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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Since our first organizational meeting of January 21, 1988, this has been a particularly busy time for many of us. We have not only formed a club, but published our first newsletter on schedule!

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all our members, and especially, Harvey Mullikin, Sec'y/Treasurer, Alan Johnson, Newsletter Editor, and to John and Sara Jean Morris, who have taken the responsibility of publishing our Newsletter. Included also in this group, my thanks to the Committee Chairpersons and their committees. If it were not for all of our members working together, none of this could be possible. We have a club that I am glad to be a part of!

There are a number of committees who have projects that we are working on, such as, Cemetary Records, abstracting births, marriages and deaths from the Anderson County newspapers from 1882 to the present, and many others, including a long range plan to index the Deeds of Anderson County. This should keep us busy for years to come.

Our June 6th meeting will be especially important to us, since it is our "Charter Meeting". Dr. Lynwood D. Jordon, President of the S.C. Genealogical Society, will be presenting us our Charter. Everyone is invited to attend. We have alot to be proud of and again thanks to everyone for their enthusiasim in making all of this possible.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS COMMENTS:

If members do not find their family names listed on the Surname Index, this means no list had been turned in to the Secretary as of this writing. We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes and take care of this detail so everyone will know which names you are researching. Dues for the Anderson County Chapter are:

- \$ 10.00 Individual Membership
- \$ 13.00 Family Membership
- \$ 5.00 Associate Membership

EDITORS COMMENTS:

I wish to thank Harvey Mullikin for his informative and interesting sketch on "Old Slabtown" and again encourage other members to submit any information, to myself or Jim Harper, you feel would be of interest to our members. I would also like to remind our members that I keep a notebook (which I bring to the meetings) which contains all newsletters we receive from the other Chapters. There are many informative articles, book reviews, queries and such contained within. Everyone is welcome to look at them.

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Church Records
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Research in Colonial S.C.
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Nancy HARVEY, b. ca 1812, S.C.. Was
he a son of Israel and Gracy MARTIN
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Anderson, SC s/o Wesley and Caroline
JUNKINS(?), and GS of Robert and Milly
JUNKINS, m. Mary Ellen Junkin, B.
13 Oct. 1861, SC D. 24 Nov. 1924,
Anderson, SC, D/O Capt. Robert JUNKIN
b. 1825, D. 27 Oct. 1895, Anderson, SC
married Clarissa Massey, b. ca 1823,
SC D/O Silas & Nancy (Burris) MASSEY.
Thomas Alan Junkins, P.O. Box 4701,
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William H. McClure, B. ca 1833, Pickens?
Co., SC, d. 24 June 1863, Vicksburg,
MS, married 9 July 1854, Pickens Co.,
GA Dezerius LANGFORD, b. 6 June 1825,
NC, D. 18 Nov. 1915, Electra, TX.
Julius E. PARKER b. 6 Aug. 1834, GA,
D. 5 Jan. 1884, Cherokee Co. GA M. ca
1864-65 Susan E. FULLER b. 7 Nov. 1838
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[THE FOLLOWING SKETCH WAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOUVENIR EDITION BY MAJ. T. H. RUSSELL, ONE OF ANDERSON COUNTY'S OLDEST CITIZENS, AND ONE OF THE PIONEER PRINTERS OF ANDERSON C. H.]

THE UPPER REGION OF ANDERSON COUNTY, S. C. LYING ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE THREE-AND-TWENTY CREEK, HAS FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL BEEN DUBBED WITH THE EUPHONIOUS TITLE OF SLABTOWN. THE PARTICULAR SPOT WHENCE THE DESIGNATION SPRANG WAS RANKIN'S MILL, WHICH WAS ERECTED IN THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTRY ON THE THREE-AND-TWENTY CREEK, JUST BELOW THE JUNCTION OF THE THREE HEAD PRONGS OF THE STREAM, IS THE PLANTATION NOW OWNED BY ED. ALGOOD, BUT IN THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBOR OWNED BY WILLIAM MULLIKIN, AND LATER ON BY DR. WM. ROBINSON, AND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR BY MAJ. CONNERS, WHO SOLD FOR CONFEDERATE MONEY TO ASA HODGES, BAG AND BAGGAGE, LANDS, HOUSES, STOCK, SLAVES, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, FARMING UTENSILS, EVERYTHING HE OWNED OF A TANGIBLE CHARACTER, AND, OF COURSE, ALL WAS LOST. THE TRACT OF LAND WAS ALWAYS CALLED THE BEST IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS SELECTED AS BOUNTY LAND, FOR ITS EXCEEDING FERTILITY.

SLABTOWN PROPER, AS TRADITION SAYS, DERIVED ITS NAME FROM THE ERECTION OF A LITTLE STORE, MADE OUT OF SLABS, ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREAM FROM THE MILL, AND WHERE A FEW GOODS, INCLUDING SOME LIQUOR, WERE KEPT AND SOLD FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE PEOPLE. OLD MR. RANKIN, THE GRANDFATHER OF THE PRESENT OWNER, WAS THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE MILL AND TRACT OF LAND ATTACHED, AND HAS DESCENDED IN A LONG LINE OF GENEALOGY FROM FATHER TO CHILDREN, AND AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS, OR MORE, IS STILL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DESCENDENTS. BUT IN THE MUTATION AND CHANGES CONSEQUENT UPON A CENTURY OF HUMAN EXISTENCE, THE MILL AND STORE HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, AT THE ORIGINAL SITE, AND STEAM POWER HAS SUPERCEDED THE WATER POWER, AND INSTEAD OF ONE LITTLE STORE-ROOM, BUILT OF 10 BY 12 SLABS, TWO LARGE STORE ROOMS WERE PUT UP WITHIN A MILE OF THE OLD STAND, ONE KEPT BY J. MONROE SMITH, AT GREENWOOD, AND THE OTHER BY MAJOR McCANN, AT EQUALITY, S. C.

AND NOW SINCE THE WAR, ONLY ONE STORE IS KEPT OPEN, WHERE TWO WERE KEPT BEFORE THE WAR, AND BY MESSRS. T. S. & J. M. GLENN WITH A STEAM SAW AND GRIST MILL AND A COTTON GIN AT EACH OF THE PLACES.

THE McCANN STORE WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY JAMES McCANN, AND WAS KEPT AT THE OLD ESQUIRE McCANN PLACE, FOR A LONG TIME OWNED BY EZEKIEL LONG, SR. AND NOW OWNED BY EZEKIEL LONG, JR., A GRANDSON OF THE THE OLD GENTLEMAN.

ESQUIRE McCANN, OF ANCIENT FAME, WAS THE FATHER OF THE MOTHER OF THE HON. JAS. L. ORR, AND HER MOTHER WAS A HAMILTON, AND BY THIS SECOND MARRIAGE, WITH MISS HAMILTON, TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN-MAJ. T. H. McCANN AND HIS SISTER, MISS CHRISTY ORR, THE MOTHER OF THE CONGRESSMAN.

IN THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THIS REGION OF COUNTRY THE EARLY EMIGRANTS CONSISTED OF THE VERY BEST FAMILIES THAT EVER BLESSED ANY COUNTRY-THE RANKINS, McMURRAYS, HAMILTONS, McCANNs, PICKENS, PICKLES, MULLIKINS, WILSONS, ORRS, AND OTHERS WHOM WE CANNOT CALL TO MIND. THE OLD CARMEL CHURCH

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WAS STARTED BY THESE OLD SETTLERS, FOR MOST OF THEM WERE OF PRESBYTERIAN STOCK, AND CONSISTED OF A STAND FOR PREACHING UNDER A LARGE SPREADING OAK AT SLABTOWN, OR RANKIN'S MILL SITE, BUT SOON A LOG HOUSE WAS BUILT ON A PIECE OF LAND DONATED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY A GRANDFATHER OF THE PRESENT W. S. PICKENS, AND IS NOW OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY HIM. THE GRANDFATHER WAS A PRESBYTERIAN, AND PROBABLY THE WHOLE FAMILY WOULD HAVE REMAINED SO, BUT FOR THE REFUSAL OF THE SESSION TO RECEIVE, AS A MEMBER, ONE OF THE OLD AUNTS, BECAUSE SHE DID NOT, IN THEIR JUDGEMENT, SUFFICIENTLY UNDERSTAND AND ENDORSE THE CONFESSION OF FAITH. FROM THAT DEFECTION THE WHOLE CONNECTION FIRED OFF AND JOINED THE METHODIST CHURCH. AT THAT PERIOD IN OUR HISTORY, AS THE INFLUX IN OUR POPULATION INCREASED, INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEW CHURCHES, THE PURPOSE WAS TO KEEP UP THE OLD ORGANIZATION, HENCE THE CHURCH SITE WAS REMOVED FIRST FROM THE STAND AT THE SPREADING OAK TO THE NEW LOG CHURCH AT THE PICKENS' GRAVEYARD, AND FROM THENCE TO THE PRESENT SITE, WITH A NEAT, FRAME HOUSE, OUT OF HEART TIMBER, AND JUST BEFORE THE WAR THE FRAME BUILDING WAS SUPPLANTED BY A SUBSTANTIAL BRICK STRUCTURE, NOW STANDING AS A MONUMENT TO THE DEVOTION AND ENTERPRISE OF THE GENERATION THAT BUILT THEM. AND, INSTEAD OF OUR CHURCH, THERE ARE DOZENS OF CHURCHES OF OTHER DENONINATIONS, ALL HELPING TO PUSH FORWARD THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THIS SECTION OF COUNTRY. IN THESE ANCIENT DAYS, THE PRIMEVAL HABIT WAS TO GO TO CHURCH HORSE-BACK OR WALK. THE FIRST BUGGY THAT EVER MADE ITS APPEARANCE AT CARMEL, WAS AS GREAT AN OBJECT OF CURIOSITY AS A LITTLE CIRCUS WOULD HAVE BEEN. IT WAS PUT UP BY MR. MARVERICK, AND THE REMAINS OF THAT OLD BUGGY IS STILL OWNED AND USED BY WARREN W. KNIGHT. THE BOYS AND GIRLS WOULD RIDE TO CHURCH, AND THE YOUNG MAN THAT WAS THE SMARTEST TO GET HIS BEST GIRL FRIEND SEATED IN THE SADDLE AND ON HIS OWN HORSE, BY HER SIDE, WAS APT TO BE THE FAVORED ONE.

PENDLETON AND SLABTOWN WERE INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED AS ELECTION BOXES, AND ONE WAS TO BE THE EXACT EXPONENT OF THE OTHER. AND PENDLETON HAD THE LEAD, BECAUSE SHE WAS THE MOUTH-PIECE OF MR. CALHOUN. PENDLETON AND CARMEL CHURCHES WERE UNITED UNDER ONE PASTORATE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, FIRST UNDER REV. GEORGE REESE, THEN UNDER REV. W. M. McELHENNY, THE OWNER OF FORT HILL FARM, NOW CLEMSON COLLEGE, AND THEN REV. M. HILLHOUSE, AND AFTERWARDS THE REV. MR. ROSS, SUPERCEDED BY THE REV. MR. KENNEDY, WHO SERVED THE CHURCH AS STATED SUPPLY FOR ABOUT THIRTY YEARS.

THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE SLABTOWN REGION WERE CAREFULLY LOOKED AFTER BY THESE ANCIENT AND TIME HONORED PATRIARCHS. THALIAN ACADEMY WAS STARTED ON ITS PATHWAY OF GREAT SUCCESS BY THESE ENTERPRISING CITIZENS; UNDER THE LEAD OF THE REV. J. LELAND KENNEDY. FOR TWENTY YEARS, OR MORE, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE WAR, WAS THIS INSTITUTION THE BEACON STAR OF ADVANCED EDUCATION IN THIS SECTION OF COUNTRY. THE RULES FOR BOARDING HOUSES AND SCHOOL WERE THE SAME, AND VERY RIGID, BUT OCCASIONALLY THE BOYS WOULD BREAK OVER, ALWAYS TO THEIR DISCOMFITURE. ON ONE OCCASION WHEN THE BOYS HAD GOTTEN SOME WHISKEY AND HAD A DEBAUCH ON SATURDAY NIGHT THEY WERE

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BROUGHT UP FOR TRIAL ON MONDAY MORNING, AND AFTER A PRETTY FULL INVESTIGATION, THE GUILT WAS FASTENED UPON SEVERAL OF THE BOYS. BEFORE PASSING SENTENCE THE TEACHER LECTURED THE WHOLE CLASS OF BOYS ON THE EVILS OF DRUNKENNESS, HE WARMED UP TO HIS SUBJECT, AND WAVING HIS HAND TO THE GIRLS SAID: "GIRLS NEVER MARRY A DRINKING MAN!" ONE OF THE BOYS WHO SHOWED HIS GUILT BY HIS BLUSHES, SAID: "MR. KENNEDY, I RECKON THEY'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE AXED." THIS TART REMARK UPSET THE GRAVITY OF THE COURT, AND THEY WERE ALL DISMISSED TO THEIR BOOKS. MANY SUCH INCIDENTS-ENOUGH TO FILL A DIME NOVEL-MIGHT BE PICKED UP, HAD WE THE TIME, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS NOTED INSTITUTION OF LEARNING AND ITS ENVIRONMENTS.

SUFFICE IT TO SAY IN CONCLUSION, THAT WHAT WAS ONCE THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE PIEDMONT BELT, HAS LOST NEARLY ALL OF ITS FORMER PRESTIGE AS AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, YET THE FERTILE SOIL OF THE THREE-AND-TWENTY LANDS REMAINS FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATION TO DEVELOP AND BRING UP TO ITS ORIGINAL FERTILITY, AND EVEN SURPASS IT.

THE CEMETERIES AT CARMEL AND THE OLD PICKENS GRAVEYARD CONTAIN THE SLEEPING DUST OF MOST OF THE GENERATION OF NOBLE MEN AND WOMEN THAT MADE THAT HISTORIC SECTION NOTED FOR ITS SOBRIETY, INTELLIGENCE, AND PIETY IN THE GOOD OLD TIMES OF LONG, LONG AGO. AND THE GENEROUS SOIL REMAINS FOR A FUTURE GENERATION TO DEVELOP AND RESTORE AGAIN TO ITS FORMER PRESTIGE.

TYPED BY HARVEY M. MULLIKIN FROM PHOTOCOPY OF NEWSPAPER ON MICROFILM.

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