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## STEWART REUNION

The 100<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Walter Stewart Clan will be held during the weekend of August 11-12, 2007 at several churches in Fountain Inn, SC. Walter Stewart (ca. 1752-1825) and his wife Mary Ross came from Northern Ireland in 1788 to settle in Laurens County near Musgrove Mill on the Enoree River. Walter had seven sons whose descendents scattered to mostly southern and western states.

The festivities will begin on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at historic Fairview Presbyterian Church and will include a showing of a narrative CD of locations relating to the Stewart clan, a DNA presentation and results, and group visits to local cemeteries. It will conclude with a supper that night.

On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the clan will gather at 10:30 am at New Harmony Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn for a group photo in front of the church in the same manner that the attendees did in 1907. The attendees will receive a ribbon and a commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin in the same fashion of those in 1907. From there, the clan will assemble next door in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for the clan meeting, historical updates and a role-play of Scynthia Catherine Stewart by Cathy Kaemmerien. Scynthia wrote about the War Between the States including the capture several times of her father, W.W. Stewart, and his experiences in a local mill in Georgia. Picnic lunch will follow. More details at [www.walterstewart.org](http://www.walterstewart.org).

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## Editor's Note::

There is still time to register for the SC Summer Workshop held in Columbia at the SC Archives and History Center. But if you decide at the last minute to go, registration will only be \$5.00 more at the day. For the wide array of speakers, this is still a bargain. Included in your newsletter are a registration blank and the agenda for the two days. If, however, you want to go just for one day, that can be done also. There are numerous places to go for lunch if you did not have time to register for one. Carolyn Duncan and a few others are going to man the Registration Desk. So, you will see familiar faces when you arrive. Our books will also be on sale.

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Anderson County Cemetery Book 3 by Anne Sheriff is now available for those that do not have it. The price is \$25.00. It is a wonderful addition to our Cemetery Books.

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Our books are also available at the Carolina Room at the Anderson County Public Library.

## **President's Message : by Jim Harper**

This continues to be an extremely busy time of the year for our Chapter. Last year we accepted the challenge to do a history of the families of Anderson County that is culminating in the first book of this type ever done for this area. Our book title is *Anderson County, South Carolina, Heritage Book* and to date we have over 350 family articles not including the church, education and celebrity sections, etc., that will give us 400 pages for our first endeavor. To accomplish this, we have our Book Committee and other equally valuable volunteers from our Chapter that have written, retyped, edited and proofed the various articles. Our concern at first was if we would have enough stories to do a 200 page book, but with the support of our Chapter, community and county, this has surpassed our expectations. We had to extend our deadline from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> because of the tremendous response from everyone and with the help of Dr. **Hunter's** articles in our local newspaper that were published in April, we received some very valuable advertising and support. The committee continues working on other sections of the book that will be completed in time for us to have the book in hand by December, and will make an excellent Christmas gift! Put your order in now if you haven't already done so. The publication cost of the book is \$65.00 plus shipping costs. We have surpassed our original goal of 350 books by selling over 600 books to date. Thanks to everyone for helping us make this successful!

Another thing that has affected the Chapter in the last few weeks is the loss of anticipated office space at the Land House. This was brought about because of the additional cost of \$50,000 imposed on Anderson Heritage with whom we were to share office space, in order to comply with county requirements, the project has been discontinued. All our "stuff" that has been donated or acquired for an office, has been moved into temporary storage.

But we are not out of the running because of the above circumstances, another opportunity has been given to us by meeting very minimum requirements. Two of our members, our past president, Carolyn **Duncan** along with Sue **Brewer**, went to our Visitor's Center located at 110 Federal Street, Suite 8, talked with the staff and made arrangements so that we could get an appointment to talk with Glenn **Brill**, the Executive Director. The results from our meeting were that we will have a corner of a storage room off the main desk area at the Visitor's Center for our office. In order to make this a win-win for both the Center and our Chapter, we have tentatively agreed to have a minimum of one person, preferably two, to work the desk each Saturday from 9 AM until 2 PM. In addition to the office space, we will have an online computer that will connect with the Center's system for visitors to do research. Each volunteer will be trained by Mr. Brill to handle questions from visitors, such as historic places to visit, places to eat, etc. In order to make it easy on everyone, Mr. Brill has a training notebook with tabs that can be used to answer most questions. Now, how easy is that? We have to commit to manning the Visitors Center and to volunteer time on a regular basis to make this project successful. If we could get a minimum of 8 volunteers, we could set up a rotating schedule and each person would only have to work one Saturday each month. By having the two persons, one could stay at the desk for questions and the other could work in the research area. Please volunteer for this project, we need the space, but especially the exposure for our Chapter. Call Visitor Center Coordinator, Nita **Jones**, at 352-6556 or me at 287-4716.

Another high point for the Chapter is that this year, we have the most members ever since we organized in 1988, a total of 142. The book project was a part of the reason for the additional growth, but primarily we are getting the exposure we have needed in the past to contact the public and let them know there is a genealogy club that meets on a regular basis and has the goal of helping people research their families and to exchange research information. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Chapter!

One of the major changes in the last few months was in where we were having our monthly meetings. The LDS Church graciously let us use their facilities for a number of years, but because of their religious obligations and the night we meet, we had to look for another place. Our new place is at the Anderson County Library on McDuffie Street in Rooms A & B, still on the first Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Our June meeting was held at Neals Creek Baptist Church for our annual covered dish dinner. The members brought at least one covered dish that when combined with the others, was a feast for everyone. Each year we select a different church and they graciously supply the facilities plus as a part of the program, have one of their members give us the history of their church. You can read about Neals Creek's history in this newsletter. This special treat for our June meeting was accomplished by members of the church that volunteered their time not only to open the room, but to arrange the tables and clean up afterwards. We are very thankful for the support we receive from our volunteers, no matter how much or how little of their time they give us, every minute is appreciated and very valuable to each of us.

Thanks to each and every member and volunteer for your continued support.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Grace Alene **Callaham**: 313 Calhoun Road, Belton, SC 29627 Ph:(864)338-7290  
Researching **Check** in Anderson and Eastanollee, GA, **Stewart and Hullett** in Clover, SC

#### QUERY:

Have anyone heard of a home in Anderson called the **Silcox House**? This would be about the time of the Civil War. (2) Was there ever a **Charles LeRoy Gaillard Plantation** in your area? This question is about the same timeline as the first question.

Thank you for any help that you are able to give. Sincerely, Anne Dodenhoff, President  
Charleston Chapter, SCGS, P.O. Box 20266, Charleston, SC 29413-0266

## Neals Creek Baptist Church 1803-2003 By Church Historian Doris McKinley

Neal's Creek Church was organized March 19, 1803, out of a colony coming from Big Creek Baptist Church, her charter members numbering 84. The first pastor was Moses Holland, a noted pioneer Baptist minister who was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, November 17, 1758. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to General Washington at Yorktown. With his wife and two children, Moses Holland came to South Carolina and settled on the banks of the Saluda River. In 1788, he organized Big Creek Church, the mother church.

Reverend Holland served Neals Creek from the time of its organization in 1803 until September 8, 1829, a period of 26 years, resulting in a strong membership who exerted a savory influence of the entire community of Belton and Anderson County.

Following the death of Moses Holland, Reverend Robert King, known in later years as "Uncle Bobby" and William McGee were called jointly to fill the position that one man had held before. In the next year, 1830, they baptized 160 converts and during 1833, without any revival or "protracted meeting," they baptized 219 converts including two Cherokee Indians, Francis and Marion Morgan.

"Uncle Bobby" had no formal education. His wife taught him to read after he started preaching. For 50 years he served many churches in Anderson County and on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, January 1, 1879, he passed away and asked to be buried directly under the pulpit of the second church building.

The Church has had a great building program. When the need arose for a parsonage in 1959, a nice brick-veneer building was erected. In 1962, the members voted to construct an educational building. It was completed and used for the first time in 1963, a year after the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church's founding. In 1984, Furman "Mac" McCoy, Jr., son of the foreman who remodeled the church and built Sunday School rooms in 1939, presented the church with plans for a new Sanctuary. The ground breaking featured three of the oldest members, Mrs. Ruby Rutledge, Mrs. Kathleen Hall, and Mr. W.H. Brock. In May of 1985, the church met for the last time in the old sanctuary and marched into the new one singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." In April of 1999, a new roof was purchased for the Church and Education building and it was three years old when a fire damaged the upstairs of the Education building and caused minor damage to the bottom floor and the Sanctuary, causing it all to be repaired.

The Church has been grateful to receive a bequest from the estate of Bill and Susie Brock, long time members. In 1998, the church purchased a new van, bought choir robes, renovated the church nursery, made repairs to the parsonage, purchased a new computer and software for the office and added additional microphones. The bequest also provided money to be placed in the Fellowship Building Fund and an endowed Scholarship to Anderson University in their name.

Neals Creek helped to establish five mission churches from their membership, Dorchester Baptist, Long Branch Baptist, Eureka Baptist, Welfare Baptist and Triangle Baptist. The Church celebrated its Bicentennial in 2003. Reverend Chad Bowen is the present pastor.

## THREE PROMINENT MEN OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Submitted by James Harper from the 1896 Souvenir edition of the Anderson Intelligencer

### **J.A. Brock**

Mr. James Albert Brock, President of the Bank of Anderson, was the second son of the late Mr. \_\_\_ Brock, and was born at Honea Path in this county. He received his early education and training at the schools in this State and made rapid advances in every department. At an early age he embarked in the mercantile business, and his first venture proved a great success. Some time after, however, he was offered the position of Auditor of the Columbia & Greenville Railroad, now a branch of the Southern system, and held that office for some time, proving to be eminently qualified for all the duties connected with that position. At the time the (rail)road was not on a very firm basis financially, and much credit of its later success is due to the unflinching labors of Mr. Brock.

When the National Bank of Anderson was organized in 1872, Mr. Brock was unanimously elected cashier, which was his first work in a bank. Under his able management this institution had remarkable success, attaining third rank among the banks of the South as to book value of its stock. Mr. Brock continued in the office of cashier until the bank went into voluntary liquidation in 1891, when he was unanimously elected President and still holds that position.

He is also President of the Anderson Cotton Mills and of the Anderson Oil and Fertilizer Company. He is connected with almost every enterprise in the City of Anderson, and is a director of the Port Royal and Western Carolina Railway Company.

Few men have had a brighter career, and which then was based on their own merits, than J.A. Brock. He began life as a merchant on a very small scale, but by close attention to business and his fine business qualities, he rapidly forged himself to the front, and in this respect today is one of the leaders in South Carolina. His business career has been marked with unusual activity and success, and his life is characterized by integrity and usefulness in a prominent degree, in every sphere of duty-his church, of which he is an active and official member, not excepted.

Mr. Brock has won for himself the confidence and esteem of every citizen of Anderson, and no man has taken more interest in the welfare and up-building of the city than himself. This has been one of the means of his great success, and what he has done has been without any outside help.

### **Mr. B.F. Mauldin**

Mr. B.F. Mauldin, Cashier of the Bank of Anderson, was born at Calhoun, Anderson County, in 1850. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Williamston, where he attended the schools in that place until he was sixteen years of age. He then entered Furman University and spent two years in that institution.

After leaving school, Mr. Mauldin accepted a position as clerk in the office of Assessor of Integral Investment of Anderson, and went to Columbia when the office was removed to that place in 1892. The name was then changed to the Bank of Anderson, and Mr. Mauldin went as Cashier, which position he still continues to hold.

During his long service with the banking institutions of Anderson, Mr. Mauldin has always striven to give entire satisfaction to all those with whom he has to deal, and that is one reason of his great popularity with the business men today.

He is a Director of the Bank, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Anderson Oil Mill and a large stockholder in a number of other home enterprises. He has always been identified with the interest and welfare of the city of Anderson, and is one of the most enterprising business men. He is a member of the Baptist Church and takes an active interest in church and Sunday school work.

### **Dr. F.T. Wilhite**

Dr. F.T. Wilhite was born at Anderson, March 16, 1857, and was educated mainly under Prof. W.J. Ligon. He received a good English education, and at an early age began the study of pharmacy. He began under his father, the late Dr. P.A. Wilhite, and received a certificate from the Pharmaceutical Association of South Carolina, June 12, 1879, and graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1886. In this connection it might be well to copy the letter he received from G.W. Hunt, of that institution, dated August 9, 1886. Mr. Hunt wrote:

“I now take pleasure in sending your average junior ratings for the summer session of 1886; Pharmacy, 9.62; chemistry, 9.84; materia medica, 96; general average 96.87. This is a very fine rating, indeed, and you came within four one hundredths of taking the junior prize.”

Dr. Wilhite also graduated from the National Institute of Pharmacy, Sept. 1, 1888, which requires two years of close study to graduate. Examinations are held every two weeks, and the course is closed by a general review and a final examination of the entire course. Owing to a spell of sickness, Dr. Wilhite missed several of the examinations, but at the final test came off third in a class of one hundred students.

He began the drug business as a partner of his father in 1879, under the name of Wilhite & Wilhite, which continues to the present date. They carry the largest stock, perhaps, in the city, the store room being 120 feet by 60 feet, with a basement. They carry beside drugs not compounded, a supply of patent medicines, which they buy in very large quantities, and sell medicines compounded, by themselves and have gained a great superiority throughout the United States, and are regularly quoted in all of the Eastern markets. They handle also paints, varnishes, oils, etc. and a complete line of druggists sundries.

They have a large jobbing business in the adjacent towns, which has been steadily increasing for years. This firm stands foremost among the drug firms in the upper part of the State.

Dr. Wilhite is identified with many of the leading industries of the town. He was the moving spirit in the building of the Hotel Chiquola, of which he is vice-president, having declined the presidency. He is a director of the Opera House, and has stock in most of the other enterprises in town. Dr. Wilhite had a great deal to do with the building of the Masonic Temple, which is one of the handsomest buildings in the city. He has served as Alderman, and is a public spirited citizen in its broadest sense. He is always ready to take a hand in anything that will help advance the business interest of Anderson.

#### APRIL ABBREVIATED MINUTES:

The Anderson County Chapter of South Carolina met Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Anderson County Library on North McDuffie Street. There were 39 members and guests present. President called the meeting to order and the Chaplain gave the invocation. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer gave a report of \$7,368.62 in the checking account plus the CD at SunTrust for a total of \$17,368.62.

Jane Kowalski, financial agent for the South Carolina Humanities Grant, sent a report by Jean Hoag giving the total balance of \$962.86

Sue Brewer, publication chairman and webmaster, has the release to publish Volume 3 of the Cemetery Books. The chapter will now have for sale volumes 1-9. A motion was made by Joyce Fields to publish Book 3 and the motion carried.

Sue also gave a report of the Heritage Book. She has 550 articles. She asked members to contact family to submit stories. We need at least that more. Jim urged members that their articles must be turned in by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. William Hunter will devote an entire column on the Heritage Book to the Anderson Independent-Mail newspaper on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ads for the Heritage Book are for sale and encouraged members to ask their friends. Shirley Galloway gave details on different sections of the book Most of her articles were histories. Jean Hoag said 263 books had been sold at this time.

The program chairman gave a program on the dos and don'ts of publishing a family history, Herb Hendricks also gave useful tips on websites and resources.

#### MAY ABBREVIATED MEETINGS:

The chapter met May 7, at the Anderson County Library with 46 members and guest present. Meeting called to order and invocation given. Minutes of April were read and approved. Among the guests was Mercedes Brown whose phone number was inadvertently printed on 5000 brochures. Carolyn apologized to her. Jean Hoag gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$6,560.60 in checking account.

The Heritage Book report was given. The total number of books sold was 351. Shirley Galloway, book committee chairman, has 350 family stories. Book Committee members were asked to stand and be recognized for the hours they have volunteered. She also described how the Heritage Book would be divided into sections and how it would be arranged in the book. To have the book back in time for Christmas, the articles would need to be turned in to the publisher in June.

Jim has been approached by several people to reprint the Chiquola booklet that he researched with Beth Klosky. He would like for the chapter to print the booklet and sell it to make money for the chapter. Jim will contact the real estate company that is refurbishing the hotel about purchasing copies to be given as a souvenir at their grand opening. Motion was made that the booklet be printed and the motion carried.

Ed Hillhouse is talking to the Historical Society about purchasing 49 Heritage Books for the schools. Both groups together should be able to afford that funding. He will have more details later.

Margaret Cole was the speaker with a program about the detailed research to become a DAR member. Margaret gave a detailed report and included a handout. Next meeting to be at Neals Creek Baptist church on June 11, 2007.

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