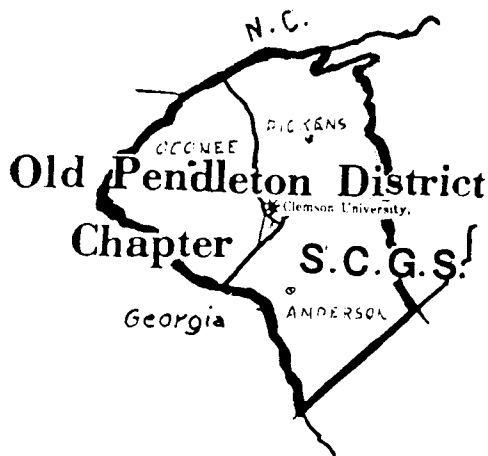


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PENDLETON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings except January will be at American Federal Bank on US123 in Clemson at 7:30 PM.

15 Jan 1985, 7:30 PM at Central Wesleyan College, Central, SC to become acquainted with the new Faith Clayton Room.

19 Feb 1985 - PROBLEMS IN INDIAN GENEALOGY  
Speaker - Dr. Theda Perdue

19 Mar 1985 - ANDREW PICKENS  
Speaker - Dr. Charles Busha

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS (From Charleston NEWSLETTER) - The National Archives and Records Service has placed several sets of micro-filmed Revolutionary War records in their Regional Branches. Available are Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files (#M804); Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War (#M881); and the General Index to Compiled Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers (#M860). The Regional Branch for the southeast is at 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30344, phone 404-763-7477.

IMMIGRANT & PASSENGER ARRIVALS - This is one of a series of catalogs listing records available in the National Archives. The initial six already available are:

American Indians  
Black Studies  
Diplomatic Records

Genealogical & Biographical  
Research  
Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals  
Military Service Records

These catalogs are part of a larger effort undertaken by the National Archives Trust Fund to increase public awareness of the availability of the records in the National Archives. The price of the Immigrant and Passenger Arrival catalog is \$2 and it may be ordered from Catalog Dept G & B, Publications Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, DC 20408.

IRISH GENEALOGICAL SERVICES - This organization offers search services in Ireland. If interested, write David McElroy, 60 Ivanhoe Ave., Carryduff, Belfast BT8, Northern Ireland.

SOUTHEASTERN INDIAN LECTURE SERIES - Four lectures, 4:00PM Feb 5, 19 and Mar 19, 26 in Hardin Hall. No charge.

HOSPITALIZED - Chapter member Adlai R. Yates, Oconee Hospital.

1985 DUES If you have not already sent them in, do so to get publications.

EARLY CHURCHES  
OF  
OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT

The Baptists and Presbyterians were the earliest and strongest organizers of churches in Pendleton District. Quite a bit later the Methodists, Episcopalians and some smaller denominations formed churches. The September NEWSLETTER covered the earliest Presbyterian churches in Pendleton District. It so happened that these were in or near the village of Pendleton, some in what is now Pickens County and some in Anderson County. This article deals with early Baptist churches in Anderson County. The April NEWSLETTER will be about some early churches in Oconee County.

One thing noted while reviewing material for these first two articles is that during the frontier days there were a few people that we would today call activists. The same names keep appearing among those listed for several churches. Apparently, the same pastors and even elders and deacons circulated freely.

BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptists earliest church was Big Creek and was then located about three miles from Williamston, SC and formed in 1788. The original church was located about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the present one which is on Big Creek Road (Hamilton St.) south about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Main St., Williamston, SC.



Built 1875



Built 1982

The land for the original church was donated by the Williams family which owned thousands of acres in the area bounded Big Creek for which the church was named. Both of the pictured churches still stand. The first services were held in a log building as was so commonly done.

Big Creek was organized by Moses Holland, a native of Culpepper, VA, who had recently settled in the community. He was ordained the first pastor in which capacity he served the remainder of his life.

As in the case of Carmel Presbyterian Church (See September NEWS-LETTER), many sprang from it. They were:

Brushy Creek	Washington
Salem, Broadway	Friendship
Neals Creek	Lebanon
Little River	Six and Twenty
Barkers Creek	New Prospect
Hopewell	

The following pastors have served the church (1788-1899)

Moses Holland	1788-1829
Robert King	1830-1838
John Vandiver	1838-1844
Wm. P. Martin	1846-1873
R. W. Burts	1873-1899

The Church joined the Saluda Baptist Association in 1803. In 1965, the church transferred its membership to the Palmetto Baptist Association.

There is a cemetery at the church which contains its founder, Moses Holland, b. 17, Nov 1758 in Virginia, d. 8 Sep 1829 and many others, among whom is Dr. James Bruton, b. 1841 in Anderson Co., d. 10 Jun 1921 in Texas. He was President of Mercer University, editor of Baptist Record and Baptist Standard, President of Southern Baptist Conv. four times and faculty member of Southwestern Theological Seminary (Baylor University).

The following deacons were listed but no dates given:

William Harper	Ezekiel Murphy	William Holland
James Welborn	A. F. Welborn	D.J. Barnet
William Harper, Jr.	David Rogers	J. C. Griffin
Joel Holbert	Miles Allison or	J. W. Poore
Thomas Welborn	Ellison	W. K. Clement
William Copeland	John Poore	J. E. Pickle
Asa Harper	William Bennett	J. R. Wilson

Included in the data from which this article was drawn is a list called "Other Messengers to Association" as follows:

John Nicholson	1791,3,1803	William Jolly	1799, 1802
John McCutcheon	1794	James Wilborn	1796,8,9, 1800,03,4
Peter Graham	1794	Hezekiah Rice	1800
William King	1795	Mallard Day	1801
Joseph Jolly	1795	Elijah Major	1802
George Vandiver	1796,7	Channon Breazeale	1804

#### SHOCKLEYS FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

This church was constituted around 1790 and became extinct in 1826. It took its name from Shockleys (Later Browns Ferry) on the Savannah River near where it was located. A small log house was built about a half mile southeast from the present Shiloh Church. About 1800, Cooper Bennett came into the church and subsequently became its pastor In 1803,

it became a member of the Saluda Baptist Association. In 1806, it had 106 members.

This was the mother church for many Baptist churches in southwestern Anderson County. Prominent among its leaders were James Chastain, Cooper Bennett, Jacob Brazelton, and William Leonard. James Burriss and Richard Madden, both of whom afterward became prominent preachers, were at one time members of this church.

It was the mother church for the present following churches: Salem, Mountain Creek, Starr and Mount Tabor (Now Anderson First. Some of its members helped establish Shiloh and Hopewell.

During its short life, there was much controversy among Baptists regarding whether Baptist churches should do missionary work. In 1823, Cooper Bennett was pastor and a strong believer in missions. He was denounced as a heretic, rejected as pastor by the other churches of which he was also pastor and finally excluded from fellowship in Mountain Creek Church of which he was a member. Shockleys Ferry Church stood by him and as a result was excluded from the Saluda Baptist Association in 1826. As a result, the church withered and died.

#### ANDERSON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

This church started as Mount Tabor about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Anderson, SC a few hundred yards west of the Lowndsville Road. A few old tombstones mark the site. It has been used as a cemetery by the black people of Anderson. The present church is right in the center of Anderson facing on McDuffie St.



ANDERSON FIRST BAPTIST

building was erected on the present site of Anderson First Baptist.

Sometime before 1821, James Burriss began preaching under a bush arbor at the Mount Tabor site. At that time, he owned and lived on the plantation later known as Captain John W. Daniel's mill farm. Shortly, an arm of Shockleys Ferry Baptist Church was established here. A house of worship was built of large hewed logs. It was constituted an independent church in 1821 with a membership of 56 persons.

In 1827, Pendleton District was divided into Anderson and Pickens Counties. The county seat was established for the new Anderson County and a village was soon formed around it. In 1834, the Mount Tabor church was moved into the town and a small frame

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Pastors who served the church from 1821 until 1892 are:

Sanford Vandiver	1821-1842	W. H. Strickland	1878-1880
A. Rice	1842-1848	T. P. Bell	1880-1885
J. Scott Murry	1849-1865	No pastor	1886
W. D. Beberly	1867-1870	A. A. Marshall	1887-1892
J.S. Murry	1871	L. M. Rice & M. E. Parish as	
No pastor	1872	supply because of Marshall's	
L. M. Ayer	1873-1874	health	1890-1892
J. S. Murry	1875-1877	O. L. Martin	1892-

#### NEALS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sometime prior to 1803, an arm of Big Creek Baptist Church was formed in the Neals Creek Community about six miles southeast of Anderson, SC on US76. Moses Holland, pastor of the Big Creek Church visited at stated times and preached there. In time, it became evident that a church was needed at Neals Creek and was organized 19 March 1803 with a membership of 84, most of them being dismissed from the Big Creek Church for this purpose. It was admitted to the Saluda Baptist Association the same year.



NEALS CREEK BAPTIST

again although your editors source does not give the number of members. By 1827, the church had outgrown its house of worship and a new frame building was erected on the same site.

In 1847, the church was involved in serious discord which finally resulted in the dismissal of Elder William McGee who had served the church well for 27 years, 18 of which were as pastor.

In 1870, the church was so dilapidated that a new one of brick was completed in 1871

The first building was a small log house erected on land owned by John Vandiver and was a about  $3/4$  mile northeast from the present church. Sometime later a new log cabin church was built near the present site. The church shown at the left was built in 1939. Just beyond it, a new and much larger church is now under construction.

No records are available from 1803 to 1812 but an old church book made by A. Rice in 1830 indicates that regular activity existed during those nine years.

For some reason, membership had dropped to 37 by 1817, less than half its original number.

The membership began to build

The early prominent officials of the church were:

PASTORS

Moses Holland	1803-1829	J. T. Smith	1890-1893
Robert King	1828-1832	D. W. Hiott	1893
William McGee	1828-1847	H. T. Smith	1894
Bryan Burriss	1847-1848		
A. Acker	1848	ORDAINED	
J. T. W. Vernor	1853-1857	Robert King	1828
R. King	1857-1859	William McGee	1828
A. Acker	1859-1867	Amariah Rice	1834
Robert King	1863-1869		
W. H. King	1868-1872	ELDERS	
M. McGee	1872-1877	A. Williams	1832
W. H. King	1877-1879	Moses Holland	
J. T. W. Vernor	1880-1882	Sanford Vandiver	
W. H. King	1882-1885	James Burriss	1822
D. W. Hiott	1885-1887		
B. M. Pack	1888		
D. W. Hiott	1889		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- 1) History of Saluda Baptist Association
- 2) South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805 by Leah Townsend, PHD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974

QUERIES

CLAYTON Need bur. site of Charles CLAYTON, b. 1755 Brunswick, VA,  
LOVE served as Adjutant 9th Reg. of VA. Wife Nancy (Ann) LOVE  
TONEY dau. of John LOVE. Tradition has Charles d. Pendleton Dist.  
SC about 1804, will probated in Franklin Co., GA 1805, son  
Charles Collier CLAYTON executor. Sons wife Nancy TONEY dau.  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Berry Toney. They went on to St. Clair Co., AL  
G. L. Clayton, Rt. 1, Box 288, Madisonville, TX 77864

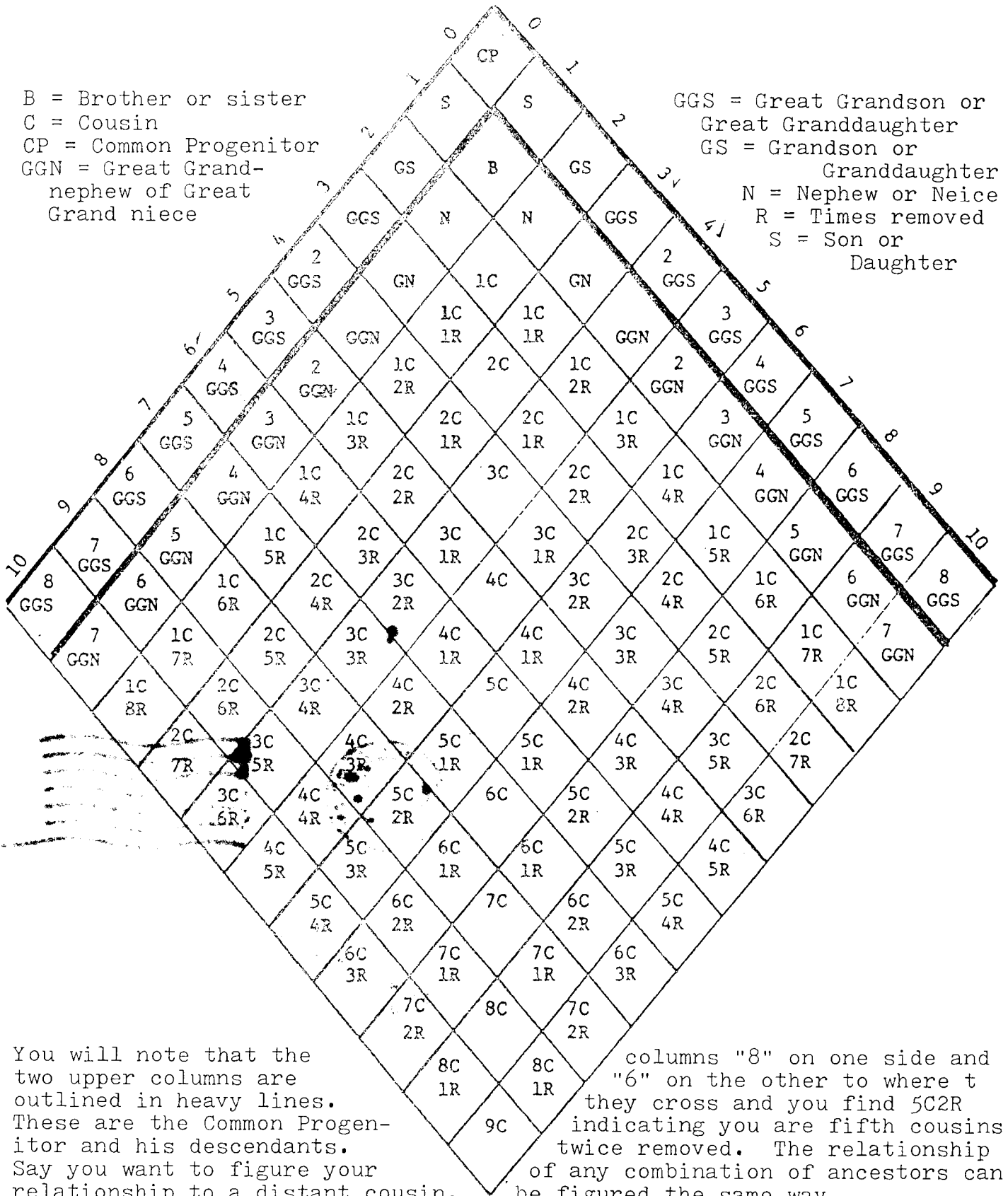
MOSELEY Need info. desc. Fountain MOSELEY, JR. b. 15 Dec 1781, lived  
BELCHER Laurens Co., SC & sister Frances MOSELEY, b. 24Jul1783, m.  
Beverly BELCHER; Laurens Co., SC  
Juanita Davis Cawthon, 844 Acklen, Shreveport, LA 71104

ORR Robert ORR, Baptist minister lived Pendleton Dist. 1793 to  
Ca. 1819, d. Shelby Co., AL May 1823. Need maiden names and  
m. dates for wife Nancy and Jane w. of son Jehu (John). Was  
Robert ORR son of Robert ORR d. Wake Co., NC or of John ORR  
who d. before 1780 in Wake Co.?

Mrs. R. L. Morgan, 201 Loretta Dr., Goodlettsville, TN 37072

B = Brother or sister  
 C = Cousin  
 CP = Common Progenitor  
 GGN = Great Grand-nephew of Great Grand niece

GGG = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter  
 GS = Grandson or Granddaughter  
 N = Nephew or Neice  
 R = Times removed  
 S = Son or Daughter



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columns "8" on one side and "6" on the other to where they cross and you find 5C2R indicating you are fifth cousins twice removed. The relationship of any combination of ancestors can be figured the same way.