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The Mystery of Mary Smith, Revolutionary Heroine

Louise Ayer Vandiver, in her book, *Traditions and History of Anderson County*, published in 1928, told a story of Mary Smith who came from Ireland before the War and settled in what is now the High Shoals area of Anderson County. As the story unfolds, the Smith family was great friends with the Samuel Moore family in Ireland and later in the new country to which they journeyed. When the Revolutionary War began, brothers Samuel and Eliab Moore were stationed near Ninety Six and received aid in the form of supplies and news from Mary as a friend and family worker who made the journey usually alone by wagon. The service of the two brothers was documented in Bobby Gilmer Moss' *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*. Beth Ann Wiles Klosky, former Anderson historian and newspaper reporter, wrote a detailed account of the heroine's exploits in an interview with the great granddaughter of Mary Smith, Nancy Dalrymple Casey. Mrs. Casey recalled the Revolutionary stories that her great grandmother had shared while living with her family. After the death of Nancy Casey, in 1933, Mrs. Klosky elaborated on the life of Mary Smith. In an introduction to the *Moore Family History 1725-1981*, Martha Elizabeth Moore gave similar details about the Smiths and the Moores' journey to America and about Mary's aid to the Moore brothers and their company in Ninety Six. Located on a wooded knoll, in the Broadway community are two gravestones with legible inscriptions. One reads, "Here lies the body

of Mary Smith, a heroine of the American Revolution, who died Aug 17th 1829, aged 92 years."

The mystery surrounding this lady is that no primary sources of her journeys to Ninety Six have been found that would include her descendants in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The above proof was turned down as being hearsay or just traditionally told stories passed down to others. Could it be that some family has letters, newspapers or some other proof to verify that Mary Smith was a hero? If you stumble upon such proof in your researching, please contact Linda Cushing or Margaret Cole, who are most interested in this matter.

NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2010

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Abbreviated Minutes-6 April 2010

Vice President Jenny Gentry called meeting to order with a welcome to 25 members and 5 visitors. Announcements were made and Dr. Carl Ellison gave a devotional. The Officers' reports were read and approved. The Research room asked for money and volunteers. Carolyn Duncan has bought \$213.00 of books and provided members with a list of surnames available for research at the center. At the Hartwell County Meeting, four hundred dollars worth of books and maps were sold. The guest speaker was Charles Andrews, an historian whose expertise is early 19th Century and the Revolutionary period, who spoke about the Bonhams. The SC Bonhams came to the United States in the 1630's and descend from Nicholas Bonham. The most famous Bonham was thought to be James Butler Bonham, who died at the Alamo in 1836. His talk was followed by a question and answer session.

Abbreviated Minutes-3 May 2010

The President Robert Carlisle called the meeting to order. There were 22 members and 4 visitors present. Prayer was given by Dr. Ellison and afterwards, two new members were introduced, Billy Pruitt and LuAnne Foster. Officers' reports were read and approved; the next meeting will be a covered dish at Midway Presbyterian Church, June 7. Dr. Carl Ellison offered for sale his History of Big Creek Baptist Church on CD. The speaker of the evening was Ms. Lily Hall. She is well known for work in Anderson in conjunction with the Anderson Historical Society. Now as President of the society, she spoke about planned tours of homes in Anderson, identified, and described the five districts: Anderson Historic District, Boulevard Historical District, Downtown Historical District, Westside Historical District, & North Anderson Historical District. She had personal stories of some of the outstanding families and their vision of the city as it grew. She invited us to become members and help contribute to Anderson's preservation.

Abbreviated Minutes-7 June 2010

Our annual covered dish dinner was held at Midway Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1833 and located on Midway Road. Our president called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Marshall Kowalski, a member of the society and the church who introduced the church's pastor, Rev. Mel Davis. Rev. Davis welcomed everyone and blessed the food. A delicious supper was enjoyed by all. Carolyn Duncan, director of the Research Room, mentioned that Harvey Feltman and Bill Kirkpatrick had donated their time to build a wall in our library. A lovely picture by Philip Cheney of the Anderson County Courthouse was won by Ed and Juanita Garrison. Ms. Barbara Wentzky, an elder and historian of the church, related its interesting history and building. In 2008, Midway celebrated its 175th anniversary. She gave a copy of the history to our Research Room.

Can you find answers to these questions? How many church buildings has Midway church had? Are there any fixtures original to the building still left in the church? Test your memory on page 17.

City Cemetery Committee

A meeting of the City Committee was held on 24 June 2010 and directed by Linda McConnell, assistant City Manager, for presenting newly drawn plans for Old Silver Brook Cemetery. Silver Brook was established in 1879 on 44 acres and has a great historical presence. The new vision for this old cemetery includes a plan to build a new office with parking and visitor's rest rooms. The present office will be renovated and converted to a chapel for public use. New signs will be erected on River Street, White Street and Shockley Ferry Road and on the streets in the cemetery. There will be landscaping, benches and fountains throughout the cemetery to give a park-like environment, and repair given to fencing where needed. An endowment has been started to help generate funds for this plan by the Committee and contributions will be accepted. More information can be had by calling the Cemetery section of the City Public Works Division, 231-2255. The Anderson County Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society was represented by Harvey Feltman Jr., our Cemetery Chairman, and he submitted this report.

FREE Cemetery Markers for Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides free cemetery markers for eligible deceased American veterans who have served in the Armed Forces or who have fought in any war, are buried in any cemetery, anywhere around the world. Information may be obtained from any Veteran's Affairs office, by searching online at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp/ or from the Research Center on Federal Street. An 40-1330 application must be completed to determine eligibility. Your ancestors may be in need of a gravestone and maybe eligible. One has the option of submitting a claim for either a traditional marker or a new

medallion. The rules say that only the following individuals may apply for a headstone, marker or medallion:

1. the decedent's next-of-kin (NOK)
2. a person authorized in writing by the NOK
3. a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent.

Spouses and dependents are not eligible for a Government-furnished headstone or marker unless they are buried in a national cemetery, state veterans' cemetery, or military post/base cemetery. There are other rules that may apply, but they can be easily obtained, with a little research.

Save the Date

As you may know, the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held in Charleston, SC this year. The theme is "Where the Past is Still Present." The SC state society is going to be the local host and preparations are being made in chapters throughout the state to make this a good time. The dates for this event are May 11 -14, 2011. So mark the dates on your calendars.

The four-day conference will include over 50 national speakers providing lectures that include an ethnic track; research in South Carolina and surrounding states; migrations to Tennessee, Georgia and other gulf states; a genealogist certification track; and use of religious records and technology.

A research trip to the Department of Archives will be provided as a side trip on Tuesday for out of state visitors. Participants may arrange for historical tours also for Tuesday. Wednesday night, Dr. Connie McNeil and the state society will host a wine and cheese reception at the Charleston Visitor Center limited to the first 100 guests. Thursday evening, the SC Genealogical Society will host a BB-Q dinner at the Charleston Rifle Club, one of the oldest continuous private clubs in the area, limited to the first 200 people. Go online for details: www.ngsgenealogy.org.

(Continuation of) Miscellaneous-1911-12 Anderson, South Carolina City
Directory, VOL. IV
(Asheville, NC: Piedmont Directory Company, Inc, 1910) p. 275-6

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Chamber of Commerce
(124 n Main)

Geo M Tolly, pres; A M Carpenter, sec; W R
Osborne, treas

Cemeteries

Silver Brook Cemetery—White cor Cleveland av; R
E Smith, keeper

CHURCHES

(White)

Baptist

First—Manning opp Church; Rev J F Vines, pastor

Oakwood—Cox Mill Village

Orrville—40 Hammett; Rev O L Orr, pastor

Riverside—Riverside Mill Village

Second—Anderson Mill Village; Rev H C Martin,
pastor

Catholic

St. Joseph R C—McDuffie cor Earle

Christian

Christian—Greenville cor Fant

Episcopal

Grace—McDuffie cor Morris; Rev S R Guignard,
rector

Methodist

St John's M E (South)—McDuffie cor River; Rev S
A Donahoe, pastor

Orrville—2014 s Main; Rev A C Kelly, pastor

Toxaway M E—Toxaway Village; Rev J A McGraw,
pastor

Wesleyan M E—1413 s Main

West End M E—Bleckley cor Piedmont; Rev J W
Neely, pastor

Presbyterian

A R P—323 n McDuffie

Central—301-301 n Main; Rev Bunyon McLeod,
pastor

First—204 Whitner; Rev W H Frazer, pastor

CHURCHES (Colored)

Bethel A M E Church—900 s Fant; Rev A C
Johnson, pastor

Colored M E Church—503 Cleveland av; Rev H A
Washington, pastor

Royal Baptist Church—Hampton nr Fant; Rev S J
Jones, pastor

St Paul's Baptist Church—344 w Reed; Rev H M
Moore, pastor

Salem Presbyterian Church—205 w Benson; Rev J
P Foster, pastor

Thompson Centennial Church (Meth)—201 w
Market; Rev A J Kennedy, pastor

Hospitals

Anderson Hospital—620 n Fant; Miss Mabel C
Thompson, supt

Libraries

Carnegie Library—409 n Main, Mrs Susan W.
Geiger, librarian

Military

Palmetto Rifles—Meets at Armory, 128 ½ e Benson
every Friday night

Newspapers

The Anderson Daily Mail—317 s Main (issued
every afternoon except Sunday), G P Browne,
publr; A M Carpenter, editor

The Anderson Intelligencer—202 e Whitner (issued
semi-weekly), V B Cheshire, propr and publr

The People's Advocate—317 s Main (issued every
Thursday), G P Browne, publr; A. M Carpenter,
editor

Parks

Buena Vista Park—e River near limits

**SECRET SOCIETIES AND FRATERNAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

A O U W

Orr Lodge No 5—Meets monthly in Masonic
Temple

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D A R

Cateechee Chapter No 492—Meets at home of members

Fraternal Mystic Circle

Anderson Ruling No 1200—N C Boleman, recorder

B P O Elks

Anderson Lodge No 1206—Meets every 2d and 4th Wednesday night in each month at Masonic Temple

Fraternal Union of America

Security Lodge No 241—Meets monthly at Masonic Temple

I O O F

Sterling Lodge No 44—Meets Odd Fellows Hall every Friday night

Varenes Lodge No 121—Meets Orr Mills Hall every Tuesday night

Ruth, Rebecca Lodge No 8 —Meets Odd Fellows Hall 1st and 3d Tuesday nights in each month

I O R M

Tugaloo Tribe No 38—Meets at Masonic Temple every Thursday night

Generostee Lodge No 30—Meets at Orr Mills Hall every Monday night

K of H

Anderson Lodge No 290—Meets 1st and 3d Thursday nights in each month at Masonic Temple

K of P

Chiquola Lodge No 32—Meets in Masonic Temple 1st and 3d Thursday night in each month

Endowment Rank, Section 1220—Meets monthly at Masonic Temple

Masonic

Ruff Lodge No 240 A F M—Meets in Masonic Temple every 3d Saturday night in each month

Hiram Lodge No 68 A F M—Meets 1st Monday night in each month at Masonic Temple

Burning Bush Chapter No 7 R A M—Meets in Masonic Temple every 2nd Monday night in each month

Wynne Council No 4 R S M—Meets in Masonic Temple every 3d Monday night in each month

T P A

Post D—Meets at 124 ½ n Main, 4th Saturday night in each month

U C T

Anderson Council No 432—Meets at Masonic Temple every 2nd and 4th Saturday nights in each month

U C V

Stephen D Lee Camp No 753—Meets on call; Col J N Brown, commander; L P Smith, adjt

U D C

Dixie Chapter No 393—Meets on call; Miss Nell Cochran, sec

Palmetto Chapter No 638—Meets on call; Mrs C B Earle, sec

Robt E Lee Chapter No 146—Meets on call; Mrs. J B Ligon, sec

U S of C V

Camp W W Humpfreys No 7—Meets on call at Court House; J C Watkins commander

W O W

Willow Camp No 26—Meets in Masonic Temple 1st and 3d Tuesday nights in each month

1833— MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH— 2009

The Presbyterians were among the first settlers of South Carolina. For a time after reaching the wilderness, the settlers had no churches. Like all new communities, those of the same faith met in homes. They did this to keep alive their own form of worship, and occasionally, to hear an itinerant preacher.

Often the preacher stood in the door of the dwelling (house), addressing a congregation scattered about the cleared ground. Most often the men were armed in preparation for an Indian raid.

Sometimes a crude arbor, (brush arbor)—which was small trees cut and placed over a frame made by trees—was erected, under which the services were held.

These traveling preachers came from North Carolina, Virginia, or even as far away as Pennsylvania, riding horseback and stopping in homes to spend the night and get a good meal.

Our church is old in history and rich in tradition of those who have served as both ministers and members, being built on the Reformed tradition with a strong pulpit ministry in proclaiming the Word of God. The people, being solid in the Word, - teaching it, quoting it, - have always had a tender desire to live it out.

According to our records, the Rev. William Carlisle preached in and near Midway community many times before he and the Rev. David Humphrey organized a church on July 9, 1833. Rev. Carlisle served the church from 1833 to 1855, as Stated Supply pastor. In the early years of the church history, there was no building. The people gathered for preaching services under a crudely constructed brush arbor. Camp meetings were held here from time to time also, until 1848; a building was erected across the road where the cemetery is now. This building included a slave gallery and a separate Session House, being located southeasterly along the Issaqueena Trail.

The community named "Midway" may be older than the church. Dr. W. H. Mills expresses his belief that the community was so-called, because it was halfway between Dewett's Corner, just below the Cherokee Boundary line (which is the present town of Due West) and Fort Prince George on the Keowee, the chief trading post of the lower Cherokees. These two points were almost twenty-five miles southeast and northeast of Midway, a convenient days' travel for a packhorse from either point.

Old maps indicate a road passing nearby—the Old Pendleton Road—now known as Crestview Road ... (this passes by our Tennis Courts).

Throughout the years, Midway Presbyterian Church has provided "amiable dwelling" for the faithful and also has offered peace and serenity through wars, depressions and upheavals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CIRCA 1905



Left to Right:

First Row: Albert (Al) Wentzky; Willie Sonefeldt; Charley Kay; Ferd Kowalski; Alice Perry;
Mary Perry; Julia Kowalski (Wentzky); Hilda Kowalski (McClure).

Second Row: Roy Kay; Dewitt Vandiver; Ferd Wentzky; (unknown); Harris Kay;
Frank Kowalski; Wilbur White; Paul Kowalski; Ben Perry,; Pinckney Perry;
Mrs. Sadie Haynie Webb; Eunice Kay; (unknown); (unknown); Jett Kay;
Fred Watson; (unknown); (unknown); Ina Greer; Marie White;
Emmie Vandiver (Greer).

Third Row: Annie Wentzky Majeski; (unknown); Cleveland Stone; Mack Stone;
Rosa White Jones; Minnie Kowalski King; Minnie Vandiver; Eva Greer;
Mattie Stone Harris; W.L. Maddox; Mrs. W.L Maddox; Julia White; Lucy Webb;
W.L. Kay; Mrs. W.L. Kay; Casper Stone; (unknown).....

[There seems to be several names missing on the third row.]

The church, being organized on July 9, 1833, was received under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina on October 3, 1833. The Rev. William Carlisle along with twenty-one others including J. Wilson Drennon, William C Bailey, James Harrison, James Erskine, Rebecca Love, Nancy Dalrymple, and six other women were in the organizing group. Elected Elders were Robert Alexander, Walter Poole, and R. W. Todd, with Mr. Todd serving as the first Clerk of Session.

The church property was part of a grant by the State of South Carolina in 1791 to a Mr. James Milwee. Martha Wallace sold one tract to the Trustees of the church on August 2, 1833, and the second tract sold to the church in 1848, by Henry Steele. (Copies of these deeds hang in our Fellowship Hall.)

In addition to the above-mentioned names, others listed during these early years were: Simpson, McCully, Chamblin, Watson, Brown, Wilkes, Dobbins, McAllister, Hunnicutt, Wilson, Matthews, Parker, Warnock, John, Langston, Bowling, Voyles, Gear, George, and McConnell. Colored members listed were: Carolina, Amanda, Sarah, and Rayford.

A pulpit Bible was presented by Miss Sarah Hunter on May 28, 1854. (Another Pulpit Book was given in memory of the Fortune and Rhody families on December 15, 1968.) The women presented the early church with hymnbooks in September 1854. (The church families have purchased more recent Hymnbooks in 1952, 1960, 1971, 1979, and 2000. Various members have given Pew Bibles throughout the years---1970, 1980, and 2000.)

The history shows that in 1857, Wilkes D. Chamblin presented the church with a Tankard and two goblets (pewter) to be used in Sacramental occasions; and in May 1903, a Tankard, two goblets, and bread tray (sterling silver) were provided.

A narrative found in an old Session Recording dated December 6, 1856, tells of the early beginnings:

“About twenty three years have elapsed since the organization of the Church at Midway during which time no record has been kept as to membership, proceedings of the Session, or other matters of interest connected with her history; hence many important items have no doubt been buried in oblivion as the lapse of time has in a great measure drawn a veil over the memory of those who participated in the exercises of the church during her early history. Upon inquiry, we find that many who were members of this church at the time of her organization and for some years

following are not now among us. Some have emigrated, some have been suspended, whilst others have been numbered with the dead; and but few remain to tell us of the things that then transpired...”

“Whilst looking back upon the short history of our church, we are forcibly reminded of the mutability of all things temporal and that sooner or later we must all pass that barrier from whence no traveler returns.”

Other names that began appearing on the rolls in the early 1900's were Mrs. T. M. (Loni) Vandiver, N. M. Majeski, J. Hamp Majeski, William A. Webb; Mrs. John (Addie) Grobusky.

On August 8, 1924, ten women met to organize the Women's Auxiliary. Miss Lulie E. Andrews was Chairman. The Central Presbyterian Church Auxiliary was "Mother Auxiliary." Mrs. Loni Vandiver was elected the first President; Vice President was Mrs. Mattie Wolff; Secretary was Mrs. Vernon (Louise) Kay. Treasurer was Mrs. George (Mamie) Rankin. By 1938, there was an enrollment of forty women.

The first record of a church budget is recorded in 1926, with the sum of \$470.00. The pastor's salary that year was \$200.00.

During 1932-33, the Lord's Acre Plan was adopted through the ministry of the Reverend Joseph H. Carter, Minister of Central Presbyterian Church. This plan was a means of financing the work of the church, and it proved quite successful. An auction was held on the church grounds for the sale of produce and three bales of cotton in the fall of 1932. These depression years of 1932-1934, really took their toll on the church, for it sunk to very low ebb, both in number and financially.

In 1933, the Women of the Midway Auxiliary were largely responsible for the Celebration of the Church's Centennial held on July 9, 1933. Communicants at the Centennial were 92. Sunday School enrollment was 110. There were four Elders and five Deacons, with total contributions of \$450.00

Among the beautiful features of the church were the three brass chandeliers, which held kerosene lamps. In the spring of 1937, electricity came to Midway. Mr. Carl Smith was employed to convert the kerosene lamps to electric chandeliers.

The year of 1943 seemed to be another pivotal year, being the middle of World War II. A number of our young men served in the armed forces, and many were overseas fighting for our safety. Communicants listed were 115, total contributions were \$890.00, and benevolences were \$750.25. The Women's Auxiliary had 30 members.

By 1949, we had 138 Communicants, 164 in Sunday school, eight Elders, eight Deacons, and a total expense budget of \$1,597.77.

In 1951, during the pastorate of Rev. Sam Crouch, and then continuing under the ministry of the Rev. John Hornick, Midway was a two-church field with the Annie Lindley Memorial Chapel, located on West Whitener Street in Anderson. Later the building was sold to the Baptist Association, and is now West Whitener Street Baptist Church.

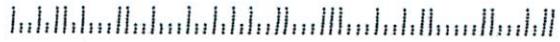
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