

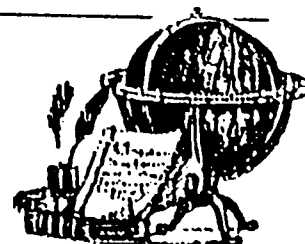
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The Anderson County Chapter invites members and nonmembers to submit articles on anything which would be of interest to Anderson County researchers. These may include, but are not limited to, the following: church, newspaper, Bible, military, slave and cemetery records; abstracts of Anderson County records; and what happened to our "family or cousins" who moved away. Please photocopy any original family documents, such as Bible records. Include the title page, showing the date of publication, if possible. A typed or printed transcript of the photocopied record would also be appreciated. Information regarding family reunions is also accepted. Please send these articles or your comments to the above address, ATT: Newsletter Editor.

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The next Chapter meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 1996 at Perpetual Bank, 907 North Main Street.

The following suspense story is continued from the last issue of *The Record*.

One day after the murder of Meeks his little daughter said in the presence of her grandfather the elder Vandiver: "I would have a father now if it hadn't been for grandpa." The guilty man heard with dismay the accusation from the lips of the child. The next day the child was dead, and it was whispered and believed that she was poisoned by her grandfather because she knew of the murder that had been done.

The chorinicle of blood was written again, when on the arrest of Harvey Vandiver, his wife, driven to desperation by her knowledge of the double murder of her son-in-law and grandchild, committed suicide by tying a hank of yarn about her neck, attaching the other end to the bed post, and rolling off on the floor.

The strange fatality attending the actors in the tragedy was exampled again when after Wm. Davenport had moved to Greenville, one of his daughters, at the time an operative in the Camperdown mills, fell from one of the buildings on the brink of the bluff to the rocks below and was killed. The death of the chief actor yesterday does not end the list, the third man, at whose instance it is said Meeks was killed, having fled to the West. It is reported that he is living and is the sheriff of a county in Texas, but there is no verification for the statement.

James Meeks, the janitor of Furman University, is a brother of John W. Meeks who was killed, and the story of the affair given above is substantially as he told it to a *News* reporter yesterday. Many of the statements are verified by men who remember the sensational trial of the case at Anderson. The family of the unfortunate Davenport consists of his wife, three daughters and a son, who is in Texas. Two of his daughters are in Atlanta and one is here, a victim like her wretched father to the morphine curse, and a beggar on the streets. End.

*Anderson Intelligencer* - May 30, 1872

The Circuit Court for Anderson County began at this place on Monday last, his Honor James L. Orr presiding....

On Wednesday morning, the case of the State vs. Wm. M. Davenport and Harvin Vandiver, indicted for the murder of John W. Meeks in June, 1865, was taken up. The grand jury found a true bill against the prisoners arraigned, and also against D. K. Breazeale, jr., who has not been arrested. The interest usually attaching to the trial of murder cases was intensified in this instance by the long period which had elapsed between the alleged murder and the disclosure of the horrible deed, and in consequence there was a vast throng in the Court House when the case was called. Messrs. McGowan & Moore appeared in behalf of Vandiver, and J. C. C. Featherston, Esq., on the part of Davenporet, while Solicitor Perry conducts the prosecution. The principal witness is the colored man, Wm. Brock, who claims to have been accessory to the murder, and his examination lasted for more than an hour. Ten other witnesses for the prosecutuion were examined, when the Court took a recess for dinner. The testimony concluded this (Wednesday) afternoon, and the argument is being made as we go to press.

When the murder case is ended, it is understood that Court will adjourn for

the present term, as it is not the intention of Judge Orr to touch the civil business where juries might be required.

*Anderson Intelligencer* - June 6, 1872

Adjournment of Court. The Circuit Court for Anderson County ended its sitting on Thursday afternoon, after four days occupied in criminal business exclusively. As we went to press last week, the argument in the trial of Wm. M. Davenport and Harvin Vandiver, for the murder of John W. Meeks, was progressing. On Wednesday afternoon, Maj. John B. Moore and J. C. C. Featherston, Esq., of counsel for the prisoners, delivered able and interesting speeches, as we are informed, and on Thursday morning solicitor Wm. H. Perry addressed the jury on behalf of the State, arraying the testimony with much ability and making a strong argument for the conviction of the prisoners on trial. He was followed by Gen. Samuel McGowan, who made the closing speech, which was a masterly defence of the accused and occupied more than two hours. Then followed the charge of his Honor, which was clear, explicit statement of the evidence, together with a summary of the law governing the case. The jury then retired, and after an absence of three hours, returned into Court with a verdict of "guilty on the second count of the indictment." This second count charged that another person committed the murder, and that Davenport and Vandiver were present aiding and abetting. - Upon the verdict being announced, counsel for the prisoners moved in arrest of judgment upon various grounds, which motion, after being fully and carefully considered by the Court, was overruled. After the usual formalities, Judge Orr proceeded to sentence the prisoners. He reviewed the facts connected with the murder, showing the participation of both Vandiver and Davenport as contained in the evidence, concluding with an earnest appeal to the prisoners that they make preparation for an eternal world, without placing reliance on the hope of a new trial or executive clemency. The sentence of the Court was that the prisoners be hung on Friday, 17th day of January next. The delay in the execution of the sentence is caused by an intimation that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court, which meets in November next, and the hearing of causes from the Eighth Circuit does not take place until the 8th of January, 1873.....

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Jean and Edwin Dewitt Martin enjoyed a productive trip to Salt Lake City.

Louise and Donnie White took a trip to the SC Archives and got copies of several Death Certificates.

On a Thursday morning in June, Louis Cochran, Sid Dowis, Ronald Kay, Mary Louise and William D. Martin, Martha Yeargin Norris, Historian of Flat Rock Presbyterian Church and Rev. Barbara Hamilton (the minister at Flat Rock and Varennes Presbyterian Churches), met and read 6 rows of markers at the Flat Rock Presbyterian cemetery. Sid Dowis and Louis Cochran later returned and read more markers and then Sid Dowis went back and completed reading this cemetery.

Another reading will be planned and announced at a later date.

Following is Part II of the Davis information continued from the previous issue:

## Part II. The Greenville County Davis's

George Davis, probably born in 1823, is the progenitor of the Greenville County Davis's. He married Nancy Crawford (born about 1824) abt 1843 and they lived in southwestern Greenville County (1). They had 4 children. It is of considerable interest that the 1950 Greenville County census shows Nancy as the head of the household (2). After George left, and sometime before 1858, Nancy married a much older widower, Murry Woodson who lived nearby in Greenville County, and lived with him until she died 3 Feb 1875. She is buried in a family cemetery on the home place (3).

Children of George Davis and Nancy Crawford were:

1. George W. Davis (frequently referred to as George, Jr.) was born 21 Jun 1845 and died 4 Apr 1919. He married Sarah C. Whitt, born 24 Oct 1848 and died 11 Mar 1930. George served 1861-1864 in the Civil War, first with Hampton's Legions and later in Tennessee (5).

Children of George W. Davis, Jr. and Sarah Whitt were:

- a. Mary Lucinda "Mollie" was born 7 Jul 1866 and died 3 Mar 1934. She married John P. McCullough (1868-1927).
  - b. Fannie Lou was born 10 Jun 1868 and died 7 Dec 1948. She married James Henry McCullough was born 26 Sep 1871 and died 10 Jul 1963.
  - c. John T. was born 5 Aug 1869 and died 2 Oct 1885.
  - d. Nancy Jane was born 13 Dec 1873 and died 2 Jul 1931. She married Thomas Riley Tollison, born 29 Feb 1872 and died 29 Aug 1958.
  - e. George Seymour was born 2 Oct 1874 and died 22 Dec 1956. He was married twice, first to Leila James second to Lillie Savannah Woodson.
  - f. Maggie Josephine was born 6 Jan 1876 and died 6 Jun 1940. She married Emory L. Davis, born 22 Dec. 1873 and died 31 Mar 1925.
  - g. William Anthony "Bill" was born 27 Mar 1878 and died 27 Oct 1916. He married Sara M. Allen, born 8 Jan 1880 and died 21 Jan 1941.
  - h. Henry Pinckney was born 28 Feb 1881 and died 29 Mar 1957. He married Elizabeth Caldwell.
  - i. Charles D. was born Jul 1883 and died 23 Aug 1968. He married Mary Latimer (1885-1970).
  - j. Ida Maxine was born 1882-1885 and died 1954-1955 (7). She married Josiah H. Tollison, born 23 Apr 1882 and died 17 Jan 1944.
  - k. Robert Leroy was born 27 Sep 1886 and died 25 Jun 1963. He married Lila Wells.
  1. Thomas Newton was born 21 Sep 1889-1890 and died 5 Jun 1965. He married Mae Williams.
3. Mary Elizabeth Davis was born 1846 and died 9 Aug 1921. She married her step-brother Azariah Woodson, born 26 Aug 1836, died 24 Jul 1921. They married in 1864, one year after his discharge from the Confederate Army (He was wounded at the 2nd Battle of Manassas in Virginia).

The Children of Azariah Woodson and Mary Elizabeth Davis were (6):

- a. James Alexander was born 27 Jun 1864 and died 13 Nov. 1864.
- b. Jessie Pinckney was born 26 Aug 1865 and died 15 Jul 1937.

- c. John Wesley and born 8 Oct 1867 and died 2 Sep 1904.
  - d. Emarziah N. was born 8 Aug 1869 and died 24 Sep 1910.
  - e. Mary Lavone was born 1 Aug 1871 and died 1947.
  - f. Mattie Eugenia was born 17 May 1873 and died 7 Oct 1953.
  - g. Minnie Victoria was born 31 Mar 1875 and died 9 Jan 1967.
  - h. Nellie Jane was born 27 Mar 1877 and died 1908.
  - i. Henry Franklin was born 2 Mar 1879 and died 5 Jul 1953.
  - j. Ida Estella was born 12 Jun 1880 and died 2 Jul 1968.
  - k. Carrie Bell was born 19 Feb 1882 and died 1965.
  - l. Lillie Savannah was born 14 Mar 1884 and died 18 Oct 1971.
4. William Dendy Davis was born 23 Oct 1850 (possibly 1851; See Part III) and died 12 Jul 1915. He married Isabelle Whitt, born 20 Jul 1846 and died 29 Dec 1908. He was a successful farmer and a well-known citizen of southwestern Greenville County. The family home still stands, modernized and occupied by a granddaughter, Ruby Garrison Poole.

The Children of William Dendy Davis and Isabelle Whitt were:

- a. Albert B., born 17 Feb 1869 and died 6 Aug 1906. He married Ceda Willis, born 15 Oct 1851 and died 6 Sep 1915.
- b. Mack Andy, born 2 Jun 1870 and died 20 Feb 1941. He married Georgia Anna Gaines, born 2 Feb 1868 and died 27 Jul 1932. They moved from Greenville County to Pelzer abt 1896 to be near the textile mills there. Mack's job was firing the boilers and he became very stooped as he grew older and was jokingly accused of taking naps in a wheelbarrow.

(Note: Mack Andy is the grandfather of the current author.)

- c. John Jefferson "Jeff," was born 13 Oct 1872 and died 22 Jun 1952. He married Jane Owens, born 1 Jun 1872 and died 11 Aug 1961.
- d. Franklin was born abt 1874 and died at the age of 2.
- e. Martha was born 27 May 1876 and died 24 Nov 1922. She married Luther Vernon Allen who died 25 Oct 1954.
- f. Mary, "Polly," was born 23 Feb. 1878 and died 20 Dec 1908.
- g. Louvenia "Lou," was born 17 Dec 1879 and died 24 May 1902.
- h. Olivia was born 20 Jul 1881 and died 22 Feb 1926. She married Ira Allen, born 9 Apr 1876 and died 14 Oct 1958.
- i. Ollie was born 27 May 1883 and died 23 Dec 1960. She married Pembroke Bizzell Garrison, born 7 Oct 1870 and died 3 Oct 1958.
- j. Alice was born 13 Mar 1885 and died 18 Dec 1916. She married L. Frank Brown, born 5 Feb 1882 and died 31 Dec 1939.
- k. William D. "Tad," was born 1887 and died 1928. He married Cornelia Morgan, born 1891 and died 1954.

(Note: There are 5 more generations in this line of Davis's but they are omitted at this time.)

### References

1. James Royd Davis, (youngest child of Mack Davis) became interested in family history after retirement and he collected and passed on some information (He died in 1982). One of the people that he consulted was a first cousin, Ruby Garrison Poole. She is a granddaughter of William Dendy Davis and lives in William Dendy's old home place. Ruby learned from her mother that her great-grandparents, the parents of William Dendy Davis were George Davis and Nancy Crawford.
2. The 1850 US Census of Greenville County includes:
 

Nancy Davis	H of H	F	Age 26
George		M	6
Mary		F	4
John		M	2
3. Confirmed by Marvin Woodson, current owner of the property.
4. Tombstone, Washington Baptist Church Cemetery.
5. George W. Davis (Jr.) wrote numerous letters, mostly to his mother, while serving in the Confederate Army. These letters are in possession of a great-granddaughter.
6. Information supplied by Marvin Woodson, Azariah's grandson.

### Part III. What Happened to George Davis?

As was pointed out in Part II, George Davis and his wife, Nancy Crawford, were the progenitors of this line of Davis's (Ref. 1, Part II). The first son's name appears in census and military records as George W. Davis. He was undoubtedly named for his father, who is also traditionally referred to as George W. Davis.

The Davis family lived in southwestern Greenville County. At least that is where they were in 1850 (except for father George). Three of the four children settled there, George, Jr., Mary Elisabeth and William Dendy (John only lived about 4 years).

Also as was pointed out in Part II, the family is listed in the 1850 census for Greenville County with Nancy as the head of household:

Nancy Davis	H of H	F	Age 26
George		M	6
Mary		F	4
John		M	2

Nancy had a fourth son, William Dendy, whose date of birth is not absolutely certain. His death certificate shows it as 23 October 1850 while his tombstone shows 27 October 1851. The first is more likely correct since he and his wife had their second child by February 1870. Also, William Dendy was reported in the 1860 census as being 10 years old.

Where is George W. Davis, the father? A search of Greenville County census records for 1840, 1850 and 1860 offers no clues. No obituary notice or tombstone has been found. There is no family tradition on this point. However there is some evidence that there was a George W. Davis in the vicinity in 1846-47. The President and Board of Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina brought suit in October of 1846 in the Court of Common Pleas for \$5,000 against George W. Davis for trampling grass, cutting and carrying off trees, and other wrongs against a piece of property. George got himself a good lawyer, B.F. Perry of Greenville. He not only pled George innocent, he argued that the suit should be discontinued and George be awarded reasonable costs for defending the said action. This was the final outcome with George being awarded the sum of fifty-three dollars and seventy-eight cents. If this was our George, the record confirms that the middle initial is "W." There is one more feature of this record which argues that this George W. is Nancy's husband. Although not prominently mentioned in the record, there are two brief mentions of a co-defendant, named as Nancy Atkins in one place and Nancy Akins in another. If one looks in the 1850 Greenville County census for Nancy Atkins/Akins, one finds on page 421 B, family number 1577, Nancy Adkins, a 40 year old female, head of household. Nancy Davis's listing is on the same page as family number 1511.

The above is pretty good evidence that George W. and Nancy married about 1843, made their home in southwestern Greenville County, not far from Pelzer (in Anderson County), lived there together until about 1850 and had four children. There is no evidence that George died in 1850. What happened to him?

Looking across the Saluda River into Anderson County, one finds in the Broadmouth Creek area, a tributary of the Saluda, a significant settlement of Davis's (see Part I). In the 1850 census for Anderson County, page 244B shows:

John L. Davis	60	M	Farmer	\$2500	Virginia
Susannah "	68	F			"
George W. "	27	M			SC
Frances "	23	F			"

See Part I for more details of the John L. Davis family. Note that there are no children listed although George is now 27 years old. The death certificate of a child in 1933 indicates that Frances' maiden name was Ragsdale. There are both Crawford and Ragsdale families to be found in the general area.

There are three more items to be considered. First, sometime after her husband skipped out on her (no evidence has been found that he did anything else) Nancy Crawford Davis re-married. She married Murray Woodson, a widower 30 years older than she. Interestingly enough, in May of 1858 Murray went before the congregation of the Big Creek Baptist Church, near Williamston, SC, with his problem. Quoting from the minutes of the church for May 1, 1858 --

"The church met according to adjournment. Divine service by Elder W. P. Martin. The church door opened and none joined. The peace and fellowship inquired for, when Brother Morrey(sic) Woodson stated that he had married and from statements the woman had another husband, not knowing whether he was dead or alive, and that he knew nothing of the affair until he was married and requested the church to wait with him. The case was not taken up and waited for further information."

The church minutes make no further reference to this particular incident.

Item #2:-- A rumor has been passed down to the effect that George W. Davis and Frances Ragsdale were not married. The existence of this rumor has been confirmed by Lucile Hammett.

Item #3:-- Murray Woodson's 4th child was a son named Azariah who served in the Civil War (suffered an injury to one of his hands), married his step-sister Mary Elizabeth Davis and built a home on the Woodson property in southwestern Greenville County. The house still stands with many of its original furnishings. There is also a family cemetery on the grounds in which Nancy is buried. The owner possesses a piece of notebook paper with some names and dates (it has been seen by the author). Neither the author nor the date of the writing is known. What is on this piece of paper is:

"George M. Davis was born 15 of July 1823  
 Nancy Davis was born the 3 of July 1824  
 George M. Davis Jr. b. 22 June 1844  
 John Warson Davis b. Jan 16, 1850  
 Nancy Woodson d. Feb, 1875 aged 50 years  
 William M Davis b. Oct 27, 1850  
 Thomas Newton Whitt b. Jan 13, 1861  
 Albert Lee Davis b. Feb 17, 1869"

This writing has to be taken with some reservations :--

- 1) The paper and the handwriting do not look like what one would expect in the middle 1850's,
- 2) Some or all of it appears to have been copied from earlier writings, some of which were probably dictated,
- 3) The M's were probably W's in earlier writings. Capital M's and capital W's looked much alike in the past,
- 4) John Davis' age was given as 2 years in the 1850 census,
- 5) Albert Davis used the middle initial "B" (phonetically similar to Lee).

However, there are some positive points:--

- 1) Albert Davis' birth date is given on his tombstone as 17 Feb 1869,
- 2) The birth dates given for George, Nancy, George, Jr. and William are in good agreement with the same data from other sources.
- 3) The first inventory of Murray Woodson's estate, done by son Azariah, is dated June 1875, so it can be assumed that Murray died shortly before then. Murray's will provided that Nancy would, at his death, receive a tract of land, some animals and some household furniture. That Nancy died before Murray did is evidenced by Azariah's charge against the estate in the amount of \$6.50 for defending a suit by George W. Davis, undoubtedly for his mother's share. Had she been alive when Murray died there would have been no such suit. The date of Nancy's death is most likely correct.

#### Conclusion

Was the George W. Davis of Greenville County the son of John L. Davis of Anderson County? The times, distances and dates involved do not rule it out. The evidence presented herein does not constitute proof but in the opinion of the current author, does point to an answer of "Yes" to the above question. Anyone with any comment or information bearing on this question is invited to contact the author.

We now begin printing a series of articles published in the *Anderson Intelligencer* from the Five Forks area of Anderson County beginning February 5, 1890. These articles were written by someone living in that section of the county and were signed "Shanks". Please read these carefully, take notes of any clues, and see if you can help us determine his real name. Several of our members have become interested in identifying "Shanks" after reading his witty and humorous columns. His articles will be printed in chronological order in the next several newsletters.

2/5/1890

**From Five Forks.**

Having but recently located in this section, I am not prepared to give you many interesting items. I moved here on the 6th inst., with a full determination to make myself useful, so far as I am able, and, at the same time, avail myself of other peoples' usefulness, and, in order to begin right, I at once subscribed for the *INTELLIGENCER*. I received my first copy Friday, and enjoyed a mental feast last night in the perusal of its columns. I was very much interested in reading the items of "Kappa," "Erwin," "Flat," "Jay" and "W. & P." Well, now I would like to fall into line, and in a social, instructive way get mixed up with your several correspondents. I see nothing in your noble journal from the wide-awake little *burg* of Five Forks, and I am determined, with your permission, she shall have a "finger in the pie," and not be slighted. I fear I will not be able to give you such glowing statements of the visiting, the outgoings and incomings of the young people as some of your correspondents—not because young folks are scarce in our little community. I tell you what, sir, from the observations I have been able to make up to this date, I have come to the conclusion that Five Forks can boast of as many pretty girls, to the square acre, as any other sections of equal dimensions. I can't say so much for the boys. In fact, it was always a left-handed job for me to compliment a man on his good looks. I never did, in all my life, relish compliments from others, on my fine appearance, although I have had to worry through a good deal of the stuff, as you will discover, on our first acquaintance. Well, notwithstanding the boys are not pretty, they are all good fellows—they are honest, sober, industrious, and well reported—and will, no doubt, make good husbands and useful citizens. I think, from what I saw yesterday at Uncle Links, some of them aim to make the experiment soon.

As I am a new subscriber and new correspondent, I will close for the present, with the promise that I will, in the near future, endeavor to give you something more worthy of the *INTELLIGENCER*, and your attention. Should you have occasion at any time to pass through the Five Forks section, call and see SHANKS.

3/27/1890

**Five Fork's Items.**

The outlook with us is rather unfavorable; snow, rain, chilling winds and the prevailing epidemic has set farmers back seriously, but few have their fertilizers in the ground—many not more than half done—some just beginning, and so on.

Grippe and pneumonia are still prevalent. Our efficient and indefatigable Dr. Duckworth is going day and night. He is still master of the situation, but it is greatly to be feared that over-work and constant exposure will lay him in bed. Should such be the case our community would be gone up.

Wheat and oats are looking well.

I see little or no gardening done yet. But everybody is at work that is able to work. No loafers or dead-heads in our community.

Mr. James Mott, who has been sick since February, struck his anvil for the first this morning.

Mr. Watson, our other blacksmith, is seriously ill with grippe or pneumonia. "Boss" is at his store occasionally. He has recently gone in to bachelorism and is grieving himself crazy because this is not Leap Year. He will hardly hold out 'til '92. He will have to unbachelor or do his own popping.

Oliver has got his farm bell up all right and in ringing order. His fertilizers are going in the ground much faster since they go in with a ring.

Our two schools, Mr. Holland's and Mrs. Darracott's, are both in a flourishing condition. They are about an equal distance from Five Forks.

Your humble servant is recovering slowly, very slowly, or at least it seems that way to SHANKS.

4/3/1890

## Five Fork's Items.

MARCH 28, 1890.

MR. EDITOR: There is, in some respects, a favorable change since I wrote you last. The sick are improving, while there is no new cases of grippe or pneumonia in our vicinity. But as far as our farming prospects are concerned they are worse and *worse*. It seems that just as the land gets dry enough to work it rains again. Everybody was prepared to put in a big day's plowing to day, but between five and six o'clock this morning we had a powerful storm of rain and wind. I say fearful because I was scared, and that badly. The wind made its way through every crack and crevice in to my log mansion, but it seemed as if it could not find its way out. It dashed and whirled around in regular cyclone order, making newspapers, old straw hats, old letters and dishrags fly in all directions, and my will was good to fly also, but I could not have seen an egg shell on the end of my nose, and by the time day come the storm was over and I was happy.

Wheat and oats look well. Q. W. Casey leads in fine looking wheat. Mr. Wakefield is, I believe, about the only man who has all his fertilizer in the ground. Mr. Chesley Duckworth is very near done, if not quite. There is but little corn planted yet. I fear the acreage in corn will be light this year. Everybody seems to have cotton on the brain this spring, and it really appears as if farmers had all strained a point to see how much they could over-crap themselves.

Road-workers are now on the new road leading from Five Forks and intersecting with Anderson road at Mr. Holland's (formerly Pink. Bowen's).

February, 1890, contained five Sundays. Will some of my brother correspondents please state through the INTELLIGENCER when it will occur again?

There was quite a gathering of young people at Miss Emily Jones' on last Sunday evening. Whether it was accidental or otherwise, I did not learn. I have seldom seen a collection of as pretty girls and ugly boys together. The contrast was really striking. The young ladies, however, did not seem to notice vulcanism, but was just as sociable and lovely as if the lad had been ever so handsome. Well, the boys were all good fellows, and all of them my friends, and I will cast no reflections, merely because I don't look as well as I do. Two of the young ladies, Miss Ida and Miss Sally Jones, made a short call on your humble servant, and seemed to enjoy looking at a number of photographs on the wall of my old log cabin. "Orate" come with them. I guess for good count. Come again, young folks, you will always meet a big welcome from old

SHANKS.

4/12/1890

## Five Forks Items.

April 17th 1890.

MR. EDITOR: A typographical error occurred in my last communication which has subjected me to severe criticism. The types made me say that the month of February, 1890, contained five Sundays, *but my pen said the month of February, 1880, contained five Sundays*, and I asked some of my brother correspondents to state through the INTELLIGENCER when it would occur again. I am truly sorry the error was committed, as I was anxious to see the solution. I hope your readers will excuse the mistake, and that some one will solve the problem and give it publicity. I presume it was a mistake of the devil, and while I have always been in favor of giving the devil his due, I at the same time think he should so conduct himself as to merit all he claims. The first person giving a correct answer to the above problem will be invited to my mansion, at the proper season, to assist in demolishing watermelons.

The health of our community is still improving, so you can visit us, Mr. Editor, with impunity if you wish. If you come up this way and wish to see farming done scientifically, go to the farm of Richardson Bros. If there are any farmers in our section who make no mistakes, Mathias and Newt. are the boys. Then, again, if you wish to visit the finest flowers and most beautiful shrubbery call on Mrs. Margaret Mott. It is really a treat to go into her flower yard. There it is that the young folks resort to on Sundays for their bouquets. Again, if you want to see the finest poultry and the *sweetest babe* in our "burg," call on Mrs. Julia Wakefield, but if you want to see the handsomest man at Five Forks, call on your humble servant.

Well, we have had a week or more of the windiest weather I ever saw. In fact, it has been very near all wind.

Cotton planting has begun. It is hard to tell who is ahead. I think, however, the issue lies between "long Jim" and the P. M. If the weather would be favorable for two weeks most, if not all, up land planting would be done. It is surprising to see how fast the farmers have gained on their work for the last seven or eight days. It seems that every available moment of time has been used to advantage.

I am glad to state that Mrs. John Gambrell, who has been seriously ill with grippe and pneumonia for five weeks past, is on the mend.

Mr. E. M. Watson, one of Five Forks' most esteemed and useful citizens, has been lying quite sick at his son-in-law's, Thos. Bolt, for several weeks. We are glad to learn he is on the mend, and hope to welcome him back in our midst in a short time.

If the epidemic would cease, and the wind would moderate, and we could have just a little now and then, we would pull through all right. But, oh! deliver us From grippe, pneumonia and cyclones, From blizzards, and from Samuel Jones.

SHANKS.

## SYMPATHY

To the family of former Chapter member, Mary Szabo, who passed away this summer.

To Ronald Kay in the death of his aunt, Blanche Kay Campbell.

To the families of Chapter members, William Kenneth Easley and James Roy Davis.

**William Easley**

TOWNVILLE, S.C. — William Kenneth Easley, 75, of 319 Perry Road, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 1996, at his home.

Born in Morristown, Tenn., he was a retired educator. He received his Bachelor of Science from Carson-Newman College, Tenn., his Master of Science from the University of Richmond and his Doctor of Philosophy from Georgetown University, Washington. He taught at Arkansas State Teachers College, East Tennessee State University, Northeast Louisiana University and Winthrop College. Prior to his retirement, he was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va. In 1982, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Carson-Newman College. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran. He was a member of Townville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth Miller Easley of the home; son, William Kenneth Easley Jr. of Greenville; daughters, Martha Rowland of Mobile, Ala., Karen Clayton of Mauldin and Sandra Tenney of Zionsville, Ind.; sister, Beatrice Quillen of Athens, Tenn.; brother, Clarence Easley of Fair Play; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Townville Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Minnie Sue Douglas. Sullivan-King Mortuary is in charge. The family is at the residence. The family suggests that memorials may be made to Townville Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 124, Townville, S.C. 29689 or to Hospice of the Upstate, 506 Summitt Ave., Anderson, S.C. 29621 or to Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. 37760.

**Roy Davis**

TOWNVILLE, S.C. — James Roy Davis, 50, of 1414 Hatton Ford Road, died Monday, June 24, 1996, at his home.

Born in Anderson County, he was a U.S. Army veteran and was a retired roofer.

Surviving are mother, Beatrice Costs Davis of Anderson; daughter, Sheila D. Burdette of Iva; son, Benjamin Davis of Anderson; sisters, Martha Taylor and Annie Ruth Powell of Anderson; and four grandchildren.

He was the son of the late Jasper Dorsey, Dock Davis.

Graveside services are at 4 p.m. Saturday at Anderson Memorial Gardens by the Rev. David Blizard. The body is at Sullivan-King Mortuary where the family will receive friends one hour before the services. The family is at the home of a sister, Annie Ruth Powell, 2113 Northview Ave., Anderson. The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Fork Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 126, Townville, S.C. 29689.

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