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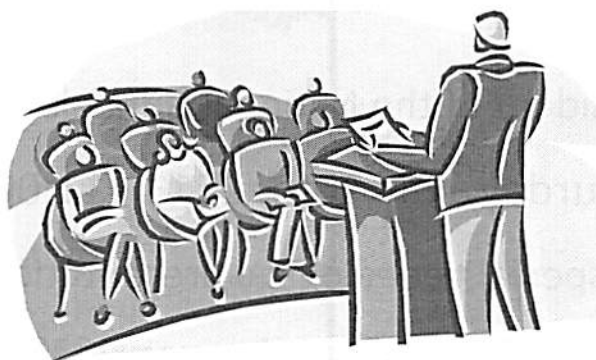
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### *Message from Chapter President*

Spring and summer bring good days to spend a work day at your family cemetery.....also a good day for cemetery research. "Find a Grave" is a research web-site that offers local as well as national information on cemeteries and graves.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended and of great interest.....also a time of fellowship. Please come early and remain for refreshments and more talk with fellow researchers.

Kind and gentle days,  
Harley Feltman, Jr.



### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

The location for our ACGS meetings is the Senior Solutions Center, located near the old Social Security Office in Market Place Cinema Senior Center at 3420 Clemson Blvd., behind Red Lobster Restaurant. The meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments are provided.

For our **May** program, **Brian Scott** will present his latest discoveries regarding area cemeteries and the information he has collected for his Facebook page. **Brian** majored in History and received his Master of Public Administration from Clemson.

For the **June** program, **Attorney Jack McIntosh** will present a program on **The History of the Gullah Language**. Jack has a Gullah library and is a local expert on the **Gullah** language and tradition. He will also present some readings in the Gullah dialect.

As for July—**no meeting** will be held; but a **Bleckley Inn Brunch on July 20**, with **Ms. Jan Alpert**, Past President of the National Genealogical Society presenting "*Discover How Your Grandparents Met, and Unlock New Clues such as Finding Maiden Names.*" **It is first-paid, first-served** so whoever gets in line first gets to attend. The Bleckley Inn is located at 151 East Church Street in downtown Anderson, SC. Please **make your check payable to ACC, SCGS and mail to P. O. Box 74, Anderson, SC 29622-0074.**

Note: If you would like to recommend a speaker, please contact Kay Burns at [kaywillisburns@yahoo.com](mailto:kaywillisburns@yahoo.com).

# Brunch at the Bleckley Inn

The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina  
Genealogical Society presents

*Jan Alpert*



Past President of the National Genealogical Society

Saturday, July 20th, 2013 11:00 AM

for a special genealogical presentation called

**“Discover How Your Grandparents Met, and Unlock  
New Clues such as Finding Maiden Names”**

\$15.00 per person,

includes Buffet Brunch and Presentation

Spaces are limited

**The Bleckley Inn is located at 151 East Church Street in  
downtown Anderson, SC.**

Name(s) of those attending \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Genealogy Research Center

## Murder, Madness, and Mayhem...Skeletons in the Ancestral Closet

by Kay Willis Burns



If you've been on the genealogical jaunt for any length of time, you've probably discovered some branches of your family tree that you would love to prune. If among those branches you've discovered thieves, lunatics, & scoundrels....congratulations! You've got lots of company! In time, you may actually develop an affinity for your misguided kin...characters who may have ended up in prison, a mental institution, or –God forbid- Anderson County politics. Although many of us often discover these family members while forging our path to ancestral discovery, there are others who discover them quite accidentally, even when they are mere children. Such was the case for my husband, Rusty, who learned of his ancestor decades after details of her infamous actions had graced the pages of newspapers across the country...newspapers like The New York Times...

Growing up in Edgefield, South Carolina, Rusty loved to read. He had a special affinity for history, particularly the history of World War II. His father, after all, had served in the Navy during the war. When he was just ten years old, Rusty discovered some old newspapers from the 1940's in a barn that belonged to his grandparents. This was a special 'find' for him because he could, now, read

the day-by-day accounts of what had happened during the war. But as he read the papers, he came to realize that there was something quite curious about them. All of the papers that had been saved chronicled a story about a woman from Edgefield...a woman named Sue Logue. Sue Logue had been a school teacher. She and her husband owned a farm and, in 1940, a calf owned by Sue and her husband had been kicked to death by neighbor Davis Timmerman's mule. This sparked an escalating feud between the families. Sue Logue's husband was shot to death by the neighbor, who, after a trial, was acquitted. Consequently, Sue Logue summoned the help of her nephew, Joe Frank Logue, to hire someone to kill Mr. Timmerman to avenge her husband's death. The nephew found Clarence Bagwell from Spartanburg County who agreed to kill anybody and everybody for \$500. A year after Logue's husband died, Bagwell drove to David Timmerman's store, went in and asked for a pack of cigarettes. When Timmerman turned to get the item, Bagwell fired five shots at point blank range with a .38 caliber revolver, killing him instantly. Clarence left to go back home but, not long afterwards, he bragged to a woman about killing a man for \$500. She consequently went to the police. Bagwell confessed but implicated Sue Logue's nephew who told authorities that the money had come from his aunt and uncle, Sue and George Logue. On Sunday, Nov. 16, 1941, newly elected Sheriff Wad Allen and Deputy, 'Doc Clark', picked up the arrest warrants from the magistrate and headed for Sue Logue's home. But someone had warned George Logue- Sue's brother-in-law- that the authorities were on their way. George Logue and a sharecropper, Fred Dorn, ambushed the two officers. Sheriff Allen was shot in the head and Deputy Clark was shot in the stomach and arm. Clark was able to wound both men before staggering from the house. The Governor later ordered state patrolmen and deputies from Saluda County to arrest Logue and Dorn. With dozens of officers surrounding the house, and

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## Murder, Madness..... (cont'd)

officials wanting to avert further bloodshed, they appealed to the local Circuit Court judge to try and reason with the Logues. The Circuit Court judge was a man by the name of Strom Thurmond. Thurmond walked alone across the Logue's yard and into the house. The Logues followed his advice and surrendered a short time later. Two days later, Deputy Clark died. Logue's friend Fred Dorn, died the day before. Four months later, George, Sue, and Bagwell were tried for Timmerman's murder. The three-day trial was held in Lexington County with Solicitor Griffith serving as prosecutor. The jury took only two hours to convict the trio. On Jan. 15, 1943, Sue Logue became the first woman in the State of South Carolina to be electrocuted. Less than an hour later, George and Bagwell took their place in the electric chair.

After reading these newspapers over a period of days, Rusty approached his grandmother and asked what the significance of the newspapers was to the family. His grandmother declined to answer, saying she would talk to him about it when he was older. Over the course of several weeks, Rusty continued to prod his grandmother about the newspapers. Finally, his grandmother answered his questions. "Sue Logue was my sister," his grandmother replied. "And she is your great aunt."

It took some time for all of this to sink in for my husband. He learned even more about Sue Logue from his grandmother and others. He learned that while Sue Logue was a teacher, Strom Thurmond had been the Superintendent of the Edgefield County schools, and that the two had been engaged in a secret affair. He also learned that Strom Thurmond had escorted Sue Logue from the penitentiary to the electric chair the morning of her execution. Two books have since been written about the infamous Sue Logue. One is called "The Guns of Meeting Street" by T. Felder Dorn. Another is called "Wanton Woman" by Anna Flowers.

They say be careful what you ask for, or you may surely find it. If you're searching for long-lost ancestors, as are the visitors that frequent the Genealogy Research Center in Anderson, or if you're not searching for long-lost ancestors but find them anyway- you have an enthusiastic support group of volunteers at the Genealogy Research Center who will gladly fuel your fire...or dry your tears. The Genealogy Research Center is located in the Anderson Convention Center and Visitors Bureau at 110 Federal St. across from the Farmer's Market in Anderson. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Genealogy Research Center is a service of the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. For more information, call (864) 221-3936 or email [acgsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com)

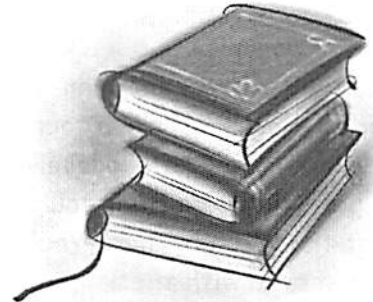


The Anderson County Museum, located at 202 East Greenville Street, with great anticipation, is opening a new exhibit, April 18, 2013, on "Routes of History - Phase I. Their hours are Tuesday from 10 am to 7pm, Wednesday - Saturday from 10am to 4 pm. Their Reading and Research Room is open on Thursday from 1 pm to 4 pm. Visit their website for more information on this and other exhibits - [www.andersoncountymuseum.org](http://www.andersoncountymuseum.org)

## H. E. L. P.

We appreciate all donations, be it a physical item or monetary. We can always use reams of copy paper. The monetary donations received at the research center for copies, etc., do not always cover the cost of the purchase of the printer cartridges. Carolyn and Shirley have donated the difference toward the purchase of these supplies. New or used three-ring binders (in good condition) in any size are very useful. Actually, any office supply will be greatly appreciated from post-it notes to pens, staplers to hole punches, etc.

*BUT, most of all, we need your donation of TIME.* We need volunteers to help in the research center. The research center is now open on *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.* Carolyn Duncan-Cummings and Shirley Phillips are going to be out for a while -- Carolyn due to knee replacement surgery and Shirley due to assisting her mother in recovering from a back injury. We continue to need help, but the current need is more critical. We need help even for a few hours on any given day. Part of the agreement for the research center to have this space at no charge is a requirement to open and man the center on Saturdays. *All volunteer assistance is appreciated!!*



Speaking of donations.....we want to acknowledge the donation from Mr. Thomas McNeill Ackerman. He visited the research center for some assistance and returned a few days later with books, publications and an Ackerman Family Book. We are so appreciative of his contribution!! Please see below, a list of his donated items.

- Survey of Cemeteries in Lower Florence County, SC, Volumes II, III, IV by Elaine Y. Eaddy
- Survey/Cemeteries Florence/Williamsburg/Clarendon Counties, SC by Bernice Godwin McCutcheon
- 1810 Census of Darlington District SC
- 1850 Census of Darlington District SC
- 1850 Census of U.S. State of SC County of Williamsburgh
- St. David's Parish, SC, Minutes of Vestry 1768-1832, Parish Register 1819-1924 by Brent H. Halcomb, C.A.L.S.
- Directory of Scots in the Carolinas 1860-1830
- SC Immigrants 1760-1770
- South Carolina Newspapers 1760
- First Settlers of S.C. 1670-1680 by Agnes Leland Baldwin
- Red Hills & Cotton, An Upcountry Memory by Ben Robertson

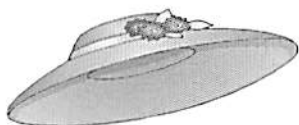
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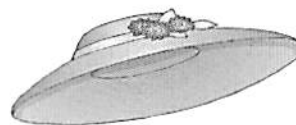
- Dictionary of South Carolina Biography Volume 1
- Local & Family History in South Carolina, A Bibliography by Richard N. Cote

Additional book donations to the center were:

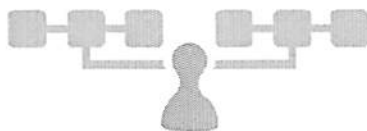
- Martin Family donated by Robert Allen Martin
- Smith's Chapel Est. Methodist 1843 donated by Harley Feltman
- Kelly Family Book Two donated by M. F. Kelly
- Once Upon A Time in Pickens County donated by M. F. Kelly
- Various Materials by Bobby Reeves
- Various Materials by Jim Harper
- Belton Newspapers by Gerald H. Bannister
- Various Kelly Family Books by Marion Forest Kelly



## Red Hat Ladies



President, Harley Feltman, Jr., met with The Purple Players-Red Hat Club from Anderson, on Friday, March 23, for a tour of the Visitors' Center and the ACGS research room. Information packets, assimilated by Connie Barnwell, Chapter Corresponding Secretary, were prepared prior to their tour. Ms. Meredith Bell was the hostess for her group and sent a most thoughtful "Thank You" note relating how appreciative they were for the packets and time shared with them.



## SURNAME PROJECT AND PEDIGREE CHARTS

Please bring your completed surname sheets to the May or June Meetings. For those of you who haven't completed the sheet, please have your information available to provide to a volunteer who will, at the program's end and as time permits, assist you in completing the form. We are providing this assistance so that a copy may be made for the ACGS research room. We will then forward each surname sheet for submission to the SCGS Surname Project. If you have already submitted your sheet to the SCGS project, please provide the ACGS research room with a copy so that you may be represented in the local files, too.

As it is more complex, the Pedigree Chart should be completed before submission. However, there will be a volunteer to assist you as needed in completing this form, also. These charts will be kept for research purposes in the ACGS research room.



## MINUTES OF 04 MARCH 2013

The *Anderson County Chapter* of the *South Carolina Genealogical Society* met Monday, March 04, 2013, at Senior Solutions located in the Marketplace Square. There were a total of 34 members and 3 visitors present.

President, Harley Feltman, called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 pm and Chaplain Dr. Carl Ellison provided the invocation.

President Feltman then welcomed all members present and Program Chairperson, Kay Willis Burns, introduced the speakers for the evening—Mr. Craig Keene, Ms. Virginia Pierce and Ms. Laura Blair, all *South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program* staff.

A very short business session followed, whereby Meeting Minutes of February 07, 2013, were rendered by the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2013, was provided by Treasurer, Joyce Fields

Mr. Craig Keene began the program by providing an extremely detailed introduction and very informative background to *The South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program*, an initiative of the University of South Carolina Libraries, where, presently, 19 South Carolina newspapers published between 1860-1922 are now freely accessible and full-text searchable as part of *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*, a website hosted by the Library of Congress. This program is supported jointly by the *National Endowment for the Humanities* and the *Library of Congress* and is made possible by a collaboration of the *University of South Carolina Libraries*, *USC Digital Collections* and *The South Caroliniana Library*. Mr. Keene reported that 32 states have joined the *National Digital Newspaper Program* since 2005 with 821 newspaper titles thus far. He reviewed in detail the three selection criteria for inclusion of information into this program: *Research Value—Temporal Coverage—Geographical coverage*.

Ms. Virginia Pierce and Ms. Laura Blair then teamed up by using the program to actively demonstrate the wealth of historical information available regarding the use of newspapers not only in South Carolina but in other states by Topic, Event, Date, Date-Range and other inclusive search techniques. These two Ladies demonstrated the use of special links and additional creative search techniques to provide bonus data from the program for Titles, Places, People and Events. Some websites they utilized here were:

<http://guides.library.sc.edu/digitalnewspapers>

<http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper>.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

An extended Q&A session lasted throughout another excellent refreshment period.

Tentatively, for next month, President Feltman announced, "...*dating old photos* ...." by Don Kay.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Bevill, Recording Secretary



**Remember to renew your membership -- Pay your dues!!**

## MINUTES OF 01 APRIL 2013

The *Anderson County Chapter* of the *South Carolina Genealogical Society* met Monday, April 01, 2013, at Senior Solutions located in the Marketplace Square. There were a total of **18** members and **7** visitors present during this meeting.

President Harley Feltman called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 pm and Chaplain Dr. Carl Ellison provided the invocation.

President Feltman then welcomed everyone present and a very short business session followed, whereby Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2013, were rendered by the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2013, was provided by Treasurer Joyce Fields. On a motion by Ed Chamblee, seconded by Shelby Lollis, both reports were unanimously accepted. State Representative and Membership Chairperson Shelby Lollis reported on State membership and Program Chairperson Kay Willis Burns updated us on forthcoming programs: May—**Brian Scott**—*area cemeteries*; June—**Jack McIntosh**—*History of the Gullah Language*; July—**no meeting**; but a Bleckley Inn Brunch July 20, with **Ms. Jan Alpert**, Past President of the National Genealogical Society presenting "*Discover How Your Grandparents Met, and Unlock New Clues such as Finding Maiden Names.*"

Kay then introduced her cousin, Colonel-Doctor (USAF Ret.) William Donald Kay, Author, Historian, Genealogist and Southern Gentleman, originally of Barker's Creek, presently residing in Mount Pleasant. Dr. Kay discussed in detail various methods of providing dates for old photos while additionally providing historical tidbits to accompany each picture—a virtual abundance of genealogical data, keeping everyone's attention riveted to his presentation. He stated that during the past 25 years he has chronicled over 800 "antique" photos to use in his labor of love. He began his presentation by discussing the 1830's-1840's daguerreotype originally began in Europe, then succeeded by the glass ambrotype and later tin-type, discussing the "traveling photographers" and their wagon studios, how studios improved during the 1905-1910 era, concluding with the computer or digital photo process. Some of the methods he used for identification in various photos were studio layout, curtains and carpet design as well as Ladies' hair-parting (changed in the 1880's), mode of clothing, military uniform details and studio identification marks. Dr. Kay also discussed "neck hair" as being prominent during the 1840's and "calling cards" as provided by some photographic studios. He cautioned about finding and using dates stamped on some photos since older photos and tin-types were re-processed quite often and later dates were then applied, giving the impression of a later time for that photograph.

A lengthy Q&A session followed and the meeting was concluded with another excellent refreshment period.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Bevill, Recording Secretary





## West Allen Williams and The Town of Williamston

The town of **Williamston, SC**, chartered in December 1852, was named for **West Allen Williams**. **West Allen** was born 12 September 1804 at his parents' home in **Greenville County, SC**, just across the **Saluda River**. His parents, **Samuel** and **Mary Williams**, had moved to that location about 1801 from **Union County, SC**, where they married. It is believed that **Mary** and **Samuel** were cousins.

**West Allen's** father, **Samuel**, was born 23 September 1771 and died 17 June 1852. His mother, **Mary**, was born 1 August 1770, and died 26 December 1841. Both were buried near their home. They had one daughter, **Jane**, born 1797, who married **Adam Jones**. Son **Richard**, born 19 January 1791, married **Mary "Polly" Berry**. He died 7 July 1829, and both he and **Mary** are buried at **Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery** in **Williamston, SC**. Very little is known about **Austin**, **Samuel** and **Mary's** son who was born early and did not live long. **Samuel Jr.** was born 11 November 1802, and drowned in the **Saluda River** on 13 April 1830. A lovely brick grave was built for **Samuel, Jr.**, in the garden near their home. According to notes in the **Greenville Library** created by **Elizabeth Webb**, his body was never recovered from the river, but the grave was covered with a marble vault. **Mary** was buried in the cemetery in 1841, **Samuel** buried there in 1852, and the final burial was **West Allen Williams** when he died 7 October 1857.

**West Allen Williams** married **Frances Low Richardson**. In 1839, for a very short period, he was the first Postmaster of the **White Plains** area of **Anderson County, SC**, where he settled. Later, in the 1840's, he acquired land on **Big Creek** from his father and moved to that village which is now **Williamston**. It was near this time that he found the water spring. He had his daughter, **Sarah Ann**

**Williams' husband, Dr. William B. Millwee**, take the spring water sample to **Atlanta** and learned its mineral content. There was a posted sign installed at the **Mineral Spring Park** located in **Williamston, SC** that states:

"In Memory of **West Allen Williams, 1804-1857**, founded **Williamston, Donor of spring and park**. He said 'This water shall be forever free to all people'."

In 1850, **West Allen** owned 1,200 acres, acquired mostly from his father. About 900 of the acres were primeval forests and undeveloped land. On the other 300 acres the twenty-two slaves he owned were caring for the milk cows, sheep, pigs, horses, mules, oxen and using the farm implements to produce cotton, wheat, potatoes, and Indian corn. Even though owning a lot of acres, there was very little cash. It was necessary to buy a lot of the goods with promissory notes, which created many problems between the years 1850 to 1855. Even though \$75, several \$1,000 and an almost \$5,000 suit was filed against him in the **Anderson District Court**, he continued to support his slaves.

**West Allen** became a real estate director after the discovery and popularity of the mineral spring on his property and the opening of the **Columbia and Greenville Railroad** that ran through his property. The undeveloped land was cut into 2 to 4 acre lots and later became the town of **Williamston**. News of the value of the mineral water caused pitched tents in the forest surrounding the spring, and huts, cabins and larger cottages were then built.

There were two petitions to South Carolina to incorporate **Williamston**, the first dated 3 September 1850 and the second successful one dated 26 November 1851.

**West Allen Williams** gave a gift of 2.1 acres to the **Presbyterians** dated 28 March 1854. The **Presbyterian Church** was founded in 1852 and they never built on the 2.1 acre tract, but did purchase from **West Allen** for \$300, the land where the church now stands. There was a **Williams** family reunion held in the **Presbyterian Church** in 2003 by the cousins who met in 2002 during the excavation of the four **Williams** graves

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which were moved from the Samuel Williams cemetery to Williamston Mineral Spring Park.

Anderson Independent-Mail, Williamston Journal and The Greenville News newspapers have articles about the finding of the cemetery, movement of graves, burials in Mineral Spring Park, and history of celebrating Williamston's 150 years history. Also, a book written by Gene Welborn titled "A Town Springs Forth, The Story of Williamston, South Carolina" gives many pages of valuable information on this Williams family.

Children of West Allen and Frances were:

Samuel Williams married Louisa Gay Murrell in the mid 1840's in Kentucky. They had one child, Albin Julius. Samuel deserted Louisa and the child. In a letter written to the Anderson Co., SC Clerk of Court on August 18, 1849, Louisa seeks consultation on South Carolina Laws for support from her husband's estate. At this writing, nothing is known of Samuel. He has descendants living in Kentucky that have visited Williamston, SC in the recent years.

Jane Jones Williams married Thomas Claghorn Gower on July 25, 1844. She died August 4, 1866 and is buried in Greenville, SC. The couple had six children: Susan married Otis P. Mills, William died at age two, Mary married William J. Crosswell, Thomas died at age 1 ½, Arthur married 1<sup>st</sup> Addie Cheatham and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mattie Williams, and Charles married Clarisa Williams.

Sarah Ann William, who married William B. Milwee, M.D., lived and died in Greenwood, SC. The couple had three children. Two died as infants and son, John, was killed in a train accident in 1887 at the age of 23.

Mary "Polly" Williams married second cousin, Ira Williams. Mary and Ira had one daughter, Mary, who married W. P. Davenport.

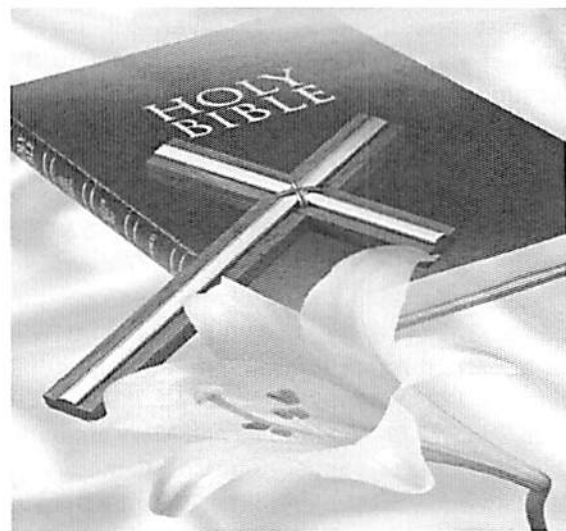
Frances Elizabeth married twice, Mr. Vermillion and Theodore Darricott.

James E. Williams is believed to have married an Indian. In a letter, written to nephew Arthur on February 12, 1899 in Tyler, TX, he speaks business of being a trader and of hard times. James is buried near San Jon, NM.

Lawrence Orr Williams married Elizabeth Garrifelia (Carrie) Finley. According to the 1880 census, this couple had five children: Lillian, Nellie, Carrie, Walter and Sarah. In the letter from "Jim" to nephew Arthur, it appears that Lawrence and his family resided

Thomas Arthur Williams, who married Sarah A. Frances Cockerell, lived in Texas, and had 16 children. "Jim's" letter in 1899 list Tom's children as Allen A. age 25, James age 23, Mary age 21, Creola age 17, twins Ella and Della age 15, twins Oscar and Arthur age 13, twins Ira and Dora age 8, John age 6, Roma age 3, and Bertha age 18 months. Children William, Henderson and Lawrence were killed when a chimney collapsed on them. Thomas farmed land, had cattle and horses at Round Timber, TX.

Taken from the Anderson South Carolina Heritage Book: submitted by Betty Thurman Welch, 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter of West Allen, Seymour, TX. Sources: Family records, court documents, family history.



## IN MEMORIAM

Jean C. Martin of Iva, SC, passed away February 26, 2013, at the Rainey Hospice House of Anderson, SC. She was a member of Anderson County Historical Society, REVIVA, and the Anderson County Museum Board. She and husband, Edwin DeWitt Martin, who passed away June 27, 2009, were long time members of the Anderson County Genealogical Society.

Ruth Ramsay Cheney of Anderson, passed away January 7, 2013 at AnMed Health Medical Center. Mrs. Cheney was the mother of ACGS member Philip M. Cheney.

Our sympathies and condolences are extended to their families and friends.

**SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**SURNAME DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

**This form may be submitted to [acgsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com) by emailing as an attachment or by printing out the completed form and mailing to ACGS Surname Directory, P. O. Box 74, Anderson, SC 29621.**

Each member is entitled to submit 10 surnames. Should more than ten (10) surnames per member be submitted, only the first ten (10) will be included in the directory.

If the surname being researched is from a state other than South Carolina, please indicate the state.

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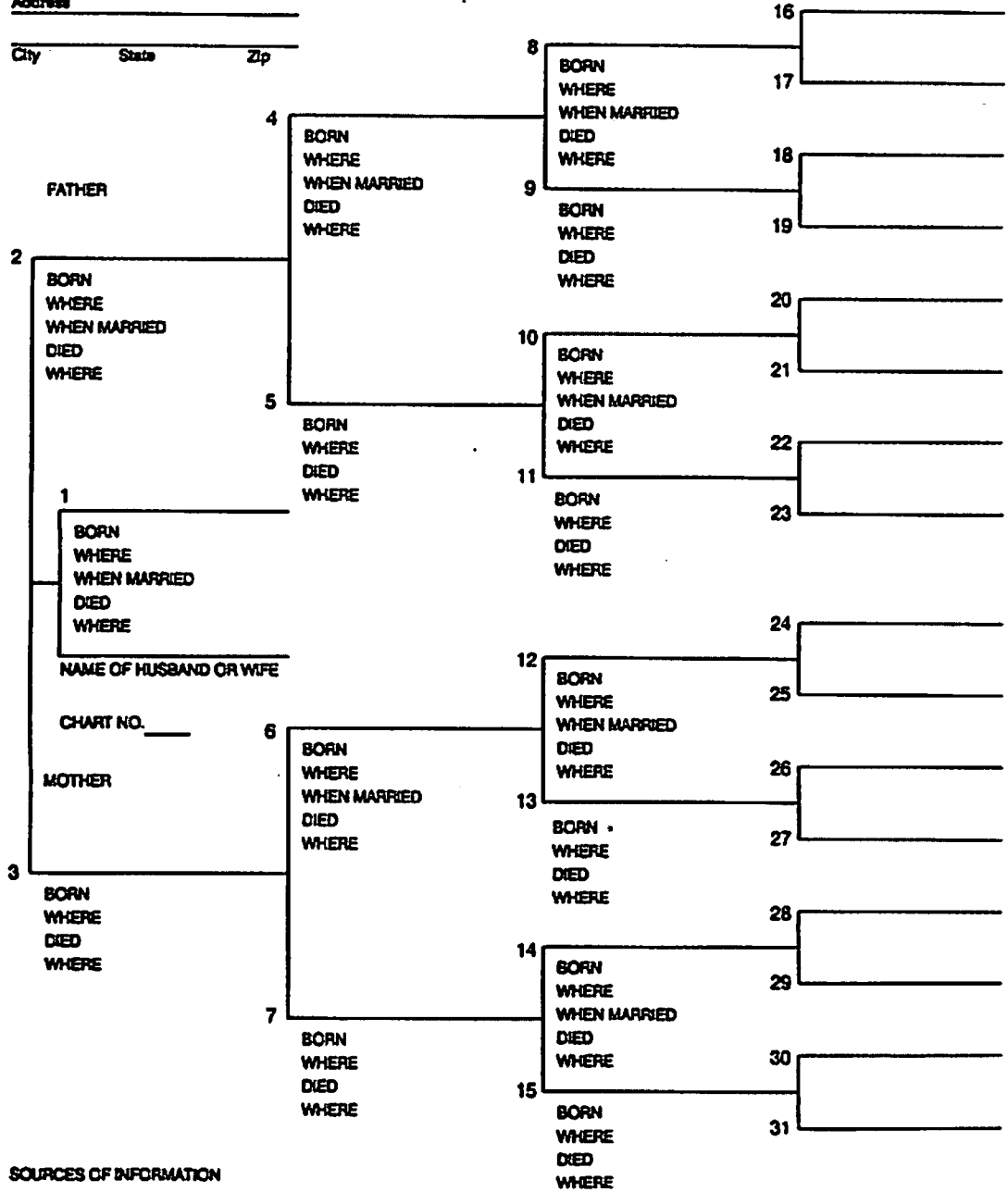
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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS AN ABBREVIATED RENDERING FROM "THE CHURCHES" SECTION OF TRADITIONS AND HISTORY OF ANDERSON COUNTY BY LOUISE AYER VANDIVER, 1928, DOCUMENTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EARLY CHURCHES IN ANDERSON COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREA.

For a time after reaching the wilderness the settlers had no churches. Like all new communities, those of the same faith met at each other's homes sometimes, to keep alive their own form of worship, and occasionally to hear an itinerant preacher. Often he stood in the door of the dwelling, addressing a congregation scattered about the cleared ground very often armed in preparation for an Indian raid.

Sometimes a crude arbor was erected under which the services were held. These traveling preachers came from North Carolina, Virginia, or even Pennsylvania, riding horseback and stopping in whatever homes they could reach at night. Occasionally, both man and beast spent the night under the stars.

The first church erected in what is now Anderson County, was of the Presbyterian faith. It was called Hopewell, later Hopewell Keowee, and located in the hamlet of Pendleton. It was built in 1785, a rude log structure without windows or means of heating; as were all of the early churches. Sometimes they had a great open place left at one end to admit light and air.

Hopewell congregation worshiped there until 1799, when they built a new house several miles from Pendleton. This structure was of rough native stone, some of it hauled from quite a distance. It soon became better known as "The Stone Church." It was there that General Pickens and General Robert Anderson worshiped, and is now universally called "The Old Stone Church." They with Major Dickson were its first elders, Mr. Simpson was its pastor, and all of them were Revolutionary soldiers. But with its removal from its first situation it passed out of Anderson County history. In its adjoining graveyard rest many of the leading men of the early days of South Carolina, and several soldiers of the Revolution.

In 1792 Rev. Thomas Reece was called to the pastorate of Hopewell and Carmel churches, which call he accepted. Dr. Reece was a man of learning who had ministered so much to the bodies as well as the souls of his congregation, that he attained a fair degree of excellence as a physician. A gentle, kindly man, he was greatly beloved by his parishioners. Dying in 1796 at the age of fifty-four years, he was the first person to be buried in the Old Stone Church, yard. In that old grave yard lie Andrew Pickens, "Printer John Miller" and several other distinguished men. The site of the original Hopewell church is marked by a marble shaft.

In 1788 both a Presbyterian and a Baptist church were built in what is now Anderson County. The Presbyterian was "Brad-a-way," Broadaway, and finally Broadway, situated near the Abbeville line. Reverend Robert Hall was its first pastor, a man of education, as were all of the Presbyterian clergymen, and most of them were also teachers. The old Bradaway Church after several removals finally settled in Belton, and is today the Belton Presbyterian Church.

In 1789 Roberts Church was built, Rev. John Simpson, Princeton graduate, becoming its first pastor. It was first known as "Simpson's Meeting House" Later it acquired the name of Roberts, just how or why is not definitely known, though there is a tradition that it was so called in honor of a Revolutionary soldier. No one now living knows who he was, or why he was so honored.

Mr. Simpson was one of those traveling preachers who rode on horseback from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. He had been a soldier in the Revolution, and could fight as well as pray. To him the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina owed its first use of hymns as well as psalms in its worship. Mr. Simpson remained pastor of Roberts and Good Hope Churches until his death in 1808. He is buried in Roberts Church yard.

A long line of splendid and useful men succeeded Mr. Simpson as pastor of those churches, among whom Reverend David Humphreys looms a giant. Mr. Humphreys took charge of them in 1821 at the munificent salary of three hundred dollars a year, and even that was not paid. Mr. Humphreys also taught school. (continued next page)

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**Mr. Humphreys served Roberts and Good Hope Churches** in all thirty-nine years, divided into two periods. An interval of nine years was spent as pastor of the **Anderson church**.

There were a number of county churches of the **Presbyterian** faith before one was organized in the town. The people of the village worshiped at **Roberts, Varennes and Midway**.

The first **Associate Reform Presbyterian Church** in the county was **Generostee**, on **Little Generostee Creek**. The date of its organization is uncertain, but **Reverend Robert Irwin**, its first pastor, was installed in 1800, and in the beautiful custom of that early day, he remained with that congregation until his death in 1823. He was fifty-eight years old when he entered the ministry. **Mr. Irwin** had no children, and his farm of 250 acres, located near the church, by his will became the property of the congregation at the death of his wife, to be used as a home for the pastors of the church, the **first parsonage** in the county.

**Shiloh** was an early church of this faith, but little is known about it.

**Concord**, another **A. R. P. Church**, has a history dating back as far as 1796, and possibly earlier. **Reverend Peter McMullin** was its first pastor. The original building was of logs, and it served its people long and well. But the hand of time finally fell so heavily upon the ancient structure, that its congregation found it necessary for a time to hold services in the **Midway Presbyterian Church**. In 1845 a new building was erected, with the present building erected in 1900.

In July, 1904, **Dr. Pressley**, Messrs. **Robert Moorhead** and **Robert Stevenson** were appointed by the superintendent of missions of the **Second Presbytery** to organize, from **Concord** congregation, a church in the city of **Anderson**. The old **Concord** church was sold to a **Baptist** congregation, but **Mr. Robert Moorhead** gave them the ground on which it stood. In its surrounding grave yard, and also one across the road, sleep some of the pioneers of the **A. R. P.** faith.

In early times the **A. R. Ps.** were close communicants, and each church member was

given a pewter coin which he had to show before he was allowed to take communion.

Almost coeval with the **Presbyterians** in the county were the **Baptists**, Their first house of worship whose date is definitely known was **Big Creek**, about three miles from **Williamston**, erected in 1789. The **Baptists of the Piedmont section** have lovingly called that "**the Mother of Churches**", as many subsequent congregations sprang from it. Its first pastor was a grand old pioneer preacher from **Virginia**, **Moses Holland**.

**Moses Holland** was pastor of that church for forty-one years, from 1788 to 1829. He was succeeded by **Robert King (Uncle Bobby)**, 1830-1838, **John Vandiver**, 1838-1844, **William P. Martin**, 1848-1873. During **Mr. Martin's** pastorate, a good brick church was erected. **Big Creek** is still an influential church in the county. **Holland** is buried in the **Big Creek grave yard**. His strong personality so impressed itself upon his community and the **Baptist church** of his day that the lapse of a hundred years has failed to obliterate it entirely.

**Neal's Creek** was the first offshoot from **Big Creek**. It was organized about the close of the eighteenth century. Its first pastor was "**Uncle Bobby King**" whose familiar soubriquet tells as much of his character and personality as a long description could.

**Neal's Creek** has been called "**the mother of preacher**". From that fold came **William Magee**, **Sanford Vandiver**, **John Vandiver**, **Wiley Smith**, **Robert King**, **W. H. King**, **Mike McGee** and **J. EL Farm** as well as others.

About the time that **Big Creek** was organized, a church known as **Shockley's Ferry** was built near what is now **Alford's Bridge**. Its first pastor was **James Chastain**. Tradition has preserved of that missionary in the wilderness only his name, and the fact that he organized **Shockley's Ferry** and **Mountain Creek** churches.

In about 1826 the **Shockley Ferry** church ceased to exist. **Dipping Branch Church**, near the site of the old **Shockley Ferry**, bears in its name the history of the spot. The church in **Anderson** is indirectly an offshoot of **Shockley Ferry**.

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## Vandiver.... Churches (cont'd)

As the old congregation disintegrated, the remains were gathered up by **William Magee**, and **Big Generostee** was formed with **Mr. Magee** its pastor. He served that congregation for over thirty years. About 1860 the church became involved in a serious controversy which divided its members into hostile camps. One Saturday the congregation met and wrangled all day long, dispersing only as night fell, with the agreement to meet early the next day, Sunday though it would be, and renew the argument. When they arrived Sunday morning to their consternation they found that during the night their church building had been literally split in two, the roof and overhead timbers having fallen in. The phenomenon was taken as a warning from **God** that a house divided against itself shall not stand; so the quarrel was adjusted. However, the shock to the superstitious was too great, and the church in that locality never again flourished. In 1859 it was reorganized at **Shockley Ferry**, but the name **Shiloh** was given to the new place of worship.

When the nineteenth century was twenty years old, **Pendleton District** had become thickly settled, and there were numbers of people of the **Baptist** faith living between **Shockley's Ferry** and **Big Creek** churches to whom attending either meant quite a journey. **James Burriss**, a Scotch-Irishman, settled land along **Generostee Creek**. As a devout man and a **Baptist**, he felt the burden of these sheep without a shepherd press upon his heart; and largely from **Shockley Ferry** members, he established a congregation which gathered under a bush arbor near where **Orr Mill** is now located to hear him expound the scriptures. In 1821, with assistance of the mother church of which **Mr. Burriss** himself was a member, a log house replaced the bush arbor. **Mt. Tabor** was the name given to the new church. **Reverend Sanford Vandiver** became its pastor, and he served it until his death in 1841.

**Mt. Tabor** was the **Baptist** house of worship for the people of the village until 1834, when it was removed to the site of the **First Baptist Church**. The land was conveyed by **Micajah Webb**, a brother of **Edmund** and **Elijah Webb**, to **Sanford Vandiver** in trust for the church, and a frame building erected to the north of the present location, covering a part of what is the

grave yard. The street now known as **Church** ran through where the building now stands. In 1853, a new brick church was to be erected, and **Colonel J. P. Reed**, who had a keen eye for a good effect and was endowed with artistic taste, procured permission from the town council to close the street, and place the church at its head, and there the **Baptist Church** stands today commanding the approach, and looking down the whole vista of the street. **Reverend J. S. Murray** was pastor when the brick building was erected.

**Salem Church**, an arm of **Shockley Ferry**, was organized in 1798. **Rocky River Church**, first called **Wilson's Creek**, was organized in 1790, **Mountain Creek** in 1796. It, like **Shockley Ferry**, was probably organized by **James Chastain**. It was in that church that the **Saluda Association** was formed.

**Barker's Creek** church was organized in 1821. **Reverend Arthur Williams** was its first pastor. He served for nineteen years, and for all of that time nothing was ever said about paying their pastor a salary. **Reverend I. W. Hiott** served that congregation at four different times, and under the administration two of the four houses of worship of the congregation were built. The last, a handsome building, was dedicated Sunday, July 2nd, 1922.

The first church for negro people was **St. Paul Baptist Church** in the city. It was organized in 1865, **Tabor Warren** its first pastor. A plain frame building was erected, which, in 1893, gave way to the commodious brick structure that is now the house of worship for that congregation.

Those pioneer churches carefully guarded the tenets of their religion, heresy was not to be tolerated. Early in its annals the **Saluda Association** warns its churches against **Thomas Rhodes**, **M. Smith**, **L. Johnson**, **N. R. Ripley**, and a negro called **Thomas Paul**, otherwise **Thomas Cook**, all heretical preachers. Again in 1830 the churches are warned against the imposition of **Jesse Denson**.

The **Baptist** church has been a powerful factor in the history and development of the county. A large majority of the people is of that faith, and they have done much for the uplift of the community.

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## Vandiver.... Churches (cont'd)

The **Methodist Church in America** was formally organized in **Baltimore** in 1784. Immediately their circuit riders became familiar figures in every part of the new world. In upper **South Carolina** an army of these soldiers of the cross, commissioned and encouraged by **Bishop Asbury**, began a campaign for their church. That form of faith found a wonderful response among the people, who became **Methodists** by the hundred-thousands.

Although the **Baptist** and **Presbyterian** communions preceded them in this section of the country, the **Methodists** soon gained a firm foothold. Their first church in the county was at **Ebenezer**, on **Rocky River** near the **Abbeville** line. The present building is the fourth on that spot. The first was about 1788 or 1789. **Bishop Asbury** himself preached to that pioneer congregation.

From very early days there was a **Sunday School** in connection with **Ebenezer Church**. Not only was the **Bible** taught, but the pupils were instructed in the elements of the three Rs, and one of the earliest day schools in this part of the state was maintained among the people of that congregation.

In the early days of the nineteenth century camp meetings were a popular form of revivals, and they were held not alone by **Methodists**, but by **Baptists** and **Presbyterians** as well. The **Methodist** churches of **Ruhamah** and **Providence** were famous for their camp meetings. Those at **Sandy Springs** have made the most lasting impression on the community. In 1828 the **Methodist** congregation at that place bought from **Sampson Pope** fifteen acres of land for 45 dollars, the same upon which the **Methodist Church** now stands.

The first church of any denomination in the town of **Anderson** was **Methodist**. It stood about where the negro **Presbyterian** church is now. The land was bought by **Whitfield Anthony**, **D. H. Calhoun** and **Isaac Hays**, trustees for the church, from **John** and **Mary Thompson**. The congregation was small, but enthusiastic. Among the number was **Anderson's** first carpenter, **Hugh Whittaker**, who with his sons built the small log house, a labor of love. For several years it was the only house of worship within the bounds of the

village. There were no windows, and no way of heating, but the people attended no matter what the weather. If the wind blew from the east they opened the south door for light, while if die wind or rain came from that direction, the east door was opened.

When a congregation gathered in the building, all of the women sat on one side of the center aisle or division, and all of the men on the other. When a boy became twelve or fourteen years old, he was promoted to the masculine side of the house. That custom was not peculiar to **Methodist** churches; it was the practice of all except the **Episcopal** and **Roman Catholic**. The custom is still observed in some rural sections.

Although the **Methodist** was the first church established in the town, it does not seem to have had a regular pastor for a long time. In an issue of **The Highland Sentinel** in 1844 a list of the **Methodist** ministers of the state and their appointments is given. No mention is made there of one sent to **Anderson**. Notice is given on March 9, 1844, that on the second **Sabbath** in **March** Reverend **G. W. Moore** will preach in the **Methodist Church**.

The **Methodist Church** at **Starr** is the old **Bethsaida** congregation removed to a new spot. Reverend **James Hardy** was the original promoter of that church, and he gave the ground on which it stood for many years. Around the church there was in early times a great camp meeting ground, said by some people to have been the oldest in the state. The abandoned house of worship, surrounded by its ancient grave yard, stands desolate, a shade of the past.

In the southwestern part of the county, two miles from the **Savannah River**, stands another early **Methodist Church**, **Ruhamah**. It was organized in 1822, **Mr. William Glenn** giving the land upon which it was built. It was dedicated in 1836 by Reverend **Levi Garrison**, who also named it. The original building stood a little back of, and to the left of the site of the present one, which was erected in 1874.

Near **Pearl Spring**, almost where the **Piedmont Mills** now stand, there was built in 1841 a church belonging to the denomination known as

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**"Protestant Methodists"**. Its first pastor was **Hendrix Arnold**, a man whose memory was long revered. The next was **Thomas Hutchins**, who had formerly been connected with the conference of the **M. E. Church** before it added **South** to its name. The church was in existence until 1846 when it was discontinued, the building passing into the hands of the **"Christian"** denomination.

The **Methodist Church**, long known as **"The Old Pickens Meeting House,"** was first a **Presbyterian** place of worship, like Pickens family being of that faith. But the church which **Colonel Robert Pickens** had built on his place for **Presbyterians**, was turned over to the **Methodists**.

Early in the nineteenth century **Pendleton District**, lying at the foot of the **Blue Ridge Mountains**, safe from **Indians** and protected by a growing population, appealed to the people of **Charleston** as an ideal place for a summer retreat from heat, sand flies and mosquitoes, and persons bearing such well-known name as **Ravenell, Pinckney, Huger, etc.**, built summer homes in **Pendleton**. Finding their great airy country homes very comfortable, and their surroundings agreeable, many of them remained permanently.

While the great wave of population coming in from the north was **Presbyterian** and **Baptist**, there were among it some members of the great **English Church**, and these meeting with fellow church men from **Charleston**, united to form a congregation of **Episcopalians** in **Pendleton**.

Among the churchmen from the north were those bearing the names **Talliferro, Lewis, Shanklin, Harrison** and others. True to their **English** traditions, no sooner had these people built homes than they turned their attention to establishing their church. About 1815 they organized a congregation; they elected church officers, and worshiped in what was then the **Farmers Hall**, a building now owned by **Mr. J. N. Bostic** on the west side of the square.

The only other **Episcopal Church** in the county is **Grace Church, Anderson**, which was organized some time in the 40s. A lot was bought, the same on which **Grace Church** now stands, and in 1860 a

small, but pretty and "churchly" wooden building was erected.

The **"Christian"** Church made its appearance in the county in 1829. A log building was erected on **Dooley's Ferry Road**, and the name **Antioch** was given to the congregation. **Mr. S. G. Earle** was the leader. Having a minister very irregularly, he assembled the people and read a sermon to them, and often administered the communion.

In 1861 two **Roman Catholic** families came to **Anderson**; they were those of **Captain John McGrath**, later one of **Anderson's Confederate soldiers**, and **Mr. Mike Kennedy**. These two families had services occasionally in one home or the other. The great hope and dream of the little band was realized when in 1881, a small plain church was erected, **Captain McGrath** and **Mr. Kennedy** attending to all the business, and the ladies working in every possible way to raise the money. The lot on **McDuffie Street** was bought, and **Reverend Father Woolahan** was the first priest of the new church. The first couple married in it was **Miss Annie McGrath**, eldest daughter of **Captain McGrath**, and **Mr. James O'Donnell**. The first person buried in the church yard was the wife of **Mr. Kennedy**.

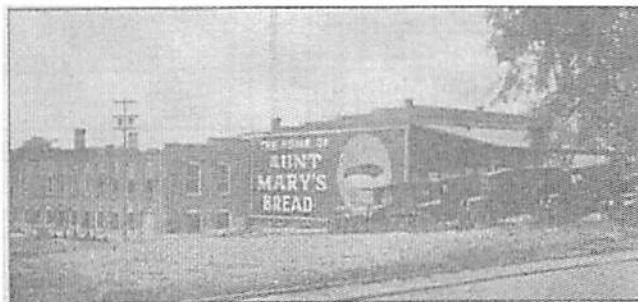
For a few years there was a **Congregational Church** in the city, a split from the **Central Presbyterian**, under the **Reverend Witherspoon Dodge**, who was pastor of the **Central Church**.

There was once a **Quaker Church** in the county. It was near the old **Ebenezer Meeting House**, but the congregation scattered long ago, and only an old grave yard remains to remind the people that once the gentle **"Friends"** formed a part of the population.

There has been one **Lutheran Church** in the county. It was in **Fork Township**, organized in 1876, **Reverend Dr. Smeltzer** its pastor. At that time the **Lutheran College** was located at **Walhalla**, and **Dr. Smeltzer** was its president. The membership of the church was never large, and after the removal of the college to **Newberry** the congregation, dwindled away to such an extent that the building was finally sold to the **Methodists** who established a church there.

Submitted by **Barbara Harris**

# OLD ANDERSON PHOTOGRAPH CLIPPINGS FROM THE ANDERSON INDEPENDENT & DAILY MAIL NEWSPAPERS



Aunt Mary's Bread was located at the corner of North Main and Mauldin streets in the early 1920s. It later became Merita Bakery. Notice the trucks on the front. (Photo courtesy of Fred Whitten.)



This scene of Anderson's North Main Street shows some of the crowd of people that gathered downtown to celebrate the end of the fighting on VJ Day. Automobiles were so numerous that it was hard to realize that gas was rationed as well as food, clothing and many other things. All that was soon to be in the past. (Photo courtesy of Fred Whitten)



In 1904, Mrs. Jennie Gilmer was instrumental in building community support for a hospital to serve the residents of the Anderson area. The Anderson County Hospital Association was the result of her efforts. They raised \$25,000 that was needed to construct the original two-story 25-bed hospital building that opened for operation in 1906. (Photo courtesy of Fred Whitten.)

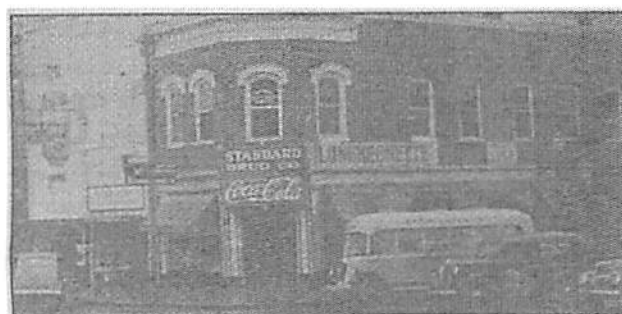
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This view of the Plaza in front of the courthouse shows the Confederate Monument and the walkways before World War II. A sign that burned every night on the roof of the Standard Drug Store at the corner South Main and West Benson St. proclaimed that 'Anderson Is My Town' spelled out in electric lights. The spirit that inspired the sign lives on in the minds and hearts of many Anderson residents. (Photo and information courtesy of Beth Ann Klosky)



This is how the courthouse square in Anderson looked in 1909 from the corner of Whitner St. In the foreground is the Confederate monument and even then banana trees were planted on the plaza. On the left is the courthouse, in the middle, in back of the courthouse, is the Bank of Anderson building, and McFalls Pharmacy is shown at right, on the corner of Benson and S. Main Street.



The Standard Drug Co. and Luncheonette was owned by Basil Stephenson in 1939. It was located on the corner of S. Main and Benson Sts. Built after 1845, it is the oldest standing building on the square. Upstairs was the Anderson County Health Department. The luncheonette was a favorite hangout for the high school crowd. Next to it was the Blue Bird Ice Cream Shop and then the Jewel Shop. (Photo courtesy of Fred Whitten.)

# Reunion of Upcountry Families

(Formerly 100 Year Reunion of the Old Pendleton District)

**Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties**

**April 25, 26, 27, 2013**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

**Southern Wesleyan University for Saturday's Reunion  
Central, South Carolina**

## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday:

To be announced.

- *Come prepared to meet cousins you didn't know existed.*
- *Food available for purchase at the Dining Commons.*

### Friday

Tours of churches, cemeteries and library  
Lectures on genealogical topics

### Saturday

If your family dates back more than 100 years in the Upcountry, you are invited to reserve a table to display your ancestral information on Saturday at Southern Wesleyan University Dining Commons.

- *Display your family Bibles, pictures, old documents, genealogical research, etc.*
- *Copiers available to share family information.*

## Reunion Sponsors

*Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society  
Birchwood Center for Art and Folklife  
Southern Wesleyan University  
Pickens County Historical Society  
Central Heritage Society  
Pickens County Museum of Art and History  
Pendleton Historical Commission  
Faith Clayton Family Research Center*

## Directions:

*From Easley: South on US 123. Continue south on US 123 for 16 miles. Take the SWU Exit Road 18. Follow the signs to the campus.*

*From Anderson: West on US 76 towards Clemson. Near Clemson exit right on SC 93 to Central. Continue 8 miles on SC 93 through Central. Follow the signs to the campus.*

**Due to the huge response, you may reserve only one table.**

**I would like to reserve a table for the \_\_\_\_\_ family.**

**My name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names you are researching:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose this form and a check for \$15 and mail to:  
Birchwood Center, P.O. Box 109, Sunset, SC 29685  
Call 864-878-9269 for more information  
Reserve your space by April 1, 2013  
lpb159@yahoo.com or judyl@nctv.com**

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**Thursday, April 25, 2013 (Pickens County Library in Easley, SC)**

1:30-2:15	Getting Started in Digital Genealogy (Computer Lab)	
3:00-5:00	Open House in Mary Oates Gregorie Historical Room	
7:00-8:30	Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers on the Internet” by Virginia Pierce	

**Friday, April 26, 2013**

10:00	Tour Pickens Chapel Cemetery on Three and Twenty Road	Dr. Carl Garrison & Anne Sheriff
11:30	Tour Zion Cemetery near Easley	Brenda Myers & Neil Smith
2:00	Carmel Presbyterian Church near Liberty	Dot Robertson & Gerald Bice
3:00	Tour Pendleton Historical Commission	Les McCall
<b>Folger Auditorium, Southern Wesleyan University</b>		
6:00-7:00	South Carolina Dept. of Archives & History and Upcountry Research	Dr. Eric Emerson
7:15-9:00	yDNA Research	Terry Barton

**Saturday, April 27, 2013 (Southern Wesleyan University Campus)**

9:00	Set-up displays and tables.	
10:00	Greetings and Announcements	
10:30	Freedoms Hill Church (Southern Wesleyan Campus) (Wesleyan Church and Underground Railroad)	Freedoms Hill Church
11:30	Tour of Faith Clayton Genealogical Collection at Rickman Library (Meet upstairs at University Dining Commons)	Anne Sheriff
12:00-1:00	LUNCH (\$6.00)	Dining Commons
10:00-3:00	Coffee & Snacks at Java	Campus Life Center

2:00	Robertson, Bowie, McKinney and Related Families	Dick Robertson Folger Auditorium
3:00	Mike Becknell	Folger Auditorium
5:00	See you next year!	

*Drawing every hour by Judy Long (Old Pendleton Genealogical Society)*

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## INTERNET GENEALOGY RESOURCES

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### ANDERSON COUNTY:

ACC Society: <http://www.andersoncounty.scgen.org/index.html>

ACC Research Center: <http://www.andersoncounty.scgen.org/library/index.html>

GenWeb Homestead: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scandrsn/>

GW Holdings: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scandrsn/holdings.html>

GW Mapping: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/04-anderson.html](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/04-anderson.html)

GW Tombstones: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scandrsn/cemetery-html/anderson.html>

### GREENVILLE COUNTY:

GCC Society: <http://www.greenville.scgen.org/>

GenWeb Homestead: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scgreenv/>

GW Mapping: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/23-greenville.html](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/23-greenville.html)

### OCONEE COUNTY:

OPD Society: <http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/>

OPD Research Center: [http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/clayton\\_rm/index.html](http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/clayton_rm/index.html)

GenWeb Homestead: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/>

GW Holdings: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/holdings.html>

GW Mapping: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/37-oconee.html](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/37-oconee.html)

GW Tombstones: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/cemetery-html/oconee.html>

### PICKENS COUNTY:

OPD Society: <http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/>

OPD Research Center: [http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/clayton\\_rm/index.html](http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/clayton_rm/index.html)

GenWeb Homestead: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scpicke2/>

GW Holdings: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scpicke2/holdings.html>

GW Mapping: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/39-pickens.html](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/39-pickens.html)

GW Tombstones: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scpicke2/cemetery-html/pickens.html>

### SC SEARCHING AROUND PORTALS:

Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

SC Black Upstate Heritage: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Black\\_Heritage/](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Black_Heritage/)

SC Cemetery GPS Mapping: [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/)

SC Searching Around: <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/searching.html>

SC Genealogical Society: <http://www.scgen.org/>

SC GenWeb Project: <http://sciway3.net/scgenweb/>

### NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES:

<http://guides.library.sc.edu/digitalnewspapers>

<http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper>.

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

**The South Carolina Room**, located in the Anderson County Library, has a great deal of research material to help in your family research. The library is located at 300 N. McDuffie Street in Anderson. There you can find family and local history books that cover most of Upper State South Carolina. Our ACGS Research Center does not have microfilm records available for researchers. We recommend that you visit the library for that venue. Here is a partial list that is available at the library.

**MILITARY RECORDS**

General Index to Service Records of Revolutionary Soldiers	Roll of Dead (SC Troops)
Index to Volunteer Soldiers - War of 1812 (SC)	Roll of Honor (SC)
Compiled Records - Military Units in Confederate Organizations (SC)	1890 Union Veterans & Widows (NC)
Records of the Confederate Pension Applications, 1919 - 1925	

**LAND RECORDS**

Register of Mesne Conveyance	Memorials of 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Century SC Land Titles
Anderson City Directories, 1905 - 1960	SC State Plats, 1784 - 1868

**PROBATE RECORDS**

Anderson Co. Probate Judge: Will Book & Inventories, Appraisements & Sales Book	Anderson Co. Estate Papers
Book of the Dead	SC Will Transcripts

**TAX RECORDS**

Anderson Auditor's Tax Books, 1871 - 1887	State Free Negro Capitation Tax Books, 1811 - 1860
SC Tax Returns, 1783 - 1800	Internal Revenue Assessment List for SC, 1864 - 1866
SC Treasury Ledgers and Journals, 1791 - 1865	Records of the SC Treasury, 1775 - 1780

**MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

SC Court of General Sessions, 1769 – 1776	Slave Records, 1856
British Public Records...SC, 1663 – 1782	Postmaster Appointments SC, 1790 - 1970
Records of the Magistrates and Freeholders Court	First Creek Baptist Church Minute
Index to Eastern Cherokee Applications	
Records of Admission to Citizenship, District of SC, 1790 - 1906	

**NEWSPAPERS**

Anderson Intelligencer, 1860 – 1900	Highland Sentinel
Anderson Daily Mail, 1900 - 1971	Keowee Courier, 1917 - 1915
Anderson Independent, 1929 - present	Miscellaneous Abbeville to Anderson
Anderson Record, 1931 – 1936	Pendleton Messenger, 1807 - 1851
Belton-Honea Path, Chronicle 1941 - 1981	Tiger, 1939 – 1940

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
 Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
 Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Also available are two genealogy databases which are: **Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry Library Edition**. Other services include; obit searches, photocopies, microfilm copies. Visit them on their website at <http://www.andersonlibrary.org/scroom.htm>. E-mail them at [scroom@andersonlibrary.org](mailto:scroom@andersonlibrary.org). Telephone: 864-260-4500 Ext 130

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## Old Photos Cont'd



This building, which stands on the corner of Benson and N. Main streets, has a long history. The first store at the site was Christopher Orr's general store, next was Col. Baylis Crayton's mercantile establishment, then the Bank of Anderson followed by various business ventures since that time. A tale passed down says that during the Civil War a friend in Charleston sent his fine liquor to Mr. Crayton to save for him but the Yankess found it and got drunk — too drunk to burn Anderson. (Photo courtesy of Harry Osteen.)



The interurban train traveled up North Main on street car tracks. (Note bridge over railroad cut.) The train went down Greenville St. and then onto railroad tracks that took it to Belton, Williamston, Pelzer, Piedmont and Greenville. There was a Traction Company Sub-station on West Whitner Street near Rose Hill. (Photo courtesy of Beth Ann Klosky)



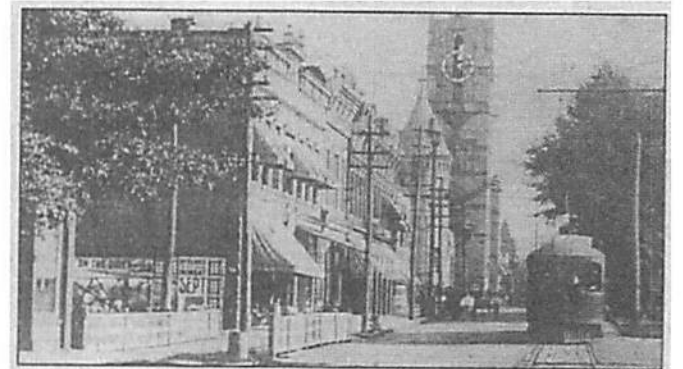
This is the original Bleckley Building and was built by Sylvester Bleckley. The next occupant of the building was Brown, Osborne and Company, a general merchandise store, then came Fleishman's Store. It was located on the east side of the square in what was known as Granite Row. It was the first building in Anderson to have an electric elevator powered by long-distance electricity from the pioneer hydro-electric plant at High Shoals. (Photo and information courtesy of Anderson Historian Beth Ann Klosky)



In 1918, the Liberty Theater was very elaborate and occupied the building on Main Street where the Town House Restaurant now is located. Shown in front of the theater are Jesse Wood, an unknown man, George Ebbisode, film salesman and P.C. Osteen, owner. (Photo courtesy of Harry Osteen.)




In 1910, the Earle Brothers Motor Garage on Peoples Street in Anderson was one of the few shops that repaired automobiles. It was located where Allen Ashley Antiques Store is today. Peoples Street became part of Murray Avenue. (Photo courtesy Fred Whitten)



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Market

**MEETINGS**

First Monday of each Month, 7 pm  
Senior Solutions Center, Clemson Blvd., behind Red Lobster

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Any and all informational contributions appreciated

**SURNAME & PEDIGREE PROJECTS**

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they will be forwarded to the state for their project.

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