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On Mills Map for Fairfield County (1820- improved 1825), Broom's Mill is shown on Big Cedar Creek a short distance above Kirkland's Mill and the old William Kirkland Home. The Broom home is shown on this map on the road to Winnsborough (sic) about midway between Little and Big Cedar Creeks.

Charles Broom received a precept for 550 acres of land from John Bremer, Esq., S.G., on March 2, 1773. He had 400 acres of land laid out for him on Second Creek in the forks of Broad and Saludy(sic) Rivers. The remaining 150 acres of land was laid out for him on Little Cedar Creek: bound northwest on Thomas Hathcock; northeast on James Addes' land; southeast on James Alston's land; southwest on Thomas Frankland's land. Both plats were certified by John Alston, D.S., on March 10, 1773. ⁶⁰

We do not know if Charles Broom ever lived in Fairfield County, but he had a son William who did and who was the progenitor of a large family. The 1790 census for Fairfield showed William Broom to have two white, free males over sixteen years, three under sixteen, and five white, free females in his household

WILLIAM BROOM, son of Charles Broom, had 76 acres of land surveyed for him on a branch of Little Cedar Creek by John Winn, D.S., on January 14, 1785: bound by the lands of William Kirkland, Henry Hampton and William B--? . Samuel Alston, D.S., certified a plat for 266 acres of land for William Broom, Fairfield District; Little Cedar Creek, on August 14, 1800: bound north by the land of Hardy Miles; east by Christian Trout and Compty land;

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southeast by the land of William Broom; and west by land of Jesse Hendr
 The road from Winnsboro to Columbia (Old Winnsborough Road) ran along th
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 eastern border of this land.

In addition to the land granted William Broom, he purchased a
 number of tracts of land. William Griffin, Taylor (sic) of Christ Church
 Parish, Berkeley County, sold William Broom, planter Fairfield County,
 Camden District, 150 acres of land on Ceader(sic) Creek for 22 pounds,
 lawful money. This land was bound on all sides by vacant land at the
 time of the original survey for Thomas Nightingale, who in turn transferred
 the land to William Griffin. The deed dated January 19, 1790, was witness
 by Nathaniel Huggins and Elisha Haigwood. Mary Griffin signed the release
 her dowry rights. Henry McGowan, Richland District, sold William Broom,
 Fairfield District, 150 acres of land on Cedar Creek: bound southwest on
 lands now held by James Hart; northwest on land granted to George Rimes
 and now held by William O'Neal, and by land granted Thomas Nightingale
 and now held by William Broom; east and south on land granted John and
 Minor Winn but now part of the estate of John Compty. Included in this
 land transaction was 50 acres on Little Cedar Creek: bound to the west on
 the above named tract and on the southeast by the lands of John Compty.
 Thomas Robinson sold William Broom two tract of land for \$250 on
 December 3, 1804, made up out of: a) 98 acres out of 300 acres granted
 Isaac Hatchcock on December 24, 1772, and bordering on Nighton's
 (Nightingale?) cowpens. This land had been conveyed to Stephen Smith by

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Isaac Haithcock on January 10, 1777, and by Stephen Smith conveyed to Thomas Robinson on June 10, 1792. b) the second tract was for 12 adjoining acres that had been granted Thomas Robinson on January 6, 1792. Charles Broom and Jesse Hendricks witnessed the deed, and Sarah, wife of Thomas Robinson, signed a release of her dowry rights. William O'Neal, planter of Fairfield District, sold William Broom two tracts of land on January 12, 1807. The first tract of 100 acres on Cedar Creek was bounded to the south on the land of James Addrey; northwest on Stephen Smith. This land had been originally granted to George Raines on April 3, 1772. The second tract of 104 acres was part of 300 acres originally granted to Isaac Hathcock on December 24, 1772. The 104 acres of land was conveyed by Isaac Hathcock to John Martin on August 1, 1777, and by him to James Hart on August 19, 1783, and by James Hart to William O'Neal on December 10, 1783. Elizabeth, wife of William O'Neal, signed the release of her dowry rights on January 12, 1807. Charles Broom and Robert McCullough witnessed the deed.

The Tax Returns for Fairfield District, 1822, showed William Broom as owner of 2078 acres of land and ten slaves.⁶³

William Broom died sometime between the making of his will on August 26, 1826, and the date of its proving on June 17, 1828 - probably in the spring of 1828. To his son Charles, he left a Negro girl named Aggy and a Negro boy named Ned, and 250 acres of land adjoining Charles' own land.

62- F.D.B., Bk D, P.33; Bk O, P.115; Bk P, P.83; Bk Q, P.361.

63- Returns of Taxable Property in Fairfield and Other Districts, 1822, U.S. Dept. Archives and History.

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To his grandson William (P) Broom, son of his son Charles, he left 103 acres of land; to his daughter Elizabeth Long, he left 133 acres of land and a second tract of 88 acres; to his daughter Priscilla Stanton, he left 190 acres of land and a Negro girl named Jemima, and the land to go to her children William and Elizabeth Stanton after her death; to his son John, he left 211 acres of land and a Negro boy named Bob; to his son Matthew, he left five hogs, a Negro named Daniel, and 154 acres of land; to his daughter Mary Mounce (Monts?) he left a riding mare, a Negro girl named Mary, and 331 acres of land; to his granddaughter Jane Mounce, he left a boy colt; to his granddaughter Leonary and grandson William, daughter and son of his daughter Rachel Broom, he left a Negro girl Susannah, three head of cattle and 202 acres of land; to his wife Amy, he left four slaves, all residual livestock, the household and kitchen furniture, His wife's sister Jamima Bell to continue to have a residence in his home as she has had since her return from the "West Country". His son Luke (Lucas A.) to have the home place of 482 acres, some livestock, and the growing crop. He is to look after his mother and Mrs. Bell. William J. Alston, Jesse R. Taylor and J. Erskine witnessed the will. His sons Charles and Matthew Broom were named his executors.

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Charles Broom, son of William Broom, did not have any land according to the tax returns for Fairfield District for 1822, but did have seven slaves. He did inherit 210 acres of land from his father in 1828, and on July 1, 1828, he bought 53 3/4 acres of land from his brother Matthew for \$315. This land was part of 100 acres of land that had been granted to

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George Raines on April 3, 1772, and was part of the land left Matthew Broom by his father. Charles Broom bought the David Long home place of 150 acres of land for \$22.43 at a sheriff's sale on June 6, 1829. Martha, wife of David Long signed the release of her dowry rights. John Broom, Covington County, Mississippi, sold his brother Charles 119 acres of land for \$425 on October 26, 1831. The land was made up in part out of 100 acres granted George Raines on April 3, 1772, part of 150 acres granted William Kirkland in 1774, and part of 3800 acres granted John and Minor Winn. The land lay on Little Cedar Creek. Matthew Broom sold his brother Charles 123 acres of land for \$1015 on January 11, 1833. This land was bought by Matthew Broom from David Long on November 14, 1827, and was the land that the elder William Broom had willed his daughter Elizabeth Long. Charles Broom sold the 150 acres David Long home place to Henry McIntire on February 11, 1833, for \$375. This tract of 150 acres was made up out of 100 acres of land originally granted to Martha Bell, resurveyed to show 137 acres, and conveyed by her and her husband to James Craig on June 1, 1778, and by James Craig to Thomas Hendrix on August 5, 1790, and by Thomas Hendrix to Elisha Haigood on October 7 1809, and by Elisha Haigood to Leonard Sites on January 27, 1826, and by Leonard Sites to David Long on November 12, 1827. Thirteen acres came out of the grant to Isaac Porcher on Cedar Creek. As above mentioned, the 150 acres tract was bought by Charles Broom on June 6, 1829, at a sheriff's sale. Dorcas, wife of Charles Broom, signed a release of her dowry rights. On this same day, February 11, 1833, Henry McIntire gave Charles Broom a mortgage on the land for the \$335 purchase price. The mortgage was not paid and, instead,

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Henry McIntire sold the land to Daniel Lavender. On May 19, 1835, all parties agreed that the best way to settle the matter was to have a sheriff's sale. William P. Broom sold his father Charles, the 103 acres of land that his grandfather William had left him for \$300 in December 1834. This land came out of the 3800 acres of land granted John and Minor Winn on May 10, 1786. Charles Broom, on January 31, 1838, sold Henry Haigood 35½ acres of land on Little Cedar Creek for \$528.75: bound on the north by Henry Haigood; east and south by Isaac Arledge's land, now owned by L.A. Broom; south and southeast by the land of Charles Broom. Tobitha Broom, wife of Charles Broom signed her release. ⁶⁵

From the above, it can be seen that Charles Broom came to own much of the land that had belonged to his father William Broom.

I don't know the children of Charles Broom with the exception of his son William P. Broom. On February 11, 1833, Dorcas Broom, wife of Charles, signed her release of dowry rights; On January 31, 1838, Tobitha Broom, wife of Charles, signed the release of her dowry rights. From this, it appears that Charles Broom was married twice.

JOHN BROOM, son of the elder William Broom, inherited 211 acres of land from his father. In addition to this, he had 156 acres of land surveyed for him on Persimmon Fork of Big Cedar Creek on November 4, 1808: bound by the lands of Lewis Haigood, the Waters estate; estate of William Kirkland and by David R. Evans. John Broom bought 150 acres at a sheriff's sale. The land lay on Cedar Creek and was bound by the lands of Anthony Raines, Lewis Haigood. The land had belonged to Aaron Humphrey.

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John Broom sold William Haygood 27 acres of land on Persimmon Fork Branch, Big Cedar Creek, for \$50 on December 12, 1812: bound by the lands of Lewis Haygood and Jacob Blizzard. In 1836, John Broom sold Anthony Raines 140 acres of land on Cedar Creek for \$250. This land was part of 640 acres first granted to James Kelly. William Trapp and John F. Trapp witnessed the sale. John Broom had already moved to Covington County, Mississippi, when he sold 119 acres of land to his brother Charles in October 1831. ⁶⁶

John Broom died in Fairfield County sometime after the making of his will on July 6, 1842. ⁶⁷ To his son William, he left all of the hill tract east of Cedar Creek with one acre to the west of the creek on which stood the grist mill. To his daughter Susannah Johnson, he left the upper half of the hill tract to the west of (Cedar) creek. To his daughter Mary Johnson, he left the lower half of the hill tract west of Cedar Creek and his dwelling house. To his son John, he left the 300 acres where he (John Jr.?) now lives, and called the Waller tract. He is to pay his grandson John Lemon \$200 when he reaches twenty-one years of age. To his grandson John Neely, he left the 128 acres where Richard Neely, his son-in-law and husband of his deceased daughter, now lives. To his grandsons Samuel Johnson and James Alexander Broom, he left small legacies. His sons William and John Broom were made his executors.

A John Broom, probably the son of the above named John Broom and grandson of the elder William Broom, married Margrette Leitner,

66- S.P. Index 2, Vol.41, P.44, 1808. F.D.B. Bk KK, P.439; Bk LL, P.530; Bk. MM, Pp.362, 363.

67-F.P.C. Apt. 41, file 637. There is some confusion here. A John Broom, probably the son of the elder William Broom had moved to Mississippi before 1831.

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the daughter of Jacob and Mary Eve Gradick Leitner. Their children were:

William married Harriet Hood.

Mary married Thomas Broom.

Nancy married Thomas Pulleg.

Richard married Eliza Martin.

Charles died in the Civil War.

Richard Broom, son of John and Margrette Leitner Broom, married Eliza Martin and they had the following children:

Kitty married Jim Broom

John died young.

George-?

Fletcher married Johnie Wooten.

Nona married George Steadman.

Viola married Ed Carter.

Preston married Mary Leitner.

Allen married Ophelia Frick.

Also Walter, Marion and Ernest Broom.

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On the South Carolina secondary road 93, south of Simpsonville, and on the dirt segment of the road near South Carolina Highway 321, is a small inclosed graveyard. In this graveyard is buried:

68- Fannie Lever M.S.

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John B. Broom, January 31, 1831- January 5, 1900.

Mary A. Broom, July 2, 1835- December 9, 1922.

Ella E. Broom. June 21, 1859----?

MATTHEW BROOM, son of the elder William Broom, bought 100 acres of land from Quinton Craig for \$43 on February 26, 1802. This land lay on Sweet Creek not far from Adam Wooten. Thomas and David Long sold Matthew Broom 123 acres of land for \$326 on November 14, 1827. This land had been willed to his daughter Elizabeth Long by the elder William Broom and lay on Little Cedar Creek: bound west and northwest on Archibald Haigood; southwest on David Long; east and southeast on Matthew Broom's land. Matthew Broom sold his brother Charles 53 3/4 acres of land for \$315 on July 1, 1828. He sold his brother Charles a second tract of 123 acres of land for \$1015 on January 11, 1833. This was the land that Matthew Broom had bought from Thomas and David Long.

Very little is known of Matthew Broom. His wife was named Nancy and she signed the release of her dowry right in the land transactions noted above. The 1829 census showed Matthew Broom to have four white persons in his household.

LUCAS A BROOM, affectionately known as "Luke" by his father, the elder William Broom, was probably the elder William Broom's youngest son. As recalled, his father left him the home place of 482 acres and other legacies, and, in return, he was to look after his mother and his aunt

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Mrs. Bell. On June 15, 1835, his mother Naomi (called Amy by his father) deeded him all of her "horned cattle" left her by her husband and all of her other goods. The deed was witnessed by Henry Hagood and Caleb J. Broom. 70

Lucas A. Broom married Charlotte Arledge, daughter of Isaac Arledge. On August 18, 1834, Isaac Arledge conveyed to Lucas A. and Charlotte Arledge Broom, for the sum of \$5, 323 acres of land on Little Cedar Creek to be held in trust for his grandchildren: Mary Broom, Harriet Broom and Phillip Broom. That Charlotte Arledge Broom owned or expected to deal in considerable property transactions is attested to by an agreement drawn up between she and her husband declaring her "a free agent" from March 15, 1833, and that she and her father could make business transactions without any restraint or responsibility of her husband. 71

WILLIAM P. BROOM, son of Charles Broom and grandson of the elder William Broom., was left 103 acres of land by the will of his grandfather. He sold this land to his father, Charles Broom, in December 1834, for \$300. On December 2, 1839, he bought 75 acres of land from Franklin Douglas for \$700. The land was part of an original grant to Isaac Porcher on June 14, 1771. Lucy Douglas signed a release of her dowry rights. Two years later, on September 3, 1841, he sold this land to Lindsey Mc Graw for \$700. His wife Nancy signed a release of her dowry rights. 72

70- F.D.B. Bk MM, P.48.

71- Ibid, Bk LL, P.235; Bk KK, P.436.

72- Ibid, Bk LL, P.471; Bk NN, Pp.220, 525.

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Victor Broom, relationship to the elder William Broome not known but he might have been a son of the elder Charles Broom and a brother of William Broom, the elder. He died in Fairfield county in 1833, and Isaac Arledge and John Broom Sr. were appointed his administrators. The warrant of appraisement was issued to Charles Broom, Henry R. Taylor, John Hinnant, William Strother and Jesse Hendrix on August 17, 1833. By February 13, 1835, his wife Lydia had married Tilman Arledge. James Broom was his only child. He must have been a carpenter or lumberman since much of his estate consisted of "planks".

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Also noted but without genealogy:

Wiley Broom married Nancy Leitner.

Children: Anna, Daniel, Wilbur, Sunie

Alex Broom married Ida Frick, daughter of Rufus and Cornelia Leitner Frick.

Allen Broome(sic) married Ophelia Frick.

Nora Broom married Silas Frick, son of Rufus and Cornelia Leitner Frick.

Charlie Broom married Fannie Hendrix.

Children: Willie died early

Dickie married Belle Early.

Fannie married a Barker.

Preston Broom married Mary Leitner, daughter of John Wesley and Charlotte C. Hendrix Leitner.

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Children; Maggie, W.P. John.

73- F.P.C. Apt. 41, file 637.

74- Fannie Lever MS

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The following are buried in the the churchyard of Beulah Methodist Church in upper Richland County:

Allen J. Broome, January 13, 1878- January 28, 1962.

Ophelia F., Wife of Allen J. Broome, November 1881- August 31, 1958.

Carrie, wife of O.Z. Broome, May 19, 1867- June 15, 1919.

Wilber John Broome, January 30, 1883- April 3, 1963.

James Daniel Broome, January 8, 1881- November 18, 1956.

J. Wiley Broome, November 22, 1855- September 16, 1928.

Nannie E., wife of J. Wiley Broome, March 17, 1845- November 28, 1909.

Anna Martha Broome, September 3, 1879- February 25, 1951.

Sunnie Mary Broome, August 24, 1885- July 15, 1966.

Rufus Broome, February 17, 1861- April 11, 1944.

Preston B. Broome March 29, 1883- November 21, 1957.

Buried in the Broome graveyard not far from Beulah Methodist Church:

Susannah Leitner, daughter of Jacob (Sr.) and Eva Gradick Leitner, sister of Margrette Leitner who married John Broom.

Walter Jones Broome, died October 16, 1971, aged 85 years, six months and 17 days.

Susan Broome Jamison, no dates.

Mary I. Broome, February 6, 1830- October 11, 1897.

J. F. Broome March 14, 1853- February 1860.

J. (John?) Broom, February 1, 1799- February 16, 1863.

M. (Margrette Leitner) Broom, January 28, 1799- July 16, 1879.

John C. Broome, died May 15, 1892, aged 23 years.

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Richard E. Broome, July 27, 1839-March 1, 1899.

Eliza Jane (Martin) Broome, January 29, 1848-November 5, 1928.

George W. Broome, September 18, 1871- December 8, 1946.

Little Hoy, infant son of C.F. and S.S. Broome, died December 17, 1902, aged 2 years.

Of interest, but not pertinent to the Broom history already given, is that of Thomas Broom, who came to Camden a few years after the Revolutionary War (October 1794) from Elkton Maryland. He formed a partnership with Zach Cantey and Duncan McRae in the mercantile business. It was thought that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he had visited Camden while in the service. He prospered greatly in the few years that he lived after coming to Camden. He was a miller for the area. He was a widower with a daughter Frances, but after moving to Camden, he married the widow of Samuel Boykin and they had two children: Thomas who died as an infant, and a daughter Martha Rebecca. His daughter Frances married Stephen Lee.⁷⁵

Thomas Broom died in 1799. His first wife was Mary McMakin and she was the mother of his daughter Frances. Her share of his estate was left in the hands of her uncle David McMakin of Baltimore. By his second marriage to the widow Elizabeth Boykin, he had his daughter Maetha Rebecca who survived him. Martha Rebecca to live with her Aunt Frances until she is old enough to go to school. His business to continue in the care of his half-brother Zebulon Rudolph.⁷⁶

75_ Kirkland and Kennedy, Historic Camden, Vol. I, Pp352-353.

76- Kershaw Will. Book, Vol.1, Bk C, P.68.