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refused to have the street named Cochran, so Capt. Pegg named it John Street.

## Meeting scheduled for Oct. 4

The first meeting of the year will be held at the Boulevard Baptist Church downstairs room, at 7 p.m. on the night of October 4. Park in the rear of the church. The featured speakers will be Mr. Luther Lyle, member of Cherokee Bear Clan. Call LuAnne Foster if directions are needed, 864-934-1176.

## STREET NAMES OF ANDERSON

Did you know how the streets of Anderson came to be named? Carolyn Duncan has put together a list of the main streets of the city and the personages for whom the streets were named. We will start with the streets downtown.

**Benson Street:** This street was named for the Benson House, once owned by Mr. Benson. The hotel that faced Main Street, yet abutted on the square on its north side, was bought in 1854 by Mr. C.C. Langston (not the editor) and he and his wife, Annie Fant, who kept the hotel for a long time continued to use the name, Benson House.

**McDuffie Street:** Governor McDuffie was very popular in Anderson and the people had long before called one of the earliest streets by his name and preferred to keep it as a memorial to him.

**Morris Street:** This street was named for a family of women who have lived for many years in the house at its head.

**John Street:** Mayor John Cochran was a member of the legislature as well as the mayor when the street was opened sometime in the early seventies. Capt. Sam Pegg was in charge of the street work and wished to name the street in honor of the mayor, who thought it presumptuous to have a street named for him while he was still in office. Therefore, he

**Breazeale Street:** This street was named for Mr. John Breazeale.

**Broyles Street:** This street was named to honor Dr. O.R. Broyles

**Manning Street:** Mr. Manning was a cabinetmaker whose shop may have been located on the street. Small as the town was in the beginning, Mr. Manning shared the furniture trade with Mr. Johnson.

**River Street:** This street appears as Belton Street on some old maps but because the street ran to the river and to their "wash hole," it mattered little to them where else it led; to them it was always River Road. Finally, it became known as River Street.

**Sullivan Street:** The street was named in honor of the mayor at the time it opened, Mr. J. M. Sullivan

**Church Street:** It takes its name from the Baptist church that stands at its head.

**Marshall Street:** This street cut through the Orr property because Mrs. J.L. Orr gave the land. There was already an Orr Street, named for her husband, so the new street was given her maiden name, Marshall.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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GA 30553

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GA 30214

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Maiden, NC 28650 Researching Bellotte in  
Anderson 1830; Gilmer in Abbeville 1800

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Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Mrs. Brenda Ray Harbin, 161 Pebble Point,  
Hartwell, GA 30643

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Old Newberry South Carolina Genealogical  
Society; The McCurley Family donated by  
Aubrey Pickens; *The Church of our Dreams:*  
*John Knox Pres. Church, Greenville, SC;*  
*Hudson Berry and his Descendents* by Lloyd  
Berry; *1800 Census of Pendleton District* by  
Wm. Seward; *Memorial Address delivered in*  
*Congress* by Joseph R. Bryson; *History of*  
*Central Pres. Church, Anderson, SC;* *The*  
*National Dean's List 2004-5;* *Who's Who*  
*among American High School Students 2004-*  
*5;* above donated by Carolyn Duncan.

Numerous Civil War history books by David  
Bevill;

Abbeville voter registrations, Belton births, and  
other Abbeville information by Wayne Bratcher

Recently, researchers from Maryland, North  
Carolina, and surrounding counties in South  
Carolina have visited the center. The Center is  
open on Tuesdays from 10 am to 5 pm and on  
Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm on Federal  
Street. The Center will be closed for major  
holidays, like New Years, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day,  
Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.  
Thanks to the volunteers and Connie Barnwell  
who keep this center open and thanks to  
Carolyn Duncan for all her donated time.  
Please consider donating your family pedigree  
in order to help others in their search. Visit us  
online <[www.andersoncounty@scgen.org](mailto:www.andersoncounty@scgen.org)>.

## LOUISE AYER VANDIVER, A TRIBUTE

Obituary copied from *The Anderson  
Independent*, upon her death in 1938.

### LOUISE AYER VANDIVER

Far removed from the land and the peo-  
ple to whom she was so lovingly devoted  
for many years, Mrs. LOUISE AYER VANDI-  
VER died yesterday at her home in Brook-  
lyn, N. Y.

A woman of exceptional talent, posses-  
sing a deep and inspired sense of devotion  
and loyalty for Anderson and all that it  
stands for, Mrs. VANDIVER devoted her last  
years in Anderson to the writing of a his-  
tory of Anderson and its citizens.

This book, called "*Traditions and His-  
tory of Anderson County*" was truly a labor  
of love with Mrs. VANDIVER Anderson coun-  
ty was to Mrs. Vandiver "The home that  
ever must my heart enthral—" and she  
was determined, through her history, to  
pay her tribute to her beloved home by  
setting down in permanent form the ac-  
count of its beginnings, its growth and her  
faith in the future of Anderson.

Ten years ago, in 1928, Mrs. VANDIVER'S  
history was published by *The Anderson  
Independent*, and in the preface to the  
volume Mrs. VANDIVER, in sincere modesty,  
so characteristic of her in all things, wrote:  
"The writer realizes that it is very faulty,  
but there is no time for revision, and such  
as it is, it is offered to the people of An-  
derson with the sincere love of the writer  
for the home of her best years."

Several years ago Mrs. VANDIVER went  
away from Anderson to make her home in  
New York. In the years that have inter-  
vened, however, her interest in matters  
affecting the future of Anderson and her  
love for the "home of her best years" has  
been unflagging, even after the illness that  
was to take her away prevented her visit-  
ing the city and the people she loved so  
long and so well.

Citizens as highly appreciative of An-  
derson county and as proud to be in any  
way associated with Anderson's people  
as was Mrs. VANDIVER are few and far be-  
tween in these later years, yet, through  
the inspiration of her example of undying  
loyalty and through her own historical  
work Mrs. VANDIVER has left a heritage of  
devotion that cannot but help affect An-  
derson's people of today and the children  
who will be tomorrow's leaders in this  
county. This whole city mourns her pass-  
ing. There is a feeling of deep personal  
loss on the part of this newspaper.

**Statistics** for the Research Room Library showing the number of hits on the website of [www.andersoncounty.scgen.org/library](http://www.andersoncounty.scgen.org/library).

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<b>Jul</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Aug</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>17</b>

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<b>Aug</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>27</b>

**Bible of John Mattison and Gracey Latimer Mattison**

Copied by Mary R. Riley, now deceased, of Anderson, SC

- Births:** John Mattison was born Feb. 19, 1773  
 Gracey Latimer was born January 25, 1776
- Children:** Harriet Cagey Latimer was born Nov. 10, 1794  
 Gabriel Latimer Mattison was born Apr. 4, 1796  
 Theodosha Mattison was born Oct. 1, 1797  
 Mary Mattison was born May 4, 1799  
 Lucretia Mattison was born May 4, 1801  
 Julia Ann Mattison was born May 11, 1803  
 Benjamin Latimer Mattison was born Feb. 14, 1811  
 Gabriel Marion Mattison was born Jan. 14, 1816
- Deaths:** Gabriel L. Mattison departed this life August 19, 1814  
 Benjamin L. Mattison departed this life Sept. 20, 1832  
 John Mattison departed this life Feb. 25, 1839  
 Gracy Mattison departed this life Feb. 17, 1857
- Marriages:** John Mattison was married to Gracey Latimer Aug. 26, 1793  
 Harriet C. Mattison was married to John McGee Sept. 16, 1813  
 Mary Mattison was married to Richard Gaines March 26, 1818  
 Theodosha Mattison was married to James Gaines Oct 1, 1820  
 Lucretia Mattison and John Mitchell were married Jan. 31, 1822  
 Julia Ann Mattison and Edmond Gaines were married Nov. 9, 1823  
 Benjamin Mattison and Mary Hodges were married Oct. 20, 1831  
 Nancy C. Mattison and Samuel Hodges were married Dec. 23, 1834  
 Gabriel M. Mattison and Margaret Richey were married Apr. 19, 1839  
 James Johnson and Julia Ann (Mattison) Gaines were married Jan. 3, 1839

Estate of John Mattison, Box 67, Pack 1637 Abbeville, South Carolina

I, John Mattison, of the state of South Carolina and the District of Abbeville, knowing the certainty of Death being in sound mind and judgment Do make this my last will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup>, I will my body to the ground from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it and after my funeral expenses are paid together with all my just debts I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Gracy Mattison \$400 in ready money; I then will to my son Gabriel M. Mattison all the tract of land whereon I now live containing 450 acres; I then will my personal property to be sold and equally divided between all my children and grandson Benjamin L. Mattison, son of Benjamin L. Mattison, deceased, except my daughter Nancy which I will to have \$200 more than the rest of my daughters.

I will that Magee do account for a negro boy Peter out of his part of my estate which he has received as a part of his share of my estate; and also that John Mitchell do account for a negro girl which he has received as part of his share of my estate; and that Richard Gaines do account for \$300 which he has received as a part of his share of my estate; And I will also that James Gaines do account for \$120 which he has received of my estate in part of his share. I also will to my Mary Gaines and her bodily heirs that part of my estate that may come to her. I will also to my daughter Theodosha Gaines and her bodily heirs that part of my estate that may come to her.

I have one tract of land lying in Anderson District which if not sold in my lifetime I will to have sold with my personal property and the proceeds divided as above mentioned.

I do now appoint for my executors John Magee, Gabriel M. Mattison and Wm. P. Martin of this my last will and testament, whereunto I set my hand and seal this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Assigned and sealed in the presence of us:

Chester Kingsley  
Philip Lee  
Wm. P. Martin

John Mattison ( his X mark )

Inventory made by Wm Moseley, Benj. J. Moseley, John Moor, Noah R. Reeve and Reuben Latimer

Settlement made 3 Nov 1840. Present: Gabriel M. Mattison & John Magee, executors, legatees and

James Johnson who has intermarried with Julia Ann Gaines

Samuel H. Hodges	"	"	"	"	Nancy
Richard Gaines	"	"	"	"	Mary
James Gaines	"	"	"	"	Theodosha
John Magee	"	"	"	"	Harriet C.
John Mitchell	"	"	"	"	Lucretia

Absent:

Benj. L. Mattison, a minor

Will dated 1 March 1834 Testator died 25 Febr 1839

**New Publication**

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