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MEETING SCHEDULE

The meetings listed below will all be held at the American Federal bank (Originally Home Savings & Loan) on Rte. 123 in Clemson, SC at 7:30 PM.

18 JANUARY 1983

- 1) President "Dan" Boone will speak briefly on plans for the year.
- 2) Each Member is urged to bring a book which they have found to be especially useful in their own research and explain it briefly. Help others who may not have seen your prize.

15 FEBRUARY 1983

CARMEL CHURCH-Speaker, Faith Clayton

15 MARCH 1983

PROBATE RECORDS-Speaker, Edwin H. Vedder
What to look for, where to find, how to use.

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AMERICAN GENEALOGY: A basic course of home study by National Genealogical Society, Education Division, Dept. GN, 1921 Sunderland Place, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Prepared for beginners as well as researchers who want to up-grade their knowledge and skills. This course teaches the student how to find and use source records, how to evaluate genealogical evidence and how to maintain orderly family records.

CALENDAR INFORMATION - If it is important to know which day of the week a certain date fell on, refer to the middle of your telephone directory between the white and yellow sections. It covers years 1800 to 1050.

TRAVELS - Gene Ross Kellough (1588) and husband John (1589) of our Chapter spent the month of September in England. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to All Saints Church in East Budleigh, Devonshire and built in the 1200's. John's emigrant ancestor, Roger Conant, was born in East Budleigh on Hays Road. Sir Walter Raleigh lived on the same road.

QUERY- MORRIS FAMILY

A letter from Monty Morris, Aramso, P. O. Box 10501, Dahahrain, Saudi Arabia was forwarded to your Editor. Monty is looking for records in Pendleton and Edgefield about the families of James B. Morris, father of James B. born 15 May 1783, d. 3 Feb 1842 and William Morris, father of John, b. 30 July 1755, d. 15 November 1830.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - Many of our members have not yet renewed their membership. This will be your last NEWSLETTER unless renewed. Remit to our new Treasurer whose address is listed above.

SOME OCONEE CO., SC
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

by

Mrs. L. Bess K. Bowen

The following tombstone inscriptions are from small, little known cemeteries in Oconee C., SC. (EDITORS NOTE - In the interest of saving space, your editor has taken the liberty of changing the form of the inscriptions. Mrs. Bowen submitted them as they appear on the stone. The content has not been changed.)

MARET FAMILY CEMETERY

This cemetery is on a farm owned by Stephen Maret and his wife Lucy Walters. It was willed to their son Cleveland Maret and was their plantation in mid 1800. It is reached by Hwy. 182 from Oakway to South Union. Turn right at the Bill Harris farm and travel about one mile turning right to the John Maret farm. Then left to the Peter Jones plantation as it was called years ago. The graves are located in the center of the field on your right.

Cleveland Maret, b. 24 Oct 1805, d. 25 Oct 1889 age 84 years and one day.

Patsy Martha Moss, wife of Cleveland Maret (First wife), b. 13 Jun 1806, d. 25 Nov 1853 age 47 years, 5 months.

Rachel Davis, wife of Cleveland Maret (Second wife), b. 15 Sept 1816, d. ___ Mar 1866 age 49 years, 5 months, 14 days.

Cleveland Maret and Martha Moss were my second great grandparents.

REEDER FAMILY CEMETERY - South Union Community

Take Hwy. 11 South and turn left on S37-216 to property of _____, Minnie Lee and Lee Keese.

Samuel C. Reeder, b. 11 Nov 1804, d. 26 Oct 1867. He married 4 Oct 1824.

Rebecca _____, b. 25 Jul 1825, d. 5 Nov 1858

Samuel F. Reeder, b. 26 Nov 1850, d. 7 Dec 1876

Rebecca, dau. of Samuel C. Reeder, b. 29 Sept 1853, d. 26 May 1854 age 8 months.

KEESE FAMILY CEMETERY

This is a private cemetery located off Hwy. 11 in Oconee Co. and one of the family would be needed to visit it.

Elijah Keese, b. 20 Apr 1766, d. 1 Nov 1850

Celia Stepp, Wife of Elijah Keese

John Keese, b. r1 Jun 1796, d. 8 Aug 1862

Cathrine Bibb Keese, wife of John Keese, b. 14 Sept 1796, d. 10 Mar 1883

Thomas Bibb Keese, b. 12 Feb 1836, d. 14 Sept 1911

Nancy Martin Harrison, wife of Thomas Bibb Keese, b. 28 Feb 1847, d. 20 Feb 1914

Elijah Keese and Celia Stepp are my second great grandparents, John Keese and Cathrine Bibb are my great grandparents and Thomas Bibb Keese and Nancy Martin Harrison are my paternal grandparents.

DEAN FAMILY CEMETERY

This family is of no relation to me but I read this group of inscriptions

for others who may be related.

Take Hwy. 76 and 123 west to Hwy. 11. Turn right on Hwy. 11 and travel 4 miles. Turn left on S37-546 to dead end 0.8 mile. The cemetery is inclosed with a steel fence but the inscriptions can be read. I am told that this property once belonged to the Breazeale family of the Westminster area. Also, I am told that a Miss Dean married a Breazeale, hence the Dean cemetery. Also, people have related to me that many people were buried below the Dean Cemetery, but with the development of lake homes, these had been destroyed. There are many stones resembling head stones scattered through the woods to the water.

Russell Dean, b. 24 Jun, 1828, d. 16 May 1877

Mary M. _____, wife of Russell Dean, b. 1 Aug 1824, d. 9 Jun 1889

Samuel Dean, b. 6 Sept 1823, d. 1850

Inf. son of Russell & Mary Dean

Richard Dean, d. 1 Jun 1861 aged 73 years

Cynthis _____, wife of Richard Dean, d. 1 Jul _____ ag 57 years. (Broken and repaired so that the year of death could not be read).

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY (Formerly known as Block Cemetery and church).

This cemetery can be reached from Westminster, SC by going southwest to the Hartwell waters. Two tombstones of special historical interest were read and the inscriptions are transcribed below. This couple were the parents of Governor Benjamin Perry. He himself is buried in Greenville, SC.

To the memory of Benjamin Perry, b. 15 Sept 1761 in Sherburne, Massachusetts., d. 21 Nov 1842 in Pickens Dist., SC in the 82nd. year of his age. He volunteered his service at 17, army of the Revolution, was in the attack on Rhode Island in 1779. For some years, he was a clerk in Boston, afterwards a merchant in South Carolina. In 1785, he moved to Charleston, SC, thence to the upper country and spent the latter part of his life in the quiet and agreeable pursuits of agriculture. He was a man of great modesty, stern integrity and affectionate husband and parent. To his love and honored memory, this tablet is dedicated by his children 1850.

A DAR marker reads - Benjamin Perry, Massachusetts, private, Capt. Amos Perry's Company, Revolutionary War, 15 Sept 1761-21 Nov 1842. Erected by Walhalla DAR, 1963.

Anna Perry, daughter of John Foster and Eleanor Collins of Virginia, born 5 Sept 1777 in Union Dist., SC. Married on Saluda, Greenville 1798. Died 24 Sept 1848 on Choestoa, Pickens, SC in the 70th year of her age. She was endowed by a mature and warm heart, a vigorous mind and a kind disposition, generous and affectionate in all relations of life. In remembrance of her love, this tablet is dedicated to her memory by Her children 1850.

Response to our letters asking for help is much improved if we send a SASE (self addressed, stamped envelope).

THE RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO AMERICAN GENEALOGY by Val D. Greenwood. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore. It is an invaluable reference book about many of the major sources of information. Your editor recommends it.

BEAVERDAM BAPTIST CHURCH
AT
FAIRPLAY, SC

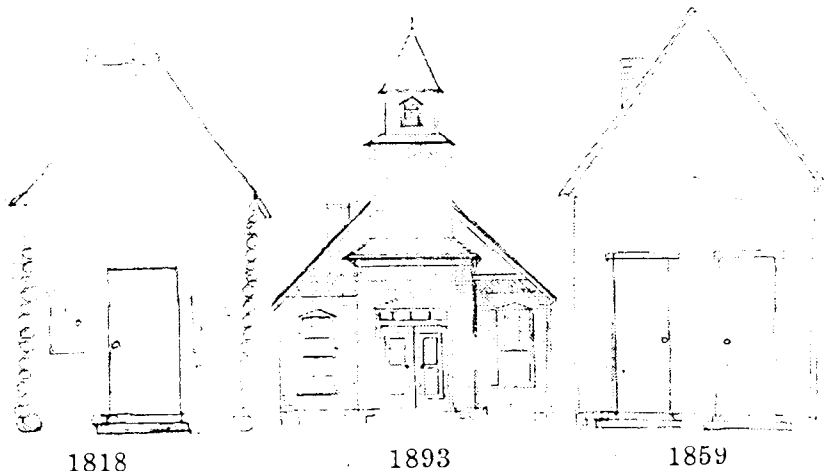
by
Walter M. Lee

EDITOR'S NOTE- This article is a condensation of a document written by Walter M. Lee of Westminster, SC in 1927. Our thanks to Mrs. Bess K. Bowen for calling it to our attention. The somewhat rambling story has been partially rearranged for better continuity. Long listings of names in paragraph form have been alphabetized and tabulated. Mr. Lee noted that there were many misspelled names in the church records; None of his transcription of the records has been changed but certain spellings are very suspect and have been noted by a (?).



This ancient and worthy body is a mother church in the hill section of South Carolina. It was founded sometime before the third Sunday in January 1803 as an arm of the Hepzibah church which was in the Saluda Association in Anderson County. Elizabeth Allen and Robert, a servant of Edward Graham, were the first received by experience. Others received later were Benjamin Meyers, Elizabeth Hutchins, Ann Marett, Mary Marett, Elizabeth Graham, Zachariah Roberts, Lee Allen, Nimrod Graham, Michel Hutchins and Simpson, a servant of Thos. Harbins. Nimrod Graham was the first Clerk and Lee Allen the first Deacon. Green Graham was received by letter. Members were examined for default for absence from conference. Sister Perryman was received in 1804. George Vandiver was the first pastor, chosen in February 1805.

Words like the following frequently occur in the minutes: "May term, no business" or "Conference



adjourned to the next term in course". "Elizabeth Roberts was excluded for uniting with the Methodists".

Among those received by letter or experience, or residing nearby and having slaves as members in the church were:

In 1810

Berry, John	Harrison, Joseph	Looney, Daniel
Brown, Peggy	, Nancy	, Roberts
Earls, Samuel	Hutchins, Elizabeth	Pullen, Mary
Harrison, Elizabeth	Isbel, Pendleton	, William, Jr.
		, William, Sr.

In 1812

Berry, John	Moss, William
Keys (Keese), Elizabeth	Pullen, Pleasant
Marett, Elizabeth	

The members composing the arm of the Hepzibah church included, Thomas Gibert who was one of the first ministers of the gospel in the area, also Benjamin McGee, Elijah Keys (Keese) etc.

In 1813 steps were taken toward becoming a church instead of an arm of the Hepzibah church. In 1815, this action was consummated and Henry Johns became a deacon in 1814.

The members of the presbytery present at the constitution of the church in March 1816 were George Vandiver, the first moderator of the Tugaloo Association, John Cleveland, Francis Calloway and John M. Gray. They were among the first preachers in the section.

EDITOR'S NOTE- Mr. Lee arranged his list of members into 1) Male members 1816-1848, 2) Female members 1816-1848 and 3) Female members "after 1830", all in paragraph form. It is not clear why these particular groupings were used. However, groups 1) and 2) have been combined here. While no distinction was made between married and unmarried women by Mr. Lee, there may be some advantage in listing male and females with the same surnames together. Group 3) has been left separate because of the different time frames.

It should be further noted that Mr. Lee used "etc." at the end of his listings of names. This seems to imply that the list is incomplete and that the church records contain other names.

MEMBERS 1816-1848

ABELS, Abraham	BROWN, Lucy	GARNER, John
ADERHOLD, Abraham	Peggy	CORDON, Rosa
Isaac	BURNS, B.	GUEST, Polly
Lewis		
Polly	CLEVELAND, Osborn	HARRISON, Elizabeth
ADDES, William	William	Joseph
AYERS, Leah	COFFEE, Iley B.	Nancy
	CROCKER, John	HATCHER, Sarah
BAILEY, Jordan	Nancy	HAYES, Elizabeth
Lucy		HERREN, Jesse
BARTON, Patsy	DURHAM, Susannah	HIDE, Austin
BATES, Polly		Nancy
BERRY, John	EARL, Harriet	HIX, Milton
BRADBURY, Jesse	EARLS, Samuel	Oliver P.
Polly		

HODGES, John W.
HOLLAND, Mary
Nancy
HUGHES, Frances
John
HUTCHINS, Drury
Elizabeth
Ginzie
Mary
Thomas
HYDIE, Mary

ISBEL, Clarky
Franklin
James
Livingston
Pendleton
Polly
Robert
Sarah
W. L.

JOLLY, William

KENNEDY, Rachel
KEYS(KEESE), Elizabeth
Thomas P.
KING, Robert

LEYRBY?, Martha
LOONEY, Daniel
Lyda
Roberts
Sarah

MARETT, Andrew Jackson
Benjamin West
Elizabeth
John
Rachel

MARETT, William
MARTIN, Elizabeth
MASON, Joel
MC CARTY, Patsy
MC GEE, Frances
MC JUNKINS, Samuel
MEREDITH, Abraham
MODLER, Walter
MOSS, Samuel
William

NEWELL, Ann
Austin

OTON, Nancy

POPHAM, Rachel
PUCKETT, Rebecca
PULLEN, Mary
Pleasant
William, Jr.
William, Sr.

RANO, John

STOVALL, John
STRIBLING, David

TILLY, Polly
TREADWAY, George
R. T.

VANDIVER, George
Mary
VARM, Charity
VARNES, Charley

WALKER, Elizabeth
WILLIS, Elizabeth
WOOTEN, Mary
WRIGHT, Catherine
James
Larkin

FEMALE MEMBERS AFTER 1830

AUSTIN, Catherine

BAILEY, Susannah
BURNS, Nancy

CANNADY, Hannah
Nancy

CLEVELAND, Harriett
Jinny
Mary

Obedience
COFFEE, Cornelia

COLE, Arminda
COLLINGS, Jane
COX, Emaline
CRAWFORD, Martha
CROCKER, Nancy

DIVINTY, Jane

EARL, Mariah

GARNER, Martha
GIBSON, Mary
GUEST, Sarah

HAMBY, Sarah
HARBIN, Jane
Mary
HERREN, Milla
HIX, Annis?
Sara
HODGE, Joanna
HUTCHINS, Mary
Nancy

ISBEL, Emily
Joanna

JANES?, Sara
JONES?, Charity
JEANS?, Alsa
JEANES, Elizabeth

KING, Lavinia

LEAGUE, Elizabeth
LEHROY?, Martha
LOONEY, Margaret
MARETT, Barthat?
Lucinda

MARETT, Lucinda J.
Nancy
Susan
MEREDITH, Susannah
MOSS, Margaret
MC GEE, Hepzibah
MC JUNKIN, Nancy

RICHARDS, Elizabeth
Mary
SANDERS, Mary
STRIBLING, Joanna

TURPIN, Sarah

WARD, Mary
WRIGHT, Frances
Senia

EDITOR'S NOTE- Apparently the church had many gaps between regular pastors when the church was served by visiting ministers or by lay members of the church. This is not clear in Mr. Lee's manuscript. The following is a list of the pastors mentioned by Mr. Lee and the approximate time when they started serving.

George Vandiver	1805-1829	Samuel Isbel	1848
Samuel Hymer	-	D. H. Payne	1858
David Simmons	1835	H. M. Barton	After civil war
M. W. Vandiver	1841	Thomas Crymes	1867
David Simmons	1843		

Double Spring of Anderson District became an arm of the Beaverdam church in 1830 and in 1833 became an established church. About that time, camp meetings became very popular in the state and also across the Georgia line. The church enjoyed much ministerial talent from time to time from the Georgia side.

Beaverdam was asked to join the West Union Association in 1845 but did not do so. The sentiment at Beaverdam was somewhat opposed to missions perhaps.

In 1846, the church agreed in conference to fill the cracks in the log wall of the church and repair the door of the house. Later, in 1846, they weatherboarded the house and built a shed for the blacks. The shed was made into a stable later.

Discipline in the church was rather severe and strict prior to 1845. Cases appeared for drunkenness, adultery, cursing, and among the slaves for running away from the master, etc. One case is mentioned in the minutes of a serious family dispute between man and wife and the children and step-children of the home. The church went into the case and took copious notes through its committee and aired all the family affairs.

Milton Hix and Samuel Isbel were licensed in 1843, by the church to preach. Samuel Isbel was ordained in 1848 by David Simmons and H. M. Barton. A number of letters of dismission were granted by the church in 1830, perhaps for the organization of a church nearby.

Samuel Isbel, Livingston Isbel and James H. Marett were deacons just before the middle of the century. John Garner, Pitts Collins and H. F. Chandler were also deacons. D. S. Stribling was a prominent member about 1850. He usually wrote the letter to the Association. A fund was occasionally raised for travelling ministers.

It appears that the West Union Association dissolved after its first constitution and desired again in 1851 to re-organize. Beaverdam was asked to enter the new body but refused. The West Union Association was trying to foster missionary sentiment in the section, as per reports. D. S. Stribling was clerk in these days about 1851. He was released in 1852. P. F. S. Bruce was elected clerk in his place. Balus Hix was made deacon at the same time.

Protracted meetings began to be held in the church about 1852. The meeting was conducted by Brother Isbel, John York was the preacher, and Martin was the exhorter. So they had three to conduct it, with names for each, and offices for each to fill.

Public collections were taken up in 1852 for the support of home missions. Samuel Isbel was still pastor of the church, but Brother Barton was a frequent aid. The Woolbrights, the Youngbloods, the Maretts, the Isbels, the Shealors, the McJunkins, the Wrights, the Hixes, the Treadways, etc. were prominent members and workers about 1855.

A subscription list was made up about 1855 for a new church. Osburn Cleveland, T. C. Marett, J. H. Marett and D. S. Stribling were on the committee to solicit funds. T. J. Sloan was church clerk at the time. A great meeting

was held by Isbel and Barton in 1858 with crowded houses and many converts. Sinners cried out for mercy. Saints confessed their wrongs. The Lord visited the church with an outpouring of His Spirit, so the record says. It was a fruitful season.

Revs. D. H. Payne, Aderhold and Davis visited the church in 1858 also. The new church adopted measures against intemperance and card playing in 1860. Rev. S. Isbel became pastor again and served the church for some time.

Payne, Barton and Isbel made a strong trio in a protracted meeting. A good meeting was held by them in August 1862 at Beaverdam. Many were converted and the church grew in numbers daily. Fifty five were received in the meeting.

Members were received also by certificate from the army during the civil war. Some of the members were blown up at St. Petersburg during the war. Rev. H. M. Barton became pastor after the war. Reed Creek and South Union were aided by the church when requested.

The dying testimony of Eliza A. Isbel, daughter of Pendleton and Clarky Isbel, is touchingly related in the minutes.

D. S. Stribling and A. S. Stephens served the church long as clerks.

In November, 1866, the church took up the matter of dealing with "The freemen of color," and resolved to allow them the same privileges as heretofore. The church resolved not to tolerate dancing by its members.

The life of the church since the civil war has been fruitful of much good to the section.

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