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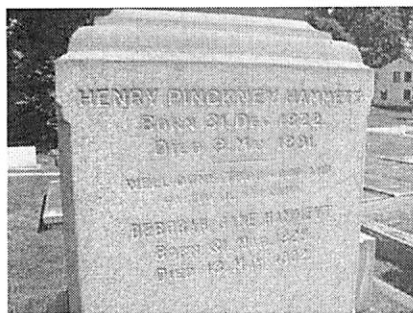
## PIEDMONT, SC HISTORY

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Piedmont: A spot on the Saluda River where the sparkling water rushes over huge rocks on its way from the mountains to the sea. The place has had several names; the Indians and early settlers called it "Big Shoals of the Saluda," later it was Garrison Shoals and then Piedmont.

From the time the Indians used the big rocks of the shoals as a crossing, through the several bridges, Piedmont has been a crossroads for generations.

The five foot red headed Irishman, David Garrison, built his grist mill upon the shoals, giving it its second



name, Garrison Shoals. About this time around 1850, the first bridge was built, a covered wooden bridge. During the early part of the century, a more

modern steel span was added, and in 1948 the present cement structure.

When Henry Pinckney Hammett, son-in-law of William Bates, builder of the first successful cotton mill in Greenville County, bought the property for his cotton mill, using the water power of the shoals, the name was again changed, this time to Piedmont, "Foot of the Mountains." This name was added to his charter for Piedmont Manufacturing Company and also as a railroad station.

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## COURTHOUSE PROPERTY BOUGHT 'STRAIGHT OUT'

*This article appeared in the Anderson Independent on Sunday, November 6, 1966. Submitted by Gary Farmer.*

The recent recommendation by a committee of architects that the present Anderson County Courthouse not be enlarged as means of solving the critical space problem, but instead a modern new structure be built in the cen-

tral business section of Anderson, has served to revive an old and persistent myth. It is that if the present courthouse is ever abandoned, then the land on which it stands will revert back to heirs of the person who owned the land before it was taken over for county purposes.

All of which is untrue.

THE LAND acquired by the commissioners named to establish Anderson was purchased straight out, no strings attached.

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## The Tireless Search for Mary

By Shirley Selman Phillips  
Edited by Gary Farmer



Since Larry first received an invitation to a "Phillips Reunion" and particularly since 2006 I have been researching my husband's genealogy. I hadn't done anything like this before and I didn't know where to start, but I had a yearning to trace our family lineage and history to find our ancestors and document from whence they came. I began writing down

what information and stories about my family that I could get from my parents, who were sometimes reluctant to tell me everything, and from other family members and relations. I have collected a box full of notes and pictures that I have yet to organize.

Larry would tell me what he knew of his family and he and I would try researching for proof of their validity. Larry knew of his Grandfather, Jack Phillips who died

around 1934 and visited his Grandmother, Lee Anna Shiflet Phillips often, who lived in Anderson. We heard stories that the Phillips family had once lived across the state line in Georgia, but without specifics. For years Larry and I have been collecting bits and pieces of the puzzle and trying to put it all together.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

"IT'S TIME TO  
MAKE THE  
DONUTS"  
&  
COLLECT  
FOR  
2015  
MEMBERSHIP

Wow, what happened to 2014. It was here one minute then gone the next.

Well, with the coming of a new year come the duty of collecting dues and sending in monies to support our state organization. A good number of you have already renewed your membership, but there are quite a few who have not.

I hope that you will consider

renewing for 2015 and continue receiving both the Carolina Herald and the Anderson Record. We also have the SC State Surname Directory coming out soon and you don't want to miss out on an opportunity to purchase one.

Our Chapter Dues has not increased this year so the cost is the same as last.

Associate dues is \$15.00,

Individual is \$20.00 and Family is only \$25.00. The Anderson County Chapter Dues are the lowest in the state.

Please pay at the next regular meeting or mail your check to ACC SCGS, P.O. Box 74, Anderson, SC 29622-0074. Make your check payable to ACC SCGS.

Thank you.

## REUNION OF UPcountry FAMILIES

Were you aware that for several years now, Southern Wesleyan University has hosted the "100 Year Reunion" now called "Reunion of Upcountry Families?" Sponsored by Birchwood Center, Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, Pendleton District Commission, Pickens County Historical Society, Faith Clayton Room and the Southern Wesleyan University and the Anderson County Genealogical

Society this year's Reunion will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. Activities include Genealogy Classes for Adults and Children, Exploring of Historical Cemeteries including Roberts Presbyterian Church, Exploring Genealogical Libraries such as the Faith Clayton Room and our own Anderson County Chapter Research Center and Guest Speakers such as *Lewis Redmond* and *Manse Jolly*: *Upcount-*

*ry Bad Men*, Dennis Chastain "Early Trails & Roads of the Upcountry," Virginia Pierce. "Chronicling America Newspaper Project" and Janet Albert. "Using DNA to Supplement Your Family History Research". Jan Albert is a former president of the National Genealogical Society. The Reunion makes available, for a small fee, tables so that you may exhibit your

family information or family books that you might be selling to those searching for information about their own families.

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**March 12th—14th**

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## NEW SILVER BROOK CEMETERY PROJECT



Work continues on the Reading of New Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson, South Carolina. Barbara Clark, the Cemetery Chairperson, and her group of volunteers, which include Gale Waters, Susan Jarrard, Joyce Gibson and Gary Farmer have been meeting twice a month since September reading and documenting headstones and taking pictures of each and everyone.

So far we've accomplished

reading sections C and D and we just finished with E. There are plenty more to read and take pictures of and I think we actually have fun while we are doing it.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Barbara Clark by emailing her at [bc29624@att.net](mailto:bc29624@att.net) or by calling her and leaving her a message on her cell phone at 864-417-0811.

Come out and join the fun.

## REUNION OF UPCOUNTRY FAMILIES CONT:

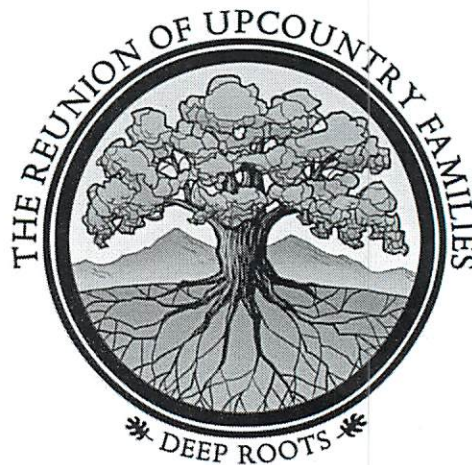
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There is no cost to you to attend the Reunion unless you wish to display a table or wanting to attend and hear a special guest speaker. The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will be manning a table and selling books from our book inventory.

So mark your calendar and come out to the "Reunion of Upcountry Families" March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at South-

ern Wesleyan University. Come out and support your Chapter and the SCGS.

We'll see you there.





## Message from President Shelby Hart Lollis



*The year of 2014 has come and gone. There were some changes... some good, some not so good in our chapter this past year. We have had some good times and some bad times. We lost some members and we gained some. We have completed several projects on our Elephant List and we still have some we are still working on! We have had great programs. Our Annual Brunch was a great success with a larger audience than last year! We had the largest attendance at our Christmas dinner ever! We have had many visitors from all over the USA and even Nova Scotia come to the Center to research! We also sold our first book on Amazon! So, I consider 2014 a successful year in our Chapter's history.*

*Now, here we are ready for 2015! Have you renewed your membership! We have some great things planned for this coming year. On February 6, our chapter and the Visitor's Center are hosting an Appreciation Lunch for Anderson County Council and Mayors. The Research Center is on the tour for the Upcountry Reunion this March. We plan to host several Webinars on Genealogy this spring at the Research Center. We are currently working on new publications. We have several new Projects we will be working on. The digitizing of Anderson County Marriage Licenses from 1911-1951 is our # 1 project! Also, we will be purchasing our new scanner, using the Anderson County Council Grant funds, in January. We can then start scanning and digitizing some of our large books and newspapers!*

*Of course, I am always begging for volunteers to help! We can use anything or any amount of time you can donate!*

*I am so excited to begin this New Year and look forward to all that we can accomplish together!*

*Shelby Hart Lollis*



# PIEDMONT, SC HISTORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Mr. Hammett and his cotton mill are the reason there is a Piedmont today. Being stalled by the War Between the States, Mr. Hammett was finally able to begin producing cloth in 1876, but not before a problem for which he found a unique solution. When he ran short of money, He made a trip up north to where the Textile Machinery Manufacturers were located, he obtained financing to complete his mill by offering stock in his company as payment for the machinery he needed to start production. Saco Lowell and Whitin Machine Works furnished his needs and production began. Some of the Saco Lowell original machinery, as modified, was still operating in 1964.

The company continued after his death in 1893 with the Beattie family from Greenville taking over and running it until 1946 when the giant chain run by J.P. Stevens and Co. Inc. took it over.

The water power was used to produce electricity to run the machinery in the 1880s and also furnished the employees homes from the 1920s until Duke Power expanded after WWII.

The Piedmont Plants operated continuously until 1964, when Stevens built the modern Estes Plant about two miles away from the Saluda Shoals. Moving most

of the employees and part of the machinery, Estes is still being operated today as a part of Delta Woodside Industries who bought it from Stevens in 1983.

Mr. Hammett's original building burned in 1983 and the Anderson County plant was completely torn down by 1995.

Over the years Piedmont had the reputation of turning out quality products, being the first to export cloth to China in the late 1880s through the 1930s. Another name given to Piedmont was "School of Superintendents," as over the

women. Schools for the children of workers and support for churches in the community.

In the early 1870s, Hammett reached up to the north, Connecticut, and hired a "yankee veteran," Albert Smith Rowell, to come work in his mill. Rowell, besides working as a bossman in the cloth-room, ran the above mentioned programs for Mr. Hammett, although early history of our region does not give him any credit.

Rowell was also the town postmaster, and editor of "The Bridge," a monthly paper printed

started until 1909 in England. He was truly an outstanding man.

Today, the town is a commuter neighborhood, more than a mill town, with the area around the Saluda River's Big Shoals hosting a population of over 16,000. Several small businesses are located in the community, and with I-85 being only four miles away, it is still an enticing location for more.

Albert Smith Rowell was a supervisor or "bossman" in the cloth room at the Piedmont Mills in the 1870s. He also served as the town postmaster and editor of "The Bridge," a monthly paper printed by the mills from 1918 until his death in 1922.

"Now the main object of the "Bridge" is to disseminate information that will bring the whole people of Piedmont together and in touch with each other, to inspire the strong to help the weak, help the weak to get on higher ground. This



years scores of the South's Mills were presided over by graduates of Piedmont.

Another credit for the Piedmont Mills was an early library, Lyceum, YMCA, for both men and

by the mills from 1918 until his death in 1922. In the latter part of the 19th century he started a program for young boys of the community, calling them Young Explorers. They were a forerunner of today's Boy Scouts who didn't get

cannot be done by living "hermit" lives, so let us get together."

*PIEDMONT HISTORY (compiled by Don Roper, Piedmont, S.C.);*

*Submitted by Gary Farmer*



# PIEDMONT CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

- 1746: David Garrison Born.
- 1770: Pearl Springs School Organized on Shiloh Church Road.
- 1790: David Garrison lives in Greenville County
- 1822: Henry Pinckney Hammett born in Laurens County.
- 1843: Grist mill and log cabin built at Garrison Shoals.
- 1856: Grove Station Baptist Church organized.
- Dec. 26, 1848: Tea planted on Golden Grove Tea Plantation by Junius Smith.
- July 4, 1851: "Now I have before me a pot of fresh tea from my own plantation, the first I have enjoyed," Junius Smith says.
- Dec. 23, 1852: Junius Smith attacked at his home in Grove Station, seriously injured.
- Jan. 25, 1853: Junius Smith dies as a result of his injuries.
- 1860: Shiloh Methodist Church organized.
- 1862: Garrison Shoals property bought by William Bates and Co.
- 1865: Shiloh Methodist Church used as a school, first teacher was Robert King. April 30, 1873: Piedmont Manufacturing Company organized at the Court House in Greenville. On motion, it was "Resolved that the station on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad and the village be called Piedmont." Henry P. Hammett, elected president.
- Feb. 13, 1874: Corporation known as Piedmont Manufacturing Company chartered by the State of South Carolina.
- May 13, 1874: Stockholders adopted the charter as issued by the State of South Carolina.
- Oct. 3, 1874: Cornerstone Laid.
- Oct. 15, 1874: Cornerstone Maliciously torn open and some items stolen. Resealed.
- 1875 & 1876: The first mill building was constructed on the Greenville County side of the Saluda River.
- Jan., 1876: First Sunday School organized.
- March 15, 1876: Water turned on for first time. First bale of cotton opened by Mr. W.J. McElreath and his son; McElreath Street named for this family. First spinning machinery started up. First bale of cotton used in mill bought from Silas F. Trowbridge of Grove Station. He bought the first bale of cloth, a 36" sheeting which was sold in his store.
- March 20, 1876: J.W. Rounds, superintendent.
- April 1876: First cloth manufactured in Piedmont No. 1.
- July 1, 1876: Mill considered in full operation.
- Nov. 4, 1876: Piedmont Methodist Church organized by the Rev. R.R. Dagnall, Pastor.
- Feb. 24, 1877: James Champion Osteen born.
- 1877: Royal Kallock, superintendent.
- 1878: C.A. Davenport, superintendent.
- 1879: A.R. Steele, superintendent.
- 1879: Union Church building built by the mill.
- Dec. 29, 1879: Piedmont First Baptist Church organized, meeting in the old plantation house on Hotel Hill.
- 1880: Mill Building No. 2 built in Greenville County.
- 1880: First school building built and teacher hired. The first school had 80 students enrolled. Wooden school was constructed near Union Church.
- May 18, 1880: Piedmont Presbyterian Church organized, the Rev. C.L. Stewart was pastor.
- 1880: First cloth exported to China.
- 1883: J.P. Iler, superintendent.
- 1888: Mill Building No. 3 built in Anderson County.
- 1890: Waco School built, first teacher was John Watson.
- June 22, 1890: Land given to the Baptists for a church on Hotel Hill near the reservoir.
- July 26, 1891: Piedmont First Baptist church building dedicated
- May 8, 1891: H.P. Hammett dies.
- May 13, 1891 – June 19, 1891: R.L. McCaughrin served as president.
- June 19, 1891: J.L. Orr elected president.
- July 26, 1891: Piedmont First Baptist Church building dedicated, pastor was T.M. Galphin.
- 1891: W.F. Walker, superintendent.
- May 11, 1892: Land deeded to Piedmont Methodist Church, church built on Hotel Hill.
- Sept. 1, 1893: Lula Timmerman dies. Mother later sees face of Christ in coffee grounds settled in saucer. Mr. A.S. Rowell had picture made which circulated nationwide.
- 1893: Piedmont Presbyterian Church built in Anderson County.
- 1894 (Spring): Piedmont Presbyterian Church dedicated by Dr. J. Lowery.
- 1895: Mill Building No. 4 built in Greenville County on Academy Street.
- 1900: Wooden school for grammar grades built in Anderson County.
- Dec. 3, 1903: Ten wooden buildings in downtown burn.
- Feb. 26, 1905: Col. James L. Orr dies.
- Feb. 1, 1904: S.T. Buchanan, superintendent.
- March 11, 1905: William E. Beattie elected president.
- 1915: Waco and Shiloh schools merged and new school built at Rock Hill, first principal was Jack Ballard.

*(Compiled by Don Roper, Piedmont, S.C.)*

*Submitted by Gary Farmer*

# COURTHOUSE PROPERTY BOUGHT 'STRAIGHT OUT' CONT:

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The commissioners were James Harrison, Robert Norris, Matthew Gambrell, John C. Griffin and William Sherard. They at first considered two sites for the courthouse, to be located in the center of the new . One Site was about where the Orr Mill now stands, the other at Whitehall near the Pruitt Shopping Center.

Midway between the two points was a place known as French Store. In addition to the store, there was a blacksmith shop and a tavern. The tavern stood where the Masonic Temple now is. In front of the tavern was a spring; inside a bar. One warm afternoon while traveling between the two proposed locations, the commissioners stopped at French Store. They tethered their horses where the animals could drink from the trough just below the spring, then went inside to the tavern and slaked their own thirst with something stronger than spring water.

As the afternoon progressed, Commissioner Norris took it upon himself to settle the argument over the site for the new town. Picking up a heavy walking stick, he strode to a towering walnut tree a few yards away, rammed the stick into the ground and announced, "Here shall be the southeast corner of the courthouse. He who says no has me to whip."

SINCE NONE of the others were disposed to fight, or even raise an argument, and being filled with good will, they all agreed the new town should be located midway between the two debated points. Mathew Gambrell submitted the

following report, which is recorded in Book S, Page 172-173, in the courthouse:

"Agreeable to the direction of the commissioners appointed at the last session of the legislature of the State of South Carolina to select a site for the public buildings in Anderson County, I have measured the land and I find that Manning Poole has 64 acres, Hezekiah Rice has 26 3/4 acres, William Magee 23 1/2 acres and Zadoc Chamblee 10 acres, each parcel being repre-

THE PRICE paid for the land was at the rate of \$4.62 1/2 per acre. The plat shows about 124 acres, but 130 acres were actually bought. Fifty lots were immediately sold for \$8,145.00. The town was laid off by James Thompson, S. J. Hammond, J. E. Norris, Alexander Moorhead and L. L. Goode. A square for business was marked out, with a central plot set aside for public buildings, these being the courthouse and jail.

The area now occupied by the

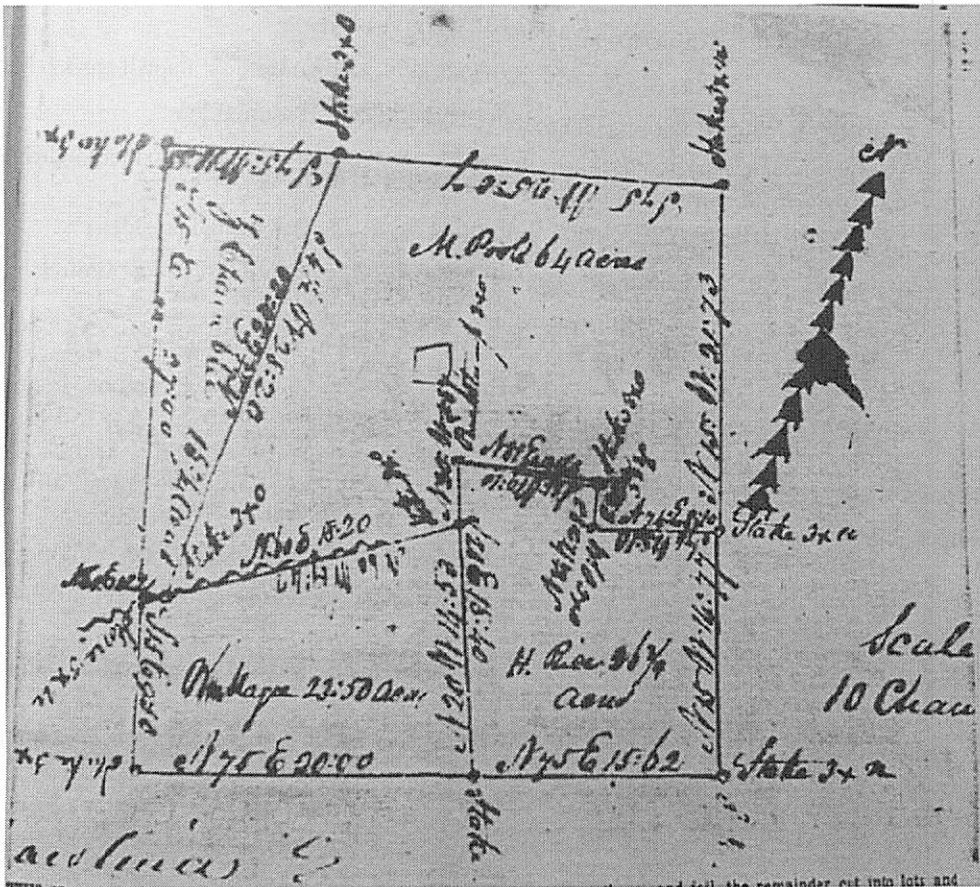
built a log house on West Whitner Street near where the First Presbyterian Church now is.

The first courthouse was a square long building behind which was the jail. A high fence extended from behind the courthouse around the jail, located where Woolworth's is now. Within this enclosure were stables, gardens, etc. The jail also of logs, was a two story structure. The high sheriff lived on the bottom floor, prisoners kept upstairs.

On the north side of the courthouse was a pillory used to punish petty criminals. It stood there for years. The last man to b pilloried was a notorious drunkard by the name of "Steve." He mounted the platform with a grin. After his head and hands had been adjusted he called repeatedly for a "Chaw o' backer." After he had been there two or three hours he quieted down considerably and began pleading for his release.

After about 10 years a second courthouse was built, this one of brick. It resembled the Pendleton Farmers Society has of Pendleton, which was originally designed as a courthouse for Pendleton District. The district was divided into Anderson and Pickens Counties before the building was completed. Oconee County came into being in 1866 through division of Pickens County.

The brick courthouse stood until 1897, then torn down and replaced with the old part of the present one. In 1939, the courthouse was renovated and enlarged. No improvements have been made in the more than a quarter of a century since then except to install a couple of drinking fountains and air conditioning.



sented in the above plat."

The plat referred to by Gambrell is the one appearing on this page, photographed and reproduced by the Independent exactly as recorded 139 years ago (now about 189 years ago). The little square at upper center was drawn in with a pencil in later years, obviously by someone desirous of indicating the location of the courthouse. The squiggle along the property line at lower left denotes a little creek which long ago ceased to flow. The arrows at right point north.

Plaza plot was not designated for anything or sold to anybody. It became a hitching lot and remained as such, alternately mudhole and dust bowl, until 1905 when it was curbed and beautified through the efforts of the Anderson Civic Association.

THE PRESENT courthouse, incidentally, is the third one to occupy the site. Contract for building the first was let to Benjamin Denham, of the Brushy Creek section. He sublet the contract to Robert Wilson, a brickmason of Greenville. Wilson moved to Anderson and



## 2015 Membership Application

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Members who join after September 1, shall be local chapter members only, and not members of the State Society until the following January, when all chapter members are liable for Society dues for the current year. Any member whose dues have not been paid to the State Treasurer of the Society by MARCH 1 shall be declared delinquent, and his name shall be removed from the active membership file and all mailing lists.

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# The Tireless Search for Mary *Cont.*

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This year I have had some good results on researching Larry's family tree. We found another piece to the puzzle and it was a big find. With the help of the Franklin County Genealogical Society in Carnesville, Georgia, sharing some of their records with us we were able to narrow down the time frame when Larry's Grandfather and Great Grandmother had passed away and where they were buried. We were told that they were possibly buried in Prospect United Methodist Church in Stephens County Georgia where Larry's Great Grandfather was buried in 1924. We had documentation to prove that Larry's Great Grandfather was there in the cemetery, but not his Grandfather or his Great Grandmother. They were not showing up on Ancestry or Georgia Virtual Vault, but they were there on the Family Search website.

Larry and I had been visiting the Archives in Jonesboro, Georgia, and this year we found information that helped me get through one of my brick walls on his side of the family. After finding reference to Larry's Great Grandmother's Death Certificate on microfiche at the Georgia Archives we found a mistake on a requested copy of the death certificate. The certificate listed Larry's Great Grandmother's father as Nage Phillips. Knowing this was not correct we asked

to look at the original certificate. The Archives pulled the file and then took us to a secured room where we had to sign in on a log and then they locked us in while we reviewed the file. We actually were able to touch the Original Death Certificate of Mary B (Blair) Philips, nicknamed Polly, dated July 7<sup>th</sup> of 1932. There was nothing else in the file that confirmed Mary's father's last name but from other research that I had done we knew his name was Nage Payne. He was known also as Nance Payne. Mary's certificate also con-

Both Larry and I were ecstatic to find and obtain a copy of Mary Phillips death certificate and to place another piece in the puzzle we are trying to put together. We traveled to the cemetery and found D. N. Phillips CSA headstone and this past summer we had a grave stone made and placed for Mary Phillips next her husband. I was able to add her to the Find-a-Grave website. And because was no marker for Nathaniel Jackson Phillips, one was made and placed in the cemetery next to his parents.



In today's world of ancestry research on computers, you are not assured that every record is copied, scanned or digitized and available for querying. Sometimes old fashion foot work is the path you have to take to find information. Don't give up your quest for information and documentation. Keep searching and documenting all your research.

Here are some of Larry's ancestors:

Larry Phillips is the Son of Seaborn Dewey and Evelyn Shaw Phillips.

Seaborn Dewey Phillips is the Son of Nathaniel Jackson (Jack) and Lee Anna Shiflet Phillips.

Jack Phillips is the Son of Dennis N. and Mary Blare (Polly) Payne Phillips.

Dennis N. Phillips is the Son of Dewant and Elizabeth Miller Phillips.

Dewant Phillips is the Son of Dennis and Mary Sewell Phillips.

Dennis Phillips is the Son of Thomas and Hannah Weathington Phillips.

firmed her mother's maiden name as Guest. Larry's Great Great Grandmother and Mother of Mary B. Payne Phillips was Elizabeth Guest.



# Families of Anderson County, SC

1928, TRADITIONS AND HISTORY OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Louise Ayer Vandiver

"One of Anderson County's earliest families was that of Alexander Moorhead. In fact, Mr. Moorhead came before the county did. He built, in 1813, the quaint little house out several miles north of Anderson which his son, Mr. Robert Moorhead, occupied until his death several years ago. The house is probably still standing.

There is an interesting story told of the origin of the name. It is said that long, long ago there lived in Scotland, in the same neighborhood, two men of the same name, John Muir. One lived on the top of a hill, and became known as John Muir, at the hill of "heed," and the other as John Muir, on the bray face. It chanced that a bull in the neighborhood became mad and the men of the community, armed with anything that would be carried as a weapon, went out to slay the beast. John Muir, of the "heed," armed himself with a pitchfork, and was fortunate enough to kill the bull, whose head

he carried home in triumph. That doughty deed, added to the "heed" already used in connection with his name, finally fixed it as "Muirhead", which in process of time became Moorhead.

The Anderson County Moorheads lived first in Union District. The head of the family was another John. He, during the Revolutionary War, was loyal to Britain (Torrey). His two sons, however, fought in the army of the patriots. Alexander Moorhead was a little boy at the time of the war with England, and he used to tell about seeing the "Red Coats" pass his father's house, and running to hide in a fence corner until they were out of sight.

He was one of the first white men to settle in this section of the country. His house was built of logs, the interstices filled with small brick made to fit the place they were to occupy. A few years before his death Mr. Robert Moorhead was over-

persuaded to cover the front and sides of his house with weatherboarding, but the original logs are still there, and at the back may be seen.

In 1814 Mr. Alexander Moorhead was elected captain of a military company composed of men of Pendleton district, and living in what afterwards became Anderson, which went into Georgia to fight Indians. The company spent six months on that business.

The people of this vicinity lived largely on sweet potatoes in that early time, and Mr. Alexander Moorhead sold probably the greater part of the potatoes sold. Even to people who raised their own potatoes he sold those needed for seed. He also sold large quantities of tobacco.

A little distance back of the Moorhead house is a quaint Old Dutch oven of brick. It has a large cavity for baking and a small one for fire.

The Moorhead place was originally owned by an Irishman named Loflin. He lived in a log cabin. In 1704 Mr. Moorhead, then a young

man, came from Union and bought the property. At once he went to work to make a crop, and after it was made and gathered, he returned to Union and got his parents to come and live with him. The youth was only twenty years old at the time. With the parents came also a young sister, who was married to a Mr. Lewis, grandfather of Mr. J. B. Lewis. The present house was not built at the time. The family occupied the cabin of Mr. Loflin, and in the low loft the bride dressed for the wedding. The original house is still standing, an outbuilding of the farm, and the dingy loft is to be seen. The bride may not have been tall; if she was, she dressed bent over.

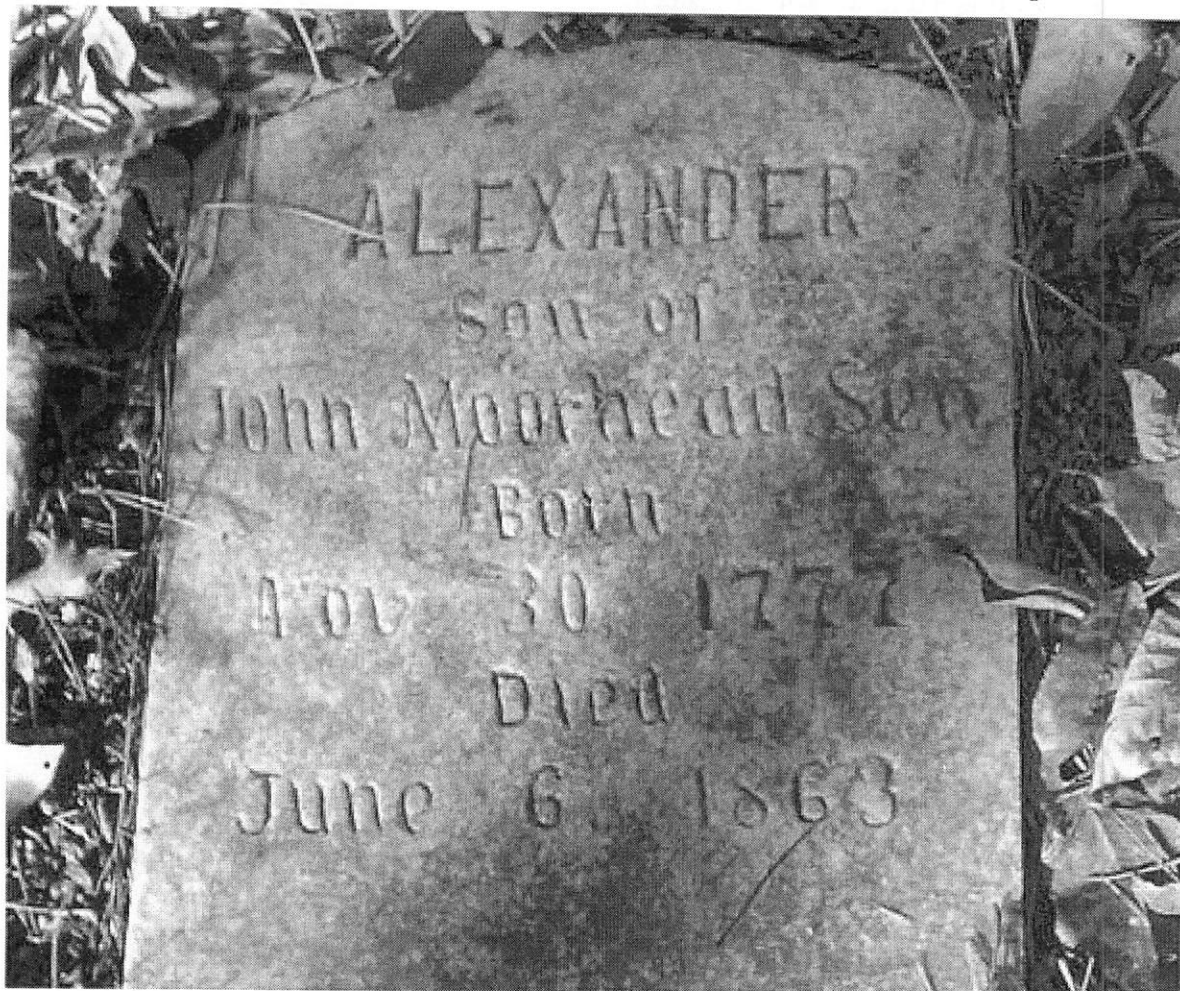
Alexander also soon married, and it was for his young wife he built the present house, a two-story structure with a large living room and an ell containing two other rooms—quite a pretentious house when it was erected. Mr. Alexander Moorhead and his wife are buried in Concord church yard, not far from their home place."

*Submitted by Gary Farmer*

# Descendants of Alexander Moorhead 1777 – 1863

“Alexander Moorhead, the youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Dunn) Moorhead, was born in Union District, South Carolina, November 30, 1777. He grew up there during the Revolutionary War and recalled seeing the “Red Coats” pass by.

It was in 1797, at the age of twenty he came to Anderson (Pendleton District) and traded his father’s horse (or horses) for the 292 acres from Mr. Loflin (Laughlin) that became their home place. He raised a crop that summer and returned to



Union District for his parents and young sister, Elizabeth.

Sweet potatoes were the food staple in those days and were grown on the farm in large quantities. Tobacco was a pay crop. Seed potatoes and potato plants were in great demand.

During the early 1800’s, a larger two-story house was begun. It was built of logs with the cracks filled with mortar bricks. During this period Alexander met and married Rachel Sherrill, who was born in 1793 and died November 4, 1867.

A company of volunteers was

formed in the area to serve in the War of 1812. Alexander was elected as Captain. The Company was not summoned, but stayed intact, and in 1815, went to Alabama to quell the Creek Indians. Alexander recalled being ill in his tent one day when he heard a commotion outside. He threw off his quilt and went out to greet a distinguished arrival – General Andrew Jackson.

Returning to the farm, Alexander learned to fashion plow points, called “coulters”, from white oak and pegged together. These old farm implements, made about 1824, were preserved and were on display at Clemson College for years until they became lost.

Moorhead was named, with several others, by an Act of the South Carolina Legislature, dated December 20, 1826, to “contract for and superintend the building of a courthouse (for Anderson County) on such a site as shall be determined by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose”. The town of Anderson was laid out on 130 acres of land purchased for \$4.62 per acre, but the site for the courthouse became a bone of contention. It is said that one hot day, one of the surveying group grew tired of the argument and drove stakes into the ground and said, “Here!” Legend has it that the man was Alexander Moorhead.

Alexander Moorhead died June 6, 1863 in Anderson County, S.C.” He is buried along with his wife and parents in the Old Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery, across the street from Concord Baptist Church on Concord Road in Anderson. *Submitted by Gary Farmer*



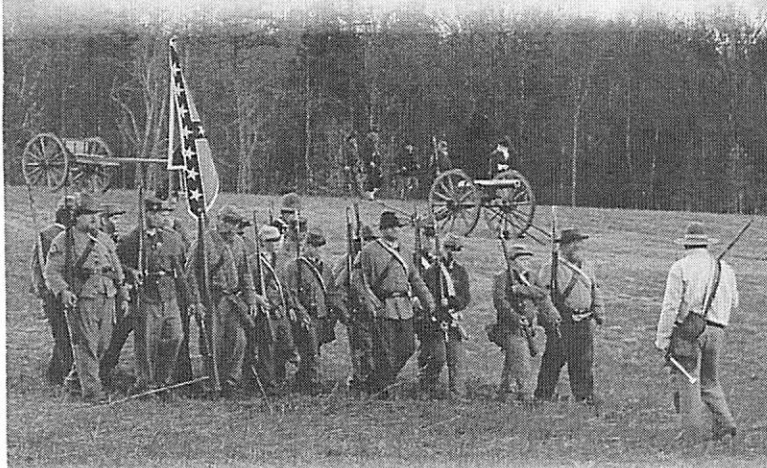
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More information about the various Moorhead family members can be found amongst the Beverly People's files as well had other source found in the Research Center.

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## Descendents of Alexander Moorhead 1777-1863 Cont.

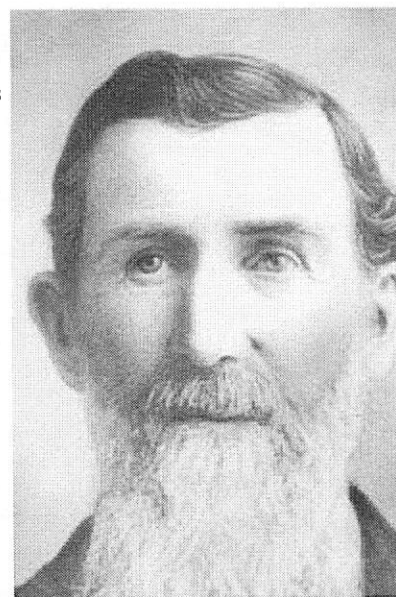
Alexander Moorhead had seven siblings; William, John Jr., Joseph, Jane, Elizabeth Dunn, James and Eleanor. Around 1813 at the age of 35 Alexander married Rachel Sherrill, daughter of Lewis Sherrill Sr. and Mary Mason Sherrill in Burke County, North Carolina.

Alexander and Rachel Sherrill Moorhead had the following children:

1. John Moorhead born 08 November 1812 in Pendleton District, South Carolina. He died on 27 August 1890 in Anderson County, South Carolina.
2. Lewis Moorhead was born in 1814 in Pendleton District, South Carolina.
3. James Moorhead was born in 1816 in Pendleton District, South Carolina
4. Elizabeth Moorhead was born in 1819 in Pendleton District, South Carolina.
5. William Moorhead was born about 1827 in South Carolina.
6. Susan Moorhead was born about 1836 in South Carolina.
7. Robert Moorhead was born on 08 June 1840 in Pendleton District, South Carolina and he died on 09 April 1923 in Anderson County, South Carolina.

Robert Moorhead, Alexander's youngest son, resided at the family home place until his death in April 1923. About 1904, Robert Moorhead deeded property on Concord Road to a group of Baptists, and remains Concord Baptist Church to the present day. Across the road from the Baptist Church is the Moorhead cemetery where John Moorhead Sr. the original immigrant from Ireland, and his wife Elizabeth Dunn Moorhead are buried along with Alexander and Rachel Sherrill Moorhead, John Moorhead's youngest son and Robert Moorhead's father.

Robert Moorhead







# Story Stewards

Submitted by Gary Farmer

I heard this on the radio as I was driving to the Research Center and I felt it had profound importance and needed to be shared with you.

Taken for "Our Daily Bread" Daily Devotionals, December 15, 2014:

By Julie Ackerman Link

"Many people take great care to make sure their resources are used well after they die. They set up trusts, write wills, and establish foundations to guarantee that their assets will continue to be used for a good purpose after their life on earth is done. We call this good stewardship.

Equally important, however, is being good stewards of our life story. God commanded the Israelites not only to teach their children His laws but also to make sure they knew their family history. It was the responsibility of parents and grandparents to make sure their children knew the stories of how God had worked in their behalf (Deut. 4:1-14).

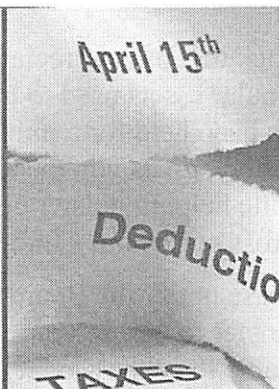
God has given each of us a unique story. His plan for our lives is individualized. Do others know what you believe and why? Do they know the story of how you came to faith and how God has worked in your life to strengthen your faith? Do they know how God has shown Himself faithful and has helped you through doubts and disappointments?

The faithfulness of God is a story that we have the privilege to pass on. Record it in some way and share it. Be a good steward of the story that God is telling through you.

How great, O God, Your acts of love!  
Your saving deeds would now proclaim  
That generations yet to come  
May set their hope in Your great name. —D. DeHaan  
A life lived for God leaves a lasting legacy."

What legacy and stories do you have that you plan to leave for generation to come? Does the Research Center have a copy of your stories? You may not feel that your story is completed yet or you are not quite ready to share it. Don't let this opportunity pass. Submit a copy of your legacy. You will always have new stories to tell and with that comes "Volume II".

Gary Farmer, Librarian

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## THE TIME IS NOW

*If you are ever going to love me,  
Love me now, while I can know  
The sweet and tender feelings  
Which from true affection flow.*

*Love me now  
While I am living.  
Do not wait until I'm gone  
And then have it chiseled in marble,  
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.*

*If you have tender thoughts of me,  
Please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping,  
Never to awaken,  
There will be death between us  
And I won't hear you then.*

*So, if you love me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living  
So I can treasure it.*

Unknown Author

The Time Is Now: Poem from Dear Abby 10/27/10

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The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society encourages donors to contact their estate attorney for professional assistance.

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# *Appreciation Luncheon*

*For*

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*City Mayors & City Councils,*

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When: February 6th, 2015

What time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Anderson County Genealogical Research Center

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Please Contact Ann Hollingsworth at (864) 947-8455 with you interest in helping.



# Calendar of Events

January 5, 2015 - **Anderson County Chapter Regular Meeting:** 7:00pm, Senior Solutions, Clemson Boulevard, Anderson, South Carolina. Laura Holden from the Anderson County Library South Carolina Room will be the guest speaker.

January 8, 2015 - **Laurens County Chapter Meeting:** Laurens County Library at 7:30 p.m..

January 10, 2015 - South Carolina Genealogical Society Board Meeting at the SC Archives in Columbia, S.C.

January 15, 2015 - **Fairfield Genealogical Society Meeting:** Gina Price White (Winthrop) will be giving some preservation tips. Meeting will be held at Christ Central Community Center next to the Fairfield Museum located at 235 S. Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC.  
[www.fairfieldgenealogical.org](http://www.fairfieldgenealogical.org)

January 15, 2015 - **Greenville Chapter of the SCGS** - Meetings are held 3:00 to 5:00 PM, on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the Greenville County Library (Hughes Downtown Library) 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC. On occasions, it might be necessary to change our meeting dates & places. If you're a first time visitor, it's recommended that you e-mail Tad Riddle at [Triddle902@aol.com](mailto:Triddle902@aol.com) to confirm this information.

January 20, 2015 - **Old Pendleton District January Meeting** will have Dr. Connie McNeil will speak about genealogical resources in Abbeville. Meeting will be held at the Central-Clemson Library from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

February 5, 2015 - **Anderson County Chapter Regular Meeting:** 7:00pm, Senior Solutions, Clemson Boulevard, Anderson, South Carolina.

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February 12, 2015 - **Laurens County Chapter Meeting:** Laurens County Library at 7:30 p.m.

February 17, 2015 - **Old Pendleton District February Meeting**, Quintell Walker will discuss the Pickens County Library's Genealogy Room in Easley. Meeting will be held at the Central-Clemson Library from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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February 20, 2015 - **Fairfield Genealogical Society Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. "Discovering Dave" a 40 minute film documenting the story of the Edgefield, South Carolina, slave potter named David Drake. Meeting will be held at Christ Central Community Center next to the Fairfield Museum located at 235 S. Congress Street, Winnsboro, SC. [www.fairfieldgenealogical.org](http://www.fairfieldgenealogical.org)

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March 12 - 14, 2015 - **Reunion of Upcountry Families** at Southern Wesleyan University - For additional information visit [www.100yearreunion.com](http://www.100yearreunion.com).

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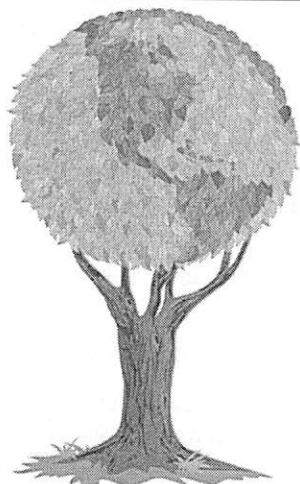
April 18, 2015 - **Dutch Fork Chapter of SCGS will hold its Annual Reunion** on Saturday, April 18th 2015 at Mr. Horeb Lutheran Church, 101 East Boundary St. Chapin, South Carolina. The Chicora Foundation will present a program about cemeteries. Dr. Susan McArver will also speak on Early Dutch Fork Religion and Worship. This event generally starts around 8:00 a.m. and goes to about 3:00 p.m. and covers lunch. Pre-registration is required to ensure enough food for lunch. Go to [www.dutchforkchapter.org](http://www.dutchforkchapter.org) for more information.

May 13 - 16, 2015 - **The National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference** will be held 13-16 May 2015 in the St. Charles Convention Center, One Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, Missouri.

July 10 - 11, 2015 - SCGS State Workshop in Columbia at the SC Archives.

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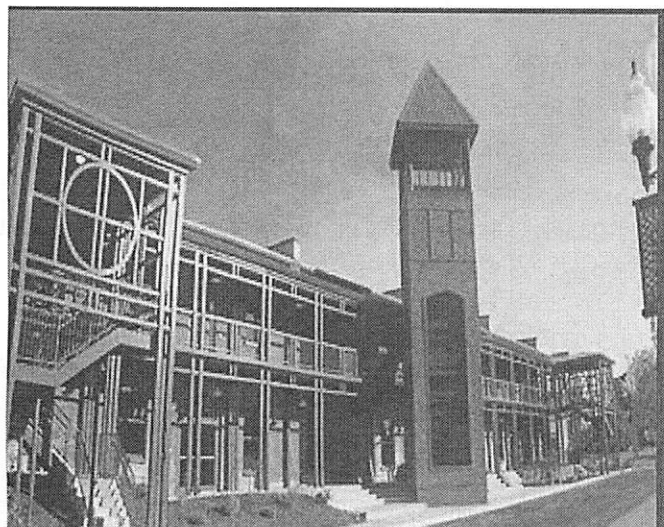
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### Meetings

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Each month a program is presented that is of interest to genealogy researchers. Come early and discuss your family with our members.

Refreshments are provided Free following the program and all Regular Meetings are Open to the Public.

*Next Meeting, January 5th, 2014*

*Guest Speaker Laura Holden*

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# THE ANDERSON RECORD

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## 1840-2015 — 175 YEARS OF HISTORY WHITEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH



Vacation Bible School at Whitefield Baptist Church - 1956

This year marks the celebration of Whitefield Baptist Churches one hundred seventy fifth year in existence and serving the Whitefield Community.

Whitefield Baptist Church has seen both good times and hard times. It has watched the establishment of a community.

People came and people went while Whitefield Baptist Church served as a house of worship for thousands of people.

There have been marriages and there has been deaths at Whitefield, but with God's divine guidance the church continued to teach the Word of God to

those who would join them for a worship. For 175 years, they have been doing it right. They remain a cornerstone in the community.

Well Done Whitefield! May you prosper another 175 years or until the Lord returns to take us home.

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## Meeting

### Minutes

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Societies regular meeting was held January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Senior Solutions at 7:00pm. We had 30 people present, 28 members and 2 guests. Shelby Lollis began the meeting by calling the meeting to order and asked Steve Cox to lead us in an Invocation. A Treasurers Report was not available. The following announcements were made: Chapter will be hosting a Soup & Cornbread Luncheon for Mayors, City Council and Anderson County Council in appreciation of the Grant Monies given to the Chapter, Membership Dues for 2015 are being collected, New Silver Brook project is coming along, Need help in taking the micro-film and making .pdf copies and transcribing the Anderson County Marriage Licenses, Need additional Volunteers at the Research Center. Old Business discussed – The Chapter sold the first book on Amazon – Sold a Heritage Book. New Business – Elections were held for 2015 Officer - The following were either elected or reelected to each position: Shelby Lollis – reelected President, Kay Burns – reelected Vice-President, Gary Farmer – elected Treasurer, Ann Hollingsworth – Corresponding Secretary, and Doris Dowdy – elected Recording Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor and all were confirmed and elected. Laura Holden – Librarian at the South Carolina Room at the Anderson County Library talked about what the library had to offer for Genealogy Research.

Financial Report	Income	\$ 1,641.83
	Expenses	959.64
	Balance	\$21,543.69

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Societies regular meeting was held February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Senior Solutions at 7:00pm. We had 47 people in attendance, 43 members and 4 guests. Kay Burns presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order and asked Bob Carlisle to lead the group in an invocation. The Minutes and the Treasurers reports were available for review by all members present and both were approved. Announcements made at the meeting were: A reminder regarding the Soup and Cornbread Luncheon, New Silver Brook Cemetery Project is moving along, "Reunion of Upcountry Families" will be held March 12 thru 14<sup>th</sup> at the Central Wesleyan University, and Gary Farmer asked everyone to share their family research with the Research Center. Allison Ashley Darby gave a talk on Mary Smith, the "Heroine of the American Revolution".

Financial Report	Income	\$ 1,065.00
	Expenses	243.70
	Balance	\$22,364.99

# Whitefield Baptist Church

## A History of the Church Through Time

Whitefield Baptist Church can date its origins to over twenty years before the beginning of the American Civil War. Elder Robert King had left his role as pastor of the Big Creek Baptist Church in Williamston, to lead the Hopewell Baptist Church. King, along with many Baptists of his day, broke with the old Calvinist doctrine of predestination and believed that all men could receive God's salvation. In 1840, while traveling through the present day Whitefield Community, he had a vision of fields that were "white to harvest." And began to "thrust in his sickle." He began preaching in local homes with eleven members. Soon afterward, an old log building was erected near the present day intersection of Mitchell Road and Pine Trail Road.

Elder King was a man of great missionary zeal. His calling was to plant and nurture churches. He served a pastor of as many as four churches at a time. When he was away, David Simmons, Elder B. F. Mauldin and others filled the pulpit.

Mauldin was a prominent Anderson businessman and delegate to the South Carolina Secession Convention in 1860. In 1850, Asa Garrett, a deacon from the Laurens area, moved to the Whitefield Community. Under his direction, Whitefield was duly organized as a church and was admitted to the Saluda Baptist Association in 1851. Robert King was elected as pastor and served until the end of 1856.

The year 1854 was a watershed year for Whitefield. During the revival in that year, forty five people accepted Jesus as their savior. Church membership grew to sixty three members. King's vision of fields

ripe for harvest was coming to fruition.

Samuel Garrett served Whitefield in the role of pastor for the year of 1857. In 1858, the church was shepherded by James C. Jones. Robert King returned as pastor from 1859 to 1872. As before, King brought a ministry of efficiency, faithfulness and dedication. Elder King was sixty eight years of age when began his second tenure at Whitefield. Even at this point in his life, he continued to lead multiple churches.

The original log church was dete-

dress, fervent in prayer, tender and emotional in his preaching, but, unfortunately, he was soon found to be guilty of gross immorality and excluded from the church, whereupon he clandestinely left the state." Campbell only served one year as pastor.

The next pastor was J. M. Landers. Unlike his predecessors, Landers was a man of considerable education. He had been educated in England, was well read in the classics and up-to-date on current events. He was said to be a little eccentric, but served the church well. Landers, like his successors, served only one year.



A Marker was placed on the location of the first meeting house where Elder King began gathering in the harvest from the Whitefield Community.

riorating from age and the church body decided to build a new house of worship. A parcel of land, which included the area of the present day church cemetery, was purchased in either 1868 or 1869. A small frame structure was built of vertical weatherboard and was never painted or sealed. This was a simple structure, but larger than the original church.

Elder J. J. Campbell assumed the leadership of the church in 1873. He was the first pastor who was not a native of the local area. He was popular and effective pastor. He was said to be "a man of pleasant ad-

W. P. Martin came to the church in 1875. We have very little information on him or the church at his time of service. He remained until 1881, so it must be concluded that he was a popular pastor. He began his work near the end of the period of Reconstruction, so the people of the area would have been suffering economically along with other people of the South. Whitefield had sent a number of men to fight for the Confederacy; some did not return. While this area was spared the fighting of the war, the people suffered personal loss and economic challenges through the war and following in the era of Reconstruction.

Elder W. H. King, the youngest son of Elder Robert King, took charge of the church in January of 1882. Unlike his father, he had the benefit of growing up in a Christian home. He showed great promise and potential early in life. Men of the Saluda Baptist Association paid his way from three semesters at Furman University. His preaching was strong and he did excellent work. He once preached a sermon that "caused many to cry out mightily for mercy." Like Martin before him, Elder W. H. King served Whitefield for six years and left in 1888.

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# WHITEFIED BAPTIST CHURCH, A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH THROUGH TIME

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Throughout the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the church maintained a position of no tolerance of any form of perceived immoral conduct among the membership. In February of 1885, nearly 20% of the membership was in danger of being excluded from the fellowship. Two of these were for shooting for chance, eight for dancing, one for playing the fiddle for dancing and two for drunkenness. Other issues that often lead to exclusion from the church were poor church attendance without just cause, slander, profane language, card playing and other immoral acts. Exclusion from the fellowship did not imply any danger of losing one's salvation, but only that the fellowship with a particular brother or sister was broken with the local body. Fellowship could be restored upon a contrite plea for forgiveness from God and the church.

Revivals were held each August between the end of the vegetable harvest and the beginning of cotton picking season. Baptism followed in a local stream or pond. An outdoor baptistery was not built on church grounds until the 1940's. Pastors in those days were voted on by the congregation at the end of each church year. Unanimous consent was required for a pastor to remain.

The first record of a pastor search committee being formed was in 1887. A committee of five men selected Ezekiel A. Durham for presentation to the church. Durham would serve as pastor until the end of 1889. In 1887 there is mention of "something affecting the peace of the church". A committee was formed to investigate situa-

tions within the church and speak with members being considered for exclusion from the church. Greater attention was paid to those who were absent for extended periods of time and those who were not paying their portion of the pastor's salary. Both of these issues continued to be a problem for many years. There is also some mention of "grumbings against the deacons" during this time period.

During this era, meetings were often held on Saturday to accommodate pastors who served multiple churches. The members would also gather on Sunday for a service lead by lay leadership. Pastors worked with multiple churches not only in obedience to God's Call, but also out of financial necessity. The salary for the pastor reported in 1888 was \$62.05 annually. Even when supplemented with meals and produce from the members' fields and orchards, this was not adequate to support a man and his family.

G. M. Rogers, son of original member, Sally Rogers, was elected pastor in October of 1889. In November of 1889 Deacon E. J. Kay stated the following "whereas our house of worship is far from comfortable and not even respectable and whereas God has blessed us with abundant crops. Resolved that in thankfulness to God and in justice to ourselves and appreciation

of the comfort of those who visit us that as a church we will, the Lord willing, build us a good and comfortable house as soon as

better condition than it had been in some time. There was peace and harmony that carried into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The church closed out the century with a great revival where fourteen people made professions of faith.

H. G. Martin was elected pastor in October of 1900. The church continued to furnish the building by purchasing blinds, which in true Baptist fashion, required a committee. The job of church sexton was created and was the first paid staff position other

than pastor. His duties were to keep a good fire going and the doors closed during cold weather. The salary was two dollars and fifty cents a year. Citing the importance of Sunday school, the office of Sunday School Director was created and R. H. Breazeale was elected to fill the new post in 1904. A collection for state missions was first taken in 1904 and a new pastor, G. A. Martin, replaced H. G. Martin.

possible." The church body agreed and a building committee was immediately appointed. Money was raised and the church was built without borrowing any money. The first service was held in this third church sanctuary in October of 1890. The building was not complete, but adequate to hold services. The new building was completed and properly furnished in the spring of 1894. A formal dedication service was held at that time.

J. M. Allen, of the Greenville Association, was called as pastor in January of 1893 and would remain until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He was known as a good preacher, with natural ability. A dispute between some of the members and the deacons arose in 1893, but was resolved in 1894. People outside of the church commented that the church was in



In this picture, as well as the picture on the front page, is the third House of Worship for Whitefield which was built in 1890 and held services until 1957. The little girl in the picture is thought to be Brenda Bell Clardy.

G. A. Martin did not complete a full year of service. He resigned in August of 1904 citing health issues and his commitment to mission work in California. Rev. C. H. Holland, was elected pastor in October 1904 to replace Martin. Edgar King was elected treasurer and R. H. Breazeale, church clerk. The regular pastor election was held in November of 1904 to

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## Message from President Shelby Hart Lollis



Welcome to Spring!

The first 3 months of 2015 have flown! Our Chapter has been busy! We have started a new project-digitizing Anderson County Marriage License 1911-1951. I have permission from both Greenville and Pickens County Libraries to use their scanners. Want to help? The reading of New Silver Brook Cemetery is Almost finished! The cemetery committee is doing a great job!

The chapter was represented at both the Hartwell Expo and 100 Year Reunion to sell our publications. We will also set up a book table at the SCGS Workshop on July 11 -12. I sure could use your help with this. *ALL* members are encouraged to come to the State Archives for some good presentations and seminars.

We will be having a Fundraising Spaghetti Supper in May. Our Chapter stayed within our 2014 Budget but.... Our projected income fell way short. This fundraiser will bring in such needed income. Details will follow.

Check out our Facebook Page- <https://www.facebook.com/ACCSCGS>. We are trying to post some relevant articles to help with your research, also some humorous post! Please post your ideas, questions and family info, also.

Spring is here! Shake off that winter blues. Come on down to the Research Center and start digging in your genealogy Garden!

Keep searching!

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# WHITEFIED BAPTIST CHURCH, A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH THROUGH TIME

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select the pastor for 1905. Three candidates were put forward. This made it nearly impossible for one person to get unanimous support. It was not until December 31<sup>st</sup>, that two other candidates were put forth and the church finally agreed to call Rev. E. L. Kingsley. Rev. Milton McCuen was elected as pastor in October of 1905 with the promise of a salary of \$75 annually; yet another election was held in November and Rev. R. W. Burton was elected to serve in 1906. These were basically a combination of a church covenant and rules for behavior during worship. Apparently there had been some issues with certain individuals disrupting the service.

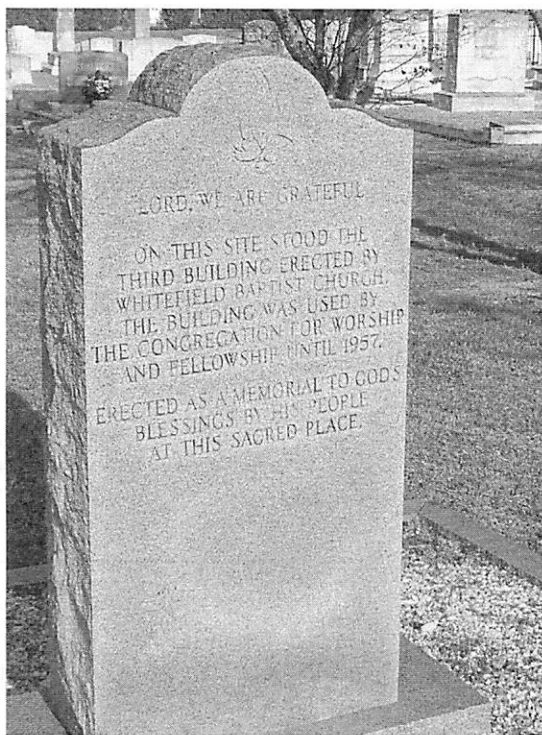
For the year 1907, Whitefield changed pastoral leadership once again, with the election of Rev. J. T. Mann. Mann was blind and used a Braille Bible that is displayed in our church library today. During this time, the Women's Missionary Union was very active in raising money for foreign, home, and state missions. They also raised money for the Osage Indians and for other functions of the church. Emphasis was placed on prayer and Bible study. The most notable leader was Miss Annie Rogers. She was instrumental in organizing the church library, GA's and RA's.

The pastor's salary had been paid based on commitments made by individual members and families. Many were failing to meet their commitments and a new committee was established to make an updated list on what each family was responsible to provide. Even so, collecting the pastor's salary continued to be an issue. Rev. Mann was unable to complete the year in 1909 and Rev. D. C. Williams filled out his term and stayed through 1910.

Rev. W. W. Leathers was the first pastor to serve an extended period of time in several years. He remained at Whitefield from 1911 through 1919. The main issues in 1911 were installing a heating system for the church and collecting the pastor's salary which had risen to \$150 per year. There was no church budget. The only expenses were \$162 in salaries (pastor and sexton), fire wood and general building and property upkeep. Special collections were taken for

missions. The church cemetery was laid off in 1913. Deacons had served terms for life, but this was changed to five-year terms.

Rev. W. W. Leathers had served faithfully for eight years. At the time of his departure in 1919, church membership had grown to 170. Rev. T. L. Hooper was the next pastor and served through the end of 1921. Rev. A. D. Canup served from March 1922 until the end of the year. Rev. J. J. Hiott led the church in 1923 and E. C. White in 1924. In that year twenty-one people were added to the church by profession of faith. A remodeling project was also undertaken by the church at a cost of around \$2000. This was a large sum in that day, but only about one percent of the church budget in 2008. Rev. White completed his service in 1927.



*This Marker stands surrounded by the church cemetery in the spot the third house of worship stood until 1957.*

We have very little information about the church from 1927 through 1936. This was the period of the Great Depression and for a community of farmers, had to be a difficult time. Pastors who served during that period were E. D. Edwards, J. E. Crawford and Glenn Bolch. During this period, the process of excluding members from fellowship became very

rare.

Rev. J. E. Crawford was elected to serve as pastor in 1937. He served two separate tenures and would be associated with Whitefield until 1954. Early in his time at Whitefield, he often walked from his home in Belton to the church on Sunday. He pastured as many as three churches at one time. In 1937 the church was electrically wired and it was also the first year for Vacation Bible School. In 1939 and 1940 Glen Bolch and E. O. Edwards served as pastors. J. E. Crawford returned in 1941 and served fourteen consecutive years. He would become one of the most revered pastors to serve the church. In 1940, an outdoor baptismal pool was constructed. In 1944 an additional acre of land was purchased for the cemetery. During the years 1941-1945 the United

States was embroiled in World War II. Whitefield sent a number of men to the armed forces. In 1946, a service was held to honor and memorialize those members who had served. During Crawford's tenure the church replaced the wood floor, seats, rugs, Venetian blinds, and added an organ. The addition of the organ caused some dissension and three or four families left the church. When he left in 1954, Crawford had served twenty-one years over different terms, making

him the longest serving pastor at Whitefield.

The year 1954 was a year of transition for Whitefield. The new pastor was Rev. Thomas Brown. Brown was the first pastor to be called as a full-time pastor. He would also be the first pastor to live in a newly built church parsonage. Financially, the

church was in much better financial shape. Many members who had been full-time farmers were switching over to textile mills and manufacturing jobs. For the first time the church began to operate under a budget. Rev. Brown was well liked, but succumbed to illness and died near the end of 1954.

Rev. C. P. Rogers of Spartanburg would be the next pastor. The old wooden church building had become crowded. There was also a need for more classroom space to separate out different age groups for Sunday School, but funding was not available. George and Ruth Wilson gave \$1000 in memory of their daughter Louise to start a building fund. Within six months enough was raised for a substantial down payment and Fourth church building was completed in June 1957. In August of 1958, Rev. Rogers resigned after confessing to some improper conduct.

Rev. Calvin Turner was called to be the new pastor in November of 1958. Rev. Turner was one of the most beloved pastors to serve at Whitefield. He was not a forceful speaker, but preached clear and concise messages. He had a special gift of care and concern for the congregation. During Turner's tenure, the church built a new fellowship building, a Sunday school classroom annex, and added a secretary and paid part-time music director to the staff. Whitefield joined the new Palmetto Baptist Association in 1965. When Turner was called to a different church in 1969, the church had grown to 610 members, 224 baptisms were recorded, and the church budget was \$51,373.00.

Rev. Marvin Hembree lead Whitefield from 1970, until his retirement in 1975. He was known for his deep knowledge of the scripture. Hembree had a strong desire to build the youth program. Ron Fousek was called as a summer youth worker in 1972 and remained on staff as an associate pastor/youth director. A church gym was built and an active bus ministry started. A children's church was also started during this time. Eight acres of land was purchased in 1972 to be used for the gym, recreational facilities, and future needs.

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Rev. Danny Gray came to Whitefield after Preacher Hembree's retirement in 1975. Gray came with a very charismatic evangelical style of preaching. By the end of the year, the church sanctuary could not hold the crowds. With just a few dollars in the bank, the membership took a financial step of faith unlike any since or in

years, the longest continuous time of service in Whitefield history. Ron was always popular with the members of Whitefield. He was a good speaker, but was most appreciated for his care and concern for the membership and their families. In 1982, a spontaneous revival broke out after a youth retreat. The revival continued nearly two

with just more than the required 2/3rds majority. The resulting power struggle and church in fighting brought the church closer to a split than ever before. To keep the peace, the by-laws were dissolved. Due to government requirements about ten years later, a more basic set of by-laws were created and passed without conflict. During

in Anderson, an increase in offerings due to the change in the typical job of the average member, and most of all God's hand on the church also helped build the church up. The church grew rapidly and soon required two services. Clarence truly had a vision for Whitefield. Two Vision Meal meetings were held and members were allowed to voice their ideas. The main vision, voiced by Roy Hiott, was to build a child development center. This was soon accomplished at a cost of just over two million dollars. A major three phase building plan was put together including the building of a new sanctuary and conversion of the current sanctuary into a fellowship hall. The church membership reached nearly 1800 and Sunday morning worship attendance often surpassed 1000. The youth program averaged around 200, with one event exceeding 600. Vacation Bible School exceeded 300. The AWANA program was started and tutored hundreds of children in God's Word. Two separate revivals produced over 100 salvations each. Several new paid staff positions were created. After seven years, Clarence left the church in good condition with a very positive look toward the future.



the future and built the current sanctuary at a cost of around \$250,000.00. The church was completed in 1976 and was paid off many years in advance of the due date. The church began to use contemporary music and two youth music groups traveled around the area. Several very successful revivals were held, the size of the deacon body increased, and the deacons were assigned to do more scripture-based deacon tasks. The role of youth director was made a full-time position. Gray left the church in good condition when he vacated to pursue full-time evangelism in 1980.

Rev. Ron Fousek returned as pastor in 1980. Ron remained at Whitefield for sixteen

weeks, with members giving testimony long after the preaching service was over. The church also was offered and purchased the land across the street from the sanctuary which has been used for many purposes over the years. Additional members were also added to the staff.

A motion was made from the floor to appoint a committee to write a constitution and by-laws for the church in 1989. At the time, there was nothing in writing regarding the operation of the church. A committee was appointed and a detailed constitution, by-laws and job descriptions was presented to the church. After eight hours of heated debate covering three nights, the by-laws passed

Ron Fousek's tenure the church maintained a steady growth and had over 1000 members when he was called to another church in 1996.

Rev. Clarence Howard came to Whitefield at the end of 1996. Clarence was very down-to-earth, related well to people and used everyday references to make his messages very clear and entertaining. Whitefield entered a time that could be described as a perfect storm. Along with good, effective preaching, Whitefield was blessed with a plethora of musical talent, good lay Bible teachers and facilitators, a building boom all around the church bringing in thousands of people to the surrounding area. The break-up of Northside Baptist

The interim period that followed lasted for nearly two years. Dr. Tony Beam of North Greenville University preached for eighteen months and retired pastor and member Bill Ellison and other pastors from North Greenville, filled the interim period. Throughout this time, attendance, offerings, and programs continued as they had in the preceding years.

After nearly two years of diligently searching for a new pastor and seeking God's man to take Whitefield to the next level, Dr. Charles Strickland of Georgia was selected as the next pastor in August of 2007. Whitefield held its first-ever pastor installation service attended by the president of the

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Southern Baptist Convention and South Carolina Baptist Convention. Strickland placed a major focus on missions and the church collected \$23,000 for Lottie Moon in one Sunday. The goal for the year was \$20,000 and this was an all-time record. The church added the position of executive pastor and Frank Fuller was elected to this position in 2008. The church also moved rapidly to fill other vacancies in the staff. The church continued to make progress in most of its ministries. By 2009, attendance began to decline significantly. Part of this can be explained by outside influences. New Spring Church was growing rapidly and number of Whitefield's members changed their membership there. The economy had declined and new construction was at a standstill. Local community growth was either stagnant or shrinking. Within the church, many began to question the authority of the pastor and executive pastor to make certain decisions. Whitefield had been

moving from a deacon-led to a more Biblical based pastor-led church for a few years. There was a lot of confusion during this time. As we look back over the time period, it can be said that the staff, the deacons and the church body all made mistakes that we can learn from to be a better church. It can also be said that the church as a whole suffered from pride in what was accomplished in the past. Man took credit for what God had done. After a difficult time within the church, Dr. Strickland resigned, citing that he no longer felt that he was effective as pastor of Whitefield.

During the interim period, Rev. Tony Beam returned to preach for the church. Membership continued to decline as many long-time members left. New by-laws were written confirming Whitefield as a pastor-led church. The church gave unanimous approval. The church called Danny Singleton as pastor in January of 2012. Danny came in with a vision to bring Whitefield back to the

example for the community that it had been. He had a love for missions and increased the involvement with the South Dakota Baptist Association. He also was instrumental in starting a ministry at the Anderson Jockey Lot. There had been talk of this for over thirty-five years, but it had never come to fruition in the past. Danny also required accountability from everyone in church leadership. Lay leaders, teachers and worship leaders were all required to commit to a life of purity. Attendance at church continued to decline; however, our mission work was adding people to God's Kingdom. Over 100 salvations were recorded in 2012 through our participation in South Dakota missions, the Jockey Lot ministry and our ministry at Cedar Grove Elementary School. To the shock of everyone, Danny Singleton resigned suddenly in August of 2013, citing that he did not feel that he was an effective pastor.

Rev. Ron Davis has been serving as interim pastor since the

fall of 2013. All departments of the church are currently being handled by lay leadership. Church attendance is gradually increasing from week to week. Brother Ron has helped bring about a healing process for the church and currently directing our pastor search committee in searching for our next pastor. Whitefield continues to work throughout the community to lead people to Christ and help those who are in need. The church has endured for nearly 175 years. The church has been through many ups and downs, but remains a beacon of hope for the community. The vision of one traveling preacher 174 years ago has been fulfilled. From a small country church of eleven members, Whitefield Baptist Church has been the source from which thousands have come to know Jesus Christ and many others have found comfort in their times of trouble.

*Compiled by  
Rick Bell  
Church Historian*

*Submitted by: Shirley Phillips*

## "THE CRATER" AND *WHITEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH*

Did you get a chance to watch the movie with Jude Law who plays a confederate soldier from Cold Mountain, North Carolina who, with his brothers at arms, is found in a trench fighting the northern aggressors just south of Petersburg, Virginia in defense of the southern capital of Richmond, Virginia. Though the movie, based on the novel "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frasier, was fiction and the characters were mostly made up, the "Battle of the Crater" actually took place and has a connection to Whitefield Baptist Church.

"The Union Army of the Potomac had been camped outside Petersburg, south of the Confederate capital of Richmond, since mid-

June of 1864. In May, Grant, the new Union general-in-chief, had personally overseen a series of bloody battles that had cost his army dearly but had moved it steadily south. The combined slaughter of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, North Anna River, and, especially, Cold Harbor (collectively known as the Overland Campaign) might be redeemed if his army managed to cut the Confederate supply and communication lines through Petersburg. And as Petersburg went, so did Richmond."

"There was a sense all around that the war was coming to a head. On June 21, the Richmond Examiner - already weary of the

siege - presciently encouraged Grant to "plunge with his whole force into the crater of the volcano and make an end of it - Let not the campaign linger. All parties are tired of this monotonous slaughter of Yankees."

"Indeed, Grant was open to suggestions, and a truly strange one worked its way up the chain of command. Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Pleasants of the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, in Burnside's corps, commanded a regiment of anthracite miners from Schuylkill County. One of his men looked out at the Confederate position from his trench and declared, "We could blow that damned fort out of existence if we could run a mine

shaft under it." The army's professional engineers thought this to be "claptrap and nonsense," largely because the tunnel would need to be longer than four hundred feet, a distance that would preclude proper ventilation. As such, they refused to lend any assistance or expertise to the project. Lt. Col. Pleasants got the go-ahead anyway, and on June 25 his men started digging, using improvised tools."

"Meanwhile, the Confederates who manned "that damned fort" were a brigade of South Carolina infantrymen under Stephen Elliott, along with some Virginia artillerymen under Richard Pegram. They could hear the sound

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of picks and shovels twenty feet under their shoes and carved out "listening shafts" in an effort to locate the source. They never did, however, and when the noise stopped on July 23, they quit looking, a mistake for which they would pay heavily. By then, the T-shaped tunnel was a 586-foot-long marvel. It was about 5 feet high, 54 inches wide at the bottom, and 2 feet wide at the top. The miners had cut and installed their own lumber to keep it stable and instituted drainage and ventilation systems that worked regardless of what the West Point-trained engineers had claimed. Sometime about Thursday, July 28, the Pennsylvanians began packing it with explosives—320 twenty-five-pound kegs, or four tons of powder. Lt. Colonel Pleasants had asked for six tons, but even with four, the explosion would be the largest man-made blast in the Western Hemisphere to that point.'

'Henry Pleasants lit the fuse at 3:15 on the morning of July 30, 1864. The blast was scheduled for 3:30, but that time came and went and by four o'clock US General Meade was getting anxious. The mine had not exploded. Volunteers were requested to determine why there was no explosion. Two volunteers: Sergeant Henry Reese and Lieutenant Jacob Doughty entered the tunnel entrance and determined that the fuse had gone out because of a break in the line, and after fixing it, they raced for the tunnel entrance in time to avoid being crushed by the impact of the explosion.'

'At precisely 4:44 a.m. there was, according to a soldier from the 20th Michigan, a heaving and lifting of the fort and the hill on which it stood; then a monstrous tongue of flame shot fully two hundred feet in the air, followed by a vast column of white smoke ... then a great spout or fountain of red earth rose to a great height, mingled with men and guns, timbers and planks, and every other kind of debris, all ascending, spreading, whirling, scattering.'

'At least 278 Confederates - South Carolinians and Virginians mostly - were killed instantly, and a giant crater - what has come to be known as the Crater - was opened up in the ground where moments earlier they had been sleeping. It was more than 170 feet long, 60 feet across, and 30 feet deep. When Union troops reached it, rather than march around it they marched into it. There, they discovered that the earth that had fallen back into the Crater had become a mash that trapped the struggling men.'

'The historian William Marvel has offered two explanations for this crucial mis-

take. First, he noted that the Union men stopped to help dig Confederate survivors from the wreckage, a humane act that nevertheless "proved their undoing, for had they instead swept up and down the trenches and pushed ahead to the heights beyond" - per the battle plan - "they might have captured Petersburg that day." Marvel has also noted that soldiers were accustomed to seeking shelter, and the Crater was like the biggest and safest foxhole anyone had ever seen - except that it was not. Its steep thirty-foot walls and slippery red clay made it nearly impossible for the men to escape once they had entered, and when General Burnside's remaining divisions followed General Ledlie's men into the fray, pretty much everyone just piled in, making for a perfect mess. Once the Confederates shook off their initial shock, they wheeled their cannons up to the edge of the hole, pointed them down, and let loose.'

'The scene inside the Crater was hellish. The day was a scorcher, and a mist of humidity and smoke hung over the hole. "The heat drove some men literally mad," Marvel has noted. One New York soldier tripped over the naked bodies of the South Carolinians originally blown up by the explosion on his way to what appeared to be "a large body of Union soldiers lying as though in line of battle waiting for the command to move forward." To his horror, they were all dead.'

'A Confederate soldier, William Cowan McClellan of the 9th Alabama, described to his brother the scene once the fighting had stopped: They were the worst looking set you ever saw, Yankees laid the defeat to the Negroes, Negroes were disposed to lay it on the Yankees. We captured 250 Negroes, all of whom were wounded in some way: Bayoneted, knocked on the head by the butts of muskets. All would have been killed had it not been for Gen. Mahone, who would beg our men to spare them. One fellow in our Brigade killed several. The General told him for god's sake stop. Well, Gen. let me kill one more, he deliberately took out his pocket knife and cut ones throat. Great many of the Yankee officers, even Negroes, were killed on the spot.'

This was a horrific scene and a heavy loss of life, but how does this connect to Whitefield Baptist Church? There was a soldier there who gave the ultimate sacrifice and died at the "Battle of the Crater". This soldier was Private Redmond Foster Wyatt, born September 19, 1825 in Anderson County, South Carolina and died at the age of 38 on July 30, 1864 at exactly 4:44 a.m. at Petersburg, Virginia. Redmond

Foster Wyatt served the Confederate Army as a private of Company G, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. Redmond was a very educated man, had strong religious convictions and was devoted to his family. His family moved to the Brushy Creek Township of Anderson County when Redmond was only 16 years old (about 1841). According to Louise Ayer Vandiver in her book 'The Traditions and History of Anderson County', Redmond Foster Wyatt was one of Anderson's early newspaper men. He married Nancy Ophelia Brownlee Rasor on April 8, 1847 in Abbeville District, South Carolina. Redmond Wyatt remained buried in the "Crater" but later was removed to The Old Blandford Church Cemetery nearby along with other confederates from his regiment.

Redmond Wyatt's wife, Nancy Ophelia Brownlee Rasor Wyatt, received a letter from Rev. (Sgt) Robert Mason Pickens regarding his death:

*Near Petersburg, July 31, 1864*

*"Mrs. Wyatt, I find it is my duty this morning, though it is with a heavy heart I do it, to write you a few lines to inform you that our lines were blown up yesterday and all that were in them for 200 yards were killed or captured as the Yankees rushed in immediately after the explosion. Mr. Wyatt has not been found. God is a husband to the widow and father for the orphans. We will not see the sons of the righteous begging bread, but will be with you in troubles & the 7<sup>th</sup> will not forsake you. There is little hope of a capture as the Yankees say they got many. Your friend, R. M. Pickens."*

Redmond Foster Wyatt and Nancy Ophelia Brownlee Rasor Wyatt had 9 children, one who was John Rasor Wyatt, born April 4, 1848 in South Carolina and who, barely of age, enlisted late in the War Between the States and served with his father in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. John couldn't have been 16 years of age while serving in the War Between the States. While Redmond Wyatt was on scene at that unfortunate time, near Petersburg, John Rasor Wyatt was on sick leave and did not suffer his father's fate.

John Rasor Wyatt returned home at the end of the war to hard times. The reconstruction paid a large toll on famers in Anderson County and according to an article submitted to the Anderson County Heritage book, written by Mary Wyatt Mitchell, "this war destroyed their way of life". John Rasor Wyatt married

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Whitefield Baptist Church from 1890 until 1957. This building is surrounded by the cemetery. A landmark stone now stands in the cemetery where this building once stood. This marker can be seen on page 6.

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# Families of Anderson County, SC

## ELDER ROBERT KING

Submitted by Gary Farmer

"This remarkable man and eminent minister of the Gospel was born of humble parentage in Anderson County, South Carolina (then called Pendleton District), the first day of January, 1791.

The society in which he was reared was unfavorable to the development of the mental and moral powers of his youthful mind. He enjoyed no advantages, either educational or religious. At the age of eighteen, being disheartened by the dissipation of his father, he determined, without the counsel or permission of his parents, to seek his fortune among strangers, in a strange land. Accordingly, in the spring of 1809 he went to Dickson County, Tennessee, where, in 1810, he professed religion, joined the Turn Bull Church, and was baptized by Elder Daniel White, of that State. Shortly after his conversion he returned to the land of his nativity, and united with the Neal's Creek Church, in Anderson County, South Carolina. In March of the succeeding year, he found a companion for life in the person of Miss Fannie Holland, daughter of the Reverend Moses Holland, at that time pastor of Neal's Creek Church. Like many other Christians, he became cold and careless, neglected the house of God, a sure indication of a backsliding condition, and thus he continued, step by step, to decline until May, 1820. When, in his seventy-ninth year, he was by an eminent divine if he did not think he might have been deceived as to his conversion in Tennessee, he replied: "I do not think I could have been deceived, from the fact: If the prodigal son had never been at his father's house he would not have know the way back. I knew I found peace with God through repentance and faith in my blessed Jesus when I was in Tennessee, and, as a backslider, I knew the way to seek and to find Him." The minister replied: "This is the best comment I ever heard on the parable of the prodigal son."

Soon after his restoration to the church, his purity, humility and Christian deportment began to attract the attention and admiration of all who knew him. Such confidence was inspired by his piety that he was

frequently called upon to lead worshipping assemblies in prayer. A heaven-born zeal for the salvation of man now warmed up his soul, and he began to lift up his voice, portraying the



ROBERT KING.

wondrous love of Jesus. Uncultured as he was, his appeals were touching, powerful and in many instances, irresistible. Impressed with the love of Jesus and the value of souls, he now determined to consecrate himself wholly to the work of the ministry. One great obstacle, however, presented itself—he knew not a letter in the alphabet. But so strong was his desire to preach, that he resolved to overcome this barrier. His wife taught him his letters, to spell and to read. The Bible at once became *the book* for his life-study, and he was emphatically a Bible preacher, drawing from it his faith, doctrines and practice.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, 1828, he was ordained at the Neal's Creek Church by Elders James Burriss, Arthur Williams, Sanford Vandiver and Moses Holland. He then became pastor of Washington Church, in Greenville County, (Greenville District) South Carolina, which position he held for eight years. In September, 1829, he and Elder William McGee were called jointly to the care of Neal's Creek Church, and during the next year the baptized 160 converts. In

1831, by a petition, he moved his membership to Big Creek Church with a view of becoming its pastor. Here he continued nearly seven years, during the first three or four of which his ministerial labors were most signally blessed, the membership of the church having been increased from fifty-six to 163.

During his ministry at this church his usefulness was completely jeopardized and the spirituality and progress of the church wholly impaired by the anti-missionary party which controlled the church, but the Lord graciously saved His chosen servant from the influence and the errors of that party, for after this until his death he directed his whole energy and influence to the support of missions and other institutions which had for their end the glory of God and the amelioration of suffering humanity.

The predominance of the anti-missionary spirit in the church and his opposition to it made him many enemies, which rendered it necessary to sever his connection with this church, which took place in August, 1838. The loss he sustained in friends by this eruption was great, but God maintained his cause and gave him many strong supporters elsewhere.

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## Mary Wyatt Mitchell

My parents, Robert Monroe (15 July 1884- 4 Mar 1966) and Lillie (Rampey) Wyatt (24 Oct 1895-29 Nov 1987) were married on February 26, 1919 and lived in the Piercetown Community of Anderson County.

Lillie's parents, William Garrison (28 April 1871 - 28 Nov 1954) and Louisa (Brown) Rampey (8 Sept 1874 - 24 Oct 1952), were married on December 19, 1894.

Robert's parents John Rasor (4 Apr 1848 - 29 July 1927) and Caroline (Pickens) Wyatt (27 Mar 1838 - 13 Mar 1922) were married on December 10, 1874.

My paternal grandparents grew up on adjoining plantations in Pickens County before the War Between the States. This war destroyed their way of life. After they married they bought a farm in the Whitefield section of Anderson Co. My father was the youngest of their four children. After he and my mother married, he built a house for them on that farm. When my grandmother died, they moved into her house and rented the other house to a family to help with the farm work. Drought, crop losses, and huge farm expenses resulted in the loss of the farm. In 1926 they moved to farms near Belton, then Williamston, then White Plains, and Piercetown Communities.

The Great Depression came but no rural electric. With a big family, my mother sewed dresses for her girls and ordered from the Sears catalogue. My parents believed in education but could not afford college for their children. Our mailman brought the morning paper from Anderson and the "Progressive Farmer" and "Farmer's Wife" magazines.

A neighbor sometimes saved the Sunday newspaper from a big city for us. Reading was recreation at our house. We attended church on Sundays and welcomed relatives who came for a visit.

I am Mary, the oldest child; I was born November 18, 1920 in Anderson County, South Carolina. I graduated from high school at White Plains, which was west of Pelzer on Highway 8. The bus ride from near our house was almost one hour. After attending a business school in Columbia, I enrolled in nursing school there. After two years in Columbia and one year in Charleston I graduated in 1944. Next, I passed the State Board and became a Registered Nurse.

On Jan 2, 1945 I joined the Army Nurse Corps and became a 2nd Lt. A large general hospital at Camp Butner, North Carolina was my first assignment. Troops from both Europe and the Pacific were returning here. This was also where I met my future husband,

Lt. Clyde William Mitchell. When this hospital closed I went to Lawson in Atlanta. When that one closed, I went to Walter Reed. From there I requested and got a transfer to Fort Bragg where my fiancée was stationed. After we were married in the Main Post Chapel, I contin-

ued to work at Fort Bragg until I requested a discharge.

In late 1960 I decided to go back to school. I graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Central Oklahoma at Edmond. I received a B.S. degree in general education and a teacher's certification to do school nursing. I went to work for the Oklahoma City Public School System. During the next fourteen years I worked at the same high school until I retired in 1986.

In 1994, I learned my husband's 1988 colon cancer had returned. After a courageous battle he died in 1995 and was buried in his hometown of Weleetka, Oklahoma. I loved Oklahoma and the many fine people there. However, I wanted to be nearer my relatives so in 1997 I moved to Anderson. Here, I have met many fine people. I am a member of Concord Baptist Church. I am involved with church activities and senior groups. I enjoy reading, gardening, traveling, and playing duplicate bridge. I believe Anderson County is one of the most beautiful places in the country.

Our son who lived in Atlanta had a very serious heart problem for several years and he is now deceased.

All four of my grandparents and my parents are buried in the church yard at Whitefield Baptist Church on Highway 29.

(Mary Wyatt Mitchell, 90 years old, died February 10, 2011 and returned to Weleetka, Oklahoma to be laid to rest next to her husband of 48 years in the Hillcrest Cemetery.)

Submitted by Mary Wyatt Mitchell, Anderson, SC

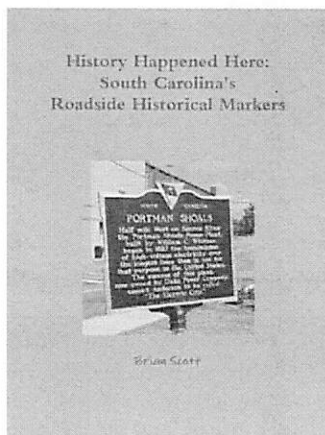
## New Book

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ued to work at Fort Bragg until I requested a discharge.

I married my husband in 1947. My husband was transferred to El Paso, where we stayed for four years and then we went to Germany for three years.

While there we adopted our son, Robert William. After twenty-one years of service and having lived in eight states, my husband retired with the rank of Major. In 1963, we moved to Oklahoma City where he started work as assistant Civil Defense Director for Oklahoma City. Soon he became the Director and then he was

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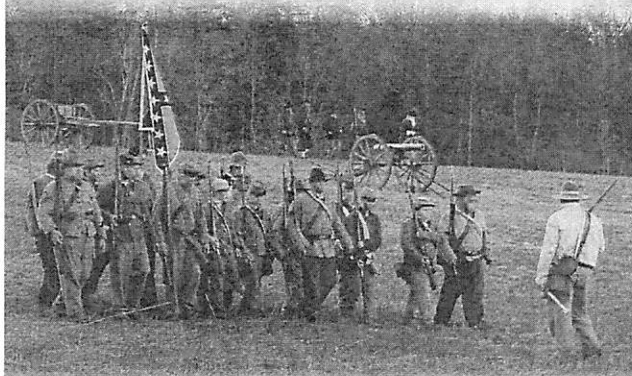
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## Elder Robert King

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On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1832, he assisted in the constitution of the Dorchester Church, becoming its pastor on the same day, which happy relation existed until 1866, a period of thirty-four years. This was his longest pastorate. In 1833 he assisted in the constitution of the Zion Hill Church, in Greenville County, South Carolina, and accepted a call to its pastorate, which continued for three years. In March of the same year he also assisted in the organization of Poplar Springs Church (now Long Branch Church). In 1836 he was called to the care of Hopewell Church, which position he filled for sixteen years to the glory of God and the salvation of man. He accepted a call in 1841 to the Lebanon Church, in which capacity he served till 1845. From 1843 to 1846 he served as pastor of the Poplar Springs Church.

In connection with his pastoral duties, he acted for some years about this time as colporteur for the Book Depository of the Saluda Association, distributing large numbers of Bibles, Testaments, tracts and other religious books in the destitute portions of the country. He, also, took several extensive evangelistic or missionary tours through the mountain region of the State, holding meetings and planting churches, in which his labors were wonderfully blessed.

In 1847 he was called to the pastorate of Hepsibah Church, located in the "Fork," between Seneca and Tugaloo rivers, where he labored successfully and acceptably for seven years. He received a call in 1848 to the New Prospect Church in Anderson County, which he accepted, serving them three years, to the satisfaction and delight of all. In 1852 he assisted in the organization of the church at Whitefield, and on the same day became its pastor, which relation continued until 1872, and as long as he was able to do pastoral work. He assisted in 1850 in constituting a church near Earle's Bridge, on the Seneca River, known as the Seneca Church, which has since been changed Mt. Tabor, and at their request preached for them two years. From 1858 to 1862 he served the church at Neal's Creek, and in 1859 he became pastor of the Mt. Bethel Church, which position he held for seven years. In 1870 he took charge of the Mt. Tabor Church, and, so far as we know, this was the last call he ever accepted. In the year 1875 he assisted in the constitution of Cedar Grove Church, near Williamston. This was, perhaps, last official work he ever done.

The whole life of this faithful servant of God was spent in active work for Jesus. From 1828 to 1872 he was never free from the care of churches, much of the time having had the care of as many as four. He travelled extensively in the service of the various churches which he served as pastor; and was prominent member for many years of the Saluda Association. As a preacher, he was neither eloquent nor profound, but earnest, tearful, evangelical and persuasive. His ministrations were always acceptable to the people. In the preparation and delivery of his sermons he depended entirely upon the Holy Spirit, hence his preaching was always effective. He never staggered at the promises of God; and was always lively and cheerful. His sole object in living and preaching was to win souls to Christ. He ever exhibited in his life the power of Gospel truth, and the preciousness of the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ to sustain the Christian in all life's trials, and to infuse the soul with love and joy. He was a man of strong mind and gushing emotions, and labored zealously for the cause of the church to which he was strongly attached.

Brother King, (also referred to Elder Robert King) raised a family of twelve sons and daughters, all of whom were members of the church he so ardently loved, and were upright and exemplary men and women, making useful and respected citizens in the various walks of life in which they engaged. It was his happy privilege to see two of his sons ordained to the gospel ministry, both of whom made good and useful preachers.

Having finished his course, Elder Robert King died January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879, on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"A good man has been gathered to his fathers, full of years and honors."

Source: *History of the Saluda Baptist Association, Chapter IV "Biographical Sketches of Deceased Ministers"* {Compiled from a biographical sketch prepared by Elder J. S. Murray, and published in the Baptist Courier.}





## PHILLIPS FAMILY REUNION

A Family Reunion of the descendants of Dennis N. Phillips and Mary Sewell Phillips will be take place at 12:00 Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Taylor Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church which is located at 711 Glenn Street, Anderson, South Carolina.

Plates, cups, and ice will be furnished. Please bring a well- filled picnic basket.

For more information call Barbara Lollis 864-617-7208 or Shirley Phillips at 864-847-8943.

### **"UNCLE" BOBBY KING A MONUMENT ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY**

*Great Assemblage of People at  
Neal's Creek Baptist Church — A Lit-  
tle Incident of His Life*

**On August 10, 1910,  
the following article  
appeared in the Daily  
Mail, Anderson, South  
Carolina:**

A great throng of people, numbering several hundred relatives and friends of "Uncle" Bobby King, have assembled at Neal's Creek Church today to witness the unveiling of a monument to his memory. The program of the day is an appropriate one, and includes addresses by Rev. Mike McGee, Rev. W. T. Tate, Rev. W. B. Hawkins, Rev. O. J. Copeland, Rev. Arthur Vaughan and Mr. B. F. Martin of Anderson. There will also be special music.

"Uncle" Bobby King was a minister of the Baptist Church, and one of the best loved and most conscientious men of his time. He was born near Belton, and served a number of churches in this county during his ministry. The monument unveiled today was made

possible through the efforts of Miss Effie Willingham, a granddaughter of "Uncle" Bobby King, who several months ago, conceived the idea of raising a fund for its erection, and set to work to this end, succeeding well.

There are a great many people from Anderson in attendance on the exercises being held at

Neal's Creek today. "Uncle" Bobby King was grandfather of Mr. R. R. King, Mrs. Eula Dillingham and Mrs. B. F. Martin of Anderson, and there, with many other relatives and friends are among those who have gone out to spend the day. Dinner was served in the grove near the church, in genuine picnic style.

"Uncle" Bobby King was one of the most unique characters Anderson County ever produced, and there was possibly never an Anderson County man who was better or more favorably known. He was an able minister, always conscientious and square to a fault in his dealings with his fellow-man. An incident illustrative of the latter characteristic is told by one who knew him

well:

A good many years ago there arose a disagreement between "Uncle" Bobby and a neighbor over the location of a boundary line. The neighbor was dissatisfied with the line as located, and claimed that "Uncle" Bobby had infringed on his rights. The old minister was much worried. He believed that he was right, but was willing to give the neighbor the land rather than have trouble about the line.

It was finally agreed between the two, at "Uncle" Bobby's suggestion, that a surveyor be secured, and a new line run, or a survey made by the old plats, to determine the exact location of the line. This arrangement was satisfactory to both, and the surveyor was engaged, the expense to be borne equally between the two interested land-owners.

Before sunrise on the morning on which the surveyor was to arrive and begin the work, "Uncle" Bobby, who had slept little during the night, fearing and being troubled in his



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*"The Crater" and Whitefield Baptist Church*

Elizabeth Caroline Pickens on December 19, 1894. Caroline Pickens Wyatt was born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1838 and died March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1922. Once married, John and Caroline bought a farm in the Whitefield section of Anderson County. They had four children, Martha A. Wyatt Vanadore, Henry Jasper Wyatt, Nancy (Nannie) Jane Wyatt and Robert Monroe Wyatt.

John Rasor Wyatt and Elizabeth Caroline Pickens Wyatt are both buried at Whitefield Baptist Church beside several of their children.

Sources: "Battle of the Crater" contributed by Brendan Wolfe and found in Encyclopedia Virginia, [www.encyclopediavirginia.org](http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org), Anderson County Heritage Book, Article 890 on Mary Wyatt Mitchell, Find-A-Grave, "Traditions and History of Anderson County" by Louise Ayers Vandiver, p210.

*Submitted by: Gary Farmer*

**William Roy  
Masters, Jr.**

(December 18, 1930 - March 2, 2015)

U.S. Veteran Anderson, SC  
William Roy "Pete" Mas-  
ters, Jr., 84, husband of Nancy  
P. Masters, died Monday,  
March 2, 2015 at the Rainey  
Hospice House.

Born December 18, 1930 in Anderson, he was the son of the late William Roy and Lucile Meredith Masters. He served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves for 18 years and was a Veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Masters was a graduate of Auburn University. He worked for a number of years at Owens-Corning Fiberglass and later retired as Co-owner of Tag & Label Corporation. Mr. Masters served as treasurer for a number of years of Friends of the Library, was a member of Kiwanis Club of Anderson and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. He was an active member of St.

John's United Methodist Church. Pete Masters also served as Vice President of the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Masters of the home; daughter, Carol M. Baum and husband, Harry of Athens, Ga.; son, William R. Masters III and wife, Marilyn of Matthews, NC; stepsons, Don King, Jr. and wife, Kay of Anderson and Mark King and wife, Collete of Smyrna, Ga; nine grandchildren, David Baum, Jason Baum, William Baum, Matthew Masters, Kevin Masters, Allison King, Will King, Spencer King and Whitney King; five great grandchildren; and his beloved poodle, Lucy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ann Allen and Betty Zeigler, and a brother, Dean Masters.

Funeral services were held at St. John's United Methodist Church and conducted by Rev. Dan Batson and Dr. Sinclair Lewis. Burial followed in Old Silver Brook Cemetery.

*Submitted & Modified by: Gary Farmer*

## Obituary for Doris McKinley

Martha Doris Church  
McKinley, age 86, passed away  
on Wednesday, March 4, 2015,  
at AnMed Health Medical Cen-  
ter.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Luther Wales Church and the late Mattie Hyde Church. She was a 1945 graduate of Girl's High School. She was a secretary at Wright Elementary School and was the owner of Cake World. She also taught cake decorating at Tri County Technical College.



Doris was awarded the State Volunteer of the Year for donating children's birthday cakes to Patrick B. Harris. She enjoyed baking cakes for hundreds which included the soon-to-be president, Jimmy Carter. She was a long time member of the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society and member at Neal's Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by her loving children, Gale Dillon and her husband Walter, Nita Wilson and her husband Carey, Terry Ann Snipes, Juby McKinley, Jr. and his wife Debby, and Janet Smith and her husband Dennis; a sister, Mattie Sue Busby; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by Juby McKinley, Sr.; three sisters and five brothers.

The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Neal's Creek Baptist Church with William R. West, Jr., Reverend Alex Henderson, and her grandson, Gary Fisher officiating. Interment will followed in the church cemetery.

Submitted & Modified by: Gary Farmer

2015-2016

## Reunion of Up- country Families Calendar

Includes:

A collection of Civil War soldiers sketched by Dr. Charles Busha. These sketches were recently donated to the Faith Clayton Room, Rickman Library, Southern Wesleyan University. Dr. Busha currently resides in Greenville, South Carolina.

The calendar runs from July 2015 to December 2016

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As the end of the war was approaching, the National Government in 1946 of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and around 1948 with the opening of a new era of internationalization, the stage of the Nationalist Government's return to the mainland was set. The Nationalist Government in Taiwan (the Republic of China) was the only government in the world that was recognized by the United Nations as the legitimate government of China. The Nationalist Government in Taiwan (the Republic of China) was the only government in the world that was recognized by the United Nations as the legitimate government of China.

## Reunion of Upcountry Families 2015

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**Turner Edward Hunt** (1823-1861) (Dyersburg, Tennessee) General. He grew up in Paducah, KY and was commissioned into the United States Military Academy. Shortly after the Civil War he was placed in command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Army of the Shenandoah. He was killed while the First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas) in Virginia. His body was brought back to New Orleans and buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pontchartraine Association Co., Greater New Orleans. He is especially noted for having given the nickname, "Semmoe" to the Confederate Army General Thomas J. Jackson (1824-1863), who was also a brigade commander at First Manassas.



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dreams, lest he might in some way wrong his neighbor, went out to the scene of the survey, and after walking up and down the line a number of times, knelt down and prayed. He asked that the surveyor be guided in his work, that he might make the line exactly where it should be:

"Oh Lord, thou knowest that I want nothing that does not rightfully belong to me."

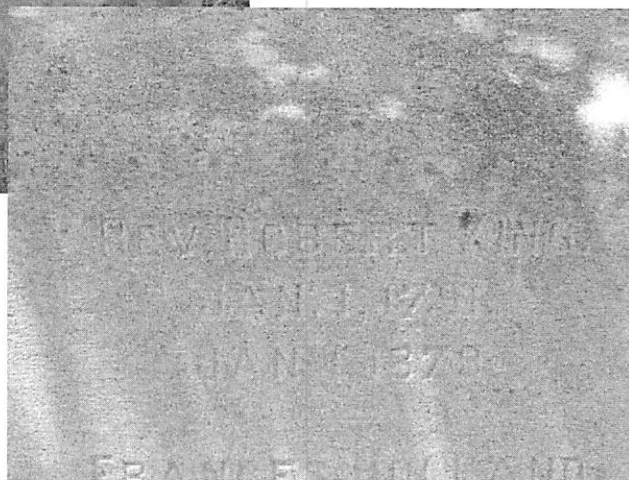
Then "Uncle" Bobby went back to the house and awaited the arrival of the surveyor. He didn't know until afterwards that the neighbor had also gone out to look at the line early in the morning, and from his position behind a bush, watched the old man and listened to his prayers. But he had been there all the time, and he went away with tears in his eyes.

When the surveyor arrived with his instruments, ready to begin the work, the neighbor, without having mentioned anything to "Uncle" Bobby, ap-



proached him and said:  
"We have decided that there is not going to be any survey. You go out there and put that line wherever "Uncle" Bobby says it must go. I guess he knows what he is talking about."

*Submitted by: Gary Farmer*



## Gifts by Will:

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Stock that has appreciated in value is one of the most popular assets used to make charitable gifts, once it has been held for a minimum of a year. Making a gift of stock gives you the chance to realize tax benefits while helping bolster our mission to help people across our country find their ancestors.

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## MARCUS MOORE KAY

Marcus "Mark" Moore Kay was the youngest son of Charles and Mary Johnson Kay. His grandparents were James and Grace Elgin Kay and Benjamin and Elizabeth Gaines Johnson. Mark was born in 1835 in Abbeville District of South Carolina and died 4 June 1924 in the Hopewell Township of Anderson County, South Carolina. Mark married Mary Angeline Campbell, daughter of William Henry "Billy" and Permelia "Millie" Jolly Campbell and granddaughter of Daniel and Eleanor Sherrill Campbell and Henry Jolly and Cassandra Dickerson. Billy Campbell is buried in Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Anderson County, South Carolina and Millie Jolly Campbell is buried in the Williamston City Cemetery in Williamston, South Carolina. Mary Angeline Campbell Kay was born 28 May 1835 in Anderson District, South Carolina and died 29 December 1927 in Anderson County, South Carolina. Marcus "Mark" Moore and Mary Angeline Campbell Kay are both buried in Whitefield Baptist Church Cemetery in Anderson County, South Carolina.

Mark's father and mother, Charles and Mary Johnson Kay, and all of Mark's siblings moved from Little River Baptist Church area of Abbeville District in South Carolina to the Hopewell Township and the Whitefield Baptist Church Community in Anderson District, SC. The plantation known as "Beaverdam" contained 838 acres and was purchased on 2 June 1839. The family farmed the land until just after the War

Between the States. Several children of Charles and Mary Kay married and moved west in the 1850's and 1860's. After the death of Mary Johnson Kay on 16 April 1860, Charles married Charlotte Miller of Pendleton, daughter of John Miller, mother unknown, and granddaughter of Printer John Miller of England, Charleston, SC and later Pendleton, SC. Charles and his first wife Mary Johnson Kay are buried in the Kay Cemetery (on Breazeale Road) on the family plantation. Charlotte later lived with her sister, Jane Miller, and died in Pendleton, SC and believed to be buried at the Old Stone Church Cemetery. There were no children by Charles and Charlotte.

Mark and his wife Mary Angeline moved to Guntersville, Alabama, in Marshall County, Alabama, after they married (along with three of his brothers), but it is believed at least three of the four returned to Anderson before the start of the War Between the States.

Marcus Moore Kay served in the Civil War in Company L of Orr's SC Rifles. None of Mark's and Mary's children appear in any census as being born other than in South Carolina. Their children were:

*Oliver "Ollie" Jay Moore Kay* was born 29 April 1857 and died 18 December 1923. Oliver married Mary Corrie Neighbors in 1878. Mary Corrie Neighbors was born 23 November 1859 and died 26 June 1933. Both Ollie and Mary are buried at the Six &

Twenty Baptist Church Cemetery.

*William "Bill" S. Kay* was born March 7, 1867 and died February 1, 1943 and is buried at Whitefield Baptist Church Cemetery in Anderson County, SC.

*Mary Jane Marcus "Mack" Kay* was born 21 May 1862 and died 1 February 1941. "Mack" married Joseph Benjamin Burgess on 3 September 1882. Joseph Burgess was born 1 March 1858 and died 21 August 1933. Both Joseph Benjamin and Mary Jane Marcus Kay Burgess are buried at Whitefield Baptist Church Cemetery.

*Robert Obediah "Obe" Higby Kay*, born April 17, 1865 and died January 1, 1912. "Obe" was married to Josephine "Jo" Willingham Kay born 22 January 1868 and died 19 September 1956. They are buried at Whitefield Baptist Church Cemetery in Anderson County.

*James "Jim" Harris Vandiver Kay* was born 26 May 1868 and died 29 September 1942. "Jim" married Lida, or Lyde or Leddie, Rollison. Lida Rollison was born 19 January 1867 and died at her daughter's home in Simpsonville, SC on 31 August 1953. They are together buried at Whitefield Baptist Church in Anderson County, South Carolina.

*Sara "Sallie" Palmelia Almeria Kay* was born 24 August 1871 and died 4

February 1913 and married John C. White, born 6 December 1865 and died 8 November 1931. They are buried in The Belton Cemetery, Belton, South Carolina.

*Lula Kay* was born around 1872 and died before the 1900 Census. She is likely buried in Anderson County, SC.

*Austin Edward "Uncle Aus" Kay* was born 28 June 1874 in Anderson County, SC and died December 5, 1944. He was buried in Whitefield Baptist Church Cemetery, Anderson County, SC. Austin married Unknown Benton, who was called "Aunt Dick" by her niece. It is possible that Austin married twice, but no confirmations. It is not known where "Aunt Dick" is buried, but Austin is buried at Whitefield Baptist Church.



*John Sanford Palmer Kay*

*John Sanford Palmer Kay* was born 17 September 1876 and died 2 May 1956. He married Ida Matilda Mann, born 10 March 1877 and died on 25 September 1941.

## PETER FLEMING

**PETER LEWIS**  
**"LUKE" FLEMING** was born 7 November 1831, the son of Peter Fleming and Frances Suit. He married Margaret Elizabeth Cauthen on 6 August 1852 in Lancaster County, South Carolina. Their children were: Andrew Jackson, Nancy, Missouri Jane, Elizabeth Emily, Matha Lenora, William Cauthen, Peter Lewis Jr., Wade Hampton, Michael T., Sarah Dianah, James G., and Fran-

ces Myra Fleming.

Peter L. Fleming enlisted in the Confederate Army on 8 August 1863 in Hartwell, Georgia for six months. He was in Captain Hodges' Company, Northeast Calvary Regiment of Georgia for local defense to serve the counties of Wilkes, Lincoln, Columbia, Warren and Richmond. The regiment participated in the campaigns of Chichamauga, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Atlanta.

Peter Lewis "Luke" Fleming died 14 March 1917 and is buried at the Peter Fleming Cemetery in Reed Creek, Hart County, Georgia.

*Submitted by Gale Waters, great-granddaughter*

*Source: "United Daughters of the Confederacy" "CSA Ancestor Album" p. 259 by Jamesene E. "Jamie" Likins, Editor in Chief and Lynda P. Moreau, Editor. Published by: Pelican Publishing Company, 2015*



## Marcus Moore Kay

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John Sanford Palmer and Ida Matilda Mann Kay are buried at Old Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson, South Carolina. Several others are buried nearby at Whitefield Baptist Church. John Sanford Kay told one of his granddaughters, Johnnye Sue Kay Palmer, that his name was John Sanford Palmer Kay. No one else who were living in 2011 remember him telling them this fact. He told her this before she married William Palmer.

Viola Verona "Vashti" Kay was born 31 March 1879 and died 27 July 1939. She married Robert "Bob" Luther King, who was born 28 April 1873 and died 2 May 1949. "Bob" was the son of Jasper and Nancy Gennett Vanadore King. Both "Vashti" and "Bob" are buried at Whitefield Baptist Church, Hopewell Township, Anderson County, South Carolina.



*Ida Matilda Mann Kay - w/o John Sanford Palmer Kay*

In later years Mark had a long, flowing white beard. His grandchildren loved to take him for a walk and when out of sight, would all run, trying to hide from him. He would chase them and they loved seeing his beard flowing in the breeze as he ran. Mary, his wife

of many years, had become sickly; therefore, they stayed with their children in later years. They would stay with the family of each child for about a month at a time up to their deaths. Today they lie together where the fields are white, eager for harvest.

James & Grace Elgin Kay and Benjamin & Elizabeth Gaines Johnson are my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandparents. Charles (19 Dec 1790 – 2 Sep 1867) and Mary Johnson (10 Jan 1860 – 17 Apr 1860) Kay are my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandparents. Marcus Moore and Mary Angeline Campbell Kay are my great-grandparents and John Sanford Palmer and Ida Matilda Mann Kay were my paternal grandparents.

*Submitted by the Late Ronald Kay and edited by Gary Farmer*

*Source: Anderson County Heritage Book, p260, article 792*

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Workshop – July 10 & 11, 2015  
SC Archives and History Center, Columbia, South Carolina

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 10, 2015			
Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
8:45am - Until			Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Search Room		Hands-On Tour #1 with Steve Tuttle. Meet in the Archive Search Room
11:15 - 12:30			Lunch on your own.
12:30 - 12:45	Auditorium	Guerry Felder	Welcome: Guerry Felder, 1st Vice-President of SCGS
12:45 - 2:00pm	Auditorium	Debbie Hacker	Symbolism
2:15 - 3:15	Auditorium	Dr. Eric Foley	Reconstruction in South Carolina
	Wachovia 1	Alexia Jones Helsley	African American Genealogical Research in SC
	Wachovia 2	Herbert Chambers	And Were the Glory of Their Times - the Men Who Died for South Carolina in the War for Southern Independence
	Wachovia 3	Renee Brown Bryant	Genealogy and Historic Preservation
3:30 - 4:30	Auditorium	Dr. Hyman Rubin, III	Finding Your Scalawag Ancestor
	Wachovia 1	Brent Holcomb	Introduction to South Carolina Genealogical Research
	Wachovia 2	John Smith	The Louise Pettus Archives, Winthrop University
	Wachovia 3	Ann Sheriff	Pickens County Confederate Project
4:30 - 7:00			Dinner on your own.
7:00 - 8:00			Speaker's Reception at the Marriot Courtyard - (Light Refreshments)
Saturday, July 11, 2015			
8:30am - 9:30			Registration, Coffee & Doughnuts - Displays Open
9:30 - 9:45	Auditorium		Welcome and Announcements - Mike Becknell, President of SCGS, Guerry Felder, 1st Vice President of SCGS, Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH
9:45 - 11:00	Auditorium	Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH	William Porcher Dubose
11:15 - 12:15	Auditorium	Dan Olds	DNA for Genealogists
	Wachovia 1	Brent Holcomb	Searching for your South Carolina Confederate Ancestors
	Search Room		Hands-On Tour #2 with Steve Tuttle. Meets in the Archives Search Room
12:15 - 1:30			Catered Lunch, Displays Open, SCGS Board Meeting During Lunch (Please allow board members to proceed to the beginning of the lunch line)
1:45 - 3:00	Auditorium	Dr. Charles H. Lesser	SC Proprietary Records
	Wachovia 1	Dr. Patricia McNeely	Sherman's Flame and Blame Campaign
	Wachovia 2	Robin Foster	FamilySearch.org, FamilySearch Wiki & What's New on FamilySearch?
	Wachovia 3	John Smith	Robeson County, NC: Lessons from the Records of Slaves & Free Persons of Color
3:15 - 4:15	Auditorium	Wade Fairey	Roots and Recall.com
	Wachovia 1	Nikki Williams	Case Study: Hark West, Sr.: A Famous Enslaved Race Horse Trainer
	Wachovia 2	SCDAH Staff	Understanding the Online Index at the South Carolina Archives
	Wachovia 3	Guerry Felder	Early Migration Trails and Routes from Virginia and Early Trails and Routes in South Carolina



**Registration Form SC Summer Genealogical Workshop  
July 10- July 11, 2015**

**Pre-registration Fees:**

- ☐ SCGS Member- \$ 35.00
- ☐ Non- Member- \$ 40.00
- ☐ Catered Lunch - \$ 12.50

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**I will be attending the Speaker's Reception at Marriott Courtyard, Columbia, NE**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

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c/o Lynn Lee  
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**Marriott Courtyard has blocked out rooms for SCGS at a price of \$99.00 per night, which includes a free breakfast. This price good till June 30, 2015.**

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Please list below the Family Surnames of those you are researching. Please include full names, known dates, and areas in Anderson and surrounding counties. *Use the back of this form if you need more space to add a surname.*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16, 2015 – *Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will meet at 7:00pm* at the Central-Clemson Library in Central, South Carolina.

April 18, 2015 - *Dutch Fork Chapter of SCGS will hold its Annual Reunion* on Saturday, April 18th 2015 at Mr. Horeb Lutheran Church, 101 East Boundary St. Chapin, South Carolina. Ms. Debi Hacker from "The Chicora Foundation" will present in the morning with a program about **"Dos and Don'ts of Cemetery Restoration and Preservation"**. Dr. Susan McArver will also speak on Early Dutch Fork Religion and Worship. This event generally starts around 9:00 a.m. and goes to about 4:00 p.m. and covers lunch. Pre-registration is required by April 12th to ensure enough food for lunch. Go to [www.dutchforkchapter.org](http://www.dutchforkchapter.org) for more information.

April 19, 2015 – *Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society* normally meets the third Sunday of the month at 3:00pm at the Greenville County Library, Hughes Downtown Library, 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC 29601.

May 4, 2015 - **Anderson County Chapter of the SCGS Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** at Senior Solutions. The Topic will be "The Hunley: Southern Ingenuity, Technological Innovations, & Engineering Advances" presented by Mr. Jack Marlar, Chief Technical Advisor to the Hunley Commission. Come learn about the great skills and manufacturing genius that was incorporated into the world's first successful submarine. You will learn many things not told on TV or heard before...

May 10, 2015 - Confederate Memorial Day

May 13 - 16, 2015 - *The National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference* will be held 13–16 May 2015 in the St. Charles Convention Center, One Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, Missouri.

May 14, 2015 - *Laurens District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will meet at 6:00pm* at the *Culbertson Back Country Settlement*, off Owings Street, in Gray Court, South Carolina for a cover dish supper and festivities. This will be the last meeting until Fall.

May 17, 2015 - *Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society* normally meets the third Sunday of the month at 3:00pm at the Greenville County Library, Hughes Downtown Library, 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC 29601.

May 21, 2015 - *Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will meet at 7:00pm* at the Central-Clemson Library in Central, South Carolina.

May 30, 2015 - Open House at Taliver Bolts House - 401 New Hope Road, Anderson, South Carolina. More information forthcoming.

June 1, 2015 - Field Trip - **The June program for the Anderson County Genealogical Society** will consist of a rare opportunity to visit the antebellum home of Dr. Tim Drake. This program will be offered to *Anderson County Genealogical Society Members Only* and will require advance sign-up. More details to follow.

July 6, 2015 - **Anderson County Chapter of the SCGS Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** at Senior Solutions. Dr. Julia Barnes will demonstrate how to navigate the most popular and sometimes cumbersome military veteran database in existence. "How to Navigate Fold3".

June 18, 2015 - *Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will meet at 7:00pm* at the Central-Clemson Library in Central, South Carolina.

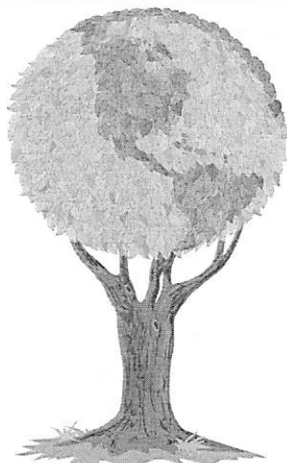
July 10 - 11, 2015 - **SCGS State Workshop** in Columbia at the SC Archives.

July 19, 2015 - **Bolt Reunion** in Hickory Tavern, South Carolina. Bring a cover dish and join the Bolt family at the Rabun Creek Baptist Church, at 1:00pm on SC Hwy 101 in Hickory Tavern, South Carolina.

August 3, 2015 - Field Trip - **"Whitefield Baptist Church: Celebrating their 175th Anniversary!"** More information to follow. Plans are to have a Cover Dish Supper and Rick Bell, Church Historian will be our guest speaker. This will take place in lieu of the regular monthly meeting at Senior Solutions.

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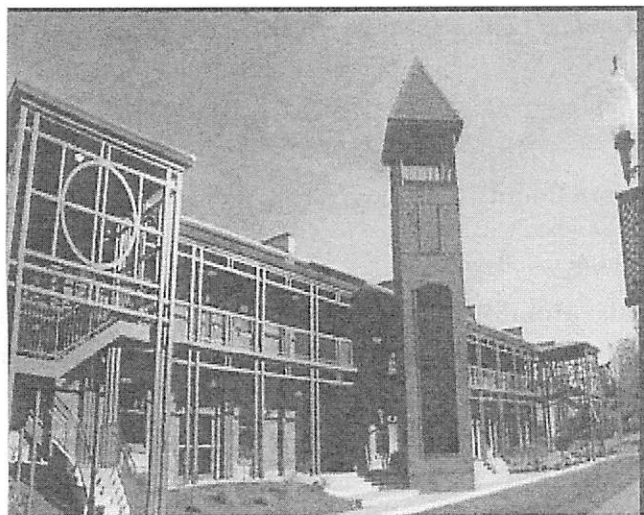
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Refreshments are provided Free following the program and all Regular Meetings are Open to the Public.

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# THE ANDERSON RECORD

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## John Wilson Meeks

By: Gary Farmer

Included in this edition of "The Record" are two articles, both dealing with the same subject, "Murder". Has this ever happen to you; you are researching your family tree and you decide that today you are going to research this line or that line and the branch you head down abruptly stops and you start heading down a new hopefully longer branch and it stops to or doesn't even let you get started down it, so you try another branch and after a couple of hours you find yourself coming across information about someone who is not blood connected but the story is so intriguing that you can't stop investigating. Well that happen to me as I am sure it has happen to all of us.

There are two articles, as men-

tioned previously, dealing with a murder that I believe once you read them will trigger thoughts and questions. I would like you to read each article and when you are done go to the continuation of this article for "The Rest of the Story" on page 13. The first article is called "Escape From The Gallows", found in "The Memphis Daily Appeal" on November 9, 1872, page 2 (The Anderson Record, p4). The second article is titled "The Brand of Flood", "A Miserable Ending of a Horrible Series of Tragedies." from the *Anderson Intelligencer* on October 18, 1888, (The Anderson Record, p7). The second article may be familiar to some if you were a member of the Anderson Chapter in 1996. The late Ron Kay came across this article and Sue Brewer, the Newsletter Editor at that time, divided and placed this story of suspense in three newsletters.

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## Remembering Our Members

We have lost several of our members since the last quarterly publication of The Anderson Record.

On May 8, 2015 William Edward "Ed" Chamblee's life was cut short through a tragic accident at his home. Ed was born on February 1, 1929 in Anderson. He retired as Postmaster from the US Postal Service. The Chamblee family and Ed's line contributed to lands

purchased by Anderson County, then District, in organizing and locating the spot for the County Court House. He was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Also, Dr. Carl Grayson Ellison, 92, died Sunday, May 10, 2015. Dr. Ellison was born April 20, 1923 in the Cheddar Community of Anderson County. A long time contributor and supporter of the Genealogical Society. He was buried at Cedar

Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, on SC Hwy 20.

Memorial Books will be placed in the Research Center in their memory.

A volunteer is requested to assist in informing the chapter of the death of current and former members of this society. If you would like to volunteer please contact Gary Farmer at the Research Center at 864-356-4023. Thank you.





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## Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2015

The Anderson County Chapter met on Monday, May 4th, 2015, with 36 members and 4 visitors present. President Shelby Lollis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Bob Carlisle. President Lollis welcomed everyone. The minutes from the April 2015 meeting were distributed to the members in attendance. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Unfinished Business: The chapter had planned a spaghetti fundraiser for May 2015; however, this fundraiser has been postponed until a later date as the chapter has not had time to properly plan this event. President Lollis reminded members that Brain Scott's book was available for purchase at the Research Center. The chapter is making a \$10 profit on each book that we sell. Also, for sale are the Upcountry Reunion Calendars with Confederate Sketches for each month. The Cemetery Committee reported that it had finished reading Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson (the new Silver Brook Cemetery). The committee is now in the process of putting the information together for the chapter's use and future publication. President Lollis commended Barbara Clarke and the cemetery committee for their hard work on this project. The next project is Marriage Licenses from Anderson County. Work is being done to record these records on flash drives to prepare a data sheet out of the information collected. Volunteers are needed to work on this project; to volunteer, please contact Shelby Lollis. The South Carolina Genealogical Workshop will be July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at the South Carolina State Archives in Columbia. The chapter protocol has been to set up a Chapter Publications Sale Table during the two day workshop. A volunteer(s) are needed to man this table. President Lollis recommended that the chapter pay for the volunteer's meal of \$12.50 for the event. An itinerary and registration form for the workshop was distributed to members. The chapter purchased a new scanner with grant funds from Anderson County Council. Projects are being discussed to work on that will make use of this scanner. Finance Committee Chair Paul Dowdy presented the budget for 2015. See attached copy for details. The budget for 2014 included a profit of \$141. The 2015 budget was approved as presented by the Finance Committee. Ann Hollingsworth and President Lollis have been posting on the ACGS Facebook page in an effort to further promote the chapter through social media. Program Chair Kay Burns introduced our speaker Jack Marlar. Mr. Marlar presented a program on *Southern Ingenuity*, which included a special focus on the engineering aspects of the World's First Successful Combat Submarine, the *H L Hunley*. The Confederate submarine, the *Hunley*, sank the *USS Housatonic* on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1864.

Financial Report:	Income	\$ 634.00
	Expenses	1,507.63
	Balance	\$ 21,767.50

June 1st, 2015 - Tour of the Tim Drake Home. No Minutes

Do you ever wonder what will happen to your genealogical research after you're no longer working on it? The following "Codicil", submitted by Old Pendleton District Secretary Brenda Meyer, may be helpful to you!

# GENEALOGICAL CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this two year time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point. "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known.]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses.]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# ESCAPE FROM THE GALLOWS

*An Old Man Pardoned – A Romantic Murder – A Bloody Deed – The History of the Meeks Murder in Anderson County.*

*"The Memphis Daily Appeal" of  
Memphis Tennessee*

November 9, 1872, p2

Columbia (S.C.) Union, 30 ultimo

Governor Scott has pardoned Harvin Vandiver, of Anderson county, who was recently sentenced by Judge Orr to be hung in January next. For being with one Davenport, of the same county, engaged in the murder of a

young man named Meeks, a resident of Anderson County. The murder has hanging about it something hinging on the romantic, it having been committed in 1865, when affairs in the county named were in a very unsettled state, and not having been discovered until recently, when by almost an accident it was brought to light. From letters forwarded to the Governor, concerning the foul deed, written by the judge who heard the case, and others who watched the progress of it, we glean the following facts, viz: William M. Davenport and Harvin Vandiver were indicted at the last May term of the court in Anderson county, for the murder of a young man named (*John Wilson*) Meeks. All the parties were white. Meeks was murdered, or rather was missing in May or June, 1865, when society was in a bad state in the county named,

(*Anderson county*), owing to the demoralization consequent upon the late war. The Grand Jury found true bills against the parties named, and after following through a very closely knitted line of substantial and practical evidence, the jury found them guilty of the murder of Meeks, and Davenport and Vandiver were sentenced to be executed on the seventeenth of January. The counsel for the prisoners appealed to the Supreme Court, and the case is yet pending. At the same time

that Davenport and Vandiver were indicted, a true bill was also found against David B. Breazeale, for being connected with the same murder, but he had fled from the country, and to this day has not been arrested.

William Brock, a colored man, was the most material witness in the case when it came up for trial, and his testimony was of that nature that the corroborative circumstances left no chance for doubt of its truthfulness.

## Executive Clemency.

Gov. Scott has pardoned Mr. Harvin Vandiver, of this County, who was tried and convicted of murder at the May term, and sentenced by Judge Orr to be hung in January next. Our readers are sufficiently familiar with the circumstances of this peculiar case, without entering into the particulars at this time. Mr. Vandiver is upwards of seventy years old, and has been a Baptist minister. His father was a Revolutionary soldier, and he is respectably connected.

Wm. M. Davenport, who was also convicted and sentenced at the same time with Vandiver for being engaged in the murder of Meeks, is yet in jail. His case cannot be decided by the Supreme Court, to which an appeal has been made, until January. We are not advised that any effort is making to obtain Executive clemency in his behalf.

*The Anderson Intelligencer.* (Anderson Court House, S.C.) 1860-1914 November 07, 1872, Image 2

He was also an accomplice in the murder. From all that was adduced upon the trial, the facts appear to be a follows: "Meeks had married the daughter of Vandiver, before the war, and they lived together unhappily, and had separated; after the latter event, the wife returned to her father. Meeks desired an interview, and was seen going in the direction of Vandiver's house, where his wife was, on the afternoon of the day when he was mur-

dered. Vandiver was at his mill, but hearing of Meeks approach, stepped behind the same, and loaded his gun and placed it in a corner. It appears that Breazeale was in the mill at the time, and said to Vandiver, "I want you to send your son to Davenport; tell him to come quick and bring his arms," intimating at the same time that "some harm would be done."

"Very soon after this, it is testified, Davenport came, and a conversation was entered into regarding the deceased, during which Brock was told to go to Vandiver's well, the place where the deceased had desired to meet his wife. The well was situated about seventy yards from Vandiver's house. Brock was told to see if Meeks was at the well. He found him sitting there, and entered into conversation with him, the same lasting until nearly dusk, when Brock, the witness, started back to the mill, meeting on his way Vandiver, who said to him, "Where are you going, you rascal?" the questioner having in his hand at the time a stick. The witness answered, "It is me," and started back again in the direction of the well, and concealed himself near the same, and soon after saw two men coming down along the line of the fence toward the well, whom he recognized as Davenport and D. K. Breazeale. The two men approached the well from different sides, and when Davenport got near to the deceased he fired upon him with a gun. Brock states he then ran, but was overtaken by Breazeale, who caught him by the arm, and said, "You must finish killing that man," at the same time handing the witness the gun, during which conversation they had got back to the well, where Meeks was lying face downward. The witness, Brock, testifies that he could not finish him, and begged that he should not be



(Continued from page 4)

required to finish the murder. Meeks then got up from the ground and scrambled over the fence, and while he was getting around a brier-patch, Breazeale ran around and met him, and knocked him down with a shot-gun, striking him a blow up and down the back and after this blow (*John Wilson*) Meeks never spoke or got up, but was dead. Breazeale then said something regarding Meeks trying to fight him. They then called for Vandiver, who was very slow in coming up. A conversation was then held between Davenport and Breazeale about how the murdered man should be buried, and it was said, the witness states, the Vandiver and his son (a youth twelve or thirteen years old) must help to bury him. Vandiver got a torchlight and Breazeale, Davenport, young Vandiver and the witness carried the body about two hundred yards to a woods, dug a hole about two feet deep, not long enough to straighten the body out in, placed his hat over his face and covered the body over with dirt; the witness being ordered to cover the fresh dirt over with leaves and trash. *David Breazeale* then said to the party, according to the testimony: "Do not be scared; I am used to such scenes in the army." Vandiver then went home, and the remainder of the party went back to the mill and took a dram (*a small portion of something to drink*).

Last year, when the terrible scene leaked out, Brock, the witness, pointed out the site of the grave to the Trail Justice, making the statement to him before the body was exhumed, that Meeks' hat would be found over his face. The body was almost entirely decomposed, but there was found in the pockets a key, a pocket book, and some plaited hair, which were all identified as the property of the deceased.

Upon the trial Judge Orr instructed the jury that (*William "Bill"*) Brock, the material witness in the case, being an accomplice in the murder,

should not be credited unless his testimony was corroborated by other witnesses, of facts.

It was proven on the trial that a pistol was found the next morning by the well, and that Davenport claimed the pistol, and the same was delivered to him. Augustus Breazeale, colored, testified that he heard Davenport say: "He (Davenport) and Davy Breazeale killed Meeks, and Bill Brock helped put him away." V. H. Breazeale, a brother of Davy, was at the mill the next morning after the murder, and Vandiver said to him: "We have killed him and put him away." Witness said: "Who?" Vandiver replied: "Myself, Davy Breazeale, Bill Davenport, Bill Brock, and my son Bobby (*Robert K. Vandiver*)." Vandiver said, as witness was leaving the mill: "Understand me distinctly, your brother Dave and Bill Davenport killed him; and myself, Bill Brock, and my son Bobby, helped to bury him." He said to Norris, another witness: "Davy Breazeale, Davenport and Bill Brock, killed Meeks at his well; when the gun fired he fell, and Breazeale struck him over the head and broke his gun, and that himself and son helped to bury him; he (Vandiver) held the light, but was not present at the killing."

When the Deputy-Sheriff of the county, McConnell, called upon Vandiver, the latter said, "What do they say of the proof against us?", The Deputy Sheriff replied: "Brock says Davenport shot him, Breazeale knocked him in the back of the head with a gun, and you helped to bury him." Vandiver then replied: "The negro has told the truth and Vineyard Breazeale had nothing to do with it. I did nothing but hold the light to bury him."

We have been particular in giving this brief summary of the evidence, as furnished the Executive Department by the most reliable authority

in this remarkable case. Remarkable, not only from the motive of the murder, and the time that elapsed before suspicion fell upon the guilty parties, but from the fitting in, link by link, of the circumstance that led to their conviction, of the country as it then was. In defense the prisoners offer no testimony. The boy Robert was entirely exculpated from any blame in the matter. As before stated, Breazeale has left the country.

### Executive Pardon.

Since our last issue, we have learned that Wm. M. Davenport has been pardoned by the Governor, upon the recommendation of many citizens of Anderson, and the affidavit of Harvin Vandiver that Davenport was not present and knew nothing of the murder of Meeks. Davenport has been released from jail, and is now at liberty.

**The Anderson Intelligencer.** (Anderson Court House, S.C.) 1860-1914 November 14, 1872, Image 2

Vandiver, who is the subject of pardon, is upward of seventy years of age, respectably connected — his grandfather was a revolutionary soldier. The prisoner was a Baptist minister. Davenport was about forty years old, and a confirmed opium-eater. He has figured extensively in the United States Courts in revenue cases. In the community it is not believed that Harvin Vandiver planned the murder, or directly participated in it. (END)

Mr. Harvin Vandiver, who was convicted last summer of being accessory to the murder of his son-in-law, and was afterwards pardoned by the Governor, died on last Sunday, in the 70th year of his age. It is singular that his death occurred just five days prior to the time set for his execution, 17th of January.

**The Anderson Intelligencer.** (Anderson Court House, S.C.) 1860-1914 January 15th 1873

## Message from President Shelby Hart Lollis



Welcome to Summer!

Summer is here and so is the hot weather! Come to the Research Center and work on your research – it is cool in here!

Several events have happened, recently that are worth mentioning. The tour of Tim Drakes house was well attended and was truly amazing! We stepped back in time to another century! It could very well be considered a museum! The speakers at our monthly meetings have been most informative and interesting. I think we have some of the best programs and speakers at our meetings! Another interesting excursion, Gary Farmer and I attended an open house at Oak Grove Farm, the Toliver Bolt House. It was built in 1874. It is one of the oldest houses in still in existence in Anderson County.

We are preparing for the SCGS Summer Workshop on July 10-11. We will be setting up a our book tables. We could use your help with this. *ALL members are encouraged to come to this workshop for some good presentations and seminars. Let's make sure our chapter is well represented.*

We have started on our project of digitizing Anderson County Marriage License 1911-1951. We have completed only 2 complete reels and started 2 more! We have put in about 40 hrs. of time! It is a very slow process. Please help us!

Be looking for info on our Annual Brunch.

Check out our Facebook Page- <https://www.facebook.com/ACCSCGS>.

Keep researching!

Shelby



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### Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2015  
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April 15<sup>th</sup>

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TAXES

# THE BRAND OF FLOOD.

## A MISERABLE ENDING OF A HORRIBLE SERIES OF TRAGEDIES.

### Anderson Intelligencer.

Thursday, Oct 18, 1888

Greenville News, 14th inst.

In a miserable wooden shanty off a short way from Buncombe street, near where it is joined by Rutherford, (in Greenville, South Carolina) a wretched man died yesterday.

Who was he?

To those who were accustomed to see his gaunt form and hollow, sunken eyes and sallow color cheeks, matted with tangled beard, incarnation of utter misery, he was simply "old man Davenport," or more often "Morphine Davenport," an outcast and a beggar. To others who knew his life history, he was an embodiment of human degradation, a man, in short, who had brought himself from a position of worldly wealth and respectability; had taken on the slavery of debasing habit; had for filthy money's hire killed a fellow man in cold blood; had escaped the just vengeance of the law and had come forth from a felon's cell to sink deeper and deeper in misery until death came to end the cursed drama of his life.

Almost everybody knew William Davenport, but few ever thought his life's history concealed the story of a dramatic tragedy. He came to Greenville twelve or thirteen years ago. He then bore some pretensions to respectability, but the morphine habit was his curse and it gradually brought him down until he earned a scant living by cutting wood and doing chores and managed in that way and by begging to keep himself supplied with the drug which was to him life and the all. His method of using the opiate was by injection, and at his death scarcely a spot remained on his body where the delicate point of the morphine syringe had not penetrated.

He gave way under the long ravages of the habit last week and gradually became weaker until he died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been supplied with food and medicines by charity in his last sickness, and his death was far less full of misery than his life

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Recovered by Ronald Kay

had been.

The story of the crime that stained his hands is a story of the "bushwhacking" time in the years immediately following the war. In June, 1865, the year of the surrender, John Wilson Meeks was murdered at Breazeale's mill in Anderson County about midway between Anderson Court House and Belton. Meeks had volunteered at the outbreak of the war and had fought through it until the surrender, when he took up the long tramp for his home and the wife and children he had left there. He had married a daughter of Harvey Vandiver, a Baptist preacher who lived at Breazeale's Mill, and they had lived happily together until the war and separation came. When he returned he found all changed. His wife had gone to live with her father at the mill and there were rumors that she had lived on terms of too much intimacy

with Dave Breazeale, the son of the widow Breazeale, who owned the mill.

The husband's return was followed by a quarrel with his father-in-law and he was forbidden to enter the house where his wife was. One interview he secured with her. He told her then that he was trying to get a house that he could carry her and the children to and that he would meet her at the well in the yard about eight o'clock that night to tell her of the arrangements he had made. He then went away and during the day that followed secured a home where he expected to carry his wife and children.

A dark plot was forming meanwhile. The unfaithful wife told her father and Dave Breazeale of the appointment her husband had made. The night came, and with it the hour appointed for the rendezvous at the well. Suspecting nothing, Meeks approached the spot where he imagined he would find his wife waiting for him, and wishing, maybe, for the time when he should not be forced to meet her thus clandestinely.

But the wife did not keep the appointment. She remained in the house and in her stead three men sought the well and in the darkness lay in wait for Meeks. As he approached William Davenport, who was one of the three and was waiting, armed with an army gun, shot him in the breast. The wound was not fatal and the would be murderer, joined with his victim, in a scuffle, which was terminated by one of the other men, who seized the gun and reversing it, crushed in the skull of the victim with a heavy blow with its stock. The third man stood looking on but took no active part in the struggle. The only other eye witness was a negro named Bill Brock who had been impressed to help in the bloody work, but that the deed was known to others was shown when a wild shriek followed the discharge of the gun, issuing from the interior of the house. It was the cry of the



## THE BRAND OF FLOOD

wife at the death knell of the husband she had betrayed.

The murder was accomplished; what should be done with the body was the question. The three accomplices aided by the negro hurriedly carried the body off into the woods four or five hundred yards. Tools hastily picked up were plied with feverish impatience and a hole, shallow and without semblance of a grave, was excavated in the depth of the wood. The corpse was thrown in and the dirt piled over it, the dead man's hat having been first placed over his face. One murderer stood on the grave as his fellow ghouls threw on the dirt and packed it down.

Six or seven years passed, in all of which time the sudden disappearance of John Wilson Meeks was put down as one of the unsolved mysteries of the troublous and disordered times just following the war. There was much bushwhacking then, and it was supposed that he was another victim of the bushwhackers, and no investigation was made. Very soon after Meeks disappearance, young Dave Breazeale left the country, it was supposed to go to Texas. William Davenport, who was a large farmer in the neighborhood, and who was comparatively a rich man, having in before the war days owned a number of slaves, lived quietly and as usual on his farm, enjoying the respect of his neighbors and making a good citizen as things went. The disappearance of John Wilson Meeks had long since ceased to be interesting gossip, and as the suspicion had never hunted out the real murderers, it looked as if vengeance had passed them in its terrible sway over the ranks of the guilty.

The dream of peace and safety was rudely broken. One day about seven years after the murder, a message came from Bill Brock, the negro who had been the one disinterested witness of the killing to a brother of the murdered man. The negro was visited and revealed the whole story of the murder, detail by de-

tail, declaring that it had haunted his mind until he could get no rest. He told of the shooting at the well and of the burial of the body in the blackness and ghostly silence of the forest, describing the exact location of the grave and telling the position of the body. Warrants were quickly sworn out for Harvey (Harbin) Vandiver, the preacher, and William Davenport, the ones still in the country implicated by the negro's story. Harvey Vandiver got wind of the discovery and fled but was captured somewhere near the Georgia line. William Davenport was the first captured, and when the officers approached the house he set a violent bull dog on them, which nearly killed one of the men.

The pair was finally lodged in jail at Anderson. The trial came on before Judge Orr. The principal witness was the negro Brock, who had turned State's evidence and escaped punishment thereby. The trial resulted in the conviction of both Davenport and Vandiver, and they were sentenced to be hanged. In neither case was the sentence executed. The aged ex-preacher died in jail before the day of execution and the easy justice of Governor Moses released Davenport by an executive pardon, bought, at the expense of all his possessions, it was said. William Davenport went back to his home near Belton and lived there for a number of years until he came here (Greenville). He had acquired the morphine habit, it was said, before his imprisonment and trial and at the jail when visitors came in he would beg for money to buy the drug. After his release the deadly opiate drew him more and more into its slavery, and the soul of the murderer became the soul of the morally depraved opiate victim, dead and callous to every moral sense. His property drifted away, health and character were lost and misery accumulated on him.

This does not finish the tale of horrors. One day after the murder of John Wilson Meeks, his little daughter said in the presence of her grandfather the elder

Vandiver: "I would have a father now if it hadn't been for grandpa." The guilty man heard with dismay the accusation from the lips of the child. The next day the child was dead, and it was whispered and believed that she was poisoned by her grandfather because she knew of the murder that had been done. The chronicle of blood was written again, when on the arrest of Harvey Vandiver, his wife, driven to desperation by her knowledge of the double murder of her son-in-law and grandchild, committed suicide by tying a hank of yarn about her neck, attaching the other end to the bed post, and rolling off on the floor.

The strange fatality attending the actors in the tragedy was exemplified again when after William Davenport had moved to Greenville, one of his daughters, at the time an operative in the Camperdown mills, fell from one of the buildings on the brink of the bluff to the rocks below and was killed. The death of the chief actor yesterday does not end the list, the third man, Dave Breazeale, at whose instance it is said Meeks was killed, having fled to the West. It is reported that he is living as the sheriff of a county in Texas, but there is no verification for the statement.

James Meeks, the janitor of Furman University, is a brother of John W. Meeks who was killed, and the story of the affair given above is substantially as he told it to a *News* reporter yesterday. Many of the statements are verified by men who remember the sensational trial of the case at Anderson. The family of the unfortunate Davenport consists of his wife, three daughters and a son, who is in Texas. Two of his daughters are in Atlanta and one is here, a victim like her wretched father to the morphine curse, and beggar on the streets. End.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 6, 2015 - **Anderson County Chapter of the SCGS Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** at Senior Solutions. Dr. Julia Barnes will demonstrate how to navigate the most popular and sometimes cumbersome military veteran database in existence. "How to Navigate Fold3".

July 10 - 11, 2015 - **SCGS State Workshop** in Columbia at the SC Archives.

July 19, 2015 - **Bolt Reunion** in Hickory Tavern, South Carolina. Bring a cover dish and join the Bolt family at the Rabun Creek Baptist Church, at 1:00pm on SC Hwy 101 in Hickory Tavern, South Carolina.

August 3, 2015 - Field Trip - **"Whitefield Baptist Church: Celebrating their 175th Anniversary!"** More information to follow. Plans are to have a Cover Dish Supper and Rick Bell, Church Historian will be our guest speaker. This will take place in lieu of the regular monthly meeting at Senior Solutions.

October 17, 2015 - **SCGS Annual Meeting** - Kershaw Train Depot, N. Cleveland St., Kershaw, South Carolina. Open to all SCGS members. Registration is required to attend the morning program. Annual meeting begins at 1:00 P.M. See [www.scgen.org](http://www.scgen.org) for additional information.

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## Reunion of Up-country Families Calendar

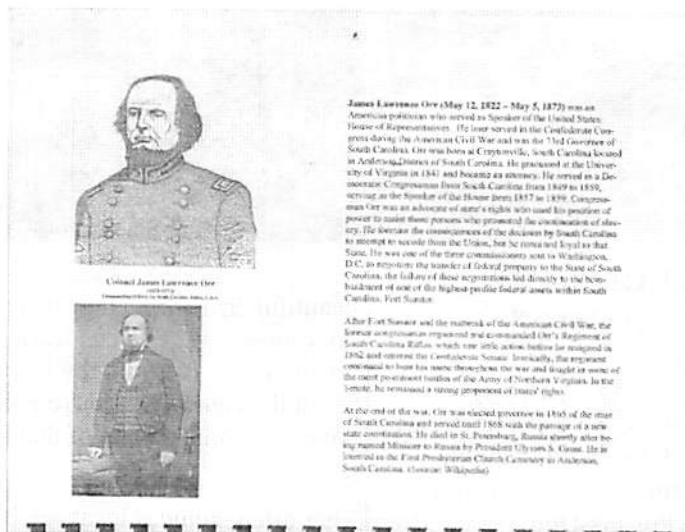
Includes:

A collection of Civil War soldiers sketched by Dr. Charles Busha. These sketches were recently donated to the Faith Clayton Room, Rickman Library, Southern Wesleyan University. Dr. Busha currently resides in Greenville, South Carolina.

The calendar runs from July 2015 to December 2016

Cost: \$10.00

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# WHY CEMETERIES ARE IMPORTANT!

BY LINNEA CROWTHER

## HAVE YOU BEEN TO A CEMETERY LATELY?

More and more people are visiting these fascinating places, and not just to visit their lost loved ones' graves. Cemeteries are becoming destinations for photographers, for walkers and runners, for genealogists and historians ... even for music and movie buffs who attend film screenings and concerts at places such as Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Los Angeles.

We talked to Minda Powers-Douglas, owner of TheCemeteryClub.com and author of books including *Cemetery Walk: A Journey in to the Art, History and Society of the Cemetery and Beyond*, about the burgeoning popularity of cemeteries – and why they are so important.

families' roots, the cemetery revival is in full swing. Today, if you tell someone you're interested in cemeteries, they're less likely to say "ew!" and more likely to tell you about their aunt, best friend or boss who loves cemeteries, too. It helps that, as Powers-Douglas notes, "People are into some weird stuff right now. It's just another thing."

## LOOKING INTO THE LOCAL PAST

If you're new to taphophilia – that's a fancy word for a love of cemeteries – you might be wondering what to expect and what to look for when you visit a local cemetery. The short answer: history. "Cemeteries are fascinating places," Powers-Douglas says. "They're full of history, they're full of

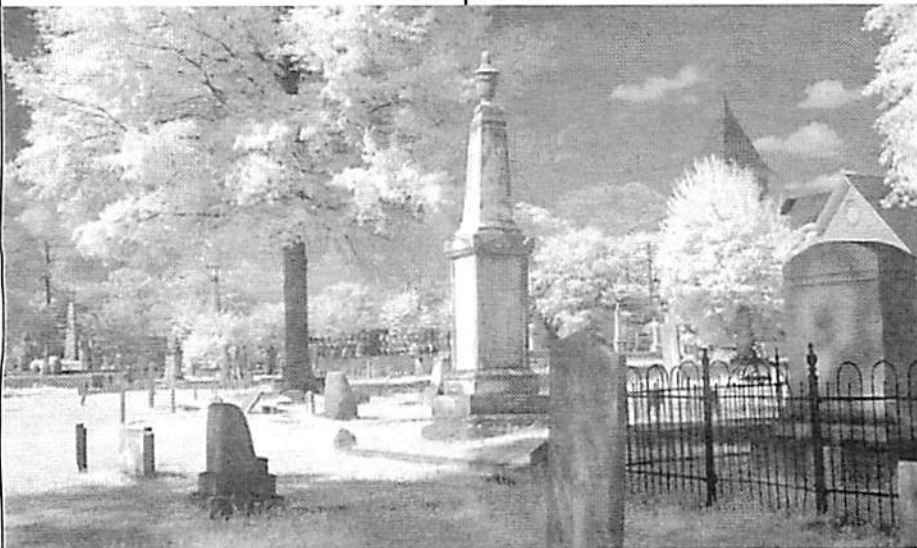
-Douglas' hometown of the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa, she discovered tales of the Underground Railroad in Oakdale Memorial Gardens, where a number of graves commemorate the lives of people who were involved in transporting escaped slaves.

"It was really fascinating to know that there was such an interesting part of history right here, not only in the Quad Cities, but (also) to have so many people who went through that experience in one cemetery. There were two families that had to leave somebody behind, and in both instances, that missing person found their way up to Davenport, to the family. And I'm sure they used the same types of connections to figure out how to get there. There's so much you can learn."

## "I WONDER WHO THIS PERSON WAS."

Powers-Douglas loves the idea that every gravestone at a cemetery has a story to tell. And she thinks it's important for people to look at those stones and appreciate those stories.

"One day, you're going to be gone, and maybe there's nobody left to remember," she says, "but if I walk by and it catches my eye, I might say, 'Well, I wonder who this person was. I wonder what they were about. I see that she was a mother, and a daughter and an aunt.' You know, that's a little bit of memory. In Mexican culture, their idea of the afterlife is (that) there's the beautiful, wonderful, full-of-color place for the people who are remembered, and there's the dark gray nothingness of the afterworld for the people who are forgotten. It's very sad. Just the idea of all these people – there are thousands of people in one cemetery, and they're not visited all the time. And people mourn and they



## "THEY TRULY ARE OUT-DOOR MUSEUMS."

There's a long-standing assumption, especially in the U.S., that cemeteries are creepy and depressing (and that anyone who enjoys visiting them is morbid). But Powers-Douglas says this attitude is changing. Driven by a flood of amateur genealogists seeking their

beautiful artwork ... they truly are outdoor museums. You can learn so much about your community by learning about the cemetery. You're going to have the iconic people of that area buried there."

That often includes local celebrities, but the history found in cemeteries goes much deeper than that. In Powers

# WHY CEMETERIES ARE IMPORTANT!

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move on. But people like me and the rest of the taphophiles, they go in there and pay attention to these graves, and it makes me think maybe there's a little flicker for them. 'Hey! Thanks for stopping by!'"

But she also believes that cemeteries are for the living – and that creating a monument to loved ones who are dead is crucial to those who mourn them. Whether a loved one wants to be buried, cremated or shot into space when he or she dies, we can still place a physical remembrance of them in a cemetery and visit it.

"I've heard stories of people, like a little girl who says, 'My friend goes to see her grandma in the cemetery, but we don't ever see Grandpa.' Well, we scattered him. And he's out in Tucson or whatever. But they can have a plot in their local cemetery to have a place to go, and I think that's good. I think we all deserve to be remembered. Every one of us."

## "CEMETERIES WERE THE FIRST PARKS."

For the people who first conceived the idea of the modern cemetery, there was much more to it than a place to put loved ones' remains. Cemeteries provided the public with beautiful outdoor gathering spaces during a time when parks were still on the horizon of city planning. Prior to the early 19th

century, there were certainly burial grounds where bodies were interred, often attached to churches or on a family homestead. But what arose starting with Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cam-



bridge, Massachusetts, built in 1831, was a planned, managed space.

"This was the first cemetery that was actually landscaped," Powers-Douglas says. "They brought in horticulturalists to say, 'We've got this climate, and these trees could live here even though they don't,' so they'd bring them in and plant them to beautify the area instead of it just being functional. They'd create winding paths and work with nature instead of against it, so if there was a pond, they'd build around the pond."

Out of the movement to beautify cemeteries arose a custom of gathering in these new public spaces. Families picnicked near gravesites, and children played there. Somewhere along the way, this practice fell by the wayside and cemeteries became known as spooky, creepy places,

but taphophiles know that perception couldn't be further from the truth. At Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia, you can attend a yoga class. Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock,

Michigan, holds fishing derbies at their pond. And Los Angeles' Hollywood Forever Cemetery is one of a growing number of cemeteries hosting movie nights and concerts: Lana Del Rey performed there last fall, and a number of programs are planned for this spring and summer.

If you attend an event like this, you're likely to learn the truth that a growing number of people are discovering: Cemeteries are some of the coolest outdoor spaces we have. Like any other park, they're full of beauty and tranquility, but they also contain hidden gems of history. From your city's most famous residents to everyday folks with extraordinary lives, your local cemetery has stories to tell.

## "THE STORY GETS ME MORE THAN ANYTHING."



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# Now: The Rest of the Story - John Wilson Meeks

Did your heart drop a couple of times as you read each story? Did all kinds of questions cross your mind? Me too. Who was the young Meeks girl in the 2<sup>nd</sup> article? Where was she buried? Was there evidence to her death and did her grandpa, Harvin Vandiver, go to trial for her suspicious death? Did they assume the body and re-interred it someplace else? Did Martha Jane Vandiver Meeks marry Davy Breazeale? So many questions.

Let me tell you how they connect to my family. Martha J. Vandiver is the wife of John Wilson Meeks, they had at least three children and possibly a fourth. The oldest child is Mary Elizabeth Meeks, who was born in 1858 and seemed to vanish around 1865. I believe this is the young Meeks girl who confronted her grandpa, Harvin Vandiver, by saying "I would have a father now if it hadn't been for grandpa." They also had William Meeks, b. 1860 and d. before 1915, believed he never married, Georgia Ann Meeks, b. 1863 d. ?, who married John Augustus Williams and had two children, and James Mathew "Mack" Meeks, b. 12 Mar 1866 and d. 29 June 1938, who married Inda Anna Davis and had 4 children. Now you are probably thinking the same thing I am. Was James Mathew Meeks the son of John Wilson Meeks, which is possible if Martha was actually excited that he had returned from the "War Between the States" and yet still wanted to remain involved with Davy Breazeale or is this the child with Breazeale DNA.

Now Martha Jane Meeks was a Vandiver, the daughter of Harvin and

Mary Elizabeth Jones Vandiver. Harvin and Mary Elizabeth had nine children of which Martha was the 7<sup>th</sup> child. Martha Jane Vandiver had a older sister named Margaret Vandiver, b. abt 1832. About 1850 Margaret Vandiver married Charles Swanglin Davis Jr., who is my Great Great Grandfather. Here's the catch, remember the branches? Charles Swanglin Davis Jr. is my blood but Margaret Vandiver Davis is not my kin. Their children are my Great Uncles but my Great Grandfather, William Ellison Davis, came from Charles Swanglin Davis Jr's second wife, Elizabeth McCarley. Though I feel connected to the Vandiver line, I am not. Harvin Vandiver was the father in law of my Great Great Grandfather, one of three father in laws he would have.

Martha Jane Vandiver Meeks, according to the 1890 census, moved to Hall Township in Anderson County. She is listed as a farmer. It is obvious that she and David Breazeale never married. I believe Martha attended First Creek Baptist Church, out on the Abbeville Highway and was acquainted with the John and Elizabeth "Betsy" Bannister Elgin family who attended the same church. When Betsy Elgin died in 1894, John married Martha that same year and moved to Martin Township in Anderson County. John A. Elgin and 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Bannister and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Martha Jane Vandiver Meeks Elgin are all buried in the First Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

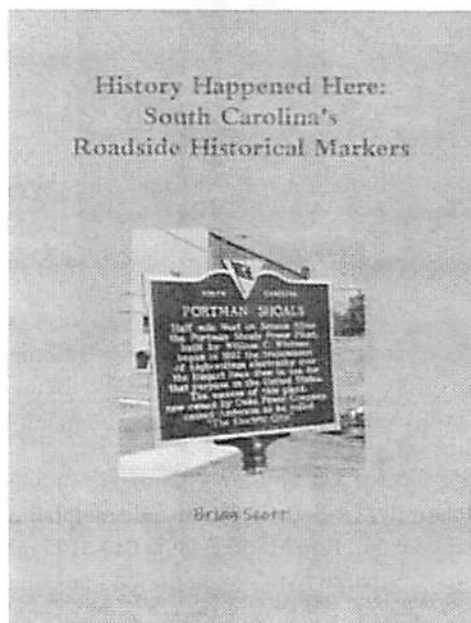
## New Book

By Brian Scott

Brian Scott has published his first book and it looks to be a good one. He has put together over 600 pages on "History Happened Here: South Carolina's Roadside Historical Markers". It comes completely indexed and covers the entire state by counties. Included is a CD that is completely searchable.

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And by the way, Martha had a child in 1867 and on that child's death certificate, her father was John Meeks. Now how could that be possible? So as you can see, this is the rest of the story, but not the end of the story.

Our family trees are filled with stories and some of these stories come from other trees whose branches are intertwined with your tree. It is the makings of the Tapestry of our lives.



# WOODSON FAMILY REUNION

A Family Reunion of the descendants of Dr. John Woodson and Sara Winston Woodson, Who Arrived in this country in 1619 and settled at Flowerdew Hundred Plantation, near Jamestown, Virginia, will hold an annual reunion starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the K&S Family Restaurant located at 3107 White Horse Road, Greenville, South Carolina. Lunch, which will be ordered from the menu, will be at noon.

If possible, let us know if you plan to attend. Contact Sharon Miller at [miller2@earthlink.net](mailto:miller2@earthlink.net) or 864-654-1151 or by mail at 612 Downs Loop, Clemson, South Carolina, 29631.

## Woodson Family Reunion

In the early 1800's a descendent named Tucker Woodson moved his family to South Carolina and settled near what is now on Beech Springs Road in Pelzer, South Carolina. The Woodson's have been in this country for almost 400 years. Please bring old family pictures, scrapbooks, books and letters to show. We have a wonderful heritage.

We are excited to tell you that a Recipe Book, compiled from some Woodson's and extended family members, has been published and is avail-

able in three different selections on Amazon.com: (1) "Hand-Written Recipes and Memories from America's First Families" 172 pages – full color interior, (2) "Hand-Written Recipes and Memories from America's First Families" 172 pages – black and white interior and (3) "Hand-Written Recipes and Memories from America's First Families" 100 pages – full color of just the recipe section. A limited number will be available for purchase at the Reunion.

Directions: From I-85 North or South, take exit 44 onto White Horse Road/US25 North towards Travelers Rest. Go approximately 2.2 miles and just after crossing the intersection of White Horse Road/US25 North and Old Anderson Highway/SC81, K&S Family Restaurant will be on your left in a small strip plaza. Wendy's is across the street. Extra parking is at the rear of the restaurant.



## 1st Brigade Youth Day

September 19th, 2015

9:00am to 3:00pm

The 1st Brigade, South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans invites you, your children and/or grandchildren to **YOUTH DAY 2015** on September 19th, 2015 at 3824 Dobbins Bridge Road, Anderson, South Carolina.

## FREE ADMISSION

Come for an Educational Day of the True Facts of the War Between the States. Educational Stations to include: Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry - Camp Life, with camp period music - Medical/Surgical Displays used during this period, - Ladies Dress/Ladies' Roles in the War Between the States - And More.

For more information contact: Paul Dowdy, 1st Brigade Commander at (864) 224-2642 or [paul.dowdy@att.net](mailto:paul.dowdy@att.net), Henry Richardson at (864) 888-7730 or [rosewooddev@yahoo.com](mailto:rosewooddev@yahoo.com), Ron Masters, (864) 640-5125 or at [ronmasters1@hughes.net](mailto:ronmasters1@hughes.net) or Allen Ashley at (864) 934-4075. We would appreciate pre-registration to this event for food preparation purposes, but **no one** will be turned away.

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# HOW TO SECURE A PARDON.

Ransom Simmons, of Richland County, was convicted at the October term of an assault with a deadly weapon, and sentenced to the Penitentiary. Gov. Moses last week granted him a pardon, coupled with the condition that Ransom should depart the State, and which was to be void and of no effect, if he ever returned. In a day or two, the Governor received a letter from the ingenious Ransom, in which he declined the pardon upon the stipulated terms, saying that he would rather live in South Carolina under the administration of Governor Moses, even though his time was entirely occupied under the roof of the Penitentiary, than to migrate to a strange country. He preferred to bear present ills than to fly to others where he was unacquainted, and particularly as Franklin J. held the reins of government over him. Moved by compassion, doubtless, the Governor straightway sought an interview with his ardent admirer, who again declared his purposes and declined the conditional pardon, expressing the hope that the Governor would order an unconditional release. The prepossessing appearance and conversation of Simmons made a deep impression upon the Governor, who finally relented, and ordered a pardon to be made out, without affixing any such disagreeable condition as forcing this loyal citizen and enthusiastic follower to make himself scarce in these parts. He is again at liberty and has the satisfaction of free and uninterrupted enjoyment of the benign blessings of our State government, including the privilege of paying taxes without the penalty, unless otherwise ordered. (*The Anderson Intelligencer*. January 16, 1873. Page 2.)

## Gifts by Will:

Leaving a gift to the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society in your will is one of the simplest ways you can make a legacy gift. Examples of bequest language to include in your will are:

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## Gifts of Stock

Stock that has appreciated in value is one of the most popular assets used to make charitable gifts, once it has been held for a minimum of a year. Making a gift of stock gives you the chance to realize tax benefits while helping bolster our mission to help people across our country find their ancestors.

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South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Workshop – July 10 & 11, 2015  
SC Archives and History Center, Columbia, South Carolina

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 10, 2015

Time	Location	Speaker	Topic
8:45am - Until	Registration		Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Search Room		Hands-On Tour #1 with Steve Tuttle. Meet in the Archive Search Room
11:15 - 12:30			Lunch on your own.
12:30 - 12:45	Auditorium	Guerry Felder	Welcome: Guerry Felder, 1st Vice-President of SCGS
12:45 - 2:00pm	Auditorium	Debbie Hacker	Tombstone Symbolism (Chicora Foundation)
2:15 - 3:15	Auditorium	Dr. Eric Foley	Reconstruction in South Carolina
	Wachovia 1	Alexia Jones Helsley	African American Genealogical Research in SC
	Wachovia 2	Herbert Chambers	And Were the Glory of Their Times - the Men Who Died for South Carolina in the War for Southern Independence
	Wachovia 3	Renee Brown Bryant	Genealogy and Historic Preservation
3:30 - 4:30	Auditorium	Dr. Hyman Rubin, III	Finding Your Scalawag Ancestor
	Wachovia 1	Brent Holcomb	Introduction to South Carolina Genealogical Research
	Wachovia 2	John Smith	The Louise Pettus Archives, Winthrop University
	Wachovia 3	Ann Sheriff	Pickens County Confederate Project
4:30 - 7:00			Dinner on your own.
7:00 - 8:00			Speaker's Reception at the Marriot Courtyard - (Light Refreshments)

Saturday, July 11, 2015

8:30 - 9:30	Registration		Registration, Coffee & Doughnuts - Displays Open
9:30 - 9:45	Auditorium		Welcome and Announcements - Mike Becknell, President of SCGS, Guerry Felder, 1st Vice-President of SCGS, Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH
9:45 - 11:00	Auditorium	Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH	William Porcher Dubose
11:15 - 12:15	Auditorium	Dan Olds	DNA for Genealogists
	Wachovia 1	Brent Holcomb	Searching for your South Carolina Confederate Ancestors
	Search Room		Hands-On Tour #2 with Steve Tuttle. Meets in the Archives Search Room
12:15 - 1:30	Catered Lunch		Catered Lunch, Displays Open, SCGS Board Meeting During Lunch (Please allow board members to proceed to the beginning of the lunch line)
1:45 - 3:00	Auditorium	Dr. Charles H. Lesser	SC Proprietary Records
	Wachovia 1	Dr. Patricia McNeely	Sherman's Flame and Blame Campaign
	Wachovia 2	Robin Foster	FamilySearch.org, FamilySearch Wiki & What's New on FamilySearch?
	Wachovia 3	John Smith	Robeson County, NC: Lessons from the Records of Slaves & Free Persons of Color
3:15 - 4:15	Auditorium	Wade Fairey	Roots and Recall.com
	Wachovia 1	Nikki Williams	Case Study: Hark West, Sr.: A Famous Enslaved Race Horse Trainer
	Wachovia 2	SCDAH Staff	Understanding the Online Index at the South Carolina Archives
	Wachovia 3	Guerry Felder	Early Migration Trails and Routes from Virginia and Early Trails and Routes in South Carolina



**Registration Form SC Summer Genealogical Workshop**  
**July 10- July 11, 2015**

**Pre-registration Fees:**

- ( ) SCGS Member- \$ 35.00  
( ) Non- Member- \$ 40.00  
( ) Catered Lunch - \$ 12.50

**Registration after June 15, 2015**

- ( ) SCGS Member- \$ 40.00  
( ) Non-Member- \$ 45.00  
( ) Catered Lunch- \$ 13.50

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I will be attending the Speaker's Reception at Marriott Courtyard, Columbia, NE

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Remit to: SGCS 2015 Summer Workshop  
c/o Lynn Lee  
P. O. Box 10  
Lydia, S.C. 29079

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NOTE: YOU MUST MENTION SC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO GET THIS PRICE. RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER THIS WILL BE ON SPACE AVAILABLE AND AT THEIR CURRENT RATE.

Other Hotels in the area are: The Hilton Garden Inn- 8910 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC (803) 807-9000,  
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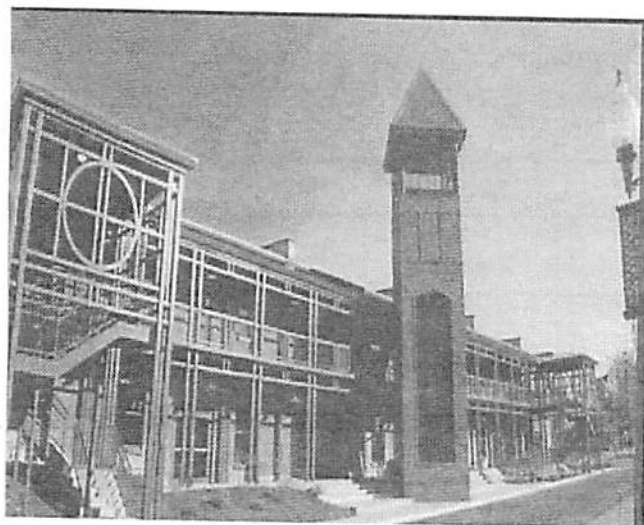
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