

## FEBRUARY 1999 MEETING

The February Meeting will be 7:30pm Tuesday the 16th at the Pickens Co., Library, Clemson/Central Branch Located on Hwy 93 at Central, SC. Our Speaker will be: Rick Simmons, Pickens County Veterans Affairs Officer. The topic will be about the Project to erect a wall in the town of Pickens for all known soldiers in the Confederate, Revolutionary and other Wars from this area.

Old Pendleton Chapter Dues: Individual \$20.00  
 Associate \$15.00  
 Family \$25.00

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Bevenitta has offered to do look-ups for African-American's in Anderson Co., SC. She states that she has just about every available source material for Anderson Co in her Library.

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**NOTICE ON NEW BOOKS FROM OLD PENDLETON**

The Old Pendleton Data Base, compiled by Herman Geschwind is on-line for anyone to download also Family Histories are listed for downloading. For those that do not have computers or not on-line, we are offering these Family Lines in book form. These will be **printed upon order** as they are continually being up-dated. Since I will be the one printing them out to be taken to the printer, **please direct orders for ONLY the names listed below** to Linda G. Cheek, 247 Cross Hill Road, Easley, SC 29640 with checks made payable to: Old Pendleton. Once we get orders for these books and they are printed they will be listed in the book order list for Old Pendleton.

**Bowen.....\$25.00    Burdine.....\$25.00**

**Hunt.....\$15.00** All books are Indexed and price includes postage and handling.

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Searching for info on Benjamin BRIMER who arrived in 1780 Pendleton District (Anderson) SC from land grant. Benjamin BRIMER brother to Benjamin?, William Nelson BRIMER b. 1797 SC and James BRIMER b. 1803 SC.

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**Lucinda Kinsall, 1505 Bernard Ave. #B., Nashville, TN 37212**

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Seeking info on Daniel and Sarah MURPHREE from Bertie Co., NC and their descendants: Who was father of David MURPHREE b. 13 Oct 1820 Pendleton (Pickens) District, SC d. 4 Nov 1871 Grayson Co., TX m. Lucinda B. COBB b. 27 July 1818 Pendleton District, SC d. 17 Sept 1904 Grayson Co., TX. Was David's father, DAVID, ISAAC OR WILLIAM MURPHREE of Pendleton District, SC?

Also seeking info on John COBB Sr. b. ca 1759 Halifax Co., VA d. 21 May 1841 Pickens District, SC m. Frances "Franky" SMITH b. 1 May 1770 Chatham Co., NC d. 1 March 1852 Pickens District, SC.

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### NEW PROJECT

The book project is still open and waiting to get enough to print the book. Please send in your material as soon as possible. I would like to get this book printed by the end of this year.

**Send to:** Old Pendleton Chapter, 247 Cross Hill Road, Easley, SC 29640-8857

### "GENEALOGIES OF OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA".

1-4 PAGES on each person (limit 16 pages) Submit only typed copies. (For those that do not type any attorney's office will type this for you). This will be indexed. So get busy and get the material sent in. This would make a wonderful genealogical tool.

**"Un-marked Graves in Old Pendleton District, SC."** If you know where someone is buried and they have no tombstone, send it in for up-coming book.

# ***Greenville County Library's Second Annual Upstate Genealogy Day***

*with*

***Helen F. M. Leary, c.g., c.g.L., F.A.S.G., F.N.G.S.***

**Daniel Recital Hall  
Furman University  
Saturday, 24 April 1999  
8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

## ***A New Light on Old Problems: A Workshop on Problem-Solving Methods***

**8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**

Pick up handouts and browse vendor tables

**9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Spotlight on the Ancestors, Part I: Letting Them Be Themselves

**10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Break & Browse

**10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Spotlight on the Ancestors, Part II: Using Their Time Lines & Family Patterns

**12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.**

LUNCH (on your own)

**1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

Spotlight on the Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us and How to Ask

**2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Break & Browse

**3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

Spotlight on the Proof: Knowing How Much is Enough

Workshop is free and open to the public. Prior registration is required.  
For further information and to register call (864) 242-5000, ext. 291.

# ***GCL's Second Annual Upstate Genealogy Day Saturday, 24 April 1999***

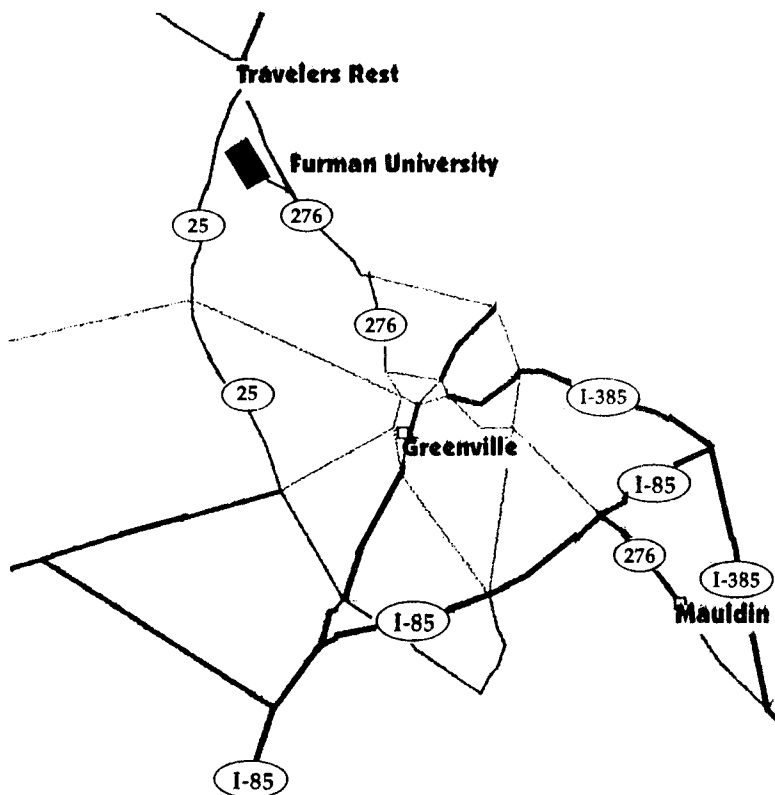
***Helen J. M. Leary***, Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer, is a nationally known researcher, author, and lecturer. She is a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society and the American Society of Genealogists, a scholastic honor society whose membership is limited to fifty living members. She is also President of the Board for Certification for Genealogists.

## **DIRECTIONS TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY**

**From Columbia, SC:** Take I-385 into downtown Greenville. See below \*\*

**From Atlanta, GA:** Take I-85 North to the I-385 exit for Greenville. See below \*\*

**From Asheville, NC:** Take Hwy 25. Continue past Travelers Rest and bear right onto Hwy. 276/ Business 25. Stay on road to exit for Furman University approximately 1 1/2 - 2 miles on the right.



\*\*Follow I-385 into Greenville where it becomes E. North St. (E. North St. changes to Beattie St., and then to College St. Don't worry about the name changes; just stay on the same road!) The road will eventually fork: Hwy 183 (Buncombe Rd.) goes to the left and Hwy 25 (sign says "To 276") to the right. Take the road to the right (Hwy 25/276) and continue driving approximately 5 - 6 miles. The Furman University exit is on the right.



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To the Editor:

Would you please publish the following notice concerning the upcoming 1999 SCGS Summer Workshop in the next edition of your newsletter?

The 1999 SCGS Summer Workshop will be held at the SC Archives and History Center on July 10, 1999. The main speaker will be Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Supervisor of the Dallas (TX) Public Library Genealogy Section. Bockstruck has also been on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, AL since 1974, and was the first recipient of the Institute's Outstanding Alumnus Award. He is the author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, *Genealogical Research in Texas*, and *Revolutionary War Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*. He received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society in 1982, and was named a Fellow of the Society in 1993. He is active in numerous lineage societies and is featured in *Who's Who in America*. His column, "Family Tree," appears weekly in *The Dallas Morning News*. Other workshop presenters will include Brent H. Holcomb, C.G., John L. Andrews, Jr., and members of the staff of the S.C. Archives and History Center. Watch for registration information in an upcoming issue of *The Carolina Herald*.

Thank you for publishing this notice. The Workshop Committee appreciates your help in publicizing the 1999 SCGS Summer Workshop. We look forward to seeing you at the SC Archives on July 10.

Sincerely,

John L. Andrews, Jr.  
Workshop Committee

of Redmond's followers were part of the posse but Mackey denied that this was true. Also, at Sheriff Mauldin's suggestion, the revenue officials were not part of the posse and were "sent in the opposite direction."

#### REVENUE OFFICIALS LOOK FOR REDMOND

While going in this opposite direction the revenue officers conducted their own method of searching for Redmond.

Samuel Neal who lived on the Twelve Mile river near Central was one of their victims. On 12 March two men arrived at his house who said they were revenue officers with instructions to detain any who they found there. About a half hour later Wm F Gary and five others arrived, all were armed. Gary told the men that he wanted Neal and another man who lived there, Hammett, arrested. He and Wm Springs then entered his house and searched it upstairs and downstairs. His wife was confined to bed with their four day old baby, yet they searched her room including under the bed.

This search they did while using insulting and obscene language, their clothes dripping wet and their boots covered with mud. They carried their guns about the house with hands upon the locks. His wife became frightened and he went to comfort her. He demanded their authority for these acts but they only said they had it but refuse to show it.

They then ordered him go with them to Pickens. Along the way he prevailed on their leader, Hoffman, to allow him to give bond and return to his wife and baby. Hoffman accepted and let him go. Two days later he appeared before Commissioner Thornley and was discharged for lack of proof and warrant.

Mr Micajah Hudson's experience at the hands of the revenue officers was similiar. On Friday night 15 March 1878. near one o'clock in the morning, he was awakened by sounds of men outside his home. Five or six armed men

entered his house and surrounded his bed. They ordered him up and to get dressed. They then searched his house and smokehouse after breaking down its door. After this they ordered him to go with them. He chased down his horse and saddled it. He rode with them about five miles when they summonly dismissed him without reason.

Mr Hudson was a mailcarrier between Pickens and Fall Creek. He was in Pickens twice a week at which time he could have been arrested by the revenue officers whom he saw there.

#### U S CIRCUIT JUDGE T J MACKEY

By eleven o'clock Wednesday evening Mackey had received word by courier that the posse had reached Redmond's usual headquarters but had not found him and were still in pursuit. He was informed from other sources that "this is the first time that any officer of the law has ever penetrated Redmond's stronghold, which is a natural fortress in the mountains, at an almost inaccessible point know as Reedy Cove." [This is now known as Twin Falls in the Eastatoe Valley.]

In other parts of the same communication to the Governor, Judge Mackey described the latest events, the jail break and raid on Gary, according to his interpretation. The phrases and wording painted 'a reign of terror' picture of Redmond. "... after due inquiry, that the outlaw, Lewis R Redmond, had practicaly organized a reigh of terror throughout the county, which has fast paralyzing the manhood of its best citizenship, who observed that he and his armed band of reckless followers were standing day by day in open defiance of the laws of the State and the United States.... (the posse) were evidently alarmed, being apprehensive that Redmond would make an incursion into the town at the head of his force, which was reported to number about seventy-five men, well armed and mounted."

Judge Mackey also reveals how he saw himself in 'this



## LEWIS REDMOND

ONCE UPON A TIME IN PICKENS COUNTY / HUGHES

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crisis.' "I saw at once that this people were in the supreme crisis of their fate, and that they could only meet it successfully by bringing them face to face with their duty by an instant and fearless discharge of mine, and by thus quickening their sentiment of obedience to law, to set in motion a counter current against the lawless men who stood in armed array against the constitutional authorities."

He continued on in flourishing language to describe how he would "make an example of Redmond", "isolate the chief criminal from his followers", and avoid public sympathy for his cause by prosecuting him for force entry and robbery rather than jail breaking. Even he had recognized that the prisoners freed from jail were respected farmers arrested without warrant and had been mistreated by the revenue officials.

Judge Mackey, upon hearing the continued complaints of citizens about revenue raids, did instruct the grand jury to prepare an investigation into these matters as well. The outrages committed against Porter, Neal, and a Mr Micajah Hudson were testified to before the jury. In the resulting presentment the jury denounced illicit distilling ".... as not only violative of the laws of the land,...., but as grossly demoralizing in its influence and an unmitigated evil to society."

They also found that "While we believe that the nefarious business of illicit distilling of intoxicating liquors is not carried on in this county to the extent that is currently reported, we are satisfied that some persons on the border of the county are, or have recently engaged in it."

In relation to their instructed objective, revenue outrages, they stated that they have not had sufficient time "....to prosecute our investigation of this matter to the extent which its importance demands; but sufficient facts

"The man who fired the First Shot of the  
War."

William Mauldin born July 18, 1843 - died 1873.

William Mauldin of Pickens County, S.C. was the man who shot the first gun in the war between the States. A simple slab marks a hero's grave. In the old Mansell family burying ground is a simple marble shaft, marking the grave of one of the gallant heroes of South Carolina, and the man who fired the first shot that opened that memorable struggle between the North and the South.

The following simple but appropriate inscription is on it, " In my father's house are many mansions, William Mauldin born July 18, 1843, died November 18, 1873. He fired the first shot at Fort Sumter that opened the Civil War. He was faithful to every duty."

Although no towering monument tells of his deeds to posterity, and although no poets have immortalized him in verse, yet the pine trees stand as proud sentinels about his grave and Pickens County is proud that his ashes mingle with her soil. Possibly few people in the County and State know of the life and career of this hero of the South.

When by chance the writer found his grave, he made inquiry about Mauldin's record and claim that he had the distinction of firing the first gun. It will be recalled that South Carolina seceded in December 1860 at the time Major Robert Anderson was in charge of Fort Moultrie, but after Christmas withdrew to Fort Sumter.

Early in January when the war clouds began to thicken, Young Mauldin then only 16 years of age, joined the "Regulars" before volunteers were called for. He was sent to Charleston and on April 12th, 1861 when Beauregard ordered the attack, William Mauldin, it is said fired the first shot. The battle lasted until the 14th. when the Fort surrendered, without losing a life, on either side. But this battle brought the doubtful states of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas on the side of the Confederacy, and from that time the North began to prepare for War.

But some will doubt the right to this claim. Of course such incidents are hard to verify by written records, but the word of reputable men who were with him ought to be taken. Mr. W. M. Ligon, of Greenville after the War was over, declared that Mauldin fired the first shot, and other men from this section said that he was given this honor. After serving his term of enlistment, which was twelve months, he came home for a few weeks, then volunteered his services again. He was with Longstreet in many of his campaigns. He also fought with

distinction in the Battle of Seven Pines, Seven Days' Battle, Petersburg and in the fight around Chattanooga. He was with Robert King and William Jameson when they were killed. These men went from Pickens County also.

It is said that he was a fine marksman. He was of fine physique and manly bearing. He had a reputation as a boy of being an expert boxer. He was fearless and composed in times of danger.

It is remarkable that he went through the entire war without receiving the slightest wound. He was captured the night before Lee surrendered.

William Mauldin was moved from the Mansell family burying ground to my grandfather's lot by the Daughters of the Confederacy, May 12, 1920. This was in the Easley Cemetery. Elias Day paid tribute to William Mauldin that day. After the war was over William had come back to his native County and married. He lived near Easley until his death in 1873.

Allen said that he knew that his brother William fired the first shot of the Civil War.

LETTER FROM SANFORD HILL TO HIS WIFE, MARTHA HOWARD HILL:

Company "C" 145 Regt. S.C.V.  
Camp Near Petersburg, Va.  
March 25th, 1865

My Dear and loving one

This evening I am blest one time more by the kind hand of the Almighty with the pleasure of seating myself to try and fulfill the pleasant duty of responding to your well beloved letter which reached me this morning but as for me trying to describe the pleasure The pleasure of reading your letter was to me it is more than I am to writ or tell by the pen To read a letter from one that I adore above all others and one that my happiness of life is in the heart off And one that I do believe dos wish to make me happy in future days to come if it is the Lord wil for us to ever meet again on earth.

**Submitted by: Jackie Howard Hughes**

Husband: **Gideon Kirksey** died at age: 79

Born: 1801 in: SC  
 Died: after 1880 in: Taylor Co., GA  
 Other: 1850 in: Henry Co., GA  
 Ref: Occupation: Miller

Father:  
 Mother:

1835 purchased items at estate (Enoch Pearson) sales in Butts Co bet Mar & Nov  
 1840 Tallapoosa Co., AL census - G. Kirksey  
 1850 Henry Co., GA census  
 1860 Crawford Co., GA census (Beasley p 938)  
 1870 Taylor Co., GA  
 1880 Taylor Co., GA

Wife: **Nancy S. Kirksey** died at age: 68

Married: 8 Jul 1830 in: Butts Co., GA his age: 29 her age: 18

Born: 1812 in: NC  
 Died: after 1880 in: Taylor Co., GA  
 Father: Elisha Smith Kirksey  
 Mother: Patience Harris

M Child 1 **B.F. Kirksey**

Born: 1831 in: GA  
 Died: in:

M Child 2 **J.M. Kirksey**

Born: 1833-37 in: GA  
 Died: in:  
 Ref: 1870 CR Atlanta Occupation: RR Fireman  
 Is this J.M. Kirksey the same J.M., son of Gideon? OR are we talking about two??

M Child 3 **Andrew Jackson Kirksey** died at age: 74

Born: 13 Apr 1835 <sup>1</sup> in: Butts Co., GA  
 Died: 17 Sep 1909 <sup>2</sup> in: Reynolds, GA  
 Buried: in: Crowells, Taylor Co., GA  
 Ref: Occupation: Storekeeper  
 Spouse: Sarah Elizabeth Dickson b. 20 Nov 1845 d. 26 Jan 1911  
 Married: 12 May 1867 <sup>3</sup> in: Taylor Co., GA  
 Other: 12 Feb 1862 in: Taylor Co., GA  
 Spouse: Melissa Nelson b. 1835 d. c 1863  
 Married: c1853 in:

A.J. Kirksey lived in Taylor Co. from 1863 to 1909. Before that he lived in Brooks Co. GA (1860 census) and his name appears on a Civil War Roster in Brooks Co., as well. There are three known children from this marriage with Melissa Nelson; however, one may have died young.  
 1871, AJ 2 children, 2 gdn. ;1873, 768 Dist. Panhandle 4 children bet 6 & 18;  
 768 Duggers P.O. 1900; 741 Distr. GA Militia, Reynolds, 1905.  
 Statae ran from Tallahassee, FL to Dale Co., AL

M Child 4 **George W. Kirksey**

Born: Apr 1834 in: GA  
 Died: in:  
 Spouse: Hattie Kirksey b. Jan 1845  
 Married: in:  
 1900 Richmond Co., GA 298 Augusta, Adam St.  
 1870 4th Ward of Atlanta, Co. of Fulton #211, wife Rebecca, son Wm.  
 1850 Henry Co., GA

F Child 5 **Mary F. Kirksey**

Born: 1840 in: Alabama  
 Died: in:

**F Child 6 Nancy Caroline Kirksey**

Born: 1842 in: Alabama  
 Died: in:  
 Spouse: Edward Turner  
 Married: 4 Aug 1859 <sup>4</sup> in: Crawford Co., GA

**F Child 7 Louisa Margaret Kirksey died at age: 77**

Born: 8 Feb 1845 in: Alabama  
 Died: 2 Feb 1923 in: Taylor Co., GA  
 Spouse: William W. Parr b. Apr 1838  
 Married: 24 Nov 1861 in: Taylor Co., GA

**M Child 8 John W. Kirksey**

Born: 1848 in: GA  
 Died: in:  
 Spouse: Sarah E. Raines  
 Married: 20 Dec 1874 in: Taylor Co., GA

**M Child 9 William J. Kirksey**

Born: Sep 1850 in: GA  
 Died: in:  
 Ref: Occupation: Miller  
 Spouse: Carrie L. Cleveland b. 1866  
 Married: 28 Sep 1890 in: Taylor Co., GA  
 1873 768th Dist Panhandle 1 poll  
 1871 Wm. J.  
 1900 & 1910 census

**<sup>1</sup> Child 10 Thomas N. Kirksey**

Born: 1852 in: GA  
 Died: in:

<sup>1</sup> Bible now in the possession of Newsome Kirksey

<sup>2</sup> Gravestone

<sup>3</sup> Marriage Record Taylor Co. by W.H. Fickling, J.P. Bk A, 1852-1865, pg. 145  
 Atl Archives

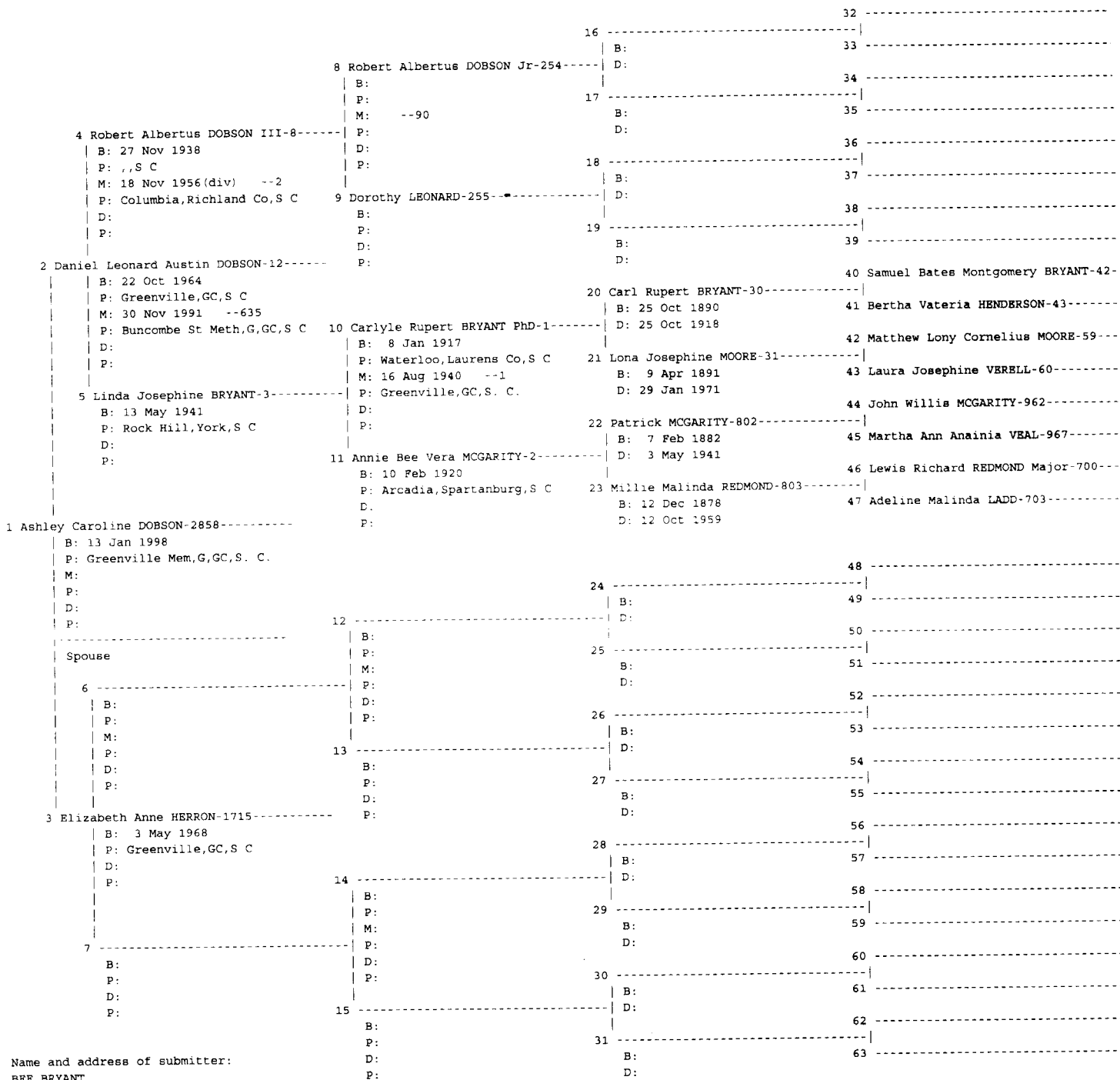
<sup>4</sup> Loose file; Other Marriage Records 1825-1873 p. 100

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 Chesterfield, VA 23838-5277

PEDIGREE CHART

16 Jun 1998

Chart no. 1



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 Phone:864 235 4655

**PICKENS DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEED BOOK A-1 Vol. 1 pages 1- 419 year 1828-1831**

**Page 271-272: BAILEY BARTON--ROBERT KIRKSEY**

South Carolina Pickens District, I Bailey Barton of said district for the sum of nine hundred dollars paid by Robert Kirksey all that plantation of land containing two hundred acres situate in said district on Lewises Mile Creek of Twelve Mile River it being part of five tracts of land, the first granted to David McAdoo the 4 Sept 1786 the other granted to Lewis Eaton 2 April 1798. Dated 10 March 1830 Sg: Bailey Barton Wit: Thomas Gavin, William Bolding. Prov 31 March 1830. Dower released by Jannet Barton wife of Bailey Barton released dower 10 April 1830 Sg: Jannet Barton X. Rec. 10 April 1830.

**Page 272-273: JOHN COLHOUN--JAMES HOLLAND**

State of South Carolina, I John Colhoun of Pickens District for the sum of Five hundred and eighty five dollars ninety two cents paid by James Holland of Pickens District all that plantation whereon Thomas McDaniel Jr now lives lying on Conneross and adj. Lands owned by Richard Harris, James H. Dendy and others in Pickens District containing by a recent survey made by Thomas Lamar one hundred and twenty six acres. Dated 4 Sept 1829 Sg: John Colhoun Wit: Thomas Dawson, John Minton.--Nancy Colhoun wife of John Colhoun released downer 26 Sept 1829 Sg: Nancy Colhoun. Rev. 12 April 1830.

**Page 274: SAMUEL REID--JOHN G. COX**

South Carolina, I Samuel Reid, Sheriff of Pickens District, Whereas by virtue of a writ from Court of Common Pleas of Pickens District, SC the 17 Oct 1829 at the Suit of John G. Cox on Archibald Cameron, administrators, to one directed commanding me that of the goods and chatels lands of Archibald Cameron all that tract of land containing one hundred and thirty acres in the district of Pickens on Oconey Creek waters of Keowee River binding on lands belonging to White Henry Smith, John Easter and Elizabeth McCallister have been exposed to public sale and purchased by John G. Cox of district of Pickens for sum of sixty one dollars being the highest bidder. Dated 23 March 1830 Sg: Samuel Reid Wit: Francis Burt, William L. Keith. Prov and Rec. 15 April 1830.

**Page 275: JOSIAH PRATER--LEONARD HAMILTON**

State of South Carolina Pickens District, I Josiah Prater of State of Georgia Hall county for the sum of five hundred dollars paid by Leonard Hamilton of South Carolina and District aforesaid that tract of land lying on waters of Golden Creek waters of Twelve Mile River as by plat to the original grant annexed there granted unto Samuel Martin the 1 Sept 1780 and recorded in the Mesca Office in Grant Book YY pg 149 containing by estimation one hundred and twelve acres. Dated 2 Jan 1830 Sg: Josiah Prater Wit: Henry Hollingsworth, Cyrus E. Hamilton. Prov 9 March 1830 Rec. 3 May 1830.

**Page 276: JOHN HUDSON--THOMAS GASSAWAY**

South Carolina, Pickens District, I John Hudson of said district for the sum of one hundred dollars paid by Thomas Gassaway of same district all that tract of land containing one hundred and twelve acres on both sides of Six Mile Creek. Dated 3 May 1830 Sg: John Hudson X. Wit: Thomas Garvin, Thomas D. Garvin. Prov and Rec. 3 May 1830.

# Confederate Soldiers of Pickens District, SC:

## An Ongoing Research Project

Seeking Additional Information About the Following Men  
Who Fought in the U.S. Civil War, 1861-1865

Please help to preserve a record of the life and service of your ancestor or relative who fought in the Civil War. If you have additional information about any of these Confederate soldiers, please write to: Charles H. Busha, Ph.D., 112 Summit Drive, Liberty, SC 29657.

Ephriam Gilstrap (1821-1905) served in Co. E, 6th S. C. Cavalry and married Louisa "Lucy" Alexander (1828-1912).

James Matthew Gilstrap was born about 1831 and was a son of Bright Gilstrap (b. ca 1799) and Anna Morgan Gilstrap (b. ca 1793). He died of disease in the War of the Rebellion.

John Gilstrap was born 20 May 1842, a son of Hardy Gilstrap (b. 1819) and Caroline Crane Gilstrap. He died in 1861 during the Civil War.

John Ambrose Gilstrap (1829-1913) was a brother of James Matthew Gilstrap (see above). This Confederate veteran donated the land on which New Friendship Methodist Church was constructed.

John Lewis Gilstrap (1833-1862) served in Co. D, 5th GA Volunteers, C.S.A. He died at Tunnel Hill, Georgia, on September 21, 1862. His wife was Elizabeth Grace Pascoe Gilstrap. They were married on April 7, 1859. He was a son of Wm. Gilstrap and Delilah Durham Gilstrap of Pickens District, South Carolina.



James Prier Alexander, Jr. (1833-1863)  
Company A, 1st South Carolina Rifles (Orr's), C.S.A.



CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF PICKENS DISTRICT, S. C. (Continued)

John W. Gilstrap (1842-1862) was a son of Hardy Gilstrap and Sarah Caroline Crane Gilstrap. He served in Co. I, 4th S. C. Volunteers and was killed during the Battle of Seven Pines near Richmond, VA.

John M. Gilstrap (1847-1929) served in Co. C, 4th S. C. Cavalry, C.S.A. His wife was Idabell B. Gilstrap (1857-1932), and they were buried at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pickens County, South Carolina.

Lewis Gilstrap (1832-1863) was a bro. of James Matthew Gilstrap (see above). He resided on Little Eastatoee Creek and married Polly Nix. This Confederate soldier died in Virginia during the war.

P. E. Gilstrap was a private in Co. C, 4th S. C. Cavalry, C.S.A. He died of disease at Pocotaligo, South Carolina, during the Civil War.

Peter Gilstrap (1827-1905) served in Co. C, 4th S. C. Cavalry, C.S.A. His wife was Elizabeth James Gilstrap (b. 1827). This soldier was wounded during the war and lost a limb. In 1886, he received a voucher for the purchase of an artificial limb.

Rufus Wiley Gilstrap (1844-1924) was a son of Yancey B. Gilstrap (1820-1864). His mother was Nancy E. Gilstrap. This soldier's father also fought in the Civil War and was killed in 1864. After the Civil War, Rufus moved to Arkansas and married Arianne Dulcinee Sutherland.

William Maxville Gilstrap (1842-1891) was a son of William and Delilah Durham Gilstrap. He served in Co. K, 3rd Georgia State Troops and Co. D, 56 Georgia Volunteers. He was a brother of Charles Asbury Gilstrap and John Lewis Gilstrap, both of whom were Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

William R. Gilstrap was born about 1826, and he lost a limb during the

Civil War. In 1899 and 1902, his name was included on the Civil War pension list in Oconee County, South Carolina.

Yancy B. Gilstrap (1820-1864) was the father of Rufus Wiley Gilstrap (see above). He was killed 6 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

Gilstrap (first name unknown); in 1888, M. A. Gilstrap, widow of a Confederate veteran, was the recipient of a Civil War pension.

Gilstrap (first name unknown); in 1888, Mary Gilstrap, widow of a Civil War veteran, was the recipient of a pension, and she resided in the Nine Times area of Pickens County, South Car.

James Riley Glazener (1834-1913) came to Pickens County, S. C., from Transylvania County, N. C. He once operated a jewelry store and photography studio in the town of Easley, S. C., and he was an early postmaster of that town. He married Letha F. Mahaffee Whitmire (1842-1915), widow of Jordan M. Whitmire, who also served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

James Perry Glenn (1843-1910) was a son of Francis M. Glenn and Mary Templeton Glenn who moved from Laurens to the Garvin Township of Anderson District, S. C. He served in Co. D, Hampton Legion. He married Hester Amanda Smith of Slabtown (Equality).

David Humphrys Glenn served as a fourth sergeant in Co. E, 2nd S. C. Rifles (Moore's). He also served in Co. C, 4th S. C. Cavalry, C.S.A. He survived the Civil War.

John L. Glenn (1836-1895) served in Co. C, 4th S. C. Cavalry, C.S.A. He married Mary E. Isbell (1843-1909). He was buried at Beavertown Baptist Church in Oconee Co.

## BIT'S AND PIECE'S

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ALLEN: William Allen owned 250 acres on waters of Oolenoy Creek Dated 31 Aug 1835.

Abner Russell applicant vitz. Abner Chastain, James Allen, John Allen heirs of Ambrose Reid and his wife Elizabeth A. Reid guardian. Heirs of Abram Powell and wife, Sarah A. Chastian, William S. Robertson, Hugh Allen, Cornelius Keith, heirs of John Castle and wife Milley, Abigail Allen widow. Pickens Co SC Deed Bk A pg 18

Estate of William Allen adm. 21 July 1834 by John Allen, Cornelius Keith, William L. Keith bound to J.H. Dendy ordy for \$1000, citation published 5 July 1834 at Oolenoy Church Meetin House. Inv made 31 July 1834 by Peter Robinson, Samuel Eadens, John Keith, Joseph B. Ried. John Allen a son, F.M. Reid received a share, Abraham and Sally Powell received a share, Andrew Corbin and wife Nancy Castle received a share, Simeon Youngblood and wife received a share, Abigail Allen the widow, Clayton N. Reid received a share. On 7 Dec 1839 Simeon Youngblood of Benton Co AL states "You will please send by Barton Griffin my wifes part of the estate of William Allen. My wife is a daughter of John Castle, we were married by Joseph Reid Esq Sg: Simeon Youngblood. William H. and Jane T. Allen were the two minor children of Thomas Allen. His widow was Elizabeth C. Allen.

Issue of William Allen and Abigail Barnes Allen

1. John Allen b. 1802
2. Nancy Allen b. 2 Jan 1788 m. Cornelius Keith
3. Elizabeth Allen b. 3 March 1792 m. ca 1815 Ambrose Reid b. 1793 and settled in the Oolenoy Valley about a mile from the community house in 1812. After twenty years of marriage, Elizabeth died after a short illness. Ambrose carved out of soapstone for his wife and for many buried at Oolenoy. He carved this inscription on his wife's tombstone: When death comes the truest of lovers must part. From the Book Echoes pg 22
4. Sarah "Sally" Allen b. 1795 m. Lovely Abraham Powell.....line of Ernie Powell
5. Nancy "Milly" Allen b. 1805 m. 1st John Castle m. 2nd Andrew Corbin...she had a daughter, Wyley Ann who m. Simeon Youngblood and moved to Benton Co AL in 1839.. from Richard Carpenter, POBox 31404, Cincinnati, OH 45231-5404
6. William Allen b. 1797
7. Temperance Allen b. 1799 d. 25 March 1871 Pickens Co SC m. Abner Chastain d. 1841  
1 Nov 1841 by John A. Chastain, James M. Chastain, William L. Chastain, G.W. Keith who are bound unto James H. Dendy Ord. For the sum of \$1000. Citation Published at Bethlehem Chuch, Pickens Co. That John A. Chastain is a son, William Chastain received a share, Temperance was the widow, Lucinda, Tilman R., Alfordmore Cleveland, Anson Monroe, Nancy Eviline Chastain minor heirs of Abner Chastain. Dec'd. Pickens Co SC Probate Box 10 Pk 131

Abner Chastain died 1840 in Pickens District, SC owned 400 acres on waters of Oolenoy, and a tract lying in Pickens District on Oolenoy River adj. land os A. Edins, T.L. Roper and others, the other mority being owned by Alexander Edens and William Edens. He left a widow, Temperance Chastain and seven children VIZ: William Chastain, Tilmon R. Chastain, Lucinda Chastain, Alfred M.C. Chastain and Anson M. Chastain the last two being over 19 years of age, Nancy C. Chastain over the age of 12 and the orator, John A. Chastain. Dated 24 April 1851. Pickens Co., SC Equity Pk 75-A

DEED: I Henry Adams of Pendleton District, SC for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars paid by John Chastain of same District all that land containing one hundred acres excepting a small part of James Southerlands land that he now lives on. Dated 16 Feb 1820 Prov. 6 March 1820. Anderson Co., SC Deed Bk P pg 48

Temperance Chastain: 18 April 1871 heirs Nancy Evaline Burgess, Lucinda, Abner D., John B., Mary M., Martha

L., William and Washington Pierce, heirs of Tilmon Chastain dec'd, Abner Nelson Rowland, John L Chastain, Joseph Tilmon Chastain, heirs of Cleveland Chastain dec'd, also heirs of a son of intestate VIZ: Nancy R., L.J. Chastain, Rachel L. Chastain who resides in Traysylvania Co., NC. She owned 400 acres on Garracks Creek on waters of Oolenoy River adj lands of James M. Keith, Van S. Jones and others. Pickens Co SC Wills Box 102 Pk 1066

8. Hugh Allen b. 1804

9. Thomas Allen b. ca 1785 d. 1 Dec 1834 m. Elizabeth C. Myrick and had two minor children Wm H. and Jane. Pickens Co SC Probate Box 5 No 52

Thomas Allen m. 5 July 1832 Elizabeth C. Myrick on Tuesday--Married in this Town (Greenville) on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, Mr Thomas Allen, to Miss Elizabeth C. Myrick, all of this place. Greenville Mountaineer Issue Thursday 7 July 1832.

Mr Thomas Allen died in this town (Greenville SC) on Monday last of a pulmonary complaint, leaving a wife and two small children to lament the loss. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 6 Dec 1834

Thomas Allen owned 150 acres opposite Paris's Ford on Saluda River. That was sold by the Sheriff as the property of Nathaniel Dacus and purchased by Thomas Brackenridge and sold by said Brackenridge to Thomas Allen. Dated 27 Apr 1835. Elizabeth Allen applicant vizt. William H. Allen and Jane T. Allen minors. R. Loveland was guardian. Pickens Co SC Deed Bk A pg 16

Researching this line: Ernie Powell, 13712 N. County Road 500 E., Batesville, IN 47006

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MARRIED: In Pickens District SC on Thursday the 1st inst by the Rev. Mr Landreth, Dr. J.W. Lewis of this District (Greenville) to Miss Maria daughter of the late Samuel Earle, Esq of the former District. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 10 Jan 1835

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MAJOR ANDREW HAMILTON: died at his residence in Abbeville District, SC on Saturday night the 17th inst of the prevailing influenza in the 94th years of his age, which is ascertained from the record and certificate of the Rev. John Craig, who baptized him on the 19th July 1741 in Augusta Co, VA his birth place. He emigrated to this state and settled within the limits of Abbeville District SC where he resided until his death. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was called upon to take the command of a corps of Volunteer Patriots.

Representative of the Legislature in this state and County Court Judge. Member of the Presbyterian Church.

Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 24 Jan 1835

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REV. WILLIAM EDDING: Departed this life after a painful illness in the State of TN 25 miles north of Huntsville, AL on the 28th of July last aged 75-80 years. He was a native of South Carolina and resided for a considerable time in the Districts of Abbeville, Edgefield and Pendleton where he was a respected minister of the Gospel. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 26 Aug 1837

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Greensboro News & Record, Saturday, January 2, 1999 Submitted by Herman Geschwind

Cleanup of cemetery shows town's heritage

Residents of a S.C. town believe this family graveyard anchors their history.

*The Associated Press*

POWDERSVILLE, S.C. - Members of Powdersville's Orr family like to say that if Thomas Orr had stayed in Ireland, Powdersville would be half its size, so many of his descendants populate the area.

Despite his abundant progeny, the story of Orr, who settled here seven generations ago, is being threatened by the sands of time - and by vandals, who recently wrecked part of the family's isolated cemetery.

Some of Orr's descendants are trying to preserve a bit of Powdersville's history by restoring the cemetery, bringing it

out of hiding and into the view of the new wave of immigrants, many of whom don't know the area's past.

The tombstones tell a story of two families who became intertwined with the history of the area's transformation from American Indian country to pioneer farmland to bustling suburb.

The tale begins in 1804, when Thomas Orr left the Emerald Isle and settled in the part of old Pendleton District that is now northern Anderson County. He married Sarah Wilson from Georgia, and they had 12 or 13 children, depending on who is telling the tale.

One of their sons, Civil War veteran John B. Orr, married Elizabeth Ann Wilson. She was not related to her mother-in-law, but since then the Powdersville Orr and Wilson families have been one, said **Powdersville historian Lowry Wilson**, who is not related to the family.

Halloween pranksters partying in an overgrown cemetery on State Highway 81, where about 50 Orr and Wilson family members and slaves are buried, broke the two large tombstones marking John's and Elizabeth's graves. Other tombstones were toppled.

**"It was a wake-up call," Lowry Wilson said.**

He and J. Paul Orr, a great-grandson of John B. Orr, are cleaning brush and lighting the cemetery to discourage further vandalism and preserve the history chronicled there.

"It means quite a bit, that cemetery," Wilson said. "The last time they cleared it off was about 20 years ago. The idea was, if you were in the country what you tried to do was hide a cemetery. People were wrecking them."

Now the family has reversed its strategy to protect the ancestral graveyard.

The 13 readable tombstones there belong to Orrs, Wilsons, Clardys and Merritts, Wilson said. Some of the Wilson kin spelled their surname "Willson."

Thomas and Sarah may be buried there, Wilson said, but their graves have not been found. John's and Elizabeth's broken tombstones will be repaired.

John's grave will get a Confederate veteran's marker. He was a private in Company D, Garys Brigade, Hamptons Legion, which was made up of men from Anderson County. He was wounded in Richmond, Va., and returned home.

The oldest grave discovered so far belongs to William Mattison Willson, who was born 1819 and died in 1859, said Paul Orr's wife, Erlean.

At a time when many of the old ways are being lost as the growing suburban neighborhoods of Powdersville fill with people from other places, Erlean Orr hopes the stories of the early settlers will live on.

"My real concern is that the traditions and the heritage will be lost," she said. "I'm not against people coming in. They have added and done wonderful things for the community. But I wish they knew the heritage and the history of the land here."

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AARON ROPER: Estate adm 17 Sept 1855 by Tyre L. Roper

Sons named: Aaron, John C., Hamilton, Tilmon, Marena Burgess states that \$35.40 was the schedule rendered to L. Roper, Joab Langford schedule of property from said estate, Charles Roper schedule rendered by his widow Abigail N. Roper, Joab Langford for Jane Hagood: 11 heirs left: Marcus, Aaron adm of Hamilton Roper dec'd, Joab Langford, Wm Jones guardian for Charles Roper, B. Hagood part of Jane Hagood share and to Z. Hagood in full of her share, Abigail Roper, J.C. Roper share to T.L. Roper, J.E. Hagood guardian for Tilman Ropers children. Pickens Co SC RMC Box 36 Pk 406

Estate of Aaron Roper Sr.

Tyre L. Roper, Marcus Roper, Aaron Roper, Marena Roper who married Simeon E. Burgess states that Aaron Roper Sr died in 1855. He owned 300 acres lying on Saluda River adj. land of Samuel Earle and others. His wife died about the same time he did (20 Sept 1855) and was buried about the same time. Left ten children viz: Lemuel and John Roper, Matilda wife of Joab Lankford, heirs of Jane Hagood who died some years before her parents, Benjamin Hagood the name and number of the others unknown if any, the heirs of Tilman Roper who died before his parents leaving the following children viz: Catherine Roper minor over the age of 12, John, James, David and Tilman Roper each minors under 14 years. The heirs of Charles Roper dec'd who died in 1855 and the above Tyre L. Roper, Marcus Roper, Marena Burgess, Hamilton Roper dec'd, Carinda Roper was the widow of Hamilton Roper dec'd, Lemuel Roper died leaving a widow and 4 children: Wm Noble Roper, Bailey Roper under 14 years, Martha Roper and Elmina Roper under 12 all reside in Gerogia, Hamilton Roper died leaving no children, Clarinda Roper admits it to be true that she did leave and live separate

and apart from her husband for a period of 18 months prior to his death. she states that they were married in Greenville District, SC in Jan 1853 and lived together until June 1854 and she had a male child by him, which lived but a few weeks. Her husband was cruel and unkind and inflicted blows upon her person etc. and at length drove her from his house. She went to the house of her father Benjamin Turner in Greenville District. She claims a widow share of what he has. Dated 27 March 1856. Pickens Co SC RMC Pk 79 Clerk of Court

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MARRIED: On Tuesday the 20 ult by Stephen C. Reed, Esq., Mr Samuel Chapman to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, all of Pickens District, SC. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 30 Oct 1840

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CARROLL-MARSHALL: On the examination of Ellen Marshal a single woman before me J.W. Singleton one of the Magistrates on this 4 Sept 1860. Saith that on the 6 Nov 1854 Ellen Marshal was delivered of a girl child with blue eyes and yellow hair and that Lewis Carroll did get her with child and that she has no other bastard child. Sg: Ellen Marshall. Pickens Co SC Clerk Box 21 Pk 382

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MARRIED: Benjamin F. Boggs born Pickens age 27, Farmer, son of Joseph Boggs married 8 Feb 1860 Rosalie Willard age 16 born Union SC d/o Thomas G. Willard. Probate Court Pickens Co SC

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MARRIED: Shelley Bates age 47, Farmer, born Pickens son of John Bates married 12 Feb 1860 Tabitha Crenshaw born NC age 45 daughter of Henry Crenshaw. Probate Court Pickens Co SC

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DIED: in Anderson District on the 13th inst very suddenly Hon John Wilson, former member of Congress from Greenville and Pendleton. Greenville Republican Issue: 16 Aug 1828

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MARRIED: On the 3rd inst in Pendleton by the Rev. A.W. Ross, Dr Frederick W. Symmes, Editor of the Pendleton Messenger, to Miss Sarah S. youngest daughter of the late Joseph Whitner, Esq, of that district. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 7 March 1829

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MARRIED: On the 30th of April in Pickens District, by the Rev. Mr Garrison, Mr John Dalton to Miss Mary Hunt all of that district. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 23 May 1829

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MARRIED: On Thursday the 2nd inst by the Rev. Moses Holland, Mr John L. Broyles to Miss Clarinda Hammond all of Anderson District. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 18 July 1829.

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REVENUE: Deputy United States Marshall Gary, with a force of five or six United States detectives belonging to the force of Major Wagener and Collector Brayton, made a raid in the mountains last week. They returned on Saturday last with the following prisoners VIZ: Simeon Burgess, Peter Griffin colored, Zion McKinzey colored, and John Berry McJunkin. Pickens Sentinel Issue: 28 Feb 1878.

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MARRIED: At Doraville, DeKalb Co., GA by Rev W.C. Holbrooks, Mr A.J. Welborn to Miss E.C. Ariail both of this County (Pickens) Pickens Sentinel Issue: 23 May 1878

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MARRIED: At the residence of the brides mother on the evening of the 23 instant by Rev. Hugh McLees, Mr J.N. Smith and Miss Mattie Hollingsworth all of Pickens. Pickens Sentinel Issue: 30 May 1878.

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MARRIED: By the Rev. Mr Arnold of Anderson on the 11 inst Mr William Reese to Miss Malinda Doughty of Greenville District, SC. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 18 Sept 1840

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DIED: Suddenly the 5th inst Major George W. Hawkins of Pickens District. Greenville Mountaineer Issue: 9 Aug 1834

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**SMITH FAMILY From Book: Smith, Wills, Deeds & Family Histories, by Linda G. Cheek**

h-14-5. Alabama (Leilee) Smith b. 23 Dec 1852 MS d. 1939 m. Richard M. Thorn

h-14-6. (Druscilla) Indiana (Annie) Smith b. 14 Nov 1855 Itawamba Co, MS d. 23 April 1944 Hamilton, Marion Co AL m. 20 Dec 1873 James Harris m. 2nd James L Jackson. Buried City Cemetery Hamilton AL.

Issue: of James L and Annie Smith Jackson:

Luther Archester Jackson b. 9 April 1887 d. 1964 m. Doshie Brakefield-- Charles Garvin Jackson b. 25 Sept 1889 m. 1st Gertrude m. 2nd Eva Vitatoe-- James Hiram Jackson b. 27 March 1892 d. March 1975 m. Dora Rutledge-- Pearl Annie Jackson b. 12 Feb 1895 d. 9 Jan 1984 m. 4 May 1913 Isaac R. Britnell-- Mary Etter Jackson b. 2 Nov 1883 Itawamba MS d. 24 March 1879 Russellville AL m. 14 Jan 1901 AR, George Lee Willingham b. 17 Sept 1880 Jefferson Co AL d. 27 Aug 1955 Russellville AL Buried Ramsey Cemetery Russellville AL s/o James Henry and Julia Missouri Overton Willingham.

h-14-7. Louisiana (L.A.) Smith b. 4 June 1856 MS d. 19 March 1939 m. 12 Dec 1879 J.T. Ginn

h-14-8. Martha Jane Smith b. 8 Oct 1861 MS (according to Diary of Henry J. Lentz) m. 20 Dec 1877 Benjamin H. Milam. Researcher on this line: Martha Christine Willingham Smith, 2685 Ready Section Rd., Toney AL 35773

**WYATT SMITH--CALEB SMITH--NIMROD SMITH AND BENJAMIN SMITH**

Will of Basil Bailey 20 April 1694 prov 28 Aug 1695 names wife Ann. Son-in-law Caleb Smith--second son-in-law John Smith 2 cows each daughter Ann and Mary Bailey--brother-in-law Thomas Robins. Westmoreland Co VA Wills by Fothergill

Zachariah Hines---Will---13 March 1697 prov 28 July 1697 Being bound for England. Wife Jane one third estate. Mary Evans daughter of Rebecca Hurst. Simon Come son of Simon Come. Caleb Smith son of Thomas Smith dec'd. William Smith orphan of Humphrey Smith, 100 acres of land. John King son of John King. Exor: William Horton. Westmoreland Co VA Wills by Fothergill

15 Oct 1715 William Humphrys and Elizabeth my wife of Westmoreland County to Caleb Smith of same for divers good causes 150 acres according to the within deed of sale Sg: Wm Humphreys X and Elizabeth Humphrys X. Westmoreland Co VA Deeds and Wills No 5 pg 525-527

John Martin---Will---29 June 1720

Brother William Martin and his son John, horse--saddle and clothes. Sister Elizabeth Smith clothes. Elizabeth Collins 4 yards of Linen. Friends William--Vincent and Matthew Wyatt clothes--John Morris 1 deerskin. James Dunn 550 lbs of tobacco and linen. Exor: brother William Martin. Westmoreland Co VA Wills by Fothergill

John Smith--Will 25 Aug 1725. Wife Mary--Sons Thomas and John.  
Westmoreland Co VA Wills by Fothergill

21-22 May Court 1712 Garrett Welch of Washington Parish, Westmoreland Co, Planter and Caleb Smith of same, Planter, to William Duff of Washington Parish, Taylor, for 7000 pounds of tobacco 248 acres plantation commonly called Hawkins Old Plantation in Washington Parish being a part of a patent of 1428 acres granted unto Robert Alexander, John Alexander and Christopher Lunn by Sir Wm Berkeley, Knight, late Governor of VA lying on the south side of Rosier's Dam between land late belonging unto David Rowland dec'd the land now belonging unto Charles Willis and the land of Edward Taylor on the futhermost part thereof. Sg: Garrett Welch and Caleb Smith. Westmoreland Co VA Deeds and Wills No 5 pg 34-40

21 May 1712 Rebecca wife of Garrett Welch and Elizabeth wife of Caleb Smith both of Washington Parish, Westmoreland Co, put Benjamin Berryman our attorney to ack. our right of dower in 248 acres in the parish aforesaid sold by our husbands to William Duff. Sg: Rebecca Welch and Elizabeth Smith. Wit: E. Turberville, Morrice Corbin--admitted to record 25 June 1712. Westmoreland Co VA Wills and Deeds No pg 34-40

Caleb Smith---Will 15 June 1725 prov 28 July 1725 Wife Elizabeth household goods--horse and cattle. To eldest son John 162 acres of land. Son Caleb an equal share with John. My five children Brother John Smith. Westmoreland Co VA Wills by Fothergill

Known Issue of Caleb Smith and (Elizabeth Martin?)

AI. John Smith---BI. Caleb Smith Jr. Will 25 July 1777 prov 7 Sept 1788 Prince William Co VA. In the name of God Amen, Diseased in body tho of perfect sense and memory do make this my last will and testament etc. To my son Isaac Smith my still and blacksmith tools--and in case he returns from the army in which he is now engaged to him and his heirs forever but if my son should die before his return home then I give and bequeath to my son Jeziah (Joseph) to him and his heirs forever. I give to my loving wife Sarah the use of whole estate both real and personal not heretofore given, to be managed by her with the concurrence of my son James during her widowhood for the benefit of herself and my four sons Jeziah (Joseph)--Nimrod--Aaron and Benjamin and dtrs Mary--Clary--Lettice--Chloe and Rebecca and at her marriage or death the land I now live on to my son Jesse. The residue and remainder etc. to my sons Jeziah--Nimrod--Aaron and Benjamin and my daughters Nancy--Mary--Clary--Lettice--Chloe and Rebecca to equally divided between them. Exor: wife and son James Sg: Caleb Smith. Wit: Jas Evell--Hugh Brent--Elizabeth Constable. Prince William Co VA Wills--Caleb Smith was listed in Broad Run Church Minutes (Faurquier/Prince William, Co. VA). He was received July 1773.

Known Issue: of Caleb and Sarah Smith

b-1. Isaac Smith Rev. Soldier

b-2. Jesse Smith

## PETER'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH BY: Nancy Flesch

13 Mar 1841

\_\_\_ Roper Moderator  
nominated B. J. Smith to be ordained . . .

8 May 1841

ordained Brother John Smith to the office of Deacon

12 Jun 1841

Brother Blythe (I think), bro. J. Compton and B. J. Smith mentioned . .

11 Sep 1841

Bro. Blythe moderator

15 Nov 1841

Granted letters of dismisshion to Elizabeth Griffin and Alli \_\_\_\_\_

8 Jan 1842

No conference due to inclemency of weather

3 Apr 1842

Elizabeth Smith rec'd by experience

11 Jun 1842

received Alvey Griggin by experience, also An\_\_\_ Medlin also William Roper

9 Jul 1842

rec'd Mary C. (Smith is crossed out) B?atty by experience

13 Aug 1842

Nancy Looper rec'd by experience

10 Sep 1842

rec'd Eliza Dupree (?), Joseph Looper, Judah Looper, Elizabeth Williams by experience, and James Robinson restored.

14 Oct 1842

rec'd William Je\_\_lin by letter

12 Nov 1842

rec'd Elizabeth Ma?st\_z (??) by experience.

(nothing of interest in between these dates)



8 Apr 1843

James M. Griffin and his wife Margaret rec'd by letter and Milly Looper and Nancy Hitt rec'd by experience.

Rec'd a petition from Middle Fork church \_\_\_ Compton requesting Br. D. Blythe to attend that Church a . . . request granted

13 May 1843

appointed Brothers David Blyth and Jeremiah \_\_\_\_\_ tton delegates to the Assoc.

10 Jun 1843

Nancy Singleton rec'd by letter and \_\_\_ R. Smith and his wife Rebecca, Solomon Looper and \_\_\_ C/L Richard by experience.

9 Sept 1843

granted lod to Wiliam Jenlin?

11 Nov 1843

rec'd William Edins? and his wife Mary by letter

9 Dec 1843

rec'd Rachel (Griffin is crossed out) Trotter by exp.

13 Apr 1844

rec'd William J \_\_\_ in by letter, rec'd Clem Mitchel under our watch \_\_\_ until he can procure his letter from Edgefield Dist.

10 May 1844

Brother Hitt and Brother Griffin Reported that our Sister Sarah Hazeltine?? has attached herself to the Methodist church consequently excluded from this church. Rec'd Phoebe??(Obediah?? very dark) Looper by exp. granted lod to Brother Jeremiah Whitmire and his wife and daughter Sarah Cox

8 Jun 1844

rec'd Tom Singleton and wife by letter

appointed Brother David Blythe and Br. Compton delegates to our association and Brother A? SMith in case of failure of either.

13 Jul 1844

Enquired for fellowship and found an objection in conswequence of reports about Brother Richard Goodlett concerning his drinking ardent spirits to an excess . . . nominate Brother G? Smith and Brother Griffin to go to a certain member of the Ebenezer Church and invite him to our next meeting in order that he may state to our church things that he may have told Brother G/J? Smith concerning Brother Goodlett. Chose Brother Alvy Griffin for a Deacon in our church and appointed our meeting in Nov. for his ordination.

**To be con't**

## BEACHAM FAMILY TREE

8. Frederick Lester, married Dolly **Pollard** (nee **Robertson**) and removed to Georgia and the Alabama. He had no sons and was the largest beneficiary under his fathers will.
9. Martha Lester, who married one **Atkins**
10. Rebecca Lester, who married one **Estes** (note: number 11 on page 3)
11. Samuel Lester died unmarried.

Descendants of **Archibald Lester** (my ancestor) follow and descendants of other siblings follow afterward.

*Archibald Lester*, son of Bryant **Lester** born June 4, 1761 died October 31, 1826. He married Elizabeth **Crymes** on May 12, 1785 and they had seven children all born in Lunenburg Co. VA. Moved about 1805 to Greenville district, S.C., and settled about 12 miles southeast of the present town of Greenville, and there spent the rest of his life.

1. Rebecca **Lester** who married Louis **Cantalou**, her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin.
2. Mary **Lester** who married Paschal **Rutledge** and immigrated to Alabama
3. Ermin **Lester** who married Thomas **Greene**-left family in Greenville S.C.
4. *Alice Lester*, born circa 1793 and died circa 1852. She married Daniel **Beacham**, b circa 1783, d. circa 1838, son of William **Beacham** of Ireland. (Note: William is married to Margaret Lowrie). Alice and Daniel Beacham are buried at the Archibald Lester burial ground on Gilder's Creek near Greenville, S.C. Daniel had a sister, Elizabeth Ann **Beacham** who married Hartwell **Lester**, a brother of Alice **Lester**. (Note: Hope Beacham indicates the Lester burial ground is still there but grown up and should be visited in the winter due to snakes etc. A record of the graves is in Greenville co. Cemetery book. I did copy info and can't locate it at this time.)

The Daniel and Alice Lester family will follow later **This is my ancestor.**

5. Philip Crymes **Lester**, born April 14, 1794 and died May 1, 1862. Married is 1st cousin Nancy **Crymes** in 1817--Some family in Greenville SC
6. Hartwell **Lester** died at Cassville Ga. Married (1st) Elizabeth Ann **Beacham**, sister of Daniel Beacham. (2nd) Mahala
7. Permelia (Mildred) **Lester**, born May 10, 1801 and died 1852. Married (1st) George **Stairley** and (2nd) Dr. Wm. **Rabe** of Germany.<sup>5</sup>

Alice Lester and Daniel Beacham had 9 children:

1. Mary Winbush Beacham (b1814), married James **Cannon** and removed to Calhoun Co. Ala.
2. William Archibald Beacham who married Mary **Montgomery** of Greenville

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<sup>5</sup> More information in The Old Free State. Permelia is buried at Lester Burial ground.

3. **Hartwell Lowrie Beacham**, born about 1818 and died. March 1892-buried at Greer's Depot, SC married Louisa **Shepherd** of Greenville and had among others Wm C. Beacham and **Archibald Beacham**, my ancestor. See census information 1850 for more children. In census, information, Hartwell's wife is listed as Maria and Louise. (Her name is Mariah Louise Shepherd. Hope Beacham relates that the pronunciation is Maria but the older spelling is Mariah. In the 1850 census she is listed Maria but in 1860 and 1870, she is Louise or Louiza. Her tombstone has Mariah L. Beacham.
4. Philip Franklin Beacham, who married Nancy **Wright** of NC. Both died 1862 in Alabama.
5. Amanda Adeline Beacham, who married Wm **Laird** of Alabama.
6. Louisa Melissa Beacham, born February 17, 1824 and died April 27, 1866. Married George **Shuford** and names of children in book
7. Christianna Elizabeth Beacham. Married (1st) Columbus **Orr** and (2nd) Perry **Moore** of Greer's Depot
8. Margaret Beacham married Marcus **Carpenter**
9. Alice Elivira Beacham. (B 1830) married Tandy **Goodlett** of Traveller's Rest NC.

In the Old Free State book more descendants of these 9 siblings are listed. As time permits, I will include them.

In the 1850 census, Hartwell **Beacham** (my ancestor) is listed as 32, born about 1818 in S.C and died March 1892. He is living in Greenville Co. His wife is Maria, age 31, born about 1819 in S.C. This name conflicts with The Old Free State, which lists his wife as Louisa Shepherd, but her name is Mariah Louise and later census shows Louise and her tombstone shows Mariah L. Beacham. Hartwell's occupation is hard to read but looks like Mechanic (?)

Children are:

1. James age 12 born about 1838. (James Daniel)
2. Thomas age 10 born about. 1840. (Thomas Lowrie)
3. Ann age 8 born about. 1842. (Ann Melissa)
4. William age 6 born about 1844. (William Vardee)
5. Dallis age 4 born about 1846. (Phillip Dallis)
6. Worth age 2 born about 1848. (Worth Butler)
7. Archibald age 1 month born February 1850(from other data)(Archibald Lester)

All children are born in South Carolina.

One of the neighbors is a Fowler. Thomas L. Fowler (? A relative of Elizabeth Fowler, wife of Archibald Beacham. It would be an uncle as Elizabeth was born in 1853. I will check)<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> 1850 Federal Census S.C., Greenville County, Roll 853 line 29  
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**William Felton.** Wife: Mary Felton. Son: Carey Felton. Daughters: none named. Other Heirs: sil John Richland. Exors: none named. Wits: Sarah Harden, David Moore, Jr., John Crocker. Date: 18 Nov. 1828. Probate: 10 Oct. 1832. Bk. A p. 457. (Original not in Probate Files). Anderson Co. SC.

**Samuel Findley, Sr.** Wife: Anna Findley. Sons: John Findley, Samuel Findley, Alexander Findley (youngest son). Daughters: Mary Bowen, Agnes Moore (youngest dau.) Elizabeth Findley, Margaret Findley, Jane Findley. Exors: wife Anna Findley, Richard Hall. Wits: Robert Sloan, Edwin Smith, Daniel C. Cook. Date: 1 Sept. 1794. Probate: 24 Jan. 1795. Anderson Co, SC.

**James Foster.** Wife: Mary Foster. Sons: Gabriel Foster, James Foster. Daughters: Sally Merritt, Abigail Merritt, Rachel Foster. Land Location: 23 Mile Creek. Exors: son, Gabriel Foster, Rev. Robert Orr. Witnesses: Robert McCann, Thomas Brown, Elizabeth Wiggington. Date: 23 Jan. 1801. Probate 4 Jan. 1802. Bk. A p. 35, Roll 210. Anderson Co, SC.

**James Foster:** Wife: not mentioned. Sons: none named. Daughters: Elizabeth Foster, Aggey Foster (both under age). Other Heirs: Bro. Gabriel Foster, His mother not named, sister, Sary Merritt son John Merritt, my sister Rachel Foster. Brother Gabriel Foster's oldest son, John Foster. Exors: Gabriel Foster. Witnesses: John Booth, William Pegg, Martin Pegg. Date: 17 July 1804. Probate: 5 Sept. 1804. Bk. A p. 53, Roll 210. Anderson Co, SC.

**John Fountain.** Wife: Nancy Fountain. Sons: Littleton Fountain, Simpson Fountain. Daughter: Hannah Fountain. Other Heirs: gd. Matty Fountain d/o Hannah Fountain. Exors: bil Daniel Mason, son Simpson Fountain when he reaches the age of 21. Wits: Thomas Pinckney, John Armstrong, Mary Anne Lambert, son Littleton Fountain. Date: 28 July 1831. Probate: 10 Nov. 1831. Bk. A p. 460, Roll 214. Anderson Co, SC.

**John Gambrell.** Wife: Barbara Gambrell. Sons: Matthew Gambrell, Henry Gambrell and Susannah his wife, William Gambrell, John Gambrell, James Gambrell, David Gambrell. Daughters: Elizabeth Cox, Nancy Breazeale. Property to be "equally divided between all my children." Land: On Broadmouth Creek. Exors: sons John Gambrell, Matthew Gambrell. Wits: Samuel Hammond, Elijah Griffin, Barbara Casey. Date: 10 May 1830. Probate: 29 Sept. 1834. Bk. A p. 500, Roll 228. Anderson Co, SC.

**James Gassaway.** Wife: Elizabeth Gassaway. Sons: Benjamin Gassaway, Samuel Gassaway, Daniel Gassaway (my 3 youngest sons), Thomas Gassaway. Daughters: Rebeccah Gassaway, Hannah Gassaway, Lucy Gassaway. Land Location: 105 acres from William Griffin. 200 Acres granted to Samuel Lofton. Exors: Thomas Gassaway, Jonathan Reeder. Witnesses: Samuel Dickson, Simon Reeder. Date: 14 Feb. 1804. Probate: 26 Mar. 1804. Bk. A p. 44, Roll 250. Anderson Co, SC.

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**John George.** Wife: Margaret George. Sons: James George, William George, Francis George, John George, Thomas George. Daughters: Margaret George w/o John Bryce. Other Heirs: Ezekiel George s/o William George. "It is uncertain where my son Thomas is." Exors: son William George, Benjamin Dickson, Samuel McCoy. Date: 1 Nov. 1827. Probate: 19 Dec. 1827. Bk. A p. 362, Roll 244. Anderson Co, SC.

**Lewis L. Gibbs.** Wife: Lucinda Gibbs. Sons: none named. Daughters: none named. "Bequeath to my children all of my property. Exors: John L. North, Lewis R. Gibbs, Charles D. Gibbs, my executors and the last two last guardians of their younger brothers and sisters. Wits: James Stuart, Rodolphus Dickinson, Anthony W. Ross, George Hall. Date: 11 Aug. 1828. Probate: 3 Dec. 1830. Bk. A p. 11, Roll 232. Codicil dated 15 Aug. 1828. Anderson Co, SC.

**Randolph Gibson.** Wife: not named. Sons: Jacob Gibson, James Gibson, Willis Gibson, Randle Gibson, John Gibson. Daughters: Elizabeth Gibson, Mary Gibson, Netta Gibson. Other Heirs: Gs, Landy James (under 21), Gs, Joseph Gibson. Exors: sons, Randle Gibson and Jacob Gibson. Witnesses: William Bruce, Jesse Gibson, George Gibson. Date: 27 Jan. 1794. Probate: not given. Source: Bk. C p. 28, Roll 223. Rec. 24 June 1794, roll 223. Anderson Co, SC.

**Thomas Gibson.** Wife: not named. Sons: John Gibson, Thomas Gibson, William Duke Gibson. Daughter: Polly Gibson. gd. Elizabeth Gibson and her son by her first husband was Thomas Montgomery, her second husband was John Feagan and their children were Bersheba Feagan, Hannah Feagan and Nancy Feagan. Her third husband was William Duke and their children were Mark Duke, James Duke, Gibson Duke and July Duke. Exor: John Tomkins. Wits: J. Douthit, B.H. Douthit, Sarah R. Douthit. Date: 13 Nov. 1830. Probate: 4 May 1833. Bk. A p. 478, Roll 245. Anderson Co, SC.

**Archibald Gillison** of Abbeville County. Wife: Jean Gillison. Son: James Gillison. Daughters: Elizabeth Price, Mary Harris, Karen Harris, Ann Gillison. "My four children." "John Gillison son of my daughter Ann Gillison." Exors: friends: James Nash, Stephen Harris, Larkin Nash. Wits: George Nash, James Thornhill, Valentine Nash. Date: 3 January 1792. Probate: 20 September 1792. Bk. B p. 63, Roll 218. Anderson Co, SC.

**Giles Grant.** Wife: Elizabeth Grant. Sons: William Grant (under 21), Hugh Grant, John Grant. Other Heirs: Niece Abigail Grant. Exors: Wife, Elizabeth Grant, Robert Telford. Witnesses: William Grant, William Armstrong, Margaret Armstrong. Date: 1 July 1792. Probate 24 Jan. 1793. Source: Bk. C p. 9, Roll 247. Rec. 4 Feb. 1794, roll 248. Anderson Co, SC.

**Isham Green.** Wife: Nancy. Son: Samuel Green. Daughters: Polly Green, Betsey Green, Nancy Green, Rebecca Green. Exors: Nancy Green, Trusted friends Joseph Thompson and Ransom Thompson. Wit: Joseph Johnson, Benjamin Harris, Joseph Green. Date: 28 April 1808. Probate: 6 June 1808. Bk. A p. 95, roll 239. Anderson Co, SC.