

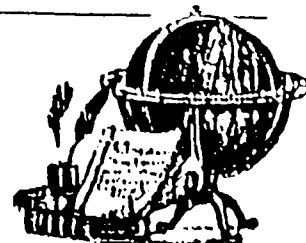
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The Anderson County Chapter invites members and nonmembers to submit articles on anything which would be of interest to Anderson County researchers. These may include, but are not limited to, the following: church, newspaper, Bible, military, slave 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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Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 1997 at Perpetual Bank, 907 North Main Street.

Articles on pages 2, 3 and 4, through the article dated 11/10/1890, continue the series of articles published in the *Anderson Intelligencer* from the Five Forks area. 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.

10/23/1890

#### A Voice From the Kingdom.

MR. EDITOR: I rise to speak, and get up to apologize for and explain how I happened to punch a hole in that big professional hornet's nest, somewhere in the vicinity of Annie, S. O., occupied, as it appears, by one *no ordinary waldrep*. While in Anderson a short time ago some young friends of mine were laughing and telling me about some fop or swell-head passing through town, with the letters "M. D." wrought conspicuously on each shoulder of his coat, and they (the boys) insisted I should give the aforesaid "M. D." a "set off" (as they called it) in my next items from the "Kingdom," and I inadvertently done so. I never thought of offending anybody, or doing any one a wrong. What I said in my locals was said in a romancing way, merely to please and amuse those young men. I am truly sorry now that I done so. I see I made an innocent mistake, and would have submitted to an ordinary chastization from the much mad Doctor for my impudence, folly, or whatever he pleases to call it, and never complained or said a word about it, but I consider the punishment unproportionable to the crime, and so propose to job another hole into the aforesaid "hornet's nest" by accommodating the Hon. *J. P. Waldrep, M. D.*, to a fresh supply of my "trundle-bed trash," which he is so anxious to see consigned to the "waste-basket." I do not blame you, Doctor, for wanting my trash sent to the "waste-basket." It seems to have gotten seriously in your way.

Well, yes, it is as you suppose. I am pretty smartly "Shanks," quite bony, and by the time you blunder over this bundle of old "Shanks" a few more times, you will find out they are not "Adam's house cat."

My reason for thinking you slightly educated was this: I did not think any sane man, with a liberal education, would exhibit himself in public with his shingles on his shoulders, instead of hanging them in front of his shop. I hardly think you will be able to induce the good people of the "Kingdom" to apply the Waldrep plaster to my fate. I am tolerably solid in the "Kingdom," "Sine Die" to the contrary, notwithstanding. I am glad you endorse "Sine Die" in thinking I will yet make something of myself. I am, however, sorry that I can't return the compliment to either of you.

You are mistaken in supposing that I had seen you on some occasion. I never saw you in my life, and were I to meet you on the highway might not know you from Baalam's mule. When I penned those items that has so fired your indignation I wrote from hearsay, supposing you to be some medical tramp or quack, seeking to establish a reputation as an Indian or Root Doctor. I had no idea you were a regular "Diplomated Quack," and a citizen of South Carolina. You say there is nothing the matter with you. This speaks badly for you as a physician. Read up a little, Doctor, and see if you are not

Well, in conclusion, let me insist that you give me credit for giving you an opportunity to advertise yourself and see your name in print, with the much coveted "M. D." dangling at the tail, and also for giving you the chance to *disgorge* a big load of indigestible technicalities and high sounding big words. Come up, Doctor, call on your humble servant at the Mansion and get some of my anti-swell-head pills. I am, dear Doctor, kindly and sincerely your humble SHANKS.

11/13/1890

#### News From the Kingdom.

MR. EDITOR: We have gained a great political victory. Haskellism is dead, never to know a resurrection.

We have had two weeks of fine weather, and cotton is disappearing from the fields. One more week of good weather and the crop is safe. Corn is being gathered rapidly, and corn-shuckings are in order. Wheat sowing has begun. Everything seems to be moving in the right direction, at a proper speed, and if no calamity befalls us we will all get there by Christmas—"Eli" and all.

W. A. Fredericks and Robert Arnold, of Anderson, made a flying visit to the Kingdom yesterday. They called at the "Mansion" but I am sorry to say the Proprietor was not in.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Charles Phillips contemplates leaving the Kingdom and moving to Oconee. "Charley" is one of our best Kingdomites, and we are loath to give him up.

Many of our readers, no doubt, expect to see something cutting from me to "Sine Die," but I must disappoint them. I beg leave, however, to state my reasons for declining to "measure steel" with your young Lebanon correspondent. His father and I were old army comrades. We are two of the few Survivors of Co. L., Orr's Regiment Rifles. We have always been friends, and I wish us to remain so. "Sine Die" is quite a youth, and I do not "war with boys." I can't see why he made his last assault, unless it was for the sake of aping Waldrep. His remarks about me are uncalled for; they are *scurilous, contemptible and insulting*. But let it go, I will not retaliate. I hope the young man will pause and reflect, repent of his folly, "cease to do evil," quit picking flaws, come over into the Kingdom, and take a few lessons from our boys, whose morals and manly bearing

### News of the Kingdom.

MR. EDITOR: I haven't much news for you this week. Cotton is nearly all out, corn gathered, etc. Wheat sowing is in order; the ground, however, is just a little too dry.

Several of our young boys seem to have 'possum on the brain. It is especially so with "George" and "Will."

John Williams has been a little unbalanced, but he is better now. He came dashing up to the capitol a few mornings ago, trying to whistle "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" both at the same time. One of our boys saluted John thus: "How are you, John?" "We haven't weighed it yet," said John, in a sort of abstracted way. "Weighed what?" said the young man. "No," said John, "it's a girl, but that beats no baby at all," and away he went at full speed, and in the same musical strain he came in.

And now I want to inform you that there is a *tater* at the mansion, subject to your order, with the compliments of R. E. Melton. It measures 28 inches in length, by 6 in circumference. It has a serpentine shape, and really looks more like a dead snake than a live potato.

We are all glad to learn that young Frank Mullikin, with his mother, will shortly move into the Kingdom, with a view of making it their permanent home.

Mrs. Mat. Hutchinson, of Elberton, Ga., is visiting her many friends and relatives in Anderson County. She is at present the guest of M. A. Ossey, of the Kingdom.

"Mart" has caught the inspiration from John, and is practicing music, or, rather, whistling two tunes at once.

I was in the city last Saturday. Had an enjoyable time, but failed to visit your sanctum. Am sorry I could not do so, but hope you can make out 'till I come again.

SHANKS.

### News From the Kingdom.

MR. EDITOR: It really seems a long time since I claimed the use of your valuable columns. I wonder if anybody has missed me? I reckon not or they would have said something about it.

I was in Anderson last Monday, where I met many old friends and had several hearty hand shakes, but not from candidates. However, one man squeezed my hand unusually hard, and threatened to be a candidate in 1892. He wanted me to shoot from "long law," and I came very near doing it, but I fell behind the dead line and told him "I will see you again." Well, I enjoyed myself hugely, but failed to replenish the inner-man at Mrs. Riley's table, (as I usually do) and I've been sorry of it ever since. In fact, I have been hungry ever since. I never visit Anderson, but I think what a pity it is the beautiful little city has no name. *Anderson C. H.* Pahaw! that is no name—it sounds so small. Why any County can have a C. H. All Counties do have, I believe, but, as "Jess" says, now just let me tell you: There is but few Counties that can boast of a beautiful city for a County seat, and I move that Anderson city have a name, one that will be an honor to the place and a name we all love. I move the city henceforth and forever be known as "Orrville." Who seconds the motion? Don't all speak at once, but I hope to hear from some one who is willing to help set the "ball in motion."

Well, we have had nearly eight weeks of the most lovely weather. Cotton is all out, corn all gathered, wheat all sowed or nearly so, and there never was a time since my recollection when farmers were so fully up with work.

The people of the Kingdom are generally well, and no wonder. True, people get sick here as in other places, but Dr. Duckworth won't let anybody enjoy a spell of sickness any length of time.

"Bass" has dug a well in his yard, and will soon have a nice chimney to his cottage. The last time I saw him he was patching his old breeches, and looked as cross as an old miser. I asked him what he aimed to do with his cottage that he was fixing up so nicely. He said he really did not know, but was afraid he would be necessarily compelled—and that's all he said.

Mr. Walter Williams has purchased land in the Kingdom, and he is preparing to build. We have plenty of room, and a good deal of use for all men like Walter.

Jeptha Harper has purchased a nice little farm in the Kingdom. It is not generally known who will have charge of said farm next year. We all hope it may be some good, honest, neighborly white family, one with a nice widow in it, who don't want to stay that way.

Mr. T. T. Wakefield will be able to kill more meat at two shots than any man in the Kingdom. Mr. Brezcale will have the biggest single shot.

Joe has got Mike Boyle in his well, and the rock is getting out. It is likely to be some sixty or seventy feet deep, but as Joe's children never go about his well it makes no difference. You could not throw one of them in the well to save your life.

"Swapping John" is rather down in the mouth. He was up at the Capitol the other day bragging and bantering everybody to swap horses, cows, calves, roosters, or just anything that was swappable. At last your humble servant proposed to throw hogs with him, and that settled it.

C. B. Owens and Aaron Welborn are now on a visit to the Kingdom. They are to-night the guests of T. M. Welborn. We cheerfully welcome them in our midst.

Well, my communication is a little long, but you must jam it all in somehow. With best wishes for the health and prosperity of the *INTELLIGENCER*, and all parties concerned, I am as ever

SHANKS.

12/25/1890

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### Christmas in the Kingdom.

MESSRS. EDITORS: A merry Christmas to you and all the readers of the INTELLIGENCER, especially my brother correspondents, including all the "Jumbos," "Wal-dreps," "Sine Dies," Etc. I can lay my hand on the "Postal Guide," and, with a conscience void of offence, declare I have a good wish for each and every one, without a single bad one.

Some of our best citizens and kindest neighbors have left the Kingdom, and we will perhaps never again enjoy Christmas good times with them. Mr. West A. Williams moved out this week. Mrs. Margaret Erskine has sold her interest in the old Watson homestead, where she was born and raised, and has left the Kingdom and a large number of friends, who were loath to bid her good bye. May peace, prosperity and happiness attend her wherever she may go.

O. W. Casey has purchased the Jones land of Mr. Jephtha Harper, and wants a good white family to live on it the ensuing year.

Mr. J. R. Guess and family, including his aged mother, paid the Kingdom a visit last week, in which the Mansion was not forgotten. They all returned home on Sunday, except Mrs. Annie Guess, who remained with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Gambrell. Mrs. Guess is the eldest daughter of the late Noah B. Reeves. She has passed her three-score and tenth mile stone, and is still hale, hearty and active.

Well, Mr. Editor, this closes my correspondence with you for the year 1890. The old year is dying, and will soon be gone forever. Who of us will witness the close of 1891? Who of us have resolved that our lives of next year shall be an improvement on the out-going year? How many of us can truthfully say that our lives of the present year have been better and more useful than our lives of 1889? Kindly and hopefully, good bye.

SHANKS.

### YE OLDE ENGLISH SAYINGS CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE

#### MINDING YOUR P's & Q's

Ale was served at local taverns out of a tankard ... you were charged by the angle of your elbow ... half-way up... you drank a pint, all the way up... you drank a quart. Since the Quart cost so much more than the Pint, you were warned to "Mind your P's & Q's".

#### GETTING TANKED

When you drank too much out of the above tankard you were said to be tanked; ... if you got so tanked that you passed out, there was a chance that somebody might think you had actually died. Since back then they didn't have experience with taking pulses, they often buried people alive who were actually in a drunken stupor or otherwise comatose.

#### PITCHER

A leather jug treated with tar pitch to help it hold its shape.

#### GETTING BOMBED

"A bombard is a leather jug which holds 8 pints or 4 quarts. A full bombard of ale would make you drunk.

#### TUMBLER AND TIPSY

Glasses were hand blown, thus flat bottomed glasses were difficult to produce. Those with curved bottoms would tend to tumble over when placed on the table, and too many tumblers of whiskey would make you a little bit tipsy.

#### SAVED BY THE BELL

When our ancestors realized that they were burying a great deal of people before their time had actually come, they came up with a solution. They tied a string onto the dead person's hand, buried them, and tied the other end of the string to a bell and then tied it to nearby tree branch. If the person revived enough to ring the bell, their survivors would rush out and dig them up. Hence... "saved by the bell".

### THRESHOLD

The raised door entrance held back the straw (called thresh) on the floor.

### CHEW THE FAT

A host would offer his guests a piece of bacon, which was stored above the fireplace in the parlor, so they could chew the fat during their visit.

### GETTING THE SHORT END OF THE STICK

Candles were expensive to make, so often reeds were dipped in tallow and burned instead. When visitors came, it was the custom for guests to make their exit by the time the lights went out. Therefore, if your host didn't want you to stay very long, he would give you a "short stick".

### BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS

If they REALLY didn't want you to stay very long, they would light both ends at the same time!

### GETTING THE BUM'S RUSH

A short rush, which would burn for a short time, would be used when company came over rather late; when it burnt out, you would want to see the hind end of your guests out the door.

### GETTING A SQUARE MEAL

Your dinner plate was a square piece of wood with a bowl carved out to hold your serving of the perpetual stew that was always cooking over the fire. The kettle was never actually emptied and cleaned out. New ingredients were simply added to the muck. You always took your square with you when you went traveling.

### CLEAN YOUR PLATE BEFORE YOU HAVE DESSERT

The square plate (above) was never washed either. After your daily dose of stew, you wiped your plate clean with a piece of bread. Then you flipped it over which provided a flat surface for your dessert portion (if there was any, that is).

### ROOM AND BOARD

An apprentice would journey to another village to learn more about his craft (journeyman). There he would pay someone for his room, and food for his board.

### STONE COLD

Slate floors were often cold enough during the winter months that any bare skin coming in contact with them would stick. The slate floors were covered with a layer of hay to provide some warmth. The kitchen was the only room kept heated during the winter. All of the family spent the day cooped up in this one room (often 10 kids or more)... also the family cats and dogs who served important functions of mousing, garbage disposal and etc.

### BABY'S HIGH CHAIR

with holes in the seat (a.k.a. drainage chair)

During the winter months, young babies were strapped into their chairs and were never allowed to crawl around in the hay on the stone-cold floor. They didn't wear any diapers of any sort. They sat in that chair all day... and you know why there were holes in their chair!

### SPRING CLEANING

The layer of hay in the kitchen, was finally hauled out of the house when the weather turned warm in the Spring.

### BON(e)FIRE

The discarded bones from winter meals were piled outside and a bonfire would be set to get rid of them.

### SLEEP TIGHT

The bed frames were strung with ropes on which straw mattresses were placed. After some time the ropes would loosen and one of the young men would pull them tight.

### TIE THE KNOT

Tying the knot of the ropes in the marriage bed.

### REASON FOR CANOPY BEDS

Most English homes of old had thatched roofs. Canopies were placed over the beds to keep bugs, mice, dirt, rain, etc. from disturbing your sleep! Of course, I think I would want to stay awake because I'd be so afraid of having to be "saved by the bell"!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The following articles appeared in the Anderson Independent Mail on Sunday, April 13, 1997. Chapter members, Margaret Coker and Jim Harper of Anderson SC and Bvenitta Williams of Mansfield, Ohio were interviewed for these articles.

Sunday, April 13, 1997

**INSIDE**

## DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL

Country singer Tanya Tucker seems to be better-known for her antics than her singing

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**Entertainment**

# MAGAZINE

## 'Gone but not forgotten'



## Genealogists try to nurture family trees

By Eric Metcalf  
Independent Mail

In just four words, the quote on the headstone of Margaret Coker's uncle sums up the purpose of her hobby:

"Gone but not forgotten."

The gravestone is one of dozens — maybe hundreds — photographed for Mrs. Coker's records.

An avid genealogist for more than a decade, she has stacks of albums stuffed with photos and documents. She reads newsletters and magazines published by genealogy associations. She painstakingly combs through censuses, city directories and military records.

All in an endless quest to rake in the bushels of leaves on her family tree.

She's not alone. The Anderson County Genealogy Club, one of 16 such societies across the state, has more than 100 members, said Jim Harper, who helped found the group 10 years ago.



Margaret Coker looks for Anderson County census information on microfilm in the Anderson County Library.

Oreg Beckner Independent Mail photo

"You either love it or you hate it," said Mr. Harper, who has taught genealogy at Tri-County Technical College and worked as a researcher on other people's family trees.

He followed one branch of his family tree back to the 1620s, then found previous English research, which traced the family back to the 1200s.

Has he come across any unpleasant surprises among his ancestors?

"Everybody has those," he said with a laugh. "Everybody." One Revolutionary War-era forefather who went on to fight in the war was involved in a counterfeiting ring, he said, but questionable ancestors just have to be taken in stride.

"What happened 200 years ago has absolutely no bearing on me at all."

Mrs. Coker has also identified Revolutionary War veterans in her lineage, as well as soldiers in the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The Civil War forefathers were all from the Confederacy, though she supposes she'd claim them if they were on the Union side.

She also found a wife of Pennsylvania founder William Penn lurking in her family tree, too.

People enter genealogy for many reasons, Mr.

Harper said.

Mrs. Coker — whose own personal history includes being the first female to graduate from Clemson University when it was still Clemson College — has been active in the hobby for 11 years. Aside from finding ancestors and putting them in their proper place in the tree, she also enjoys seeking out living relatives she never knew she had.

Bvenitta Williams, a Mansfield, Ohio, resident who makes annual visits to the Anderson area for research, said her interest in the subject was sparked by "Roots," the groundbreaking 1977 series based on author Alex Haley's account of his own ancestry.

It wasn't until 1991, however, that she learned how to formally research her background. She's now editor of a family newsletter, a regular speaker on genealogical topics and author of the recently published "African-American Cemeteries — Anderson County South Carolina."

The book compiles information from thousands of headstones from 11 cemeteries around the county.

Mrs. Williams said her introduction to formal research techniques came after meeting a librarian with her local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

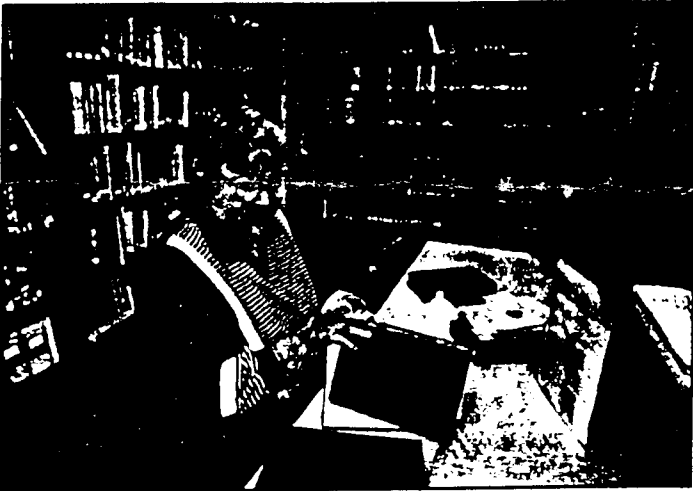
The Mormon church compiles extensive genealogical records because the religion calls for the faithful to track down as many ancestors as possible in order to posthumously baptize them, said Christine Staton, director of the church's Family History Center in Greenville.

"We have the largest accumulation of (genealogy) records of any organization on the face of the earth. The church will put on microfilm and microfiche vital records, family histories, and anything that anyone will allow us to do."

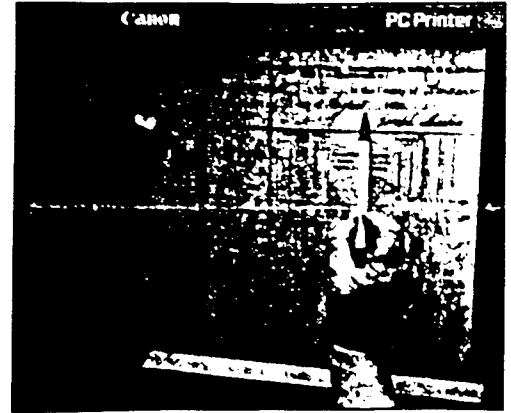
The headquarters for the Mormon records are in Salt Lake City, and the church operates 2,800 libraries

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Margaret Coker  
genealogist



Margaret Coker looks over some old Anderson City Directories in the Horace G. Williams Historical Room at the Anderson County Library. Mrs. Coker uses the books for her genealogy research.



Margaret Coker reads the Anderson County census from 1870.

around the world, Ms. Staton said. Visitors to the Greenville center, 1301 Boiling Springs Road, can order materials from other libraries and access other information directly through the center's computers.

Though it's intended for religious purposes, the church's genealogical resources are also available to non-members, who make up the bulk of its users, Ms. Staton said.

The center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Another source in the area frequented by genealogists is the Anderson County Library, which has a historical room filled with such resources as cemetery listings and family and county histories. The library also has censuses from Upstate counties on microfilm, as well as property transfer records from the 1700s to 1859.

While Mrs. Coker was spreading out her considerable files on a table in the historical room, including a thick sheaf of records photocopied from microfilm at 10 cents a sheet, several other genealogists came through to hit the books.

It's not uncommon for Mrs. Coker to start talking to strangers at the library and discover that they're researching related families. She also sends out query letters to other researchers while looking for information, and answers letters when she can offer help.

"You can't be shy if you're going to be a genealogist. I write to people in California, Oregon, Texas, Ohio," she said. "I enjoy meeting kin. If they're your eighth cousin, they're still your cousin."

For those interested in starting a genealogy hobby, the first thing to do, Mrs. Coker and Mrs. Williams said, is to record as much information as possible from relatives while they're still alive.

Fortunately for Mrs. Coker's search, she had the foresight as a girl to pump her grandmother for family information and wrote it down.

Mrs. Williams also suggested talking to older members in the community who might have known your past relatives.

Genealogical associations can recommend books and publications and offer tips on finding information to the novice researcher.

Filling in a gap with a new name or finding a connection between old ones makes the hobby fun, the genealogists say. "I just about jumped out of my skin," Mrs. Williams said of a particularly juicy discovery. "It was like hitting the lottery."

When asked if a descendant will have an easy time tracking her down in 200 years, Mrs. Coker took a look at her piles of exhaustively researched materials.

"I hope all this work I'm doing will be saved," she said with a laugh.

For more information on genealogy, the Anderson County Genealogy Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Perpetua Bank, 907 N. Main St. in Anderson.

## Black Americans have tough job tracing past

By Eric Metcalf  
Independent Mail

Genealogy is not a pastime for people looking for quick results, fans of the hobby say. Researching a family tree is a hit-and-miss process of combing through records, finding names of long-gone ancestors and seeking out relevant research made by other genealogists.

But for blacks, researching their lineage can be complicated by incomplete records and ancestors who changed their last names.

Records dating back to 1870 will be the same for blacks and whites, said Ohio genealogist Bvenitta Williams.

"Before then, you run into a lot of stumbling blocks," she said. Mrs. Williams comes to Anderson at least

once a year for research, and her work includes a compilation of gravestone information gleaned from black cemeteries in Anderson County.

The first census in which all blacks were recorded by their first and last names was in 1870, she said. Researching ancestors who lived during slavery times can depend on finding probate records of the family that owned the slaves, Mrs. Williams said.

But even those records listed the slaves by their first names, which are difficult to use unless the people had uncommon first names. Mrs. Williams said.

After gaining their freedom, slaves could choose their new last names. One of Mrs. Williams' ancestors,

Isaac Vandiver, took the last name of the pastor at the church his owner attended, instead of the owner's last name, which was Dean. But another ancestor did keep the last name of a former owner, which was Webb.

"You're never really sure if you've got the right link until you find a piece of paper connecting them, and that's very difficult," she said.

Mrs. Williams said that tracking the family history in Africa is "virtually impossible," she said.

However, she was able to establish that Isaac Vandiver was born in Africa to African parents in 1782, lived in South Carolina as early as 1820, and died free in 1888. He's buried in Mt. Monah Church Cemetery in Starr.

Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp #1428

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

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P. O. Box 4405  
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May 21, 1997

Sue Brewer  
Editor, ACSCGS  
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Dear Sue :

Would mind printing the following in the next newsletter?  
Thank you.

The Anderson chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has recently discovered a photo montage of 133 Confederate veterans from the Anderson area. These men were all former members of a company known as the Palmetto Riflemen, which was formed in 1861. According to an article in the *Anderson Intelligencer* a committee of the veterans gathered the photos in 1903 and had them copied and framed, complete with the names of the veterans attached.

The SCV has had 150 laser photocopies made and will sell them while they last for five dollars (or mailed in a tube for eight dollars). The copies, which measure 11x17, are almost exact duplicates of the original and the quality is many times better than the black and white photocopies which were sold for one dollar at a recent meeting.

The profit, if any is ever realized, will be used to pay for the framing of copies to be placed in the county museum, library, Pendleton Historical Commission and other such places. Copies are available from SCV, POB 4405, Anderson, SC 29622.

Anyone wanting more information can phone Dan Snipes at 864-231-7766 (nights) for more information.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Dan Snipes  
(Member, Anderson county chapter SCGS)



Sue.

Here are two more bits of information that the members may find useful:

### **INDEX TO 1897 MAP**

An index to the 1897 Anderson county map is available for \$14.00, including postage, from Dr. Bruce Pruitt, POB 185, Whitakers, NC 27891. The index contains all the names which appear on the map in alphabetical order, including the churches, cemeteries, mills, etc. Beside each name is a letter denoting the township in which the name appears. The map is reproduced in sections on the pages of the book--for example Rock Mills is on one page and Centerville is on another. In addition to the Anderson map the book also contains indexes to two old Greenville county maps, a Spartanburg county map and a Greenwood county map.

### **1935 ANDERSON VIDEO**

The film made in Anderson in 1935 is available on video at the main county library for anyone wishing to check it out and take it home. The video features the Anderson City Police and Fire Departments, Anderson College students and faculty; Anderson Boys High (with "Frog" Reames) and Girls High students and faculty; the Anderson School of Dancing (with little Lila Fretwell Albergotti); and the following elementary schools: Market Street, Fant Street, Glenn Street and Kennedy Street.

Also included is an "Our Gang" comedy featuring Anderson children and an early Anderson newsreel about cotton being shipped from Anderson to Europe.. The video is called simply "Anderson 1935," and two copies are available.

GENEALOGY POX (Very Contagious in Adults)Symptoms

Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has bland expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses.

Has compulsion to write letters. Grumbles at postman when he doesn't deliver any mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bills. Mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. A new contact story or fact has been known to bring on a sudden attack of rapid heartbeat. Sometimes even just a clue to a possible source of information can produce inability to relax and sparkling eyes.

Treatment

No known cure. Medicine is useless. Sometimes a cup of coffee by typewriter is tried. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and talk with others with same affliction. Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse, and a corner in the house where patient can be alone should be provided.

Remarks

The unusual nature of this disease is--the more advanced it becomes, the more the patient enjoys it.

GREENLEE ELLISON FAMILY BIBLE: This Bible is in the possession of Carl G. Ellison, Anderson, SC. This Bible was in the possession of Eva Mae Ellison, a granddaughter of Greenlee Ellison, and she permitted children to play with it and it has been badly damaged. The family record was spared and it contains the following information.

Grace Margaret Ellison b. Sept. 10, 1834, d. July 16, 1920. Greenlee Ellison b. Sept. 10, 1835, d. May 26, 1921. E.K. Ellison b. Sept. 24, 1854. J.B. Ellison b. Dec. 3, 1857. J.M. Ellison b. June 1, 1856. Yeugenia Ellison b. July 5, 1866. R.J. Ellison b. Feb. 27, 1868. Miles Ellison b. Nov. 29, 1799, d. Feb. 10, 1884. Deborah Johnson Ellison b. Mar. 10, 1797, d. April 19, 1869. (Father and Mother of Greenlee Ellison)

Aaron Holland b. April 29, 1814, d. June 23, 1880. Malinda Holland b. July 25, 1811, d. Feb. 17, 1888. F.E. Johnson b. Mar. 11, 1836. E.M. Holland b. Feb. 16, 1838. M.M. Holland b. Mar. 26, 1840. P.A. Holland b. Nov. 26, 1841. B.R. (B.B.) Holland b. Oct. 13, 1843.

The Family Bible of Hubert G. and Ila Odell Lollis Smith is in the possession of David Caleb Smith, 4106 Portman Rd, Anderson, SC., 19624 (1992). The Bible contains the following information: Luna Ragsdale bn. 9 Oct. 1876, d. 11 Dec. 1953.

Grand Children: Veleria Sudie Kelly b. 14 July 1929, Milford Allen Chapman b. 8 Aug. 1930, Joe Wayne Kelly b. 6 Jan. 1932, Wilma Odell Chapman b. 9 May 1932, Harvelean Kelly b. 2 July 1934, Robert Delbert Chapman b. 25 Sep 1934, Martha Sue Chapman b. 29 Sept. 1936, Donald Lee Cheshire b. 2 Oct. 1938, May Ila Sylvene Pruitt b. 23 July 1939, Raymond David Chapman b. 21 Aug. 1939, Charles Allen Cheshire b. 21 July 1942, Carrie Roberta Chapman b. 11 Mar. 1944, Larry Marshall Cheshire b. 31 Sept 1946, David Randolph Cheshire b. 21 June 1940, Mary Magdalene Smith b. 20 Nov. 1946, Letha Dianne Cheshire 19 Mar. 1949, Carolyn Faye Kelly b. 12 Feb. 1950, Kathy Jean Elgin b. 16 Sept. 1955, Jerry and Perry Elgin b. 24 Sept. 1951, Roger Dale Chapman b. 18 Feb. 1951, Herman Denis Smith b. 21 Apr. 1951, Marshall Ronda Cheshire b. Nov. 1952, Alice Jane Smith b. 17 Dec. 1956.

Great-Grandchildren Brenda Elaine Gambrell b. 5 July 1950, Cathy Grambrell b. 10 Oct. 1951, Christine Elizabeth Chapman b. 25 Dec. 1952, Mitch and Mick Gambrell b. 31 Jan 1953, Donnie Wayne Kelly b. 22 Sept. 1952, Stacie Lee Kelly b. Feb. 1954, Betty Sue Thomas b. 6 Feb. 1953, Cathy Avon Martin b. 9 Dec. 1953, Connie Jean Kelly b. 6 Dec. 1955, Gloria Kathleen Chapman b. 2 Feb. 1953, Ronnie Lee Thomas b. 28 Mar. 1956, Cynthia Ann McClellion b. 28 Dec. 1956.

(Submitted by Carl Ellison)

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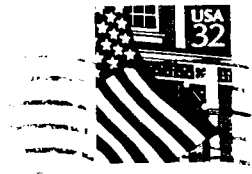
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