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Next meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
at 5 p.m.

SC Agricultural Museum
120 History Lane
Pendleton, SC 29670

Followed by dinner at
Rains on the Square in
Pendleton

MAY SPEAKER: PAT McNEELY

spoke about her new book, "Historic South Carolina Ghosts and Legends."

Pat stated that South Carolina is one of the most historically haunted places in America. This is evidenced through her many stories told in 32 of the Counties in South Carolina. Pat chose to focus as much as possible on the ghost stories that were linked to public and preferably historic places for her new book.

Pat shared the ghost stories that have been reported in our Old Pendleton District area. Those included Anderson County's Cry Baby Bridge at 2806 High Sholas Road, the resident ghost at Hunter's Store in Pendleton; Pickens County's Hagood Mill's Cherokee witches and the County Museum's (the Old Jail) Lady in the Tower; Oconee County's Stumphouse Tunnel in Walhalla and the Newry Mill ghosts; Greenville County's Poinsett Bridge, the oldest surviving bridge in the state, Campbell's Covered Bridge, the only remaining covered bridge in the state, the ghost of Fannie Heldmann in the downtown Greenville Springwood Cemetery and the ghosts of the Greenville Tuberculosis Hospital. The most haunted cemetery, according to Pat, is Oakwood Cemetery in Spartanburg County. Pat also talked about the ghosts at the Chester Historical Society once the old jail and the Darlington County Museum, also built as a jail.

Pat was Professor Emerita for 33 years in the University of South Carolina College of Journalism teaching writing and reporting. Before joining the faculty, she was a reporter and editor for the *Greenville News*, *The State* and *The Columbia Record*. She is the author of nine other books, some include: *Sherman's Flame & Blame Campaign*, *Lincoln, Sherman, Davis & the Lost Confederate Gold* and *John C. Calhoun and Andrew Jackson and The Petticoat Affair*.

About Our Newsletter

The Old Pendleton District Newsletter is published nine times a year: January through June and September through November; we do not publish in July and August. Please submit materials by the 23rd of each month. Submissions by our members are encouraged and will be used as space permits. Send items to Barbara Clark at bc7621gen@att.net.

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The Old Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is a nonprofit, 12-36-2120(40), educational organization designed to unite those interested in the Pickens and Oconee Counties, South Carolina history and family genealogy; to encourage the preservation of documents and records; to promote educational programs; and to publish local records, history and family genealogy. The Chapter's primary goal is to assist others in their search for their ancestors and origins of birthplace.

The Chapter meets every month, except July, August and December. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Central-Clemson Library.

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Refreshments

January: Brenda Meyer and Judy Long
February: Pat Collins
March: LaMarr Brooks & Kat Vargo
April: Katie Gillespie & Nancy Holcombe
May: Keith Brown & Anne Sheriff

June: Field Trip
September: Barbara Clark and Jane Camper
October: Alice Shove
November: Pot Luck Dinner at Trinity Wesleyan Church



Tuesday May 2, 2023

Dear staff members of Congressman Jeff Duncan and Senator Lindsey Graham,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. My goal is to bring to your attention an important initiative called "Operation 85", which is aimed at identifying the remains of unrecovered crew members of the battleship U.S.S. Arizona BB-39, who were removed from the ship, and are currently buried in "unknown" commingled graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, 10 miles away from Pearl Harbor.

- Operation 85 is a grassroots effort that has been entirely funded and lead by the families of the missing crew members. Its mission is to find and request DNA Family Reference Samples (FRS) from the direct bloodline family members of the unrecovered crew members, in order to potentially identify 85 or more of those buried in the "unknown" graves. The FRS is being collected by the US Navy & Marine Corps Casualty offices and stored by the Armed Forces Medical Examiners System in Dover, DE. Operation 85 does not collect or facilitate any DNA testing or samples.
- While our main mission is to identify the USS Arizona unknowns buried in commingled graves, our work being done today by the families could be used decades in the future to identify the remains of our fallen family members that may still be entombed inside the ship itself should the integrity of the ship one day fail. A feasibility study conducted by the National Park Service does show that the integrity of the ship "could" last for another 75 years. So there is likelihood that more "unknown" remains could come to the surface in the future, as the ship loses its integrity due to time, and the elements of being in sea water.
- While the US Navy and the US Marine Corps Casualty Offices have been extremely helpful partners in the process of getting the FRS kits to the family members we have located, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has refused to acknowledge Operation 85's efforts on this project. The DPAA's sole agency mission is to find, recover and bring home "every" missing American service member around the world.
- The DPAA has delayed taking action on the missing or unknowns from the U.S.S. Arizona by claiming that the work is too expensive or difficult. Budget planning through fiscal year 2026 does not include any funds for this issue. While it was initially believed that locating family members could cost tens of millions of dollars, Operation 85 was able to find over 90 bloodline-connected family members in under 30 days, with a total cost of \$1,600. plus volunteer hours. Operation 85 has built an online portal submission form that streamlines the information collection process from family members. By utilizing social media, outreach and awareness partnerships, AI, and creative thinking, this investigative work has been done efficiently and cost-effectively with achieving measurable and positive results.
- Operation 85 now represents over 90 family members of the missing U.S.S. Arizona crew members, and this number continues to grow daily. However, the DPAA refuses to meet or even have a phone call with Operation 85's Executive Director, Kevin Kline. We believe having open communication between the government and private organizations can only improve the efficiency and results of what both organizations have as the exact same goal.

Included in this package are details and a bio about nine U.S.S. Arizona crew members who are from the State of South Carolina and whose remains were never recovered or identified. One or more of these crew members may be identified with the efforts of Operation 85 and your help!

S1c Henry Lloyd Lee missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed is his mother, Mrs. Aggie Lee, RFD#1, Box 89, Conway, SC.

CM3c Wayne Alman Lewis missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed is his father, Mr. Wm Jasper Lewis, 107 Railroad St., Arcadia, SC

S2c John Morgan Meares missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed is his mother, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds Meares, 8 Maryland Apts. (301 E. North St.), Greenville, SC

FC2c James Garland Nations missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed is his father, Mr. Blansoo Ila Nations, Rt. #2, Pickens, SC

S1c Broadus Franklin West missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed as his father, Mr. Marcus Franklin West, Box 134, Simpsonville, SC

S1c Vernon Russell White missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed as his father, Mr. Jos. Clarence White, 480 Tryon St., Spartanburg, SC

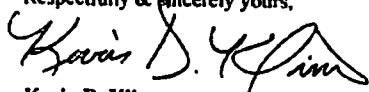
RM3c Jack Herman Williams missing from the USS Arizona, next of kin listed as his mother, Mrs. Annie Williams, 1231 Tobacco St., Columbia, SC

Today, we will be asking your help, consideration and partnership with:

- (1) Providing outreach and raising awareness to your constituents about Operation 85's mission to find living bloodline family members of the nine missing U.S.S. Arizona crew members from South Carolina.
- (2) Assisting in arranging a meeting between the Director of DPAA and the Director of Operation 85, as well as establishing ongoing communication channels for updates on missing and identified USS Arizona crew members from South Carolina.
- (3) "Opening the Door" and connecting us with other senators and congress members who share our mission of identifying the "unknowns" from the U.S.S. Arizona and may be interested in supporting our cause. We appreciate Mr. Neal Collins' introduction that made this connection possible.
- (4) Support our family efforts to identify all the unknown USS Arizona crew members by helping us urge the DPAA to categorize the U.S.S. Arizona as a "Working Priority" within its organization and budget.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working together to continue the success of this effort.

Respectfully & sincerely yours,



Kevin D. Kline
Executive Director, "Operation 85"
(great nephew of GM2c Robert Edwin Kline, U.S.S. Arizona)

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FC2c James Garland Nations

James Garland Nations was a young man with a strong sense of duty and a deep love for his country. Born on July 22, 1918, in Hurricane Township (now known as Six Mile) in Pickens County, South Carolina, he grew up in a family of hard-working individuals. His father, Ila Blansoo Nations, was a farmer and a carpenter, and his mother, Floy Rampey Nations, worked tirelessly to care for their family.

As a young man, James was known for his love of hunting and his adventurous spirit. He was a keen outdoorsman, and he spent countless hours exploring the woods and fields near his home. However, his dreams and aspirations extended far beyond the boundaries of his small town. He was determined to make a difference in the world, and he knew that serving his country was the best way to do so.

In May 1938, James enlisted in the United States Navy with a friend. He was determined to do his part in defending the country that he loved, and he worked tirelessly to prepare for his naval career. Over the years, he rose through the ranks, eventually becoming a fire control man and petty officer second class on the USS Arizona.

However, his promising career was cut short on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. James was on board the USS Arizona when the ship was hit by multiple bombs, and he was reported missing in action. His family was devastated by the news, and they held out hope that he would somehow be found and brought home safely.

As the days turned into weeks, and the weeks turned into months, the family's hope began to fade. Just before Christmas, the box that they had sent to James was returned unopened and with no explanation. It was a cruel blow, and it left them with more questions than answers.

The official notice of James's death didn't arrive until early February. He was just 23 years old. Despite their heartbreak, his family took comfort in the knowledge that he had died defending the country that he loved. He was honored at a memorial service at his church, Praters Creek Baptist, on February 8, 1942.

James's memory lives on, and his sacrifice will always be remembered with gratitude and respect. Although his remains were never recovered, he will always be remembered as a true American hero, who selflessly gave his life in defense of our freedom. His courage and dedication will forever be etched in our hearts, and his memory will never be forgotten.

NOTE: If you are a family member related to this crew member of the U.S.S. Arizona, or have additional information, pictures or documents to share about his life or service to our country, please contact us through our **FAMILY MEMBER SUBMISSION FORM** (<https://ussarizona.navy/family-members/>).

Sources: The Greenville (South Carolina) News, Navy muster rolls, Social Security death record, Defense Department. This profile was rewritten by "Operation 85" from the original sourced profile written by Bobbi Jo Stuel on behalf of the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at the University of Arizona.

First, thank you for the newsletter. I enjoy reading through them. Second, for background, my uncle was killed in the Korean War. Some of his remains were identified just a few years ago through DNA my mom sent. We were able to have a funeral for him and place him with his family. It means a lot to family members. Operation 85 is looking to do the same for those who lost their life on USS Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack. They are looking for family members to submit their DNA so that they can either identify or rule out remains.

South Carolina has 9 men on the list. One, James Garland Nations, is from Six Mile. His next of kin was his father, Blansoo Ila Nations, who was a farmer and carpenter in Six Mile (in the 1930s). Attached should be a letter and bio on the 9 men. Any help locating current family members would be appreciated.

Operation 85 has a website and social media: <https://ussarizona.navy/>. Any leads or information can be sent to Kevin Kline at kkline@ussarizona.navy.

Thank you,
Neal Collins

Thank you, Rep. Neal Collins for sharing this information with our chapter. If you would like the file that Rep. Neal Collins shared with me listing the South Carolina soldiers, please let me know.
Barbara

THE MAULDIN COMMUNITY Part VIII

*from the Pickens Sentinel, Pickens, SC by Eme O'Dell Bannister
Continued from May 2023 issue Edited & Compiled by LaMarr Brooks*

Continued...Another outstanding citizen of the community was **FELIX ROGERS**. He and his wife raised four children who were orphans, among them was the wife of **A. M. Mauldin** (Laban Augustus Mauldin). He was a good man and did much for his community. **M. P. (Milton Parkins) Rogers** was a son of **Felix Rogers**. He lived in the community in the year 1842. (This must be a typo because Milton Parkins was not born until 1840). He was the father of **John, Dave and Henry**, also the late **Laban Rogers**. John and Dave Rogers are members of Enon Baptist Church. Dave is clerk of the church and John is one of the deacons. Henry is one of the active members of the First Baptist Church of Easley. To be continued....

Felix Rogers came to the Mauldin Community from Abbeville District in 1852. From Walnut Grove Baptist Church Records, Abbeville Dist., SC "Felix Rogers, along with daughter Elizabeth joined Walnut Grove Church of Christ, now in Greenwood County, SC (near Ware Shoals), on July 26, 1850. They were both dismissed by letter on Nov. 27, 1852 to join Enon Baptist Church, Pickens County, SC (near Easley).

In the 1850 Census, Felix Rogers is living in the Saluda Regiment of Abbeville District with all of his eight children (that included twins) plus 4 children with the last name Pickens (meant to be Parkins):

Daniel age 12- b. 1838, Thomas age 10 -b. 1840, James age 8- b. 1842 and Amanda age 6 -b. 1844. Two of them have the same names as their own children and Amanda was born the same year of their Amanda. These children do not appear with Felix and Cassandra Rogers in the 1860 or 1870 Pickens County, SC Census. Were these the 4 adopted children mentioned in the article? Perhaps someone knows the answer to this question.

37	25	Felix Rogers	44	h	
		Cassandra Rogers	42	h	
		Elizabeth	21	h	
		Daniel	17	h	
		Lucretia H.	16	h	
		Charles P.	14	h	
		Charles P.	10	h	
		Amanda	6	h	
		Benjamin	3	h	
		Daniel Pickens	12	h	
		Thomas Pickens	10	h	
		James Pickens	8	h	
		Amanda Pickens	6	h	

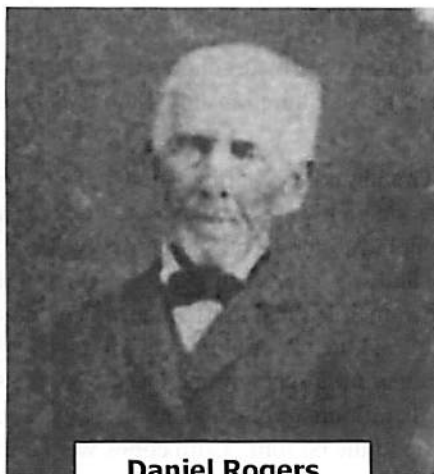
FELIX M. ROGERS was born on 29 Dec 1803 in Edgefield County, SC. He was the son of **REV. DANIEL ROGERS, JR** (1761-1843) and **LUCRETIA BROMFIELD HARRIS** (1765-1844) both born in Edgefield Co., SC. He died on 27 Jan 1863 in Pickensville, Pickens Co., SC. He married **CASSANDRA PARKINS**, daughter of **DANIEL PARKINS** (1758-1817) and **MARY PETERSON** (1790-1815), on 31 Jul 1828. She was born on 22 Sep 1808 in Newberry Co., SC. She died on 13 Sep 1884 in Easley, Pickens Co., SC buried @ Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.

Felix Roger's father was a Revolutionary Soldier from Edgefield Dist., SC:

Another Revolutionary Soldier Gone.—Died on the 22d ult., at his residence, near Suluda River, in Edgefield District, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, DANIEL ROGERS. Born in this State, and having lived in Edgefield District nearly the whole period of his long life, no one was more universally beloved, respected, or possessed of greater confidence and esteem, having served his country faithfully as a revolutionary soldier, in General PICKENS' Division, under Capt. RYAN, and other officers of the army, and for about thirty-four or five years, a fervent member of the Baptist Church.

Felix M. Rogers and Cassandra Parkins had the following children:

1. **ELIZABETH ROGERS** was born on 20 Nov 1828 in Edgefield District, SC. She died on 11 Nov 1890 in Anderson, Anderson County, SC. She married **AUGUSTUS M. HAMILTON**, son of **CYRUS EARLE HAMILTON** and **MARY**. He was born on 13 Apr 1829 in Anderson District, SC. He died on 29 Dec 1891 in Anderson, Anderson County, SC. Both are buried at Slabtown Memorial Cemetery, Anderson, SC.
2. **DANIEL ROGERS** was born on 07 Aug 1831 in Edgefield County, SC. He died on 11 Mar 1901 in Grand Cane, DeSoto Parish, LA. He married **HARRIET SAMANTHA HARMAN** on 13 Aug 1873 in Panola County, TX. She was born on 03 Jun 1853 in Chambers County, AL. She died on 23 Oct 1921 in Grand Cane, DeSoto Parish, LA. Both buried at Grand Cane Cemetery, Chamber County, AL.



Daniel Rogers



Harriet Samantha Harman Rogers

3. **LUCRETIAHARRIS ROGERS** was born on 11 Nov 1833 in Edgefield District, SC. She died on 11 Mar 1863 in Arial, Pickens County, SC and buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.
4. **MARQUIS SULLEY ROGERS** was born on 28 Jul 1836 in Abbeville District, SC. He died on 14 Sep 1861 in the Civil War.
5. **MILTON PARKINS ROGERS** was born on 23 May 1840 in Abbeville District, SC. He died on 15 Mar 1914 of Dropsy or kidney trouble, in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He married **MARTHA ANN ZANIE HUNT**, daughter of **JEREMIAH JACKSON HUNT** (1815-1906) and **FRANCES E. MCALLISTER** (1821-1863), on Dec. 7, 1865 at the home of her parents by Rev. T. R. Gary. She was age 14 at this time. She was born on 12 Feb 1843 in Anderson County, SC and moved to Pickens County near Secona Baptist Church site. She died on 30 Mar 1913 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. Both are buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.

Civil War Record: About two years before the war the young men of Williamston, SC formed a company of militia, which they named Gist Rifles, in honor of the Gov. of the State. When war was declared the company, though always retaining its own name, became officially Company D Hampton Legion. It saw hard service. One day on the anniversary of the 1st Battle of Manassas (Bull Run) June 21, 1861, MILTON ROGERS fell into reminiscent mood and told of a RAW company's 1st experience of war. There were about 600 men who boarded cars late that Saturday afternoon at Richmond, VA for Manassas Junction. After traveling all night and reaching the Junction a little before day, they were immediately put in motion for the battlefield about 6 miles away. They knew not where they were going but most of them felt there was a fight someplace. Nearing the battlefield well up in the day they could hear the hissing of cannon and the rattle of small arms. That meant business. The men were weary from the terrible heat & loss of sleep. However, they toiled painfully along in columns of 4, anxious, silent but steady the menacing sounds grew more distinct. Milton Rogers was a member of the Gist Rifles of the Hampton Legion & served in the above battle, and later in the Calvary Company on the coast of SC. War records show he was wounded. Information from Eme O'Dell Banister.

Obituary: Mr. Milton P. Rogers died at his home near Easley. 15th inst. in the 74th year of his life, and was buried the day following at Enon Church, funeral servies being conducted by his former pastor, Rev. D. W. Hoitt, in the presence of an immense throng of sympathizing friends. Mr. Rogers was one of our best citizens. He had been a member of Enon Church since his boyood and had served as a deacon for many years. His wife, who was Miss Martha Hunt, died last March. His eldest son, Daniel, died in March 2 years ago. Mr Rogers leaves four sons and two daughters, Laban, John, Henry of Easley, and David, of Greenville; Mrs. Fred O'Dell, of near Easley, and Mrs. C. S. Hall, of Anderson county. He also leaves one brother, Francis Rogers, of near Liberty, and one sister, Mrs. Laban Mauldin, of Easley. Mr. Roper was a Conferate soldier, and it was a bearutiful sight to see his old comrades carry his body to the grave.

"Soldier of Christ, well done; Rest be thy new employ. The battle fought, the vistory won, Enter thy Master's joy!"

He also raised and bred fine horses. Because of his fine horses and carriages, his handsome sons were known over the County as "The Lady's Choice" or dudes of the section. In 1962, Mr. Roark ex-sheriff of Pickens County made this statement: "There was no finer Christian gentleman than Milton Rogers."

From Eme O'Dell Banister: **Martha Ann Zanie Hunt** went to subscription or private schools in Anderson & Pickens Counties, SC. She joined Enon Baptist Church by letter from Secona Baptist Church in July 1866. She was an immaculate housekeeper and devoted mother.

Civil War Record by Eme O'Dell Banister. I have often heard my Grandmother, Martha Ann Hunt Rogers tell of the War at home during the War Between the States or Civil War. While the men were serving as soldiers the women at home did their part toward maintaining the families & sending the supplies to the front. In the first years it was not hard, but after a time supplies on hand when the war started gave out and so close was the blockade that little could get part. The spinning wheels were brought out of Garrets and girls and women learned to use them. They planted flax and cotton then spun it & made dyes from herbs, roots & berries or buried the material in mud for a while. Little wheat could be raised so cornbread was the ususal food. Parched grain or okra seed ground up were used as a substitute for coffee. The greatest problem was getting salt. The earthen floors of old smokehouses were scraped, the dirt boiled and strained off, then the water left and the salt would settle to the bottom. Corn cobbs were burned to make soda substitutes. Homemade syrup was used almost entirely for sweetening. Pins & needles were scarce and treasured. Tea was made from various leaves & roots; sassafras was preferred but any spicy roots or leaves were used. Buttons were made of persimmon seed or pieces of gourd cut out the desired size and shape and covered with bits of cloth. Ink was made of oak balls or the mashed out jucie of green walnut hulls. Paper was greatly treasured and any old yellow piece was put carefully away. All that history tells us was quite true & I loved to hear grandmother Rogers tell about it. So you can see she too had a war record. She was small of statue, petite, very pretty, happy disposition, and a keen sense of humor and was loved by all who knew her.

6. **MARY (MOLLY) AMANDA ROGERS** was born on 27 Jul 1844 in Abbeville District, SC. She died on 06 Aug 1914 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. She married **LABAN AUGUSTUS MAULDIN**, son of **VARDREY MAULDIN** (1814-1885) and **MARY DACUS**, (1821-1876) on 11 Jan 1866 in Pickens Co., SC. He was born on 06 Feb 1842 in Pickens County, SC. He died on 10 Aug 1915 in Easley, Pickens Co., SC. Both buried at West View Cem.

7. **FRANCIS MARION ROGERS** (twin) was born on 10 Jun 1847 in Abbeville District, SC. He died on 25 Nov 1921 in Liberty, Pickens County, SC. Cause of Death on Certificate was Pellagra He married **MARY MATILDA WILSON** daughter of **JOHN DOWLING WILSON** (1827-1900) and **SUSANNA ELIZABETH SHERIFF** (1830-1906) in 1866. She was born on 19 Nov 1848 in Pickens County, SC. She died on 20 Jan 1926 in Pickens County, SC. Both buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery, Easley, SC.

8. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROGERS** (twin) was born on 10 Jun 1847 in Abbeville District, SC. He died on 27 Mar 1913 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He married **MARY MELVINA LESLEY**, daughter of **WILLIAM ANDERSON LESLEY** (1820-1900) and **SARAH SALLIE HIGGINS** (1816-1897). She was born on 03 May 1844 in SC. She died on 05 Sep 1891 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. Both buried at Zion Meth Church Cemetery.



COPIED FROM BACK OF PHOTO: "A family photograph took by Mr. Laun R. Young at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rogers, Christmas Day, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Five—Cassie O'Dell, Easley, S. C." Reading from left to right.
 TOP ROW: L. A. Rogers, Corrie Rogers, John Rogers, Cassie O'Dell, D. T. (Judge) O'Dell, Fred V. O'Dell, Carodine Hall and Sarah (Sallie) Hall.
 BOTTOM ROW: Daniel Rogers, Henry Rogers, Benj. Rogers, Joseph Smith, Mickey Miller (Sister of Jos. Smith), Milton P. Rogers, Addie O'Dell on his lap, Mattie Hall, Martha Ann Rogers.

MILTON PARKINS ROGERS and MARTHA ANN ZANIE HUNT had the following children:

1. **SARAH (SALLIE) JANE ROGERS** was born on 09 Dec 1867 in Pickens County, SC. She died on 23 Aug 1926 in Brushy Creek Township, Anderson County, SC buried at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. She married **CARODINE SANFORD HALL**, son of **WILLIAM SANFORD HALL** (1822-1903) and **MELINDA A. MASSEY** (1824-1903). He was born on 15 Aug 1862 in Anderson County, SC. He died on 26 Nov 1937 in Anderson County, SC and buried at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery.

2. **FRANCES ANN CASSANDRA ROGERS** was born on 18 Dec 1868 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. She died on 26 Nov 1943 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. She married **FREDERICK VAN BUREN O'DELL**, son of **JOHN CALVIN O'DELL** (1830-1873) and **MARY ANN HENDRICKS** (1832-1899). He was born on 27 Aug 1866 in Pickens County, SC. He died on 30 Jan 1949 in Columbia, SC. Both buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery, Easley, Pickens County, SC.



Frances Rogers O'Dell



Van O'Dell

3. **JAMES DANIEL (DAN) ROGERS** was born on 03 Mar 1871 in Pickens Co., SC. He died on 28 Mar 1912 in Easley, Pickens Co., SC and buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery. He married **EMILY (EMMA) MARTHA MAULDIN**, daughter of **OSBORN SMITH MAULDIN** (1809-1880) and **HARRIETT ELIZABETH BALLENTINE** (1815-1880), on 25 Jan 1891 in Pickens Co., SC. She was born on 17 Sep 1848 in Pickens Co, SC. She died on 05 Mar 1916 in Easley, Pickens County, SC and buried at West View Cemetery. Obituary-----

4. **LABAN AUGUSTUS ROGERS SR.** was born on 21 Sep 1873 in Pickens County, SC. He died on 07 Dec 1938 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He married **CORRIE DICKARD** daughter of **WILLIAM M. DICKARD** (1825-1907) and **CATHERINE BRYANT** (1833-1914). She was born on 01 Aug 1876. She died on 06 Jan 1952 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. Both buried at West View Cemetery.

5. **JOHN MILTON ROGERS** was born on 05 Jan 1877 in Pickens Co., SC. He died on 30 Apr 1951 in Liberty, Pickens Co., SC. He married **ELIZABETH BESSIE MILLER**, daughter of **ELIJAH DEFOREST MILLER** (1861-1921) and **ANNA REBECCA STONE** (1864-1945), in 1907. She was born on 05 Dec 1883 in Pickens, Pickens County, SC. She died on 14 Jan 1936 in Pickens, Pickens Co., SC. Both buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.

6. **DAVID WILLIAM ROGERS** was born on 25 Feb 1880 in Pickens County, SC. He died on 31 Dec 1953 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He married **ESSIE ANGIE GOSSETT**, daughter of **JAMES WILLIAM GOSSETT** (1860-1910) and **EMMA COUCH** (1863-1898). She was born on 10 May 1883 in Greenville, Spartanburg County, SC. She died on 30 Aug 1958 in Williamston, Anderson County, SC. Both buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.

7. **HENRY OLIN ROGERS** was born on 09 Dec 1886 in Pickens County, SC (Easley, Pickens County, SC). He died on 08 Mar 1942 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. He married **LULA REBECCA LUCYNTHA PEARSON**, daughter of **CHARLES DILLARD PEARSON** (1854-1909) and **DICEY MAHALEY ABERCROMBIE** (1866-1948). She was born on 22 Jan 1888 in Greenville County, SC. She died on 20 Mar 1941 in Easley, Pickens County, SC. Both buried at Enon Baptist Church Cemetery.

EME V. O'DELL BANISTER: THE AUTHOR OF THE MAULDIN COMMUNITY ARTICLE

The Rogers family of the Mauldin Community brings us to the author of the Mauldin article, **EME V. O'DELL BANISTER**. She was the daughter of the above #2-**Frances Ann Cassandra & Frederick Van Buren O'Dell**. She was born 12 Sept 1903 in Pickens County, SC. She married **THOMAS SLOAN BANISTER**, son of **THOMAS CALHOUN (DOCK) BANNISTER** (1856-1923) and **MARY JANE (JANIE) SIMS** (1860-1917). Thomas Sloan Banister was working in Columbia, SC when they married on 09 June 1928, he was 42 and she was 24. He passed away 22 June 1961 from gangrene in the right leg due to cardiovascular disease and she passed away eight years later on 15 June 1969 from an automobile accident.

OBITUARY: GREENVILLE NEWS-June 16, 1969. MRS T. S. BANISTER. ANDERSON

Eme O'Dell Banister, 65, widow of T. Sloan Banister, of Anderson, was killed in a one-car accident in Greenville County about 8:30 am Sunday.

Mrs. Banister was a secretary for **Sullivan Hardware County** for many years, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was compiler and publisher of the **Rogers-Hunt-Williams** family history and related lines. She taught school at **Zion Elementary School** near Easley for two years, did clerical work in Birmingham, Ala., and was a former bookkeeper and Gray Lady at **Anderson Memorial Hospital**.

She was secretary to former **Gov. John G. Richards** and Secretary later in the office of the Secretary of State.

From the Progress, March 8.

Mrs. Emma Mauldin Rogers, widow of the late **Dan Rogers**, died quite suddenly at her home in Easley Sunday morning last. She and a sister, **Mrs. Nancy Roper**, who lived with her, were sitting talking when a neighbor, **Mr. Calvin Smith**, drove up. She got up and went to the door, making some remark, then suddenly exclaimed, "I am gone!" and fell, expiring in a few moments. She is survived by two sisters, **Mrs. Nancy Roper of Easley** and **Mrs. Jasper Crow of Transylvania county, N. C.** The funeral, conducted by **Rev. J. D. Holler**, was held Tuesday and the body was laid to rest in **West View cemetery**.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Vivian O. Couch of Easley and Mrs. Ruth O. Looper of Anderson; and a brother, Judge O'Dell; two nieces, Mrs. E. I. Davis, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Roland of Greenwood and a nephew, Lane Looper of High Point, NC. Funeral services will be conducted at Sullivan-King Mortuary Tuesday at 11 am by the Rev. James Craine and Dr. O. R. Wilson. Burial will be in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Couch, Wayne O'Dell, Lane Looper, Dr. George W. Smith and T. S. and I. Lalon Banister. The body is at the mortuary where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 pm Monday.

OBITUARY: GREENVILLE NEWS-24 June 1961. T. S. BANNISTER-Attorney of Anderson Dies. Anderson-T. Sloan Bannister, 75, of 797 Wilson St., an attorney for 30 years, died Thursday at 11 pm after an illness of three and a half weeks.

Mr. Bannister was a graduate of Furman University and at one time was a reporter for the Greenville News. He was cashier of the Carolina National Bank and the old Peoples Bank. He was admitted to the bar in 1931 and had practiced law in Anderson since that time. Mr. Bannister had been Anderson County attorney for the past four years. He was secretary of the South Carolina Penitentiary Board.

He was born near Craytonville in Anderson County and was a son of the late Thomas Calhoun Bannister and Mrs. Janie Simms Bannister. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eme O'Dell Bannister of Anderson; three brothers, Charlie W. Bannister of Belton, Claude E. Bannister of Greenville and Dr. W. H. Bannister of Belton; four sisters, Mrs. Luther T. Sullivan of Anderson, Mrs. Fred Day of Belton, Mrs. Roy L. Welborn of Belton and Mrs. George W. Smith of Asheville, NC. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 4 pm at Sullivan King Mortuary by Dr. Cort R. Flint. Burial will be in Bethany Baptist Church cemetery near Craytonville. Pallbearers will be Dr. George W. Smith, T. S. Bannister, I. Lalon Bannister, Glenn O'Dell and Rudolph H. Williams and Raleigh Bannister. The body is at the mortuary.



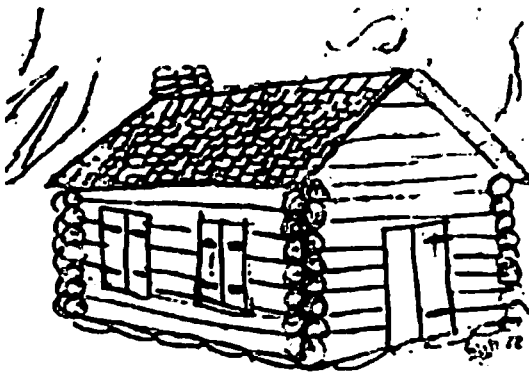
The Family of Frances Ann Cassandra Rogers & Frederick Ban Buren O'Dell. Photo about 1910 living in Liberty, Pickens County, SC. Standing left to right: Addie Mae b. 1892, Dewitt Talmadge b. 1894, and Vivian b. 1896. Sitting left to right: Sallie b. 1899, Eme V. b. 1903, "Cassie" Rogers & "Fred" O'Dell, Ruth (Winnie) b. 1906 and Mary Virginia b. 1901.

Enon Baptist Church-Easley, SC

Thanks to member Judith Addis of Anderson for the book "*A History of Enon Baptist Church*" complied by Mrs. **Ethel Rogers Bracken**. No date but the last entries were 1982. Many of the Mauldin Community members were buried at the Enon Baptist church cemetery. This is the early history of the church taken from the book.

EARLY YEARS CHAPTER 1-page 1

Enon Baptist Church was organized on June 21, 1851, by **L. R. Jennings** and **Harvin Vandavie** with fourteen members, five men and nine women. The members elected **Reverend L. R. Jennings** as the first Pastor. **Reverend John Arial** was also elected as first church clerk. In a period of time, three deacons were elected. They were **Reverend John Arial**, **Mr. J. R. Gary** and **MR. FELIX ROGERS**.



Reverend John Arial donated four acres of land on which a brush arbor was built. Services were held in this arbor until a wooden structure was built of hand-hewed logs. This building served the congregation until 1874 when a brick church was erected. The brick were handmade near the home of **ABE MAULDIN**, a faithful member of Enon Church. This small, sturdy church was used as built for sixty-four years. (Until 1938) During the first meeting, the twelve rules of decorum were read and adopted. Also, the church appointed **Elder A. Vandavie** and **Reverend John Arial**, two of the charter members, to carry a petition to the Twelve Mile River Association to be accepted as a member there. Enon Church was accepted into the association in August 1851.

Miss Amanda Craine was the first member to be baptized in the new church. Later, three Negro slaves presented themselves as candidates for baptism. On September 4, 1853, **Lewis**, a black man belonging to **E. Griffin**, presented himself as a candidate for baptism. Then in July 1854, Griffin's black slave, **Lewis**, was expelled from the fellowship, because he was stealing and concealing his master's produce.

Reverend John Arial owned most of the land surrounding Enon Church and the land where the Arial Mill now stands. He owned **Arial Mountain**, and, in fact, most of the land for miles around belonged to his estate. He was licensed into the ministry in July 1851, and ordained to preach the gospel on March 31, 1854. He preached many years and was clerk of the church and a deacon for some time. He was one of the leading Baptist ministers of that day in the community. He married **Miss Perthinice Blassingame** and to this union was born several children. Among them was **Mr. W. H. Arial**, father of **Mr. Tom Arial**, who lived near Enon Church and was owner of the Oak Grove Dairy, which was situated at the old home place of his parents. **Mr. Tom's daughter, Cecil Long**, owns it now, and his granddaughter, **Phronise McNealy**, lives there and is a member of Enon Church. Her sons, **Tom** and **Ben**, are also members of Enon Church.

There were other wealthy families in the Enon Church Community, although there is no information about them. However, they did their part to carry on the Lord's work, which made Enon Church a living church for each of us to serve in today. In September 1851, **Elder James Humphery** was called as pastor and served until October 1852. During this time, **John Arial** and **L. R. Gary** were elected deacons of the church. Beginning in July 1852, Reverend H. Vandiver served as supply pastor for the remainder of the year. In October 1852, **Elder J. R. Hunnicutt** was called as pastor for the years 1853, 1854, and part of 1857. In 1854, **FELIX ROGERS** was elected deacon of the church.

During the early years of the church, the people were punished for their misdeeds. No one was spared from church discipline. Member's accused of unchristian conduct, such as drinking, stealing, dancing, cursing, and even family troubles were brought before the church for discipline. If found guilty, some were turned away from the church. For many years discipline was a strong policy of the church, but as time passed, this policy changed.

When the union meeting of the church was held, it began at nine o'clock on a Sunday, and lasted all day, continuing all week until the next Sunday at six o'clock. The first Sunday school was organized in March of 1854 with a few members. **Reverend W. B. Singleton** was pastor for Enon Church from 1855 to 1859, and then again in 1885 was supply pastor many times. He was evidently a very likeable person and was fondly called "**Uncle Buck**" by most of the people. He was born in North Carolina on January 28, 1821, and was married August 13, 1840. He joined the Mount Carmel Baptist Church on November 23, 1842 and was ordained to the ministry in 1852.

The work continued during the Civil War, but with several of the men away serving the Confederacy. The pastor, Reverend John Arial, continued the church work with less help. The women and children did all they could at church, and sacrificed in their homes. Reverend T. R. Gary was called to the church during the periods 1863 to 1866, and 1869 to 1876. The church set aside pages in the church minutes to record tributes to those of its number killed in the Civil War. It was with grief that the church recorded the deaths of our honored and beloved men who fell victims in the terrible war of 1861 until 1865.

The following are the names of the men that died:

Thomas N. Gary
Samuel J. Gary
Nanthan C. Carson
M. D. L. Howard
William E. W. Richardson

Charles F. Richardson
Abner L. Griffin
William F. McWhorter
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South Carolina Genealogical Society

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July 7-8, 2023

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Friday, July 7, 2023

8:30 – until	Registration
	Refreshments, Donuts and Coffee [Patrons Room]
9:00 – 9:30	Auditorium: Welcome and Announcements – Mike Becknell, President; Shelby Hart Lollis, First Vice President/Workshop Chair; Dr. Eric Emerson, Director SCDAH
9:30 – 10:30	Auditorium: Diana Elder, AG® Title: Research Planning for the Win: Next Steps for Breaking Down a Brick Wall
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:00	Auditorium: Announcements and Door Prizes
11:00 – 12:00	Auditorium: Cheryl Hudson Passey Title: Beginning Strategies for Searching Online Records and Resources
	Archives: Wade Dorsey Title: Introductory Tour of the Research Room for New Patrons
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch – Wachovia Rooms 1, 2 and 3 Open for seating
1:15 – 1:30	Announcements and Door Prizes
1:30 – 2:30	Auditorium: Diana Elder, AG® Title: Using Evidence Analysis in a Timeline to Separate Individuals of the Same Name
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2.45 – 3:45	Auditorium: Brent Holcomb Title: Women in South Carolina Records: When, Where, and Why?

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Break

4:00 – 5:00

Auditorium: Katherine Bolt Borges

Title: DNA Painter Tips & Tricks

Wachovia 1: Cheri Hudson Passey

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Wachovia 2: Charity Rouse

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9:30 – 10:30

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Break

10:45 – 11:00 Auditorium: Announcements and Door Prizes

11:00 – 12:00 Auditorium: Diana Elder, AG®
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12:00 – 1:30 Lunch – BBQ and all the trimmings
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Wachovia 1: Brent Holcomb
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3:15 – 3:30 Break
3:30 – 4:30 Auditorium: Mags Gauden
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