

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be January 18 at 7:30 pm in the second floor meeting room of Wachovia Bank, Clemson, SC Highway 123

PENDLETON DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are wondering why you're getting your newsletter from Newport News, Virginia, it is very simply "Gerrymandering!"

Dell Millar and a few of his "conspirators" elected me President using all sorts of political promises as "it's the easiest job in the Club - all you have to do is show up and the other officers will do all the work". Boy - did I fall for that one! Dell, with your smooth words I expect you to be running for at least Governor and maybe Senator for South Carolina very soon. Seriously folks we all owe Dell and Judy Millar a vote of thanks for the great leadership and work over the years - they deserve a well earned rest. Judy - I know you are the one that did the really hard work. The fact that we couldn't get any one to replace you right away indicates that everyone knew it was the most difficult job. All I can say is Thank You very much to both Judy and Dell - (and please - both of you - keep me out of trouble!?)

You note that the position of Editor is vacant - that's the bad news - the good news is that we actually have someone who is willing to do it. (Bless her!) I will place the name before the membership for a vote at the January meeting. Since we didn't have an Editor last meeting, I volunteered to mail out a newsletter. This newsletter is the result of the kindness of **Anne Sheriff**, our State Representative and my brother-in-law **Herman Geschwind** who took pity on me (both independently of each other) and sent me material. Since both had material of interest this issue is larger than usual.

Note that our membership is increasing. If you can help any of these new members please do. Obviously many people from all over the country have Pendleton District roots. Anne Sheriff has included material and order blanks for the forthcoming Heritage books for Oconee and Pickens County. These are both getting down to the wire. If you are interested in having your

family history published, please read the three pages on the Heritage books. One page shows a sample of the format desired. The Heritage Book Committee in Oconee and Pickens Counties are publishing the Heritage book. Please note that Genealogical (Pedigree) charts and tabular material cannot be accepted.

"REMEMBER"

You're not getting older, you're just getting better! Remember - old age is a privilege not granted to everyone!

Joe "All I have to do is show up" Looper

1995 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE. PLEASE USE THE APPLICATION FORM ON THE BACK PAGE. BY PAYING NOW IT WILL INSURE YOU OF UNINTERRUPTED MAILINGS OF ANY PUBLICATIONS.

To all members: a note for your consideration

- 1. If possible please send me your full legal name and address. If you send the full 9 digit ZIP code it should help speed up delivery-ie:23601-2215 rather than 23601. Your postman or postoffice can give you this number. In typing the mailing list I noted very few addresses had full ZIP codes. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Since we're all in the Genealogy game together, we're aware how difficult it is to locate female maiden surnames. Would it be too much to ask the ladies to include their maiden surnames as a middle name or am I being too chauvinistic? Please let me know.
- 2. How about sending us your **pedigree chart**? (or as Robert Dodson reminds me constantly, your **lineage chart**.) 4,5. Or 6 generations-it doesn't matter as long as it is a one page chart. If it is not complete just write "HELP?" in the blanks. Some of our members may be able to help fill in the blanks. I'll try to see that all get published even if I have to subsidise it.
- 3. Any ideas or suggestions to make our newsletter more useful to our members is most welcome.

Joe "Bones" Looper

The Old Pendleton Dist. Chap. SCGS meets the third Wednesday as follows: JAN., FEB., MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, OCT. and NOV., at 7:30 PM in the second floor meeting room of Wachovia Bank in Clemson on US 123 with speakers and programs to be announced. The MAY meeting is scheduled as a work session the third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, at the Faith Clayton Family Research Room, Central Wesleyan College, Central, SC. The SEPTEMBER meeting is a covered dish dinner meeting for members and their guests held on SUNDAY, before the third Wednesday, at 6 PM. Traditionally this meeting is held at Keowee State Park, Hwy. 11, Salem, SC.

The chapter does not meet or publish a newsletter JULY, AUGUST or DECEMBER. EDITORIAL POLICY: Old Pendleton District Chapter encourages members to submit queries, articles and one-page pedigree charts that are ready for printing. They may be sent to Judy Millar, 1255 Dyar Rd., Seneca, SC, 29678.

1995 OFFICERS: Joseph Looper, President; Robert Dodson, Vice President; William C Whitten, Treasurer; Levinia Moore, Secretary; Vacant, Editor; Ann Sheriff, State Rep. MOVING? Please send change of address to: Judy Millar, 1255 Dyar Rd., Seneca, SC 29678.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

NAME

RESARCHING

LOCATION

Sicotte, Nancy A. 2047 Byron Street Palo Alto, CA 94301	John Hamilton (1770 ?-1812) Martha Greer (1780-1872) James Greer (-1795)	Anderson CoOconee Co. SC. Lincoln Co. TN Northern Ireland, Anderson Co., SC
Dixon, Lynn-Marie 6549 S.E. Fern Ave. Portland, OR, 97206	Daniel Redding, John Zach Smith Gregory Clark(w/ Clarissa)(Rev Sldr) Michael K. Seay	Easley, S.C. Unknown - SC Unknown - SC
Hoyt, Patrica PO Box 11674 Prescott, Az 86304	Emma Osborn McDowell and othres See Querys for details.	Pickens and Oconee Cos., SC
Conner, Mrs. Tennga S. 267 Lakeshore St. Dayton, TN, 37321-7102	James Ferguson (d. 1848) Elisha Alexander (d. 1832) Nancy, wife of Elisha (a Grogan?)	Glassy Mtn. area, Pickens Co. SC Crow Creek area, Pickens Co. SC Crow Creek area, Pickens Co. SC
Geschwind, Mary Looper 1714 Clarendon Drive Greensboro, NC 27410	Any "LOOPER COUSINS" Fom the first census to the ones born this week. (Joe L's #1 Sister)	Pickens,Oconee,Anderson counties and all surrounding counties in NC, SC, GA,TN.
McAlister, Vance B. 955 South 10th. St. El Centro, CA, 92243	No surnames given	
Pfeil, W. Edward 1222 Commerce St. Apt. 1802 Dallas, TX, 75202-4316	No surnames given	
Henderson, Robert H. 119 Pinewood Drive Greer, SC, 29651-5132	No surnames given	
Nettles, John E. 524 Feemster Lane Rock Hill, SC, 29730-9091	Parents of Lucinda Harris Parents of Sarah Cargle Spouse/Parents of William R. Berry	Union, SC (Elberton?) Pickens County, SC Pickens County, SC

"FOLLOW ME"

"FOLLOW YOU?"

Remember as you pass by As you are, so once was I And as I am, you soon will be Prepare for death and follow me To follow you I'm not content Until I know which way you went

The sceptics reply

The above found on many Pickens County tombstones

"Lord, help me to make my words sweet and tender for tomorrow I may have to eat them!"

QUERIES

The following is from Patricia Hoyt, PO Box 11674, Prescot AZ, 86304

I am looking for information on Emma Osborn McDowell, who was supposedly born in Seneca, SC (or possibly Secona), 10 January 1866. There are two possible names for her father: John McDowell or Osborne McDowell. He died in SC about 1866-67 from Civil War wounds. Her mother is also listed as being possibly a Nancy or Malinda Osborne or Hudson. Her mother remarried a John Brown from Oconee County, SC, sometime between 1867 and 1870. Her mother died and left John Brown with three steepchildren, John B. McDowell, Mary P. McDowell and Emma O. McDowell. Shortly thereafter, John Brown took the children to Macon County. N.C., where they grew up and married. Emma married William Logan Higdon in Ellijay Twp, Macon Co. NC. I would like to be able to identify who her parents, and possibly her grandparents were, and her place of birth in Pickens/Oconee Co.

The following queries are from Keith A. Merk,34 Waccamaw Cir,Greenville,SC 29605

Seeking information on William D. Arnold b. 1784 NC d. June 23, 1854, Garvin Township, SC. Married Susannah Gaines b. August 13, 1786, Culpepper County, VA, d. 1857 Garvin Township, SC. D/o Richard George Gaines. They lived in Abbeville and Laurens Counties near Donald, SC before moving to Garvin Township before 1830.

Seeking information on John Marshall Evette/Evatt b. 1825, SC d. After 1870 Eastatoe Township, SC. and wife Elesta Lavine Powell b. 1823, SC d. After 1870 Eastatoe Township SC. Appears in 1850 and 1870 census in Pickens Co. And in Hodges Township, Abbeville Co. in 1860.

Seeking information on John M. Hendricks b. February 12, 1817 SC d. October 2, 1891, Six Mile, SC. And his wife Rutha b. March 6, 1820 d. October, 1901, Six Mile, SC. Both are buried at Fairview Methodist near Easley in Anderson Co. They appear in the 1870 census in the Brushy Creek Township in Anderson Co.

Seeking information on Garner Evans b. 1795, SC d. 1885 SC. Married first Sarah Martin and second (after 1850) Lucy Eleanor O'Bryant b. 1822, SC d. After 1885, d/o John O'Bryant and widow of Giles Chapman.

NEW RECORDS FROM THE LDS

On the next three pages in the summer "News of the Family History Library". This was down loaded from Compuserve - it is available to anyone who has a computer with a modem. What should be of extreme interest is the new German acquisitions. Some of these have not been available until the opening of East Germany and Russia in recent years. Since many people in the Walhalla community are of German descent, they should be of

particular interest to them. Also explained are passport application and microfish and microfilm policies. A catalog is available. You should check with your nearest LDS Family History Center for more details.

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News of the Family History Library is published four times yearly by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ISSN 1052-8644. Not available by subscription. General information about the hours and services of the Family History Library is available at 801-240-2331.

Comments are welcome. Please address them to Family History Library, ATTN: Editor, News of the Family History Library, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

1994 CATALOG AVAILABLE

The 1994 Family History Library Catalog(TM) on microfiche is now available for sale to the public. The new catalog on microfiche features:

- An easier-to-read type font.
- About six percent more catalog entries.
- An improved layout that reduces the number of fiche by 14 percent from the 1993 catalog. This means the 1994 edition costs less.

To order the catalog on microfiche, see "Microform Sales Policies," in the next column.

NEW CATALOG INSTRUCTIONS

A new booklet titled Using the Family History Library Catalog(TM) teaches about both the microfiche and FamilySearch(R) compact disc editions of the catalog. The instructions are shipped free with larger orders for the catalog or can be ordered separately for \$.75 from the Salt Lake Distribution Center (item number 30966).

NEW GERMAN ACQUISITIONS

German Pedigrees

Half a million German pedigrees, mostly dating from 1650 to 1850, are available on microfilm at the Family History Library and through family history centers. Many pedigrees are hundreds of pages long. The collection, titled Die Ahnenstammkartei des deutschen Volkes (The German Pedigree Card Index), includest

- 638 index films (listed under Family History Library Catalog computer number 688651). This is a handwritten, phonetic index. It is on 2.7 million cards and arranged by the wife's married name.
- Over 600 pedigree films (listed under Family History Library Catalog computer number 677728).

A detailed introduction to the collection, written in German, appears on microfilm number 1,799,712, item 3. The Family History Library Catalog contains a briefer explanation in English.

Germans in Russia

Also available are 135 new microfilms about Germans in Russia. The German Protestant Church [Evangelische Kirche] of Russia was organized into several consistories and headquartered in St. Petersburg.

The new microfilms contain 274 volumes of the consistories' church record transcripts stored at the Russian State Historical Archives. These records are from German settlements in Ingermanland (the area near St. Petersburg), the Black Sea, Bessarabia, and the Crimea for the years 1833 to 1885. The films are listed in the Subject section of the Family History Library Catalog undert

GERMANS - RUSSIA - CHURCH RECORDS AND REGISTERS

MICROFORM SALES POLICIES

The Family History Library and the Genealogical Society of Utah acquire microfilm and microfiche for use in our library and centers. We are not a sales organization, but where it is

contractually permitted, we have at times sold microfilm to institutions. In order to ensure clarity and consistency on those few sales occasions, the Genealogical Society of Utah has recently clarified the microform sales policy:

Selling microform is not the purpose of the Genealogical Society of Utah. However, we will sell some microforms if the following conditions, and all conditions listed on the order forms and instructions, are met. We reserve the right to refuse any order.

Microfiche

The only microfiche that individuals or organizations can purchase are the International Genealogical Index(TM) and Family History Library Catalog. Orders must be received in the Microform Sales Unit (address below) on the correct order forms and must be prepaid.

- To order Family History Library Catalog fiche, use form number 31874.
- To order International Genealogical Index fiche, use form number 31791.

These forms are available from the Microform Sales Unit (address below) and from family history centers.

Microfilms

Copies of many microfilms in the Family History Library are available for purchase by archives, libraries, universities, and nonprofit genealogical and historical societies for the purpose of building their collections. Written permission from the record owner/custodian is normally required to purchase microfilms. Microfilms are not available for purchase by individuals.

Orders and Payment

All microform orders must be received in writing and must be prepaid by check. The Family History Library and family history centers are not allowed to accept orders or payment for the purchase of microforms. All orders, inquiries, and payment must be directed to:

Family History Department ATTN: Microform Sales Unit 50 East North Temple Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

A CORRECTION

In the previous issue of the News of the Family History Library we printed an incorrect telephone number for GeneSys, the company that distributes FamilySearch to libraries and institutions. We apologize for this error. The correct number is 1-800-388-0266.

U.S. PASSPORT RECORDS

The Family History Library now has more than 2,150 microfilms of United States passport records from the National Archives and Department of State. These records are travel documents "attesting to the citizenship and identity of the bearer."

The first extant passport given to an individual is dated July 1796. Passports generally became more popular in the late 1840s. Until the outbreak of World War I in 1914, United States citizens were generally allowed to travel abroad without passports. After that, people of all walks of life used passports. By 1930 the United States government had issued over two and a half million passports. Between 1800 and 1929, the number of passports issued was as

follows:

1800 to 1909 457,200 1910 to 1919 384,000 1920 to 1929 1,828,000

Passport Applications

To receive a United States passport, a person submitted some proof of United States citizenship. This proof was usually a letter, affidavits of witnesses, and certificates from clerks or notaries. By 1888 separate application forms existed for native citizens, naturalized citizens, and derivative citizens.

Passport applications may contain information about the applicant's family status, birth date and place, residence, naturalization (if born in another country), and other biographical information. Twentieth century applications often include marriage and family information as well as dates, places, and names of ships used for travel.

Each passport application series is arranged chronologically. A number is assigned to most applications. For some years registers, but no actual applications, are available. To find a particular application, use the registers and indexes to identify the application date and number (where applicable).

Available Records

The microfilmed passport records, registers, and indexes are available at the Family History Library and through family history centers. The records are arranged in sets and listed in the Locality section of the Family History Library Catalog under UNITED STATES-EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION. Some of the more significant sets are listed below:

Registers and indexes Passport registers Dec. 1810 to Oct. 1817 Mar. 1834 Passport registers and indexes to Dec. 1865 1860 to 1879 Card index to applications 1880 to 1881 Card indexes to applications Book indexes to applications Jan. 1881 to Feb. 1906 1906 to 1925 Card indexes to applications 1907 to 1921 Card index to consular registrations

1915 to 1924 Index to Jewish applications for emergency passports

Applications

Oct. 1795 Letters of application for passports

to Nov 1812

1817 to 1834 Bound copies of passports and some letters Apr. 1833 Passport applications arranged by

to Dec. 1905 volume number

Jan. 1906 Passport applications arranged by

to Mar. 1925 certificate numbers

1941 to 1947 Applications for United States citizens in German-occupied Europe

For applications for 1925 and later write to:

Passport Office Department of State 1425 K Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20520

803-324-7848

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Announcing the Forthcoming Book!

THE HERITAGE OF OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, VOL. 1

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Longfellow

- Henry Wadsworth

"Psalm of Life"

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HERE'S OUR SUGGESTION:

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IMPORTANT to the Oconee County Heritage Book Committee, so important that we cordially invite you to assist in the publication of our county history book!

ALL FAMILIES WITH RESIDENCE, FORMER RESIDENCE, OR ROOTS IN OCONEE COUNTY are asked to submit their family history to be published in 1995. STORIES OF 500 WORDS AND ONE PICTURE WILL BE PRINTED FREE FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THESE STORIES IS JANUARY 15, 1995.

In addition, if your ancestors were in Oconee County by or before 1900, you may submit a free 500-word story and picture (one per household) which will be considered by the committee for publication.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Story to be TYPEWRITTEN DOUBLE-SPACED* on 8½ x 11 white bond paper (do not use onionskin) with WORD COUNT, SOURCES, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING STORY at the end of your article (as shown on page 2). *Call a Committee Member if you need assistance with writing or typing your story.
- 2) It is best to submit black and white photos; however, we will accept 35mm color or studio quality color prints. NO PHOTOSTATS OR FADED POLAROIDS WILL BE PRINTED. Identify your photos with a return address label, or print lightly on the back, including phone number. We make every effort to return your photo, but ask that you NOT SEND ANY irreplaceable ones. Please have copies made, and submit one of those. (Note: We will accept any size photo up to 8 x 10, but these will be reduced to 1 column width, unless you make additional payment as detailed in paragraph 4). We need you to write a concise caption for each photograph, limited to 8-10 words. Please

type this caption, at the bottom of the last page of your story.

- 3) ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF PICTURE. Please make certain your envelope fits your picture, and that you include enough return postage!
- 4) In addition to the free 500 word story and photo, EXTRA SPACE is available in the book: 10¢ for each additional word, \$12.50 for additional photos or additional 1 column wide block of photo space.
 - 5) You are invited to order a copy of the new book now. ONLY THOSE WHO ORDER AND PAY IN ADVANCE ARE ASSURED OF OBTAINING ONE! Deadline for book orders is JANUARY 15, 1995.
 - 6) ALL STORIES, PICTURES AND BOOK OR-DERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 1995. Order blank is on page 3.

If members of your family have left Oconee County, please contact them for their story OR forward us their address so that we may contact them.

7) Our book will also contain stories of Oconee County places and events. We are especially interested in church, club, or organization histories. These are entitled to 250 words and 1 photo FREE. Additional words @ 10¢ and additional photos @ \$12.50. There will also be a tribute, memorial, and business history section. Contact any committee member for information and prices on these pages.

The Committee sincerely hopes that each of you will submit your family story. It is only with your support that this publication will portray Oconee County. If you need assistance, contact a Book Committee member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COOPERATION.

OCONEE COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK COMMITTEE The Blue Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South Second Street Seneca, SC 29678

Telephone (803) 882-2722

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In addition to my free picture, I want photos printed for \$12.50 each.		OCONEE COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK COMMITTEE The Blue Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South Second Street Seneca. SC 29678
	\$ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	Telephone: (803) 882-2722 Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return or plus pictures

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The Blue Ridge Arts Council Gallery

Of the three original church buildings erected in the 1880's, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, located at East South Second and South Townville Streets, is the only one still standing, it is now the Gallery of The Blue Ridge Arts Council.

First efforts in the formulation of an Episcopal congregation in Oconee County were the results of labors by the Rev. Andrew H. Cornish, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pendleton, some twelve miles east of Seneca. While serving the Church in Pendleton he made frequent visitations to Episcopal charging in Oconee County who had moved into the mountain section from South Carolina's low-country and areas of Virginia. In 1854 Mr. Cornish reported semi-monthly services on the plantation of Ransom Calhoun in the Keowee section of Oconee County. In a report Mr. Cornish states that he held services in Seneca City for the first time in 1857, two services that year. In 1858 he reported holding fifteen services in Seneca City.

In November, 1877, the missionary efforts in Oconee County were taken over by the Rev. Thomas F. Gadsden, Rector of Grace Church in Anderson, South Carolina. In April, 1878, he began holding regular monthly services in a structure located in Seneca City called the Union Building, a building where all denominations took turns holding worship services.

The Rev. Mr. Gadsden reported in his annual report of May, 1879: "Our little band of 30 souls are hoping to get a lot and build a Chapel, but the prospect is not encouraging." In 1881, after the donation of one lot by Dr. Doyle and the purchase of another, Mr. Gadsden wrote: "We have an eligible lot. Hope to build this summer a Chapel seating 100 persons, and costing about \$500.00." In his annual report of May, 1882, the Rev. Mr. Gadsden says of the Chapel: "After four years of waiting, during which we worshipped in a Union Building, we have built a neat Chapel at a cost of \$500.00."

The Episcopal congregation built a new church in the early 1980's and the old church was purchased by the Oconee Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1983. In July, 1987, the president and treasurer of The Blue Ridge Arts Association signed an agreement to purchase the historic building from the Presbyterians.

"A building of such essential simplicity is rarely found," stated Vernon S. Hodges, (deceased) professor of architectural history at Clemson University. He added, "Because it makes the complete statement 'church' it is timeless . . . it is worthy to appear among the best in the state." The building is in the National Register of Historic Places

The Blue Ridge Arts Association was organized in September, 1966. The association's name was changed to The Blue Ridge Arts Association's name was changed to The Blue Ridge Arts Council in 1994. With a membership over 300, the object and purpose of the organization is to stimulate interest in and promote the arts and humanities including visual and performing arts, handicrafts, literature and other artistic and cultural endeavors, together with related cultural and educational programs. (500 words) Submitted by Billie Chapman. Note: Since this article is over the 250 word limit, a fee of 10¢ per word applies to 250 words.

VIRGIL ALLEN MITCHELL

Virgil Allen Mitchell was born April 21, 1914 at Six Mile. He is the son of Elbert Allen and Mozell Davis Mitchell. Their parents were Abner and Theresa Mauldin Mitchell and Reverend Joseph Robert and Ida Cox Davis. On March 24, 1937, Virgil married Mary Luck Parks of Pisgah, N.C., a classmate at Central Wesleyan College. She is the daughter of Walter and Fleta Luck Parks. Virgil and Mary are the parents of Walter Allen (died in auto accident); Marilyn Luck (Mrs. Alton C. Hollingsworth); Martha Theresa (Mrs. James S. Funnell) both of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and the grandparents of Alton Allen Hollingsworth and Adrain Allen Funnell.

Virgil grew up on a farm and experienced the rigors of hard work. Due to the poor health of his father, he was assigned extra responsibilities to help support a household of nine, and sometimes ten, when each grandmother lived in the home on different occasions.



Virgil and Mary Mitchell, 1994

He graduated from Six Mile High School in 1934 having been voted "the most studious, courteous, and talented" male member of his class. He and Mary graduated from Central Wesleyan College in 1937, and he taught the sixth grade at Six Mile School for a binef period. While in college he was president of the student body and filled other important positions. In 1943 Virgil graduated from Central Wesleyan College with a Th.B. degree. He received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y.

Highlights of Virgil's career include: pastor from 1937 to 1949, teacher at Central Wesleyan College, District Superintendent of the Wesleyan Churches in S.C. from 1949-1957. Numerous other posts were held until 1963 when Virgil was elected a General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, supervising and ministering to churches in 30 countries. At age 70, Virgil retired and was named General Superintendent Emeritus. He and Mary continue to be active in church, community, civic and educational activities. They believe that accepting life at whatever level God allows one to live it, enables one to face retirement with a sense of fulfillment, not frustration and regret. (343 words) Note: this is an abbreviated version of the Mitchell family story. A more complete account will be included in the forthcoming heritage book. Submitted by Martha Mitchell Funnell, 1700 Morton Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Sources: S.C. District Journals; General Conference Minutes; Reformers and Revivalists; The Wesleyan Church, A Century of History In S.C.; History of S.C. Conference Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

THE MATHESONS OF LONG CREEK

George Gustave (Washington) Matheson of Long Creek, South Carolina, was born in North Shields, England, October 14, 1862. George immigrated to America and Oconee County prior to 1885, accompanied by his father, Thomas Matheson. Soon after coming to America, George Americanized his name by changing his second name, "Gustave" to "Washington." Subsequently, all his signatures reflect his adopted name, George Washington Matheson.



George and Mary Ann Matheson

George was the youngest of eight children born to Margaret Green (1828-1873) of North Shields, England and Thomas Matheson (1817-1901) of Edinburgh, Scotland. George's parents were married at St. Nicholas Cathedral in the parish of St. Nicholas in Newcastle on the Tyne River, England on October 2, 1849.

The first documented account of George in Long Creek was when he signed the deed as a witness when his father purchased 250 acres of the 288-acre Jeremiah Roach plantation in Long Creek January 20, 1885. Jeremiah Roach was the original recipient of this acreage through a land grant on June 18, 1842, signed by J.R. Richardson, Governor of South Carolina. With the exception of 5 acres sold to Oconee County for erection of the Long Creek Elementary School, now the Long Creek Community Building, all the land remains in the Matheson family of descendants. Soon after Thomas purchased the acreage he returned to England, leaving the land to George, who remained in Long Creek. Thomas died at Harrogate, England, in 1901 at age 84.

Five years after the land purchase George married Mary Ann Shed on March 20, 1890. The 180-acre Shed farm was adjacent to the Matheson land in Long Creek, so George only had to travel a short distance to find a bride. Seven children were born to this union; Charles Edward (1891-1975) of Long Creek, Bertha M. Cox (1892-1967), Thomas Harold (1895-1978) of Fairplay, Ethel M. Long (1897-1969) of Westminster, Laura M. Thrift (1899-1985) of Long Creek, Donald Parker (1903-1975) of Mountain Rest, and Nelson B. (1906-surviving) of Long Creek.

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George and Mary Ann Matheson are ancestors of hundreds of descendants, many of whom reside in Long Creek and throughout Oconee County. Other descendants of this couple are literally scattered from coast to coast. (469 words) Submitted by Louise M. Bell.

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Pendleton Messenger Newspaper

The Pendleton Messenger was the first newspaper in the Up-Country of South Carolina, having its beginning in 1807. It was printed in the town of Pendleton, which was the seat of Pendleton District. That district was abolished in 1828 to form Anderson and Pickens Districts, and it encompassed the present counties of Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee. All of the issues are on microfilm at the South Caroliniana Library in Columbia, South Carolina.

McOwen and Hagood, Vanderhorst's Wharf at Charleston is offering to receive and dispose of all kinds of country produce. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(17 Apr 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(24 Apr 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(8 May 1807, p. 1, col. 2)

Andrew Harris is advertising he is available as a house carpenter. He needs a young man and one or two apprentices. Located at Connoross Creek. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1) (27 Mar 1807, p. 4, col. 3) (27 Mar 1807, p. 4, col. 3)

Joseph Gensen who lives at Mr. Sharpe's Plantation, has lost a horse. If delivered to Mr. Reeder's at Pendleton, a reward will be given. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1) (27 Mar 1807, p. 3, col. 3)

Charles Baker is advertising not to take a note from him to John Miles for \$139 in 1805. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1)

Joseph Taylor is advertising Taylor's Ferry on Seneca River between General Anderson's and Col. Earle's Ferries where Major Samuel Taylor formerly lived. One loaded wagon is half a dollar; empty wagon, one shilling and nine pence; other carriages in proportion; three pence half penny for a man and horse. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(17 Apr 1807, p. 3, col. 3)(24 Apr 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(8 May 1807, p. 1, col. 1)

George Carrol has brought a stray horse to John M'Million, justice of the peace. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(9 Jul 1807, p. 1, col. 1)

George Tucker advertising horse called Partner Handle for stud services at the plantation of Israel Pickens on Rocky River near Lee's Shoals. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 3)

Elias Earle is advertising a horse called Black Sultan for stud services at his plantation in Greenville District. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 2)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 1)(24 Apr 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(8 May 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(8 May 1807, XVII, p. 4, col. 4)

John Smith is advertising a horse called Obscurity for stud services. The horse is located at Andrew Liddle's Plantation on Twenty-Six Mile Creek and at John M'Gee's at the Saddler's Shoal on Generostee. (20 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(27 Mar 1807, p. 1, col. 3)(3 April 1807, p. 1, col. 3)

William M'Kimmy died in Charleston on March 2, 1807. He turned out in one of the Beat Companies at the Brigade Review. Not having provided himself with a box for his cartridges, he deposited them in his waistcoat or breeches pocket, to which the flash from his pan communicated, as he incautiously fired his piece; and he was shockingly burnt. He languished in great agony till his death. (20 Mar 1807, p. 4, col. 2)

John Smith is advertising a horse called Alfred for stud services. The horse is located at A. Belles's Stable in Pendleton and Widow Barry's Plantation on Beaverdam creek in the fork of Toogaloo and Keowee Rivers. Thomas C. Martin, Nath. Shipperson, Isham Rice, David Bell and John E. Ritchee attest to the horses' capability. (20 Mar 1807, p. 4, col. 3)(27 Mar 1807, p. 4, col. 3)(3 April 1807, p. 3, col. 3)

Pedigree Chart Chart no. 1 No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1 8 Joseph WILLIAMS Born: cont. Place: Marr: 4 John L WILLIAMS Place: Born: Aug 28 1824 Died: 1840 Place: "SC Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Marr: 9 Rebecca BOWEN Place: Died: May 21 1896 Born: Sep 4 1781 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Place: "MD Died: Jul 4 1851 2 Barnett Holloway WILLIAMS Place: Born: Sep 16 1851 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Marr: Oct 4 1877 10 Isaac MILLER Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: Aug 22 1933 Born: cont Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Place: Marr: 5 Elizabeth MILLER Place: Died: Born: Jan 4 1828 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Place: Died: Jun 22 1904 11 Mary ALLGOOD Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC cont. Born: Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: 1 James Andrew WILLIAMS Place: Born: Apr 11 1885 Place: Pickens Co., SC Marr: Dec 28 1909 12 John Alexander ROBINSON Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: Oct 12 1974 Born: Jun 21 1811 cont. Place: Easley, Pickens Co., SC Place: "GA Marr: Sarah Caroline KAY 6 George Franklin ROBINSON Place: Spouse Born: Oct 21 1834 Died: Jan 7 1871 Place: Dacusville, Pickens Co., SC Place: Dacusville, Pickens Co., SC Marr: 13 Mary "Polly" LOOPER Place: "SC Died: Nov 21 1885 Born: 1815 cont. Place: Dacusville, Pickens Co., SC Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: Feb 10 1887 3 Melissa Elvira ROBINSON Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Born: May 4 1860 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: Nov 2 1960 14 Alva GRIFFIN Place: Greenville, Greenville Co., SC Born: May 28 1809 cont. Place: "SC Marr: 7 Elvira Jane GRIFFIN Place: Born: Apr 24 1840 Died: Feb 6 1889

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Born: Jun 15 1816 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC Died: Sep 24 1877 Place: ,Pickens Co.,SC cont._

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