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Message from our President

Greetings:

Our meetings are held the first Monday of the spring, fall, and winter months at 7 pm. Come early for Meet and Greet and then have refreshments after the program. It will be great to see everyone after our Summer Break.

At no time has there been a greater interest in ancestry research. We have available great and new resources to aid our cause. Recently the Union, SC Library obtained equipment that brings researchers new and different ways to discover family and historical information. The Mormon web site "Family Search" is especially important.

Recently a person discovered valuable baseball cards in his grandfather's attic. What's in your grandfather's attic? Take a look. Look for old books, photos, letters, diaries, old magazines, and artifacts of historical significance.

Our research room has received books, pictures, magazines, and school yearbooks found at the local thrift store by our members. I read that a rare painting was purchased for a few dollars at a Goodwill Thrift Store.

The saying is, "Your trash is my treasure". I hope your treasure is your family, past, and present. Record, write, save all the information you can on your family. Place the family history, pictures, marriages, and obituaries in a notebook or a folder. Now you are on your way. Congratulations...you deserve a pat on the back for your interest in your wonderful family.

Kind and gentle days.
Harley Feltman

2012 Programs

Monday October 1, 2012

Linda McConnell will speak on Anderson City Cemeteries.

Monday November 5, 2012

LaMarr Brooks will speak on DNA and Genetic Testing as a tool for finding Ancestors.

Monday December 3, 2012

The Anderson County Chapter will hold their annual catered Christmas Dinner Party.

2013 Programs: Scheduling is in progress.

January TBA

February TBA

March

The staff of the South Carolina Library will present the Chronicling America project and the latest on how their staff has digitized South Carolina newspapers that can be accessed for genealogical purposes.

April

Don Kay, Retired Air Force Colonel and Genealogist, will present a program on Dating Old Photographs.

NOTE: If you would like to recommend a speaker, please contact Kay at kaywillisburns@yahoo.com.

The Anderson Chapter of the SCGS welcomes gifts relating to genealogy, local, and state history. Gifts can be designated charitable and are eligible for income tax deduction. Books, family and church histories, photographs, marriage and death records as well as monetary contributions may be given in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Also, the Research Center is always in need of equipment and supplies. Please help the Anderson Chapter to grow. Mail gifts to Anderson County Chapter SCGS, P. O. Box 74, Anderson, SC 29622. If you would like more information contact any officer, contact information is given below.

The Elgin–Howell Letters

Trying to knock down three brick walls in my family research is an on-going battle. Every time I find the least little clue, down that rabbit trail I go! This is how I obtained this goldmine of information! I am trying to find my GGrandfather: William Stone (b. abt 1810 Abbeville County, SC), his parents and his wife. Do you have any idea how many William Stones are out there? William's daughter, Louise "Lou" Stone Hart is my GGrandmother.

One day as I am researching, I found a John Stone in Oconee County, b. Dec 29, 1846 who was supposedly from Abbeville County. Down the rabbit trail, I go! I didn't find much on him but found his wife, Sarah Ann Elgin. In the 1850 Census, William Stone has a Betsy Elgin in his household. Now, I am really excited! I keep searching and I find a post on a message board from Mary Anne Price. I contacted her immediately and we began corresponding.

Mary Ann shared these letters and photos with me and has given me permission to share them in our newsletter, If you have any connections or would like to correspond with Mary Ann here is her contact info: Mary Ann Price 1445 Spruce Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32303. gmaprice12@comcast.net

Here is the really great treasure! When I went to the SCGS Summer Workshop on July 13 and 14th, Jan Alpert did a seminar on autosomal DNA and how to use it. A light bulb went off in my head! I could hardly wait until I got home to try her suggestions. By using DNA, I now know that Louise "Lou" Stone Hart's mother was an Elgin! *I learned the Elgins of these letters are part of my family!* I have not made the Stone connection....yet!

If you have never been to the South Carolina Genealogical Society Summer Workshop, please plan on attending next year. Who knows what you may find? Shelby Hart Lollis



A. J. Howell, and Letisha or Lettie Elgin



John Stone, and Sarah Ann Elgin Stone.

ELGIN-HOWELL LETTERS

Transcribed and edited by Mary Anne Johnson Price, completed July 31, 2002. The correspondence occurred because Lettie Arminda Elgin Howell and her husband Andrew Jackson (Jack) Howell moved from Anderson/Abbeville area when he worked for the railroad. The family moved to Tugalo Station, Georgia; to Greenville, South Carolina; to Selma, Alabama; and finally to Avondale (Birmingham), Alabama. Lettie Elgin Howell kept the letters. The letters came into the possession of Mary Anne Price from Angeline Howell Florence, daughter of Joseph Clarence Howell, known as Clarence, son of Lettie Elgin Howell. Clarence Howell and his wife, Lucretia Garfield Corvin Howell, known as Garfield, kept the letters and family photos intact, then gave them to their daughter Angeline. Mary Anne Johnson Price is a great granddaughter of Lettie Arminda Elgin Howell, through Lettie's daughter Eunice Matilda Howell Johnson, and grandson John Gordon Johnson, Jr.

Almost every item was dated and with a return address in the heading of the letter by the original author. Exact dates of events were carefully included in almost every piece of correspondence.

Editing of the letters has been very limited. I have not changed spelling, but have added capitalization of proper names and pronouns (for example, I), and have added punctuation, periods and commas where it seemed appropriate. Many of the letters were written without any punctuation and with the pronoun I in lower case in every occurrence. I have made paragraphs in several places to make the letters more readable.

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EVENTS DOCUMENTED IN CORRESPONDENCE:

Death of John Elgin, son of J. T. Elgin, August 22, 1884. Item #4

Death of Mary Elgin Reynolds, daughter of J. T. Elgin and wife of Jim Reynolds, June 6, 1888. Item #12

Death of Preston (Hezekiah Preston, known as Press) Elgin, son of J. T. Elgin, March 5, 1890. Item #15

Marriage of Lutitia Elgin to Jim Reynolds, widower of Mary Elgin Reynolds, January 25, 1890. Item #15

Death of J. T. Elgin, January, 1891. Item #17
Death of Willie Preston Howell, son of Lettie A. Elgin Howell and Andrew Jackson Howell, January 18, 1894. Items # 19 and 20

Death of Less (William L.) Elgin, son of Alexander Washington (known as Wash) Elgin and Lanora Martin Elgin, November 6, 1903. Item #21

Death of _____ Lovett, husband of Matilda Elgin Lovett and son-in-law of Alexander Washington Elgin, December 12, 1903. Item #21

1. July 15, 1884. Postcard written in pen (quite clear), postmarked Seneca (SC).

From H. P. Elgin [Preston Elgin, full name Hezekiah Preston].

Addressed to:

"Mrs. Jackson Howell
Tugalo Station
Habbersham Co., Ga."

Text: "Seneca. July the 15th, 1884"

"Lettie I will write you all a few lines in answer to yours which we received in due time. Was glad to hear from you all. Tishia is getting better. She don't have much fever only every evening she isn't able to set up any. She is weak and doesn't feel like eating any. We haven't got any one to stay with us yet. Lucinda stayed a week and Sarah Ann come Saturday and stayed until this morning. We haven't got anybody with us now. John is going down to see if he can get Lettie Martin this evening. He won't get back until to morrow. Lettie, John Stone said they couldnt go over to your house Saturday. He says he has got so much work to do they can't get off. Jack we want you to come Saturday night and bring Mattie with you and let her stay a week. So I will close. Write soon. H. P. Elgin"

2. July 25, 1884. Postcard. Written in pen (paper discolored but fairly clear writing). From H. P. Elgin.

Addressed to:

"Mrs. Jackson Howell
Tugalo Station
Habbersham Co., Ga."

Text: "Seneca July the 25, 1884"

"Lettie I will write you a few lines to let you all know how we are getting. Tishia is getting some better. She hasent had much fever for 3 or 4 days but she is very weak yet. She can't sit up any. Lettie Martin is staying with us now. She came up last week. I don't know what we would of done if she hadent of come. Jem [Jim] and Mary came up last Tuesday & stayed until Thursday. They was all well down in Anderson. Lettie we received your card Sunday was glad to hear from you all but sorry to hear you was sick. I hope you have got better by now. Jack you must come over as soon as you can and bring Mattie and let her stay a week or 2. So I will close. Write soon as you get this. H. P. Elgin"

3. August 21, 1884. Postcard. Written in pen (very clear). Postmarked Seneca S. C. Aug. 21. From H. P. Elgin

Addressed to:

"Mrs. Jackson Howell
Tugalo Station
Habbersham Co., Ga."

Text: "Seneca. Aug the 21st"

"Dear Sister I will write you all a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. John is down with the fever he was taking the day Jack was over here. He came home from Anderson sick. He is very bad off. He is so weak he can't raise himself in bed.

The Dr. says the fever is breaking up now, we had to sit up with him last night and give him toddy every few hours. Ticia has got so she can walk about since she is improving very fast. Lettie come over Saturday if you can. If you can't, tell Jack to come. So I will close. Write soon. H. P. Elgin"

4. August 23, 1884. Postcard. Written in purple pencil (very clear). From H. P. Elgin.

Addressed to:

"Mr. A. J. Howell
Tugaloo, Ga."

Text: "August 23, 1884

"Dear Sister, it is with a sad heart that we write to you this morning because Johny is dead and to be buried at nine o' clock. He was taken sick the evening that Jackson left here and died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Lutisha is still improving, the rest is well as common. Yours truly, H. P. Elgin"

5. **September 11, 1884**. Postcard. Written in pencil (very hard to read). From L. J. [Loutitia Jane] Elgin.

Addressed to: "Mrs. Jackson Howell
Tugalo Station
Habbersham, Ga"

Text: "Seneca September 11, 1884(?)

"(...) now I don't feel like I (...). We are all well now as common. Pa still has the headache. The dr said it was (...) he has just (...) for a while to see if it would get better. We have moved up in town close to the church. Press is gone to the association with John and Sary Ann [John and Sarah Ann Stone]. Lettie be sure to come next week. We can tell you the particulars of John's death [John Robert Elgin died August 22, 1884—see prior card]. It does seem impossible that he is dead. It is so hard to give him up while he was so young and beautiful. It seems like he is gone to the mountains and will be back again. Write to us soon as you get this and tell when to meet you. L. J. Elgin"

6. **November 9, 1884**. Postcard. Written in pencil. Postmarked Seneca, S.C. Nov. 10. From J. T. Elgin

Addressed to:
"Mr. A. J. Howell
Tugalo, Ga.
Habbersham Co."

Text: "Sineca City, Nov. 9, 1884

"Mr. A. J. Howell, I received your card inquiring about Letty. She is at your father's. Know Mr. Howell will bring her up here next Friday night to meet you here Saturday nite. She rote to me saying she had got a letter from you to meet her here then. Her and the children was all well when she rote to me. They leaves us all well as common. Hoping when this lines cums to hand they find you well. Yours truly J. T. Elgin."

7. **June 9, 1886**. Postcard written in pencil (faded and stained), postmarked Seneca (SC).

From J. T. Elgin (father of Lettie Arminda Howell).

Addressed to:
"Mr. A. J. Howell
Section Master No. 21
Airline Depot
Greenville, S. C."

Text: "Seneca City June 9th 1886

"Dear Son and Daughter, I will drop you a (...) line to let you know we are all in common health at this time. Hoping when the (...) line cums to hand thay will find you all well. I have bin looking for sum of you over for a month or so. Jackson you rote that you was coming over the 3th Sunday in May. We looked for you that day strong but didnt see you. We have been thinking that something is the matter that you haven't cum nor wrote. I want you all to cum if you can soon. I wold like to cum over to see you all but I haven't got the money now to pay my way. Write soon. J. T. Elgin"

8. **March 21, 1888**. Letter. No envelope. Written in ink. First part written by Sarah A. Elgin Stone. Last part written by John Stone, husband of Sarah.

Text: "Oconee County S.C.

"March 21 1888

"My dear Sister, I once more seat myself to try to write you a letter. I have been thinking about it and putting it off a good while. We are well and I hope this will find you all well. I had the tooth ache last night and never slept much and it was so storming I could not sleep. The wind blowed very hard and rained and thundered and lightning and today it is very windy and lonesome. John is gone to a log rolling today to Jack Miller's. Lettie, old Mrs. Dunlap is dead. She died the 14 of January. She had been almost helpless for 3 or 4 years. She suffered a great deal before she died and Mr. Dunlap her stepson died a few weeks after she did and left a large family of little children. Lettie, Mrs. Leroy has another girl. It is about a month old. We was down there yesterday evening and staid a while. She is stout looking as ever but says she is never well, hardly well. Lettie, I reckon you don't have no garden nor chickens to work with. It has been so cold in this month I haven't planted much in the garden yet. The peaches is nearly all killed here but I hope we will have apples. They haven't bloomed yet. We did not have much fruit last year. I hope we will have some this year. I have got 12 little chickens and one hen a setting. I would be glad to see you all come by the time they are big enough to fry. I don't know what made you all move away so far off. I want you to come back this way when you move again. You know none of your people is able to come to see you so far and I want you all to move back so we can go to see each other. It would be more satisfaction to me than writing. I would be glad if you was living down hear where you did live. Havent anybody lived there since you all left the place. Hasent been tended but 2 or 3 years since. It looks mity lonesome there when I think of you all. Lettie, me and John and Tishia went over to see pa last fall. I haven't seen him since. I reckon we will go sometime this spring to see him. Tishia and Press was well last week. Havent heard this week. Tishia said she wrote to you about a month ago. Press is gone into the bank office. He is getting better wages. I haven't heard from Cinda in 6 or 8 weeks. They was well so I will close. Write soon to your sister S. A. Stone. Tell all the children howdy and kiss the baby for me. Mattie, don't you think about the boys nor marrying till you move back here."

Letter continued by John Stone: "March 23, 1888"

"Well, Jack, I will write you a few lines to finish out what S. A. have left. I written to you last but that don't differ but I think you might have written before now if you would. I have been very busy preparing my land for a crop, I am going to plant 16 acres in cotton this year. I am glad you are getting good wages at your chosen work. It is getting more ready money but I don't think that there is the satisfaction in it that there would be on the farm, but every man to his liking. I suppose you hear good preaching. I see that (...) Frost is the pastor of the church. I haven't but two churches this year but I am not at home nary Sunday in the month. The lord has blessed my work last year for which I give thanks. Jack, I want you to rite to me and I will try to find time to answer. Yours fraternally, J. H. Stone."

9. May 2, 1888. Postcard. Written in ink. Postmarked Seneca, S.C. May 3, 1888. From Letitia Elgin.

Addressed to:

"Mrs. A. J. Howell
Selma, Ala.
Care E. T. V. & G. R. R. Shops"

Text: "Seneca S. C. May the 2, 88

"Dear sister, your card received, we are well as common all but my ankle. It has broke out again, the first time since last July. I was in hopes it would not get sore any more. Lettie, Jim (...) Mary has him up. Mary came to see that root doctor down on the road. She was a heap worse than I thought she was. She was so (...) she could hardly sit up. She coughs just like any boddie in the last stage of consumption. The doctor said it wasn't consumption, said it was catare [catarrh] of the head. Said she had three or four diseases. Said he could cure her. I hope she will soon get better. Lettie, write soon as you get this. Love to all, Lutitia Elgin."

10. May 30, 1888 [Letter says May 30, 188, but it is written before Mary's death and she is very ill, so am inferring that the year is 1888]. No envelope. Written in ink. From John and Sarah Ann Stone.

Text: "Seneca S C May 30 188

"Mr. A. J. Howell

"Dear Sir or relative

"I received your letter in due time was glad to hear from you all. I am very busy now working my crop. I have about 30 acres in corn and cotton. We are having a great eal [deal] of rain. Jack I haven't much news that I can tell you by writing. I am buisy[sic] every Sunday. I have charge of two churches and preaching to one of them twice a month, the other once, and preach at the crossroads school house the first Sunday. My churches seems to be doing very well having prosperous Sunday schools and (...) prayer meetings. I attend prayer meeting about every Wednesday night. These meetings are the most strengthing [strengthening] of almost any service of the church. Sarrah Ann are a going to write to Lettie this evening. I will close for this time and will promis[e] to write more when I get through my push. Write soon and come out to see us this summer if you can possibly get of[f].

"Yours fraternally,

"John H. Stone"

"Dear Sister, I seat myself to try to rite you a few lines. We received your letter in due time, was glad to hear from you all and to hear you was all well. Health is a great blessing. I have been feeling sorter weak and puny for a week or two. No appetite much to eat anything. Lettie we have a very good garden. I think we will have beans in another week. We have got one garden set out in cabbage plants. We have had a few messes of Irish potatoes and one June apple pie. They are getting ripe. The trees are very full. You all might come out and take dinner with us. The cherries is getting ripe and I have a few chickens that would do to fry. I would be so glad to see you all.

"Lettie, me and Tishia and Press went to see Mary last Saturday. She is very low. Don't look like she could last much longer with out a change. They think she has consumption. She has a bad cough and looks the worst I ever saw anybody. She is so poor it made me feel bad to look at her and makes me feel bad to think of it. I am uneasy to hear from her. I reckon we will hear to night if we go to prayer meeting. Jim said he would write by to night. Mary was up hear 6 or 7 weeks ago to see the Indian root doctor as they all call him and he said he could cure her. She has been getting worse since she begun to take his medicen. It was too strong for her. She quit taken it and doctor Marden is tending on her now. He had been but once. He was to come Sunday morning had not come when we left. Tishia stayed down there, was to stay until next Friday or Saturday. Mrs. Howell talked like she would come home with her. I saw her Saturday evening for the first time she was at Mary's. They had sent for her. She was well and looked well. Mary had a bad spell Saturday evening before we got there. Said they rubbed her about an hour with champhor [camphor] before she come too. She told me she felt like she was nearly gone when she had that spell. I hope she is better. The rest of the connection(?) was all well when last heard from. Lettie, old Mrs. Brooks is dead. She was found dead in her kitchen 6 or 8 weeks ago.

"So I will close for this time hoping to hear from you all soon. Be sure and come this summer to see us. Write soon.

"Your sister S A Stone"

11. June 6, 1888. Letter written in ink. Postmarked Seneca, S. C., on 12 June 1888. From H. P. Elgin [Preston Elgin].

Addressed to:

"Mrs. A. J. Howell
Selma, Ala.

C/o E 5 V and G. R. R. Shops"

Text: On Seneca Bank stationary: "June 6, 1888

"Dear Sister

"Your card received. Tishia is not at home now-she has been with Mary for nearly two weeks. She intended coming home last Saturday but could not leave. Mary is gradually getting weaker—I don't think she can last much longer without a change for the better. Sarah Ann and I went down last Sunday. Came home Monday evening. Mary is so weak she can hardly talk above a whisper. I don't think I ever saw anybody look worse than she does.

Lettie I have just received a telegram saying that Mary is dying. I can't write any more now. Write soon. Love to all, H. P. Elgin"

12. June 11, 1888. Letter written in ink. No envelope. To Lettie Elgin Howell, from her sister Loutitia Elgin.

Text: "Seneca S. C. June 11th 1888

"Dear sister

"It is my sad duty to relate to you the death of our dear sister Mary which occurred last Wednesday at 12 o'clock June the 6. She was up here 8 weeks ago. Jim brought her to see the doctor. She seemed so hoped up. She thought he could do her some good. She had such a bad cough but he didn't do her any good. She kept getting worse all the time. She didn't have any appetite to eat anything for three months before she died(sic) and her cough was so bad. She fell off so bad she was nothing but a frame, didn't look hardly like herself. She was the poorest person I ever saw. She had consumption as doctor Marden said he thought it was. Dr. Marden went to see her. He said her right lung was badly affected, said she could not get well. She had high fevers every evening and night, talk in her sleep all night, she was out of her head. Sometimes he had smothering spells. I was afraid she would go off in some of them spells but she didn't. She lay calm [calm] and quite [quiet] for three hours before she died. She told Jim and the children good by and all of us that was there. Annie Harbin, Mrs. Howell and Sippie was all that was there when she told us good by but there was several come before she died. She talked to the children and Jim. When she told them good by she told Jim he had been a good and faithful husband to her, told him to not grieve for her, said she was willing to die. She told Jim good by three times, told Minnie good by the second time, said Jesus was coming and Jesus would meet her. She died so happy. She was conscious to the last and knew every boddy. Oh, it is so hard to give her up yet we have great consolation in the hope and belief that her soul has gone to our great Redeemer who gave it, and I feel that she is singing sweetly, singing in the paradise I love. Jim and the children taken it right hard. Sary ann [Sarah Ann] & Preston & I went down to see her. She was so bad I staid on til she died. William and Cinda went to see her. Nelly and Perry came up while I was there. Nelly's health is a little better than it was last spring. Pa didn't go to see Mary while she was sick and she wanted to see him. Told us to write for Pa to come. Preston wrote 2 letters for Pa to go to see her but he never did go. I think hard of him for not going when Mary wanted to see him, so had Press [Preston] & Sary Ann [Sarah Ann] went to see her twice. Jim sent a telegram for Preston the day she died. Him and Sary Ann went. Mr. Baxter Hays preached her funeral. She was buried at Prospect Thursday evening at 2 o'clock. Lettie I will quit writing for this time. I don't feel well, havent felt well since I came home from Jim's.

"Lettie, Mrs. Howell's people was all well. Mrs. Howell was so good to go see Mary and help us to wait on her. I think so much of Mrs. Howell. They are all so good in time of sickness. Lettie, all of you write soon and all the news.

"Love to you all,
"Loutitia

"Lettie, I want you all to come to see us this summer."

13. June 16, 1888. Letter written in pencil. No envelope. From A. W. [Alexander Washington] Elgin and his wife, Lanora Elgin, who were living in Linden, Cass County, Texas.

Text: "Linden Cass Co Tex June 16th 1888

"Dear sister and family, I will write you all a few lines in answer to your card which came to hand in due time. I was truly glad to hear from you all and hear you was all well and doing well. Your card was the first direct news I have had from you all in a long time. This note leaves us all well and well satisfied if we have good health. Here we will have a home of our own in a few years. Land is very cheap and it can be bought on time if you all should take a notion to leave there. I hope you will come West for there is no hope for a poor man in old S. C. Well I am done laying by corn and cut my oats. I made 142 dozen. I have 24 acres in corn and 14 in cotton. I have the finest corn crop I ever had in my life. Cotton is small for this season, but since the weather turned warm it is growing rapidly.

"Well Letty, I got a letter from Allen Martin stating that sister Mary was very low with a cough and other diseases. I was not surprised to hear of sister's bad health for she looked very feeble last summer. I truly hope that she may get well. But if the Lord in his goodness and mercy calls her away, I hope and believe that our loss will be her gain. Well sister you must come over to eat beans and beets and irish potatoes and fried chicken with us. If you could be here tomorrow I could give you a bushel of beans to take home with you, though I hope you have a fine garden of your own for they are a great help in a family. Well will close by asking you all to write soon and often to your brother. A. W. Elgin"

"Letty as Wash hasn't filled the letter, I will wright a little. I have had the best health this year that I've had in three or fore years. I have bin able to help them in the field all the time. We will get done hoing in the field in three or four day. If nothing happens we will have something this fall. There is a chance here for a man that will work. Letty I am milken three cows. I get plenty of milk and butter. The range here is good for cattle. So I must close. Be shure and wright. Tell all the children how do for me. Lanora Elgin"

(This is the first of a couple of installments of the Elgin-Howell Letters. The total number of pages ran about 20, which would overwhelm the newsletter. Carol Penry)

Davis Family Record 1817-1938

The Anderson County Genealogy Research Room was indeed fortunate to receive part of the research materials of Researcher, **Boyd Mitchell** of Honea Path. Most of the material we have is based on his research in the 1960's. We do not know the name of the author but this Davis article was copied to Mr. Mitchell by **Mrs. E.L.T. O'Dell** and dated April 15 1964.

On March 3, at the Red Bank home, on Saluda River in Abbeville County, a son was born to **Thornton and Mary Donaldson Davis**. His name was **Nimrod Colbert Davis**. His mother having died when he was a lad of seven, he was reared in the home of an uncle, **Nimrod Donaldson**, near the Ware Place in Greenville County.

He enjoyed all the advantages of the Donaldson children which consisted on one son, the late **Col. Milton Donaldson**, and two daughters.

The Red Bank home as it was called was on what is now called the Honea Path- Ware Shoals Road, about 4 miles from Ware Shoals. This is now known as the Kirkpatrick Place. The old home house was on the river some distance from the road and there are still some signs of the house which was built in pioneer days by Mr. Davis' great-great grandfather, who came over from England and claimed a homestead of about three hundred acres of land. The old spring, known as the Davis Spring is still in use and is famous for its good, cold water.

When the Donaldson boys reached the age of 21 years, Mr. Donaldson gave to each of them a nice horse & saddle and started them out in life. Being endowed with a bright mind and equipped with a practical education, sterling qualities of heart and character backed by a store of good sound counsel. Nimrod Davis started out to make the best of life. His records show that his efforts were crowned with success. He showed sound judgment, when at the age of 23 he married **Millissa Allen**, daughter of **Col. William Allen**.

In the year 1848, Mr. Davis with his wife & three small children; **Amanda, Jane, and Sallie** moved to Mississippi, traveling the long perilous road through the country. Roads which were mere trails compared to the highways of today. Upon reaching their destination they were disappointed, the water was bad, & they didn't find what they expected., Being disappointed they moved 9 times on a one horse sled & finally settled down to make a crop in Pontatack, Miss. They made a very successful crop but were still dissatisfied & decided to move back to South Carolina.

He then settled down in Laurens County near Harmony Church as overseer on a large farm for one **Johnnie Knight**. After three years, he moved to the Woods Estate on what was the Augusta-Hamburg Road. (The place is now owned by **Mrs. Charlie Killingsworth**). Here he farmed for a number of years. During that time he came in possession of a small Texas pony with which he made half payment of the purchase of a tract of land of 173 acres joining the little town of Donalds in Abbeville County. He bought this land from **Mr. Ben Mosley** about the beginning of the war -between- the -states of which he served the last 6 months as an old reserve at Charleston, SC. This property is now owned by **Mr. John Dunn**.

Mr. & Mrs. Davis gave to our state & country a generous & worthy contribution in the birth & rearing of the following citizens: **Amanda E.**, who married **J.B. Satterfield** May 22, 1864; **Sallie A.**, who married **John Allen Dobson**; **William J.**, who died when a youth of 18; **Augustus** who married **Louise Drummond**, Feb. 14, 1882 (a stepdaughter of his father); **Moultrie J.** who married **Nannie Vermillion** May 11, 1875 (she having died he later married a **Mr. Holliday**); **Margaret**, who married **Robert M. Osborne** Dec 2 1876 she later married the **Rev. Henry Garbee**, after the death of **Mr. Osborne**); and **Phenia** who married **B.A. Richey** Nov 9, 1882.

Upon his return home from the war, Mr. Davis found his wife broken in health (if not in spirit). She soon passed on to her reward. Although he bravely shouldered the responsibilities of life he soon felt the need of a companion & helpmate.

His choice of a second wife shows that his good judgment had not been impaired by trials, temptations, and disappointments of life won by the hardships of the reconstruction period in his home & state, caused by the ravishes of war, for he again close for a second wife another most worthy & noble woman, **Mrs. Rhoda Rebecca Chandler Drummond**, daughter of **Col. Jonathon Drummod** of the Fork Section of Laurens County. She was born Oct 3, 1841 & was married Aug 9 1859 to **James W. Drummond**. From this union two children were born: **Timothy & Louise Drummond**. Mr. Drummond died during the third year of the war while in service. After Mr. Drummond's death, Mrs. Drummond moved several times in & around Shoals Junction & Donalds. She had put her 2 children in the DE La Howe School where they finished with honors. **Mrs. Drummond** and **Mr. Nimrod Davis** were married Sept 19, 1872.

To this couple was born: **Dora**, who married **J. E. Norrell** May 14 1890; **Mollie A.**, who married **J.N. O'Dell** Dec 23, 1891; **Callie I.**, who married **E.L. T. O'Dell** Feb 21 ,1896 (brother to J.N.); **J.D.**, who married **Annie Duckworth** Oct 17, 1901; **Jodie**, who married **Rev. J.A. Bray** Dec 21, 1906. In 1880 Mr. Davis sold his estate at Donalds to a **Mr. Pruitt** and also bought a farm from **Mr. Walter Higgins** near what was then Saluda Grove School but is now the thriving little town of Ware Shoals. The place is now owned by **Dr. J. B. Workman & Mr. Jim Williamson**.

After a long life of service to their country & their fellow men & the wielding of a good influence over the lives of all those with whom they came in contact, they were called to their reward. Mr. Davis died Feb 20,, 1907 at the age of 87. Mrs. Davis died on May 6 1906 at the age of 68. They left behind an example of thrift energy, courage & honesty which characteristics are being made manifest in the lives of their offspring.

Copy by Mrs. E.L.T. O'Dell

NEWLY ACQUIRED MATERIALS IN OUR RESEARCH ROOM

AREA	TITLE
AND:	Postcards Anderson County Vol. IX
FAM:	Chamblee Notebook
FAM:	McClure Notebook
PICK:	Pickens Co. Heritage South Carolina 1995
PICK:	Central Yesterday and Today 1873-1973
Pend:	Pendleton Dis. & Anderson. SC Wills Estates, Inventories, etc.
PICK:	The Keowee Courier 1849-1851, 1857-1861, 1865-1868
UNION:	Minutes of the Co. Court 1785-1799
PEND:	Ninety Six District Journal of the Court of Ordinary
PEND:	The Scotch-Irish and Carmel Pres. Church
SC:	Marriage and Death Notices for Southern Advocate
SC:	A Genealogical Collection of SC Wills and Records Vol. 1
SC:	Marriage & Death Notices - Southern Patriot 1815-1830, V. 1
NC:	Index to the 1800 Census
PICK:	Abstracts from the Pickens Sentinel 1875-1915
NC:	First Census of the US 1790
PICK:	The Pickens Sentinel Favorite Newspaper of Pickens Co. 1872- Abstracts Vol. 1 and 2
SENECA:	Seneca, South Carolina Centennial 1873-1973
PICK:	A History of Secona Baptist Church & the Pickens Area
FAM:	Descendants of William Rodgers Sr. of Anderson, SC
FAM:	The Descendants of Tulley H. Holliday, Sr.
FAM:	Ancestors & Descendants: Nash, Gray, Fowler, King, Bailey, Mahaffey, Hopkins, Cureton & Others
FAM:	Crane/Crain Nests: Allied Lines Mauldin, Taylor, Church, Trotter
SC:	Names in South Carolina Vols. I-XII
SC:	Warrants in South Carolina 1672-1711
USA:	Outstanding Young Women in America 1986
PEND:	100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families 2012-2013 Calendar
FAM:	Nicholson and Related Families
FAM:	Connections to Bowen, Field, Nimmons and Kindred Families
PICK:	It Happened in Pickens County
GREENVILLE:	The Bonhomie of 1930 (Furman U.) Year Book)

FAM: The Wyatts, One Branch of a Family Tree
 FAM: Descendants of Richard Burdine of Pickens Co., SC
 OREND: Pendleton Historic District-A Survey
 FAM: Crenshaw Family
 FAM: George & Rachel Felton Brown Allied Families of the Piedmont Section of SC
 NC: North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register Vol.1
 PEND: Historical Pendleton
 NC: Stokes County, NC Deeds Vol. 1 & 2 1787-1789
 SC: Sumter District
 SC: Sketches of Cherokee Villages in South Carolina
 AND: W.P.A. Transcripts of Pendleton District and Anderson Co. 1790-1857
 CHEROKEE: Carolina Backcountry Studies Vol.1
 PENN: Our Name's the Game
 FAM: Descendants of John H. Hubbard
 FAM: The Diaries of Ida Virginia Bradley Book VII (March 12, 1884-Apr 10, 1886)
 Book VIII (April 26, 1886-Oct 31, 1887) Book IX (Oct. 31, 1887- July 1889)
 NC: Military Records
 NC: Rowan Co. Register Vol. 3 No.1
 NC: The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal Vol. 17 No. 1
 NC: Old Mecklenburg Genealogical Society Quarterly
 NC: NC Historical and Genealogical Register V. 12, NO. 4 1994
 NC: NC Historical and Genealogical Register V.11 No. 1, 2, 3, & 4 of 1993
 NC: NC Historical and Genealogical Register Vol.4, No. 1 1986
 NC: NC Historical and Genealogical Register Vol. 1, No 1 1983
 PENN: A Special Publication of the South Central Gen. Soc. No 41 Jan 1990
 PENN: A Special Publication of the South Central Gen. Soc NO 40, July-Oct 1989
 PENN: A Special Publication of the South Central Gen. Soc. No.20 Oct 1982
 PENN: A Special Publication of the South Central Gen. Soc. No 12, July/Oct 1980
 NC: Rowan County Register Vol. 3, No 2 May 1988
 LAURENS: A Laurens County Sketchbook
 LAURENS: The Scrapbook, Historical Facts about Laurens Co.,
 WAR: American Heritage History of US War with Mexico Vol. 7
 ALA: 1850 Census of Randolph Co., Ala.
 NC: The Journal of Surry County
 ALA: Pioneers of Randolph Co., Alabama
 SPTG: Marriages for the Carolina Spartan Newspapers 1866-1869
 USA: National Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 99, NO 2 June 2011
 USA: Celebrating 100 Years Vol. 100, No 1, March 2012
 NC: Wake Treasures

Church and Family Cemetery Signs:

The Anderson Chapter of SCGS has placed signs at the following abandoned church and family cemeteries:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery
 New Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
 Wigginton Family Cemetery
 Sally Reed Family Cemetery

Mary Smith Family Cemetery
 Generostee Presbyterian Church Cemetery
 Gambrell Family Cemetery
 Barkley Family Cemetery

Old Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery
 Poole Family Cemetery
 Erskine Family Cemetery
 Richardson Family Cemetery
 Stanton Family Cemetery
 Smith-Whitaker Family Cemetery

Deep Creek Methodist Church Cemetery
 Cedar Grove Methodist Church Cemetery
 Trinity Methodist Cemetery
 Brown Family Cemetery
 Nichols-Copeland Family Cemetery

Summary

	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Total	344	200	170	30
Average	11	6	5	1

Date	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Wed, 1 Aug	13	7	6	1
Thu, 2 Aug	20	9	7	2
Fri, 3 Aug	18	6	5	1
Sat, 4 Aug	3	3	3	0
Sun, 5 Aug	13	8	8	0
Mon, 6 Aug	7	4	4	0
Tue, 7 Aug	17	10	8	2
Wed, 8 Aug	5	4	4	0
Thu, 9 Aug	18	11	10	1
Fri, 10 Aug	14	7	6	1
Sat, 11 Aug	21	11	11	0
Sun, 12 Aug	13	5	4	1
Mon, 13 Aug	5	3	2	1
Tue, 14 Aug	9	5	4	1
Wed, 15 Aug	7	6	4	2
Thu, 16 Aug	31	17	15	2
Fri, 17 Aug	17	8	6	2
Sat, 18 Aug	2	2	1	1
Sun, 19 Aug	10	9	7	2
Mon, 20 Aug	10	6	5	1
Tue, 21 Aug	9	9	8	1
Wed, 22 Aug	9	8	7	1
Thu, 23 Aug	9	8	8	0
Fri, 24 Aug	3	3	3	0

Sat, 25 Aug	7	4	3	1
Sun, 26 Aug	4	2	2	0
Mon, 27 Aug	0	0	0	0
Tue, 28 Aug	9	6	5	1
Wed, 29 Aug	11	5	3	2
Thu, 30 Aug	5	2	1	1
Fri, 31 Aug	25	12	10	2

Did you know: Since I was really intrigued by the article on finding the date of birth with only trivia information at hand, I just have to comment on it. Also, I am strongly reminded of my next to the oldest Aunt, and so, I can imagine telling my Aunt Sarah about the idea that you can find out any birthday by subtracting 8870 from the total of days that they have been alive. She would have said 'Why ANY old fool would have known that'. I had to try it. I can only assume that old tombstones recorded the death date and total days lived instead of the birthday. At any rate, it was almost too much trouble to figure up how many days had I been alive, a staggering sum. The more I figured and totaled, drew lines and crossed out, remembered leap years and hoped the battery held out in the calculator, the more I became convinced that it was way too much trouble. But I kept on, got my fingers involved in totaling, and then, to my surprise, it came out to my birthday. !!! I mean, really surprised. I had already emailed Carolyn, who submitted the article, to ask her if it was a trick question. I still say that the person who discovered this priceless bit of information had way too much time on their hands. Carol Penry

Birthdate Calculation - The 8870 Formula

Using the 8870 formula to ascertain a birth date can be a tremendous help to the genealogist when checking tombstones or other early dates. If a record shows that a person died May 6, 1889 and was 71 years, 7 months and 9 days old, one has only to use the 8870 formula to quickly get the date of birth rather than taking time to count backwards.

Death date (year month day)	18890506
Subtract age at death	<u>710709</u>
	18179797
Subtract the constant	<u>8870</u>
Born 1817, Sept 27 (!!!)	18170927

Credit: Old Pendleton Genealogical Society Newsletter.

Out of State Visitors to the Research Center:

May of 2012, we were having so many researchers from out of state visiting our Research Center that we felt the need to keep a different sign-in sheet for them which gave us more information. This list is for the months of May-August 14, 2012."

May 5, 2012 Researching: **Sharpton, Simpson, Charping, and McCullough**
 Sarah Sharpton 6716 Mariposa Pl. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120S

May 8, 2012 Ms. Sharpton returned to center for further research.

May 12, 2012 Researching **White, Griffin, Haney, Mullinax and Lindsay**
 Chris & Delane Wilkerson 927 Jordan Road Dacula, GA 30019

June 13, 2012 Researching **Lily Strickland** "He brought us more material on her" :)
 Strick Newson Sandersville, GA

June 23, 2012 Researching **Crew, Crews, Craig, and Whitner**
 Carl L. Crew, Jr. 2401 Inglesipe, Unit 2E Cincinnati Ohio 45206

June 23, 2012 Researching **Crew, Crews, Craig, Whitner**
 Spencer R. Crew 2330 Darius Lane Reston, VA 20191

July 7, 2012 Researching **Elrod, Shirley and Burns**
 Tina Burns Barnhart 4350 Springvale Circle Avon, Ohio 44011

July 21, 2012 Researching **Adam Guyton**
 Winnona Green 3031 Firetower Road Salley, SC 29137

July 21 2012 Researching **Robert Henre Ranson, Polly Rice Ranson, T. Clinkscales and A. Rice.**
 Dr. Virginia Cornue 129 Lincoln, St Montclair, NJ 07042

July 21 2012 Researching **Ranson, Rice, and Clinkscales**
 Diane Gornell 4288 Allenhurst Drive Norcross, GA 30092

Aug 11, 2012 Researching **Frederick Owens and his ancestors**
 James (Roy) and Linda Bullard 710 Johnson Street Mineola, Texas 75773

Membership Report

8-01-2012

This is my first membership report, and I will continue publishing one in each newsletter. We had eight new members to join in 2011 which gave us a total of 78 active members. I mailed about 100 postcards to past members, giving them updates on our new meeting place. From January 1- July 31, 2012, we have had 28 new members to join already and 5 renewals! We currently have 111 members!

I cannot take the credit for this, because most of them have joined while at the research room. We had some join at the SCGS workshop. I sincerely wish all of you would come to visit the research room and meet the volunteers. There is so much there to do!

Note: A Membership Application Form as well as our Publications List can be downloaded from the Anderson County website located at scgen.org. Click on the link to the chapters.

This is how our membership breaks down: 63 are from Anderson County; 20 from other counties in SC; 28 from out of state.

The following is a list of our new members. We welcome you all!

	Addis	Juda	Brown	Anderson	SC
	Ballenger	Greer	Heaton	Easley	SC

	Bolt	Shirley	Kelly	Anderson	SC
	Brown	Keith		Central	SC
	Bryant	Sharon	Pearce	Dallas	TX
	Burns	Kay	Willis	Anderson	SC
Dr.	Cornue	Virginia		Montclair	NJ
	Craddock	Leslie	Looper	Greenville	SC
Dr	Crew, Jr.	Carl	L	Cincinnati	OH
	Dillon	Susannah	Harger	Carmel	IN
	Evans	Glenn and	Lucy B	Anderson	SC
	Fiebigler	Margaret	Oakley	Plant City	FL
	Green	Rosemary	Anderson	Rock Hill	SC
	Hollingsworth	Ann		Williamston	SC
Dr	Kay	William	Donald	Mt Pleasant	SC
	Mattison	Beverly	Case	Pleasant Grove	UT
	McDonald	Thomas	O	Fort Worth	TX
	Sharpton	Sarah	Ellen	Albuquerque	NM
Mr/Mrs	Smith	Thomas Franklin		Demorest	GA
	Stuckey	Leila Sullivan and	James Harold	Anderson	SC
	Tollison	Troyce	Phillips	Anderson	SC
	Van De Bogart	Ludo	C	Plant City	FL
	Waters	Linda	Moon	Anderson	SC
	White	Nance Sue	and Larry	Dunwoody	GA
	Williams	Cynthia "Cindy"	Burris	Greenville	SC

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Membership Chairman

Queries:

Hi Carolyn,

It was so nice to speak with you! I want you to know, in advance, how grateful I am for any help that you can give me. Also, please let me know if I've spelled your name correctly.

I've attached a document with **General Robert and Capt. James Anderson** beginnings near the Old Stone Church in Augusta Co., VA. Their father, John, in addition to being one of the first magistrates of Augusta Co. and one of the first elders of the Old Stone Church, was also given one of the largest land patents (747 acres) in what is now Augusta Co. He arrived via PA around 1730. I have all of these deeds and church records should you ever want them, including information about John's wife and brothers.

If you'd like to be able to see the 1740-49 Baptismal book for the Augusta Old Stone Church, I took a picture of each page and could share it with you. I've attached the page 12, that reads "John Anderson a boy bapt & named Robert" for 15 Nov. 1741...the person after whom your

town/county was named!

Robert and James Anderson had three other brothers who lived to adulthood and at least four sisters, but only Robert and James moved to SC.

James and Agnes Craig (daughter of the Rev. John Craig, the minister of Old Stone Church in Augusta Co.), **my 4th great grandparents, moved to Ninety-six district in 1786.** There are SAR documents for two of their sons, William (see attached as an example) and Isaac, showing they were born in SC.

John Anderson, or whatever is the name of my 3rd great grandfather, may have been born in either VA or SC, or possibly even Mecklenburg Co. NC on the way to SC. He married **Mary Harkins** (I have a record of her father being in Ninety-six district in 1779). The index to wills includes a John Anderson: Vol. 1 1880-1834 Section A page 60 (your General Robert Anderson is on page 145 of the same). There is a 1790 census, page 62, 3rd column in Heads for SC that reads: "4 free white males over age 16 2 free white females 1 free white males under age 16, 7 slaves; Total 14." But, he would have been too young to have had that many kids in 1790.

After this John, is my **2nd great grandfather, James Harkins Anderson,** who was born in Anderson Court House, SC—the old name of the town of Anderson—on 11 Feb. 1898. He's the one who co-founded the Atlanta Constitution Daily (June 1868). He was married to **Mary Adams,** supposedly a descendent of John Adams (I haven't found it but it's not been my focus), and they removed to GA by 1860. I have a lot of information on him, but no original evidence of his birth in Anderson. The 1850 Hamburg, SC census shows my **great grandfather (David Lawrence Anderson)** as 11 months old.

This may sound funny but I just know there is something incorrect between Capt. James and James Harkins Anderson; I just can't find the answer anywhere. Thus, it's John Anderson for whom I most want information, but would like to fill out the picture on Mary Harkins and James Harkins Anderson's life there (1850 & 1860 census also show James had brothers George and William).

I'm happy to do the searching and locating and copying. All I really want to know is that there are places to go search and find 1780s-1850s documents. I'd also loved to know whether you could find anything in the books we discussed. Thank you ever so much for your willingness to help me; it means so much to me, as I could tell you would understand.

Kindest regards,
Lucy

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Note from Carolyn: Please contact Ms. Anderson if you have additional information on her Anderson family.

NOVEMBER 1741

1 Walter Trimble a Ch: Bap: named Margaret

8 James M^r Guer a Ch: Bap: named Isidore

15 John Anderson a Ch: Bap: named Robert

William Johnston a Ch: Bap: named Mary

29 Samuel Ker a Ch: Bap: named Samuel

The Number Bap: this month 5 of which 3 females

December 1741 -

19 James Armstrong a Ch: Bap: named Mary

20 Alexander Henderson a Ch: Bap: named Elizabeth

27 David Neilson a Ch: Bap: named James

The Number Bap: this month 3 of which 2 females

JANUARY 1742

M^r James Patton stood sponsor for a Child bapt^d Henry born in his house of a papish parent & a papish person: could not be brought to see who was father not withstanding all means used but supposed to be gotten by one Purdie Hilly an nother papish servant because they had been seen together

February 1742

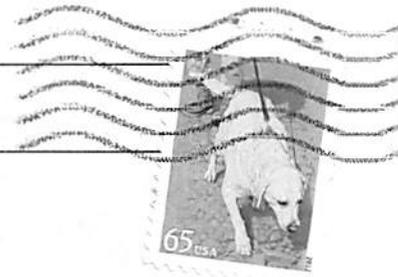
21 John Frame a Ch: Bap: named Mary

23 William Dutton a Ch: Bap: named

The Number Bap: this month 2

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