



SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 18, 2012

(3rd Tuesday), 7-9 pm

Central Clemson Library, 105 Commons Way

Central, SC 29630

(Hwy 93 next to Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home)

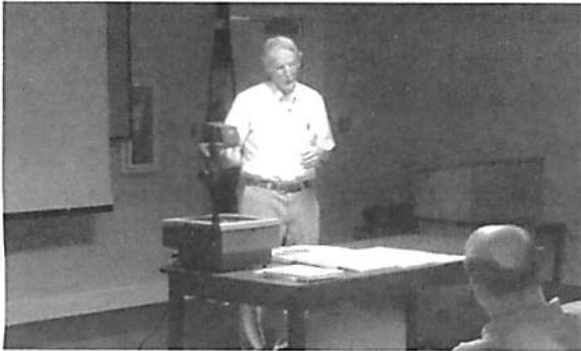
Mike Becknell, Is Granny Crazy?

OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2012 OPD CHAPTER MEETING – BRUCE PRUITT: SC LAND GRANTS



At the June meeting of the Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Mr. Bruce Pruitt made a presentation on land grants in South Carolina from about 1669 to about 1860. The presentation included information on grants issued in names of 8 Lords Proprietor, King George II and III, and the state. He also mentioned South Carolina grants in North Carolina and Georgia and Georgia and North Carolina grants in South Carolina.

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING JUNE 19, 2012

The meeting of the Old Pendleton District Chapter of the SCGS was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Central-Clemson Branch of the Pickens County Library on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. After welcoming everyone, President Judy Long recognized visitors Jane Shelton who is researching the Davis and Daniels Families, and Susan Booker who is doing research on the Abbott, Boyd, Adams, Booker and Albertson Families.

President Judy Long made the following announcements:

- As one of the Sponsors of the 100-Year Reunion of Upcountry Families to be held June 23 and 24, 2012 at Southern Wesleyan University, we need volunteers on Saturday, June 23 from our Chapter. Please try to be at the University before 10:00 AM.

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- We presently have 215 members in our Chapter. Our goal is to have 250 members by June 2013. Ask your friends and family if they would like to join our Chapter.

- We also need to have a class in Beginning Genealogy in the near future.

- Judy has asked Lesley Craddock to design a brochure about our Chapter to be sent out as a mailer to former and possibly new members.

Judy recognized Jo Ann Brewer to talk to us about getting metal name tags for our members. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Brenda Meyer to purchase the name tags, after being seconded and voted on, the motion carried.

Judy also asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. We will need to fill the office of Vice President. The following people will serve on the Committee:

Lowery Wilson, Nancy Holcombe, and Katie Gillespie.

It isn't too late to register and plan to attend the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.

40th Annual Summer Work Shop July 13 & 14, 2012 which will be held at SC Archives and History Center, Columbia, S. C. Please try to attend, there are a number of outstanding speaker and an opportunity to spend some quality time with "like minded" people from across the state.

Secretary, Brenda Meyer read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

Vice President Keith Brown had no report.

Treasurer Lamarr Brooks reported that the beginning bal. for May was \$12,372.46 and the ending balance as of June 18, 2012 was \$11,366.34. Total expense for May and June were as follows: newsletter printing \$374.49, postage for newsletter \$145.08, postage for mailing books

\$3.73, dues to the State \$142.00, meeting food supplies \$14.07,

May meal \$466.40, Oconee Heritage Center donation \$50.00, The Birchwood Center (sponsorship of 100 Year Reunion) \$500.00, making total expense \$1,695.77.

Income was as follows: membership dues \$424.00, Book sales \$129.00, May meal \$220.00, making total income of \$773.00.

State Representative Lesley L. Craddock reminded everyone of the Workshop July 13-14.

She asked everyone to make a note that the SCGS Annual Meeting will be held Oct. 12-13 in Union.

Publication Chairman Kasey Shusterman reported that the notices in the newspapers seem to be getting very good responses.

Bruce Pruitt our speaker for the evening has been very active as a genealogist and historian for many years. He has been honored by both North and South Carolina Genealogical Societies and has published 185 books. He spoke to us on the LAND GRANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. He is a very interesting and informative speaker. He told us of the "Head Rights Grants" which began in 1669 and later there were the "Purchase Grants". This is a must hear lecture of those interested in the history of Colonial South Carolina.

There were 36 in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Brenda Meyer, Secretary



We did it! The final states of the 1940 US Census Project have been posted on the FamilySearch.org website and on Ancestry.com. **South Carolina** is complete and posted on both sites.

The 1940 US Census Project started on the April 4th of this year. With the posting of the last states, Family Search reports they have published the census 73 days earlier than expected!

What a great thing to brag about. And it was all due to a great group of dedicated volunteer indexers like many of you. Once again we want to thank every one of you who have worked so hard to help create this valuable census index. Your efforts have been remarkable. Many will benefit from your hard work for many years to come.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped by being a part of this great project.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The next issue of the OPD Newsletter will be October 2012.
DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE is September 15, 2012.

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REFRESHMENTS

January: Brenda Meyer & Judy Long	April: Katie Gillespie, Marilyn Boren and Nancy Holcombe	September: Keith Brown & Janet Norris
February: Judy Long		October: JoAnn Brewer & Judy Ballard
March: Ernest Lanier, Ellen Neal and Kathleen Williard	May: Dinner at local historical site	November: Pot Luck at Trinity Wesleyan
	June: LaMarr Brooks	

Refreshment Chair responsible for drinks, plates, cups for each meeting

BUMPER STICKER MEMO



**A PACK RAT IS
HARD TO LIVE
WITH, BUT MAKES
A FINE ANCESTOR**

IN RESPONSE TO THE JUNE 2012 ARTICLE: "MICA CEMETERY SAVED"

We received a great deal of response, comments and corrections on the *Mica Cemetery Saved* article from the June 2012 issue, submitted by Phyllis Harrison of Bradley, SC..

GIVING THANKS

In the article, it was inadvertently implied that the Pickens County Historical Society was solely responsible for the signs for the cemetery, but that was not a full credit to the many people and organizations involved in placing signage to mark the Mica Cemetery, as well as many other cemeteries in Pickens County. The people who are responsible for the signs at Mica Cemetery include:

The Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, Paul Kankula, Gary Flinn, Pickens County Administration, Pickens County Historical Society, Pickens County Museum, Local Historians, and The Birchwood Wood Center, Dot Jackson.

Judy Norris Long

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The article's second paragraph, it is noted that the Mica Cemetery is located on the site of the old Mica Elementary School. This is incorrect. Mica School was located on a strip of land about 500-600 feet up Hwy 15 away from the cemetery. It was located on a piece of land between Mt. Tabor Church Road and Hwy 135. There is an abandoned brick house on the school site now. The land for the school was donated by Samuel M. Looper in 1893. (Book P, Page 164) RMC Office Pickens Co. SC. The school was constructed in 1894.

Sandra O'Shields, Franklin M. Looper, Jr., Gail Lewis, Carl B. Turner, Jr.

SAVING CEMETERIES

Submitted by **Paul Kankula**
kankula@bellsouth.net

First of all, let me tell you how South Carolina's Current Cemetery Laws came about...

Since taking over the management of the Anderson-Oconee-Pickens County GenWeb Projects, I have received numerous e-mails from desperate folks, who were asking me for cemetery help... My first thought was - what help could I possibly give them..?

- I was told that some landowners, who have family cemeteries located on their property, were preventing family members from visiting and maintaining the graves of their love-ones!
- I was told that others were letting their livestock roam all over the graves of their love-ones, because the landowner didn't want the expense of having to fence the cemetery area off!
- I was told that Kudzu had completely engulfed a family cemetery and the landowner wouldn't allow it to be removed.
- I was told that crops were being planted on top of Plantation Slave cemeteries.
- I was told that a couple of homeowners had removed/destroyed cemetery tombstones and/or slab-stones grave markers that were in a pioneer cemetery. Then the homeowner had the nerve to build their houses on top of the graves. When the landowners were confronted, they simply said that there was no cemetery shown on their land deed. No photographs of the cemeteries were available and descendants couldn't afford to take legal action.

- Then there was one fool in Greenville County who was selling human skulls that he had dug up. (He ended up having to pay a \$10,000 fine and is currently spending 10 to 15 years in jail.)
- The list goes on & on... Sign removing, blocking of pathways, livestock eating flowers, knocked-over tombstones, storing of hay bales & bee hives in fenced-in cemetery area, etc...

A cemetery is a place not only for the burial of the dead, but for an expression of love and respect by the living. Descendants should have the right of burial, visitation, maintenance and beautification of graves..!

Cemeteries are also an important feature of South Carolina's diverse heritage. In addition to marking the final resting places of your ancestors, they yield information about out state's social, religious, artistic, and cultural heritage! They also contain genealogical information.

One day, I was reading a sad story that Carlie Butts of North Augusta, GA, had written for the Westminster Newspaper. It was about a landowner who was deliberately desecrating the Silas Butts pioneer cemetery in Brasstown (Oconee County). The landowner actually admitted to removing the cemetery's sign, threatening visitors and toppling large trees on top of the cemetery. Several newspaper stories were written on what was happening, but nothing changed until the land was sold.

Fortunately, Carlie had also contacted Senator Larry Martin and asked for his help. Senator Martin said that he would be willing to take on the challenge of passing a new Bill that would eliminate future problems. After most of the hard work had been by Carlie, he became ill. So I decided that I would pick up his ball and run with it...

On Dec-2003, Senator Martin introduced a Cemetery Bill Amendment.

On Jun-2007, Bill S.065 was SIGNED INTO LAW..!

Visit <http://chicora.org/sc-cemetery-law.html> and you'll find a well written description of what this Bill says – in terms that you can understand

Now that I've gotten that out of the way, let me tell you the reasons why I'm writing you about the Mica Cemetery article that was in your June Newsletter.

1. In Jan-2005, my friend Gary Flynn GPS mapped this cemetery.
N34 56.606, W82 35.770
2. In Jan-2005, I photographed all the grave markers.
<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scpicke2/cemetery-jpg/p098/>
3. In Jan-2007, researcher Sharon King recorded all the readable tombstone inscriptions.
<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scpicke2/cemetery-txt/p098.txt>

Maybe some of the above info will be of some help to the Hendricks Family and others.

You can submit queries by email to llcraddock@gmail.com or post your queries on the Old Pendleton District FACEBOOK page



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<https://www.facebook.com/OldPendletonDistrictGenealogicalSociety>

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER MEETING: OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT CHAPTER

Central Clemson Library, 105 Commons Way, Central, SC

"Was Grandma Crazy? Locating Records Associated with Mental Illness and Insanity." by Mike Becknell

While tracing our ancestry, many of us have learned that relatives in the past have suffered from one of many forms of this debilitating disease. However, locating the records associated with mental illness can prove to be difficult. We will discuss some of the records available that one can search to document cases of mental illness. These records may be found on the County, State and Federal level. We will also discuss what records one can expect to find on each of these levels and the type of information these records contain.

Mike Becknell is a native of Union County, SC. A graduate of USC with a B.A. in Geology. Mike has



worked for the last 25 years for Inman Mills at their Enoree Division. He is currently the First Vice President of the South Carolina Genealogical Society; President of the Laurens Chapter and Vice President of the Pinckney District Chapter. Mike formerly served as President of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Pinckney District Chapter and Union County Historical Society. Mike has been involved in genealogy for nearly 30 years. His family lines are mainly from the Union-Spartanburg area.

The Babcock Building at the State Hospital site on Bull Street

FRI.- SAT., SEPTEMBER 28 – 29, 2012

SOUTHERN STUDIES SHOWCASE

D. A. Tompkins Library, Edgefield, South Carolina



The Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society and Old Edgefield District African American Genealogical Society are hosting a "Southern Studies Showcase" in Edgefield on September 28 and 29, 2012. Genealogical and historical societies from all over South Carolina and parts of Georgia are being invited to participate in this two-day event that is expected to bring over 150 people to the Town of Edgefield.

(See pages 7-8 for more information.)



FRIDAY- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12-13, 2012

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Pinckney Chapter, Union, SC

(See pages 9-10 for more information)

OLD EDGEFIELD DISTRICT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Southern Studies Showcase - September 28 – 29 2012

D. A. Tompkins Library, Edgefield, South Carolina

Friday, September 28, 2012

9:30 – Until Registration – Vendor Setup

10:00 - 1:00 Research in the OEDGS Archives. Lunch on your own.

10:00 – 11:00 **SESSION ONE**

_____ Jennifers Satterwhite: Understanding Cemeteries:History & Iconography

_____ Joe Long: *South Carolina Privateers of 1812*

_____ Margaret Waters Orangeburg German Swiss Society

1:00 – 2:15 **GENERAL SESSION** - Leonard Todd: The Life and Legend of the Slave Potter, Dave

2:30 – 3:30 **SESSION THREE**

_____ John H. Smith: Research in Georgia. What's New for South Carolinians

_____ Bernice A. Bennett: Searching for the Living - How I Found My South Carolina African American Kinfolks and Beyond?

_____ Mark Waters: The Confederate Treasury: What happened to it?

3:45 – 4:45 **SESSION FOUR**

_____ Dr. Constance T. McNeill: Beginning Genealogy

_____ Tonya Browder: How to research Your Confederate Ancestors

_____ Elizabeth Laney: Redcliffe Roots: Genealogy & Historical Context in the Hammond Papers

6:00 – 8:30 'Block Party' on the Edgefield Courthouse Square with music and dining.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

8:30 – 9:30 D A Tompkins Library Registration Coffee & Doughnuts – Displays Open

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome, Announcements Doug Timmerman, Pres, OEDGS, Mayors of Edgefield, Trenton, Johnston, City Council Chairman and County Council Chairman

9:45 – 10:45 **SESSION ONE**

_____ Jan Alpert What's available at the National Genealogy Society

_____ Harris Bailey Breaking the Glass Ceiling: You can find your African American Relatives prior to 1860

_____ Mike Becknell Was Granny Crazy? Records available from SC Mental Hospital.

11:00 – 12:15 **SESSION TWO**

_____ John H. Smith: Research at Raleigh, NC: What's New for South Carolinians in NC Cemetery Preservation

_____ Chicora Foundation The Missing Confederate Gold. Midnight Raid at Chennault, GA, May 24, 1865

12:15 – 2:00 Lunch – On your own.

2:00 – 3:00 **SESSION THREE**

_____	Bernice A. Bennett	Homestead Act of 1862: Did Your South Carolina Kinfolks Acquire Federal Land in Other States?
_____	Lauren Virgo	Hampton Terrace Hotel, Augusta, GA
_____	Tim Cruze	American Revolution in Old Ninety Six District

3:15 – 4:45 **SESSION FOUR**

_____	Dr. Constance T. McNeill	Overlooked Internet Sources
_____	Steve Scurry	Anglo-Indian Relations in the Revolutionary War, with Particular emphasis on the Creek Nation's participation
_____	Brenda Baratto	Palmetto Lodge [Seven Gables] Guestbook/Journal 1905-1914

Please indicate by checking or circling the session you want to attend in each time frame (Page 33) and return with your registration form. We need to get an approximate number for each session to determine which room to assign.

Please Return Both The Completed Agenda And Your Registration Page Together. We Need The Information From Both Pages In Order To Register You And Make Sure We Have Room For All..
Thanks

Registration Fees: \$25.00 ---- Includes all sessions and Meal and Block Party on Friday Evening

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Remit check to: OEDGS 2012 Southern Studies Showcase, P. O. Box 546 Edgefield, SC 29824.

For Additional Information E-Mail: Dr. Connie McNeill at Connie@wctel.net or Tonya at OEDGS85@gmail.com. If you would like to receive notice that your registration was received, please enter your email address here: _____

PLACES TO STAY IN EDGEFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREA

Edgefield Inn, Edgefield

702 Augusta Rd, Edgefield, SC 29824 (803) 637-2001

Entire hotel (44 rooms) blocked for this event.

Pleasant Lane Acres Bed & Breakfast

318 Pleasant Lane Road, Edgefield, SC 29824, (803) 637-9387 or Toll-free (888) 771-3161

Four Rooms blocked for this event.

Comfort Inn – Still negotiating

Please check our website OEDGS.ORG info regarding prices.

Be sure to let them know you will be attending the **Southern Studies Showcase in Edgefield.**



2012 ANNUAL MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Join the Pinckney Chapter of SCGS on October 12-13, 2012 for the 2012 Annual Meeting in beautiful Union, SC. The schedule includes visits to historic sites and opportunities to research in the upstate. Please register for this meeting by October 5, 2012. We hope to see you all here!

SCHEDULE

October 12

10:00 TOUR of Rose Hill - home of William H. Gist, "SC Secession Governor"
OPTIONAL- \$5.00 per person (everyone to meet at Rose Hill for tour)

5:00-6:00 Registration

6:00 Hot dog supper and program on History of Union County, SC

October 13

9:00-12:00 Bus tour of Union County-
Meet at the Inn at Merridun, leave the Inn at Merridun at 9:00

12:30 Lunch at the Inn at Merridun

2:00 Annual meeting

3:30 Tour of Cross Keys House

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Rose Hill Tour \$5.00 _____

Meeting (including everything else) \$30.00 _____

Mail to: Pinckney SCGS Annual Meeting
PO Box 1799
Spartanburg, SC 29304-1799

Make checks payable to : Pinckney Chapter SCGS

Area Accommodations:

Union County Museum
127 West Main Street
Union, SC 29379
email- uncomus@bellsouth.net
864-429-5081

The Inn at Merridum
(.52 miles from Union County Museum)
100 Merridun Place
Union, SC 29379
864-427-7052

Nicholson Mansion
(4.03 miles from Union county Museum)
2403 Cross Keys Hwy
Union, SC 29379
864-424-9042

Days Inn- Union
(.60 miles from Union County Museum)
101 Toshes Creek Circle
Union, SC 29379
864-427-0308

Quality Inn- Union
(1.83 miles from Union County Museum)
315 N. Duncan Bypass US 176
Union, SC 29379
864-427-5060

South Carolina Genealogical Society Annual Meeting – October 12-13, 2012 Pinckney Chapter, Union, SC

2:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Welcome:	Jacqueline Hughes, Pres. SCGS
Announcements:	Jacqueline Hughes, Pres. SCGS
Introduction of Officers:	Mike Becknell, 1st Vice President
Publications Committee Report:	Page Lee
Publication Contest Winners, Awards Presented	
Treasurer's Report	Larry Ulmer, Treasurer
Nominating Committee Report:	Mike Becknell, Chairman
Election of New Officers <i>(Refer to current Carolina Herald for nominees for election)</i>	
Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report:	Mike Becknell, Chairman
Vote on Proposed Revisions to the SCGS By-laws and Constitution <i>(Refer to current Carolina Herald for details)</i>	
Old Business:	
New Business:	
Adjournment:	



OCONEE COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE IN DIGITAL FORMAT

The Consortium for Upstate South Carolina History

OCPL's digital ebook collection, OverDrive, enables library to share local digital content worldwide

The Oconee County Public Library has recently made available a downloadable e-book collection of historic documents owned by the library. This content can be found in the OCPL's 24/7 digital OverDrive collection, accessible through our website at www.oconee.lib.sc.us, or directly at oconee.lib.overdrive.com. Content can be downloaded onto personal computers or other compatible devices for a lending period of 14 days. Most of the local content that has been added to the collection was edited by well-known local historian Margaret Mills Seaborn, and covers such topics as Historic Oconee Station, the first German settlers who founded the city of Walhalla, and travels of famed naturalist William Bartram. The collection also contains some historic maps and photographs of places in Oconee County, SC. OCPL partnered with the South Carolina State Library to digitize these titles. For more information about accessing the collection on OverDrive, please contact the library at (864) 638-4133 or visit oconee.lib.overdrive.com.

The collection contains the following titles:

Oconee Station in Oconee County, South Carolina - Overview of the history of Oconee Station in present-day Oconee County, South Carolina; Features numerous photographs, plats, surveys, and historical maps.

John Lyon's Journal: Travels in Oconee County, South Carolina – Scottish Botanist John Lyon's journal documenting travels through present day Oconee County, South Carolina in 1799-1814; Features historical maps and photographs of historical sites and natural features.

Benjamin Hawkins's Journeys through Oconee County, South Carolina, in 1796-1797 - Benjamin Hawkins's path through Oconee County, South Carolina in 1796-1797.

German Colony Protocol - Minute book of the German Colonization Society of Charleston, South Carolina, founders of the town of Walhalla.

Andre Michaux's Journeys in Oconee County, South Carolina in 1787 and 1788 - French Botanist Andre Michaux's travels in present day Oconee County, South Carolina in 1787 and 1788; Features maps marking Cherokee towns and other historical locations; Includes numerous pictures of natural and historical sites and plants noted in Michaux's journal.

Travels of William Bartram - The travels of William Bartram through present day Oconee County, South Carolina.

Oconee County Public Library
501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, SC

THE ANNUAL 100 YEAR REUNION WAS A SUCCESS

The third annual 100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families brought cousins of all kinds from across the Southeast and as far away as Oregon to Southern Wesleyan University in Central on June 23, 2012. This genealogy-based event celebrates families that trace their history at least 100 years the Upcountry of South Carolina, an area rich in family history that event sponsors hope to capture and preserve for future generations.

This family gathering offered participants and visitors a chance to research and share local family history, attend genealogy workshops, hear guest speakers, buy books or other merchandise and browse through exhibits from local historical organizations and upcountry families.



This year, the Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society added guest speakers on Friday evening, extending the event to two days. More than 100 were in attendance to hear noted genealogist and author Charles Andrews present "Family Migration Routes Into and Out of the Upcountry," followed by "Burial Customs of the 18th and 19th Centuries" presented by OPD member and local historian Dr. Tim Drake.

On Saturday, the reunion got into full swing, with about 240 registering for door prizes donated by the event sponsors. Many local family names were represented at tables where participants displayed pictures, old documents, genealogical research, Bibles, and other ancestral memorabilia. Copiers,

printers and scanners were available to help share information, charts, pictures and other items.

Historical and genealogical organizations, as well as the event sponsors, offered membership information, brochures and other handouts and many had local and family history books for sale. To help support the annual 100 Year Reunion, the Birchwood Center sells T-shirts and calendars that feature local historic photos.

Laurel Horton, an internationally acclaimed quilt researcher and author, was on hand to identify and interpret family heirloom quilts. Information on the Upstate Quilt Trail was also available.

Some of this year's participants included SC Genealogical Society Chapters from Anderson, Greenville, Columbia and Pickney; the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution; the James L. Orr Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Greenville Museum of Confederate History.

This year's workshops were directed by Dr. Connie McNeill, president of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, who presented "Genealogy 201" and discussed the "1940 Census Project" and LaMarr Brooks, treasurer of the Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, who covered the subject of "Genealogy and DNA."

Visitors also had several opportunities to go on guided tours of the Faith Clayton Genealogy Room in the Rickman Library with Curator and OPD Archivist Anne Sheriff.

This unique Upcountry family history event was sponsored by the Birchwood Center for Arts and Folklife, Southern Wesleyan University, Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, Faith Clayton Genealogy Room, Central Heritage Society, Pendleton Historic Commission, Pickens County Historical Society, and Pickens County Museum of Art and History.

Plans are already underway for next year's "100 Year Reunion" which is scheduled for April 26 and 27, 2013. More details will be posted in this publication.



100 YEAR REUNION IS ABOUT DISCOVERY

By Ed Welch

When Barbara Daly, left, of Chicago traveled to the 100-Year Reunion of Upcountry Families June 23 at Southern Wesleyan University, she expected to learn more about her Gilstrap family roots but made an unexpected discovery. Kenny Blakeney, right, of the Birchwood Center, wears a shirt bearing the likeness of Spencer and Josie Roper. Daly found out that Josie was the sibling of her great-great-great-grandfather, George Riley Gilstrap. The reunion attracted more than 200 visitors from across South Carolina and more than a dozen states. It was sponsored by the Birchwood Center for Arts and Folklife, along with Southern Wesleyan University, the Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, the Pickens County Historical Society, the Pickens County Museum of Art and History, the Central Heritage Society and the Pendleton Historic Commission.

FINDING FAMILY IN A FOREIGN LAND OR WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION – AUGUST 2012

by Brenda Brown Meyer

While traveling I like to keep a daily journal. This helps me so much to remember details of our journey.

We had arrived in Scotland on Saturday. After day trips to Edinburgh, Nielson, Paisley, Perth, Aberfoyle, Drymen, Luss, Helensburgh, and the shores of Loch Lomond we decided Thursday night it was time to head north to the Highlands and find the village of Leslie in Aberdeenshire. On Friday, August 24th at 8:45 we were off to Leslie. Leaving Callender, called the "The Gateway to the Highlands", our home away from home for the two weeks, we head north.

It is approximately 130+ miles to our destination; however it takes nearly four hours. We rode through Doune, Dunbane, Angus, Douglastown, and Glamis, (the home of the Queen Mother and her ancestors,) thru valleys and up Mounts. We arrive at the "village" of Inch and there was a sign: Leslie two miles. (I later learn that Inch means "nearby" and it was called "Inchleslie" in the past.) While riding thru Leslie we met an old man walking along the road and asked if he knew any of the **Leslie Family** and did they still lived in the village. He told us yes and they are at Leslie Castle. After going to the Kirk (church) and walking around the cemetery, we went back to the castle. As I walked up the drive to the castle I saw a man and woman gardening. After exchanging greetings, I told them who I was and that I was a descendent of the Leslie family from the United States and were they of the **Leslie Family**?

The gentleman introduced himself as David Leslie and the lady, his wife I later learned was Lesley Stuart Leslie.

Mr. Leslie said he had acquired the property in 1979 and had restored the castle. Then he and Mrs. Leslie had opened a private hotel in the castle and ran it for eight and half years. They told me stories of the history of the family and the castle which was originally built in the 13th century. Part of the present structure includes walls of the first building.

Mr. Leslie asked to be excused for a moment and disappeared into the carriage house. Mrs. Leslie explained that the beautiful carriage house is now their home and meets their needs much better. Mr. Leslie returned with three large leather bound books. These, he explains are the three volumes of the HISTORICAL RECORDS of the FAMILY OF LESLIE from 1067 – 1868-9 collected and compiled by Colonel Leslie K.H. of Balquhain, published in 1869.

We talked longer about the Leslie family, the books, estate, and each of our own research of Clan Leslie. Time was getting later, the Leslies were expected guests and we need to be on our way. After exchanging e-mail addresses and phone numbers, I asked Mr. Leslie one last question. Why couldn't I find the graves of the Leslie of the era we had been speaking of in the cemetery at the Kirk (church) of Leslie, it was certainly old enough? He told me that they were all buried at The Chapel of The Garioch Parish Church and it was only a short distance on our way to our next destination, Inveraray. We did stop at the Chapel and explored the cemetery and grounds. There we found LESLIE'S CROSS which had been placed in memory of the members of Clan Leslie and their Chief, The Honorable Alexander Leslie, on the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Harlaw by the Clan Leslie International.

It's still hard for me to believe that I was actually there on Leslie Clan soil and met the special couple who graciously gave us much of their time and shared so much information. While at the Historical Society in Inveraray later that evening, speaking to a local historians I found out those two wonderful people I had met, David Leslie and his lovely wife, are the Baron and Baroness Leslie. He is the **Laird** of Clan Leslie.



Lesley Stuart Leslie, David Leslie and Brenda Meyer at Castle Leslie

Pickens County CONFEDERATE 150 PROJECT Report Update

Submitted by Anne Sheriff

Possible Confederate Soldiers for Researching

June 21, 2012, Ruhumah Baptist Church

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Arial, Thilitha (1849-1896)

Ruhumah Baptist Church

725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. ? (Pickens GenWeb P134)

Unable to locate any census or other record.



Co. D, Infantry. Hampton Legion SC Volunteers

N34 45.477 W082 42.258

Slightly wounded in foot at Coal Harbor on 27 Jun 1862

Listed on the 1910 Census as a Confederate Soldier
Census: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910



Cantrell, M. Wilson (6 Jul 1849) (12 Mar 1906)

Name also reported as Moses William Cantrell & Wilson M. Cantrell

Cantrell, Mary E. Lewis (6 Jun 1853) (26 Oct 1918)
Ruhumah Baptist Church

725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 174. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.475 W082 42.269

Unable to locate military service. Possibly too young.

Boggs, Andrew M. (12 Mar 1829) (8 Feb 1893)

Boggs, Eliza A. (27 Nov 1834) (7 Mar 1901) b. in GA
Ruhumah Baptist Church

725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 173. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.479 W082 42.270

Co. C, 4th SC Cavalry

Carpenter and drove cattle during war among regular duties.

Census: 1850, 1870, 1880



Chapman, William A. (b. ca. 1826) (17 Jan 1864)

Burial Site unknown

Chapman, Sarah K. (30 Aug 1825) (7 Apr 1902)

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Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.484 W082 42.258

Co. I, Palmetto Sharp Shooters for W.A.

Chapman, age 36

Killed 17 Jan 1864 near Dandridge, VA

Census: 1850, 1860



Boggs, Benjamin F. (22 Jun 1833) (22 Feb 1912)

Boggs, Roseline H. Willard (15 Jan 1844) (24 Dec 1903)

On tombstone "A Confederate Soldier"

Ruhumah Baptist Church

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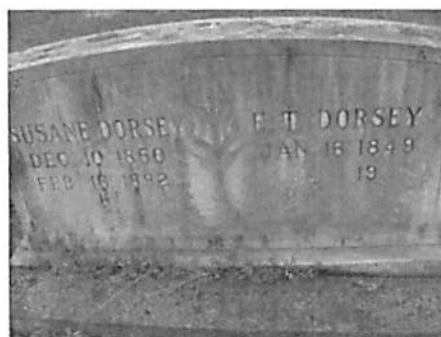
Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 176. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

Davis, Joseph Henson (1819) (ca. d. 1895)
 (16 Oct 1819-Ancestry.com) (19 Feb 1899-Ancestry.com)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 173. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 Cannot locate Confederate Service. Possibilities below:
 Joseph Davis, Co. N, 1st Infantry
 Joseph Davis, Co. G, Hampton Legion Infantry
 J.H. Davis, Co. C, 1st State Troops, Sergeant
 J.H. Davis, Co. E, 3rd Infantry
 J.H. Davis, Co. A, Infantry, 6th Bn.
 J.H. Davis, Co. C, 26th Infantry
 Census: (1850-Henson Davis), (1860-Joseph H. Davis)

Dobson, James T. (Reverend) (4 Jul 1846) (12 Aug 1911)
 Dobson, Mary A. Brock (17 May 1840) (14 Jun 1920)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 178. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.4724 W082 42.253
 Not listed on 1910 Census as a Confederate Soldier
 Census: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910
 Unable to locate military service.



Dorsey, Elijah T. (16 Jan 1849) (14 Oct 1940-Death Certificate)
 Dorsey, Susane (10 Dec 1850) (16 Feb 1892) (First Wife)
 Dorsey, Eliza (1900 Census)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 177. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.471 W082 42.251
 Census: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1920 (GA), 1930 (GA)
 Unable to locate military service.



Garvin, Benjamin Desha (18 Dec 1849) (30 May 1911)
 Garvin, Mary Ella Mullinax (18 May 1864) (3 Apr 1934)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 174. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.471 W082 42.268
 Not listed on 1910 as Confederate Soldier
 Census: 1850, 1860, 1880, 1910
 Unable to locate military service.



Owens, Richmond/Richard (21 Oct 1822 in NC) (1 Apr 1888)
Owens, Anna (b. ca. 1828-1880 Census) (No tombstone)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 176. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.472 W082 42.258
 "Richard Owen of Central Twp. died suddenly at his breakfast table. He was about 65 years old." *Pickens Sentinel Newspaper*, 5 Apr 1888)
 Unable to locate military service.



Rampey, James Madison (27 Mar 1849) (9 May 1924)

Rampey, Loma M. Parson (5 Oct 1861) (7 Feb 1894)

Son of John & Mary Davis Rampey (Death Certificate)

Ruhumah Baptist Church

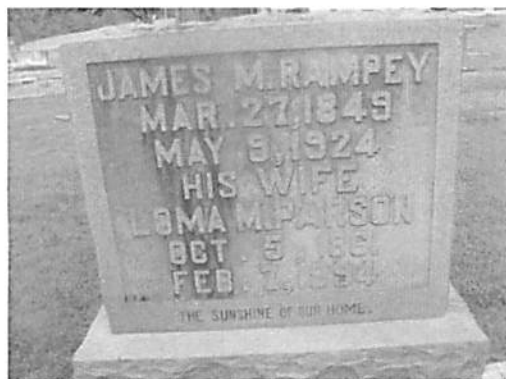
725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 176. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.470 W082 42.213

Census: 1860, 1900

Unable to locate military service.



Rampey, John (23 Oct 1811) (d. 11 Jun 1891)

Rampey, Mary A.L. (b. 2 Mar 1824) (10 Jun 1889)

Ruhumah Baptist Church

725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.473 W082 42.263

John F. Rampey. Co. E, L. 2nd Rifles

Census: 1860, (1870-born in Edgefield)

"John Rampey, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at the home of his son J.F. Rampey in Liberty on 11 Jun 1891 at the age of 80 years."

Pickens County Sentinel, 9 Jul 1891.

Unable to locate military service.

Rampey, Ola Gary (1817) (1914)



Walter L. Rampey (No tombstone)

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Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

Smith, Annie (Mrs.) (d. 12 Jan 1930)

Smith, Charles Wesley (22 18 May 1846) (14 Jun 1935)

Smith, Sarah Frances (28 Feb 1853) (14 Apr 1930)

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Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

N34 45.484 W082 42.267

Co. I, 1st Regt. (Hagood) SC Volunteers

Co. C, (2d) 1st Regt. SC Volunteers

Wounded 28 Oct 1863

On roll at Libby Prison, Richmond, VA 10 Apr 1865

Not listed on the 1910 or 1930 Census as a

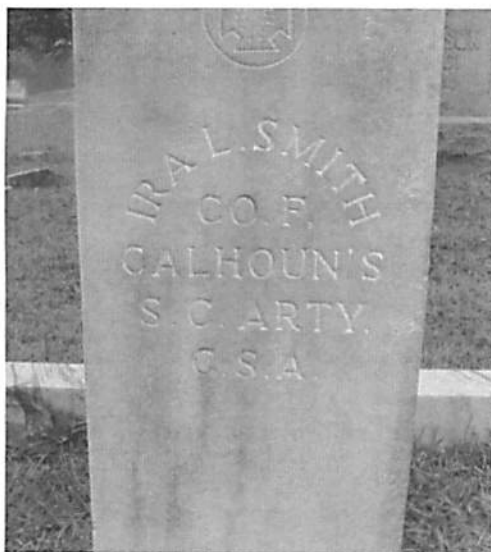
Confederate Soldier

Census: 1860, 1870, 1910, 1930



Smith, Elizabeth T. (19 May 1819) (6 Apr 1900)
Listed in Pickens Cem. Book, I. p. 174.

Smith, Ira L. (b. ca. 1839) (d. aft. 1880)
Smith, Martha (5 Jul 1843) (28 Jul 1930)
Ruhumah Baptist Church
725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, p. 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
Co. F, Calhouns SC Arty.
Pickens Cem., I, p. 176
N34 45.468 W082 42.261
Census: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880



Smith, Job F. (11 Jun 1833) (16 Apr 1907)
Smith, Mary A. Furgerson (29 Oct 1837) (17 Jun 1904)
Ruhumah Baptist Church
725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
Pickens Co. Cem. Book I., p. 177. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
N34 45.473 W082 42.250
Census: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1900
Unable to locate military service.
Smith, Susan Lawson (b. 20 Aug 1836) (8 Jan 1917)



J.W. Smith. No tombstone at Ruhumah.
Ruhumah Baptist Church
725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
Pickens Co. Cem. Book I., p. 176. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
N34 45.467 W082 42.265
[Possibly wife of W.J. Smith or related to him]
Unable to locate military service.



Smith, William J. (14 May 1837) (23 Feb 1891)
Ruhumah Baptist Church
725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
Pickens Co. Cem. Book I., p. 176. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
N34 45.465 W082 42.258
Census: 1870, 1880
Unable to locate military service.



Taylor, Levi (21 Aug 1807) (20 Nov 1889)
 Taylor, Nancy A. (2 Apr 1809) (26 Mar 1881)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I., p. 174. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.474 W082 42.268
 Census. 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880
 [Possibly too old to join]
 Unable to locate military service



Taylor, Thomas F. (26 Feb 1847) (26 Nov 1920)
 Son of Levi & Nancy Davis Taylor
 Taylor, Carrie Neighbour. (8 Jan 1838) (2 Aug 1906)
 Taylor, Mary (2nd wife listed on 1910 Census)
 Ruhumah Baptist Church
 725 Ruhumah Road, Liberty, SC 29657
 Pickens Co. Cem. Book I., p. 173. (Pickens GenWeb P134)
 N34 45.474 W082 42.275

Co. D, Infantry, Hampton's Legion

Paralyzed on one side.

Discharged at Appomattox on 9 Apr 1865

Listed on the 1910 Census as a Confederate Soldier
 SC Pension, 1919. Co. D, Hampton's Legion

Census: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1910



Willard, Thomas E. (1817- 30 Aug 1897) (New Stone)

Whitten or Willard, Sarah Ann (1819- 18 Jan 1882)
 (New Stone)

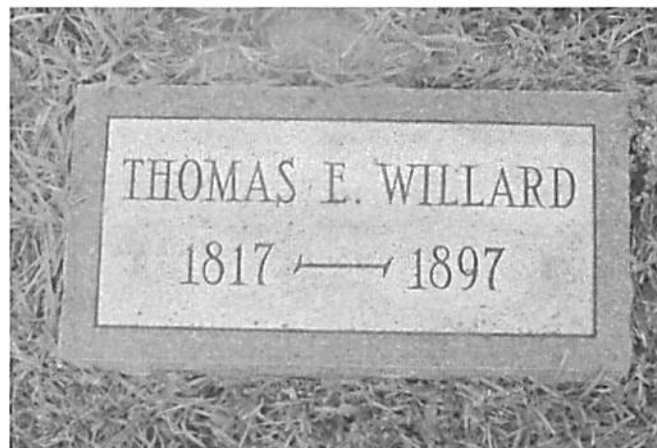
New Stone has Whitten, the old stone has Willard
 Ruhumah Baptist Church

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Pickens Co. Cem. Book I, 175. (Pickens GenWeb P134)

Liberty. "T.E. Willard a well-known citizen died Monday at the age of 80 years. He was originally from Union County but has been here over 40 years." *People's Journal Newspaper*, 26 Aug 1897.
 Census: 1860, 1870, 1880

Unable to locate military service.



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ENGLISH VERSIONS OF FOREIGN NAMES

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Normally, emigrants could not read or write. Their given & surnames were often spelled as they sounded. Prszybyslawski became Price for example. Then there were times when they simply got "stuck" with using the name that they were arbitrarily given by Port of Departure Officials. If an official couldn't understand what was being said to them, they would commonly put down anything that came to mind. All the emigrant knew that they were going to go live in a new country and that they were being given a new name...

Their country of origin was based on the current name of the country they were emigrating from, or, the one at the time of their birth. One relative reports that their parents were born in Austria, lived in Poland, were murdered in Germany and buried in the Soviet Union – and they never left their village...

The destruction of vital records during the centuries of Europe's wars, were on an immense scale! During World Wars I & II, church records were often buried in cemeteries for safety. Unfortunately, Nazi

tank commanders took great joy in destroying defenseless village churches & cemetery grave markers. For this reason, any genealogical research in Europe is normally complicated and in many instances impossible. The Nazi's also forced my mother's Polish family, to learn & speak only German in public. Then children were forced to attend German schools. From that day on, out of fear of death, her family called themselves German.

The Internet is filled with articles on Foreign Naming Customs. As a result, I'm only going to scratch the surface of this subject and leave the further research & understanding up to you.

While looking around one day for something to do with the Heathkit Computer that I had just built, I found a big box of old index cards at a Garage Sale. On these index cards contained English Given Names that were cross-referenced to Foreign Names. It just seemed to me that all this hard-work should be preserved for future generations. So after many months of typing, I ended up eventually putting all this information on-line at the following website address.

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/names.html>

The above website address will provide you with 114 printable webpages that will help you convert Czechoslovakian, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovakian, Russian & Yiddish to English.

FOREIGN NAMES (continued)

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FOREIGN SURNAME CONFUSION:

A relative of mine named **John Olsakovsky** was born in current day Slovakia. His Baptismal Certificate says that his father's name was **Jan Olszakowski**. What..?

Since Slovakian records are kept in Hungarian, Latin, Slovak and sometimes Cyrillic, it becomes a challenge to understand what name to actually research. Example: János, Joannes, Jan, István, Stephanus, Stefan, Lajos, Ludwig & Louis are all commonly see used for the name JOHN.

1.) A "in" could be added to the end of a surname to indicate a female.

Example: Olszakowskin.

2.) Then a "a" could replace the "y" to the end, to indicate a married female.

Example: Olszakowska.

3.) A "er or ner" could be added to the end to indicate an occupation.

Example: Olszakowsker or Olszakowskner.

FOREIGN GIVEN NAME CUSTOMS

First of all, most every country in Europe has their own naming customs. I couldn't begin to fully explain each of them – their simply too confusing. However, there are some common facts that I have run into, that might be of help.

1.) Male Child First Names:

- 1st son -- normally named after his father's father
- 2nd son -- normally named after his mother's father
- 3rd son -- normally named after his father
- 4th son -- normally named after his mother's father-father
- 5th son -- normally named after his mother's father-father

2.) Female Child First Names:

- 1st daughter -- normally named after her mother's mother
- 2nd daughter -- normally named after her father's mother
- 3rd daughter -- normally named after her mother
- 4th daughter -- normally named after her father's father's-mother
- 5th daughter -- normally named after her mother's father's-mother

3.) Two First Names: If given two names, the first was a Saint's or Feast Day name. The second name is what the child was actually called by.

4.) Sometimes a priest would name the child and their birth date was based on the church calendar.

5.) Senior or Junior was never used.

6.) Frequently a child was given the name of their baptismal sponsors – relatives, neighbors or friends.

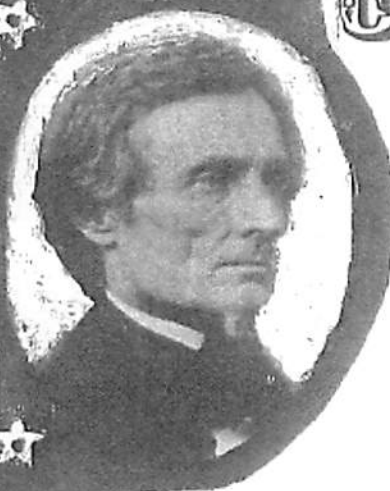
7.) Emigrants sometimes gave their birth dates as their baptismal or feast dates to immigration officials.

CIVIL WAR

GUS DEAN'S RECOLLECTIONS

By Augustus Aaron Dean

Notes by Charles H. Busha



Jefferson Davis
C.S.A.



PART FIVE



Abraham Lincoln
U.S.A.

Note: In this part of Gus Dean's narrative, the Confederate veteran writes about 1863 actions of his regiment, the 2nd S.C. Rifles, in eastern Tennessee. Then, he tells about the regiment's return to the battlefields of Virginia.

To add to our troubles (in Tennessee), the men were badly clothed, and many of them almost barefooted. Many of them wore moccasins made of a piece of cow skin tied around their feet. That was better than being entirely barefooted--yet moccasins were a poor substitute for shoes, and that was one of the coldest winters I ever saw in my life.

We went into camp near Morristown Christmas Eve and soon later built cabins for winter quarters. We stayed there till the latter part of February, but we had to go on picket (duty) a good many times. Our regiment charged Yankees once when they were in the woods above a field on a very high hill. As we were crossing a fence on the lower side of the field, they commenced firing on us. One of the men of our company was shot through the lungs while astride the fence. He gripped his gun with his hands and the fence with his legs, and he could not get off the fence or turn his gun loose. The Ambulance Corps had to pull the hands open and take him off the fence. We went on into the woods above the field. The Yankees ran and we followed them for some distance. I tried the hardest there to kill a Yankee than I ever had. I would run to get ahead of the company and put my gun up by the side of a tree and take sight like I was shooting a squirrel. When the fight was over, Capt. Brown of company L said, "Dean, do you think you killed anybody?" I said, "I don't know sir; I didn't see anybody fall when I shot."

While we were charging the Yankees and going to a double quick, Emory, a private who belonged to company L, got ten or fifteen feet behind his company, and Capt. Brown ran up to him and said, "SHOOT, Emory, SHOOT." He couldn't shoot

towards the enemy for fear of shooting his own men in front of him. He pointed his gun up and shot straight up into the air. The men (later) teased him a great deal about elevating his gun and killing (Yankee) Gen. Burnside seven miles in the rear.

There was a good deal of skirmishing done that day. Our men would charge the Yankees and run them back, and (then) they would run our men back. One time as our men came falling back, one of Gen. Longstreet's couriers rode out in front of our men and pulled off his hat and waved it around his head and hollered to encourage our fellows. Just as he hollered, a ball went into his mouth and (came) out at the back of his head. That ended the life of a good soldier.

After the fight, we went back two or three miles towards our winter quarters and camped on a high hill in woods that had been burned off. We had nothing to make fires with but little green saplings. It was very cold and snowed that night. I had a tent that I carried that three (People) could sleep under. During the night, my shoes and hat got pushed out from under the tent, and next morning (they) were full of snow. What a nice time I had scraping the snow out of my shoes and hat and starting a fire with green saplings. It was anything but pleasant. Though the winter was very cold and we had but little to eat, I had splendid health and got along pretty well. My shoes were sent to me from home, so I did not lack for shoes like many others did. One day we were on the march all day, and it was very cold—ground was frozen hard. There was one man in our regiment that was barefooted; (he) did not have anything on his feet. He would not stay in ranks but walked in paths or at the side of the road. He was a corporal and was court-martialed and reduced in rank because he would not march in ranks.

When we left Knoxville, we started an hour after dark and marched all night and all next day. When we got two or three miles from Knoxville, we crossed a creek and had to wade it. It was ten or twelve feet wide, rocky and rough, and we had orders for the men not to pull off their shoes. Though it was pretty dark, I could see that it was rough, and I was afraid to run across the creek so as not to get my shoes full of water. So I stepped out (of ranks) to the side of the road and sat down to pull off my shoes, even though it was against orders. When I sat down, I saw a foot log just below the road and started towards it. But an officer turned his horse around in front of me and said, "Halt; sir you cannot cross here." But I walked on and thought, "old fellow, you will see whether I will cross or not." Before he could turn his horse around, I was out of reach of his sword, so he could not hit me. And I was not afraid of his shooting me with a pistol. Moreover, he could not report me, for he did not know who I was. So I got across the creek dry shooed.

I heard a good deal of cursing that night, because the men had to wade the creek and get their shoes full of water and (then) had to march on all night and all next day. After leaving Knoxville, we went up towards Morristown (Tennessee) and (later) moved about from place to place. The weather was very cold. We went into camp near Morristown on the 24th day of November 1863, and then went up to Bulls Gap the latter part of February, camped there for a while, and then near Bristol. While in Bristol, one day I saw my brother, "Wad," and Can Cox driving a goose down the river to get out of the sight of the owner's house. I went down there and tried to get them to let that goose alone (though I wanted it as bad as they did), but they would not do it. They caught the goose and gave it to me to put under my raincoat. We walked right by the owner's house (then) went on to camp. (Then we) killed it, cooked and ate it.

After staying near Bristol a while, we went back to Virginia again. That felt a good deal like going home. While (we were) in Tennessee, the band would often play "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny", and then the boys would set up such a yell that it would be impossible to hear what the band was playing at all. The boys were very anxious to go back to Virginia.

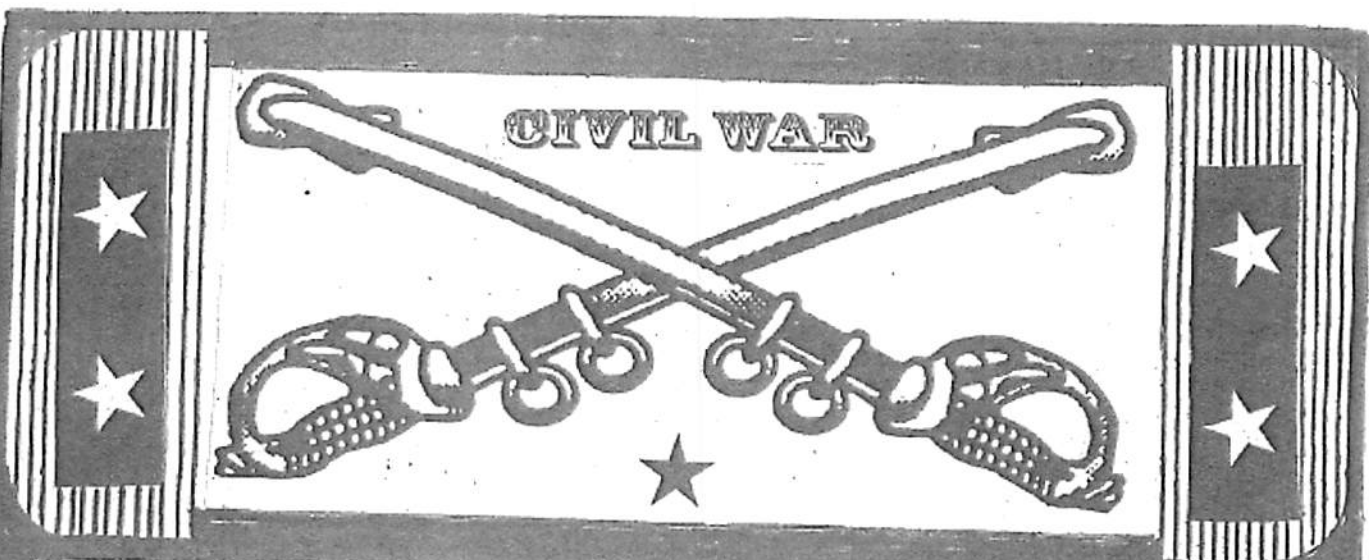
After going back to Virginia, we camped near Gordonsville till the fifth of May (1864). The day that the fighting commenced at the Wilderness (38), we left camp on the evening of the fifth (of May) and marched till night. (We) had orders to be ready to move out the next day at three o'clock (A.M.). We started at that time and marched at a fast walk till daylight. As soon that morning as it got light enough to see, the enemy attacked our men again with such overwhelming force that our men were forced to fall back. They were driven back the evening before too. We could hear the firing directly after daylight, though we were a long ways from the battlefield. We had to march faster and faster till we were going at a double quick, which is twice as fast as a fast walk. The further we went, the faster we had to run, and still the officers were doing all they could to get us to go faster. Officers and couriers were riding (horses) back and forth along the road like they were running horse races. And we could hear the order almost constantly---"Close up, close up men, close up men" for miles. We had to cross a creek that was twelve or fourteen feet wide and shoe-mouth deep. There were five or six officers there on horses.

I suppose they thought we would not want to wade the creek or would want to pull off our shoes. But we paid as little attention to it as if it was a pile of white sand. I ran a little faster, and I don't know till this day whether I got any water in my shoes or not. We had to go for miles as fast as we could, and far as I recollect I did not feel tired.

We commenced meeting the wounded (troops) by the time we got within a mile and a half of the battlefield. The men of our command commenced asking the question, "How is the fight going?" every minute. I did not ask the question for I knew by the way that we were being rushed forward that things were becoming desperate, and if our men

NOTES

(38) In March 1864, General Ulysses S. Grant took command of the Union Army of the Potomac. He began almost immediately to make plans to completely crush General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. On May 4, 1864 115,000 northern troops moved south and crossed the Rapidan River. Lee then decided to stop Grant's advance into Virginia by forcing a North-South engagement at the Wilderness, an almost impenetrable area of rough terrain covered with thick scrub pine trees, undergrowth and gullies. Grant had hoped to avoid a fight at the wilderness, preferring instead to engage Confederate forces in an open area that would allow more movements of troops and the utilization of his artillery firepower more effectively. During the Wilderness campaign, the Union army contained 115,000 soldiers, and Confederate forces numbered 62,000 troops. The Battle of the Wilderness took place in northern Virginia on May 4-6, 1864. A total of 18,000 Union troops were casualties of the fight, and Confederate casualties amounted to about 10,000. Despite the heavily onesided losses, the battle ended in a draw. Then, northern troops moved to Spotsylvania, Virginia, and southern troops moved to the Richmond area ~~and~~ both sides would soon meet again on other battlefields.



had been driving back the enemy we would have heard it right away. The way those wounded men talked was enough to make us turn back without ever reaching the battlefield. They said, "The enemy is driving us back, and we are cut all to pieces" and such as that. Those who have never had such an experience can have but little idea of how that made us feel. We knew that the enemy had a much larger army than we had and had already defeated most of our army. There were no more than eight or ten thousand of Longstreet's command, and we would have to meet that large army of the enemy who were exulting at the defeat of our army. We knew that we had to do some desperate fighting to save the day. We went right on, though the enemy had been driving our men back, but when our two divisions got there, they changed things very quickly.

The Texas brigade was ordered out to the right of the brigade and our brigade was ordered out to the rear of them. Gen. Jenkins came to our regiment and talked to us. He said, "Gen. Lee said those men must be driven back from here." Gen. Jenkins (also) said, "I want to hear a good report from these rifles, and I will not ask you to go anywhere but where I will go right with you; my line of battle must not fire at the enemy's line of skirmishers; my line of skirmishers must drive back the enemy's line of skirmishers, and my line of battle must drive back two of the enemy's lines of battle."

The Texas brigade met the enemy right away. The bushes were so thick that they could not see each other till they got very close together. The Texans drove the Yankees back in a hurry. We could see right where each line stood when they fired at each other. There was a line of dead men where they stood. The day lay the thickest there (that) I ever saw anywhere except in Fredericksburg, where the Yankees charged our men so often behind a stone wall. Our brigade kept close after the Texans, but we were halted once and ordered to lie down. We had been there only a short while when Polk Cox said, "Gus, why don't you go out in front and get a haversack?" I went out there and got two (of them), but the balls were coming so fast that I started back running. Then (I) saw Milton Richardson, a man that belonged to our company. He was eight or ten steps before me. A ball passed near my head, hit him in the head and he was killed so quickly I suppose he hardly felt it.

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Calendar of Events and Tentative List of Speakers for 2012

January 17, 2012	Rochester & Lee Family in Upstate SC by Gene Rochester and Anne Sheriff
February 21, 2012	Death, Burial, and Mourning Customs in the 18 th and 19 th Century by Dr. Tim Drake
March 20, 2012	Scott Alexander, Oconee Station
April 17, 2012	South Carolina Digital Information Project
May 9-12, 2012	National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio
May 19, 2012 (Saturday)	Tour of Oconee Heritage Center and Dinner at the Center in Walhalla
June 19, 2012	Bruce Pruitt, South Carolina Land Grants
June 22, 23, 2012	100 Year Family Reunion at Southern Wesleyan University
July 13-14, 2012	South Carolina Genealogical Society State Conference

September 18, 2012	Mike Becknell, Is Granny Crazy?
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October 16, 2012	Scott Withrow, Cowpens, A Revolutionary War Battle
November 20, 2012	Pot Luck Christmas Dinner at Trinity Wesleyan Church