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Right: Dr.
Stephen Berry
was presented a
special picture
by Chapter Program Director
Kay Burns in
appreciation for
Dr. Berry's
presentation at
the October
Regular Meeting



Dr. Berry gave a presentation on the South's County Coroner's Offices, 1800-1900. A Professor of the Civil War Era, Department of History at the University of Georgia in Athens, Dr. Berry maintains a website of Upstate coroner's records which includes Anderson County in South Carolina.



Immediately above: At the November Regular Meeting, Historian Herbert Chambers discussed his lifelong passion researching Confederate soldiers from South Carolina and compiling his books, 'And Were The Glory of Their Times'.

His two books were purchased by Carolyn Duncan-Cummings and Gary Farmer and presented to the Research Center for all to enjoy.

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# Family Reunions: A Tradition in Decline?

By ASHLEY APPLEMAN

Family reunions are a common summer tradition for many Americans. But what happens when a family tradition, spanning generations, starts to fade? WYSO Community Voices producer, Ashley Appleman, tells us the story of the 49th and final Over Family Reunion.



In July I traveled home to Woodbury, PA for the final Over Reunion. I must admit, I hadn't gone for the past 10 years –school, moving out of state—it wasn't a priority. However, attending this one was important to me– the end of a tradition I had known since childhood.

While I was home, George and his sister Marian Over Grassmyer, told me about the reunion's beginning.

"The first reunion was held in 1966. It was an occasion for the descendants of Howard and Fannie Over to for 49 years," said George.

that we rarely saw except this once a year reunion that when I was a kid - absolutely not." time."

George Marian end the yearly tradition.

gathering," said Marian.

"Over the last couple years, the attendance has been "You know, I think it's sad, but somewhat under-

tered far and wide. And so, it was hard to get a large group together. The last several years there have been like 30, 35 people attending. And so, the ones in charge decided it was probably time to discontinue the annual reunion. So, it just happened to be that this year the responsibility was on the Harold Over family. We decided that this would be a large affair for the grand finale." The night before the reunion I sat on a barstool in the kitchen of my childhood home with my

mother, Cindy Over Appleman,

when my sister and I were young.

went to the Smith Reunion, The Ebersole Reunion, because this is it." they were big - very big," my mother said.

just the younger generation does not want to con- how close we once were? you spent your Sundays with your family. Stores by the wayside. It's a different time."

get together for a picnic. And, the trend continued weren't open. Gas stations weren't open. Sunday afternoons you would go to your grandparents'. That's "I remember as a child of being about six years old, very rare now. And, I think that's the big change. going to the home farm," said Marian. "And people You're on the go. Sunday's more or less another day would come in their cars from Philadelphia and it to do your chores, you know, wash your clothes, was a big occasion to get together with these cousins whatever - go shopping. You would have never done

Sunday afternoon at the reunion, standing beside planned this year's tables of food - Aunt Cheryl's banana pudding, events, their family's turn in a five-year rotation. But, Lyniece's baked corn, fried chicken, potatoes done before the planning began, they and other members five different ways, and plates full of cookies - I of the eldest living generation decided it was time to talked to my first-cousin, Jaren Love, a 27 year-old now living three hours away in Pittsburgh; he under-"I think at our highest point we had over 100 people stands generation gaps. Like me, Jaren and his siblings hadn't attended in years.

dwindling," said George. "The older folks, of course standable," he said. "I think that like, you know, these no longer with us, and the younger folks are scat- things were arranged in a time and began in a time

when we didn't have, you know, the internet and social media, and people are able to stay in touch with their family, you know. It's not one of those things when you're coming back here and just learning what they're doing because you don't know. I mean, there are so many mediums for people to stay in touch these days that we didn't have in the past. I just don't know if the younger generation really, including myself, understands the significance of having something like this."

"The next generation wouldn't feel

reminiscing about the family reunions we attended it like I do, I'm sure," my mother said that final night. "Like tonight I could feel myself just kind-of thinking, "I don't go to any anymore. And, at one time we 'Oh, this is very sad.' I almost like teared up a little,

and The Over Reunion every year. Oh, and at one With the Over Family Reunion now ... over, it's hard time we actually went to the Carper Reunion, so I not to dwell on the value of these simple traditions missed that one. We had four reunions. Yes, and and how their absence will affect us all. I wonder: Will my future children know their distant cousins? "It just seemed in the last, what, six or seven years, Will they meet their great aunts and uncles? Will people just didn't come any more. You know, it's they comprehend the rich history of our family and

tinue with going and doing the work to get the fami- "Are we making more out of it than what it was?" my lies together. It just doesn't seem to be as important mom asked. "You look back and you think, 'Okay, it to them as what it has been in the past. Back then was important. It's one of those things that are going

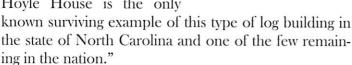
# The Heyl Homestead

Gary Farmer Vice President, ACGS

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, I had the opportunity to travel to Dallas, North Carolina, along with my friend Jamey Wentzky, to a historic family home. They called this the Hoyle Historic Homestead. It is "Possibly the oldest remaining structure in Gaston County" North Carolina. "The house is on the site where Peiter Heyl was granted a land patent in May 1754." This time period was obviously before the Revolutionary War so this land patent was granted by the King of England. The house features a rare corner post German style log con-

struction. Originally this area was the Site of Hoylesville, the first Federal Post Office in present day Gaston County. The house was also the home of "Rich" Andrew Hoyle, political, economic, religious leader.

"The Hoyle House is an excellent example of a unique German construction style. The house has corner posts, which are joined together entirely with pegs and in-laid with logs. John Larson, Vice President for Restoration at Old Salem, Inc., notes that the Hoyle House is the only



"The Hoyle's industriousness brought economic progress to the area. Records indicated that the Hoyle Grist Mill ground grain for local residents as early as 1758 and that the Hoyles accumulated more land and influence. The community developed around the Hoyle House. Andrew Hoyl, known as 'Rich Andrew', built merchant stores, purchased stock in High Shoals Mining and Iron Foundry, and served in the General Assembly. The Hoylesville Post Office was established in 1812, the earliest post office in what is now Gaston County. A mercantile store, slave quarters, outbuildings, a cemetery, houses for overseers, and homes of

son Eli and other relatives grew up around the House and Post Office."

So you might be asking yourself, what is significance about the visit to the Hoyle Historic Homestead. Genealogy wise my father is the son of Otho Ray & Helen Virginia Mayfield Farmer, Helen Mayfield is the daughter of Oliver Washington & Annie Newton Mayfield, Annie Newton is the daughter of Issac & Mary Ellen Jefferies Newton, Issac Newton is the son of William Swafford & Anna Canipe Newton, William Swafford Newton is the son of John Oliver & Katherine Swafford Newton, Katherine Swafford is the daughter of William & Elizabeth Hoyle Swafford, Elizabeth Hoyle is the daughter of Martin & Margaret Schramm Hoyle, Martin Hoyle is the son of Jacob & Elizabeth Brooks Hoyle, Jacob is the son of Johann Peiter Heyl (Peter Hoyle) who was granted land in Gaston County, North Carolina. Peter Hoyle (Johann Peiter Heyl) is my 8th Great Grandfather.

During a visit to the Dutch Fork Reunion, in which I was accompanied by Barbara Clark, we got to talking and realized that we were cousins. We both are related to Johann Peiter Heyl.

The Heyl's/Hoyle's don't actually have a "Reunion" but what they do is open the house in September to relatives and guests to raise support to continue restoring the Hoyle Historic Homestead. My hope is that I will go to the gathering as often as I can and meet many relatives.



Home of Johann Peiter Heyl located in Dallas, Gaston County, North Carolina. The original structure which is the left portion of the house was built approximately in 1754-





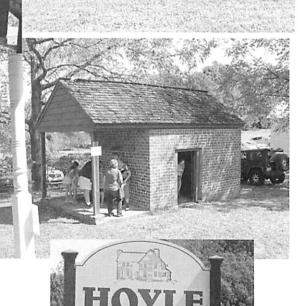


# HOYLE FAMILY HOUSE circa 1758

Possibly the oldest remaining stucture in Gaston County. The house is on the site where Peiter Heyl was granted a land patent in May 1754. It features a rare corner post log construction. Site Of Hoylesville, first Federal post office in present day Gaston County. Home of "Rich" Andrew Hoyle, political, economic, religious leader. Purchased by Hoyle Family Homestead Association in 1991.







### The Scarborough Family Reunion

By: Gary Farmer, Vice President, ACGS

October 2017 at a small community center just outside of East Dublin, Georgia, the Scarborough Family gathered together to catch up on family news and enjoy a feast with one another.

I am not a relative to the Scarborough's as far as I know but I attended this reunion because I felt it was important to be with a couple of friends during a difficult

I personally voluntime. teered myself to provide transportation for Jamey Wentzky and his step-father Olin Scarborough to this event. On August 1, 2017 Jamey lost his mother and Olin lost his wife. Smith - Martin - Wentzky -Scarborough went to be with Jesus after returning home from having out-patient surgery on her back. She had been suffering from back pain for some time and this was one of the last options. Hazel also suffered from an



enlarged heart which was diagnosed as the cause of her death. Hazel had lived a wonderful life and immensely enjoyed her life with Olin. Olin and Hazel would travel to East Dublin, to Olin's youthful stomping grounds to gather with his brothers and sisters each year. It is important to this family to continue this gathering as long as possible.

We traveled to East Dublin on a Friday and attended the gathering on Saturday. Olin guided Jamey and I to various burial locations of his family where I was able to collect some pictures of the headstones. I got pictures of Olin's mother and father's headstone as well as a brother who is no longer with us physically, but I am sure he was there in spirit. I got to meet Olin's brothers and sisters, enjoy a fine lunch prepared by those in attendance and I was able to snap some pictures of the family. When I asked Olin's sister Grace, who tries to keep the reunion going, who the person they consider to be the reason they gather together, in other

words, who are they trying to remember at the gather-

ing, she was not rightly sure. I told her it wasn't that important, but by remembering Olin and Grace's Grandfather and Grandmother and their descendants it would make it easier to know who should be attending. I also asked if they keep track of those who attend and whether she knows how to keep in touch with them and keep updated to changes in the family, i.e. weddings, divorces, death's, and births.

I've been asked to help with the next Scarborough reunion. I am hoping to find the time to work up some in-

formation to help those who attend learn or remember who their relatives were. I will develop a form that can be used to gather information from each family about their family members, much like a pedigree chart. I am even thinking about developing a Facebook page for the Scarborough reunion so everyone can share their thoughts and pictures from each year's event. I am thankful for being able to attend this family's reunion.

If you can't tell, I think Family Reunions are important and I hope that people don't forget we are all relatives under Noah and his wife and we should gather together every year to remember that without those who came before us, we would not exist.

Be Thankful!



From Left to Right: Junior Scarborough, Lonnie Scarborough, Terry Scarborough, Olin Scarborough, Grace, Charles Scarborough, Dora, Sorry Unknown, & Buddy.

## 2018 Membership Dues

Once Again

Dues.

We hope you all had an informative year and that your research of your family line is growing and growing with all kinds of new information and names. We would also like to encourage you to consider renewing your membership before the beginning of the year.

membership form and hand it to Linda Rogers cords, you also can easily display additional at the meeting or mail it to the Anderson events such as censuses, change of residence, County Research Center, address P.O. Box 74, land purchases or sales, wills proved, and any Anderson, South Carolina 29622-0074.

Individual Membership: \$25.00 Family Membership: \$30.00 Associate Membership \$15.00

## Family Group Sheet:

It is time to pay your Annual Membership Family Group Records (also called family group sheets), an example of which is found on page 18 of this newsletter, are forms with space to record information about the parents and children in one family. Good family group records show names, dates and places of births. marriages, and deaths. You can enhance their value by citing the sources that document these events in the lives of family members. If you Please take the time to fill out a renewal use computers to generate family group reother events in the family members' lives. The most useful family group records display as many events and sources as possible.



# 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:

"I bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_ to the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation located in Anderson, SC, or its successor in interest, to be used in such manner as the Board of Directors of said charity shall, in its sole discretion, determine."

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percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used in such manner as the Board of Directors of said charity shall, in its sole discretion, determine."

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

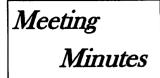
## Gifts of Stock

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.

Please notify the Board of Directors of your intended transfer to ensure your gift acknowledgement. We are

unable to acknowledge gifts of stock received without your information. The Board of Directors can be reached at 864-245-0473.





# Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society Regular Meeting

September 4, 2017

This years Brunch at the Bleckley Inn was cancelled due to the unavailability of a guest speaker and due to the fact that the Regular Meeting fell on Labor Day there was no meeting in the month of September.

Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society

**Regular Meeting** 

October 2, 2017

Our meeting was held at Senior Solutions. President, Shirley Phillips opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Rev. Bob Carlisle offered up prayer. Everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments which were provided by several of our members.

Forty six members were present. Visitors included South Carolina Genealogical Society, President, Mike Becknell, Alan Poore, Cathy Morta, Don Cox, Caroline Sherman of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Jackie Peden of Fountain Inn, SC, Bobby Watkins, and Jamey Wentzky.

Shirley announced that our chapter had received a \$1,450 grant from The Anderson County Board. This grant money was used to purchase a new computer and software.

Minutes from our last meeting were presented. Before accepting them one sentence needed to be corrected. Motion carried to accept as rewritten.

Shelby Lollis, our State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reminded us of the Annual State Meeting to be held in Chapin, South Carolina on October 28, 2017. She also mentioned the 2018 State Workshop.

Ted Burgess of the Nominating Committee reported that he had sent out letters to all members asking if they were interested in serving as an officer for 2018. His committee included Jimmy Dixon and Steve Cox. The slate of officers to be voted on at our next meeting are: President: Shirley Phillips, Vice President: Gary Farmer, Treasurer: Linda Rogers, Recording Secretary: Ted Burgess, and Corresponding Secretary: Linda Wilson. Shirley reminded us that nominations would also be accepted from the floor at the next meeting.

Kay Burns introduced our speaker, Dr. Stephen Berry, who is the Professor of the Civil War Era: Department of History at the University of Georgia. His topic is about "CSI Dixie-The View from the South's Coroner's Office 1800-1900. Dr. Berry is a winner of the Digital Innovation Award. Dr. Berry also serves as treasurer of the Southern Historical Association.

He gave us a very interesting account of how the first "Coroners" kept records. He has recorded many early records of various counties (including Anderson) of South Carolina. We can research these records on his website: csidixie.org.

Minutes submitted i	y Carolyn	Duncan-C	Cummings,	Recording	Secretary
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Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society

Regular Meeting

November 6, 2017

Our regular meeting was held at Senior Solutions. Our President, Shirley Phillips, welcomed the thirty nine

attending members and invited everyone to enjoy the delicious refreshments which were provided by our members. Steve Cox returned thanks.

Afterwards, Shirley opened our meeting and asked if there were any visitors. There were no visitors. The October minutes were presented. Jimmy Dixon made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Secretary Linda Rogers had placed the Treasury Report on each table for the members to read. Shirley announced that if anyone had questions they should talk with Linda after the meeting.

Steve Cox, one of three members of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers for a two year term beginning 2018 that the Nominating Committee had submitted at the October meeting. Shirley then asked our Parliamentarian, Ona Glenn, to come forward to take charge of the voting procedure. Ona asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Ona asked for a show of hands for approval of the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, the majority of those present raised their hand. Then the question was asked for a show of hands for disapproval. There were no hands raised for disapproval. Ona Glenn declared the slate of officers were approved as read.

Officers elected for 2018 are Shirley Phillips as President; Gary Farmer, Vice President; Linda Rogers, Treasurer; Howard "Ted" Burgess, Recording Secretary, and Linda Wilson, Corresponding Secretary.

Shirley commended Kay Burns on providing the chapter with very interesting programs and speakers for 2017. The members applauded Kay.

Kay Burns provided two gift certificates for a meal at Grace's Restaurant and tickets were drawn for these.

Kay then introduced our speaker, Historian, Herbert Chambers, who discussed his lifelong passion researching Confederate soldiers of South Carolina. He published a book entitled *And Were the Glory of Their Times* and later a second book. In his books, he included a list of soldiers with a biographical sketch of each one. This information, when available, included each one's community, his birthday, where he lived before the war, his enlistment, and what caused his death. Two of these books were purchased by two members of the Chapter who donated them to our Research Center.

Minutes are submitted by Carolyn Duncan Cummings, Recording Secretary.

# The Purpose of a Family Reunion

#### By Kristeen Cherney

In some families, reunions are a regular-perhaps even annual-event designed to help relatives keep in touch. Other families may gather more spontaneously for other purposes. Regardless of the reason, a family reunion differs from a family holiday gathering in that extended family members are present. You can learn a lot about your family at a reunion, and perhaps mend bonds that had been broken. In any case, a family reunion is often a memorable event.

#### Keeping in Touch

The majority of family reunions are organized as a means for members to keep in touch with one another. This is especially important if your family is spread across the country, or even the globe. In such a case, it is unlikely that all of your family members can attend all holiday gatherings. Though you may keep in touch through email or by phone, nothing beats a personal gathering.

#### Rekindling Relationships

It is not uncommon for family members to lose touch with one another, especially if they are not immediately related. A reunion can help you reconnect with long-lost cousins, aunts, uncles or anyone whom you have not kept in touch with over the years. It may be possible to find out about family members you did not know you even had, such as distant cousins or younger family members. Bonds are often re-strengthened during reunions,

## The Bolt Reunion

By Gary Farmer, Vice President, ACGS

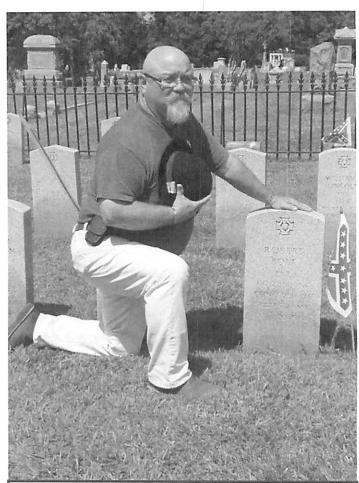
In the middle of July, I accompanied Jamey Wentzky to a Bolt Reunion. We have attended several years but not necessarily every year. The Bolt Reunion gathers at Historic Rabun Creek Baptist Church on S. C. Hwy 101 in Hickory Tavern, South Carolina every year. The Bolt's over the years have expanded and extended a welcome to all who share a linage, love, interest, or curiosity of the original four Bolt's in SC, who are the "descendants of the four Bolt men listed in the first federal census of 1790 living in the Hickory Tavern, Laurens District of South Carolina. They were Abraham Bolt, Benjamin Bolt, Robert Bolt Sr., and Robert Bolt Ir..

The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society has been fortunate to have members who are of this lineage: Doris Dowdy and Darlene Dowdy, Judy Ballard and of course Jamey Wentzky.

When I first started attending with Jamey, I saw taped to the wall long printouts of the descendants of the four Bolts and felt for sure I should be listed among other descendants. Everyone there called me "Gary Farmer, Bolt Want-A-Be". As of today, I have still not found my connection, but that's okay, I am still allowed to attend. And I enjoy seeing them as if they were relatives of mine. Of course, I can be related through Noah.

This reunion has attendees as far away as Maryland and California and even Nova Scotia. They enjoy a meal together and take a stroll threw the cemetery to say hello to relatives who are no longer with us and remember their stories.

Jamey Wentzky likes to remember his relatives who served the great cause in 1861-1864. We very often take day trips to visit their final resting places. Jamey's relative Robert Bolt, Jr. served in the CSA but was not killed in action. Robert Bolt, Jr. suffered from pneumonia, was in a hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina when he died. He was buried there.



Jamey Wentzky honoring his ancestor Robert Bolt, with a CSA Battle Flag, in Charlotte, North Carolina. This was not the original burial site, these soldiers remains were relocated here when the CSA Hospital was demolished.



Darlene Dowdy has volunteered, in place of the late Julius Bolt, to invite relatives to come a day early and receive a tour of the various Bolt Homesteads such as Toliver Bolts house in Anderson or visit the burial

site of Robert Bolt, Sr. and Abraham Bolt, who is a Revolutionary War Soldier.

was not killed in action. Robert Bolt, Jr. suffered from pneumonia, was in a hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina when he died. He was buried there.

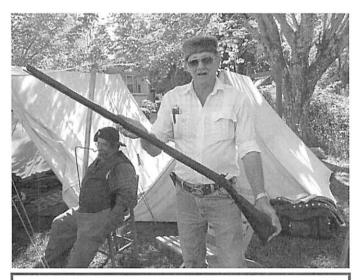
This is a great reunion. Mike Bolt encourages Bolt relatives to continue attending the reunion each year. Check your lineage and see if you have a Bolt line and attend the Reunion next year.

# The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Gillespie Reunion

By Gary Farmer, Vice President, ACGS

On October 1st, 2017, which was my birthday in which I turned 60 years of age, I traveled to a place just north attended the 67th Annual Gillespie Reunion. I hadn't this year.

I found out about the Gillespie Reunion a few years back while I was doing family research at the Library in Brevard, North Carolina. I don't particularly like attending events by myself. It was fortunate that the first year, when I wanted to attend the reunion for the first time that my friend Jamey Wentzky was attending a What was most astonishing this year was still no one up to Rosman and met Jamey and we drove up to Bal-



Tom Gillespie holding a Gillespie Rifle, known for its shooting accuracy. It is also believed that Daniel Boone also carried a Gillespie Rifle.

his procession a "Gillespie Rifle" which was forged and made by William Gillespie, one of the sons of John Gillespie who brought his sons and family here from Virginia after we won our Independence from England. I got to hold it for a few moments. What a thrill I had a great time at the reunion and I am excited with that was.

At the event I met all my relatives and I got to introduce myself. They were a little more organized than

the other reunions I attended but vet they weren't. What I mean is, they took down a list of who attended that year, they recognized the youngest and the oldest attendee and those who traveled the furthest, but they weren't sure why they were attending and whom they were remembering. When I told them, I was the grandson of Alma Gillespie, my mothers mother, the daughter of Charles Plato and Drue Ella Brooks Gilof Rosman, North Carolina called Balsam Grove to lespie, the son of Jason Gillespie, whose house was the oldest remaining structure in Transylvania County and attended in a couple of years but felt I should attend the son of William Gillespie who is one of John Gillespie's, the Gunsmith/Rifle Maker, sons, some were not sure who any of those I mentioned were including John Gillespie himself. To some they were there to maintain a tradition and some were there because they were descendants of the children of John Gillespie. No one tried to present a chart of the lineage.

Heritage Day event in Rosman that weekend. I drove knew who they were remembering by there attendance at the reunion. Kirby Player, President of the Gillespie sam Grove together. While visiting the Heritage Day Reunion ask me to help him next year to make sure we event I met a man named Tom Gillespie and he had in remember all. I told him it may take a couple of years to gather the information but I would be glad to help. Like the Bolt Reunion, I want to be able to cover the walls with the descendants of John Gillespie, so every-

> one will know from whom they came.

In attendance this year was a gentleman named Perry Gillespie and his brother Val from California. Perry has been researching the Gillespie's for some years. Perry pointed out that it is believed that we were partially Irish because the Gillespie line came from the Vikings who settled on the coast of Ireland. Perry brought with him a chart that was prepared in October of 1987 by Lauralynn



Perry Gillespie from California.

Powers from Eagle Lake, TX. It is a hand-written chart with lots of information. I will help Perry verify

the prospects of connecting to more of my relatives and our genealogy.

## Anderson County Research Center What's Been Happening?

Hiram LeCroy

Cam Caldwell - Anderson, SC - searching the Prince and Moore families

Brent & Karan Reidenbach - Lortan, Va. - searching the The Green Mountain Boys disbanded more than a year before Jolly family

Justin Atkin - Honea Path - searching Atkin, Sexton, Pruitt, McCov, Murdock, Shirley and Ashley.

Virginia Mobley - Anderson working on Gross family

Kelly Guess - McDonough, Ga - searching Hix/Hicks, Caminade/Caminard/Chaminade, John Miller

John Mitchell - Anderson - searching Mitchell, Smith, Rogers, Hawthorne, and Rochester

Sherill Russ - Port St. Joe, Florida - searching Thomas and James Shockley

Jack and Terry Tinsley - Orlando, Florida - searching for Tinsley, Bazzel

Jerry Shaw - Anderson - searching for Shaw, Allen

Floyd Nalley - Old Town, Florida - searching Joseph C. Nalley

Regina Spearman - Central, SC - searching for Cartee (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia) and Aiken

William J. Millsap - West Richland, Washington searching for Cartee, Aiken - particularly 18th and 19th centuries

Brenda King - Anderson - searching for King, Nichols and Carroll

Olds Harris - Hartwell, Ga - searching for Gideon Ormsby, George Olds - Green Mountain Boy of Vermont -Revolutionary War, Vermont Grant War, Knights of the Golden Circle, Vermont Grant War.

The Green Mountain Boys were a militia organization first established in the late 1760s in the territory between the British provinces of New York and New Hampshire, known as the New Hampshire Grants and later in 1775 as the Vermont Republic (which later became the state of Vermont). Headed by Ethan Allen and members of his extended family, they were instrumental in resisting New York's attempts to control the territory, over which it had won de jure control in a territorial dispute with New Hampshire.

Some companies served in the American Revolutionary War, including notably when the Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain on May 10, 1775; and invaded Canadalater in 1775. In early June 1775, Ethan Allen and his then subordinate, Seth Warner, induced the Continental Congress at Philadelphia to create a Continental Army ranger regiment from the then New Hampshire Grants.

Edwin Poteat LeCroy, Jr. - The Hills, Texas - searching Having no treasury, the Congress directed that New York's revolutionary Congress pay for the newly authorized regiment. In July 1775, Allen's militia was granted support from the New York revolutionary Congress.

> Vermont declared its independence in 1777 from Great Britain "as separate, free and independent jurisdiction or state". The Vermont Republic operated for 14 years, before being admitted in 1791 to the United States as the 14th state.

> The remnants of the Green Mountain Boys militia were largely reconstituted as the Green Mountain Continental Rangers, Command of the newly formed regiment passed from Allen to Seth Warner. Allen joined the staff of the Northern Army of New York's Major General Philip Schuyler and was given the rank of lieutenant colonel. Under Warner the regiment fought at the battles of Hubbardton and Bennington in 1777. The regiment was disbanded in 1779.

> The Green Mountain Boys mustered again during the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Vietnam War, the Afghanistan war and the Iraq War. Today it is the informal name of the <u>Vermont National Guard</u>, which comprises both the Army and Air National Guards.

The January Meeting of the **Anderson County Chapter** Of the South Carolina Genealogical Society Has been Cancelled

## The 2018 Anderson County Genealogy EXPO

Is Currently Planned for April 28th, 2018

At the Anderson Art Center 110 Federal Street, Anderson, South Carolina

Guest Speaker will be

## Margaret McNab "Peggy" Gale

Who will enlighten us of her research on

The Moorhead Family

reminding you to take a step back out of your busy schedule and remember what is important in life.

#### Heritage

Another reason to hold a reunion is that it provides a means for younger family members to learn about their heritage. In such a case, your elders will lead the reunion with stories about the start of the family tree. Depending on your own unique heritage, you may hear personal stories about war, struggle and immigration.

#### Special Occasions

Family reunions are often sparked by anniversaries or a special birthday. For example, you may throw a reunion in honor of your grandmother's 100th birthday. Or you may get the family together to celebrate your parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

#### **Considerations**

Approximately 46 percent of families organize an annual reunion, according to genealogy.com. The most common time of year to hold a reunion is during the summer, as most people do not have as many engagements. Also, children are out of school. This way, it is more likely that family members will be able to attend. If many of your guests will have to travel to the reunion, organize it well in advance so that everyone has a chance to save money on travel expenses.

## The Ferdinand Wentzky Reunion

By Gary Farmer, Vice President, ACGS

This Newsletter would not be complete without impressive mentioning The Ferdinand Wentzky Reunion. Organ-though due to ized this year by Cindy Wentzky with the help of Frank the last minute The event was held at the organizing and Joyce Wentzky. Hammond Community Center, formerly Hammond the event. School, located in the Midway Presbyterian Church area off Crestview Road near Old Williamston Highway in Anderson, South Carolina. I was invited to at-

tend this event because I am friends with the Wentzky

family. They too call me a Wentzky wanta-be. The turn out was not



Even that didn't stop those who attended from enjoying the event and enjoying fellowship with those who were able to attend.



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#### **An Upcountry Connection!**

by Margaret McNab Gale, MLS

My grandmother, Ruth Moorhead Grist, was from Gaffney, S.C. Grandmother died when I was very young, so I don't remember her at all. I did, however, inherit some lovely antique pieces from my Moorhead grandmother's estate when my mother, Carolyn Grist McNab (her daughter) passed on.

I have tried to study the history of Gaffney in order to put together a time-line of the Moorhead family tree, although it appears that earlier Moorhead family members were from Anderson County. I just purchased a wonderful book titled <u>Anderson County South Carolina Heritage</u> published by the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. An article in that tome titled "Moorheads of Anderson County" confirms that the Moorheads first settled in the Union District in 1770.

According to family genealogy, my Moorhead direct line consists of:

- A Ruth Moorhead Grist
- Mance Mason Jolly Moorhead
- ▲ James Thomas "JT" Moorhead
- A Robert Moorhead
- ▲ William Moorhead
- John Torey Moorhead
- A William Moorhead

I found an online citation on the "findagrave.com" web site from the State Newspaper for Friday, January 19,1912, that offered some insight into one of my ancestors: James

Thomas Moorhead Birth: Jun. 29, 1839 Union County

South Carolina, USA Death:

Jan. 16, 1912 Union County South Carolina, USA

Husband of Nancy Ann Brown Moorhead. Son of Robert Moorhead & Rebecca Pridemore Moorhead.

### 130 West Road, Belton, SC

#### By Linda Rogers

Joel Towers Rice built this house in 1915, for his daughter, Daisy Dean Rice, and her husband, Howard A. Littlejohn. They lived here with their four children: Charles Milton Littlejohn, Daisy Dean Littlejohn, Howard Andrew Littlejohn, Jr., and Enoch Blair Rice Littlejohn, for 11 years, before moving to Florida.

Joel Towers Rice, who was on the School Board, rented the house in 1926 to the new School Superintendent, Stanmore Brooks Marshall II and his wife, Caroline Wideman Marshall. The Marshalls lived here with their five children: Stanmore Brooks Marshall III (Stan, who rescued John F. Kennedy in the Pacific after the PT109 was lost), Anna Marshall, James Wideman (Buck) Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall (who married Rufus B. Keys, Jr.) and Harrison Marshall. Brooks died of pneumonia after an outing in 1939, and the family moved out shortly thereafter.

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## Waverly "Dan" Love

October 27, 1933 - November 17, 2017

## Obituary for Waverly "Dan" Love

Waverly Daniel Love, age 84, passed away on November 17, 2017, at Rainey Hospice House surrounded by his beloved family.

Born in Love's Mill, VA, on October 27, 1933, he was the son of the late Waverly Vaughn Love and the late Mary Elizabeth Love. Dan was specialized in aviation beginning with Piedmont Airlines in which he served for 15 years. After attending college he began his career as an Air Traffic Controller where he retired after 28 years of service. He had many honorable affiliations: NARFE member, Foster Care Review Board, and Men's Sunday School Class at Trinity United Methodist Church where he was a dedicated member who also helped run the

church sound system. Dan and his wife Lillie Love were members of the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. He loved square dancing and was a devoted father and grandfather who will be truly missed.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 64½ years, Lillie Saunders Love; a son, Robert Waverly Love (Sandy) of Murfreesboro, TN; daughters, Gay Love McLeskey (Mac) of Anderson, SC, and Ann Love Owens (Doug) of Abbeville, SC; grandchildren, John, Jason, and Joseph Brushwood; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, David Edward Love; and one great-grandson, Andrew Brushwood.

The family had a private entombment service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum. The Celebration of Life was held on Friday, December 1, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Mary Teasley and Rev. Bob Carlisle officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 1809 N. Main St., Anderson, SC 29621 or to Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Rd., Anderson, SC 29621.

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Joel Towers Rice died in 1929, while the Marshall's still The Loves sold the house in 1990, after living here for 21 lived in the house. The estate sold the house to Charles M. years, to Roger and Victoria Ellison. They raised two chil-Horton and his wife Mary Seline (Senie) Knight Horton, in dren, Rachel and Ross, and sold the home after 24 years, to 1929. The deed indicated the property included the "Daisy us, Vance and Linda Rogers, in 2014. Rice Littlejohn house". Their family moved into the house in 1940, after the Marshalls moved out. They had five chil-

dren: Charles Mattison Horton, Jr., Ozey Knight Horton, James Edward Horton, Pelham Horton and Sarah Seline Horton (Garvin). Senie Horton passed away in 1966. One of their grandsons visits here every year from the west coast and tells us about the wonderful dinners the whole family had every Sunday at Grandma and Grandpa's house!

The house was sold to James Doyle Love and Patsy Lou Stroud Love in 1966. James was a high school agriculture teacher and the Assistant Farm Director for Radio Station WFAA in Dallas, TX, before moving here. He went to work for Belton Industries and retired from there after over 32 years of service. They raised three children here: Sally Love, Suzanne Love (Broome), and C. Alan (Rita) Broome. I'm sure we can thank James and Patsy (who was an avid gardener) for all the beautiful azaleas, dogwoods, camellias, red buds and other plantings on the property!

We are proud to be the fifth caretakers of this wonderful old farm house that quietly celebrated its 102d birthday this year.



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### The Phillips Reunion:

By Shirley Selman Phillips

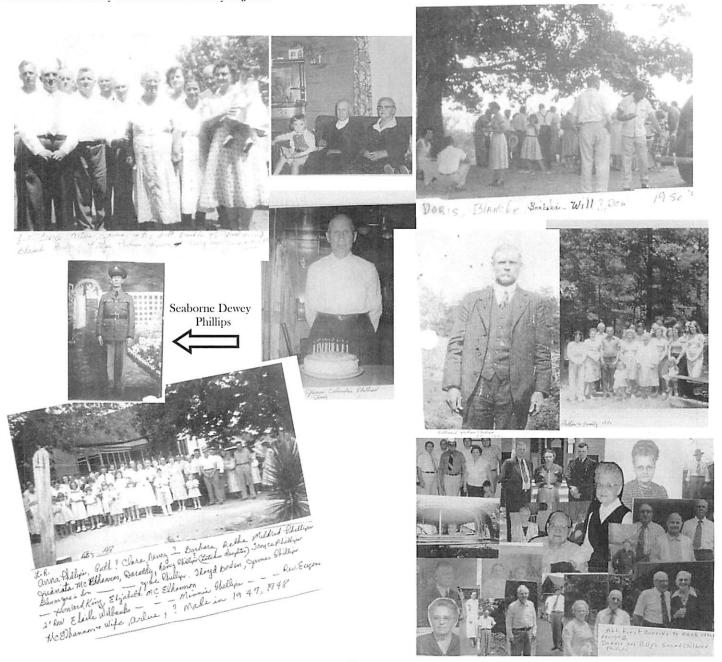
The Phillips Reunion was started with a Birthday dinner years ago for James Columbus "Lum" Phillips. Even though it began with a birthday celebration the Reunion was for anyone that was a descendant of Dennis Nelson Phillips, Lum's father.

Lum Phillips passed away in 1973, but the celebration of his birthday continued at the Victoria Bryant Park near Franklin Springs, Georgia for many years. The Phillips Reunion has since moved to River Heights Church, now known as The Church of Anderson, on River Heights Circle located behind the South Carolina Highway Department, just off U.S. 29 in Anderson, South Carolina.

Lois Phillips Burdette, granddaughter of Lum Phillips, and her husband Harold Burdette continued having the Phillips Reunion. In 2012, Harold Burdette passed away and Lois Phillips Burdette suffered from heat exhaustion. Today Lois is assisted by her daughter, Beth Bailey, who helps prepare for the annual reunion.

Larry Todd Phillips, my husband of 51 years, is the son of Seaborne Dewey Phillips who is the son Nathaniel Jackson "Nasa" Phillips, who is the son of Dennis Nelson Phillips who is also the father of Lum Phillips, whom, of course, we celebrate his birthday each year. I believe that the Phillips Reunion is a celebration of the descendants of J. Thomas Phillips who had fought in the Revolutionary War as part of the North Carolina Militia.

The reunion is usually held the first Sunday in June.



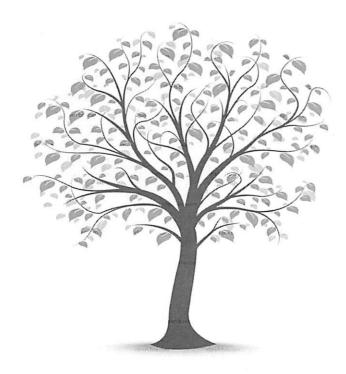
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