

Old Pendleton District Messenger

Next meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
at 7 p.m.

Carolyn Nations will speak on
the Sestercentennial
Anniversary.

Clemson- Central Library
105 Commons Way
Central, SC

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Members:

It is time to renew your
membership for 2024

Simply complete the form on
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Anne Sheriff spoke about the collection at the Faith Clayton room and brought some of her books, ledgers and other material. See Page 3

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Pendleton District Newsletter is published nine times a year: January through June and September through November; we do not publish in July and August.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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About Our Chapter

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.

The Chapter's genealogical and historical archives are housed at the Clayton Family History Center, located in the lower level of the Rickman Library on Southern Wesleyan University campus in Central, SC. This collection contains about 3,500 books and files on family histories, state and county sources, military histories, cemetery records, immigration and passenger lists. For more information send email to claytonroom@swu.edu.

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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

September Speaker Anne Sheriff

Our September Speaker is well known for her knowledge of the Old Pendleton District history. Anne Sheriff maintains the Faith Clayton Genealogy Room at the Southern Wesleyan University, Claude Rickman Library in Central, SC and assists users with research. She is a volunteer there on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Anne began her talk with the Dec. 2, 1984 dedication of the Faith Clayton Room and some Faith Clayton history. **Faith Clayton (1898-1993)** was the oldest graduate of Central Wesleyan College and a school teacher at the College. She was a teacher in the public schools of Mississippi and Pickens County. She was an office manager for the SC Employment Security Commission and Commissioner of the SC Industrial Commission, investigating accidents and bodies. After her retirement, she took up the study of genealogy. Her records are filed and stored in the Clayton Room at Southern Wesley College. She was the 8th child of 12 growing up on Gaines Street in Central, SC. Her father was **Dr. Lawrence Garvin Clayton (1854-1935)**, a physician in Pickens County. Her brother was a **Frederick Van Clayton (1893-1961)**, one of Pickens County's leading historians, first president of the Pickens Historical Society, partner in Clayton-Dillard Funeral Home and publisher and editor of the Pickens Sentinel in the 1920s. Faith Clayton never married. Her brother, Van, built a home for her.



Dedication Day: Anne Sheriff, Faith Clayton and Julia Woodson

Anne included information about items found at the Clayton Room that others don't have: old maps of South Carolina and Counties, family histories that include documents, Cherokee Indians and Revolutionary Soldiers, Bible Collections that are kept under lock & key in archival boxes, Plats containing names, many of the county church records and minutes, Dr. Clayton's records and payments for services, along with Van Clayton's mortuary records, Brent Holcombe's books, the Dr. L. G. Clayton Taxes, and many of the books donated by Carl Garrison.

The Faith Clayton Research Room is located in the lower level of the library building, the research area accommodates several researchers at a time. Microfilm and reader and printers are available. Most materials can be photocopied for a nominal fee. Fragile materials, however, cannot be photocopied. All Clayton Room materials are non-circulating and are not available through inter-library loan. For a complete list of available materials for research go to: [Faith Clayton Genealogy Room | Southern Wesleyan University \(swu.edu\)](#)

James Benjamin Quartermus, Jr. (1844-1947)
ARCHITECT & BUILDER OF OCONEE CO., SC (1908-1916)

Compiled by LaMarr Brooks

My Mother in law's maternal family were the McDonalds from the Richland, Rock Springs Community of Oconee County, the Kelleys, Winters, Glenns, Storeys and Crenshaws from the Old Pendleton District but her father came from Martin Co., NC and for a short period of time was a builder and architect in Oconee Co., SC. His name was James Benjamin Quartermus, Jr. Every Quartermus found in the United States originated from this family dating back to the 1700s in America. We were fortunate that his daughter, Julia Ann Quartermus Brooks, remembered some of the buildings he built in Westminster but research found more structures that he built in Oconee Co.

1908- He began as Quartermus & Tannery Architectural and Building.

---J. B. Quartermus and J. C. Tannery, of Westminster, were in Walhalla Monday on business. Mr. Quartermus is a North Carolinian, but came over to South Carolina about a month ago to locate. Several days since Mr. Quartermus and Mr. Tannery formed a partnership under the name of Quartermus & Tannery, and they are now engaged in the architectural and building business together. Mr. Quartermus is a competent draughtsman, and the firm will be ready at all times to furnish blue print plans with specifications for all kinds of buildings. We wish the new firm an abundant success.

Keowee Courier,

July 8, 1908.

J. C. Tannery was James Crump Tannery b. April 28, 1872 Oconee County., SC d. Mar 3, 1940 Greenville, SC. He bought and sold land in

QUARTERMUS & TANNERY,
Contractors and Builders,
ARCHITECTS.

Plans furnished with all estimates for
Contracts.

Write or call on us,
WESTMINSTER, S. C. 40

Oconee County. There are no records that J. B. Quartermus ever bought land in Oconee County. J. C.'s obituary states: Mr. Tannery was a son of the late Samuel and Elvira Birchfield Tannery. He was born and reared in Oconee County and lived in Westminster for a number of years before coming to Greenville. For the last 24 years he had been a resident of Greenville. He was a building contractor, but retired from active work about 12 years ago (1928)

1909-One year later-James Benjamin Quartermus married Miss Beulah McDonald

Keowee Courier Walhalla SC, Wednesday, July 7, 1909

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

Westminster Bank Dividend—General News—McDonald-Quartermus.

(By A. L. Gossett.)

Westminster, July 6.—Special: On last Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock a beautifully solemn occasion was the marriage of Miss Beulah McDonald and James Benjamin Quartermus. Only relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was gracefully performed by Rev. J. L. Singleton. As the sweet strains of Lohengrin's famous wedding march floated forth, rendered skillfully by Mrs. Nettie White, Miss Rosa McDonald, sister of the bride, with W. A. Dickson, entered the parlor, followed by the bride and groom, who took their places in front of a beautiful mound of green ferns. The bride wore a handsome dress of white cashmere messaline, with rich applique and satin trimmings. After congratulations the

guests were invited into the dining room, where a delicious salad course was served, followed by cake and ices. The color scheme of green and white was evident in the profuse decorations of cape jasmines, white roses and ferns.

Mr. Quartermus has been successfully engaged in the architectural business and as draughtsman in this town for the past year and has won hosts of friends by his amiableness. He drew up the blue prints for the Christian church and a number of beautiful residences of Westminster and his work is appreciated. He is a native of Kenansville, N. C. Mrs. Quartermus is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Julia A. and the late J. P. McDonald, and has resided in this town and community all her life. She is a popular and amiable young lady. We wish them all happiness



James Benjamin Quartermus (1884-1947)
Susan Beulah McDonald Quartermus (1889-1969)

He was married on Dec. 1, 1905 to Miss Mary Vinson. The News and Observer, Raleigh, NC, Dec.3, 1905, page 11: Married by Rev. Mr. Cunningham. The young couple will make their home in Wilmington, NC.

Mary Lee Vinson Quartermus died 2 years later on Aug 12, 1907, in Goldsboro, NC. Daughter Julia Ann says that she and her child died in child birth. Another family story says that they were killed in a house fire. To date no documentation has been found.

Quartermas-Vinson.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 1.—There was a beautiful wedding Wednesday, at 9 o'clock in the Methodist church on Elm street, the contracting parties being Mr. Benjamin Quartermas and Miss Mary Vinson.

The bride is a very prominent young lady and will be missed by her many friends. The groom is an eminent young business man of Williamston.

1908 THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WESTMINSTER

The members of the Christian church of Westminster are to be congratulated on their handsome church edifice, which is nearing completion. J. B. Quartermus, the contractor and builder, is now putting in the Gothic windows. They are glazed with cut glass and are very pretty. The outside of the building is painted a steel gray color and the floor will have an oak stain, while the concaved ceiling overhead will be painted in a natural color. The building is 40 by 42, and with the circled pews will seat 350 people. It has two vestibules and two towers. The cost of erecting this church edifice is about \$2,500. It will be dedicated in about a month.



Christian Church, Westminster, S. C.

Christian Church built before 1910, razed in the 1930's.

— Photo courtesy of Ken and Janie Morris

Westminster Christian Church Est. before 1910

From: *Westminster, SC A History, 1875-1983* by Sallie Mae King Harbin page 136-137

The Westminster Christian Church was founded by **Albert Zimmerman**. He was influential in the organization of the church and the erection of its building, often travelling to Atlanta to secure materials and furnishings. The building was a white frame structure built sometime before 1910 on the northwest corner of Augusta and Retreat Streets. The entrance faced the corner of the two streets and additional double doors face Augusta and Retreat Streets. A square

tower, finished with ornate dentil molding at the top, rose over the doors on August Street, and a lower tower of like design rose over the doors facing Retreat Street. Triple Gothic-stained glass windows of graduated heights face Retreat and Augusta Streets.

The church records have long been lost, and no oral accounts from area residents revealed the officers or pastors. The membership was never large, but included a number of early are families. In addition to the Zimmermans, the B. M. England family, the W. F. Crenshaw family, the J. Wade Dickerson family, and the D. P. Butler family were counted as members. Interest in the church lagged after the death of Albert Zimmerman in the early 1920's and services were discontinued. The church building and lot were purchased by B. A. Dickerson in the 1930s. Mr. Dickerson dismantled the building and erected a brick duplex residence on the lot.

From Mr. Zimmermans obituary: Mr. Zimmerman had been an active member of the Christian Church of Westminster for almost 40 years. He assisted in the organization and was one of the builders of the Christian Church of Westminster, and when his health would permit, he was always found in his place at the hour of worship. Prior to the organization of the church here he held his membership in Atlanta, GA.

Sept 23, 1908- The Keowee Courier

Work is progressing nicely on the Christian church. Quartermus & Tannery are the contractors. The inscription plate has been put in.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1909.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

29 Added to Church—Dry Goods Box Falls from Skies.

(By A. L. Gossett.)

Westminster, May 4.—Special: The district meeting that was intended to have been held in the Christian church at Westminster on the fifth Sabbath in May has been changed to Greenwood because of the fact that the Westminster people cannot get their seats for the church by that time.

1913 WALHALLA GRADED SCHOOL

Keowee Courier Walhalla, SC Wednesday, June 11, 1913

WILL HAVE AMPLE QUARTERS

Walhalla High School to Be Enlarged

Auditorium - Addition.

Walhalla will have ample accommodations for teachers, pupils and the public when the Walhalla High School building has been completed within the next 90 days. The completion of the buildings as provided for in the plans submitted to the bidders for the work will carry ample accommodations for all classes that have heretofore been crowded into inconvenient and inadequate quarters away from the main building, and the seating capacity of the Auditorium will be approximately 1,000.

These facts have been settled, and at the recent session of the trustees, at which the matter of building was up for consideration, the contract for the building of the additional class rooms and the auditorium was Awarded to **QUARTERMUS & MCDONALD**, the contract price for completion of the work being \$9,830, this being the lowest bid on the work.

The trustees have not in hand sufficient funds with which to meet the obligations made by the letting of this contract, but a number of citizens of the town have signed a joint Agreement of endorsement for a paper on which a loan from local banks to the extent of \$5,000 has been secured, the loan to date from the time at which the funds are needed. A petition has also been signed by numerous citizens of Walhalla School District calling for an election on the question of voting on an additional two-mill levy for the purpose of meeting the interest on the loan and creating a sinking fund for the retirement of the debt.

At a meeting this morning of the trustees, the award of the contract for the building was confirmed and ratified, and at an early date the work will be begun and pushed to completion at the earliest possible date.

The Walhalla Graded School located at 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, SC (Oconee County) was constructed on a portion of an original two-acre lot of land conveyed January 4, 1871, by one of the founders of Walhalla, Dietrich Biemann, to William S. Bowman, trustee of Newberry College, in Newberry, S.C.

The Historical Marker that sits in front of the building states:

Newberry College 1868-1877

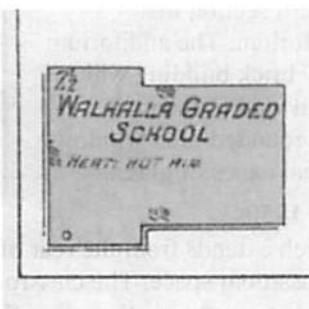
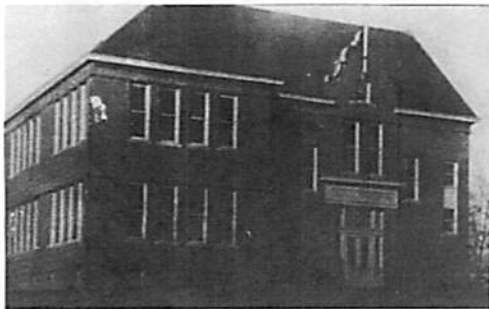
Newberry College, founded in 1856, moved here from Newberry in 1868 and remained in Walhalla until 1877, returning to Newberry for the opening of the 1877-78 academic year. The Lutheran college struggled during the Civil War and its aftermath as enrollment dropped and debts mounted. in 1869 it sold its main building and other property in Newberry at auction to pay its significant debts.

Reverse of Historical Marker: Walhalla, with a large community of Germans who were primarily Lutherans, was chosen as a suitable home for the college, which retained the name Newberry. Under Josiah P. Smeltzer (1818-1887), president 1861-77, the college first occupied a building at Main and College Streets and then one at College and North Broad Streets. In 1877 the Synod of S.C. and Adjacent States voted to move it back to Newberry. 2006 by Oconee County Arts and Historical Commission. (Marker # 37-9.)



When the college returned to Newberry in 1877, **Adger College** was organized as its successor and operated from the same building until 1884, when a grammar school was opened. After this school building burned on October 22, 1888, a dancing pavilion was erected on the property, then known as **Catherine Park**. In 1898, the pavilion was “enclosed and made suitable for school purposes. It now sits on a 1.22-acre site located at the corner of East North Broad and College Streets in Walhalla. It is one of the few surviving, relatively intact, early twentieth century brick school buildings and still in use today.

The two-story building is composed of four sections built in 3 building phases.



1st Building Phase: 1901-1902

The 1st and oldest section consisted of the central middle section and the west wing. Construction began in December 1901 by **J.W. Queen of Grandy and Jordan**, from Greenville, S.C. The total cost of \$8,000 was covered by the sale of school bonds and an appropriation by the Walhalla town council. It was completed in August 1902

and dedicated on September 17, 1902.

Architect **William Augustus Edwards** of the Columbia architectural firm Edwards and Walter. Only a part of his total design was built during this phase.

William Augustus Edwards (December 8, 1866 – March 30, 1939) was an Atlanta based American architect renowned for the educational buildings, courthouses and other public and private buildings that he designed in Florida, Georgia and his native South Carolina. More than 25 of his works have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the Walhalla Graded School 1901 other Educational Buildings, he designed in South Carolina included:

- Clemson College (Clemson University)
- Furman University, Greenville: Judson Alumni Hall, 1900–1961.
- Limestone College, Gaffney: Winnie Davis Hall, 1904,
- McMaster School, now USC's McMaster College, Columbia
- South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, Spartanburg
- University of South Carolina, Columbia: Currell College (originally the law school named Petigru College, but changed in 1950 to Currell when a new Petigru was built for the law school) 1919
- Walhalla Graded School, Walhalla, 1901
- Winthrop College, Winthrop University, Rock Hill: Withers Building, Main Classroom - Office Building, 1912–1913.

Between 1908 and 1915 Edwards designed nine county courthouses for the state of South Carolina, all of which are still standing except the ones in Kershaw and Darlington which were destroyed. The courthouses are as follows:

- Abbeville County Courthouse, Court Sq. Abbeville, South Carolina, NRHP-listed
- Calhoun County Courthouse, S. Railroad Ave., St. Matthews, South Carolina, NRHP-listed
- Darlington County Courthouse, 1904–1964, replaced by high-rise courthouse on same site
- Dillon County Courthouse, 1303 W. Main St., Dillon, South Carolina. (Edwards, William Augustus),
- Kershaw County Courthouse, destroyed
- Jasper County Courthouse, Russell St., Ridgeland, South Carolina,
- Lee County Courthouse, 123 Main St., Bishopville, South Carolina
- Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, South Carolina
- York County Courthouse, corner of W. Liberty and S. Congress Sts., York, South Carolina

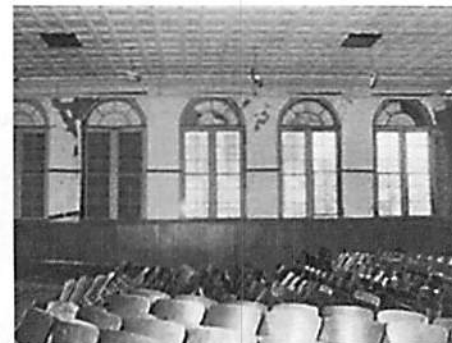
Other South Carolina Buildings included:

- Abbeville Opera House, Abbeville, South Carolina
- Cain House at 1619 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina. 1912. now *The Inn at USC*.
- South Carolina State Armory, 1219 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 1905.



2nd Building Phase: 1913-1914

The 2nd building phase completed the original design of **William Augustus Edwards**. The construction could not continue until a deed dispute was settled between Newberry College and the Dietrich Biemann heirs in 1911. The completed design consisted of the eastern portion that is identical to the west portion and the northern section that consisted of the Auditorium. The auditorium is a one-story, six-bay brick building which extends from the north wall of the main school building. The rounded-arch windows still retain their original panes of glass.



3rd Building Phase: 1950s

Another addition which extends from the rear of the auditorium was built in the 1950s to provide additional classroom space. The classroom addition is a one-story, one-bay brick building which extends from the north wall of the auditorium. The east elevation of the 1950s addition has no doors or windows.



On February 13, 1992, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. At the time of registration, the building housed district offices for the School District of Oconee County. It became **the Walhalla Civic Auditorium**. In 1993 it started housing the **Walhalla**

Performing Art Center that features National Artist such as Ronnie Milsap, B.J. Thomas, Wyonna Judd, Lori Morgan, Travis Tritt, Mikey Gilley, The Oak Ridge Boys, Lee Greenwood, The Righteous Brothers, Marshal Tucker, Tammy Tucker, LeeAnn Morgan, James Gregory, Crystal Gayle, Asleep at the Wheel and many others. For Upcoming events, Tickets & Information go to: WalhallaPAC.com or call 864-638-5277.

THE WALHALLA GRADED SCHOOL.

Trustees Make Statement as to Receipts and Expenditures.

Walhalla, Jan. 20.--Editor Keowee Courier: Will you kindly publish the enclosed statement of receipts and expenditures by the Board of Trustees of Walhalla School District, No. 26, for the purchase, addition and repairs to old school building, and building the auditorium, for the information of the patrons and tax-payers of the district?

Yours very truly,

E. L. HERNDON, Chairman Board of Trustees.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures by the Board of Trustees of Walhalla School District, No. 26, for the Purchase, Addition and Repairs to the Old School Building, and Building Auditorium.

Receipts—

To amount received from sale of bonds.....	\$13,000 00
To amount received from notes by Citizens to banks.....	5,000 00
To amount received from bank, interest on deposit	108 33
To amount received from individual notes made by Trustees..	2,400 00
Total receipts	\$20,508 33

Disbursements—

By paid bank commissions for selling bonds ..\$	125 00
By paid express on bonds to Chicago	15 00
By paid Quartermus & McDonald contract price for building addition and auditorium	9,830 00
By paid Quartermus & McDonald extras, per itemized statement	1,923 38*
By paid Barr Hardware Co., heating plant.....	1,500 00
By paid Barr Hardware Co., repairing boiler...	375 40
By paid Town of Walhalla for lot and old school building	5,679 25
By paid Sayre & Baldwin, architects	500 00
By paid F. S. Mauldin for wiring building for electricity	96 00
By paid for new desks for addition	234 75
By paid Jas. M. Moss, insuring building	63 00
By paid S. L. Verner, insuring building	63 00
By paid for window shades for class rooms	35 00
By paid for two drinking fountains	29 00—
	\$20,468 78
Balance on hand.....	\$ 39 55

* Itemized statement of extras. All these items were checked by the architect and approved before payment.

List of Extras Done on Walhalla School Building.

Excavation in auditorium walls, extra depth 21 inches.....	\$ 164 60
Concreting in auditorium walls, extra depth and left wing.....	130 10
Rebuilding secret gutter on old building and framing same.....	96 56
Cast iron shoes to each conductor pipe	16 50
Changing vents in auditorium walls	16 00
Working over old plastering	66 84
Working over old blackboards	18 28
Painting plastered walls	71 77
Painting old blackboards	8 00
Glazing sash in old basement	10 50
Glazing sash in old building	23 22
Windows in office and library	26 42
Windows from auditorium to old basement	42 42
Setting desks in class rooms	10 00
Setting coal chute in new basement	20 73
Cleaning out old basement and old furnace removed.....	27 00
Excavation for steam fittings and boiler foundation	30 00
Raising windows in rear class room, second floor	21 00
Laying drain pipe of 6-inch sewer pipe around building.....	156 00
Cylinder lock for front door of old building	7 00
Changing stage and adding two dressing rooms	684 90
Building well	90 96
Wall around boiler, of brick.....	13 33
Extending hall to new basement	11 76
Screening basement sash	16 70
Painting exterior brick walls	152 00
Painting ceiling over stage	8 20
Premium on fire insurance	15 15
Interest on note	2 00
	\$1,957 94
Ten per cent added for services of Quartermus & McDonald....	195 79
Total.....	\$2,153 73
Credits—	
Change in dressing rooms	\$106 35
Smoke flue	90 00
Washing new brick walls.....	34 00— \$ 230 35
Balance	\$,023 38

The partnership of Quartermus & Tannery dissolved after the completion of the Christian Church of Westminster. J. B. Quartermus formed a partnership with his brother-in-law-James Parker (Jim) McDonald (1886-1967). According to J. B.'s daughter, Julia Ann Quartermus, her father came to Westminster (1908) selling pianos. He signed up with the International Correspondence Schools (ICS) - and ordered 2 books on architecture & carpentry. ICS was founded in 1889 in Scranton, PA to provide coal miners with education to advance in their careers, improve worker safety, and enhance their quality of life. At the turn of the century, ICS was officially known as the International Correspondence Schools. The school offered correspondence courses by mail transitioning to online education in 2006. It currently serves around 25,000 students.

J. B. drew his plans on linen; because nothing was wasted, when the building was finished, the linen was washed, and used for cleaning cloths. Ben and Beulah lived on Tugaloo Street in Walhalla, in 1914 Beulah's mother, Mrs. Joseph Parker McDonald, Sr. (Julia Ann Sarepta Frances Winter (1852-1926)) moved from Westminster to live with them.

1913 WALHALLA BAPTIST CHURCH

Keowee Courier 1913 Sept. 24

Work on remodeling the **Walhalla Baptist Church** was begun last Monday under the supervision of **J. B. Quartermus**. The church will be completely changed inside and out, and when the work is finished it will give the appearance of an entirely new structure.



The Old Walhalla Baptist Church 1911
Sanborn Insurance Map
Established Dec 26 1868

From the Keowee Courier 1915 Mar. 3:

The members of the **Walhalla Baptist Church** got busy last week to effect an enlargement of the Sunday school accommodations, which have already become inadequate, **even though the church has recently been remodeled and somewhat enlarged**. So, it was decided that during the latter days of last week an annex should be built through individual effort, and personal work. The male members of the congregation and Sunday school "put their shoulders to the wheel". Thursday morning, and on Sunday morning the men's class occupied a completed class room to the rear of the church proper. The room is about 18 by 36 feet.

Early Thursday morning the brick foundations were laid, and before noon the sills and sleepers were in place and ready for the superstructure. During the afternoon the studding and rafters followed quickly, then weatherboarding, ceiling and the seething for the roof. By night

the walls and overhead had been ceiled, and the weatherboarding was completed all but a small space at one side. The flooring had also been laid and the electric wiring done.

By noon of the next day the work was practically complete. There were enough carpenters "on the Job" to direct the doing of the work in proper form, but the completed class room cost the church nothing. Some members who could not be present contributed the services of the carpenters, and the remainder of the work was done by "raw recruits" from the ranks of the church and Sunday school. The result is that the

men's class of the Walhalla Baptist church has a nice, new room and are enjoying the fruits of their labor.

From the *Book Persons, Places & happenings in Old Walhalla* by Charles Sloan Reid (can be found on line at the South Carolina digital Library) **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** For many years this building stood after being moved and slightly altered and remodeled. After World War II plans were made for a new building. Keowee Courier, issue, February 10, 1949, showed the dedication. In 1955 an air conditioner was installed in the church. The present location is 403 E. Main Street. The location was moved closer to the center of town.

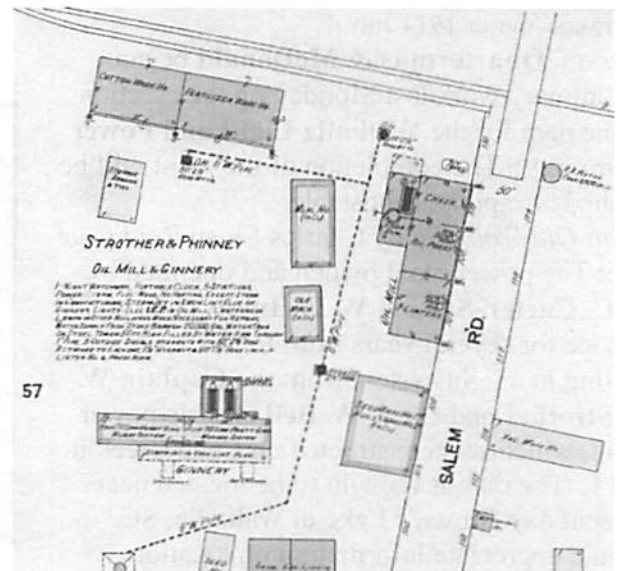
1914 STROTHER & PHINNEY Brick Sales Stable

Keowee Courier 1914 Jan 7 West Union

Strother & Phinney have let to Quartermus & McDonald the contract for a brick sales stable.

Location: Strother & Phinney Oil Mill & Ginnery on the Salem Road in West Union.

Mr. William Strother and Mr. James Phinney were directors of the West Union Bank and owned the West Union Cotton Ginn and farm lands. They started the first power plant on Cane Creek for producing electricity in Walhalla. Mr. Richard Stother owned the West Union cotton seed oil mill and sold farming supplies.



1914 IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH---NOW WESTMINSTER CITY HALL



Emmanuel Baptist Church, used as City Hall after 1931.

— Photo courtesy of James G. Brown



According to Julia Ann Quartermus Brooks, her father built the Immanuel Baptist Church located on the corner of East Windsor Street and Mimosa Road. In 1927 the congregations of Westminster Baptist Church and Immanuel Baptist Church reunited from a split in 1884. In 1929 Immanuel was sold to the city and became Westminster's City Hall, still in use today.

1914 THE RHETT SHOALS DAM & THE WALHALLA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

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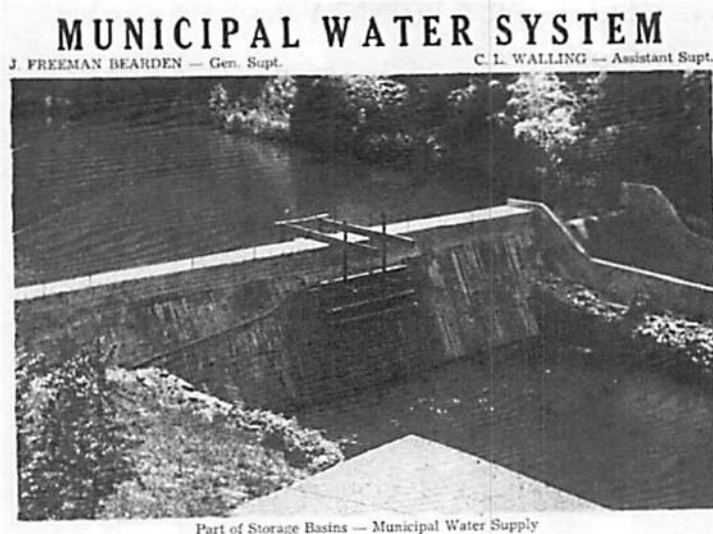
W. A. Strother and **Dr. J. W. Bell**, promoters of an electrical plant have let to **Quartermus & McDonald** the contract to construct a dam at the **Old Rhett Shoals** for the purpose of generating electricity for power to be used by the **Oil Mills at Seneca and West Union**. The dam will be about 125 feet in length, 15 feet high, 12 feet thick at the base and 2 feet in thickness at the top. Work is to begin at the earliest possible moment after material has been laid down, orders for same having already been placed by **Quartermus & McDonald**. It was hoped that the launching of this enterprise would mean the securing of electric lights for Walhalla, but present indications are that this feature of the undertaking will not materialize, as we understand that an agreement between the promoters and the town officials cannot be reached.

6 months later:

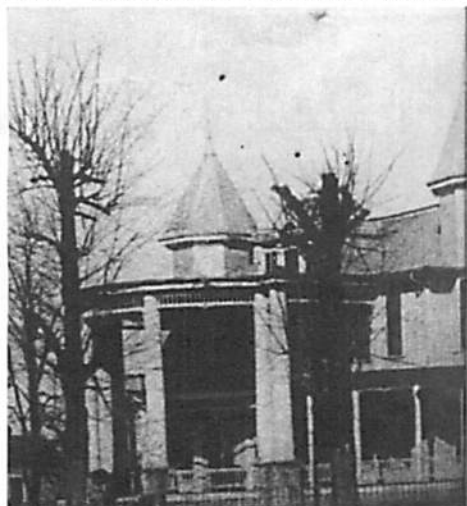
Keowee Courier 1914 July 4

Messrs. Quartermus & McDonald began preliminary work last Monday on the erection of the dam for the **Walhalla Light and Power Company**. The completion of the plant will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

From *Old Walhalla* by Charles Sloan Reid page 176: The power plant owned and operated by **R. C. Carter, Sr.,** and **W. F. Hughs** gave good service for several years prior to the town putting in a light system from the **Captain W. A. Strother** and **Dr. J. W. Bell** electric power plant, which was constructed on Cane Creek in 1914. The dam is thought to be located near present day Brown's Lake in Walhalla, SC. Would appreciate information on location.



1914 HOME OF COL. ROBERT THOMPSON JAYNES, ESQ.-LAWYER OF WALHALLA, SC



1914 Aug. 12 Keowee Courier

Col. Robert Thompson Jaynes, Esq. (1862-1950), is having materials laid down on his Main Street (E. Main Street) property for the erection of a brick residence, work to be begun September 1st. The plans for the residence have been accepted, they having been prepared by **Messrs. Quartermus & McDonald. Otto Kaufmann**, of Walhalla, has charge of the construction and will push the work as rapidly as possible. The residence will have about ten rooms, will be entirely of brick, covered with slate roof. The building will be erected on the site of the large frame residence destroyed by fire some months ago, and when completed will be a great addition to Main Street.

Photos: **The Smeltzer's Walhalla Female College** was the home of R. T. Jaynes: It burned Nov 29, 1913. Photos: Rebecca Prather Collections & Keowee Courier.

1913 December 3 -Keowee Courier

WALLHALLA AGAIN VISITED BY A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

The Handsome Residence of R. T. Jaynes, Esq., was
Destroyed Wednesday of Last Week, Causing
Loss of at Least \$20,000.



Last Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock the alarm of fire was given, and it was found that the large residence of R. T. Jaynes, Esq., in the central part of town, on Main Street, was on fire. It was realized almost from the very first that, any attempt to save the massive structure would be futile, but crowds gathered and worked heroically for the short time that it was possible to

venture into or near the building. The building contained some sixteen rooms, each completely furnished, and but little opportunity was had for saving anything from above the first floor, though the services rendered by the public in the work of saving articles from the building were remarkable indeed. In less than an hour there was nothing left of the handsome structure but the concrete foundations and a heap of smoldering timbers.

At about ten minutes before 7 o'clock a roaring sound was heard, and investigation revealed the fact that a fierce fire was raging in the interior walls of the ell north of the main building, and before the occupants of the house could realize fully their position the flames were working rapidly from one room to another, forcing every one before them and literally devouring the building. It is possible that the cause of the fire was a defective flue, but this is not known. The residence was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, G. C. Probst and family and P. L. Steck and daughter. Some of members of the household had been up for some time, while others were but arousing for the day when the fire broke out. Mr. Jaynes's loss is about \$20,000 as nearly as can be estimated after a careful inventory, including the residence, barn and other outbuildings on the premises, of which there were several, all destroyed except one which was built of brick. Mr. Jaynes carried Insurance to the amount of \$5,000 on his residence and \$1,500 on his household effects. The others who made their homes at the Jaynes residence carried no insurance on their household effects. The ready response of the people of Walhalla, and the uniform kindness and consideration shown by all to those thus suddenly driven from their home by the flames, is deeply appreciated.

Obituary: 1950-Upstate SC loses one of its most patriotic and solid citizens in the death of **Col. R. T. Jaynes** of Walhalla. He was in the practice of law and in civic and church activities. For many years he was known to many through his work as a local historian data of the upstate, the author of *History of Walhalla*. Colonel Jaynes lived to the ripe age of 88. He leaves the stamp of a fine mind and a good citizen on the state that knew him so well. 1950 Census Address was 800 Extension Main Street, Walhalla. It was torn down. Location was near the present "Steak House" Restaurant, Walhalla, SC. Photos of the Brick home that replaced the Walhalla Female College would be appreciated.



212 Retreat Street, Westminster, SC-next to the Christian Church of Westminster.



210 West Abbey Road, Westminster, SC



James Parker McDonald, possible Lee Haley & J. B. Quartermus standing on a wall in front of a church.



James Benjamin Quartermus, James Parker McDonald and James Tyler Quartermus

1914 NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN JACKSON, GA

1914 Feb 18-Keowee Courier- The firm of Quartermus & McDonald have secured the contract to erect a new Baptist Church at Jackson, GA., the contract price being \$20,000. This work is to be begun in the near future.

Ben (JB) & Beulah Quartermus left Walhalla and moved to Jackson, Butts County, GA in 1916 to build the Jackson Baptist Church. World War I began after June 28, 1914. On Sept 12, 1917, J. B. Quartermus declared bankruptcy. Perhaps the War contributed to the bankruptcy. They moved to Baltimore, MD and Ben (JB) Quartermus never returned to Walhalla. He died May 1, 1947 in Dover, Kent County, Delaware:

The Journal, Willington, Delaware, Friday May 2, 1947. **Famer Killed in Kent Crash---Oxford, Pa., Man is 21st Auto Fatality in State; Driver of Truck Held**—The automobile accident death toll for Delaware for this year was brought up to 21 by the death of James Benjamin Quartermus, 60, a farmer of near Oxford, PA, last night. Quartermus was fatally injured in the collision of the automobile he was driving and a truck of the Eagle Poultry Company on US Route 113, two miles south of Dover. Quartermus was taken to the Kent General Hospital, Dover, and pronounced dead on arrival. He had sustained a fracture of the skull. State police said Quartermus was driving north and the truck was going south. Mitchell Kendall Tyre, 35, of Frankford was operator of the truck. He was uninjured. Arraigned before magistrate John H. Conrad on a charge of manslaughter, Trye was held under \$1,000 bail. State police of Troop 3, Dover, investigated. Quartermus was on his way home after he had visited a doctor at Salisbury, Md. Coroner John R. Rogers of Frederica said.

The Westminster News: **HISTORY of Town of Westminster** by Mrs. Soula Keese

Addition for Albert Zimmerman of the 1908 Christian Church of Westminster-**EARLY BUILDINGS**

Albert Zimmerman built the first house in Westminster, a two-room building, with a chimney in the middle, and moved into it in the summer of 1874 before the town was laid out. There were no streets, no sidewalks, no town lots, nothing but the railroad, and a strip of forest cleared away, one hundred feet wide called the right-of-way. There were no inhabitants in the place except Mr. Zimmerman and family. This home was where Mr. Wade Lumpkin, now lives.

Mr. Zimmerman built a store house on the corner of what came to be known as the "new block" and carried on business there for a number of years. It was in this store that the Famer's Alliance did business, until it was destroyed by fire in 1893. Mr. Zimmerman and **Dr. J. A. Johns** began their business association there, an association which continued for 20 years under the name of **Zimmerman and Johns**.

That storehouse was an historic structure. It was for all practical purposed a community center. A rough, two-story building with not a dressed plank on shelf or counter. It was the community store and the first post office. The first school of the town was taught in the hall on the second floor which also served as a gathering place on all public occasions.

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2023 Old Pendleton District Chapter Membership Form

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October 17, 2023	Carolyn Nations will speak on the Sestercentennial Anniversary
November 20, 2023	Dinner at Trinity Wesleyan Church
Feb 29-Mar 2, 2024	RootsTech in Salt Lake City, Utah