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October 2nd Meeting

After a long summer hiatus, the Anderson County Chapter will resume its monthly meetings on the first Monday at 7:00 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 412 Harden Road. We welcome everyone who has an interest in family history, county history, and/or state history and the search for the above. Everyone will enjoy seeing each other and greeting the new members who joined at the Genealogy Fair held in June. So, come meet with us October 2nd, 2006.

Speaking of the Genealogy Fair, it was a huge success. Kudos goes to Shirley Galloway who organized the whole thing.

Congratulations go to member Wm. Don Kay for his first prize Best Family History award in the SC Genealogical Publications Contest. Each entry was judged by three independent judges to get an independent assessment of the quality of the book. The book is entitled *Robert Norris Wright, Esquire-His life and Four Generations of his family*. The award will be presented to him at the Fall Meeting in Marion, SC in October

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SCGS Fall Annual Meeting

The South Carolina Genealogy Society 2006 Annual Meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 6th and 7th in Marion, SC. Our hosts are the Pee Dee Chapter and they have scheduled two days of interesting activities. Friday is reserved for self-guided tours of the area and research in the Marion County Archives and History Center as well as the Public Library, both with a large collection of materials relating to the Pee Dee. Saturday, the meeting starts with registration at 8:30-9:30 a.m., followed by the Welcome, from Dr. Constance McNeil, SCGS President. A special treat will be a costumed presentation of General Frances Marion by Ben Ziegler, and a monologue by Dr. Joe Stukes.

To learn more about this meeting and how to register, check out their website:

<http://www.scgen.org/peedee.htm>

Registrations should be made by September 25th for the reception Friday night and the catered Saturday lunch.

Query

Looking for information on Rev. Ezekiel Albert **Durham** (1846-1926) and his wife Louisa Catherine **Guthrie** Durham (1846-1941) of Pelzer Community. They had 8 children. One was my grandmother, Sarah Pearle Durham. Reply stollison@sc.rr.com or 1139 Loblolly Dr., Manning, SC 29102.

Anderson County Chapter Abbreviated Minutes

At the **April 3rd**, 2006 meeting, there were 27 present. Carolyn Duncan, president, called the meeting to order and Lamar Gamble gave the invocation. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Carolyn reported that the research center fund had a total of \$226.89.

Carolyn announced that volunteers are needed for the State Workshop July 7- 8 in Columbia, because Connie McNeill, state president, asked the Anderson Chapter to take care of registration this year.

Shirley Galloway, librarian, reported that School District Five has approved the genealogy classes for fourth and fifth grade students in May. Adult workshops are planned for June 3rd at the Anderson County Main Library and June 5th at Westside Community Center. The Humanities Council has agreed to lend us a film on genealogy done by 80 slaves who lived on a plantation. Shirley also announced that two books have been donated for the research room.

The chapter now has a web site. The address is www.acgen.org. Seven volunteers are needed to work and sell books at the Anderson Soiree April 29th.

After the announcements, Jim Harper introduced Tim Drake whose expertise was preservation and restoration of old homes. Margaret A. Cole

At the **May 1st**, 2006 meeting, there were 30 present. Carolyn Duncan, president, called the meeting to order and Lamar Gamble gave the invocation. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Joyce Fields, activities chairman, reported that eleven members plan to make the research trip to the Regional National Archives in Atlanta area May 19 and 20.

Shirley Galloway, librarian, explained that she had not heard from the Humanities grant but that definite plans were being made for the genealogical workshop.

Hopefully, the research center will open the last of July and donations of books and money will be needed. Also, members were reminded to check the chapter Web site.

Juanita Garrison moved that the chapter purchase a portable sign, approximately 2 X 3 feet, to be used on occasions such as the Anderson Soiree to identify our chapter. Shirley Galloway seconded the motion and it passed. Carolyn thanked those who worked at the Soirée.

After reminding the chapter that the next meeting would be a covered dish meal at Roberts Presbyterian Church, Jim Harper introduced Ann Sheriff, Faith Clayton Room curator.

On **June 5th**, 2006, the annual covered dish meeting was held at Roberts Presbyterian Church on Highway 187 in Anderson County, with 28 members and several church members present. Carolyn Duncan, president, called the meeting to order and Rev. Dale Rawlings gave the blessing before the meal.

After the meal, chapter member Bruce Ford, a member of the church, introduced Pat Williford, church historian, who presented a history of the church. She also shared personal stories. Doris McKinley extended an invitation for next year's covered dish meeting to be held at Neals Creek Baptist Church.

Anne Austin Young – Pioneer Woman Doctor

Submitted by Jean Hoag

From early age, Anne Austin learned that the Austin clan was one of great antiquity. She understood that regardless of how distinguished or how humble it may be, the family tree was more than a record of descent. It became an anchor that stabilized a person's life and gave them a sense of belonging and purpose. The family of Austin reputation had been one of perseverance, fortitude, courage, resourcefulness, and leadership.

Her great grandparents, Alexander and Agnes Austin, left Antrim County, Ireland seeking religious freedom. They arrived in Charleston, South Carolina, on November 10, 1804, after an arduous journey of seventy days aboard the "Lady Washington." The next journey was to Cross Hill in Laurens County, where they joined friends. A log cabin was constructed that grew from one room to many as it was enlarged to fit the family of ten children.

One of the ten children was Robert Campbell Austin, Anne's grandfather, who became one of Laurens County's early doctors. Dr. Austin acquired his medical education after reading and studying under another physician, as it was done at the time. With him began a legacy, that produced four generations of physicians.

Dr. Jefferson Davis Austin was the second-generation doctor. He was Anne's "Uncle Jeffie." The family could not afford financially to send more than one son to college. So sons Willie and Robert Alexander, Anne's father, stayed at home and worked to pay Jeffie's way through college. For his medical degree he attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. One of Jeffie's sons would become the third Doctor Austin.

Anne's father, Alex, was raised during the Reconstruction period, after the War Between the States. His education limited him but he possessed ambition and wanted to better himself. He inherited part of the farm when Grandfather Austin died. Alex studied surveying and supplemented his farm income with surveying income. Eventually he would survey most of Laurens County. Through hard work and ingenuity, his fortunes improved and he made plans to marry Clara Nabers, daughter of Confederate veteran Sam and Anna McSwain Nabers. Anne's mother inherited her own mother's intellectual ability and love of books. The couple set up housekeeping in 1887.

Anne was one of two children born to her parents. Older sister Katy was born in 1889. Anne arrived on a snowy winter day, 15 January 1892. This was Anne Austin, who when she announced her intentions to become a female physician, was called "crazy Anne Austin" by the locals. "Crazy Anne" had inherited the genes from her forbearers that enabled her to overcome all of the obstacles of being a female in a time when women were expected to be wives and mothers. Anne excelled in her academic pursuits, always being first in her class throughout her education. A quick intelligent mind and strong will motivated her. Anne would go to physician's college and become a doctor. (To be continued next issue)

Anne Sheriff's Visit to our May Meeting

By Margaret A. Cole

A teacher for 34 years in South Carolina and Georgia, Ann Sheriff found time to organize the Faith Clayton Family Research Room and to serve as curator for the Central History Museum. The research room, at Southern Wesleyan University, in Central, South Carolina, began with one cabinet for Faith Clayton's collection and has grown to about 25 cabinets of donated materials. The collection is self-supporting, with plans to start an endowment. It includes books, family files, a map collection, microfilm and CD collections. Among the collections are the Emmie Bannister Collection, the Hartlett Collection, the Youngblood Collection, the McJunkin Collection, the Dacusville Project, the Folger Collection, churches, the Clayton Family, the Yates Family, the Rich-Whitehurst Collection, Bible records, Katherine Hester papers, Marshall Williams papers, Pickens County books, the Lynch-Edens Collection, Crawford Confederate Letters, Mullinax-Ellison Collection, Hallum papers (Revolutionary War period), Jay Young papers, Pauline Young papers, Dr. Clayton's records, school registers, ledger books, plats and deeds. Original documents are stored in her office. This collection has information that won't be found at any other research center.

History of Roberts Presbyterian Church

Extracted from June Minutes

In 1789, Rev. John Simpson, who was a Princeton graduate and Revolutionary War soldier, traveled on horseback from Pennsylvania to South Carolina and became the first pastor. Rev. Simpson remained pastor of Roberts and Good Hope Churches until his death in 1808 and is buried in Roberts churchyard. One of the pastors who followed him was Rev. David Humphreys, who also taught school.

The earliest congregation used a "brush arbor" for meetings and then a log cabin. About 1847, the first structure was built with handmade clay bricks done by slaves, but in 1937 that building collapsed from water damage. The present building, which was constructed in 1939 and later remodeled, includes an education building and a fellowship building. A steeple was added in 1990.

The material she used came from a history of the church that was done in 1989 as a part of their bicentennial observance. The church history included excerpts from Louise Ayer Vandiver's *Traditions and History of Anderson County*. Of special interest were Pat Williford's stories about early church members and her family. The Gilmers with Calhoun connections, the Morrows, and the Campbells were among the early ones. War Between the States stories included John Harvey Little, who papered a room in his house with Confederate money, and Dr. Todd, who walked home from Virginia after the war.

J. THOMSON & SON

ACCOUNT BOOK

1834

TRANSCRIBED BY
CARL G. ELLISON, D. MIN.

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ANDERSON, SC. 29621

THOMSON STORE ACCOUNT BOOK

The Account Book of Thomson's Store was found in some loose papers in the University of South Carolina Library. It was not listed in an index. I understand that there are two more pages which are not included in this copy.

This store is believed to have been located between the present city of Anderson and Abbeville in the southwestern part of Anderson County. The list of names indicates that it was a rather prosperous business. Many of the person listed still have descendants list in this area. Some of the names also indicates that some of the people traveled a considerable distance to make purchases.

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Solvent Notes belonging to the firm of Thomson
and Son. January 1834

Frances Harrison	\$10.00
David Gentry	4.50
William S. Elrod	10.00
Patsey & Polly Rampie	4.00
Bennona Fowler	3.50
Allen Arnold	13.43
Benj. Gassoway	14.91
John McConnel	4.43 1/4
And. McCalister, Jr.	5.68
Samuel Shaw, Jr.	4.10
Benjamin Lang & Howard	34.78
James McCallister	6.22
Philip Steifle	18.59
Lewis Casper	6.44
Harmin Gable	11.36
Henry Casper	2.66
John Shaw	7.85
Total	\$162.46 1/2

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Solvent Notes

Amount Brought Forward	\$162.46 1/2
Lemuel Seath	8.17
Samuel Taylor	4.36
J.D. Gillard	8.52
Fann Moore	8.43 1/2
David Hall	4.75
Abraham Langesdell	2.00
Luke Haney	13.87 1/2
Wm. Heeten	7.13
Fentin Hall	23.02
Allen Arnold	7.65
Lewis Boseman	39.21
Luke Brown	8.29
Lent Hall, Sr.	35.03
Wm. Braszeel	79.88
Shadrack Stephens	12.95
David Scott	16.61
Wm. Steel	2.56 1/4
Benjamin Lang	10.87 1/2
Nathaniel McCallister, Jr.	13.00
Total	\$982.47 1/4

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Solvent Notes	
Amount Brought Forward	\$982.47 1/4
Allen Arnold	5.77
Thomas Liverett	6.00
John McFail	5.36
Hugh McKay	11.33
Hudson Prince	34.74
Benj. Gassaway	12.00
Francis Burns	2.75
Jonathan Pierman	3.62 1/2
Mary Moore	14.73
Total	\$1078.77 3/4
Penuel Price	4.43
John M. Taylor	5.00
Total	\$1089.20 3/4

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Notes on hand January 1, 1834 Belonging to the
firm of J. Thomson and Son.

Considered Bad Notes

Andrew Hannah, Jr.	3.37
Nicholas Rampey	10.50
Beetsy McCoy	1.06 1/4
James Fowler	10.31 1/4
Rachel Little	36.35
Andrew Hannah	3.33
Nicholas Rampey	24.41
John McWhorter	48.17
William McDowell	28.90
James Jarrett	68.00
William China	7.37
William Rampey	19.06 1/4
Abram Aliwine	15.45
Ezekiel Beam	5.18
George Taylor	25.30
Amount Carried Over	\$301.78 3/4

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Bad Notes

Amount Brought Over \$301.78 3/4

John McKey	9.00
Peter Martin	27.47
Jas. Herron, Jr.	13.62
Wm. Oakley	60.76
Willis & Johnson Carpenter	31.43
William D. McKee	22.73
William McDowell	32.98
Jas. Little	40.00
Isaac B. Beam	5.00
William Perry	20.00
William Gantt	12.00
Martin Taylor	14.75
Uriah Sly	8.43
Peyton Prince (Hunter)	6.18
Jas. Bostick	12.60
Alexander Rupel (Boarder)	10.08
Total	\$628.81 3/4

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J. Thomson and Son Bad Accounts

John Duncan	14.76
Raney Jarrett	20.00
Alexander McDowell	56.37 1/4
Andrew Hannah, Jr.	7.37 1/4
Thomas McCurry	1.18 1/4
Andrew Cuningham	2.00
William McDowell	1.18 3/4
George Taylor	3.37 1/4
Jacob Smith	1.12 1/4
Isaac Little	11.73
Miss Cynthia Harris	.87 1/4
Robt. Brazzeal	2.25
Samuel Rampey	2.93 3/4
Fletcher Harris	.37 1/4
Powell Stopher	1.25
Thos. Williams	43.00
Peter Martin	10.93 3/4
Total	\$180.69

(To be continued in next newsletter)

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