

# THE ANDERSON RECORD

## *The Intelligencer, January 4, 1883*

### **Christmas in Anderson**

The Christmas of 1882 has come and gone, and we venture there never was a more pleasant or quiet celebration of the holidays in Anderson.

The Ordinance of the City Council against shooting fireworks on the public streets was vigorously enforced, and the boys, therefore, could not herald the approach of Christmas with the usual popping of crackers. For several days some of them were disposed to rebel against this action of the Council, and occasionally, after dark, a few packs of crackers would be fired on the streets. The police were very vigilant, however, and soon had two or three cases for the Mayor, who imposed a fine of \$25 each, which immediately put a quietus on shooting fireworks of any sort on the public streets. The Council, however, granted the privilege of shooting fireworks on private premises. The boys, therefore, stayed at home to pop their crackers, and the streets were free from the usual noise.

All business was suspended during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and everybody seemed intent on having a merry Christmas—especially the young people. Dances, sociables, calling, hunting, shooting matches and the like were freely indulged in.

Nearly every family, we presume, had their Christmas turkey, and enjoyed the pleasure of entertaining their relatives or friends.

Notwithstanding the fact that the saloons were open all the time, and everybody seemed to have plenty of money, we do not think we have ever seen less drunkenness or boisterousness during

any holiday occasion in Anderson. It was only now and then that you would meet an intoxicated man, and the police, therefore, had very little to do. Anderson can afford to congratulate herself upon the entire absence of any serious casualty of a pugilistic nature. In fact, we did not hear of a single combat in the city, nor have we heard of a single accident resulting from the use of fireworks. This, we think, is remarkable, especially the former, which of itself speaks well for Anderson.

## *The Intelligencer, December 17, 1925*

### **YORK COUNTY MOONSHINERS PREPARING FOR MUCH TRADE ON CHRISTMAS, STILLS CAPTURED INDICATE**

York, Dec. 15 —That York county moonshiners are trying their best to give their customers a wet Christmas and that the rural police are every bit as determined to make it dry as a desert, is evidenced by the capture of six stills during the last few days. The imminence of the Christmas holiday period always stirs the blockaders to fresh efforts to supply the trade along this time, and many of them are nabbed by the active “rurals.”

The six distilling plants just bagged were located in various parts of the county. Time was when nearly all the ‘shiners plied their trade in rough and rugged Kings Mountain township, but that is a thing of the past. The art of converting corn into “lightning” is now practiced not only in the mountain section but in the level lands of Catawba and other eastern townships.

One of the stills was found west of Sharon, two

near Smyrna, one in the Battleground section, one near Rock Hill and one almost in the town of Ebenezer. Several of the stills were first class copper outfits, and among with them large quantities of mash were found and emptied. The finished product was not in evidence—the ‘shiners don’t leave it around, evidently believing it is better to be safe than sorry.

The Ebenezer still was unique from the fact that it was an underground affair, something absolutely new in York moonshining annals. About six feet deep, all the sides were nicely cemented, with an aperture at the top two feet square for an entrance. In the subterranean retreat, snug as a bug in a rug, the moonshiners had been making liquor for a long time. Officers had suspected that there was a still in the vicinity but had been unable to locate it, the entrance being covered with brush. An oil stove was used in making the whiskey.

### ***The Intelligencer, January 18, 1883***

The carpenters of the city anticipate another building boom during the coming Spring and Summer. If Anderson continues to build up during the next two years like she has done the past two, she will not only be a city in name, but in reality. There is plenty of room for building, and a demand for them, too. As soon as a new house is completed, the owner readily finds an occupant for it. Every citizen who has a few dollars to invest, should purchase building lots and immediately improve them. Let every one endeavor to make Anderson what she ought to be, and intends being—the leading city of upper South Carolina.

### ***The Intelligencer, November 17, 1914***

Belton is a synonymous of the words growth and progress. Twelve years ago the town of Belton was a mere country village with, perhaps 500 or 600 population. That about describes the Belton of

twelve years ago, but those few hundred people believed in Belton—they realized that the town was located to good advantage, situated in the richest section of the State, and that Belton could not help becoming a town of importance, and they went to work to build Belton. As a result the town’s growth has been something marvelous. In just twelve years this population has doubled, doubled again, and still it has doubled another time. From the little village of about 500 or 600 people, Belton has grown to be a little city, with a population of something like 5,000 people.

The town of Belton is backed up by the finest and most fertile farming section in all of the Piedmont belt, and its elevation, being 980 feet above the sea-level, or the highest point in South Carolina, south of the mountains, gives it a climate that is ideal. It is never too hot in summer and in winter the weather is never extremely cold.

Belton owns its own waterworks, and furnished the town people pure artesian water. The town has the only concrete standpipe in the State, and one of the few in the South. It is 155 feet high and holds more than 160,000 gallons. The very best fire protection is furnished the business and resident sections.

The Belton Power Company, whose plant is located just out of the town a few miles, on the Saluda River, can furnish power in any unit. This company furnished power for the mills in Belton and Williamston lights the town of Belton and Williamston, and had plenty of surplus power to spare any number of small manufactures that may be located here.

There is no city or town in South Carolina that has better railroad facilities than has Belton. Belton is the junctional point for the Southern Railway, C. & G. division and the Blue Ridge Railway. It is the terminal point for the Blue Ridge. Belton is connected with Anderson, Spartanburg, Greenville,

and Greenwood by Trolley. This electrical road known as the Piedmont and Northern Lines give Belton capital service. You can get a car out of Belton to any of the above town(s) almost any time of the day.

There are now 85 different trains and trolleys on which one may get into and out of Belton every day. Belton is designated to become the most important freight and traffic centre in the upper section of the State, and one of the most important in the entire Sate.

The Belton Mills, with 60,000 spindles, are among the most prosperous in the State, and it is at Belton Mills that the best operatives home in the State are found.

Belton has the only Turkish towel factory in the State—the Blair Mills.

Belton has four prosperous banks, representing more than a quarter of a million dollars.

For several years the famous Belton hotel, known at Hotel Geer, with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Geer as proprietors, has been and is now, the most popular hotel in the upper section of the Sate, and it is here that traveling men meet to spend their weekends.

Belton has two splendid graded schools and handsome buildings for white children. Belton graded school number one has a high school department. Prof. J. B. Watkins, an educator of Statewide reputation, is superintendent of this school.

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Belton has ????? automobile garages, ice plants, Coca-Cola bottling works, oil mills and cotton gin. The town has a Civic League. This band of ladies are always doing something of a permanent nature for Belton and her people. Belton has a library—the library is part of the work of the Civic League.

The Belton Journal, together with its job plant department, is one of the best newspaper and job plants to be found in any medium sized town in the South.

If you are honest and energetic, Belton needs you; and if you want to succeed, you need Belton and its advantages.



#### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to wish our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have enjoyed being your president for the last four (4) years.

I would also like to thank everyone for all the help this year in keeping your membership up to date, attending our meetings, and the occasional donation to the Chapter to help cover our expenses. The donations are greatly appreciated. They help pay for books we need and to keep the computers and software up to date for our members to use for research on their ancestors.

To those that come in to help run the research room, thank you, thank you, thank you. If you have time available to donate, please schedule time to come in and watch over the research room. This allows us to let the regular volunteers to take some time off.

Shirley Phillips, President 2016-2019



George Washington Haynie, 69, husband of Linda Stephens Haynie of 27 years, died Thursday, November 7, 2019 at his residence.

Born in Belton, he was the son of the late Jasper Vernon Haynie, Sr. and Frances Palmer

Haynie. He was a member of Neals Creek Baptist Church. He was a homebuilder for over 40 years building in New Orleans and Virginia Beach, before coming home to establish Sunny South Builders in Belton. He was an avid family historian and loved his family. He loved his pets, Lady and Duchess, loved to travel and to read and most of all was known for his huge sense of humor and playing pranks.

Surviving in addition to his wife of the home are: son, Alex Haynie (Melissa) of Belton; daughter, Meredith Haynie LaRock of St. Louis; brother, David Haynie of Suisun City, CA; sister, Lois Smith (Tommie) of Anderson; grandchildren, Caroline and Charlie Haynie, and Aubrey and Trey LaRock.

His brothers, Jasper Vernon Haynie, Jr., and Jasper Browne Haynie preceded him in death.

Service will be held 2pm Saturday at Neals Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Jason Dorriety and Rev. Delano McMinn officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6pm until 8pm Friday at Cox Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital.

The family will be at the residence.



Juanita B. Garrison

Anderson, SC - Hazel Juanita Bartlett Garrison, age 86, of Denver Downs Farm, Anderson, SC, and the wife of the late former state senator T. Ed Garrison, died Thursday, September 5, 2019.

Mrs. Garrison was born January 22, 1933, in Houston County, Georgia, the only child of James Colson Bartlett and Hazel Arrowood Bartlett. She joined Cochran First Baptist Church and was baptized when she was 14. She grew up in Cochran, GA., graduated from Cochran High School, Middle Georgia College, and the University of Georgia in 1953, with a degree in Journalism.

In the summer between her junior and senior year at the University she worked for the Thomaston Times in Thomaston, GA and following graduation she worked on the news desk of the Sylvester (GA) Local and the Albany (GA) Herald before moving to Seneca where she worked as news editor of the Seneca Journal Tribune.

While there she was introduced to a young farmer from Anderson. They were married May 8, 1955, and were married 58 years until his death June 16, 2013. Following that she worked briefly in the advertising department for the Anderson Independent and Daily Mail. Over the years she taught school in one-year sessions between children in Anderson School districts 4 and 5, taught journalism at Anderson College, and taught adults with the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

For a few years she wrote a monthly gardening

column "Growing a Garden" for the Greenville News and for many years wrote "My Country Garden" a weekly column appearing in several area papers. In the 1990's she began the semi-monthly column "My Country Garden" in the Anderson Independent Mail and the monthly "Sunday Dinner" column in the S.C. Baptist Courier. She was author of the Welcome Baptist Church History, the Arrowood Family History, an etiquette book and several cook books.

Over the years Mrs. Garrison has been active in many organizations including the Electric City Garden Club, the Anderson Genealogical Society, the Foothills Writers Guild, the S.C. Master Farm Homemakers, S.C. Flower Show Judges, and others. She was a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout leader, a 4-H leader, a Camp Fire Girls leader, a G.A. leader, and taught Sunday School, off and on for more than 50 years at Welcome Baptist Church. Mrs. Garrison was named Clemson University Mother of the Year in 1996 and was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent in 2018.

Mrs. Garrison is survived by five children: Carol Gaye Garrison Sprague and her husband Craig Joel Sprague, their son James Edmond Sprague, his wife Mary Eads Sprague, and their children James Colson Sprague, Reid Hardaway Sprague, and Mary Caroline Sprague of Greenville; Thomas Edmond Garrison III and his wife Angela Hancock Garrison of Anderson and their two daughters, Leigh Abigail Garrison Coleman and her husband Adam Benjamin Coleman and Lillian Bartlett Garrison of Greenville; Anita Lee Garrison Smith and her husband Ronald Winston Smith and their two children Emily McPhail Smith of Washington, DC and Garrison McNeil Smith of Clemson; Elizabeth Reid Garrison Rasor and her husband Jake Rasor III, and their children Mary Catherine Garrison Rasor and Jake Rasor IV

of Greenville; and Catherine Anne Garrison Davis and her husband Mark Stephen Davis and their sons, Tillman Garrison Davis and James Daniel Davis of Mt. Pleasant.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Garrison was preceded in death by a son James Bartlett (Bart) Garrison in 1990, and a grandson Benjamin Garrison Sprague in 2007.



#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / UPDATE**

In the back of this quarter's newsletter is a Membership Application. If you have not paid your 2020 membership dues, please fill out this application and mail it or bring it in to the Research Center along with a check for your dues and any donation amount you would like to make.

**Note:** If you have not paid your 2019 Dues, these must be paid by March 1, 2020, in order to keep your membership active.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*The Carolyn Duncan Research Room*

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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.*

Surname, Given	Locations (City or County)	Dates

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MEETINGS—Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at Senior Solutions, 3420 Clemson Blvd., Anderson, SC.

Programs are presented that are of interest to genealogy researchers. Check the website for program topic(s). Come early and discuss your family research with our members.

Refreshments are provided prior to the program, however Members are encouraged to bring food items.

All Regular Meetings are open to the public.

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