsboro.

Only guest present was Miss Nelle Kennedy Stuart, house guest of Miss Ann Macfie, from Bartow, Florida.

Christmas Reunion at Old Tidwell Home in Ridgeway Is Enjoyed by 32 People

The old colonial home of Mrs. Charlie D. Tidwell, Ridgeway, was never more elegant than for the Christmas gathering of her family.

1958

Covers were laid for 32 guests in the dining room and the centerpiece was lighted red candles on a footed reflector.

Those attending the Christmas dinner on December 29th were Mrs. Pauline T. Williams, Mrs. Boyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grady Williams, Aubrey and Josey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Brown, Anne, Mary, Boyd and David all from Winnsboro; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McMeekin and S. C. McMeekin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Julius McCallun, Charles, Julie and Steve, from Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Watkins and Joe, from Belmont, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Huey, Nancy and W. A. Huey, Jr., Rock Hill; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Curlee, Jr., Tommy, III, Paul and Mary, Greenville; Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Proctor, Jean, Gerald and Jayne, Hampton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ladson Boyle, Sumter; Charles W. Tidwell and Mrs. Azelea Calvert of the home.

The Ernest Stevensons Have a Family Reunion

1959

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stevenson had a family reunion at their home on Palmer Street on Sunday, following the christening of their youngest granddaughter, Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Montgomery of St. Louis, Missouri, at Sion Presbyterian Church by the Reverend R. Tal Haynes, of Lexington, N. C.

Present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mason (Polly Stevenson) and four children, Billy, Joe, Bobby and Kathy; the Reverend and Mrs. R. T. Haynes, Jr., (Mittie Stevenson) and three children, Bobby, Gayle and Janet, of Lexington, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Strait (Elizabeth Stevenson) and two sons, Johnny and Tommy, of Rock Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Montgomery (Tina Stevenson) and daughter, Cindy, of St. Louis, Missouri.

52 Attend Cooper Family Reunion on the Wateree

The Cooper family reunion was held on Sunday, August 9, at the river cottage of G. M. Ladd on the Wateree with 52 present, members of the family and a few invited guests.

1959

Out-of-town members present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lyons and daughter, Browyn, Marietta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Kirkland and children, Eddie, Kay and Ronda, West Columbia; Mrs. Gertrude Russell and daughter, Misses Katrina Russell, and Nelle Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cooper and daughters, Nancy and Susan of Mobile, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. John Beckham and son Steve, of Florence; Miss Lillie Mae Cooper of Charleston.

From Winnsboro the following members of the family were present: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cooper; Mrs. Mary Ella Lane and son, Butch; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and family; Mrs. R. G. Raley and family; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkes and family; Mr. and Mrs. Garris Ladd, Jr., and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Douglas, Jr., and family; Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper and family; Mrs. Selenah Branham and family; and Heyward Cooper.

Officers elected for the next year were: president, Jim Cooper of Buffalo; vice-president, Victor Cooper of Winnsboro; secretary-treasurer, Heyward Cooper of Winnsboro; entertainment committee, Mrs. Mary Ella Lane of Winnsboro and Mrs. John Beckham of Florence.

The Moore Family Has Heart-Warming Reunion At White Oak Homestead

The children, grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter of the late T. D. and Nancy Ratterree Moore were together on Thanksgiving Day for a reunion at the family home near White Oak.

A nephew of Mrs. Moore, Cecil Fox, lived with his aunt for several years, and continues to live in the Moore home.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by those present, and afterwards several young men of the family entertained with electric guitar music and song.

Present for the holiday were Thomas Moore, Jr., his wife, Marion, and daughter Nancy. The Moores live at Florence, where he is associated with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad as a superintendent. They were joined by their son, Thomas, III, of Yale University, and his fiancee, Miss Patricia Gerrish of New Haven, Conn.

The Charles C. Chases (Elizabeth Moore) of Atlanta, Ga., had with them their two sons, Charles, Jr., and Arthur Donly, and Charles' wife. Completing the Chase family group was their daughter, Mrs. Russell Page, her husband, and small daughter.

From Wagner came Mr. and Mrs. W. Rembert Busbee (Elspye Moore). Mr. Busbee is postmaster there, and Mrs. Busbee is associated with the town schools.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. James Rowell, Jr. (Nancy Moore) with their daughters, Nancy and Elspye.

Rounding out the family group was Mrs. R. A. Williams (Geneva Moore) and son Bob, and daughter, Becky, of Charlotte.

Miss Alice Walker, a family friend, was invited for the occasion, and many other friends dropped in during the day.

Mississippi Governor Absent

1959

The Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Clan Meets; Eight States Represented

The annual reunion of the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association was held on Sunday, July 26th, at Feasterville. The worship service was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. David T. Lauderdale, of Lexington, Va., in old Liberty Universalist Church.

Tribute was paid to the following deceased members: George R. Lauderdale, of Winnsboro; Mrs. Hattie Mobley, of Columbia; Henry Lee Coleman, of Shelton; Dr. John F. Coleman, of Smoak, S. C.; Mrs. Lena Norwood Mitchell, of Cocoa, Fla.; Miss Betty Coleman, of Feasterville.

Because of sickness in the family, the president, W. M. Mobley, of Columbia, was unable to attend. The vice-president, Frank R. Coleman, of Dallas, Texas, presided. He expressed appreciation for what the association has meant to him.

Miss Mary Bess Coleman, recording secretary, read the minutes of last year's meeting, which were approved.

It was voted that the president be authorized to appoint a committee of five members of the association, to work with the Trustees of the property, to make repairs and paint the old school house and kitchen in the yard of the Boarding House. Sam P. Bolick was asked to serve as chairman of this committee.

The following officers were elected for the next two years: president, Frank R. Coleman; 1st vice-president, Sam P. Bolick; 2nd vice-president, David T. Lauderdale, Jr.; chaplain, Rev. David T. Lauderdale; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Etta Rosson; Recording Secy., Miss Mary Bess Coleman; treasurer, Miss Julia Faucette; historian, Mrs. J. C. Tennant; registrar, Mrs. Benton Beam; genealogist, D. B. Clayton, Sr.; pianist, Mrs. W. H. Bolick.

States other than South Carolina were represented by the following: Arkansas, Virgil C. Coleman, of Pine Bluff, a descendant of David Roe Coleman; Florida, George Foy Duren, Titusville, a descendant of Andrew Feaster and Mary Norris; Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Coleman, and children, Johnny and Roe Ellen, of Knoxville; Texas, Frank R. Coleman, of Dallas, descendant of Wylie Roe Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale; Connecticut, Mrs. Ethel Hawley, of Stratford, a native of Dallas, Texas, also descendant of Wylie Roe Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale; Virginia, Rev. David T. Lauderdale, of Lexington; Mrs. Strauss, of Alexandria, Va., a descendant of Wylie ("Screw") Coleman; New York, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Castles, Jr., of New York City, he being a descendant of Samuel Moberley and Mary Wagner.

The president brought a message of regret from Gov. J. P. Coleman, of Mississippi, that he could not attend this year. Greetings were read from other members who were unable to attend because of illness.

The meeting was adjourned with all singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"; and a bountiful picnic dinner was spread on the grounds of the historic Boarding House.

Thursday, August 2, 1962

McSwain Clan to Hold Reunion Sunday, Aug. 5

The family and friends of the late Dr. E. T. McSwain and Janie McGowan McSwain are invited to attend a family reunion on Sunday, August 5, at 11 a.m., at Stevenson Park, Salem Cross Roads.

All members of the family are urged to attend. A picnic lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

HORNE FAMILY REUNION WAS HELD IN COLUMBIA

1962

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horne, Sr., held a family reunion at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Ritzheimer, 1635 Dupont Dr., Columbia, Thursday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans and Mrs. Genie H. Beckham of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horne, Jr., Mrs. Curtis Yongue and Nancy Yongue of Winnsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Windley, Susan and Steve Windley of Pensacola, Fla., Dr. and Mrs. Ritzheimer and children, Steve, Robin and Michael.

PARK REUNION, AUGUST 20 1962

Although Sunday, August 20th, was a very inclement day it did not prevent the descendants of the late Messrs. Russell and Dave Park, Sr., from having their annual reunion. This year, as previous, the group met in the home of Mrs. A. Mac Park and son, Shaw.

The register showed a listing of sixty-three members present.

The descendants of Mr. Russell Park present were: Dr. Hannahan Park, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Estelle, David and Boyce Park with families all of Greenwood; J. D., Jr., of Greenville; Mr. Eldrid Riley and family of Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riley of Waynesville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coleman and children of Salem Cross Roads; Mr. Hugh Park of the Lebanon community; Miss Mary Park and Mrs. Jim Park of Hillcrest.

The descendants of Mr. Dave Park present were: The Rev. and Mrs. Russell Park, Sr., of Olanta, daughter and son-in-law, the Warren Walkups and children of Timmonsville; Rev. Russell Park, Jr., Mrs. Park and children of Spartanburg; Mr. Andrew Park and two grandchildren of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Miss Rosa Park and Young Park of the family home place and Mr. and Mrs. George Park and son, Francis of the community.

A bountiful picnic dinner was served.

Thomas Family & Friends Visit Historic Mt. Hope

Mount Hope, the Thomas family home near Ridgeway, has been open the last few weeks with numerous members of that large family visiting Fairfield County. 1961

Among them have been Bishop Albert S. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John N. LeMaster, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. Sanders, Alex Sanders, Jr., and Miss Rhetta Sanders, Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall, Shelby, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Earle Jones, Misses Peggy and Eleanor Jones, Waynesboro, Virginia; Mrs. Alexander R. Mitchell, Mrs. Eugene Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Stone, Jr., and children; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Stone and children, Mrs. C. F. McCullough, and Charles E. Thomas, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Barnwell Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. James Clarkson, Camden; Mrs. Richard Gaillard and children, Eutawville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas and family of Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben White and young son, Bennie, Winnsboro, have been there frequently through the summer.

MCDONALD REUNION 1960

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McDonald of San Antonio, Texas, arrived Tuesday to spend two weeks at the old home with Miss Alice McDonald, James McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McDonald. Sunday, April 17 there was a reunion of the families of the late Dave and Thomas McDonald. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Earlice Phail and Miss Mary Earlice of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. C. C. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Wyatt Wells and children of Garner, N. C.; Miss Lelia McDonald of Kannapolis, N. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Sally of Sally; Mrs. Mamie Hall of Winnsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boozer and children, Columbia; Miss Silvia McCarley, Mr. and Mrs. Mack McDonald and Robert Maynor of Charlotte, N. C.

Also Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCarley and children of Blackstock, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moore and Lucky, Miss Roberta McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bankhead and daughters, Misses Eunice and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McDonald and Sanford, David H. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Dixon and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Storment McDonald and Edward.

A bountiful dinner was served under the big oak trees on the long table used by the family long ago.

MACFIE CLAN MEETS 1962

Members of the Macfie family gathered on Sunday afternoon at the R. R. Macfie, Jr., cottage and pond near the site of the old family home in the Anderson Quarry community. About a score and a half visitors from Winnsboro and out-of-town gathered on the lawn and enjoyed the cool breeze from the lake, and later a delightful picnic supper was spread on the long tables, where all were seated.

Among the out-of-towners were Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Macfie of Deland, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Macfie Anderson of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean, Misses Mary Jane Macfie and Betty Macfie of Charlotte, N. C., and locally, members of the families of the three late Macfie brothers, James Macfie, Wade H. Macfie and R. R. Macfie.

Mrs. Janie Flenniken Best of Lexington, Ky. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Flenniken. Miss Margaret Flenniken of New York City is also here. Mr. and Mrs. Flenniken are enjoying their "family reunion." 1936

300 Attend Largest Reunion Held by The Coleman-Feaster-Moberley Clan

1961

The annual reunion of the Coleman - Feaster - Moberley association on Sunday, July 23rd, was the largest on record with about three hundred relatives and friends attending. An inspiring devotional was delivered by the chaplain, Rev. David T. Lauderdale, in historic old Liberty Church.

The business meeting was opened with prayer by the President, Frank R. Coleman, of Dallas, Texas, after which all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. A flag was presented to the association by the president.

New officers were elected as follows: president, Sam P. Bolick; 1st vice president, D. T. Lauderdale, Jr.; 2nd vice president, Donald B. Clayton, cor. secy., Mrs. Etta Rosson; recording secy., Miss Mary Bess Coleman; treasurer, Miss Julia Faucette; historian, Mrs. Minnie C. Tennant; registrar, Mrs. Benton C. Beam; chaplain, Rev. David T. Lauderdale; genealogist, D. B. Clayton: pianist, Mrs. Billy Bolick.

J. P. Coleman reported a program on the Coleman history.

A project for the coming year was unanimously adopted by the group, to raise funds for erection of a substantial fence around the two old family cemeteries of the Colemans and Feasters. It is hoped that sufficient funds for this purpose may be in hand by the 1962 reunion. The corresponding secretary was authorized to write members soliciting funds for this special purpose. Mrs. H. G. Wright, Shelton, S. C., was made treasurer of this fund.

The president recognized relatives attending for the first time, then made a roll call of states.

Mrs. Rosson called attention to a newly published history of the HILL & HILL - MOBERLEY CONNECTIONS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, by Mr. Geo. A. Hill, of Ponca City, Okla., which should be of great interest to descendants of the earliest Moberleys and others connected.

At 1 o'clock a picnic lunch was served on the boarding house grounds.

At the afternoon session, the president presented Miss Julia Faucette, who called the roll of Colemans, Feasters and Moberleys who wore the Confederate Gray uniform in the 1860's. Honorable J. P. Coleman, former governor of Mississippi, then paid eloquent tribute to these men. Mrs. Etta Rosson told of the Moberley soldiers and patriots in the Revolutionary War, giving proof of their services.

The association's genealogist, Donald B. Clayton, gave a report on re- Frank R. Coleman and others, on the first Robert Coleman of Fairfield County, in North and South Carolina.

It was announced that a caravan of cars would be available for those wishing to visit the old family cemeteries.

The meeting was closed with all singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Those attending from other states were:

ALABAMA, Donald B. Clayton, Sr., D. B. Clayton, Jr., and daughter, Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Feaster, Jr., from Birmingham; John T. McShan, McShan, Ala.

ARKANSAS, Virgil C. Coleman, from Pine Bluff.

FLORIDA, George Foy Duren, from Titusville; Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Botteiger and children, and Mrs. L. D. Gore, from Pompano Beach; Mr. and Mrs. T. Coleman Cork, from Clermont; Mrs. Alline Allen, from Daytona Beach; Mrs. Sam A. Coleman and son, Henry Lee, from Lakeland.

GEORGIA, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Carey, from Griffin; Mrs. W. R. Carey, from Fitzgerald; Mrs. B. N. Swain, Ashburn.

KENTUCKY, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark, from Lexington.

LOUISIANA, Lewis R. Coleman, from Monroe.

MISSISSIPPI, J. P. Coleman.

NORTH CAROLINA, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coleman Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. David Colvin, from Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McColl, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Feaster, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Feaster, Jr., from Brevard; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, from Charlotte; Mrs. Guy Ross, Nancy Jo and Coleman, from Pleasant Garden.

TEXAS, Frank R. Coleman, from Dallas.

VIRGINIA, Rev. David T. Lauderdale, Lexington, and J. Earle Wright, from Virginia Beach.

HEUSTESS FAMILY GROUP 1962

Mrs. J. A. Heustess had with her on Sunday Mrs. Jim Aiken, Jr., Miss Peggy and Joey, of Marion, Dr. and Mrs. William F. Heustess and two children, Billy and Susan of Kershaw, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beach of Gastonia, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Williams and children, Aubrey and Josie, and John Heustess. A delightful picnic dinner was served. Johnny Aiken, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Heustess, returned to Marion with his mother.

Powell Home Is Scene of Family Meet; 200 Attend

The home of Mrs. Marie Powell, on the old Columbia Road in lower Fairfield County, was the setting for the family reunion on Sunday, September 19. Approximately 200 descendants of Aaron and Fannie Walker Powell were the guests of Mrs. Powell and her children. 1965

Upon arrival the guests were met and escorted into the home where they were greeted by Mrs. Powell and members of the family. Arrangements of fall flowers decorated the ancestral halls where many guests gathered and reminisced of the times spent there as children. After registering, the guests were received on the south and west lawns by other members of the family. Seating facilities had been arranged in the shade of the old elms and oaks, which have been carefully preserved through the years for such occasions. The broad lawns provided a playground for the more than sixty children present for the day.

W. Clyde Powell, on behalf of his mother and the family, gave a warm welcome to everyone and expressed much pleasure at having so many of the family return home on this day. Immediately following the invocation, by C. H. Ragsdale, Jr., dinner was served on the south lawn.

Most of the afternoon was spent on the front lawn visiting and greeting the different branches of the family, some having never seen each other, and others not having met for a number of years. Late in the afternoon, goodbyes were said to the hosts with profound expressions of a most enjoyable and memorable day.

Families attending were the John H. Chappells of Chester, the L. O. Stevensons of Winnsboro, the Chevis Youngs of Sumter, the William H. Haines of Charlotte, the Ray Overtons of Columbia, Mrs. Estelle Clark, Columbia, the Elton Wilsons of Blythewood, the Tom Lydons of Columbia, the L. Q. Fellers of Winnsboro, the Don Uptons, Columbia, Mrs. Daisy M. Powell, Columbia, the Floyd Powells of Hartsville, the Robert Powells of West Columbia, Mrs. Louis P. Griner and family of Columbia, and Mrs. Hugh Sanders of Maryland.

Also, Mrs. Katherine M. Powell, Mrs. Aubrey P. Higbe, the Powell Zeiglers, all of Columbia; the M. P. Tullens of Furman, the Norman Rentz's of Hampton, the R. C. Gilberts, the Louie Yobs, the Frank Sloans, the Wm. J. Crosslands, all of Columbia; the E. J. Miners of Rion, Mrs. Lila Willingham, Mrs. Nina Moore, the W. F. Colemans of Columbia, the J. E. Rickenbakers of Cameron, the M. C. Cathcarts of Laurinburg, N. C., the John J. Brookses of Columbia, the J. Pope Brookses, Jr., of Winnsboro, the C. R. Hinnants of Ridgeway.

Special guests of the family included the Arthur Willises of Winnsboro, the C. H. Ragsdales of Blair, the G. F. Pattons of Winnsboro and the Fred Mullers of Blythewood.

BURLEY-CRAWFORD CLAN

The Burley-Crawford family reunion was held Sunday, August 12, at the Club House in Stevenson Park near Monticello School. 1967

The president, F. Burley Ruff, called the meeting to order and Mr. Marion E. Stevenson offered prayer. Mrs. Christine Ruff gave a short impressive memorial in honor of Marion H. Burley. In well chosen words she told of the christian love and faith that is characteristic of the family and urged each of us to continue that faith and love. Additional to the service, was a lovely arrangement of mixed white flowers, given by Mrs. Burley and her children. These were later placed on Mr. Burley's grave.

At a short business session, reports were given by W. L. Burley and E. E. Roberts pertaining to the erection of markers to the graves of Misses Maggie and Sally Crawford in Newberry County. The treasurer, Ernest Crawford, made the financial report.

The historians reported progress on the family history. Five births, one marriage and one death were recorded.

Jack McGill of Columbia, Will Crawford of Winnsboro and Alvin Kinard of Pomaria were appointed to select officers for the next two years.

The Reverend Gerald Hill, Pastor of Rock Creek Church, closed the meeting with prayer and E. E. Roberts offered grace before the bountiful picnic lunch was served.

About 150 relatives and friends attended, coming from Rock Hill, Winnsboro, Charleston, Columbia, Newberry, Hartsville, Sumter, Florence, Blair, Pendleton, Pomaria, Greenville, Conway, Spindale, N. C., Greensboro, N. C., Knoxville, Tenn., Highlands, Indiana, Chattanooga, Tenn., and New York City.

Feaster Reunion To be Held at Micanopy, Fla.

1949

Many years ago, two brothers, John Pickett Feaster and Jacob M. Feaster, left Feasterville, Fairfield County, S. C., and went to Micanopy, Alachua County, Florida. John Pickett Feaster married Miss Rebecca Kennedy of Rochelle. Jacob M. Feaster married Elizabeth Laney of Micanopy. They are both buried in a little family cemetery two miles west of Micanopy, Florida. The property is now owned by the granddaughter of John Pickett Feaster, Mrs. Louise F. Graham, and on Monday, September 5th, there will be a Feaster Reunion, to clean up and fence this little plot.

This property has been out of the Feaster family for 50 years and the cemetery is very much neglected, but Mr and Mrs. J. H. Graham have purchased it now, and it will be dedicated to the memory of two wonderful men. A sister, Miss Sallie Pickett Feaster, is also buried there.

The old home of Jacob M. Feaster is still standing near Micanopy.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

FEASTER FAMILY ENJOYS ANNUAL REUNION 1948

Princeton, Ark.

The Feaster family reunion an annual affair observed on the birthday of the late D. R. Feaster, was held at the Feaster home at Princeton on Christmas Day.

The old family home, with its beautiful shrubbery, augmented by a large holly tree in the front yard, furnished a natural holiday setting for the enjoyable gathering. A turkey dinner, with all the trimmings high-lighted the day. The large table was centered with a fruit bowl, decorated with holly sprigs.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feaster and daughter Ida Sue, and Miss Sue Feaster, of Fordyce, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Feaster of Kansas City, Mrs. C. C. Cox and daughter, Louise, of Carthage, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Wax Coleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Foote Coleman of Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. Gladden Coleman of Tulsa Oklahoma, J. H. Feaster, J. P. Feaster and V. C. Feaster, also of Princeton.

A day of reminiscing and informal conversation marked the event, with the antics of a wild turkey gobbler that came uninvited to the Feaster home last summer and took up its abode, furnishing much amusement. According to the guests, the turkey gobbler was very excited over the arrival of so many strangers at his adopted home.

Reunion of the Lemmon-Lauderdale Families

1941

Some 90 people gathered Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the home of William J. Lemmon for the reunion of the descendants of William and Jane Milling Lauderdale. A most enjoyable day was spent together. A bountiful picnic dinner was served.

The present officers were reelected: President, Rev. David T. Laudredale, Lexington, Va.; Vice-Pres., John Montgomery Lemmon; Secretary, Miss Helen Ladd; Historian, Mrs. John Ragsdale, Blairs, S. C.

The two oldest members of the clan, Misses Janie and Belle Lemmon, were honored with a gift of love and apperciation.

The next reunion will be held at Ed's pond the last Thursday of July, 1942.

The following interesting program was carried out:

Song, "All people that on earth do dwell" (Psalm 100).

Prayer—David R. Coleman.

Scripture, Psalm 103 — Rev. Charles Harris.

Readings by Miss Janie Lemmon, oldest member of the clan, in her 85th year.

Reading—Mrs. James McClintock.

Reading by Miss Helen Ladd from Book of Poems by Mary Mitchell Owings.

Family History—Rev. David T. Lauderdale.

Humoorus Reading—Miss Kathleen Lemmon.

Song, :'The Lord's My Shepherd" (Psalm 23).

Benediction.

Among the members attending from out of Fairfield were: Miss Margaret Henry, Rodman: Riley Cathcart and family, Columbia; Mrs. David L. Bryson Calhoun Falls; Oscar Lemmon and family, Pinewood; Frances Lemmon and family. Cross Anchor; Rev. David T. Lauderdale and Chapman Lauderdale, Lexington, Va.

Among those attending who are friends of the clan, and some of them relatives of many of the clan were: Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Harris, Miss Isenhower of Florida; David R., William Yongue, Misses Annie, Mary Bess and Kathlen Coleman of Feasterville; Mrs. Mattie Mills Bryson, William Woodward Dixon.

THE FIRST REUNION
(August, 1892)

Never has our correspondent spent a happier day thon on the 12th of August at a reunion picnic near Little River, on the plantation of Mr. James Lemmon.

This day had been selected by the descendants of that venerable Christian lady, Mrs. Mary Ann Lemmon, to celebrate her approaching eighty-ninth birthday. Mrs. Lemmon came to this country at the early age of 14, in the year 1817, with her father, William Lauderdale, wife and three sons, Thomas, Dr. David and William. It took them three months to cross the Atlantic. The trip can now be made in seven days. It took them six days to come from Charletson to Fairfield. Now, we can eat breakfast in Charleston, and take dinner in Winnsboro, making the trip in six hours.

In conversation with Mrs. Lemmon, she contrasted the broad acres of our American farms with thoes of Ireland, stating that for generations her family had lived on ten acres of land, which fully supplied their every want.

The family was so well contented in old Ireland that it took several letters from her uncle, Captain Hugh Milling of Revolutionary fame, who had previously immigrated to this country with his three brothers, to induce her father to break up and cast his fortune in America.

The following children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with their husbands and wives, making 69, were represented:

The oldest daughter, Mrs. Jane Young, her second daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Owings and son, James D. Owings and three children Thomas D. Owings, wife and nine children, Susan Owings, Mary A. Ladd, husband and seven children. Dr. O. Y. Owings, Elizabeth Milum, husband and two children. The oldest son, John M. Lemmon, wife and six children; the oldest one of this family viz, Robert Y. Lemmon, with his wife and four boys could not be present on account of sickness.

Those present—Mary, with her husband and four children: Janie, Belle, and Sue, with sons, William and Lauderdale.

The third daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, with her daughter, Anna J. Stevenson husband and two children; Emma Pope, husband and one child; a grand-son, Marion Scruggs, and sons, William and John.

Second son, James Lemmon, wife and five children, son John, daughters Mamie, Sarah Belle, Daisy and Lilly.

Four generations of Marys sat at the same table.

The three year old daughter of Mrs. Ladd, the mother 36 years old, grandmother 65, and great-grandmother 89.

The love of home which is the mother of patriotism is fully shown in this family ,all except two living within 8 miles of the old family and none outside the limits of the state.

Mrs. Lemmon's health is good, her memory remarkably retentive of persons and dates all along her eventful life. She still takes a delight in gardening; and her descendants were surprised at the fine Johnnie cake she baked on a board she used 75 years ago.

May God bless this grand Christian, and spare her to us for many days.

Clarke-Taylor Family Lines are Researched

4/27/1977

Robert Taylor, GPO Box 117, New York, N.Y. 10001, has gathered the following genealogical information on the Clarke-Taylor line. He comments that all Taylor descendents reside in Winnsboro, and are descended from John Taylor, 1815-1892, and his first wife, Elizabeth Vaughn. Mr. Taylor would appreciate correspondence from anyone connected to this line.

COPY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, DOCUMENTS: Matthias Clark, son of Robert and Mary Clarke, born Oct. 23, 1766, served War of 1812, 12 Reg., Md. Reg. St. Mary's Co. Md. Levinnah Clarke, daughter of Robert and Mary Clarke, (all Catholics) born St. Mary's Co. Md., July 16, 1768, died Lexington Co., S. Car. 1836, wife of William Taylor, Sr., who was born in St. Mary's Co., died Lexington Co. S.C. 1835 (see will in Fairfeld County) son of Wm. Taylor, Sr., and Levinnah, was Matthias Clarke Taylor, born St. Mary's Co. Md. 1788, died Alabama, Barbour County, Louisville, Mt. Zion, 1860. His son Thomas, 1816-1901, Co. A. 5th Ala., CSA. See S.A.R. 80697-N.Y. 9052 - and DAR 462286.

Charlotte Clarke, daughter of Robert and Mary Clarke, born St. Mary's Co. March 11, 1770.

Robert Clarke, son of Robert and Mary Clark, born St. Mary's Co., Md. Oct. 29, 1773, went to Charleston with brother Caleb Clarke, 1800.

Abraham Clarke, born St. Mary's Co. Md., July 20, 1775, died early.

Caleb Clarke, (lawyer) born St. Mary's Co. Md., July 1, 1777, died Fairfield County, Winnsboro, December 29, 1849, married S.C. first, Julia Harrison, of Chester co. She was born in Virginia. 2nd marriage (see will of his wife) Mrs. McKelvy; she died before him, left four children by 1st wife. Dr. Henry Clarke, Anna, now wife of Wm. A. Latta, Caroline, widow of Henry J. Neill; and Julia, the wife of Wm. A. Moore, and the children of his son, Matthias Clarke, who died before him. See "Book Bench & Bar of South Carolina" by John Belton O'Neall LL. D. Volume 11, page 76, in 1859.

Mary Clarke, daughter of Robert and Mary Clarke, born St. Mary's Co. Md., May 7.

Proof of above documents see following: Bench-Bar of S. C., Vol. 2, pg. 76, by John Belton O'Neall 1859.

St. Mary's county administration - names Levinnah Taylor (Mrs. Wm.) Robert Clarke, JJ-JF-Volume 1, Page 42.

St. Mary's County, adm. - Joseph Taylor, 22 Aug. 1796, JJ-JF-Vol. 1, pg. 128, Joseph Taylor, names Brothers Williams Taylor, John Taylor, Mary Taylor, Ann Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor.

Caleb Clark and family are buried in Winnsboro, Presbyterian Church Sion, Presbyterian Church, Catholic section.

For full information on above, see Ala. Archives-History, Montgomery, Ala. Also, see St. Mary's County, MD. Historical Society Library at Leonardtown, Md.

This information, gathered by Mr. Taylor, was notarized on March 7, 1977.

Families Gather for Reunion on June 27

1976

The annual meeting of the Burley - Crawford families was held Sunday, June 27, at the park at Salem Cross Roads.

At 12:45 a short devotional and business session was held, presided over by President Reid Long. The Reverend Partridge, pastor of Rock Creek Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Mr. John Boswell sang "Without a Song", accompanied by his wife.

Mrs. Jim Crawford of Winnsboro was recognized as the oldest member attending, and the youngest was Baby Jennifer Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Barnes of Sumter. F.A. Burley of Hammond, Indiana, traveled the longest distance to attend. The Charles C. Burley family of Columbia had the largest number of members present.

Five marriages were reported: John Burley and Gayle Hempley; Carol Burley and Jennifer Gusinberry; Linda Pitts and Jim Desper; Cathy Martin and Devie Timms; and John Robinson, Jr. and Martha Meng.. Five new babies were recorded: Holly Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton; Jennifer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Barnes; Bill, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wylie; and Matt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of Hawaii. The Browns also have another son, John, who is two years old.

Four new members were added to the roll: Rosemary Sanders and Jennifer Burley of Columbia; Gayle Burley of Charlston; and Nancy Adams of Greenville.

Visitors welcomed were: Mrs. Linda Rose of Paris, Ky.; Mrs. P.C. Rollins of Bostic, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Boswell of Newberry; and Miss Denese Clowney of Blair.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and Joe Burley gave the financial report. The president appointed the following committee to secure officers for 1978: Annie Neal, Charles C. Burley and Mrs. Alvin Kinard.

Mr. Boswell led the group singing of "God Be With You Til We Meet Again", and the Reverend Reed pronounced the benediction and offered grace for the bountiful picnic lunch spread on tables under the trees.

"Besides the fun of feasting on the many and varied goodies, there was catching up on activities of old friends and relatives and the joy of meeting new ones," said a member of the clan.

Coleman and Traylor Reunion Held at Blair

The direct descendents of Thomas Woodward Traylor and Sibbie Coleman Traylor held their second annual family reunion on Sunday, August 5, at the Feasterville 1975 Boarding House, near Blair. Approximately 150 members joined together for the bountiful picnic dinner on the grounds, in front of the school house, adjoining the boarding house.

Members came from as far away as Titusville, Florida and Macon, Georgia to attend the gathering.

During the business session, Bobby Stewart of Columbia was elected to serve as president and historian; Mrs. Connie Traylor Gwin of Blackstock to serve as secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Fran Traylor Dodds of Blackstock as publicity chairman.

The youngest member attending was little Miss Wendy Tinker, four month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tinker of Chester. The oldest member present was Mrs. Eunice Traylor Stevenson of Blair.

The Traylor clan consists of direct descendents of Thomas Woodward Traylor and Sibbie Coleman Traylor. Thomas was born March 2, 1841 in Fairfield County and died January 18, 1923 and is buried in the Coleman-Feaster Cemetery in Fairfield County. His wife, Sibbie Coleman was born September 21, 1859 in Fairfield County and died May 26, 1891 and is buried in the same cemetery.

The couple had twelve children and only four survived out of the hardships of life and disease and grew to be adults. The four, Horace, Thomas Mims, Fannie T. Gibson and Clarence Lyles, now deceased, married and had children who are the only direct descendents, with the exception of Horace's wife, Hattie, who is still living and was present for the reunion.

The clan's annual reunion is held at the Feasterville Boarding House which was built in 1842 as a Female Academy and Boarding House. It is now used as a community center. It was chosen as a meeting site because of the Coleman family connections. The site is also used for the Coleman, Feaster, and Mobley reunion as well as other reunions.

Seven Families Present At Reunion at Home of Mrs. Ernestine M. Timms

1961

A happy scene was that which took place at the home of Mrs. Ernestine McFadden Timms on Sunday, April 16. Seven families were represented at this family get-together. Among those present were Mrs. Timms' brother, Mr. Eugene A. McFadden of Sardinia, and his family; her sister, Mrs. J. E. O'Cain of Orangeburg, and her family; and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mann and children of Columbia. A number of nieces and nephews with their families were present. A bountiful picnic dinner was enjoyed immensely by the twenty-five persons present.

BANKS-WEIR FAMILIES HOLD REUNION SUNDAY

The annual Banks-Weir Reunion will be held at Chester State Park on Sunday, June 14, at 1 o'clock.

1970

All descendants of William Henry Banks and Mrs. Martha Victoria Weir Banks and William J. L. Weir and Mrs. Margaret Thompson Weir are reminded of this annual affair.

Everyone is asked to bring a

Lauderdale-Lemmon Reunion Sun.

1974

By MISS KATHLEEN LEMMON

The Lemmons and Lauderdales who will gather together on Sunday, October 13, at Lebanon Presbyterian Church's educational building are by blood Scotch and by faith Presbyterians. They lived in Scotland, North Ireland, and later emigrated to Fairfield County.

From 1624 until today, there has been an unbroken family line of Earls of Lauderdale in Scotland.

Captain Hugh Milling of Revolutionary fame invited his niece, Jane Milling Lauderdale and her husband, William Lauderdale, to come to America and settle in Fairfield County. After living three years on his farm, they bought a farm on the east side of Little River. They were members of old Jackson's Creek Presbyterian Church and lie buried in the old cemetery there.

Their four children who came to America with them were William, Mary Ann, Thomas and David. William went to Texas, where he died in 1869. Mary Ann was married to James Lemmon, a large landowner who had emigrated to Fairfield County from County Down, Ireland. He was an elder in Jackson's Creek Presbyterian Church, as were his two sons, John and James. The three daughters were Mary Ann Lemmon Owens, Elizabeth Lemmon Turner and Jane Lemmon Yongue.

Thomas Lauderdale was for fifty years a ruling elder in Salem Presbyterian Church. He married Mary McMullen and they had no children. When he died in 1881, the obituary notice in The News and Herald remarked, "Thus has passed one of the most prominent landmarks of Fairfield County. Mr. Lauderdale was successful in business and became one of the staunchest citizens of our county."

Stevenson Reunion

1974

A reunion of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevenson will be held in Winnsboro on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, with family members staying at the Fairfield Motel.

Four generations will be accounted for, with approximately twenty-five persons from various sections of the country attending. Those coming from out-of-town are listed below:

Mrs. Gertrude Stevenson Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chitty (Majorie Brown) of Columbus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Still (Ann Chitty) and son of Barnwell; Mr. and Mrs. Joey Wise (Betty Chitty) of Columbia; Mrs. Earline Stevenson Funderburk and Jane Funderburk Cowder of Pageland; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Funderburk, Jr. and sons of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Buddy Strait and family of Rock Hill; Mrs. Nelle Stevenson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. Robert A. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson of Morganton, N. C.; D. L. Stevenson of Cranston, R. I.; and Mrs. Peggy Stevenson McGill and family of Rock Hill.

Attending from Winnsboro will be Mrs. Lizzie Stevenson and Mrs. Bill Mason and family of Rock Hill.

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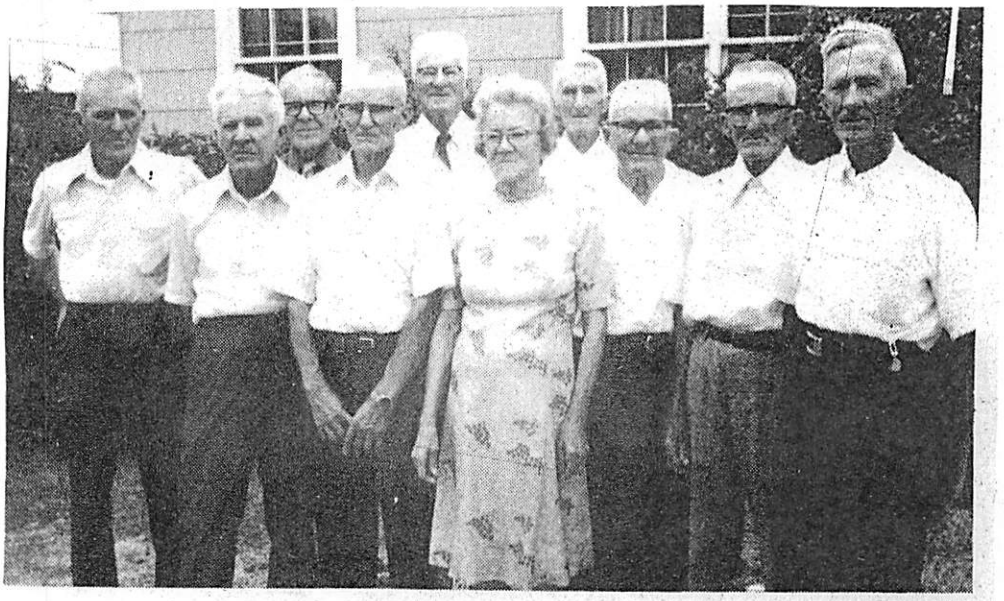
The group will attend worship services at Lebanon Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, then have lunch at the Lamp Post Restaurant where accommodations have been made for receiving relatives and friends from 2 until 5:30 p.m.

Children of Mrs. Plyler Get Together

1976

The Ray McKenzie home on Ninth Street in Winnsboro was the setting for a family reunion last Sunday (July 25). Mrs. McKenzie's mother, Mrs. S. H. Plyler was the guest of honor as all nine of her children, twenty grandchildren and eight great - grandchildren gathered for a day of family getting - together. A total of fifty - one persons were present. (Twelve members of the family were not able to attend.)

Mrs. Plyler's children are Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Harold (Lois) Berzley and George H. Plyler of Winnsboro, Mrs. Lewis (Sara) Gay of Orangeburg, Mrs. Boyd (Betty) Ashe of McConnells, Sim H. Plyler, Jr., of Granada Hills, Calif., Mrs. James (Theresa) Glass of Sumter, Mrs. John (Alice) Glass of Springfield, Va., and Marshall W. Plyler of Columbia.



At Family Reunion

1974

The ten children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Tanner of Hemingway were pictured together at a family reunion. All ten were born during a sixteen-year period, and range in age from sixty-two to seventy-eight. From left to right are, 1st row, Harvey, Victor, Zachuse Tanner, Mrs. Eva Tanner Arant (the only daughter), Wilson, Wister and Ralph Tanner of Winnsboro; and, on the 2nd row, Hassie Tanner of Camden, Arney Tanner of Winnsboro

Five Generations Present As Mrs. Emma Turner Pope Is Feted on Mother's Day

1959

Pictured above are the five generations who were present at a celebration held on Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day, in honor of Mrs. Emma Turner Pope. Mrs. Pope, who became 91 years young on May 13, was remembered with gifts from the many relatives attending.

Left to right, Mrs. Emma Turner Pope, Mrs. Robert Boulware (Jeannette Pope, daughter of Mrs. Pope) of Florence, Mrs. Leroy Muller (Emily Boulware, daughter of Mrs. Boulware) of Columbia, Mrs. Billy Mungo (Mary Elizabeth Christie, daughter of Mrs. Muller) holding her daughter, Tonya Rene' Mungo, also of Columbia.

Many of Mrs. Pope's children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews came from cities throughout South Carolina and North Carolina, Her son, John Pope of California, was the only member of the immediate family unable to attend.

Mrs. Pope, who is dearly beloved by all who know her, was a most gracious "Queen for a Day." Her husband, Jason Pope, died a number of years ago.

SANDIFER CLAN REUNION

Among the thirty-five members o the Sandifer family gathering a the river cottage of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Timmons (Cuba Sandifer) for a fourth of July reunion were: the Rev. H. S. Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair (Louise Sandifer), Heath Springs, the Kenneth Gasques (Julia Anne Sinclair), Bennettsville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gene Sandifer and two children, Key West, Fla., Mrs. Grady Strange (Reba Sandifer) and family, the L. D. Sandifers, Mrs. Iris Sandifer Daubener, daughter Janet, and the Harold Ray Brooks. Miss Anne Timmons invited Misses Harriett McMaster, Travis Matthews, Gay Wright and Thomas Bryant of Columbia to join the group on this delightful occasion. 1962

Entertain Relatives From The West

Dr. D. H. Martin and sister Mrs. J. A. Sims, now living at th "old Martin Homestead," near Monticello have recently entertained relatives from the West, Laurence Martin, brother, from Normangee, Texas, Wallace Lyles Martin and Carl Singletery, cousins, from Sulphur, La., and Edward Dawkins, another cousin, from Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

Mr. Dawkins when a boy lived in Monticello, moved to Texas with his parents in early manhood. On this, his first trip "back home," he saw marked improvements everywhere in the "old county"—good roads, consolidated schools, churches in good repair, the large power plant at Parr replacing the old water mill, where he had often gone to have his father's wheat ground, spending the night for a big fish fry.

He thoroughly enjoyed his visit to his "native state"—"no folks like the folks back home." He said good bye reluctantly, as just here he said he could appropriate the words of Mark Twain, "When I passed the seventieth milestone, I instantly realized that I had entered a new country and a new atmosphere."

After a stay of some weeks in Kingstree, Miss Lizzie Martin is spending the summer at home.

On Tuesday night of last week, there arrived at the home of Mrs. Julia A. Sims the following visitors: Mr. W. L. Martin of Normangee, Texas, Mr. Edward Dawkins, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, Messrs Wallace L. Martin and Carl Singleterry, of Sulphur, Louisiana. Of this group, Mr. Laurens Martin was here six months ago for the holiday season, Mr. Edward Dawkins saw again his childhood home in Monticello for the first time in fifty-three years. Mr. Wallace Martin, son of Lyles Martin, visited his 'kith and kin' on his initial trip to Carolina. In the experience of Mr. Dawkins, one is reminded anew of the poet's fitting expression: "How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." This is as it should be, since childhood lays the foundation of later life.

New Orleans Visitors Stop at Monticello

11/5/1953

Mr. Boist and Mr. Joe Shedd of New Orleans are expected to spend the weekend with relatives at Monticello.

Mr. Shedd is a native of Monticello, a Clemson graduate and formerly connected with Dan River Mills, Danville, Va., Otteray Mills at Union, and for the past four years vice-president and general manager of Lane Mills in New Orleans.

The Turner Family Enjoys Reunion at Ancestral Home

The daughters and sons and grandchildren of the late William Waugh Turner and Mrs. Ruth Dorman Turner gathered for a family reunion on last Sunday. 1959

The ancestral Turner home in the Lebanon community was opened for the entertainment of the visiting members of the family, and the attractive home of Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Clark (Beth) in the Hop section of Fairfield, was the scene of the gathering and picnic lunch.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Turner, Jr., Miss Alethea and Waugh, III, of Nashville, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cantrell and two children of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Chesson (Dorothy), Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson and son, Joe, all of Elizabeth City, N. C., Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Clark (Beth), and Dr. and Mrs. Dorman Turner and two children, Miss Mary Barkley and Jimmy Turner, all of Winnsboro.

WINNS VISIT WINNSBORO

9/1/1957

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Legerton (Winnie McMaster) of Charleston, came to Winnsboro during the past weekend with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winn and registered at the Fairfield Inn. Mr. Winn, a retired engineer, has made his home in Charleston for the past year, but prior to that his business has taken him to all parts of the world. He is a descendent of the late John Winn, one of the brothers for whom the town was named, and he was very interested in seeing the many places in the town and county which were formerly Winn property.

During their stay, Mr. and Mrs. Legerton entertained different groups of relatives and friends at the Fairfield Inn, at the Triangle Restaurant and at the Shrine Club.

Descendents Of Winn Stop In Winnsboro

8/11/1938

Mr. and Mrs. John Winn Shinholser, of Milledgeville, Georgia, were distinguished visitors to Winnsboro last week. Mr. Shinholser is a great grandson of John Winn, for whom the town was named.

They visited the Town Hall and were struck so much with its history that they volunteered to pay the cost of renovating its walls and ceiling. They also visited the Court House and pled that its front be left unchanged in the remodeling except they thought the little cheap fret-work on the front gable facing Congress Street might be taken away in deference to the great architect's (Robert Mills) simplicity of style.

W. W. DIXON

FORMER SOUTH CAROLINIAN VISITS HERE AFTER LONG ABSENCE

Mrs. Mai Bush, who was recently a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Lincolnton County, Arkansas, is visiting at the home of her childhood friend, Mrs. G. R. Robertson, near Winnsboro. Mrs. Bush was formerly Miss Harrison of the county and moved with her parents to Arkansas, a number of years ago. This is her first visit back to South Carolina and she came through the country by motor and was accompanied by another native of this section, and her youngest son Kenneth Bush, and his friend, Mr. Homer Norton.

They visited a number of old places of interest and former friends of Mrs. Bush. The party, together with Mrs. Robertson and Mark Robertson, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. C. Wilson at White Oak.

There visit to South Carolina will be one long remembered by those with whom they came in contact, for they were all pleasant characters, and it is certainly gratifying to Mrs. Bush's many friends to know that she has made so well in her adopted state. And all her old friends feal that the high esteem in which she is held in Lincoln county is well deserved. Mr. Kenneth Bush is recognized in his native state as one of its best musicians and its very best singer who did not honor South Carolina with her presence this time. Both Mrs. Bush and Mr. Norton have splendid voices and just before leaving Mrs. Robertson's home Tuesday morning the sweet tones of their song "Arkansas" swept over the hills of old Fairfield and will be long remembered. Mrs. Bush's interesting family consists of Mr. Edgar Bush, her husband and their three children, Messrs. Ernest and Kenneth Bush and one daughter, Miss Irma.

Into Her Family Records At Fairfield Courthouse 1959

Miss Robbie Delle Russell of Henderson, Texas, was in Winnsboro during the past week with friends and did research work in the Clerk of Court's office in the courthouse. Being a genealogist of wide interest she was making this research pertaining to four lines of her family who left Fairfield for Texas as early as 1827. These families were the McDowells, Gladneys, Buchanans and Russells.

This is the third visit that Miss Russell has made to Winnsboro, coming here this time from Griffin, Ga., where she has a brother-in-law and sister, the Reverend and Mrs. H. M. Lindsay. She was also visiting her cousin, Henry Dozier Russell, who was the commanding general at Camp Jackson during World War II. General Russell, while at Camp Jackson, was a visitor here with the late Mrs. D. V. Walker and Miss Alice Walker.

Miss Russell was joined here on Thursday by Misses Frances and Betty Ann Gladney, of Homer, Louisiana, who were doing research and are interested in the Gladney, Evans and Davidson families of Fairfield.

On Sunday, the trio, accompanied by Miss Walker, visited a number of the old Fairfield cemeteries and unearthed a vast amount of family lore.

The three left for their respective homes on Monday.

Texas Reader Is Seeking Data on Her Family Lines 1965

Recently The News and Herald exchanged correspondence with Miss Vera B. Cummings of Magnolia, Texas. She has been a subscriber to this newspaper for a number of years, although she has never lived in this vicinity.

Miss Cummings, a retired business woman, has been interested in tracing her family genealogy for some time now, and is a charter member of the Houston Genealogical Forum. She has visited in South Carolina for the purpose of learning more about her family history.

Miss Cummings wrote that she had seen several names in The News and Herald and other South Carolina papers in which she was interested. Among these were the names Pearson, Goodwyn, Hill, Thomas, Bond, and Fairchild.

Anyone having genealogical information on these family lines might be interested in contacting Miss Cummings. Her address is Rt. 1, Box 266, Magnolia, Texas.

Mrs. Janie Flenniken Best of Lexington, Ky. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Flenniken. Miss Margaret Flenniken of New York City is also here. Mr. and Mrs. Flenniken are enjoying their "family reunion." 8/13/36

The Ernest Stevensons Have a Family Reunion 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stevenson had a family reunion at their home on Palmer Street on Sunday, following the christening of their youngest granddaughter, Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Montgomery of St. Louis, Missouri, at Sion Presbyterian Church by the Reverend R. Tal Haynes, of Lexington, N. C.

Present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mason (Polly Stevenson) and four children, Billy, Joe, Bobby and Kathy; the Reverend and Mrs. R. T. Haynes, Jr., (Mittie Stevenson) and three children, Bobby, Gayle and Janet, of Lexington, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Strait (Elizabeth Stevenson) and two sons, Johnny and Tommy, of Rock Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Montgomery (Tina Stevenson) and daughter, Cindy, of St. Louis, Missouri.

JENNINGS

Richard Daniel Jennings was born in Sumter, S.C., in 1772, and came to Fairfield County in the early 1800's. His son, Henry Reid Jennings, born 1815, married Nancy Melinda Robinson. Their son, Robert Henry Daniel Jennings was born in 1839. He married Nancy Leonorah Gibson. The Jennings home, Jennings Post Office, is now Bethel Community.

Robert Henry Daniel Jennings served as clerk of court in Fairfield County for many years, as treasurer of South Carolina, and was a captain in the Confederate Army.

Children of R.H.D. Jennings and Nancy L. Gibson; Viola Alice, married 1st James Robinson, 2nd Robert Adlai Boyd; Mary Elizabeth married James Robert Curlee; John Ashford married Lillie Wright; Agnes married J. Leonard Robinson; Willie Cauthen married Lever Friday; Jessie Irene married J. Bailey Gordon; James Marvin married Madeline Workman; Marion Boyd married Irma Lanier; Charlest Leitner married 1st Helen Relahan , 2nd Mattie Norris; Esther Jones married Edward Rou.

Jennings now living in Fairfield County - December, 1980, are:

Robert Henry Jennings, son of Marvin and Madeline. His son Robert Henry, Jr., and grandson, Robert Henry III; His daughter Barbara (Mrs. William Douglass). Rebecca, daughter of Marvin and Madeline and wife of the late General Oscar Brice; Leonarah (Lola) Jennings and Ruth (wife of the late Dubose Rivers) daughters of Charles Leitner Jennings and Helen Relahan; Anne Jennings, granddaughter of Charles Leitner and Mattie Norris; Jeanne Lanier, (Mrs. William Wilson Taylor), daughter of Marion

Descendents Of Judge Buchanan Achieve Honor

2/1939

The Knoxville News Sentinel of recent date had in it the photograph of a group of girls initiated in the usual three day stunts for entrance into the order of the Girl's Reserve, among these is Miss Marie Diamond. And in the high school weekly newspaper, Blue and White, of November issue, Miss Marie Diamond is listed as receiving highest honors in the seventh grade of Junior Park School.

In the same paper of December the ninth, is the name of Miss Geraldine Diamond, older sister of Miss Marie Diamond. There are 97 students of 2,200 entire enrollment in the city high schools that have made highest honors and the Misses Diamond are among the number.

These young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Diamond of Knoxville and Florida, their mother being the former Miss Margaret Buchanan, of Winnsboro. They are the granddaughters of the late prominent and much-loved Judge Osmond Woodward Buchanan, of Winnsboro, who lived in the home where his namesake and grandfather had builded a great house that was used for the headquarters of the Federal Army officers during the War Between the States. The house has been destroyed by fire.

Mr. Diamond and family spend the greater part of the year in Knoxville, where his business connection as an official of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad requires his attention. The attractive daughters are seen in social and school benefits in the city. The talented musicians and dancers are in great demand at functions and their dancing has attracted the attention of motion picture producers and offers from the best professional sources.

Mrs. Diamond is a graduate of Mt. Zion and Lander College. She is a brilliant and much-traveled woman and takes an active part in sports, social and cultural affairs in Knoxville and Florida, at which last named place the Diamonds own an estate and a city home.

Mr. and Mrs. Diamond and family are occasional visitors to the aunt of Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. D. V. Walker, Sr., here.

European Newscaster Has Kin In Fairfield

11/13/1941

Listeners to the radio program of the National Broadcasting Company over WIS and WCOS frequently hear the voice of Charles Lanius now reporting "News of the War" from Berne, Switzerland. This broadcaster is intimately connected with two well known Fairfield families. He is a great-grandson of Thomson Chappell and his wife Mary Douglas who lived at Jenkinsville and lie buried in the old Brick Church cemetery. Their daughter, Martha Love Chappell, wife of Dr. C. N. Hough of Honea Path, was his maternal grandmother. His mother was their oldest daughter, Bessie Douglas Hough, who

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Broom/e family has reunion

Contributed by Judy M. Taylor

1990

On a hot July Sunday, Fair Lawn Community Center became the largest "Broom closet" south of the Mason-Dixon line. Brooms and Broomes from all corners of the United States settled in their chairs or claimed their floor space and chatted about heritage.

Upon entering the meeting place, each Broom(e) was tagged like a rare species and asked to log their address in the doorman's book. Tag labels were red and green to differentiate between the children of John B. Broom's eldest son, William Alexander Broom. He married twice in his life. With his first wife, Harriet Phillips, he fathered six children; and he fathered four children with his second wife, Elizabeth Amelia Hays. So this gathering was between the descendants of both of William Alexander's wives' children.

The majority of people cradled covered dishes in their arms, and a new aroma was added with each new person entering the room. Finally, a smorgasbord of flavors laced the entire community center. After the feast, discussion of Broome(e) family history was the main topic at hand. John C. Broome of Columbia was kind enough to bring his computer that contained the family tree. Everyone there completed an ancestry worksheet of sorts for Broome to add to his existing information. One wall displayed the family tree donated by James Green III. It was an immense pattern of tiny roads and tiny names, and all were thrilled when their personal names were found.

Gifts were given to the youngest, Shenion Pope Jordan (22 months), to the oldest, George Fletcher Broome (84 years), and to the person who had traveled the fartherest, Jean Nibecker from California.

Pat Boney Carter, from Florida, hand-made beautiful vases for Virginia Miles Mattox, Annie Lee Ratliff, Edith Lyles and James Green III for their hard work in uniting the many Broom(e)s.

pin, and Dot Broom displayed a picture featuring six generations of Broom(e)s. She also contributed the coat of arms.

McKeown reunion set

The McKeown reunion will be Sunday, Sept. 16, at Bethlehem Methodist Church near Blackstock. There will be a worship service at 11 a.m. followed by a short business meeting and then a picnic on the grounds. Welcome one and all, and please bring a picnic basket and iced tea.

5/26/1961

Census of Cemeteries Suggested by Writer to Preserve County History

(By Charles Edward Thomas, Ridgeway Historian)

The editorial in this week's "News and Herald" and Mr. Atmar Morrow's letter on the care and preservation of historic sites inspires an appeal to some Fairfield County group or individual to make a census of cemeteries in the county. Much of the history of the county is recorded in its cemeteries, and much of this is fast being lost in Fairfield County, through the ravages of time and more tragically through the thoughtless vandalism of mis-directed people. Mr. Morrow points this up in the tragic condition of the ancient Woodward tombs just off the highway between Simpson and Rockton. Vandals have recently smashed some of the heavy marble slabs covering these historic Woodward and Gadsden graves in this pre-Revolutionary burial ground, one of the really important historic sites of the state.

This spring while my nephew Lee Thomas was at Ridgeway for spring vacation from Virginia Episcopal School, he and I spent two days studying local Ridgeway history in some of the older burying grounds of lower Fairfield. Many of the earliest graves in the county were on private plantations, and often only a few of the graves were marked with carved monuments; therefore many of these are lost or at best, difficult to locate after the growth of years, loss of homes, and abandoment of farms. For instance, in an entire afternoon's search we were not successful in finding what is said to be the oldest pre-Revolutionary burying place near Ridgeway on "Cedar Tree" Plantation, now owned by Mrs. A. J. Van Exem, just north of Ridgeway on the Winnsboro highway.

The earliest marked grave in Aimwell Cemetery, Ridgeway, appears to be that of Samuel Rosborough, born 1809, died December 14, 1830. He was one of the eight children of John Rosborough, 1774-1842, and his wife, Annie Cubit, 1772-1841, both of whom are buried at Aimwell, along with their eight children. This is unusual for a family of that size to be buried all in the same place, and tells something perhaps of the value placed on family ties by those strong old Presbyterians of that time. John Rosborough was ordained the first ruling elder of Aimwell Presbyterian Church in Ridgeway in 1801, although the church had been organized in 1790. One of his sons-in-law, Samuel Peyre Thomas, 1804-1854, also buried here, wrote back to a classmate at Harvard College in later years, that he had married the daughter of "the most up-right man, I have ever known, John Rosborough."

The first grave in St. Stephen's Episcopal Churchyard at Ridgeway is that of John Peyre Thomas, M. D., 1796-1859. Two of his children who had died earlier are now buried here, as they were later moved from Aimwell. Dr. Thomas with the Palmer and Davis families had built St. Stephen's just five years earlier.

Apparently the first burial in the Methodist Churchyard at Ridgeway was that of Walter Kennedy Lawhon, 1854-1862, only son of Joseph Lawhon, 1818-1875, and his wife, Elizabeth Bell Lawhon, 1818-1905. However, the Methodist Church or "Ruff's Chapel" as it was first known, was not built until 1872. Nearby is the grave of David H. Ruff, 1796-1877, the builder of the Chapel, who gave the 60 silver dollars that went into the chapel bell to give it a mellow tone. Mr. Ruff's sister, also buried here was Mrs. Nancy Ruff Lawhon, 1798-1887, mother of Joseph Lawhon.

As for the small plantation burying ground in the Ridgeway area, I have surveyed too few for any definitive facts. However, there is one on John Hood's place, west of Ridgeway, with eight carved tombstones to Kennedys and Harmons and one carved "Cynthia E. Rosborough, Consort of T. L. Rosborough, 1832-1858, Aged 26 years." This lead my prep school nephew to ask, "What is a Consort?"

There is more than history to be gleaned in ancient country cemeteries.

On the Craig place, northwest of Ridgeway, and only a few hundred feet south of the Mount Hope land, is a pre-Confederate family burying ground. We found here eighteen carved stones, all to Kennedys and Craigs, with a few graves marked only with boulders at the head and the foot. The earliest Mount Hope slaves are said to have been buried in the Kennedy-Craig cemetery, before the Slave Burying ground was started on the Mount Hope plantation. There are no carved tombstones in the Mount Hope colored cemetery, although there are numerous boulders marking head and footstones. Local folk remember the last burying at Mount Hope during the World War of 1917 and 1918, when "Uncle Jimmie" Gadsden died in Ridgeway, and his last re-

to the Mount Hope Burying Ground."

Beyond the St. Stephen's Churchyard to the north is the Davis Family Slave Burying ground. I have not visited it since I was a boy at Ridgeway about 1920. However, I remember several carved stones there to Negro slaves of the Davis family. The Davises had given the adjoining land on which St. Stephen's Church is built.

None of the colored cemeteries in the Ridgeway area appear to have tombstones of graves before the late 1800's and early 1900's. There are carved stones in the Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery, a mile beyond that church, which is west of Ridgeway. The colored Presbyterian Churchyard, south of Ridgeway on the Columbia highway, is a well-kept and the best marked colored cemetery in the area, but none of the graves ante-date this century. The same is true of the Pisgah Churchyard, east of Ridgeway on the Longtown highway.

There are some interesting and imposing monuments in both the Longtown Presbyterian and Baptist cemeteries on the Old Camden road, but I have not checked the dates there for the earliest graves. Colonel Nicholas A. Peay, the builder of fabulous "Melrose" was buried in the Baptist cemetery in 1857, and thereby was spared witnessing the tragedy of the Federal troops' burning what was generally recognized to be the finest plantation house in upper South Carolina. Many years ago Col. Peay's descendants offered the great granite gate posts of "Melrose" to St. Stephen's Church at Ridgeway. Because of the weight and size of the handsome columns, the Episcopalians were so slow in moving them, that they were subsequently offered the Longtown Presbyterians, where they now grace the entrance to that Churchyard.

These hallowed spots recall Gray's "Elegy written in a Country Churchyard." Two stanzas taken out of context are:

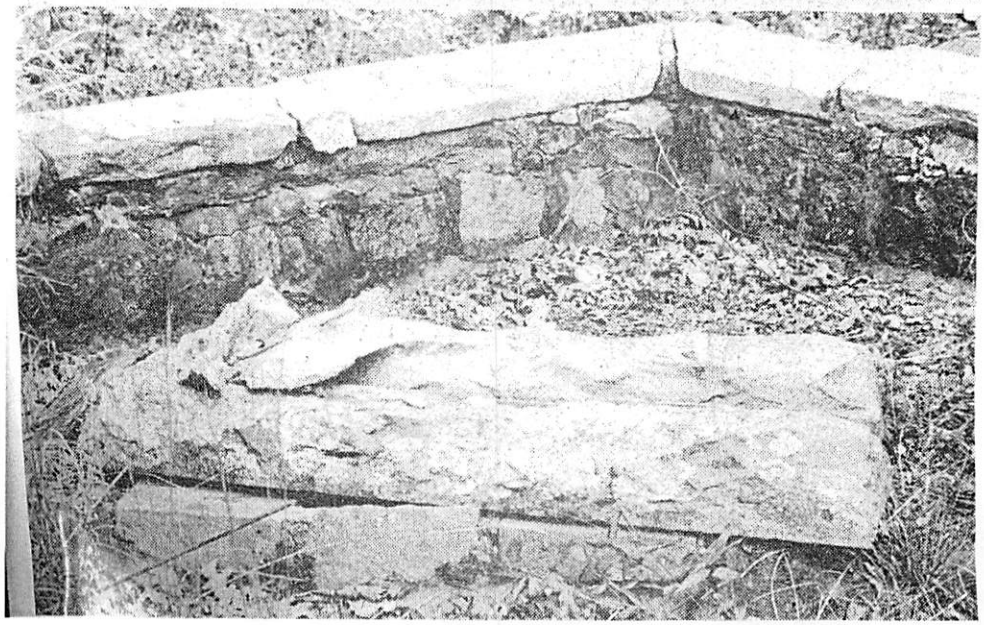
Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade,
Where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,
Each in his narrow cell forever laid,
The rude Forefathers of the hamlet sleep.

Can storied urn or animated bust
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can Honour's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or Flatt'ry soothe the dull cold ear of death?

Or a line that I ran across somewhere many years ago, comes back to me when I visit a Churchyard like St. Stephen's at Ridgeway:

"I would rather sleep in the southern corner of a little country churchyard than among the tombs of the mighty!"

On the Woodward cemetery



The Fairfield County DAR chapter is named after Thomas Woodward, a Revolutionary War officer from Fairfield County who was executed by the British and Loyalists during the War for his activities.

One day last week, the News and Herald used the Woodward cemetery on Highway 34 between Winnsboro and Ridgeway as a subject for an exercise in photography. One of those pictures appeared in last week's News and Herald on the front page.

As a subject for a photo session, the cemetery is a dream; the continual onslaught of wind and rain, the action of Summer's heat and Winter's cold, have etched the granite stones with a rich texture pleasing to the eye and feel. The moss-and lichen-covered stones offer a contrast to the red clay earth in which they stand.

As a place of quiet, as intended by those who laid their family and friends to rest there, it could not be surpassed.

What was disconcerting was the second look that had to be taken even as the photo session was in progress.

The action of wind and rain is not as noticeable as are the actions of vandals who have moved and destroyed stones. In areas, the grounds are littered with beer bottles.

Thomas Woodward himself is not buried here. Some of his descendents are, and members of the Gadsden family. That really doesn't matter.

What matters is that the cemetery has fallen on hard times, and needs help.

It would be a good community, club or church project to restore the cemetery to a measure of its former beauty. It has obviously been cared for in the past, and a little caring effort would do wonders for the grounds.

The News and Herald would like to suggest that there may be a group of citizens who would take on the responsibility.

Fairfield County's history is too important to be neglected and such physical traces as there remain to serve as a tangible link to the past should be protected. 1979

The Old Kirkland Grave Yard on the bank of Big Cedar Creek is where the Kirklands were buried over a hundred years ago. About half a mile above this grave yard, Mrs. Kirkland owned a blacksmith shop where repair work and horse shoeing was done, for the stage coach. The horses were changed about two miles down the road on the Richland County side at what was then known as the old Nelson place, just halfway between Columbia and Winnsboro. The old covered bridge which was built out of lumber which was hued out by Mrs. Kirkland's slaves was just above this shop and was used for crossing Big Cedar Creek at this place stood until it was washed away by high water in 1928.

Thomas Woodward Chapter, DAR, Restores Historic Gravestone

1973

Restoration of a fallen and shattered tombstone marking the grave of a Revolutionary officer has been completed by the Thomas Woodward Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The tombstone was placed at the gravesite (now in the center of Oaklawn Cemetery) by a fellow officer.

The fragments of the original stone were collected and carefully pieced together and reworked in cement over the grave. A new headstone of Winnsboro Blue Granite, along with a D.A.R. Revolutionary marker was placed at the head of the grave. Most of the inscription is still legible. It reads as follows:

"James Mitchell
1799

"This stone is dedicated by a brother officer to the memory of James Mitchell, captain in the Contennental Regiment of artillary in the battle of Sullivan's Island at the seige of Charlestown before the lines of Savannah . . . In the action at Ston . . . his country beheld him with great pride and gratitude for the service of her faithful son who died at this place in 1788. Age about 34."

One of the objectives of the National Society, D.A.R., is to "perpetuate the memory of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the en- and celebration of all patriotic anniversaries." The Thomas

Site of Lyles Settlement: Historic Spot in Fairfield

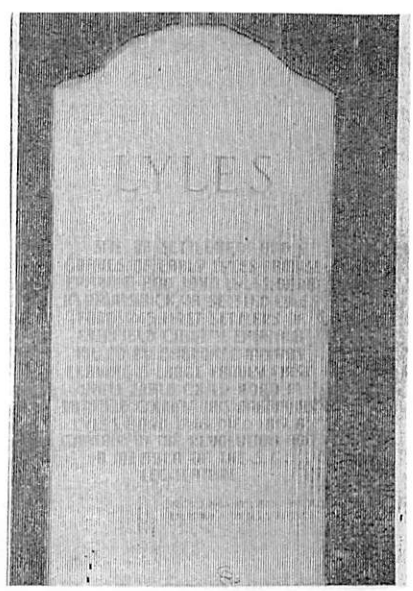
Shown here, standing in a beautifully wooded area near Blair, are Susan and J. M. (Bubba) Lyles, III, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyles, Jr., and grandchildren of former longtime Senator J. M. Lyles and Mrs. Louisa Gantt Lyles.

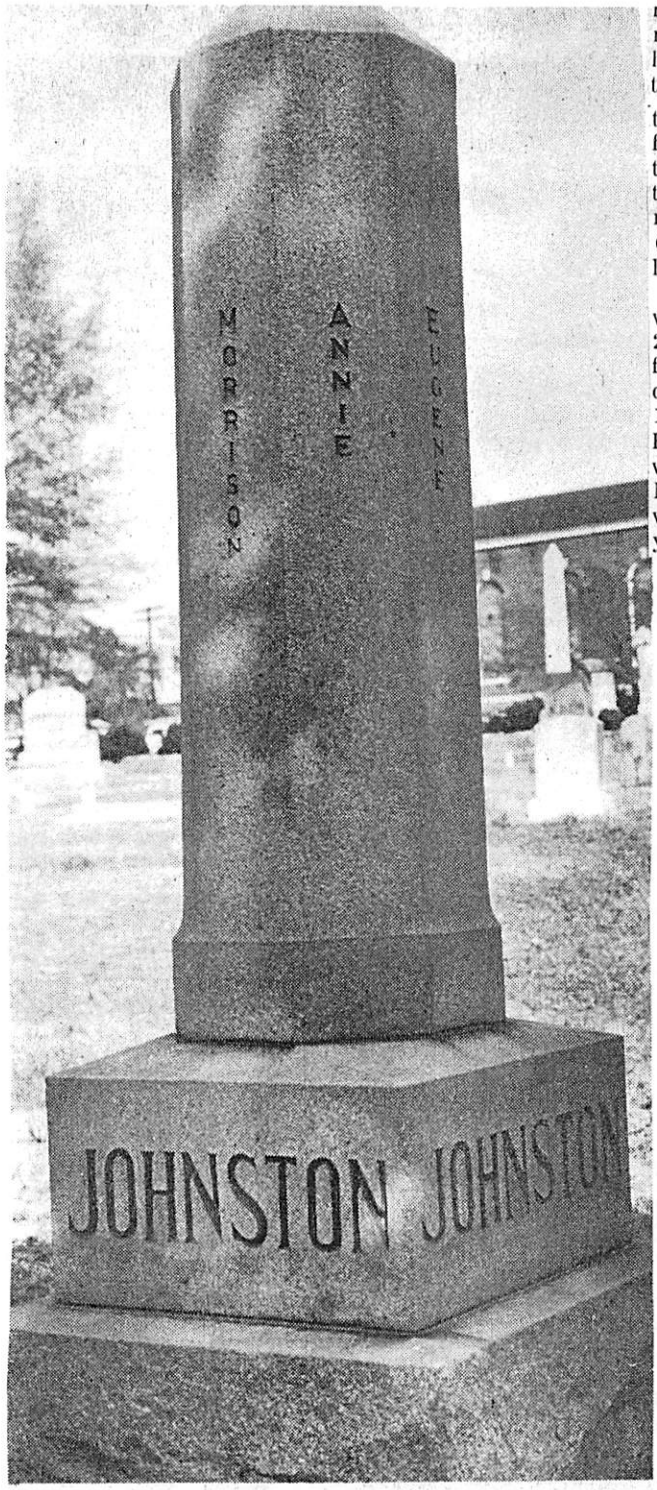
The inscription on the marker reads:

"Site of settlement and graves of early Lyles family. Ephraim and John Lyles, born in Brunswick, Va., settled Lyles Ford 1745. First settlers of Fairfield county. Ephraim killed by Cherokee Indians leaving a large family.

"First white male child born in Fairfield county was Aromanus Lyles, born in 1748, died in 1817. A Captain in the Revolution and a member of the S. C. legislature. (Monument) erected 1965 by Lyles family. Reference — Mills Statistics."

These pictures were submitted to The News and Herald by Ray M. Blair, prominent planter and business man of western Fairfield. 1966





JOHNSTON FAMILY MARKER—This unusual granite tombstone marks the death dates of seven members of Mrs. Otis Smith's family. Although the family was intact at the time it was erected, each member has died in the order his or her name appears on the stone. The marker stands in the family plot in Mooresville, N. C.

Mrs. Smith's Family Marker is Unusual

1973

This eight-sided marker stands in the center of the Crawford - Johnston family plot in Willow Valley cemetery, Mooresville, N.C. It contains names of parents and six children who lived on a farm that is now the East Iredell Avenue - East Center Avenue section of Mooresville.

Mr. Johnston, the father, had the stone erected and names of all the members of his family etched upon it at random prior to the death of his son, Eugene, who died at the age of seven in 1895. All the other members of the family have died in the order they are listed on the tombstone. The only remaining member is Annie (Mrs. Otis Smith) who now lives in Winnsboro.

Following Eugene in death were Gwynn, who died at age 27 in 1918; Mrs. Johnston, the former Carrie Harris, who died in 1931; Mr. Johnston in 1938; Stanhope, 1943; Howard, who died in 1961 and was buried in Durham; and Morrison (Mrs. J.R. Craven), who died in September of this year.

NOTICE

TO: RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PERSONS BURIED IN AREA TO BE COVERED BY WATERS OF THE MONTICELLO IMPOUNDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, a duly incorporated utility company, proposed to create an artificial reservoir or impoundment in the County of Fairfield, State of South Carolina, and that the following are the names, so far as known, of all persons buried within the area to be covered by water, and the names, as far as known, of all family and other burying grounds within said area to be covered by water in Fairfield County:

(1) The Dawkins Family Cemetery (Upper)
(a) Mr. Thomas Dawkins - 1839
(b) Mrs. Sarah Dawkins - 1849
(c) William Dawkins - 1872
(d) Nancy Leanor Bradford - 1810
(e) Elizabeth McConnell - 1840
(f) Sarah McConnell - 1827
(g) Elizabeth McConnell - 1827
(h) Bradford - Aged 9 months
(i) Joel Lowe Bradford - 1850
(j) Martha E. Feaster - 1853
(k) Mary D. Feaster - 1852
(l) About 12 unmarked graves here or more.

(2) Unknown Cemetery
(a) Mrs. Martha Fullerton Rogers - 1827
(b) Mrs. Jane Willson Rogers - 1803
(c) Thomas and Nathaniel Boyd - 1790
(d) One Unmarked Grave

(3) The Dawkins Family Cemetery (Lowder)
(a) Col. John Dawkins - 1853
(b) Wife of Col. John Dawkins Dec. - 1874
(c) B. F. Dawkins - 1859
(d) J. Dawkins Trapp - 1868
(e) William Hix Trapp - 1905
(f) Sarah E. Dawkins Trapp - 1908
(g) Elijah Edward Dawkins - 1829
(h) George Free - 1830
(i) Mrs. Nancy Free - 1829
(j) Louis Gibson - 1833
(k) James J. Lyles - 1857
(l) Several unmarked graves

(4) Davis Family Cemetery
(a) Mrs. Mary Davis - 1810
(b) Captain James Davis - 1822
(c) Jonathan Davis - 1838
(e) David Daniel Davis - 1823
(f) Mary Davis - 1811
(g) John Davis - 1785
(h) Jane Rebecca Davis - 1829
(i) Sarah Margaret Zimmerman Davis - 1857
(j) Eliza Kincaid - 1840
(k) Davis Furman - 1835
(l) Harriet E. Furman - 1849

(5) Pearson Cemetery
(a) Emmeline H. Pearson - 1950
(b) Katharine Saunders Pearson - 1906
(c) George Butler Pearson 1898
(d) Sarah Eugenia and Anneliza Leitner - 1835
(e) Mrs. R. A. Finley - 1836
(f) John Weston Pearson - 1824
(g) Frederick N. Watson - 1852
(h) Isaac Kirkland Pearson - 1821
(i) Dr. George Butler Pearson - 1867
(j) Mrs. Elizabeth M. Pearson - 1868
(k) Joseph William Pearson - 1817
(l) Samuel Edward Pearson - 1819
(m) Frances Ann Pearson - 1836
(n) Martha Lavenia Pearson - 1840
(o) James Alston Boyce - 1845
(p) Philip Pearson - 1835
(q) Mary Butler - 1854
(r) About 10 or 12 unmarked graves here.

(6) Unknown Cemetery
(a) E. Owen - 1838

White Unveils Grandfather's Portrait

Mr. and Mrs. James Benjamin White of Winnsboro pose with a portrait of Mr. White's grandfather, Major James Benjamin White, which was unveiled at The Citadel May 29. Major White was Superintendent of the military college in 1861-65. 1960

A portrait of Major James Benjamin White, Superintendent of The Citadel from 1861-1865, was unveiled in pre-commencement exercises, Sunday, May 29, at the military college in Charleston. Presented by three generations of Major White's descendants, many of whom are Citadel alumni, this shows his grandson and namesake, J. Ben White, City Manager of Winnsboro, a Citadel graduate, and Mrs. White, the former Rosa Thomas of Ridgeway.

The portrait by Grace Annette Du Pre' of Spartanburg and New York, was unveiled by Major White's great grandson, Cadet Captain Hugh W. White, Jr., Greenville, who was graduated from The Citadel the following Saturday, and will enter pilot training in the U. S. Air Force. Major White became superintendent of The Citadel in 1861 shortly before the Civil War began. Several times during the next three years, he was ordered to take the cadets out in the defense of Charleston. In December, 1864, the cadets met federal forces at Tullifinny Creek. The so-called "boy battalion" of cadet skirmishers drove the enemy back. Major White retired to Marion after the War where he engaged in farming, surveying and teaching. He died June 11, 1906.

A Citadel family for four generations, Major White's brother, Dr. Richard Green White, was a member of The Citadel's first graduating class in 1846. Major White was a member of the class of 1849. Two of his sons, attended The Citadel, both of whom took part in the dedication of the portrait, Richard G. White, Charleston, and George W. White, Spartanburg. Two of his grandsons, James Benjamin White, Winnsboro, and Richard White, Raleigh, N. C., also graduated from The Citadel. Cadet Captain Hugh Walker White, Jr., who was graduated June 4, is the first of the fourth generation of the White family to attend The Citadel.

Dedication Service Planned at Aimwell

A marker dedication service will be held in Aimwell Cemetery this Saturday, November 27, at 3 p.m. during which time a bronze plaque will be placed on the grave of Confederate soldier William George Hinnant. 1976

Mr. Hinnant was born in upper Fairfield County on October 28, 1840, and enlisted in the Confederate Army July 7, 1861, in Louisiana, where he was visiting at the time the war broke out. He was wounded during a battle at Winchester, Virginia.

He was married to Lucy Ellen Powell in 1867. The Hinnants moved to Arkansas and opened a store on the Red River. The river flooded, ruining much of the store's merchandise and causing an epidemic of yellow fever. The Hinnants returned to Ridgeway and settled down to farming and raising a family of eight children. One of these children, Carl Hinnant, is still living and will be ninety years old on Saturday.

William George Hinnant was a promoter of the RFD route system in Ridgeway and was founder of Ridgeway Baptist Church, which celebrated its ninieth anniversary this year. He died August 3, 1907.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the dedication service.

William George Hinnant

Gravatt Portrait Is Presented by Charles Thomas

A portrait of the Right Rev. John James Gravatt, D. D., retired bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, was presented to Bishop C. Alfred Cole, D. D., at the 38th annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Upper South Carolina, May 3, meeting in the Church of Our Saviour, Rock Hill. Painted by Miss Grace Annette Du Pre' of New York, a native of Spartanburg, the presentation was made by Charles E. Thomas, of Greenville, historiographer and registrar of the Diocese, who served as chairman for the painting of the portrait. It is a gift to the Diocese from Bishop Gravatt's many friends throughout Upper South Carolina. Contributions came from literally hundreds of individuals in the parishes and missions of the church which Bishop Gravatt served as Bishop from 1939 to 1953.

The commissioning of a portrait of the beloved retired Bishop was authorized by the convention of the church meeting in St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Columbia, last May. Bishop Cole at that time appointed Mr. Thomas chairman for the raising of the Bishop Gravatt Portrait Fund and the painting of the portrait. Chairmen were then appointed in each parish and mission in the Diocese. The portrait was completed just two weeks ago in Miss DuPre's studio on Gramercy Park in New York City.

The artist has painted many distinguished figures in church, state, education and other learned professions. Outstanding among her recent works are portraits of the Hon. James F. Brynes, former governor of South Carolina, United States Senator and member of the the U. S. Supreme Court and "assistant president" of the U. S., now of Columbia. Mr. Brynes' portrait hangs in the State Capitol in Columbia. Miss Du Pre' also painted the late Mayor William McG. Morrison's portrait, which is now in that distinguished portrait collection in the Charleston City Hall. Last June she completed for The Citadel, a portrait of her grandfather, Major Peter Fayssoux Stevens, superintendent of the South Carolina Military Academy, 1859-61. Miss Du Pre' is now finishing a portrait of Major James Benjamin White, which will be presented The Citadel by three generations of his family in June, graduates of The Citadel. Major White became superintendent of The Citadel in 1861, and served until the War Between the States forced its closing when all the cadets went on active military duty with the Confederate Army. Miss Du Pre's portrait of the Right Rev. Ellison Capers, Bishop of South Carolina from 1893-1908, hangs in the Library of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was Chancellor at the time of his death in Columbia.

Bishop Gravatt's portrait will be hung in the new Diocesean office building now under construction in Columbia. The painting of Bishop Gravatt's portrait completes the gallery of all former Bishops of South Carolina, according to Mr. Thomas, Portraits of the earlier Bishops are in Charleston, New York, Atlanta, Sewanee, Kanuga, and Columbia. Bishop Gravatt now lives in retirement at "Greenlee" on the James River in Rockbridge County, Virginia. His health did not permit his coming to Rock Hill for the presentation of his portrait.

1960

Marker Placed At Furman Site

1949

Impressive ceremonies for the unveiling of the Furman Institute marker near Winnsboro were held at noon Thursday, May 12. A large gathering of Furman friends, presided over by Mrs. Ollin J. Owens, secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Hitsorical Society, witnessed the occasion.

The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church of Winnsboro sang the Furman Alma Mater and former Dean R. N. Daniel of Furman University spoke briefly on "Furman's Fairfield Years, 1837-1851."

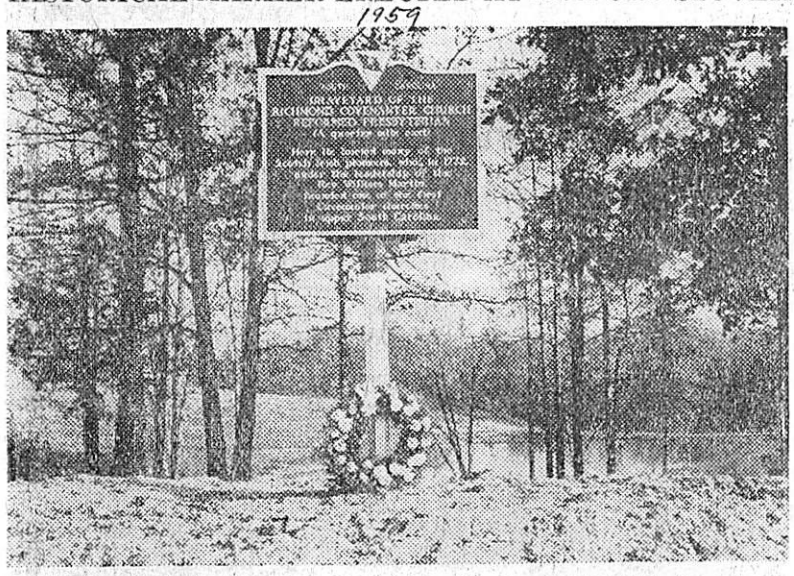
H. G. Phillips, president of Phillips Granite Company of Winnsboro, gave the marker to commemorate the fourteen years Furman spent in Fairfield county. It has been erected on the highway right-of-way between the two buildings which are still standing about three and a half miles from Winnsboro

Also present for this occasion, and guests for the day of Pastor and Mrs. Ollin J. Owens were: Dean Elizabeth Jones of the Woman's College of Furman; Miss Winifred Wills, newly elected president of the Student Government of the Woman's College; Leaman Hamrick, vice president of Student Government, Furman; Dr J. W. Moffitt, professor of History Furman U.; Dr. George Christenberry, professor of Biology Furman U.; Mrs. R. N .Daniel; Mrs. John L. Plyler; Dr. S. H. Jones, editor The Baptist Courier of Greenville; Mrs. D. C. Bomar of Ridge Spring; and Furman friends of Fairfield county.

Following dinner a tour of Baptist landmarks in Fairfield county was made .

HISTORICAL MARKER ERECTED AT MITFORD-STOVER

1959



The first such Historical Marker in Fairfield County was erected recently under the sponsorship of the Mitford-Stover Community Club. This marks the spot of Richmond Covenanter Church Graveyard. Contributions were made by descendants of the early Henry settlers. At a simple ceremony held last week, a wreath was placed in memory of the late Matthew Henry White, one of the chief promoters of the project.

Gone but not forgotten

Down a dirt road behind Summer Station, just beyond the hum of its high-tech activity, is a quiet, forgotten old cemetery. Only one grave is recognizable amid the honeysuckle, poison ivy and other assorted weeds. It is distinct because 20th-century hands erected this memorial to the patriotism of Revolutionary War Gen. John Pearson, who is buried here.

Anvil Rock is Fairfield County treasure

Who remembers the famous An-
l Rock just outside Winnsboro?
It is still there, and it is still do-
g well, despite wind, weather,
akes, spiders, chiggers and van-
ls.

The famous rock is about 200 ft.
f the highway, and several peo-
e familiar with the legend state
at the rock is supposed to turn
ound every time it hears a
oster crow.

Thomas Wilkes stated that he
emembers the legend from "ever
nce I can remember, and I'm 71
ears old."

The rock received wide publicity
hen a steel engraving of it with
nion soldiers gathered about ap-
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fore the end of the War Bet-
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David Brown, of David Brown
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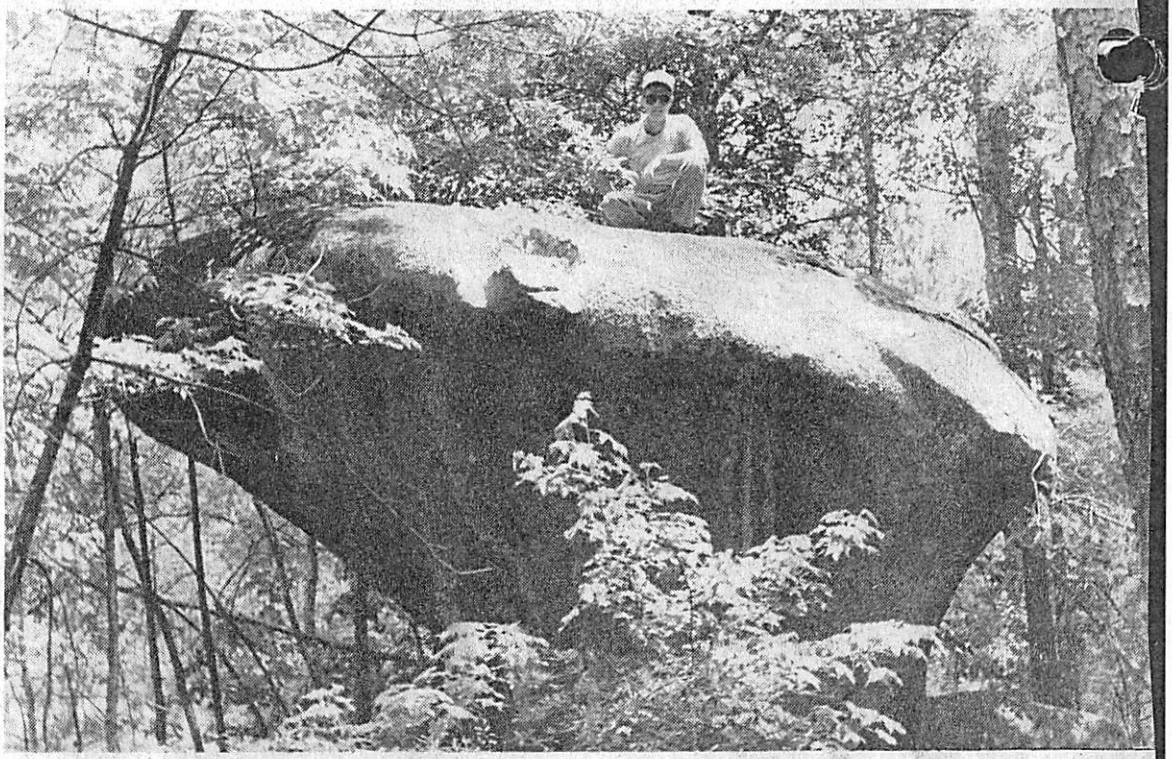
"It's a right famous rock," he stated.



Anvil Rock still stands.

Today, Anvil Rock is on posted property, to discourage vandals who would ruin this unique Fairfield treasure.

Long may it stand.

Fairfield's Trapp Was 1st Certified Teacher

Saturday, April 9, will mark the one hundred and seventh anniversary of the first teacher's certificate issued in South Carolina. The recipient was a Fairfield County man, Chappell Oscar Trapp, whose descendants still live here in the county.

Trapp's certificate, which bears the number 1, is on file in the South Caroliniana Library, along with other documents relative to this anniversary.

The certificate certifies that "Mr. C. O. Trapp, of Fairfield County, S.C., having furnished acceptable evidence of good Moral Character, and having passed a satisfactory examination as to his competency to teach, is hereby authorized and qualified to teach in the Common and Public Schools of this State. This Certificate to continue valid for the term of two years from the date thereof, unless sooner revoked."

It is dated April 9, 1870, and signed by the state superintendent of education J. H. Jillson.

After completing his education at South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) in 1841, Chappell Oscar Trapp taught in a private school in Columbia for twelve years, until 1853, at which time he returned to Fairfield County.

He married Adelaide Powell upon his return home, and began his own private school that same year.

This excerpt from The State of May 30, 1955,

Trapp Marker

This histori[illegible]arker was erected on the site of a private school[illegible]ted by Chappell Oscar Trapp, recipient of the fi[illegible]acher's certificate [illegible]

Phillips Presents Monolith to Mark the Former Site of Furman University in Fairfield County

When H. G. Phillips of Winnsboro gave a monolith to mark the former site of Furman in Fairfield county, a number of Baptists from over the state gathered for the unveiling. Dr. John L. Plyler, president of Furman, and A. G. Furman of Greenville unveiled the marker. Former Dean R. N. Daniel gave a brief address, and Dr. Charles F. Sims, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, led the dedicatory prayer.

The ceremony was scheduled as a part of the Fairfield Historical Celebration, but because those participating could not change dates, it was held on May 12th, the original date.

Pictured above are Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of Winnsboro, Secretary-Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society, who presided at the ceremony, and H. G. Phillips, who gave the marker.

(PHOTO BY E. P. FERGUSON)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES

1. Old Brick Church (Associate Reformed Presbyterian).
2. Mount Zion College.
3. Kincaid House.
4. Site of school taught by first licensed teacher in South Carolina.
5. Birthplace of Dr. James H. Carlisle.
6. Fairfield county line.
7. Broad River Academy site.
8. Home site of Lyles first settlers.
9. Home site of Richard Winn.
10. General John Pearson.
11. Woodward Graveyard.
12. Bethel Church (M. E. South).
13. Means Graveyard.
14. Home of Reubin Harrison.
15. Cornwallis' Headquarters.
16. Feasterville Boarding House (Feasterville School).
17. Howell's Cow pens.
18. Home site of Col. Philip Pearson.
19. Rock Creek Baptist church.
20. Kilpatrick's Headquarters.
21. Fort Wagner, Fairfield District.
22. Dutchman's Creek Engagement.
23. Mobley's Meeting House, (Revolutionary skirmish).
24. Residence site of John Buchanan, Revolutionary soldier.
25. Williamson House.
26. Old Furman University buildings.
27. McCreight House.
28. Concord Church.
29. Horeb Church (Presbyterian)
30. Wateree Ford (Revolutionary battle or engagement).
31. Sion Presbyterian Church.

Any one having information concerning the markings of the above listed historic sites is requested to notify W. W. Dixon.

White Oak, S. C.
April 6, 1936

Mr. W. W. Dixon,
Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I suggest the following points of historical interest in this section for markers:

1. General John Bratton's home, four miles East of White Oak.
2. Site of Youngesville station, one mile south of Woodward.
3. Site of Little River Associate Church, two miles s[illegible] of Woodward.
4. Concord Presbyterian church, Woodward.
5. Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, five miles east of White Oak.
6. Richmond Covenanter church site, five miles east of Blackstock, near Stover.
7. Site where Rev. Kendall of Penn., was tarred and feathered prior to the Civil War, Cockrel's

Feasterville Female, Male Academy Marker Dedicated

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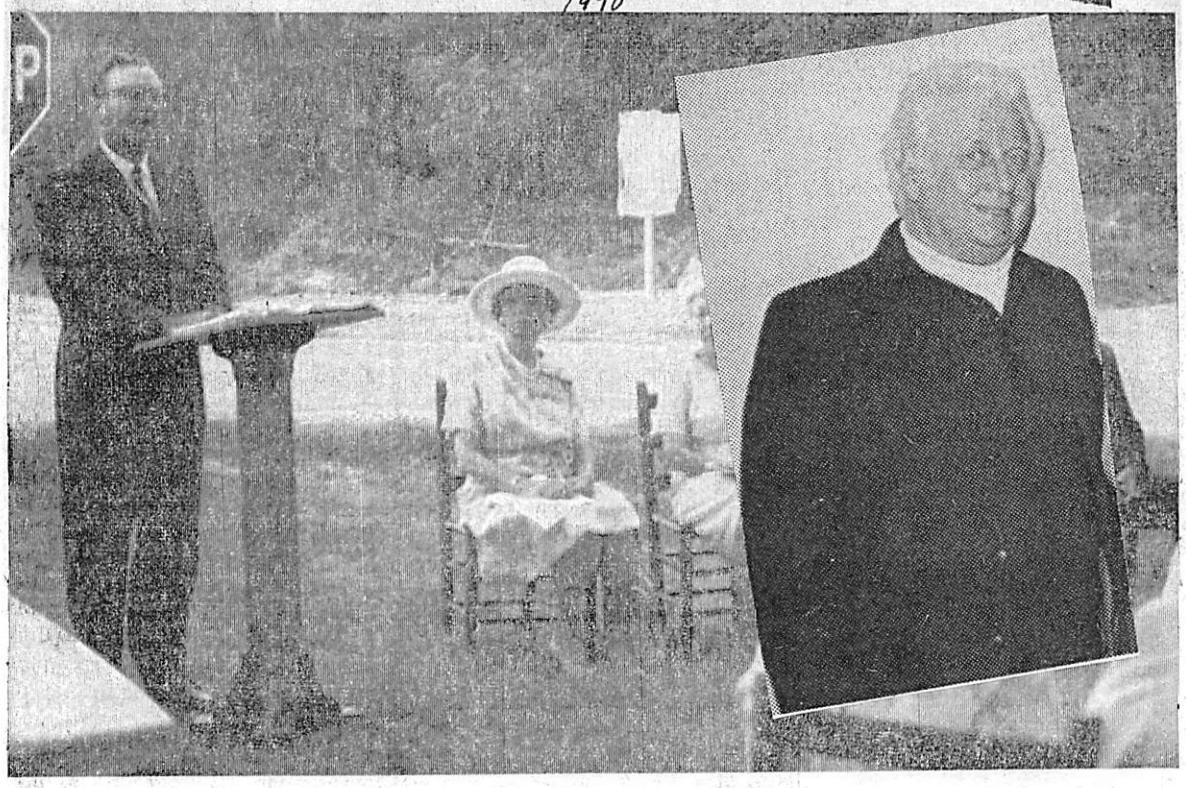


Pictured above, from left to right, are Ben F. Hornsby, president of the Fairfield County Historical Society, Miss Mary Bess Coleman, Miss Julia Faucette, Mrs. H. G. Wright, and the Rev. Robert E. Smith. All took part in a ceremony dedicating a marker to the Feasterville Female and Male Academy.

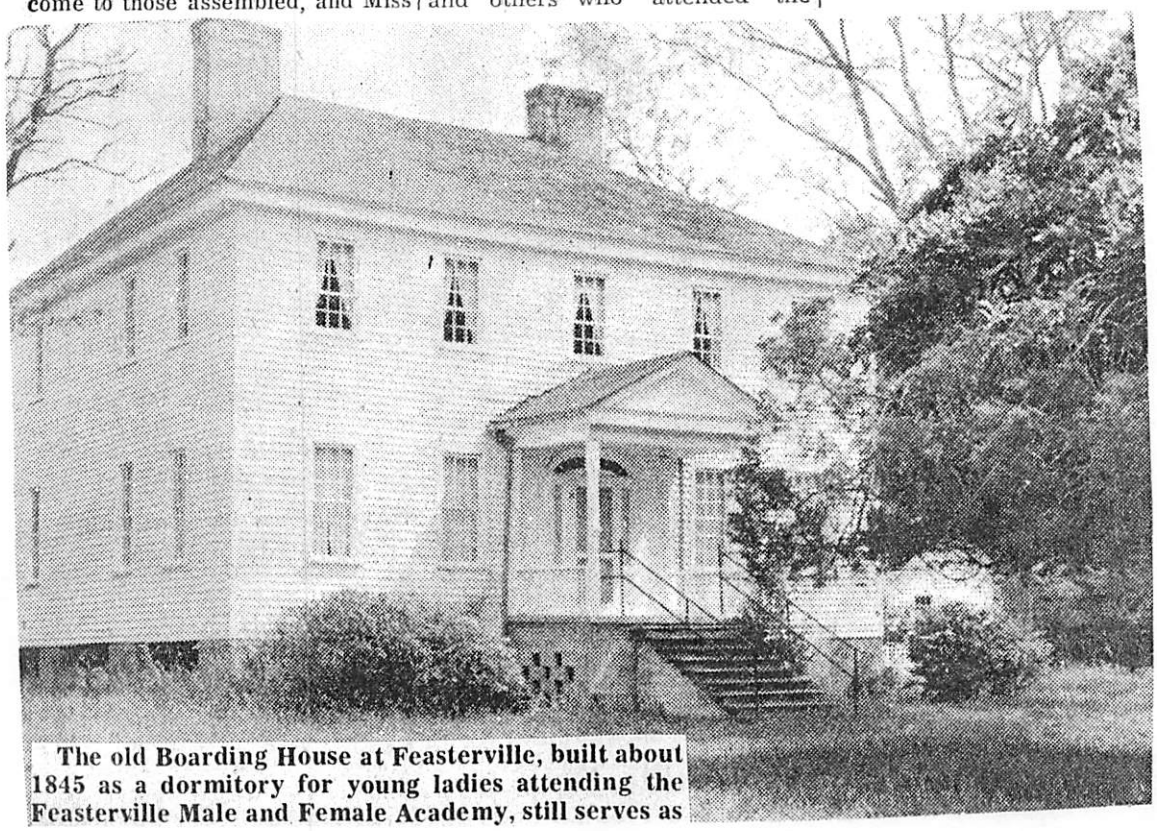
Dedication of a marker to the house, often called the Feasterville Boarding House, took place on May 24, with Mr. Hornsby acting as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Mr. Smith gave the invocation.

Miss Coleman extended a welcome to those assembled, and Miss Faucette told something of the life of John Feaster, and how he came to build the academy.

Miss Faucette also related the role played in the establishment of the academy by Mrs. Cathrine Ladd. She said that many of the descendants of John Feaster and others who attended the academy have gone on and made names for themselves.

Mrs. H. G. Wright unveiled the marker, and Miss Mary Bess Coleman gave the response.

The Rev. Mr. Smith closed the ceremony with a prayer of dedication and benediction.



The old Boarding House at Feasterville, built about 1845 as a dormitory for young ladies attending the Feasterville Male and Female Academy, still serves as

Marker Dedicated to Battle of Mobley's Meeting House

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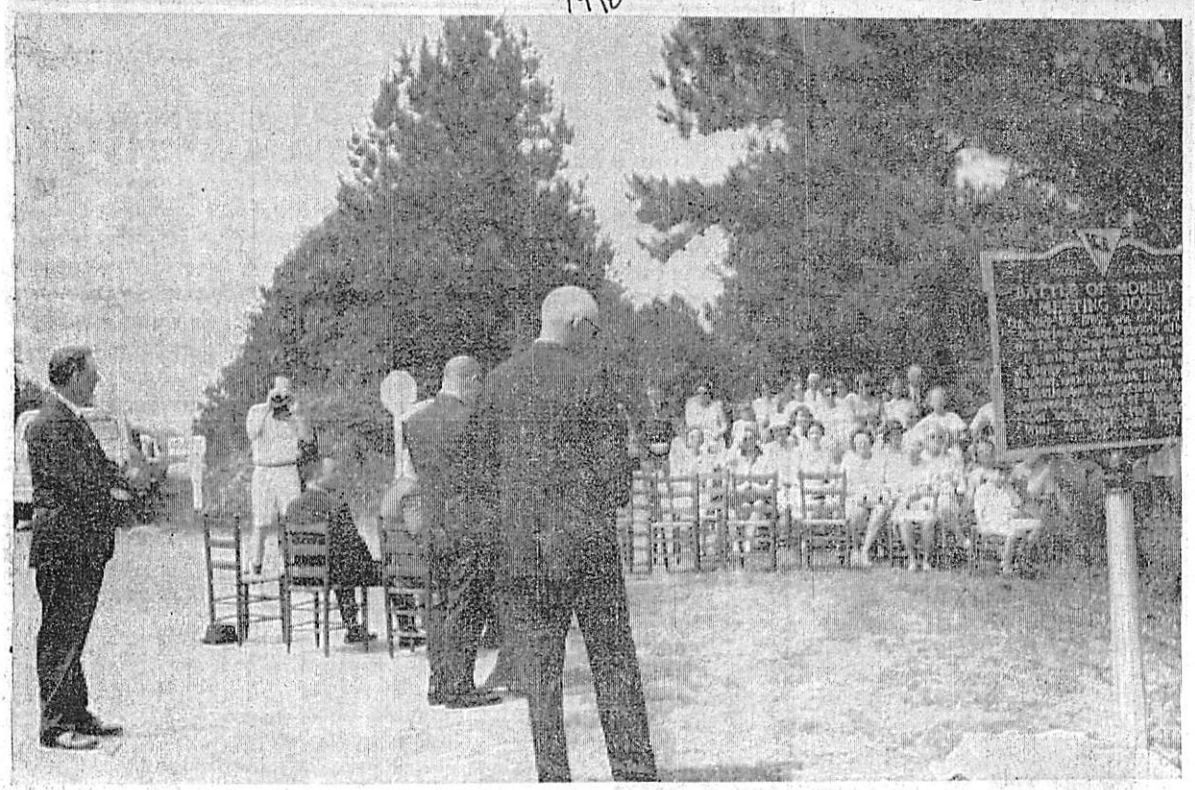


On May 24, a marker was dedicated near the scene of the Battle of Mobley's Meeting House. Ben F. Hornsby, president of the Fairfield County Historical Society, was master of ceremonies for the occasion.

The Rev. Robert E. Smith, pastor of Sion Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation, and a cordial welcome was extended by Claude Ragsdale, III.

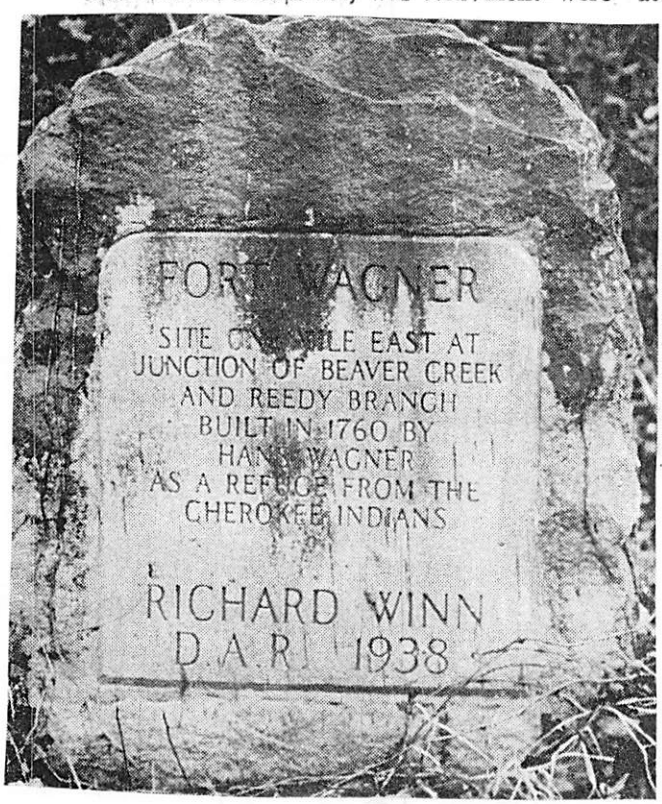
The significance of the marker, and what it stands for, was told by George R. Lauderdale, Jr.

Sam P. Bolick unveiled the marker, which is inscribed as follows:

"BATTLE OF MOBLEY'S MEETING HOUSE — On May 26, 1780, one of the first victories for the Patriots after the fall of Charleston took place 1½ miles east on Little River. A body of Tories gathering at a Baptist meeting house in Mobley's settlement were attacked and dispersed by a band of Whigs under Col. Wm. Bratton, Maj. Richard Winn, and Capt. John McClure."

Mr. Ragsdale responded after the unveiling. Dr. Thomas D. Clark of Indianapolis, Ind., and Blair remarked that the winning of this battle by the patriots was very encouraging to them, as they had suffered many defeats since the seige of Charleston.

The ceremony was closed with a prayer of dedication and benediction by the Rev. Mr. Smith.



OLD FORT — This granite marker on Hwy. 215 near Beaver Creek was erected by the Richard Winn chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1938. It points out the site of Fort Wagner, built in 1760 by Hans Wagner, to serve as a refuge from the Cherokee Indians. The News and Herald has been unable to locate further information on the old fort, and wonders if anyone knows the history of Fort Wagner. (Photo by Dennis Marthers)

Fort Wagner In Fairfield Marked By DAR Chapter

Photo and Story Courtesy of The State

Appearing above is the handsome granite stone, marking the site of Fort Wagner in Fairfield county, which was recently unveiled by the Richard Winn chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Standing by the tablet are Isabel Wright and Henrietta Rossom, who did the unveiling at the impressive ceremony. Both are direct descendants of Hans Wagner, who built the fort in 1760 as a refuge from the Cherokee Indians.

At the side of the fort, a small stone was placed, and on highway 215 near the site, a large stone was erected.

Taking part in the exercises, presided over by the chapter regent, Mrs. J. T. McBryde, were the descendants of Hans Wagner, who built the fort in 1760.

The salute to the flag and the pledge of allegiance were led by Mrs. H. G. Wright. Following assembly singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the invocation, the regent made the dedication speech as the stone was slowly unveiled by Isabel Wright and Henrietta Rosson. Mrs. B. H. Rosson gave the tribute to Hans Wagner. A poem, "Pioneers," was contributed by Miss Edith Wright and Mrs. J. R. Shelton placed the laurel wreath. The singing of "America," the benediction by the chaplain, Mrs. Arthur Maybin, and the retirement of the colors brought to a close an event of importance in the history of the Richard Winn chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for plans for placing this marker had been in the making several years.

The marker bears the following inscription: "Fort Wagner, Site One Mile East at Junction of Beaver Creek and Reedy Branch. Built in 1760 by Hans Wagner as a refuge from the Cherokee Indians. Erected by Richard Winn Chapter, D. A. R. 1938."

Prior to the unveiling of the tablet, the Richard Winn chapter held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Gus McMeekin at Monticello. After the meeting, Mrs. McMeekin was hostess at a lovely luncheon for the chapter members and their guests.

Quoting from Mills' Statistics: "Fort Wagoner (sic) was erected during the Cherokee war of 1760 on Beaver creek six miles from its mouth. Into this, the poor scattered inhabitants flocked and received its protection until the end of the war."

When the Moberlys (now spelled Mobley) emmigrated from Maryland between the years 1758 and 1760, to South Carolina, en route through North Carolina near Yadkin river, the caravan was joined by one Jans Wagner, a Hollander, and his family, who at that time consisted of himself and several daughters.

When they reached South Carolina the Moberlys settled on Poplar Ridge on the east side of Beaver creek in the western part of Fairfield county Jans Wagner and his family of girls settled about where Reedy branch empties into Beaver creek.

(As referred to in Mills Statistics) Because of the frequent incursion by the Indians it became necessary to construct forts for the protection of the settlers against the enemy's raids and among the chain erected, Fort Wagoner, built by Jans Wagner for the better security of his family, was the first to be constructed; and here in this strong loghewn blockhouse the neighbors for miles around would gather for safety."

There was also a controversy with the Hamptons who claimed this land and as a consequence the Moberlys moved farther east in the county, Jans Wagner and his girls, though, continued to be troubled by the Hamptons, but being protected by the fort, held onto the property till the grant was confirmed.

As noted, the Mobleys had moved farther east and at this new location built another fort. Mary Wagner, daughter of Hans Wagner, married Samuel Mobley and by this marriage Hans Wagner became the ancestor of many prominent families in the state."

Among the many claims Hans Wagner has for remembrance is that tradition says that he furnished two bales of that historic shipment of six bales of cotton to England. This is not verified, for the authorities questioned whether the colonies could produce that much. However, be this true or not, Wagner truly exemplified the spirit of a courageous pioneer and patriot.

Dr. Buchanan Delivers Address

Marker is Dedicated to Thomas Woodward the Regulator

1970

Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr., addresses a group assembled for the unveiling of a marker to Thomas Woodward, the Regulator, at the Woodward Cemetery near Rockton. Seated on the right are members of the Children of the American Revolution (C. A. R.), who took part in the ceremony.

The marker, which was dedicated on Wednesday, May 27, was erected by the Fairfield Historical Society.

Miss Elinor Wylie led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. M. W. Patrick, regent of the Thomas Woodward, the Regulator chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, welcomed the guests, and the Rev. Robert E. Smith gave the invocation.

Dr. Buchanan, a descendant of Thomas Woodward, compared the troubles and distress of the early pioneers before the revolution to the troubles of today, and said that out of those early times there emerged a leader. This man, Thomas Woodward, was a Virginian by birth, whose ancestor came to America in 1634 with Lord Baltimore.

The speaker said that Woodward served in the French and Indian War as a captain under Major George Washington, and was at Braddock's defeat commanding a rear guard of the retreating British army. Dr. Buchanan said that Woodward's most valuable service to South Carolina was as the leader of a Regulator movement that established circuit courts and brought law and to this part of the state. During the Revolutionary War he served as captain in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment. In 1775, he was elected to the First Provincial Congress. He was a charter member of the Mount Zion Society.

Dr. Buchanan ended his remarks by quoting "The Lonely Plough," by Constance Harris. "We drive our furrows single-handed out of the dark into the dark. It's always one man's hand on the lonely plough."

Miss Elinor Wylie, C. A. R. leader, and four descendants of Thomas Woodward, Misses Josie Lyles, Lucy Coleman and Joan Boys, and John C. Buchanan, IV, unveiled the marker, assisted by C. A. R. members Misses Linda Bolick, Trev Williams and Anne Perry Stephenson.

Mrs. M. W. Patrick gave the response, followed by the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

The unveiling committee was composed of Mrs. M. W. Patrick, Mrs. Lindsay Wylie and Mrs. F. M. Sanborn. Mrs. Sanborn conducted research for the marker.

HISTORICAL PLACES WILL BE MARKED

3/26/1936

Local Committee To Have A Meeting Monday To Make Final Decisions On The Fairfield Markers.

Miss Nora M. Davis, in charge of a state project to mark the historical spots in South Carolina has requested the committee in Fairfield to publish in your paper the spots we are determined to mark.

Our committee had a meeting Friday in the town hall, Winnsboro and I, as secretary, was directed to give the spots selected, which are as follows:

1. The First Settlement—Located at the mouth of Beaver Creek, on Broad River. Home of the Lyles, John and Ephraim Lyles. (Mills Statistics.)
2. Home site of Phillip Pearson, where Col. William Washington's army was fed for one week and furnished with rations and his horses with provisions, free of charge. —(Pearson's History. S. C.)
3. The First home of the Winns. The old Dr. Turner place, now known as the Mose Clark place.
4. Home site of James McCreight. (Minutes of Mt. Zion Society.)
5. Brick Church— West bank of Little River.
6. Howell's Cow Pen at Winns Bridge, known later as Bell's Bridge. (Logan's History, South Carolina.)
7. Mobley Meeting House. (Ellets Women of the Revolution.)
8. Dutchman's Creek. Engagement of New York Tories against Patriots. (History South Carolina in Revolution, The Royal Gazette.)
9. General Green's camp, north of Winnsboro. (Located by Col. R. H. McMaster in his writings.)
10. Fort Wagner, headwaters Beaver Creek. (Mills Statistics.)
11. Grove Thomas Woodward, The Regulator. On U. S. 21, three miles south of Winnsboro.
12. Headquarters of Cornwallis. Mt. Zion Institute.
13. Gin House, south of Winnsboro, where John and Richard Winn were arrested in an attempt to capture Cornwallis.
14. The Williamson house, Simpson, South Carolina.
15. Old Furman University buildings on road from Winnsboro to Jenkinsville.
16. Kincaid house, remodeled, owned and occupied by Dan Heyward.
17. Site of Broad River Academy. Located at Willie Yarborough's. (Statute at Large, South Carolina.)
18. Means Grave Yard.
19. Jefferson Institute for sodding.

Fifteen gullies with a drainage Boys. Past Oaks at site on S 215 near Monticello, S. C.

20. Kilpatricks headquarters, 1 mile south of Jenkinsville on S. 215.
21. Kilpatrick's headquarters S. V. Robinson's home, S 215, Monticello, S. C.
22. Rock Creek Baptist church.
23. Feasterville Boarding House School, and Universalist church.
24. Birthplace of Dr. James H. Carlisle. Across from A. R. P. church, Winnsboro, S. C.
25. St. Johns Episcopal church, burnt by Sherman.
26. Home of Reubin Harrison, Revolutionary Patriot, 6 miles East of Ridgeway.
27. Residence of Roy Robinson, site of home of Revolutionary patriot, Capt. John Buchanan.

MRS. H. A. McMEEKIN,
Secretary.

AN INTERESTING LANDMARK.

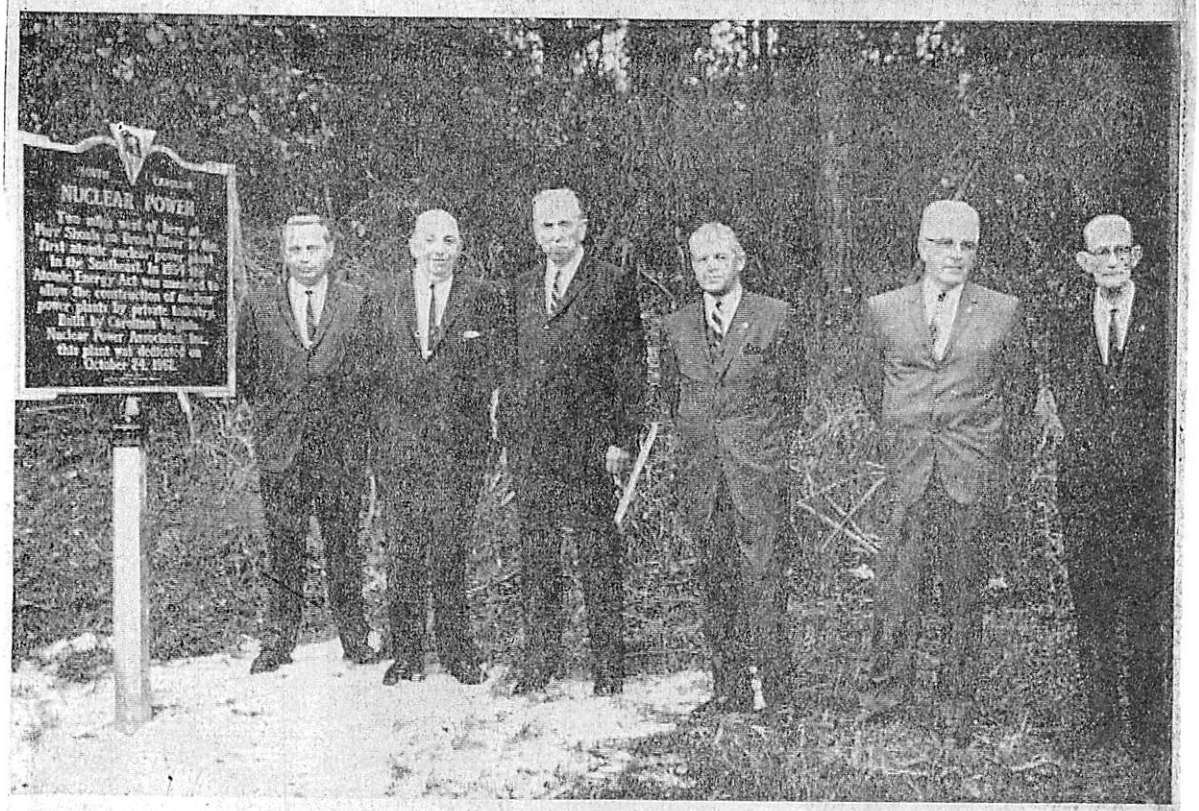
The masons of Monticello are erecting a new two story building, the upper story to be used for the lodge, and the lower for a store. This building is located on the site, originally occupied by the old "Jeffersonian Institute", which was destroyed by fire during Sherman's raid. The land for this institution was donated by Mrs. Philip P. Pearson, and the building was erected in 1801. Thomas Jefferson gave a hundred dollars to its construction, an the town of Monticello was thereupon named for his private residence near Charlottesville, Virginia. The School enjoyed some celebrity in the early days of the county. Here Chancellor Harper is said to have pursued his studies under the first principal, the Rev. John Rogers, walking six miles every day. The late ex-Governor Means and other leading citizens of the county also attended the school. It was used as a female seminary first prior to and during the war. 2/13/1877

Lindsay Memorial at Winnsboro Mills

6/23/1949

Mrs. Eunice Dean (left) and Dudley Pate (right), Lindsay Memorial Employee Committee, inspect the handsome monument which was recently erected in memory of Dr. Lindsay, beloved Fairfield county physician.

The Fairfield County Historical Society Is One of Its Kind in State; Active in Tricentennial Events



Pictured here, as the historical marker to the Parr Nuclear Power plant was dedicated, are Harold Babb, plant manager; S. C. McMeekin, a Fairfield native who is chairman of the board, S. C. Electric and Gas Company; S. R. McMaster, a former director; Arthur Williams, the present president of the company; W. W. Lewis, chairman of the Alcoholic Division, S. C. Tax Commission, and W. B. Patrick, chairman of the Fairfield county Tricentennial committee.

The Fairfield County Historical Society is one of the largest associations of its kind in the state. Its membership exceeds 500. Its interests are broad, covering very recent history as well as events of the distant past.

Originally organized in 1949 for the purpose of promoting the historical pageant, "Our Heritage," its activities ceased immediately thereafter and were not renewed until 1964. At that time it was reorganized with William Banks Patrick as president, Dr. J. C. Buchanan, Jr., vice-president and Miss Zelma Brice, secretary-treasurer. Since then, meetings of the membership have been held annually, each featuring a guest speaker. At the 1969 meeting, the Governor of South Carolina, the Honorable Robert McNair, was speaker. At another meeting, the speaker was state archivist, Charles Lee, whose subject was the importance of authenticating historical data.

The Society has erected several historical markers and plaques in the county. The locations of these include the birthplaces of Dr. James H. Carlisle and the Rev. William Porcher Dubose, the Kincaid-Anderson home and the Nuclear Power Plant of South Carolinan Electric and Gas Company at Parr. Also dedicated were markers for the Town of Winnsboro, Fairfield County and the Robert Mills designed courthouse. Two additional markers, one of Thomas Woodward, the Regulator, and one at Mobley Meeting House, sites of a Revolutionary War Skirmish, were errected and dedicated recently. Previously, the County Chamber of Commerce had put markers at Ridgeway's Century House and at the Old Brick Church (Ebenezer A. R. Presbyterian). Markers for Mt. Zion Institute and Feasterville Academy are planned during the State's Tricentennial year.

A museum of historic relics was established in 1965 in the Mt. Zion Office Building. The collection fills four large rooms. One of the town's oldest buildings, known as the Ketchin Building, has been donated to Fairfield County by Mrs. Paul Wilburn and Mrs. Francis Owings, Winnsboro natives now living in Union. This handsome building of the Federal period is being restored by the Historical Society. Upon completion, the museum will be moved into it. It will also be used to house a display of art.

A brochure of historic buildings and homes in Winnsboro has been printed and another was compiled to cover similar points of interest in the county. These are for distribution to tourists and visitors.

A tour of historic homes and buildings was sponsored by the Society in May 1969. A similar tour is planned in connection with the Tricentennial celebration.

Miss Margaret Ruff is now president of the Fairfield Historical Society. She served for a number of years as secretary.

Cathcart-Ketchin house marker unveiled

The history of the Cathcart-Ketchin house reflects an interesting segment of the last 150 years of life in Winnsboro. Sunday a marker was dedicated to commenate this particular structure and the unique individuals who have lived there.

Richard Cathcart purchased lot #53 in the Town of Winnsboro from John McMaster in January of 1829. It is thought that very shortly thereafter, Mr. Cathcart built on the property the large, three-story, federal style house which still stands today. This house, known as the CATHCART-KETCHIN HOUSE, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 and now houses the Fairfield County Museum.

Over the years the CATHCART-KETCHIN HOUSE has had many owners and occupants. In March of 1852 the property was sold by Richard Cathcart to George W. Ladd. Mr. Ladd, a native of New Hampshire, had moved South after serving for ten years as a seaman and then studying the art of portrait painting under Samuel F. B. Morse in Boston. In 1828 he met and married Catharine Stratton of Richmon, Virginia. She had been educated in the Richmond's finest schools and during her childhood was said to have been a playmate of Edgar Allen Poe. Shortly after their marriage the Ladds headed for Charleston and then for Georgia, spending the majority of their first dozen years together in Augusta and Macon. While in Macon, Mrs. Ladd was principal of the Vineville Academy thereby beginning along and distinguished career as an educator

Reports differ slightly as to the date of the Ladds arrival in Fairfield. Fitz Hugh McMaster's, History of Fairfield County, quotes Mrs. B.H. (Etta) Rossen, Jr. of Shelton as stating that Mr. Ladd, accompanied by Mrs. Ladd, came to Shelton to paint a portrait of her ancestor John Feaster. Mrs. Ladd is said to have promised Mr. Feaster that she would teach in a school there, if Mr. Feaster would build one. According to Mrs. Rossen, Mrs. Ladd subsequently served as the first teacher of the Feasterville Academy. Mr. McMaster wasn't sure of Mrs. Ladd's exact connection with the Feasterville Academy, but felt that there was one at some time. He cites as further proff the fact that Mrs. Mary Faucette's mother, Mrs. J.A.F. Coleman, often said that she had boarded with Mrs. Ladd at the Boarding House when she attended the Academy in 1848.

Marker unveiling

A marker commemorating the history of the Cathcart-Ketchin House was unveiled by a descendent of Catharine Ladd, Catharine Fee, in ceremonies Sunday in front of the house, which now houses the Fairfield County Museum. About 75 persons were gathered for the ceremony.

Anne King Gregorie in her brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Ladd in the Dictionary of American Biography makes no mention of the Feasterville connection. She writes that Mrs. Ladd heard of a building constructed for a female school in Winnsboro which had never been opened. According to Ms. Gregorie, the Ladd family soon afterwards moved to Winnsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Ladd opened a girl's boarding school on January 1, 1840. Mrs. Ladd served as the principal of the boarding school until it was forced to close during the War Between the States. However, it seems very doubtful that the Ladds' moved to Fairfield as early as January 1, 1840. They are not included in the Census of 1840 as living in Fairfield District.

The Census of 1850 does, however, list both Mr. and Mrs. Ladd as teachers in the Town of Winnsboro. After the purchase of the CATHCART-KETCHIN HOUSE in 1852, the Ladds' operated their school out of this building and two adjoining structures until December 1862. As many as 100 girls from across South Carolina were enrolled at one time at the school.

Mrs. Ladd was well known for her many talents. She not only taught music, drawing and dancing, and wrote essays, poetry and plays, but was also active in civic affairs. At one time she was said to be a regular contributor to the Charleston News and Courier. She often wrote under such pseudonyms as Minnie Mayflower, Arcturus, Alida, and Morna. Mrs. Ladd's plays, written with encouragement of friends and often performed by them, were very popular. Two of these plays the "Grand Scheme" and

"Honeymoon" were particularly well received. It is said that Mrs. Ladd's poems were characterized by religious feeling and love of nature.

During the War Between the States, Mrs. Ladd served as the permanent president of the Ladies' Relief Society of Fairfield. She is also said to have submitted a design for the first Confederate flag. One son, Albert Washington Ladd, was wounded during the war. Her husband died on July 14, 1864. The following year the Ladd home was burned by Gen. Sherman's raiders and the family lost all of their personal possessions including Mrs. Ladd's literary labor of thirty years. However, she was able with the assistance of a Union officer to save the masonic jewels in the structure next to their home.

After the war, Mrs. Ladd reopened the Winnsboro Female Institute for a number of years. In 1867 it was located in a structure known as the Bank Range. She continued to be active in planning and devising dramatic and musical entertainments for the community.

One of her pupils, according to Ms. Gregorie, described Mrs. Ladd as "a little bit of a woman, very jolly, with pretty curls." A contemporary account of Mrs. Ladd stated that she dressed to suit herself, never caring about the latest fashions, ignoring hoops, and wearing her hair short.

Mrs. Ladd retired from teaching in 1880 and went to live on Buena Vista Plantation near Buckhead, where she spent much of her time working in her garden. Becoming totally blind in 1891, she continued to write. The following is one of her last poems, written in 1898. It appeared in The State newspaper:

Though our way be dark and dreary,
Though life's trials press us sore,
Thou has mansions for us ready,
Homes where troubles come no more,
O, my Saviour, guide me, watch me,
Lead me by Thy loving hand:
Let me feel that Thou art near me,
Until I reach the Promised land.
When the shades of eve are closing,
And the hour of death draws near.
Let me feel Thy arms around me,
I will cross without a fear.
By faith I'll see my home of rest,
In that glorious land afar;
I will hear the angels singing,
"Come! the gates of heaven ajar."

Mrs. Ladd died in January of 1899 at Buena Vista and was buried in the nearby Salem Presbyterian Churchyard. She had been an Episcopalian.

The Ladds were residents of the CATHCART-KETCHIN HOUSE for only ten years. It was sold in December 1862 by George W. Ladd to Martha Egleston of Charleston, with Phillip E. Porcher acting as Trustee. Eight years later the house was sold by Maria Porcher to Priscillar Ketchin, widow of Robert Ketchin, a dry goods merchant, and remained in the Ketchin family until 1938. Mrs. Ketchin lived in the building until her death in 1911. Thereafter, the structure was used as rental property and was lived in by several families, it later became a public school and then a boarding house and restaurant.

In 1938, John W. Cathcart purchased the property and in 1969 it was given to the county by Mr. Cathcart's daughters, Mrs. Ella C. Wilburn and Mrs. Carrie C. Owings as a memorial to their parents and with the stipulation that the building would be restored and used as a public building. For the past four-and-a-half years it has housed the Fairfield County Museum.

Mrs. Catharine Ladd

This Photograph of Mrs. Catharine Ladd was taken in her later years and appeared in the May 25, 1910 issue of The News and Herald. The original photograph is at the South Carolianiana Library at the University of South Carolina.

Woodlands Contain Silent Reminders of Yesteryear

By Faye Johnson

Scattered throughout Fairfield County are silent and often forgotten reminders of the people who lived and died here in earlier days. Some are family cemeteries, some are the burial plots of churches long since vanished. Many of these resting places are in hard-to-reach places, where one may reach them only on foot.

Located in the woods about a mile off Hwy. 200 approximately five miles from Winnsboro, is such a graveyard. There may at one time have been a church nearby; the variety of names seems to preclude this being a family cemetery.

The oldest tombstone still standing and legible bears a birthdate of 1797; one nearby marks the grave of David Weir, 1798-1854. There is also a grave for Eliza Weir, dated 1811.

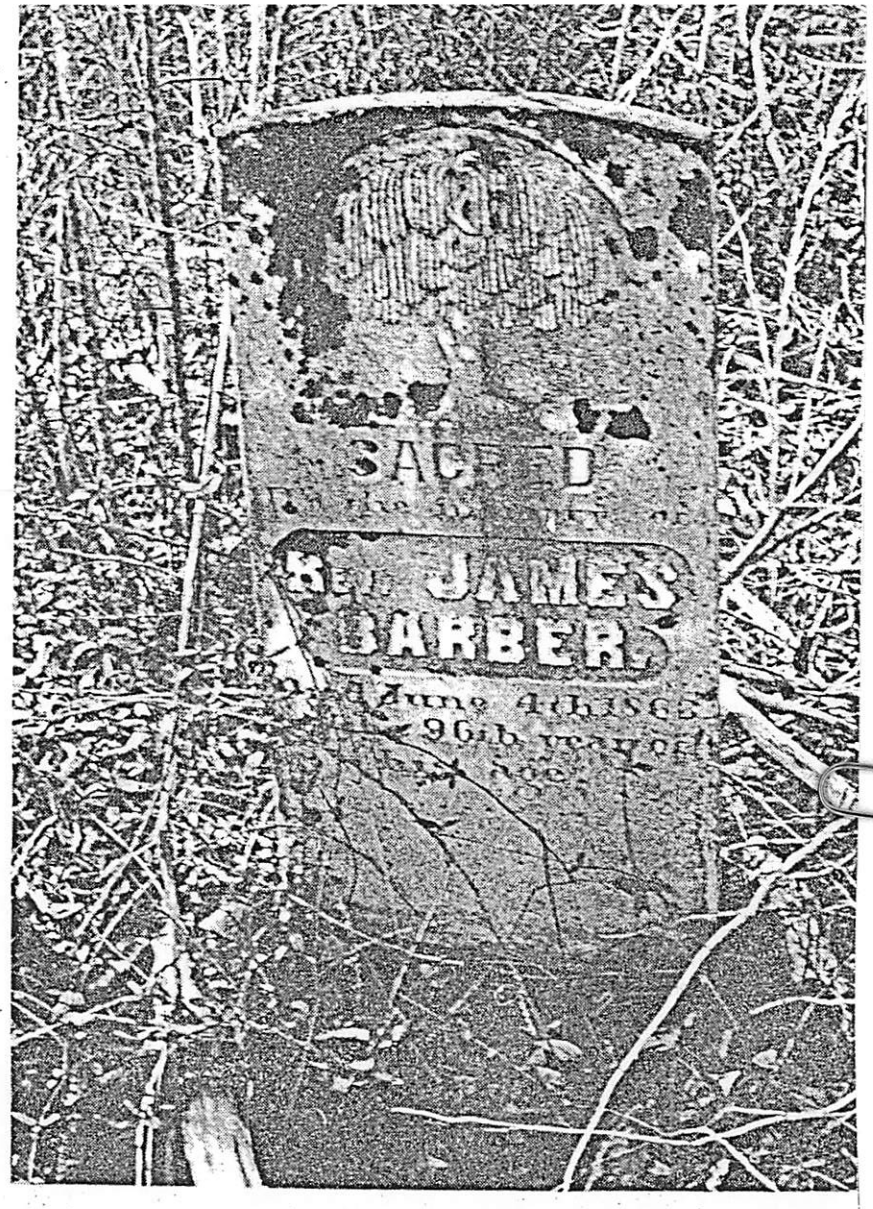
Old gravestones often tell a story of family tragedy and suffering. Lined up beside the graves of Thomas Wade Rawls (1834-1900) and his wife, Nancy Gunning Rawls (1836-1905) are the graves of their children; John Smith Rawls, who died as an infant in 1860; Elizabeth Utah Rawls, who died at age two years, nine months and seven days on July 25, 1868; and Eliza Jane Rawls, who didn't make it to her twentieth birthday. She was born February, 1862 and died January 18, 1882. There is a space between the graves of John Smith and Elizabeth Utah which could be the grave of still another child.

One son and two daughters were taken in their infancy from Hugh and Jane Mulvenna, and their tiny graves are placed near those of their parents. Dates on Hugh Mulvenna's grave are 11-29-1842 to 12-19-1891.

Located a few miles from this first woodland plot is another, this one the final resting place of members of the family of Rev. James Barber. There are only three tombstones standing, although there is a depression which could be another grave. All three stones are alike, with a Tree of Life engraved at the top.

Rev. James Barber died June 4, 1868, at the age of 96, which puts his birthdate in 1772, before the American Revolution! His wife, Jane, died in 1841, at the age of 61. Their son, (we presume) Robert J. Barber, was born January 1, 1815, and died October 14, 1866, at age 51.

One of our hunter friends says that several years ago the remains of a homestead could be seen not far from this small plot.



Forgotten Tombstone

Only an occasional hunter or forester comes across the final resting place of the Rev. James Barber, who was born in the year 1772. Dennis Marthers recently led a trek to a couple of woodland burial plots in Fairfield. (Independent photo)

Old Cemeteries Hold History

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Mrs. T. LeRoy McMeekin, a member of the Fairfield Garden Club.)

History may be recorded in strange places. The development of the United States has been rapid for a new nation. We have come from foot paths and wagon roads to jet airports in a relatively short period.

We should not lose sight of our frontier forefathers in the rapid changes. It would be worthwhile to make notes of family dates on tombstones in old field cemeteries and deposit the information in a public library or museum. These sources of information are fast being neglected and forgotten. They contain accurate information of the existence of families.

Prior to about 1860, county or family cemeteries were in common use for a variety of reasons. There is coninued interest in these old field cemeteries, though many of them are completely neglected. It is common for individuals from other Southern states as Louisiana, Texas or Arkansas to search for monuments and records of their ancestors in Fairfield County.

Also, there is considerable interest in these cemeteries locally. Mrs. E. D. Whaley has recently published a large book on the cemeteries of Union County, listing the information from monuments in 129 cemeteries and showing the location of each cemetery on a map of Union County. Many of the cemeteries listed are family cemeteries. Mrs. Louise Kelley Crowder has compiled tombstone records of Chester and Fairfield counties in a book that is the Fairfield County Library. Personal collections of Fairfield County tombstone book on the cemeteries of records have been made by the late Mrs. Cleo Clowney Hall and also by Bill Wall of the Columbia Post Office.

The Gibson family cemetery is typical of country cemeteries. It is located in Fairfield County about five miles southeast of Jenkinsville on Hwy 294. Some of the many descendents of Jacob Gibson, Sr., who came to Fairfield in 1762, are buried in this cemetery.

According to Mills' Atlas, written thirty years after Jacob Gibson's death, "he spent forty years of his life to the propagation of the gospel and sowing the seeds of literature and refinement in a scarcely civilized settlement." The Gibson meeting house, which he founded, was a forerunner of the present Little River Baptist Church.

The monuments in the Gibson cemetery are largely those of the close relatives of Stephen Gibson Jr. (1800 - 1889). The cemetery is across the road from where Stephen Gibson's house stood. It occupies about one half acre and contains twenty - two rather impressive monuments of the heavy marble box - type, two eight - foot tall monuments, and three modest granite markers as well as a number of unmarked graves. Most of the deaths recorded on the monuments were during the period of 11840 to 1860, which was at the peak of southern culture, slavery and cotton production. It was also, perhaps, a time of malaria, tuberculosis and typhoid fever. Of the ten chiildren of Stephen Gibson, Jr., and his wife Nancy, only four reached maturity. This is in sharp contrast with previous Gibson generations who lived in the same area. Stephen Gibson, Sr., had thirteen children to reach maturity, as compared to his father, Jacob Gibson, Sr., who saw ten children become adults.

One of the unique monuments in this cemetery in a tall marble one placed there by Stephen Gibson, Jr., inscribed, "To my mother, Martha Pope Gibson, daughter of Barnaby Pope," dated fifty-four years after her death. Barnaby Pop was a famous Regulator and lieutenant in the Revoluntionary War. This inscription on the monument has been used by some of the descendants of Stephen Gibson to gain admission into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Gibson cemetery today is shaded by cedars and has a ground cover of vinca minox, common to old cemeteries. Over the years the McMeekin family, descendents of the Gibsons, have occasionally removed the vegetation from the cemetery. During the past ten years, the cemetery has been cleared systematically by mowing and cutting. It has reached a state where the shade from the cedars and vinca prevent undersirable growth. The marble monuments were cleaned with bleach and by scrubbing with a wire brush.