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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fairfield County Genealogy Society is to:

- Promote genealogy through education of its members and the public.
- Improve access to genealogical information in Fairfield County by maintaining an educational research center.
- Foster collaboration among members.
- Assist those researching their Fairfield County ancestors.
- Conduct periodic educational programs and conferences to explore cultural, genealogical, and historical topics.
- Disseminate cultural, genealogical, historical, and biographical information to members and to the public.

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Eddie Killian  
**Message from the President**

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. I am sorry to report that we have lost a dear friend and lifetime member, **Woodrow Brown**, more featured later in this newsletter.

I/We want to **welcome** and **thank** our new and renewal members for their 2025 support including our new lifetime members: Warwick Aiken, III M.D., Burley "Burl" Kennedy, James "Jim" McGraw and Gene Wilson. Since FCGS's membership runs annually from January to January, late September memberships are processed after October 1<sup>st</sup> to count as 2025.

Well things have picked up considerably with visitors and members researching or continuing to research their family roots. As time permits, we have been keeping up with research requests, updating the members only web pages and this newsletter. We added to the FCGS Members Only web pages the following: Adding Family Information digitized for B: Burley, Burly, E: Elkin, Elkins, G: Green, Greene, W: Wilds. Updated: R: Ruff and W: Wilson; Schools (added list, started adding schools).

We have continued to encourage FCGS members to get to know each other on a more personal level: on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the FCGS Full Board met at the Barn Express Restaurant in Winnsboro, SC; on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, program, "The African American Experience in Ridgeway and Fairfield County" by FCGS member, Revered Eddie J. Woods, in addition stories by other members of the community, at the new, The Isaac C. Thomas Historical Museum in Ridgeway, SC; on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, FCGS Corresponding Secretary, Sanita Cousar represented FCGS at the 2025 SCAAHC Annual Conference at SC Department of Archives and History; on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the FCGS Full Board met at "The Isaac C. Thomas Historical Museum with lunch afterwards at the Old Town Hall Restaurant in Ridgeway, SC.

Upcoming events and opportunities: on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, FCGS will sponsor a research and recruiting booth at Tartan Day South in Cayce, SC; on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the FCGS Full Board meet at Winnsboro Fiesta Restaurant in Winnsboro, SC; FCGS will be represented at the 2025 Brochure Swap at the Newberry Fire Museum in Newberry, SC; on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the FCGS Full Board meet at the Barn Express Restaurant in Winnsboro, SC; on May 17<sup>th</sup>, FCGS will sponsor a program on "Genealogy 101" by me, along with Revered Eddie J. Woods giving his experiences in starting and working on his family's genealogy; on June 17<sup>th</sup>, FCGS members are planning to ride the SC Train Museum BBQ Train; on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the FCGS Full Board meet at the Peace on Earth Restaurant in Winnsboro, SC. Remember to check back with us or check the announcement page on FCGS website for latest details or additional Information on Events and Meetings; our FCGS Website:

[www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org](http://www.fairfieldgenealogysociety.org). **Make plans to come out and join us!**

As mentioned last quarter, this quarter, the foot traffic, email requests and phone inquiries have picked up a great deal. However, I now plan to publish the newsletters in the first month of each quarter. If you are considering submitting an article to the newsletter, please submit your information in MSWord or Notepad format to Eddie. The deadline will be the last week of each quarter. I have also been updating the web pages; just not as much and only as time permits.

We, at FCGS thank each of our FCGS members for their membership support and volunteering their time and services to their society. Also, we want to thank FCGS Board members for their devotion and continued work for the society. Please consider helping us by volunteering to assist in cataloging and properly storing these invaluable resources or becoming a FCGS Board officer; in which currently we still have an opening for the Vice-President (Program Director) and for Newsletter Editor. We are most appreciative for our new and past volunteers for their assistance with programs, membership, donations, and support!

In your service, *Eddie Killian*



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## Woodrow Brown

29 August 1937 – 2 March 2025

I am sorry to report that Woodrow Brown has passed, Sunday afternoon 2 March 2025 at 87. He was born 20 August 1937 in Dawkins, Fairfield County, South Carolina. Woodrow and his family attended Friendship AME Church and were charter members. As a young man his family moved to Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina where he spent the majority of his adult life. He served in the United States Navy. After his time in the service, Woodrow was very involved with helping people of his community and ran a non-profit for years. In 2021, Woodrow wanted to return to his ancestral roots in Fairfield County and restart Friendship AME as Friendship Chapel. He practiced the Bahai faith and wanted a place of worship for all in the Dawkins area. He moved to Blair, Fairfield County, South Carolina. He became a lifetime member supporter and Fairfield County Genealogy Society Board member. He frequently attended and gave his input to meetings and other activities as he was able. Woodrow wanted to fulfill a dream he had when was young in writing a book. He along with others published this book. It is my understanding he has published two more books. He was a dear friend, wonderful person, and faithful to his family, extended family and friends. Woodrow will truly be missed by all of us.

Woodrow Brown Giving Fairfield County Genealogy Society \$500  
Donation from the Brown Family Association in 2021



Woodrow Brown in his United States Navy Uniform







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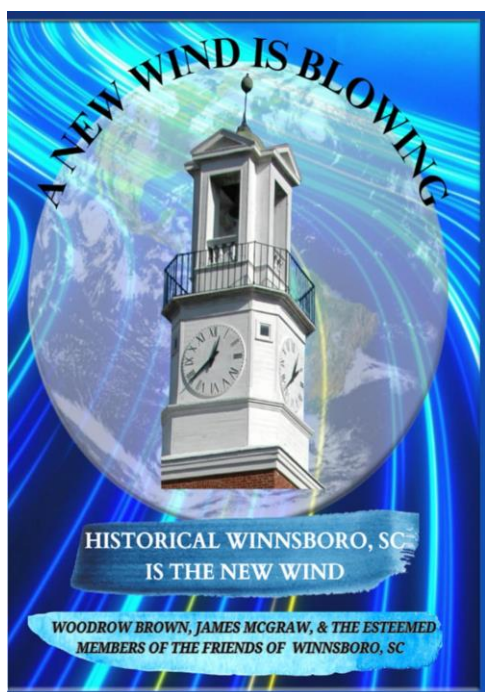
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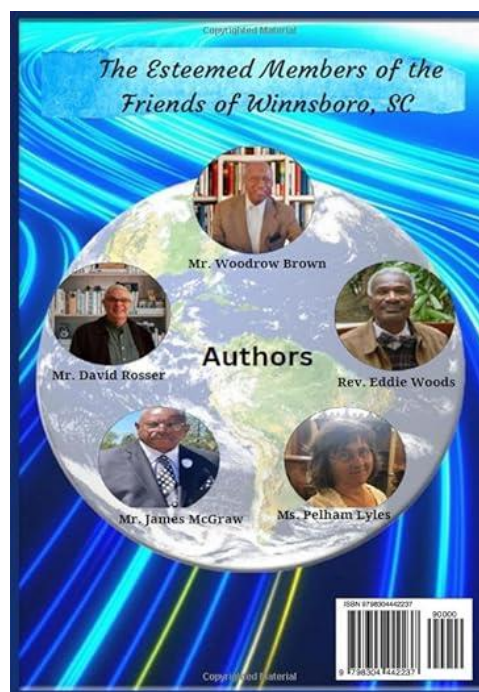


Woodrow Brown at Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association 2022 Annual Reunion in Feasterville, Fairfield County, South Carolina

L-R Dave Rosser, Woodrow Brown, Dave's wife Patricia at the 2024 Joint Museum, Fairfield County Genealogy Society, Fairfield County Historical Society and Winnsboro Garden Clubs Annual Christmas Gala



**"A New Wind is Blowing  
Historical Winnsboro, SC  
Is the New Wind"**







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O Thou Provider, O Thou Forgiver! A noble soul hath ascended unto the Kingdom of reality, and hastened from the mortal world of dust to the realm of everlasting glory. Exalt the station of this recently arrived guest, and attire this long-standing servant with a new and wondrous robe.

O Thou Peerless Lord! Grant Thy forgiveness and tender care so that this soul may be admitted into the retreats of Thy mysteries and may become an intimate companion in the assemblage of splendours. Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Ever-Loving. Thou art the Pardoner, the Tender, the Most Powerful.

~ 'Abdu'l-Bahá

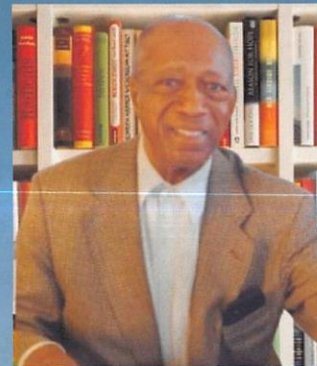
Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

*The Family wishes to thank everyone  
for their prayers, condolences, and loving support.*

## Mr. Woodrow Brown

August 29, 1937 – March 2, 2025



Funeral Service

March 9, 2025

Winnsboro, South Carolina

## FACEBOOK:

John McMeekin      nerdSoptosc9r136ca 8h6:07h33P t981 73l95784M112g0f 6tcgMaa4a ·

Today I received my copy of "A New Wind Is Blowing" by the late Woodrow Brown. Mr. Brown asked me to write the book's forward.

We were planning a book signing when Mr. Brown unexpectedly passed away. He was an accomplished gentleman who loved his place of birth, Fairfield County.

In life there are people we encounter who inspire us by their unselfish and generous acts by wishing to unite all for a common good. They remind us that we are all part of one large family. This was Woodrow Brown. He will be missed.

Donnie Richard Blackmon Laird

I have my copy. I encourage people to purchase one. They are several interesting stories written by Winnsboro locals . I got my copy from Amazon.





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Lorenzo Walker

🙏🙏🙏 I got a copy and it's a great copy and he was my friend and he stayed next door to me he will be missed. 🙏🙏🙏

Pelham Lyles

He was a wonderful person and his beloved mentor was Elizabeth Martin. Both were of the Bahai Faith. I went to his funeral and he was buried by the tiny church on Dave Cole Rd. where he was raised, Friendship.

Ross A. Burton

I didn't know Mr. Martin, but I knew Elizabeth. A finer person never walked the Earth. I didn't know they were of the Bahai Faith, same as Seals & Croft.

## Obituary

Mr. Woodrow Brown was born August 29, 1937, to the late Victoria Stone Brown and Willie Brown in Dawkins, South Carolina. He departed this earthly life on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at his residence.

Woodrow was educated in the Public Schools of Spartanburg. He later served as a member of the US Navy and following military retirement served in many roles which he cherished in the public health field.

Those that survive him with a host of memories include: his wife Thelma Brown; one son, Anthony Brown; two daughters: Lisa Lombard (husband Shoghi) and Donna L. Brown; two grandchildren, Louis Alexander Lombard and Naomi Nicole Lombard; one brother, James E. Brown; and one sister, Margaret Brown Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends who loved him.

## Celebration of Life

Mr. Woodrow Brown

August 29, 1937 – March 2, 2025

Welcome ..... Brian Keith  
Opening Prayers ..... Jamie Abercrombie  
Marzieh Joy Yousefian  
Musical Selection  
Remarks ..... David Rosser  
Willie Phillips  
Readings on the Spiritual Nature of the Soul  
Danita Brown, Phoenix Anita Miller  
Vignettes ..... Michael C. Jackson  
Brian Keith  
Closing ..... Sheryl Doherty

## Procession to the Graveside for the Interment

Bahá'í Prayer ..... Alonzo Nesmith  
Location: Ancestral Burial Ground  
Friendship AME Church  
1188 Cole Trestle Rd. Blair, SC  
Approximately a 30-minute drive

Note: The pathway to the graveside may include areas of uneven terrain.





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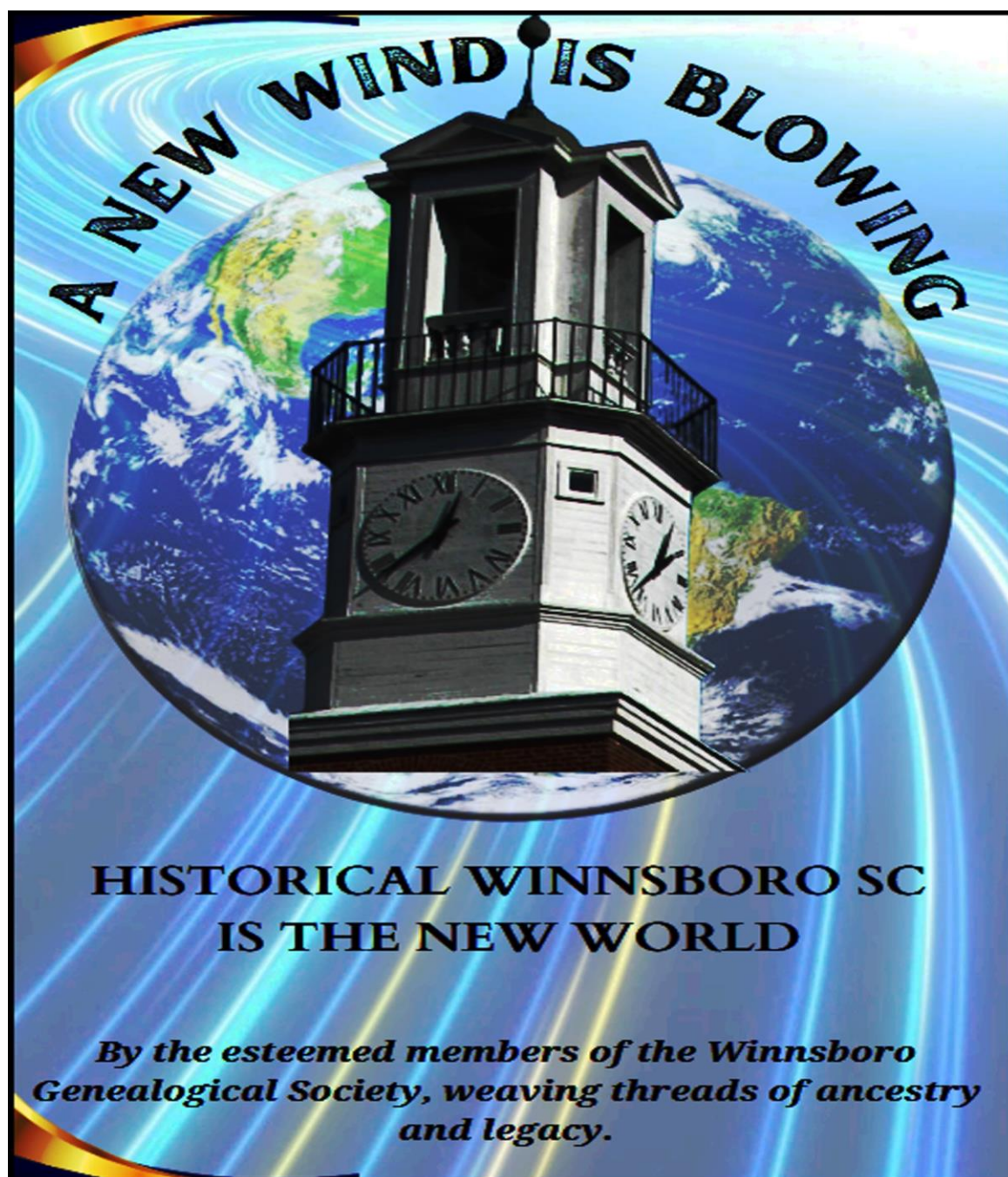
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## A New Wind Is Blowing Historical Winnsboro, SC Is Then New Wind

Woodrow Brown, James McGraw, & the Esteemed Members of the Friends of Winnsboro, SC  
(Both Books Available at Amazon.com)



Forward

Dedication

Acknowledgement

The History of Winnsboro

Attractions within Winnsboro

The New Wind,

Our Stories and Our Truths

Woodrow Brown (FCGS Board)

David Rosser (FCGS Board)

James McGraw

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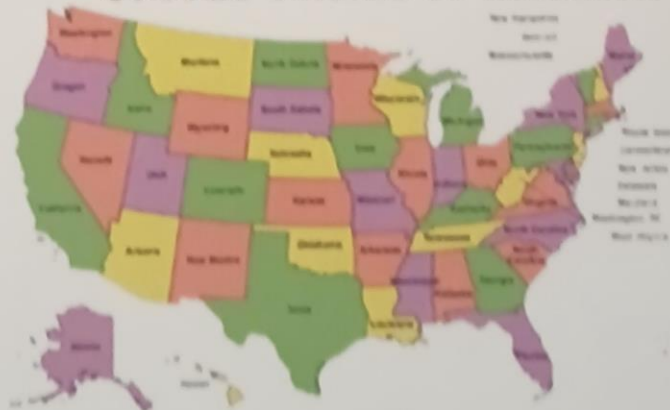
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## MY JOURNEY IN AMERICA FROM EUROCENTRIC THINKING TO AFROCENTRIC THINKING TO EARTHLING

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



**WOODROW BROWN**  
with **JERLEAN S. NOBLE**





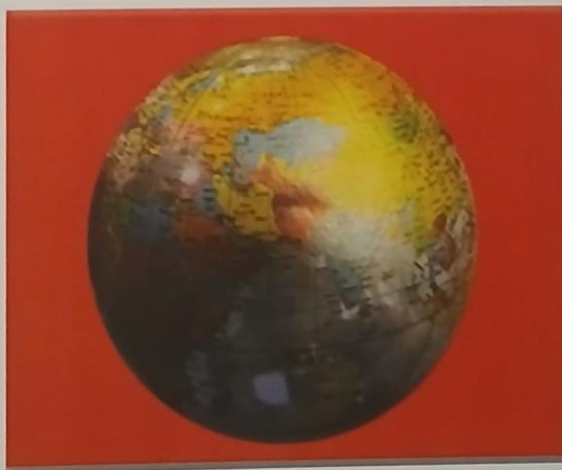
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The life story of a  
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grew up in the USA  
and lived the  
American dream  
and beyond



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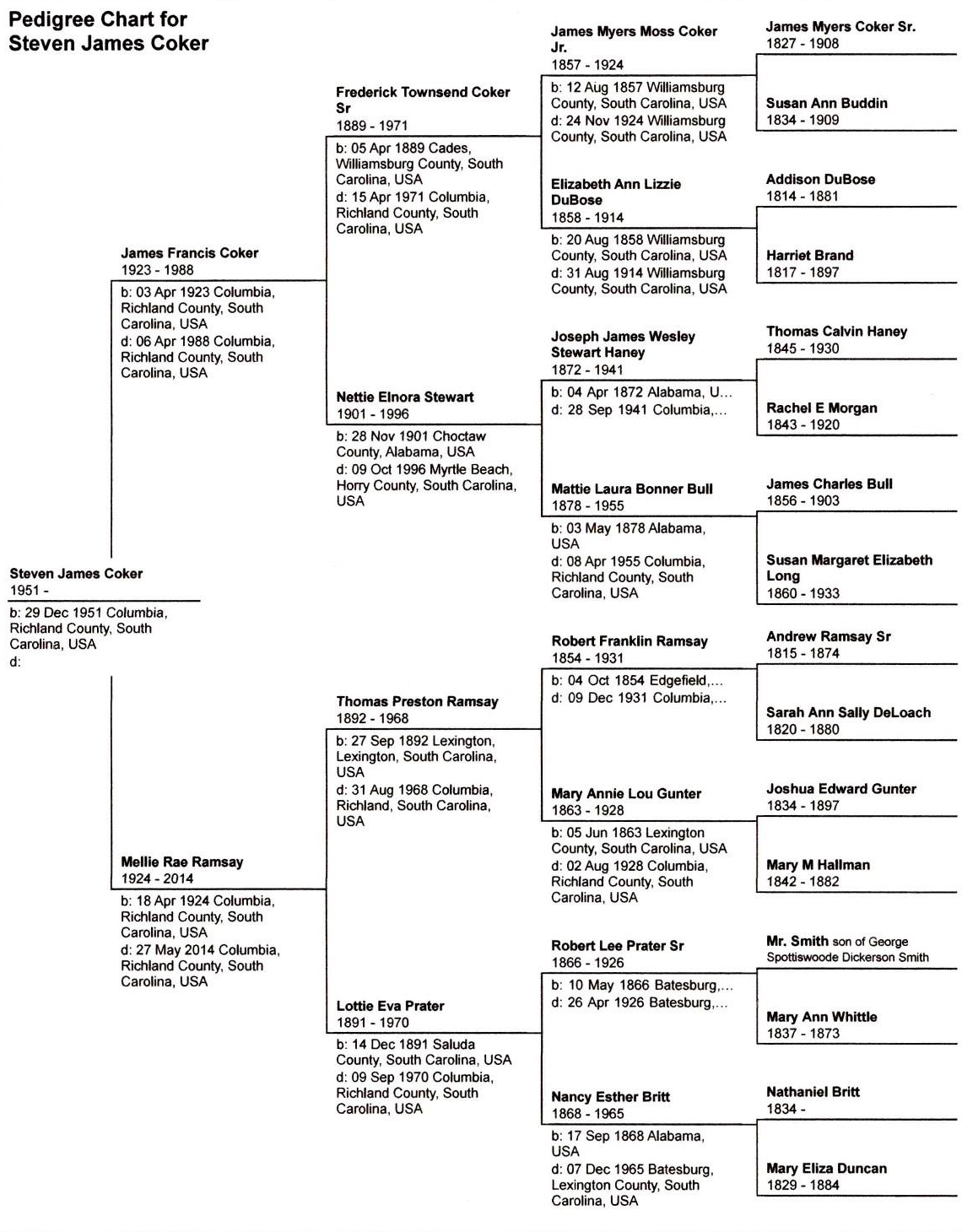
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## Member Submissions

(Shared by Steven J. Coker)

### Pedigree Chart for Steven James Coker







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(Shared by Warwick Aiken III, MD)



Hotel Aiken, David Aiken's Downtown Store on NW Corner of Washington and Congress Streets, Winnsboro, SC ca. 1910

The family story is that Hugh Kerr Aiken enlisted in the Confederate Calvary with Butler's Brigade and Mary with her 2 children, Caroline and John Gayle Aiken, moved to the Winnsboro farm from Charleston. They had been living in the U.S. Arsenal on Ashley Avenue with Mary's sister Amelia Gayle Gorgas, her husband Josiah Gorgas, who was in charge of the arsenal, their son "Willie" who grew up to be General William Crawford Gorgas of Panama Canal fame and the other Gorgas children. Josiah Gorgas resigned from the US Army and joined the Confederate cause, becoming General Gorgas in charge of all the Confederate ordinance and arsenals.

Hugh Kerr Aiken, my GG grandfather, was injured by a Minnie ball shot through the top of his chest and coming out under his scapula, at the Battle of Trevillian Station, VA. He somehow survived, and Mary came to his side, stabilized him and brought him back to the farm to recover. When he recovered he insisted on returning and rejoined the calvary as a Colonel harassing Sherman's troops.

General W. T. Sherman came through Winnsboro and sought out Mary Gayle Aiken because he remembered her from before the War, when he visited Mobile, AL as a young West Point cadet, and was shown great hospitality by Mary and her sisters, and her father Gov. John Gayle (7<sup>th</sup> Gov. of Alabama) and step-mother Clarissa Peck Gayle. He couldn't quite remember which sister she was, but spoke to her on the front porch of the farmhouse. He said something to the effect of "Your husband is not going to quit until he gets killed is he?" and she said that appeared to be the case. Then he said something to the effect of "Since you showed me such great hospitality before the War, I'll post a guard on your farm to prevent my troops from burning it down." The guards stayed in place several hours and after the entire Army train had passed, they thought that was it, and left to rejoin the Army column. Soon after they left, a straggler troop of Sherman's sappers showed up and were delighted to find a farm that had been missed, and burned everything down, despite Mary's protests. I think she saved what she could which was very little, stayed with family in town, then a short time later found out that her husband had been killed in a skirmish at Mt. Elon Church near Darlington. She then moved with her 2 children to the University of the South where she had more family in Sewanee, TN.



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Poor Mary Gayle Aiken had multiple tragedies in her life. When she was 6 years old she watched her mother die a terrible death of tetanus after an infection following a dental procedure. She and Hugh Kerr lost their first child Nancy at 2 years old, and were heartbroken. Then she suffered the traumas of the War and the loss of her husband. But she seemed to bear up well, and helped her son John Gayle become educated to be a homeopathic doctor and marry a doctor's daughter in New Orleans where she lived the rest of her life.

Generated on March 12th, 2025

Aiken Family Tree

Elizabeth Wilson Aiken



## Family Group Sheet



Name: Elizabeth Wilson Aiken  
Birth: 13 Oct 1813 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.  
Spouse: Robert Martin McVea  
Death: 21 Oct 1856 in Waelder, Gonzales, Texas, USA; age: 43.  
Burial: Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas, United States of America.  
Father: Hugh Robert Aiken Sr  
Mother: Esther Wilson



Spouse: Robert Martin McVea  
Birth: 8 August 1801 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, United States of America.  
Marriage: 11 Sep 1834 in Fairfield District, South Carolina.  
Death: 7 Nov 1873 in Gonzales, Gonzales, Texas ; age: 72.  
Burial: Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas, United States of America.

### Children of Elizabeth Wilson Aiken and Robert Martin McVea: 8



Name: Rebekah Martin McVea  
Birth: 14 August 1835 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 28 October 1861 in Waelder, Gonzalez Co., Texas, USA; age: 26.



Name: James Aiken McVea  
Birth: 20 Feb 1837 in Fairfield District, South Carolina.  
Death: 12 Jan 1892 in Gonzales County, Texas; age: 54.



Name: Mary Ann Dixon McVea  
Birth: 14 Mar 1839 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 30 Oct 1920 in Gonzales Co., TX; age: 81.



Name: John M McVea  
Birth: 1840 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 09 Dec 1906 in Gonzales County, Texas; age: 66.



Name: Jane McVea  
Birth: 05 Jul 1845 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 03 Mar 1907 in Waelder, Gonzales, Texas, United States; age: 61.



Name: Robert William McVea  
Birth: 4 June 1848 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, United States of America.  
Spouse: Louise Elizabeth "Lizzie" Reid Marriage: 13 Sep 1874 in Gonzales, Gonzales, Texas, USA.  
Death: 3 September 1919 in Saturn, Gonzales County, Texas, United States of America; age: 71.  
Burial: Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas, United States of America.



Name: Thomas Bell McVea  
Birth: 12 Aug 1850 in Fairfield Co., South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 10 Jun 1932 in Precinct 3, Gonzales, Texas, USA; age: 81.



Name: Archibald Pedan McVea  
Birth: 9 JUL 1854 in Fairfield Co., South Carolina, USA.  
Death: 16 Aug 1856 in Gonzales, Texas, USA; age: 2.





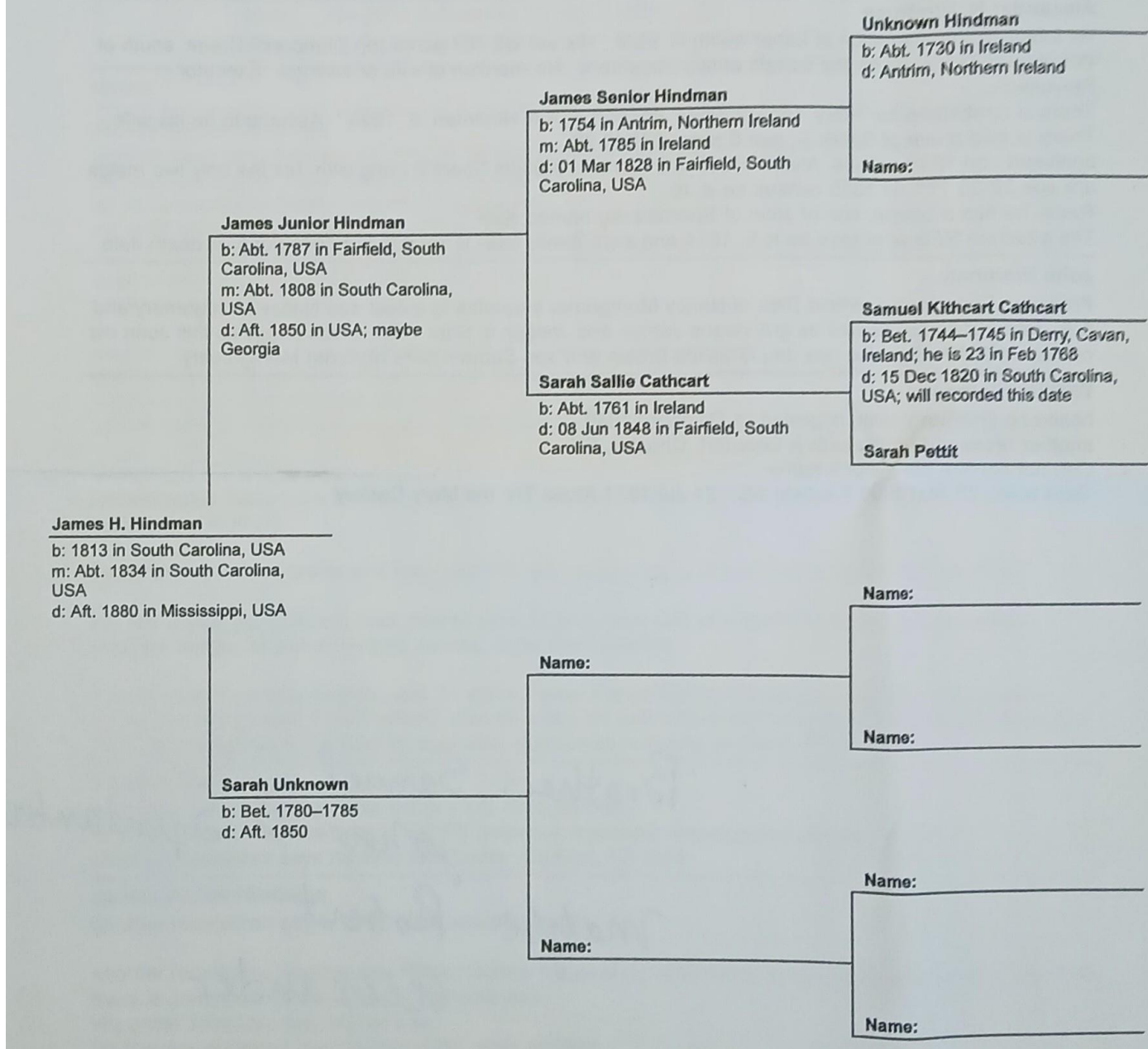
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## Pedigree Chart for James H. Hindman



Prepared by Cindy Gerontes, [cindykh@aol.com](mailto:cindykh@aol.com)



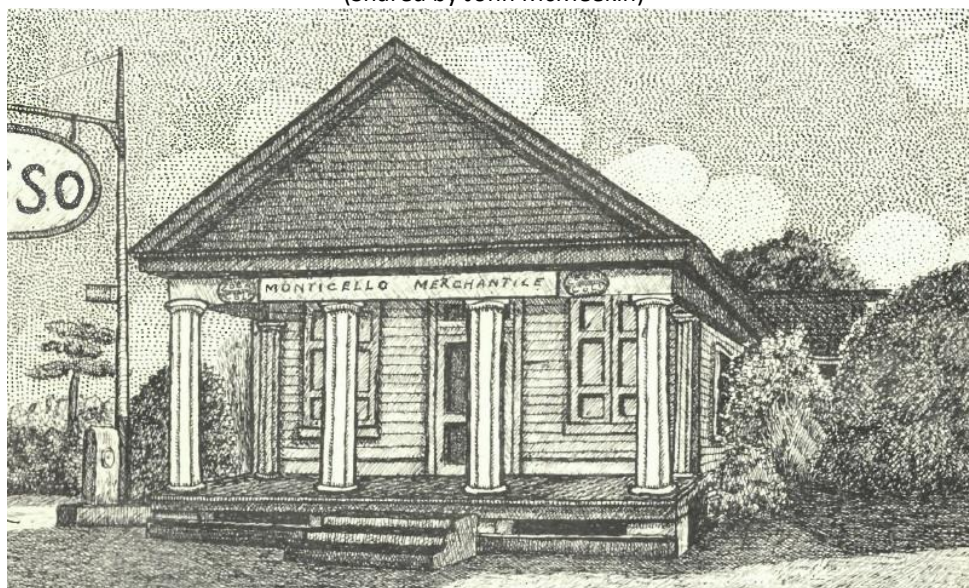
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(Shared by John McMeekin)



## MONTICELLO STORE

and

## POST OFFICE

DAVIS — McMEEKIN

The MONTICELLO STORE and POST OFFICE is one of the few reminders of the once famous Jefferson-Monticello Academy that served as a flourishing educational institution for so many years in Fairfield County. Most of the other buildings have either been destroyed by fire or razed.

It is a typical early American country store building covered with a gabled roof, the front of which covers an open porch supported by four large hexagonal columns which give it an air of distinction.

William Edrington states in his HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY that when he attended the Academy in 1822, "I had as classmates William E. Means, Robert Means, James B. Davis, William K. Davis, and C. DeGraffenried . . . These, together with William M. Nyers, Thomas B. Woodward, James A. Woodward, Cullen Powell, John H. Means, and myself were boarding with Colonel Jonathan Davis, and our sleeping department was in his old storehouse recently fitted up for that purpose." This must have been when the wing and ell to the rear of the building was added.

The store continued to be a part of the Academy as long as the school lasted. Since that time it has been used as a community store and post office. It is now the property of Mr. Albert McMeekin, a life-long resident of Monticello, who operates the store. Mrs. McMeekin is the Monticello Postmistress and is known and respected throughout the community for the many gentle courtesies that she dispenses daily, beyond the call of duty, for her neighbors and the people of the community.





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(Shared by Bryan Greer)

## WEED SCIENCE

of johnsongrass. An unpublished manuscript<sup>6</sup> provided considerable information on the Means family but did not furnish information that associated Governor Means with the original introduction of johnsongrass. Similarly, an investigation by the National Archives and Records Service<sup>7</sup> failed to reveal evidence that anyone was sent overseas on appointment with any relationship to agriculture prior to 1840. Thus, I was unable to find evidence to support Ball (3) that johnsongrass was first brought into the country by a farmer who was sent to assist the Ottoman Empire in cotton production.

If subsequent evidence proved that John H. Means sent a farmer to Turkey after becoming governor, it would have no direct relevance to the initial introduction. He did not become Governor of South Carolina until about 1855<sup>8</sup> and johnsongrass probably had been in the United States for several decades before that time. Even so, there was an association between johnsongrass and the Means family.

William Burney Means (brother of John H. Means) moved from South Carolina to Louisiana and, in letters, frequently asked John H. Means to also move<sup>9</sup>. John Means apparently wanted to move in 1850 and said that the offer was "very tempting" but that he would not move unless he could sell "my lands for any price that would be an inducement for me to sell, for the big grass has inspired such a terror that no one will even look at it"<sup>10</sup>. He continued, "when the grass runs me off, then I must seek a home in the West and then I will try to get near you"<sup>11</sup>. He was later elected Governor and volunteered for the Army of the Confederacy. He was killed in battle in Virginia<sup>12</sup>. The "big grass" that prevented sale of his property probably was johnsongrass.

Possibly C. R. Ball (3) and other authors felt that Governor Means sent someone to Turkey because a distant relative, James Bolton Davis, was engaged to go to Turkey. James Davis' trip was sponsored through the U. S. Department of State and not by Governor Means<sup>13</sup>. On his return from Turkey, James Davis introduced several plant species into the United States although their exact identity is unknown (8). A descendant of James Davis related a story told in her

<sup>6</sup>ELIZABETH D. ENGLISH, History of the Means Family, Unpublished manuscript on deposit in the South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. Miss English, a descendant of the Means family, owns several letters written by Governor John H. Means, a few of which are reproduced in her manuscript.

<sup>7</sup>In a letter dated April 27, 1967, Mr. Richard S. Maxwell, Acting Assistant Director of Social and Economic Record Division, National Archives and Records Service in Washington, D. C., related "the records of the Department of Agriculture in the National Archives include several volumes of letters received, reports and essays of the Agricultural Section of the Patent Office". "There is only one letter received for the period prior to 1840", but this letter did not concern travel of anyone to the Mediterranean area.

<sup>8</sup>In a letter dated June 28, 1963, Mr. W. Neil Franklin, Chief Diplomatic, Legal, and Fiscal Branch of the National Archives and Records Service in Washington, D. C., verified to Mrs. H. D. Carroll of Streetman, Texas, that Dr. James Bolton Davis and Dr. J. Lawrence Smith departed the United States in August 1840 after being engaged by the Secretary of State at the request of the Sultan of Turkey to proceed to Turkey to introduce the culture of cotton into his dominion. The sum of \$2500 was placed at their disposal by the Sultan for expenditures. Dr. Davis remained in Turkey until February 1849.

family for generations that James Davis "brought back fine Swiss watches packed in johnsongrass seed"<sup>14</sup> to protect the watches during shipment.

The earliest story concerning the initial introduction is related by Elizabeth English<sup>5</sup>. She cited Albert Beam as saying that Means grass was introduced by Thomas Means, the father of John H. Means, when he ordered hemp seed from Egypt soon after the Revolutionary War. Soon after its introduction on the Means Plantation in Fairfield County, South Carolina, it became known as Egyptian grass, Means grass, and the damned Means grass<sup>15</sup>. Elizabeth English also presented a possible relationship between the Means family and the Mr. Johnson for whom johnsongrass was named<sup>16</sup>. Isabella Means Foote, a sister of Thomas Means, had two daughters who became the first and second wives of Burr Johnstone. After his marriage he moved to Alabama and perhaps, according to Elizabeth English, was the Mr. Johnson for whom johnsongrass was named<sup>17</sup>.

*Other possible sources of introduction or distribution.* Individual farmers also introduced new plants into the United States. In 1849, Thomas Affleck, a farmer in Georgia, reported that he had imported over 40 kinds of grasses from Europe (1). He said that guinea grass was one of the most promising.

In the formative years of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, other governmental agencies introduced foreign plant material. In 1873, Frederick Watts wrote that the United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, purchased guinea grass seed for shipment into the United States (35). He compared the description of this grass to guinea grass in Arkansas (25). Most likely the grass he described was johnsongrass.

Many individuals could have introduced johnsongrass seed throughout the nineteenth century because people traveled freely and there were no early quarantines on the introduction of plant material. Passports were not required for private citizens to travel from the United States until World War I with the exception of a brief period during the Civil War<sup>18</sup>.

Johnsongrass and other weed seed could have been distributed as contaminants in the free exchange of crop seed among and by agricultural organizations during the late-nineteenth century. An early law, for example, charged the U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture with the responsibility of distributing seeds to agriculturists on an invitational basis (18). Much of this responsibility was assumed by members of Congress who dispersed over 600,000 seed samples in a single year (18). Most of these were to farmers and gardeners for private use. During the same 1-year period the Seed Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture distributed over 1.1 million seed samples (including those distributed by Congressmen). These included wheat, oats, barley, broom-corn, grasses, rice, millet, sorghum, and others from which it would have been exceedingly difficult to remove johnsongrass or other contaminating seeds with the technology available in the 1870's (Table 2). Free

<sup>14</sup>Mrs. H. D. Carroll of Streetman, Texas, related in a letter dated March 9, 1966, that James Bolton Davis used johnsongrass seed to pack and protect fine Swiss watches on his return to the United States from Turkey.



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(Shared by Kenneth Feaster)

## MY MEMORY OF ATTENDING THE WILL LYLES SCHOOL (WHITE HALL SCHOOL)

By Rosetta Austin-Moore

My name is Rosetta Austin-Moore—the daughter of Sallie Lyles Coad-Austin and Porter Austin, Jr. My mother was the daughter of William (Will) and Nancy Crosby-Lyles, the founders of the “Will Lyles School.” Will and Nancy had nine daughters; namely, Ella Lyles-Mayfield, Cora Lyles-Thomas, Willie Lyles-Morgan, Isabelle Lyles-White, Lillie Lyles-Land, Bessie Lyles-Feaster, Minnie Lyles-Means, Sallie Lyles Coad-Austin, and Ida Mae Lyles-Means.

I attended the Will Lyles School (White Hall) from 1943 to 1948. It was a struggle, however, for my family to survive economically. During the 1930s and 1940s, the cotton industry was in a deep decline because of overproduction, the boll weevil pest causing the cotton price to collapse as well as the mechanization of agriculture which left many blacks in the South unemployed (tenant farmers) or not able to make a profit for those who owned their own farms. Consequently, most of the males in my family left home to move to Baltimore, Maryland as soon as they became 18 to find work; therefore, when I started school, there were few males in my household. Our small farm suffered.

I attended White Hall School (It was renamed after the state took over.) from 1943 to 1948. My first day of school was the most exciting day of my life. The school I was going to attend was located on my grandfather’s land and built by my grandfather and his relatives in the early 1900s. At that time there were no public schools for Blacks in that rural area in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Grandpa wanted his children—nine girls—to become educated because he could not read and write at the time. Four of his daughters, Ella, Willie, Bessie, and Ida Mae, attended Brainerd Institute in Chester, South Carolina to become certified to teach. Ida Mae dropped out because she became homesick. Ella, Willie, and Bessie became teachers and taught the other children as well as Grandpa’s grandchildren, relatives, and other local children in the community. Ella taught Grandpa Will to read and write. Grandma Nancy already knew how to read and write. Her family, the Crosbys, were literate. Most adult Blacks at that time could not read and write.

The school was a two-story frame building with the second floor of the building used for Masonic Lodge meetings and the bottom floor was used as a classroom. The metal seats were bolted to the floor with a small wooden table over the seat. The floor was wooden with a large wood stove in the middle of the floor. A large green chalkboard covered the front of the room. There were chalks and erasers on the side of the chalkboard. A large world globe sat on the teacher’s desk. Older students had to gather wood for the stove and go to the spring behind the school to get water for the cooler. The wood and the spring were on grandfather’s private land.

The school was also used as a community center and a Masonic Lodge during the weekend. Sometimes church fund raisers were held there.

Black schools were usually in session from four to six months. Many students, however, were absent more often than they were present due to the need for workers on the farm. Most of the parents of the students were tenant farmers and the owners of the farms required the parents and the children to work the crops whenever necessary.

The ages of the students ranged from six years old to eighteen or older. Some students started school in their teens. Grades offered were from the First Grade to the Eighth Grade when I attended. It was not unusual to have a teenager in the First Grade with a six-year-old youngster. These images are frozen in time in my mind as I remember the older students struggling to learn when they were able to attend class.

Courses offered were reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, hygiene, drawing, geography, grammar, history, language, music, and civic. Some of the courses were not taught daily. Perhaps they were offered two or three times a week.





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My classmates were my sisters and brothers, cousins (grandchildren and nieces and nephews of Will and Nancy), other relatives, and local children from the community.

Grandpa gave each of his daughters a tract of land to farm when they got married. They all lived in somewhat of a compound. We could wander from one house to another. Sometimes my mother would encourage her children to help her other siblings with their farm work when necessary. Even though we did not have material wealth, we felt loved and that we belonged in this environment.

By the time the grandchildren attended the school, the state paid the teacher's salary and issued second-hand books after they were discarded by the white schools. Sometimes pages were missing from the books. Before the school was taken over by the state, salaries were usually paid by churches or the community or private fees. Parents were responsible for school supplies. Most of the time the teacher donated supplies.

Students were responsible for their own lunch. Those who brought lunch to school usually had a roasted sweet potato, roasted peanuts, jelly in a biscuit, ham biscuits, fruit from their orchards or wild trees, such as apples, pears, peaches, grapes, etc. Some students did not have any lunch.

As I started to get ready for school, my stomach began to feel nauseous. Since this was a new adventure for me, I wasn't sure of what to expect. My mother allowed me to wear my best dress and placed a ribbon on my braided hair. My older sisters and brothers also attended this school and they were not happy that I was holding them up. With a small brown lunch bag in my hand, I finally grabbed my sister, Elizabeth's, hand and held on tightly as we walked about a mile or two to school. It was an enjoyable experience because we met other students on the way to school and I could listen to all their conversations. Sometimes their discussions were above my level of maturity. Occasionally, they would stop to pick any wild fruit or berries that they saw.

The teacher, my mother's sister, Bessie, was our teacher. She had on a beautiful dress and she smelled like perfume. I liked having her as my teacher; however, I soon learned that

she wasn't as relaxed in the classroom as she was at home. She quickly organized the students into grade groups and had morning devotion after calling the roll. Then she recited the class rules. She issued old second-handed books and asked the students to take out notebooks and pencils. We were told to call her "Mrs. Feaster" rather than "Aunt Bessie" and she was rather stern. I did not like calling her "Mrs. Feaster." Therefore, I always avoided calling her name at school. Even though some of the students looked large and old, she always had good discipline. She quickly gave assignments to each grade group and moved from one group to another one to teach and to supervise. Sometimes she would ask brighter students to help with the academically challenged. The chalkboard and workbooks were used as supplementary aides in teaching. Often older and advanced students served as aides by helping younger students and checking homework. I soon learned that school was fun and that I did not have any difficulty learning.

At lunch time, we would eat our bagged lunch if we had one and played games or baseball. Some of the students shared their lunch. At the end of lunch period, Aunt Bessie would ring a bell to let us know that classes were ready to resume. During the afternoon classes, other subjects were covered. Since I was in the First Grade, I spent most of the time learning the alphabet and penmanship. At the end of the day, we were given homework. I had to practice the alphabet and learn how to write my name. I think I already knew the alphabet because sometimes my older sisters liked to play the role of a teacher and practiced on the younger children at home.

Sometimes Aunt Bessie would give me the comics from her newspaper that she usually read outside as she supervised us during lunch period. As a result of watching her read the paper each day, I developed the habit of reading the newspaper after I could afford to buy one.

On the way home, we lagged so we would not get home too quickly. There were lots of chores to do at home. From that day forward, I loved school, and I loved learning something new.



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Bessie Lyles Feaster teacher at the Will Lyles School





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Not the Will Lyles' School but based upon student's close likeness!



## Rosetta Austin Moore

### About the Author



Rosetta Austin Moore attended the first five years of her schooling in a one-room school, which was built by her grandfather--William (Will) Lyles--and his relatives on his land in Fairfield County, South Carolina before public schools for Blacks were provided by the state. She continued her education in the Chester County, South Carolina public school system. She received a BS degree from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina; a master's degree from North Carolina Central University in

Durham, North Carolina; and certification in elementary education from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Prior to moving to North Carolina, Moore initially pursued a master's degree at New York University in New York in the early 60's after receiving a stipend from the state of South Carolina for out-of-state study.)

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She lives in Hillsborough, North Carolina.



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### ART LITERATURE

## Retired teacher pens book on black education in Orange County

By Amanda VanDerBroek, News of Orange staff  
writer, [a.vanderbroek@newsfororange.com](mailto:a.vanderbroek@newsfororange.com)  
Aug 14, 2015



Rosetta Austin Moore holds a copy of her book "The Impact of Slavery on the Education of Blacks in Orange County," which conveys the history of African-American education, educators, craftsmen and business people in the area.

Amanda VanDerBroek / News of Orange



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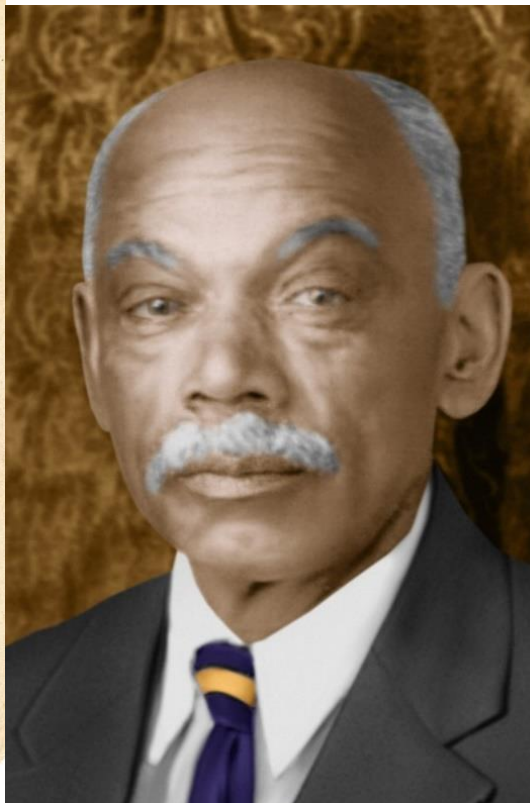
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Will Lyles -- 1917



Will and Nancy Lyles Wedding Photo 1886





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Approximate Location of Will Lyles School, Later White Hall School



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## (Q) queries / (A) answers / (I) information (Are You the One That Fills in the Blanks?)

The FCGS welcomes your assistance in solving the ongoing queries. Please email or contact Eddie Killian at 803-635-9811. If we were not able to find anything for your inquiry, perhaps one of our readers may be able to assist you. Also, at the end of the queries/answers/information section there will be a list of paid researchers from the SC Archives & History.

**Q: Stacey Brown**, I found the first three pages of this document on your website. Is it possible to view the entire document?

**A:** This document is actually out on our family files for the Alston families. Documents in our files are donated to be put into the particular family to assist in expediting future family researchers. We do not have the book "Early Pee Dee Settlers" in our library collection and may consider getting it. You can google to find where you may obtain the book or inquiry more about this book. If need be, you may be able to find the book still available at Heritage Books.

**Q: Pamela Jefferies**, William B. McKinley Dawkins 1790-1872; any information you may find on him. Church name Paradise AME in Carlisle SC.

**A:** I am sorry that I cannot find anything in our collection for or about Paradise AME Church, Union County, SC. Also, I did not find anything at SC Archives site. Here is a link to the church: <https://www.faithstreet.com/church/paradise-a-dot-m-e-church-union-sc>. Link on FindAGrave.com <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2350664/paradise-ame-church-cemetery/photo>.



## [Paradise AME Church Cemetery in Union, South Carolina - Find a Grave Cemetery](https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2350664/paradise-ame-church-cemetery/photo)

Find 85 memorial records at the Paradise AME Church Cemetery cemetery in Union, South Carolina. Add a memorial, flowers or photo. [www.findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com)

Link for documented memorials on FindAGrave.com <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2350664/memorial-search?firstname=&lastname=&cemeteryName=Paradise+AME+Church+Cemetery&birthyear=&deathyear=&deathyearfilter=&bio=&linkedToName=&plot=&memorialid=&mcid=&datefilter=&orderby=r&page=1#sr-204879932>. If you find or have anything, I would love to add your information to our collection to aide in future researchers queries.

**Q: Don Guthrie**, from Indiana, now in Fla., planning to come up next week. Looking for his ancestors home site (John Glazier Rabb).

**A:** This will give him a good start in his research before coming to Winnsboro. [Rabb](#)

**Q: Inetta Simpson**, we spoke on the phone about the establishment of the Mt. Olive Baptist church in Longtown. There were four men that got it started: 1) Abram Brunson; 2) George Butler; 3) Julius Brevard and 4) Soney Brown Belton. This was in 1885.

**A:** I found a document in the Brevard family files for Brevard and Kennedy Family (see page 2 and last page).





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## *History of the Mount Olive Baptist Church 1885-1985 Ridgeway, S.C.*

Mt. Olive Baptist Church was organized in the spring of 1885 by four men, Mr. Abram Brunson, Mr. George Butler, Mr. Julius Brevard, and Mr. Soney Brown Belton. These four men decided that five miles was too far for the children to walk to Sunday School, and they erected a brush harbor between two Sweet Gum trees and two cedar posts. This arrangement was situated about 2½ miles northwest of where the present church structure is now. The area was called the Quarter at that time, and they had their first service under the brush harbor on the first Sunday in May in 1885.

One year later the brush harbor began to leak badly, so they decided to build a house to serve in. After they built the little building, it looked so good to the people until they called it the Sunday School and Prayer House. They all decided to invite a preacher to preach the First Anniversary sermon. Reverend Gaither preached the anniversary sermon and that went so well until they all decided to ordain three deacons and elect a Sunday School Superintendent. They also decided to call a pastor and give the church a name.

The first deacons were Deacon Julius Brevard, Deacon George Butler, and Deacon Abram Brunson, Chairman. Brother Soney Brown Belton was elected Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Effie Brunson gave the church the name of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and they elected Reverend Gaither as their first pastor. Reverend Gaither served as pastor until he moved across the river and that was too far a distance for him to travel, and he gave up the pastorate.

After Rev. R.D. Gaither left, the county moved the road from the Quarter to where the present church now stands. Seeing that they needed a bigger church building, the people decided not to build in the Quarter, but instead they bought 1 acre of land from Mr. Henry White over the new road. They called Rev. T. H. McNeal as pastor and he remained pastor for 5 years. After which they elected Rev. Eli Belton and he served 5 years. Then they called Rev. H. Moragne and he also served 5 years. Rev. McNeal was recalled and served 1 more year. Rev. Alfred was elected and in turn served 3 years. Rev. C. J. Graham was called as pastor and he served for 6 years until his death. Rev. W. D. Brown was elected and served 3 years until he died with the flu.

The Church elected Rev. H. W. Adamson as their eighth pastor and he served 48 years. During that time the third church burned one Christmas, and 5 months later they moved into the new church building on the first Sunday in May.

When Rev. Adamson had an accident and died, the church elected Rev. J. L. Perkins as pastor and he served for four years.

Rev. P. M. McCain replaced Rev. J. L. Perkins. He served as pastor for 2 years until his death. Upon his death, the church elected Rev. David Jones. While Rev. Jones was pastor, the church decided to build a new and more modern building. The present sanctuary was completed in September 1974 across the road from the old church which was finally torn down after several years.

When Rev. Jones became unable to serve after being pastor for 10 years, the church elected our present pastor Rev. I. K. Cloud in 1981.

In one hundred years, Mt. Olive Baptist Church had has twelve pastors and five church buildings.





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## ■ REUNION

*Continued from 1A*

William, George and Sonnie, were transported as slaves to a plantation in what is now Virginia. These three brothers were later sold or transferred to a Belton plantation in Kershaw County, South Carolina. (Please note that this general area in S.C. is now known as Longtown in Fairfield County. However, segments of this original area of settlement are located in present-day Kershaw County.)"

Joseph DeLaine is one of the many family members pursuing his family's history.

Describing a situation to which he is seeking further information, he wrote:

"The Peay plantation as depicted in Austin and Nicholas Peay's wills refer to the Ross Place. This is land that they apparently purchased from a Ross family member, I think before 1832. If possible I would like to get the name or names of the Ross family members who owned that property before it was purchased by the Peays.

"One Captain Issac Ross, a resident of Franklin County, Mississippi died in January 1837. He had 160 slaves at that time and they were identified as the Ross Negroes. These people took the last name - "Ross" and some took the name "Belton." The Captain's will indicated these slaves were to be given a choice of being sold with his estate or given free passage to Liberia. Many (about 90) opted to go to Liberia. They settled in Since, Greenville County, Liberia, West Africa. I have copies of letters written in Africa, by five of these ex-slaves to their former white master's family in the USA in 1848, 1849, 1851 and 1862.

"I suspect that this Captain Ross may have been a member of the white Ross family in Fairfield County."

In addition to family business meetings, the reunion offered time for socializing at a reception, in addition to children's games, a banquet and a fashion show with entertainment.

Also, I found a document in the Belton family files for Belton (Roots) Reunion (see page 3).

## Family combines reunion with a search for its roots

By Bobb Hane

Staff Writer

Pursuing family roots can be like an endless riddle.

Often the answer to one question only leads to another question.

Approximately 120 Belton family members visited the Fairfield County Museum last week as part of their family reunion which was held in Charlotte.

Beltons and Belton relations have recently been working with the museum's Linda Malone and Pelham Lyles researching their family's history.

While visiting the Museum, the family presented Malone and Lyles with copies of a booklet detailing Belton family history and containing old pictures of family members. The volumes, to be kept in the museum's genealogy room, are available for inspection on Wednesdays.

According to the genealogical booklet, "Sonni, as he was called, appears to be the first Belton ancestor on American soil. He was brought as a slave to the British colony of Maryland. Sonni and/or his sons, See REUNION, 8A



Photo/BOBB HANE

Museum director Pelham Lyles with Belton family members



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**Q: Lindsay Douglas,** It all started when I picked up our continued research into our Douglas Family. It has expanded into learning about the extended family such as the How's (etc.).

**A:** You might want to check out our FCGS Members Only web pages for [Douglas](#) before your reunion.

**Q: Kenneth Feaster,** I was wondering if you know who the administrator is for the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Association Facebook page. He/she posted something last year regarding the old hotel (Buffalo Lick Springs) in Carlisle. I was surprised. It was very good old historical info; seems like a family member of that person ran it at one time. I've owned the building for more than 25 years and other family members before me. If can provide a POC I'd appreciate.

**A: Ron Chicone,** Carlisle has an interesting history. I was just guessing that the two-story brick building on Fishdam Ave was the old hotel, is that the one? It seems like the coolest building in Carlisle. I've done a lot of research on Shelton which was just across the river. Shelton had a famous spring (you probably heard of Shivers), but I didn't realize Carlisle also had one, Buffalo Lick Springs. Then I saw that John Wolling was running the Buffalo Lick Hotel in early 1900s, he also owned a store in Shelton. Glad you are taking care of the old hotel.

**Kenneth Feaster,** Ron, the old Carlisle hotel has been the focal point for the community for the past 100 years. It will probably be the focal point for the next 100+ years; therefore, I would like to gather as much information as possible about its history. That would include the operation of the hotel including personal information about the Wolling family who operated/owned the hotel and who probably lived there at times. Also, information contained in the hotel ledger. The individuals who stayed there is history in itself. It is "priceless" from my perspective. My goal is to leave copies of such documents inside the building and provide copies to the town of Carlisle. Of course, pictures are worth a thousand words. The Carlisle town hall has a picture of wall with pictures of the hotel going back more than 100 years. Also, I would like to provide copies to the Union County museum which basically has no real history information about the building. I'm in SC until next Wed and will return in late Mar. I also own the old Deaver/Iverson general store Mrs. Carroll mentioned in the post. I've also tried to save it. Whatever, you need me to do to assist/review just let me know.

**Ron Chicone,** John George Wolling (1852-1931) was married to Mary Louisa "Lula" Feaster (1847-1931). Do we know when the hotel was built; must have been prior to 1910? Looks like the Seaboard Air Line RR connected Carlisle to Chester and Greenwood around 1900. That would have made Carlisle a major crossroads for travelers. Feasterville tried to get a RR connecting Chester to Newberry but failed. Do you think Wolling built the hotel? The Coleman Feaster Mobley Association has the old hotel register from around 1913. We would be happy to share the information or have it copied, possibly even donated to a museum. That would be up to the Board.

**Kenneth Feaster,** Ron, I would be content to have a good copy of the 1913 hotel ledger and any other related documents the family may have regarding the hotel. Pictures of the Wollings who stayed there would be great. John's wife Kate was a Coleman; plenty of them around, not sure if any have pictures of Kate and children. Regarding donation Union Museum that's their call. That way it wouldn't be buried; however, I understand family history. I don't know if you have any contact with the granddaughter of Mr. Deavers who owned the general store before Iverson. I believe her name was Mrs. Carroll. Anything to keep the family memory alive would be a good thing. If her family is wanted a souvenir from the old store, I'm good with that too.

**Pelham Lyles,** Added Eddie Killian to emails; he is actively collecting and digitizing all family information for the genealogy archives. I'll send him the previous emails we have been circulating. One of Lula Wolling's red glass pitcher and cup are in the museum collection, given by a gg some years ago. This was a commemorative piece from the 19\_\_? world's fair. I'll try to get a picture of it along with the descendant's name and address.





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**Eddie Killian**, my grandfather Claude Tresvan Killian Sr. (biologically Union County Davis) was born in Fish Dam, Union County, South Carolina, and 9th October 1898. According to family lore, was born in the Fish Dam Hotel. I have some old pictures somewhere of the old hotel.

**Kenneth Feaster**, Over the past few years, I've had a lot of work done on the building including a new roof and rewiring, etc (\$\$\$). Here are some photos of the inside.





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**Q: Alva Moore**, anything you can find to help me substantiate Joseph's daughter Mary Evans Gladney.

**A:** Here is the [Evans](#), [Gladney](#) and [Havis](#) families information we have in our digitized collection.

**Q: R. Lindsay Douglas**, there were lots of links to Douglas info that I need and have lost.

**A:** These are digitized and up on the FCGS Members Only web pages: [Douglas](#) and [Douglass](#) families.

**Q: Warwick Aiken**, Friday morning I will drive to Winnsboro and plan to stop by the Sion Presbyterian Cemetery, where I hope to clean up some brambles which have overgrown my GGG grandparents' gravestones. I tried reaching out to Chicora.org but they seem to be inactive, with the last posts on their Facebook page in 2014 as I recall. However they have very helpful essays on cemetery restoration and care of headstones. Daniel (Timms) let me know if you had any success in discussing what to do about the Martin-Aiken Burial Ground with your friends who have a grave marker business. I am 74 years old now with a few health problems and I think handling these logs in the cemetery is beyond me. I would look to you to advise on whom we might hire to do what is needed to restore the cemetery since you probably know the landscaping businesses in your area. I would be glad to contribute to the cost and my Mother told me tonight she would like to help also.

**A:** I have included a link to digitized information on our FCGS website for you to review before you come to Winnsboro. [Martin-McDowell aka Martin-Aiken Family Cemetery](#) and [Aiken Families](#).

**Q: Brooke Evans Jordon**, Ashford and Pearson information? Some of the other names, McMaster, McDonald. Are there any Swearingen-Van Swearingen, Chatman.

**A:** Please let me know who you are looking for and/or the families: Parents, Grandparents, Birthdays, Death Dates, etc.?





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Here are links to the [Ashford](#) and [Pearson](#) family information in our digitized collection on our web site. We do have some other hard copy information; such as Funeral Bulletin containing obituary information. We do not have any information for the Coberth family in our collection. Here are links family information in our digitized collection on our web site: [Abbott](#), [Ashford](#), [Banks](#), [Bell](#), [Burton](#), [Ellis](#), [Gadson](#), [Hall](#), [Hawkins](#), [Hill](#), [Hopkins](#), [Jackson](#), [Johnson](#), [Pearson](#), [Robinson](#), [Stewart](#), [McDonald](#), [Perry](#), [Chatman](#) (very little Chatman; it is included in the Chapman family information), Very little information for Swearingen; only from family from Aiken. I'll have to add McMaster in the coming days. Only have the attached family chart for Perkins to-date.

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1 James W. PERKINS  
BORN 15 Apr 1825  
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WHEN MARRIED 3 Dec 1846  
DIED 7 Feb 1887  
WHERE LA  
Hancey Ann TOOMBS  
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 William K. PERKINS  
BORN \_\_\_\_\_ (SC)  
WHERE \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN MARRIED 30 Jul 1818  
DIED Jan 1849  
WHERE Copiah Co., Miss.

3 Harriet WHITE  
BORN \_\_\_\_\_  
WHERE \_\_\_\_\_ (La)  
DIED 10 Feb 1844  
WHERE Copiah Co., Miss.

4 Rees W. PERKINS, Sr.  
BORN 6 Apr 1774  
WHERE SC  
WHEN MARRIED \_\_\_\_\_  
DIED 8 Feb 1846  
WHERE Calcasieu Psh. La.

5 Martha  
BORN \_\_\_\_\_ 1780  
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8 James PERKINS  
BORN 7 Nov 1751  
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WHEN MARRIED \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHERE Marion Co., MS  
9 Margaret CHANDLER  
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**Q: Lex Musta,** My father-in-law, Willie Cunningham, passed away last year as one of the final 70,000 living WWII veterans. He bravely fought in Italy as a marksman with the 92nd Infantry Division. He was one of four Cunningham brothers from Winnsboro who served in the war. Today, I discovered the moving WWII monument in Winnsboro, which honors 36 of the 37 young souls from Winnsboro who made the ultimate sacrifice. As you can see in the attached approved application for a headstone by his wife, Scott Cunningham Jr. from Winnsboro also made the ultimate sacrifice. Who can I work with in town to add his name to the memorial? I will be visiting Winnsboro on March 8th, 2025. If I could meet with you to discuss this matter on a Saturday, I would be grateful. Scott Cunningham Jr. is buried at the Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. His service number was 34120753. He enlisted on January 22, 1942, at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC, and passed away on March 2, 1942, at Camp Lee in Prince George, Virginia, while in service. Governor Cunningham and Warner Brown Cunningham are the third and fourth of Nannie and Scott Cunningham's sons who served this nation in the war.



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**Pelham Lyles**, Thank you for sharing this with us at the museum. My father, who passed away in 2017, was also a veteran of WWII and likely he and Mr. Cunningham knew each other. Daddy had the Winnsboro Builders Supply business in town and I think everyone knew him as he was a real people person. We keep information on family histories and Eddie Killian in the genealogy room is copied in this email. You may have already been in contact with him as he is a great source for finding out more about your family. Growing up in 1950s-60s Winnsboro, I am familiar with your family name.

**Lex Musta**, Thank you Pelham for your prompt reply. We will be arriving into town just before you close on Saturday at 1pm and plan to enjoy the Museum as an orientation for the hour before you close before heading over to visit my wife's grandparent Scott and Nannie's graves at Rock Hill. I am happy you knew the family name, it will be great to learn from you if there are images of the Rock Hill school house Mr. Willie Cunningham attended built in 1924. Willie left Winnsboro after the war but returned annually for the August "big meeting" as he called it at the Rock Hill Baptist Church. His father Scott Cunningham eventually worked his own farm with the help of his four sons on Duke Highway which I am guessing was incorporated into Highway 21. It will be great if Eddie can help us figure out where along it Scott Cunningham's farm was. I can't imagine it's far from the church as they likely walked to church. Earlier they sharecropped in Buck Lick just east of the church. Scott's grandfather Dick Cunningham is listed in the 1859 Estate of Robert Cunningham as a "Miller," at Rosemont. Exercising their freedom they moved to Abbeville then Diamond Hill before Dick's son Alex Cunningham moved to Fairfield County Township 5 by 1900. We look forward to working with you to establish to the Town's historical society's satisfaction that Scott Cunningham Jr belongs on the monument with his 36 brothers in arms who made the ultimate sacrifice. Did any other family contribute four boys? Were any Winnsboro soldiers officers of the 92nd who might have served with Willie?

**Pelham Lyles**, I looked up the 92nd and see that it was the famous Buffalo Soldiers division.

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/veterans-history-project-collection/serving-our-voices/diverse-experiences-in-service/buffalo-soldiers-the-92nd-in-italy/#:~:text=Known%20as%20%E2%80%9Cbuffalo%20soldiers%E2%80%9D%20in,units%20to%20serve%20in%20combat>

As he died at Fort Lee in Virginia, he never made it to Fort Huachuca in Arizona which was an isolated military post where, during the Jim Crow era, black soldiers were sent to be in segregated training units before going into Italy where the 92nd was the only all African American division in Europe as part of the liberation forces. I found his death certificate (attached) and looked up the medical terms. He died with his pleural sac filling up with tuberculosis fluid. His draft card says he was working in a knit fabric factory in Greensboro before entering the army. I wonder if his work in the linty mill had something to do with his contracting TB. He died in such a short time after enlisting that he never was able to go into the war effort. Although they were training soldiers fast during that part of the war 1942, he likely was still in training. What a tragic story! I am going to forward this to Eddie Killian again to see if he can look at the records of young men from Fairfield County returning from the war...or not. As he was just 21 and married, perhaps his wife Louise's family was from that area. I could not find a maiden name for her. As his family was in the Longtown community, there may have been some other local boys from Longtown whose families are still in the area around Rock Hill, Flint Hill section. I am also copying this email to my friend Carrie Easterling, whose husband is from the Singleton / Harrison family from the Longtown area. Perhaps his parents Joan and Dan Singleton know some of the families in that church. I spoke with Grady Phillips today and he said that, if Mr. Haslett responds positively to remove the plaque to engrave Scott's name on it, it can be done and he will take care of it. I will call Bill Haslett tomorrow as it appears he has not yet read our emails.

**Lex Musta**, We had a great talk yesterday with Mr. Haslett who explained that those 36 names are identified with soldiers who were killed in action. Others similar to Uncle Scott who died in hospital have also come forward over the years and Mr. Haslett has explained to those families as he did ours the definition of killed in action. Thank you for your research, Mr.





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Haslett's explanation makes clear Uncle Scott's name was not missed. I look forward to enjoying the monument next Saturday as is. No changes are needed. As Mr. Haslett said "enjoy the Boro" as it is known locally! I'm looking forward to a homecoming.

**Eddie Killian**, I thought the WWII memorial is only those who gave their lives in the war. There may be a contact for obtaining a brick around the monument. I believe there are many other WWII soldiers represented with bricks.

*He died in US*

**ORIGINAL**

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(See Instructions attached)  
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☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE  
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER  
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER  
☐ BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)

**APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER**  
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

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PENSION No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ENLISTMENT DATE **1/27/42**  
DISCHARGE DATE **died in service**

EMBLEM (Check one)  
☒ CHRISTIAN  
☐ HEBREW  
☐ NONE

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
**293**  
**Cunningham, Scott Jr.**

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**Quartermaster**

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)  
**1/12/1919**

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)  
**March 2, 1942**

LOCATION (City and State)  
**Winnsboro, S. C.**

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)  
**Winnsboro, S. C.**

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
**Winnsboro, S. C.**

NAME OF CEMETERY  
**Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetary**

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE **Louise Cunningham** DATE OF APPLICATION **Sept. 29, 1947**  
ADDRESS (Street, City, State) **1101 South St. Greensboro, N. C.**

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IMPORTANT: Complete Reverse Side

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
(a) County **Prince George**  
(b) City or town **Camp Lee, Virginia**  
(c) Name of hospital or institution **Station Hospital, Camp**  
(d) Length of stay in home, or hospital, or institution, or other place of death, or place of death while confined (Specify date, month, or day)  
(e) If place of death while confined (Specify date, month, or day)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED  
(a) State **North Carolina (S.C.)**  
(b) County **Fairfield County**  
(c) City or town **Winnsboro**  
(d) Street No. **Route #5**  
(e) If place of residence while confined (Specify date, month, or day)  
(f) If foreign birth, how long in U. S. or

3. (a) FULL NAME **Scott (none) Cunningham Jr.**  
(b) Name last **none**  
(c) Name first **none**  
(d) Name middle **none**  
(e) Name of husband or wife **Louise Cunningham**  
(f) Date of birth of deceased **January 12, 1919**  
(g) Age **23** **1** **19**  
(h) Sex **Male**  
(i) Color **Colored**  
(j) Marital status **Married**  
(k) Occupation **Millworker**  
(l) Education **High School**  
(m) Service **Winnsboro**  
(n) Branch **Winnsboro**  
(o) Grade **Winnsboro**  
(p) Address **Winnsboro**  
(q) Signature of deceased **Scott Cunningham**  
(r) Signature of informant **Louise Cunningham**  
(s) Signature of physician **Louise Cunningham**  
(t) Signature of minister **Louise Cunningham**  
(u) Signature of coroner **Louise Cunningham**  
(v) Signature of registrar **Louise Cunningham**  
(w) Signature of clerk **Louise Cunningham**  
(x) Signature of auditor **Louise Cunningham**  
(y) Signature of treasurer **Louise Cunningham**  
(z) Signature of secretary **Louise Cunningham**

4. MEDICAL HISTORY  
(a) Date of death **March 2, 1942**  
(b) Time of death **12:30 AM**  
(c) Cause of death **Acute, tuberculous, massive, pleuritis, hyperplastic, acute, tuberculous, massive, acute, sec-**  
(d) Immediate cause of death **Acute, tuberculous, massive, pleuritis, hyperplastic, acute, tuberculous, massive, acute, sec-**  
(e) Underlying cause of death **Acute, tuberculous, massive, pleuritis, hyperplastic, acute, tuberculous, massive, acute, sec-**  
(f) Name of operation **none**  
(g) Date of operation **none**  
(h) Name of surgeon **none**  
(i) Name of anesthesiologist **none**  
(j) Name of pathologist **none**  
(k) Name of radiologist **none**  
(l) Name of histologist **none**  
(m) Name of bacteriologist **none**  
(n) Name of virologist **none**  
(o) Name of parasitologist **none**  
(p) Name of immunologist **none**  
(q) Name of hematologist **none**  
(r) Name of nephrologist **none**  
(s) Name of endocrinologist **none**  
(t) Name of cardiologist **none**  
(u) Name of pulmonologist **none**  
(v) Name of otolaryngologist **none**  
(w) Name of ophthalmologist **none**  
(x) Name of dermatologist **none**  
(y) Name of allergist **none**  
(z) Name of other specialist **none**



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**Q1: Burl Kennedy,** Do you have any information for the Ruff family.

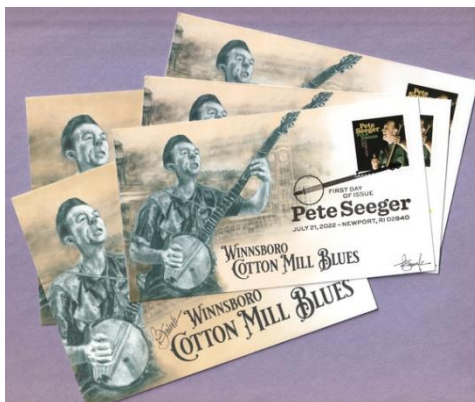
**A1:** Here is the link to the [Ruff](#) families digitized on our FCGS Members Only web pages.

Added these additional pictures to the web pages: Minnie Frances Burley Ruff, 1870 US Census SC Fairfield County Silas Ruff Family, 1880 US Census SC Fairfield County Silas Ruff Family, 1900 US Census SC Fairfield County Walter P Ruff Family, 1910 US Census SC Fairfield County Walter P Ruff Family, 1920 US Census SC Fairfield County Walter P Ruff Family, 1923 SC Death Certificate Walter Preston Ruff, 1923 Walter P Ruff Obit The State 8 Jul 1923, 1928 SC Death Certificate Minnie Burley Ruff.

**Q2: Burl Kennedy,** Do you have any info on the Burley and also the Elkin(s) families.

**A2:** Here is a quick link to the [Burley](#) and [Elkins](#) families digitized and on the FCGS Members Only web pages.

**Q: John Withers,** This is the artwork my TX artist did for the Seeger First Day Covers. It would be a real treat if Old Pete ever performed in Winnsboro.



**A:** I found really nothing for Winnsboro. I did find his and his wife's obituaries and a couple other articles. There are a lot of articles in NE newspapers.

## MILL

FROM PAGE F1

cluding 50 cents a week for rent. Today in the mill village former duplexes are single-family residences, but in the 1930s they typically housed four families —two on each side, she said.

Styron was born in 1946. Her brother, Rudy Groomes, was the first in the family to go to college, and later became president of Calhoun Technical College. Styron worked at the plant three years after she graduated from Winnsboro High School in 1964.

With "bunches of overtime," she could make \$180 a week at the plant. Today workers make about \$10 to \$12 an hour.

Tommy Richardson, the county's interim economic development director, is the son-in-law of Ridgeway resident Richard "Red" Burton, who started at the mill as a 48-cent-an-hour management trainee in 1939 fresh out

## THE WINNSBORO COTTON MILL BLUES

Old man Sargent sitting at the desk,  
The damned old fool won't give us no rest.  
He'd take the nickels off a dead man's eyes,  
To buy a Coca-Cola and a Pomo Pie.

### Chorus

I've got the blues,  
I've got the blues,  
I've got the Winnsboro Cotton Mill blues,

Lordy, lordy, spoolin's hard,

You know and I know, I don't have to tell:  
Work for Tom Watson, got to work like hell.

When I die, don't bury me at all,  
Just hang me up on the spool-room wall.  
Place a knotter in my hand,  
So I can spool in the Promised Land.

When I die, don't bury me deep,  
Bury me down on 600 Street,  
Place a bobbin in each hand,  
So I can doff in the Promised

of Clemson College. The Ridgeway resident retired from there 42 years later.

The mill employed about 1,500 in 1939 and about 2,000 in 1974, the younger Richardson said.

Since then, employment has declined to about 350 workers.

"Every time I see an obituary and it has Winnsboro, they worked at Uniroyal," he said. "Forever and ever, Uniroyal was the largest em-

ployer in the county. It's good to have an anchor tenant, so to speak."

### FAMOUS IN SONG

Pee Wee Knotts, a 61-year-old employee of the Strawberry Patch, is the son of the late Woodrow Knotts, a doffer of spinning frames. The job required fast hands and a swift pace to remove the bobbins as they were filled with yarn — a task long since automated.

Doffing is a job described in the "Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues," a song that workers wrote in the 1930s and folk singer Pete Seeger recorded in the 1950s.

"Old folks used to sit on the porch and sing it. Too many young people don't know about it," Knotts said.

Winnsboro long had a social divide between mill and town, but an exhibit at the Fairfield County Museum on the history of the mill and its village that closed last month drew interest across the community, said Pelham Lyles, the

museum's director.

"They have never left," Lyles said.

"They've always been a good business in Fairfield County. That has been our most stable and community-minded industry."

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## LOCAL/DEATHS

# Toshi Seeger, wife of Pete Seeger, dies at 91

By Michael Hill  
Associated Press

Toshi Seeger, folk singer Pete Seeger's wife of 70 years and a close partner in his social and environmental activism, has died. She was 91.

Longtime family friend Thom Wolke confirmed that she died Tuesday night at the couple's home in Beacon in New York's Hudson Valley, about 65 miles north of New York City. The cause of death was not immediately known.

She was never famous

like her 94-year-old husband, but friends say Toshi Seeger was an equal who perfectly complemented Pete Seeger's idealism.

"To understand Pete, you have to know Toshi," Wolke said. "They were the ultimate yin and yang. Where Pete was ... the artist, Toshi kept him grounded."

Toshi Aline Ohta Seeger was born in Germany to an American mother and a Japanese father and was brought to the United States as a baby. She met her future husband as a teenager in New York City when

“To understand Pete, you have to know Toshi. They were the ultimate yin and yang. Where Pete was ... the artist, Toshi kept him grounded.”

Tom Wolke, longtime family friend

Pete Seeger performed at a square dance and he stayed after to dance.

Pete and Toshi Seeger were married July 20, 1943. The couple built their cabin in Beacon after World War II and have stayed on the high spot of land by the

Hudson River ever since. The couple raised three children.

The singer recalls on the recently released spoken work CD "Pete Seeger: The Storm King" how his extraordinary wife raised their young family in the

cabin initially without running water or electricity while he spent months on the road.

"I'd be away. She'd put one baby on her hip and the other tugging at her skirt and walk 150 yards down a steep slope into a ravine where there was a little brook of clear water and she got a pail and walked back with water to wash with and cook with," Seeger said.

Toshi Seeger was particularly active with the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, an environmental

group. Tao Rodriguez-Seeger said his grandmother was a pioneer in festival production who played a key role in Clearwater's annual festival.

"Without my grandmother, there would be no Pete Seeger the way people understand it," Rodriguez-Seeger said. "That's not an exaggeration. She kept everything working so that he could focus on the world-saving, civil rights, anti-nukes, Clearwater — all of the projects that my grandfather worked on."

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## Legendary activist and singer Pete Seeger dies

By Bob Minzesheimer  
USA Today

To Bruce Springsteen, Pete Seeger, the singer, songwriter and activist who died Monday at age 94, was "the father of American folk music."

But Seeger, who popularized "This Land Is Your Land" and "We Shall Overcome" and wrote "If I Had a Hammer" and "Turn, Turn, Turn," never liked the term.

"It's been defined as the 'music of the peasants,'" Seeger said in 2009.

Seeger's grandson, Katama Cahill-Jackson, said his grandfather died at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he'd been for six days, according to the Associated Press. "He was chopping wood 10 days ago," Cahill-Jackson said.

Whatever term was used for his work, Seeger influenced scores of other singers, including Springsteen, Joan Baez, John Mellencamp and Arlo Guthrie. All performed in 2009 at Seeger's 90th birthday party at sold-out Madison Square Garden, a fundraiser for his favorite local cause: cleaning



Pete Seeger

up New York's Hudson River.

Seeger opposed McCarthyism, marched beside the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and led environmental campaigns. In 1969, he helped build a sailing sloop called the Clearwater that serves as a "floating classroom" and rallying point for cleaning up the Hudson.

"Songs won't save the planet," Seeger told his biographer David Dunlap, author of "How Can I Keep From Singing?" "But, then, neither will books or speeches. ... Songs are sneaky things. They can slip across borders. Proliferate in prisons." He liked to quote Plato: "Rulers should be careful about what songs are allowed to be sung."

Seeger is the only singer in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame who was convicted of contempt of Congress. In 1955, he refused to testify about his past membership in the Communist Party. (He later said he quit the party in 1949 and "should have left much earlier.")

In 1961, his conviction was overturned on appeal, but Seeger continued to be blacklisted by commercial TV networks until 1967. Even then, CBS censored parts of his anti-Vietnam War musical allegory, "Waist Deep in the Big Muddy," when he sang it on the "Smothers Brothers' Comedy Hour."

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## Mill makes the fabric of Fairfield

By JIM DuPLESSIS  
[jduplessis@thestate.com](mailto:jduplessis@thestate.com)

**WINNSBORO** — Factories have come and gone in Fairfield County, but one employer has survived 110 years.

The Winnsboro textile mill operates with a fraction of its work force of decades past, but its 200 workers are producing record amounts of fabrics used to make tires.

With the 2003 closing of Mack Trucks, last month's closing of the Perry Ellis clothing warehouse and this spring's closing of the Plastech automotive-parts plant, the Winnsboro mill is once again among the county's largest private employers.

The mill has changed ownership seven times, most recently in March when Invista sold it to Performance Fibers, a Richmond, Va.-based subsidiary of Sun Capital Partners, a private investment firm.

The mill's work force has shrunk from a peak of about 2,000 in 1967, but more than \$10 million has been invested at the plant since Invista bought it in 2003, said Marc Simpson, the plant's manager since 2004.

SEE **MILL** PAGE **C10**

### ONLINE

#### 'THE WINNSBORO COTTON MILL BLUES'

The song was written in 1932 about working conditions in Southern textile mills. Go to [thestate.com](http://thestate.com) to read about the song and hear it played by Pete Seeger.

### WINNSBORO MILL

*The Winnsboro mill has withstood more than a century of changes, and its workers contributed to the South's stock of story-telling songs with the "Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues" in 1932.*

■ **1898:** Local investors open the mill as Fairfield Cotton Mills, making a heavy fabric called sheeting.

■ **1912:** Parker Cotton Mills of Greenville buys the mill.

■ **1916:** Lockwood Greene and U.S. Rubber buy the mill and switch production to tire cord.

■ **1926:** Lockwood Greene sells its interest to U.S. Rubber.

■ **1932:** Workers write a song, "Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues," about their frustrations with the mill's machines and management.

■ **1956:** Folk singer Pete Seeger gives the song a broad audience with the release of his album, "American Industrial Ballads."

■ **1966:** U.S. Rubber changes its name to Uniroyal.

■ **1986:** Uniroyal sells its tire business to new Uniroyal-Goodrich.

■ **1990:** Michelin buys Uniroyal-Goodrich.

■ **2003:** Invista buys the plant.

■ **March 2008:** Performance Fibers buys the Winnsboro plant and three other Invista plants in North Carolina and Mexico.





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**Q: Alvino Durham,** My great grandfather was Isaac Cooper Holmes he donated part of his land to the church and to Sumter National Forest. The gravel street next to the church is called Isaac Cooper Holmes. He and his family are buried in the cemetery. I am trying to find photos of him and his my grandfather Dave Holmes Sr. I am also trying to find history about my great-great grandfather's family the Means. I am not sure if Isaac Hugh Means or John Hugh Means was my great grandfather. I have been to the Fairfield Genealogy building. I am hoping more information has been found.

**A:** Does anyone have any pictures?

**Q: Jim Webb,** My grandfather, Charles Alexander Douglas, was born on the Albion plantation in Blackstock in 1859. I am looking for more information about his family and life on the plantation before, during and after the Civil War, and am wondering if you could point me to printed or digital sources that could help me in this effort. I am also interested in information on the Aiken family. My grandmother, Augusta Aiken Douglas, was the daughter of Dr. William Aiken (Jr?) who had a medical practice in Columbia. I live in New Jersey and would immediately be able to access online information that you may be able to point me to. Also, later this year, I may have the opportunity to visit Fairfield County and could come and view materials in person, if available.

**A:** Here is a quick link to the digitized family information on the FCGS Members Only web pages for [Aiken](#) and [Douglas \(Douglass\)](#) families.

**Q: Keli Elizabeth Hollis,** I am working on my Hollis line and have come to a road block with Darling Hollis Jr., my third great grandfather. Keli Elizabeth Hollis -> Marcus Wayne Hollis -> Alton Wayne Hollis -> Alton Hollis -> "Rueben" Mahile H. Hollis -> Darling Hollis Jr.

There are a few different parent options for Darling Hollis Jr. (born about 1830 in South Carolina and died June 1884 in Lamar County, Alabama when shot by accident walking into a store) From what I have found, a large group of Hollis relatives all came from Fairfield, SC to Marion/Sanford/Lamar County, Alabama around the same time, most seem to move between 1840-1860. I do know that Darling Hollis Jr., married Sarah Ann Nolan sometime between 1850-1854 as he was living with a Berry Hollis in 1850 in Marion County, Alabama and his first son was born in 5/26/1854 naming both Darling Hollis and Sarah Nolan on his death certificate.

## **Darling Hollis, Jr. (3rd Great-Grandfather)**

DOB: 1823-1830? Born in SC per 1850, 1860, 1870, & 1880 Censuses; Montgomery County, Ala. Per W. T. Hollis's DC - I think this possibly should have been in W.T. Hollis's line for birth

Death: 5/31/1884 - accidentally shot by Green Hollis (a colored man) while attempting to shoot John Miller in a store in Cansler - burial unknown

Married: between 1850-1854 in Alabama

Parents: Father born in SC; Mother born in SC per 1880 census

Census: 1850: (27) Beat 4, Marion, Alabama ; 1860: (30) Weston, Marion, Alabama; 1870: (50) Township 13 Range 14, Sanford, Alabama; 1880: (50) Lamar, Alabama

Moved to Alabama in ?

## **Sarah Ann Nolan/Hollis (3rd Great-Grandmother)**

Born: July 1833 per DC , July 1834 per 1900 Census - Ala. - 1860, 1870, 1880, & 1900 censuses and W.T. Hollis's DC

Died: 2/24/1921 from pneumonia in Azle, Tarrant, Texas

Married: between 1850-1854 in Alabama

Parents: William Nolen? father from NC per DC & 1880 & 1900 census and Anne Nolen? mother from SC -1880 & 1900 census

Census: 1850: (17) Beat 4, Marion, Alabama; 1860: (25) Weston, Marion, Alabama; 1870: (36) Township 13 Range 14, Sanford, Alabama; 1880: (46) Lamar, Alabama; 1900: (66) Precinct 5, Wise, Texas

1900 census states Sarah had 9 children, 8 still alive.



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Moved to Texas in ?

Darling Hollis, Jr. and Sarah Ann Nolan/Hollis's children

William Thomas Hollis (5/22 or 26/1854-12/27/1936)

Nancy Jane Hollis/Harris (3/10/1856-2/12/1933)

Mary Roseanna Hollis/Matthews (12/18/1858-12/10/1925)

Sarah Elizabeth Hollis/Peters (1/15/1861-7/27/1942)

George Hubert Hollis (5/7/1866-7/27/1946)

Mihile H. Hollis (1/8/1868-10/2/1952)

D. (Dan? David?) S. Hollis

Laura M. Hollis/Boyles (7/27/1873-2/10/1935)

\*Many believe he is Berry/Berryman Hollis's son (1805 or 5/12/1807 Fairfield, SC - 1864 Marion County, Alabama) because he is on the 1850 census with him. At the 1850 Census, Berry's known wife, Louisa "Minta" Holladay, is the same age as Darling, so he would have to have a different mother, most likely from a prior marriage. Theories state he was called Junior because he was Berry's first son.

\*Others believe he is Elijah V. Hollis (-) and Susannah Hollis's (6/11/1798 Fairfield, SC - 5/20/1871-Jefferson County, Alabama) son. I don't believe this theory because Elijah and Susannah have Darling W. Hollis (15) on the 1850 census records at the same time that Darling Hollis Jr. is on the 1850 census with Berryman.

\*Others believe he is Darling Hollis Sr. and ?'s son because he is Darling Hollis Jr. I have not found much on a Darling Hollis Sr. anywhere other than an 1867 Voter Registration in Jones County, Alabama with a Darling Hollis Jr. and Darling Hollis Sr. both on the same page.

There is a Darling Jones Hollis (7/2/1804 Fairfield County, SC -2/20/1883 Lamar County, Alabama) who had four daughters with a Jemima Lavendar in Fairfield. Jemima names the four daughters in her 1848/9 will and states they are Darling Hollis's and requests he take custody of them, in her will, she has all four girls last names as Lavendar instead of Hollis, so maybe they weren't married? Darling Jones Hollis is in Alabama by 1850 with all four girls. The only reason I doubt Darling Jones Hollis is that both Jemima Lavendar and Darling Jones Hollis's wills don't mention him. Darling Jones Hollis's will is missing the first page, so there is a chance Darling Hollis Jr. could have been mentioned on the missing page, but he isn't mentioned in the three remaining pages or any of his children.

I am hoping that you might have some Hollis records I am not able to access online that might help me nail down Darling Hollis Jr.'s actual parents.

**A:** Here is a quick link to our digitized family information on the FCGS Members Only web pages for [Hollis](#) families.

**Q: George Symthe**, I am a descendant of Captain Robert Ellison of Fairfield County. I am interested in researching his brother, John Ellison who would be my collateral ancestor. John came from County Antrim, Ireland in 1744 along with his father William and three brothers, William, Andrew and Robert. John Ellison is listed as a Lieutenant in Robert Ellison's Brigade. I don't know what if any records are available on John Ellison.

**A:** Here is a quick link to the digitized family information on our FCGS Members Only web pages for [Ellison](#) families.

**Q: Todd Newlin**, I am currently developing my family tree and have come to a point where I need assistance. I have found information on ancestry.com that both prove and disprove my following question. If possible can I get some assistance involving Major General Richard Winn's son, Samuel Winn (1795-1868) who married Sarah McKenzie (1796-1860). I am trying to determine if they had a daughter named Penelope Phoebe Winn (1824-1876 or 1817-1860) who married William Ennis Morgan (1822-1860). I have read where Samuel Winn wrote in 1858 while trying to obtain a pension for the War of 1812 that he had two sons and five daughters. Any help would be appreciated.

**A:** Here is a quick link to our digitized family information on the FCGS Members Only web pages for [Winn/Wynn](#) families.





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**Q: Inetta Simpson,** Just a follow up about our conversation about the 4 men that started the church. Were you able to find anything pertaining to Abram Brunson and George Butler.

**A:** Sorry, we have not been able to find anything for Abram Brunson or George Butler in our records.

**Q: Keba Samuel,** I have several ancestors that were born in Fairfield County in the 1800's. I am beginning work to trace some of them and I have come across a few road blocks that I'm hoping for some help with. I have found much information on both Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.com. There is extensive information available on my Martin family ancestry, which has been most helpful. I have memberships on both sites. However, I've not been able to break through on either site so I thought I'd check here. I live in Charlotte and it is difficult to visit your facility physically.

**Brick Wall #1** - My 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather, **Nathan Peters**, was born sometime between 1832 and 1850. He married Jane Mack (or Jane Martin) and had a total of 10 children, all born in Fairfield County, mostly Townships 11 and 13 - Mary (1872), Susan (1873), Grace (1876), and Jane (1879), David (Oct 1883), William (Apr 1886), Thomas (Jun 1887), Moses (Sept 1891), Janie (1910) and Elizabeth/Lizzie (1885). All census state that Nathan's parents were both born in SC. I am looking for help to be able to find parents for Nathan Peters. I'm also looking for a death certificate or death information for both Nathan and Jane.

**Brick Wall #2** - My other 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather, **David Green**, was born in South Carolina between 1840 and 1860 (dates of birth and age listed do not match on the census). I am hoping for help to be able to find death info and to locate David's parents, according to the 1900 census both of his parents were born in Virginia.

**Brick Wall #3** - My 4<sup>th</sup> great grandparents were **Isaac and Nancy Jones** and both them and their parents were born in SC. Isaac was born about 1840 and Nancy was born about 1842. I'm hoping for help locating their parents as well as death info for Isaac and Nancy.

**Brick Wall #4** - My other 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, **Louisa Stanton Mayo/Hayhoe**, born between 1825 and 1830 and died between 1900 and 1910. I'd love to be able to find parents for her. I believe Stanton to be the slave owner's name and suspect that the father of her children was Isaac Stanton, who may be a visiting relative of William Stanton/Stauton or John D. Stanton/Staunton. Also, after the Civil War, Louisa began using surname Mayo/Mayhoe but I have had no luck connecting her with any man with that name. Where can I look to find this info?

**A:** Here is a quick link to the digitized family information on our FCGS Members Only web pages for [Green/Greene](#), [Jones](#), [Peters](#) families. I have very little on the Mayo families. Check back soon and let me know if you do not see this information on our web pages.

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*History Corner: William Mayo (1684-1744) Surveyor of the Virginia Piedmont. Part II*

*Silvio A. Bedini*

In the long roster of names of men who surveyed and mapped Virginia in its early period, among the most notable is that of English-born surveyor, William Mayo, who settled first in Barbados, where within a decade he married and amassed a fortune in land development before moving permanently to Virginia in 1723. Working as a surveyor in the Piedmont region, he methodically purchased land periodically adding to his holdings. Becoming associated with Virginia's first commissioner, William Byrd, Mayo participated in the survey of the boundary between Virginia and North Carolina.

By 1728, settlement of Henrico County had increased substantially and made it necessary to form a new county, which was named Goochland. Mayo was being considered for the new post, and in May he received the appointment of the first surveyor of Goochland County, and also was elected a member of the first court of Goochland County, posts he retained until his death in 1744.

In 1730 Mayo also was promoted to the rank of major of the militia with the influence of his friend William Byrd, a position that later brought them into even closer association. In 1731 illness prevented Byrd from participating in a planned expedition, but Mayo being free and available, was directed by the Council to run the boundary between Goochland and Hanover Counties.



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## Processioning Land Bounds

One of Mayo's duties was the processioning of the bounds of the lands in the parish which had to be done every four years to keep the boundary lines clear. In 1731 he ran the boundary line between Goochland and Hanover Counties, and since business was active, he was allowed to take an assistant for the following year. He also proposed to lay out a town to be named Warwick as a port on the James River, but the House of Burgesses rejected it as not necessary. In this period Mayo received by royal grant a tract of land on the James River below Richmond which became the family homesteads for many generations. It was at this time that he married for the second time. Ann Pratt from Barbadoes, came to Virginia to be Mayo's second wife. They eventually became parents of another four children.

By 1731 Mayo owned nearly 38,000 acres and 47 slaves, some purchased directly from Guinea traders. On his two plantations he grew orchards of cherry, peach and plum, kept hogs and cattle, and operated a store and mill. From 1732 until 1739 Mayo operated a land company with George Carrington as his assistant. With Byrd he shared an interest in plants and herbs, and a surviving letter from Byrd related how with considerable secrecy Byrd and Mayo had developed a plan to travel together to look for ginseng. They had learned about the plant's therapeutic value from the Indians, who used its red berries for rheumatism and other pains. From 1732 until 1739, a Mayo land company was operative. In 1734 Mayo obtained an inclusive patent for six hundred acres and eight hundred acres, obtained separately. In 1732 Byrd was appointed a commissioner for the crown to determine the southern boundary of the Northern Neck, Lord Fairfax's proprietary. Mayo was selected as chief engineer, and when the surveyors had completed their work, he was given the task of combining their plats into a single general map which was much admired by Byrd and others, for having been executed "in a Masterly Manner" with what was described as "the almost uncanny accuracy of his work." It was rejected by Lord Fairfax, however, who commissioned John Warner to prepare another. In 1733 William Mayo, now with the rank of major in the militia, joined William Byrd, John Banister, Mumford and Peter Jones on what Byrd called a "Journey to the Land of Eden." This was the surveying trip that in 1728 Byrd and Mayo had planned to return to the Roanoke River to survey the land for which they had already made entries. Following his second marriage in the summer of 1736, Mayo undertook the last two of his great commissions. It was at this time that at Byrd's home, Blue Stone Castle, Byrd and Mayo planned the cities of Petersburg and Richmond. Byrd related that in preparation for the meeting Mayo brought along "a surveyor's tent large enough to shelter a small troop." Byrd and Mayo laid out the foundations of two large cities, one at Shacco's, to be called Richmond, and the other at the Point of Appamattuck River to be named Petersburg, both shrewdly located at the falls line, which Mayo "offered to lay out into lots without Fee or reward."

## Working For "No Fee or Reward"

Within four years Mayo laid out Richmond in a rectangle of eight squares long and four wide, each divided into four lots. Each sold for seven pounds Virginia currency. For laying out Richmond for William Byrd, the first town in the Piedmont, Mayo accepted no pay. Mayo was employed again by the Virginia Council to undertake a survey for the king in the controversy over the Fairfax claim. Associated with him was Robert Brooke, and in 1738 Mayo, Brooke and Joshua Fry petitioned the Assembly to allow them to make a survey of the province. The Assembly demurred, and finally suggested that someone else, without a personal interest, should draw a map, and the matter was postponed for another decade. Meanwhile, Mayo had already made a rough sketch of the colony which Governor Gooch had included with his report to the Lords of Trade and Plantations, dated May 10, 1731 as the official sketch of Virginia, which Gooch admitted was not exact, but the best available at little expense. The unsigned map was for the purpose of depicting the North Carolina boundary and the development of the new counties. It demonstrated a knowledge of the valley of the Shenandoah but revealed little if any knowledge of the lower valley. Nevertheless, it reflected Mayo's superior draughtsmanship.

Mayo was an inveterate trader all his life, and as a consequence, by the time of his death he left a large estate. Because of his advancing age and the increasing volume of surveying work, in 1739 Mayo was allowed to employ Ambrose Smith as an assistant. Settlement of the county had been slow in the beginning. During his first two years Mayo completed only 49 surveys, but soon the pace quickened and he was permitted to hire additional assistants. Mayo was Goochland County surveyor for sixteen years, from 1728 to 1744, during which he played an important role in training surveyors of the middle Piedmont and for establishing the prototype of the larger scale wide ranging frontier office. Regrettably, the county's surveying records have not survived to document his work. As a consequence, his reputation is based almost entirely upon his





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maps and his work on colonial boundaries, without recognition of the many smaller scale surveys of the enormous territory that was Goochland. Then it constituted a gigantic expanse, cutting through the central Piedmont from a point about ten miles west of Richmond to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mayo's expertise in mapping large territories was gradually recognized and appreciated in Virginia, from the time he helped prepare the 1728 map of the Virginia-North Carolina boundary. Three years later he had prepared for Governor Gooch "a map of the country, not exact, but the best that can be drawn with little expense." By 1737, after surveying the upper reaches of the Potomac, Mayo was ready to draw his masterpiece, which Byrd described as "a very elegant map of the whole Northern neck." A year and a half later Mayo tried to obtain support for publishing a map of the entire colony that was badly needed, and although supported by Robert Brooke, Joshua Fry, and Governor Gooch, the project was postponed for the next thirteen years and then produced by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson.

Peter Jefferson, then a young land developer of the back country and speculator who had moved to Goochland County for the express purpose of developing the region, became one of Mayo's new neighbors. Jefferson was a late arrival in Goochland and soon discovered that one of his neighbors was then recognized as the foremost Virginia surveyor of his time. Mayo and Jefferson soon became acquainted, a friendship developed, and Mayo invited Jefferson to accompany him on some of his later field trips. It is believed that it was from Mayo that Jefferson learned the rudiments of surveying.

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DEATH OF MR. MAYO.	DEATH OF MRS. MAYO.
We learned of the death of Mr. Phillip R. Mayo on Monday. He died on Friday at his home near Alston. Mr. Mayo was about 80 years of age. He was a gentleman of the old school, an upright, honest man, who stood by his convictions. His remains were buried on Saturday.	Mrs. Mary Mayo, wife of Mr. Wm. Mayo, died at Pacolet, Spartanburg county, on the 10th inst. Her burial took place at the family burying ground near here on the following day. A husband and four children are left to realize their loss. The remains of Mr. Charley Curry will be brought here for interment at the brick church this afternoon. He died in Columbia where he had been under the treatment of physicians for some time. Jenkinsville, S. C., Nov. 13, 1955.



Mayo Family Burial Grounds



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**Q: Charlie Hollis**, I am looking for anything Hollis.

**A:** Here is a quick link to our digitized family information on our FCGS Members Only web pages for [Hollis](#) families.

**Q: Courtney Tollison**, I'm working on a coffee table book for Furman's bicentennial next year and am wondering if you all have any images of the children of Harriet and James C Furman. The ones who lived into adulthood are: Dorothea Furman Hutson; Charles Manning Furman; James Franklin Furman. I am assuming you don't have any images of Harriet Eloise Davis Furman.

**A:** Here is a quick link to the digitized information for [Furman](#) families' web pages.

**Q: John Withers**, Email me a couple of digital photos of Winnsboro Mill circa 1954.

**A:** Here is a quick link to the digitized pictures and information for [Winnsboro Mills](#).

**Q: Laura Sparks Vandenbosch**, I am descended from Nathaniel Ford Sr (b. ca. 1753 m. Sinah Cloud?) and Nathaniel Ford, Jr (b. 1795 m. #1 Elizabeth Long and #2 Ann Griggs). I descend from one of Nathaniel Ford, Jr. and Ann Griggs' children. Basic path below: I found a manuscript online relating to the Fords called "Antecedents of the Family of Robert Ford and their Lateral Relatives" which included quite a bit of information about the family. I am particularly curious about a reference at the end of page 13 of that manuscript, which references a different manuscript, written by "Robert, the youngest son of Nathaniel, Jr. [which] can be seen if desired." For one, I wonder if the historical society knows about this manuscript, written by Robert and where to find it. Also, I have been in contact with Diane Taylor, to whom my family is a DNA match that appears to link back to the Fords. Thus, we are interested in figuring out the exact link. She mentioned she has been in contact with the society in the past and how helpful you all are. I see in your library you have a book called "The Fords of Fairfield County, South Carolina, A documentary History Volume I" by Guntharp, Hollis, Armstrong, Nettles, Crumpton, Delashnitt, Yongue, Coleman, Burge That book sounds interesting! It doesn't look like the book is available for interlibrary loan anywhere and, unfortunately, I live in a state that has stopped participating in the ILL program, anyway. So, I am interested in learning from you what kind of materials you might have that might apply to my Fords and how I might access that information. Here is my line, as far as I know:

Nathaniel Ford Sr (b ca 1753)

Nathaniel Ford Jr (b 1795 probably Fairfield Co SC)

Martha Francis Ford (b 1833 Fairfield Co. SC)

Susie Thomas (b abt 1853 Coosa Co AL)

Ella Bryant (b Jun 1874 AR (really))

Ethel Grace Henderson (b. 1899 AL)

Mary Ella Morse (b 1917 ND (really));

Gary L. Sparks (b 1940 IA);

Me - Laura Sparks

**A:** Here are the links to our FCGS Members Only web pages for the Ford and Hill families as promised: [Ford Families](#); [The Fords of Fairfield County book by Sidney Ford Tatum](#); and [Hill Families](#).



(Paid Researcher List on Following Pages That May Be Able to Assist You in Resolving Your Brick Walls)





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## Library Additions – Added by Friends and Members to Library Collection

<u><b>Slave No More</b></u> by James McGraw	James McGraw
<u><b>1840 U.S. Federal Census, Abstract of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, A Comprehensive Do It Yourself Study Guide and Genealogy Workbook</b></u> , Transcribed and Indexed by Anita L. Boyd	Anita L. Boyd
<u><b>Welch Records in Sumter District and Other Areas of SC</b></u> by Brian E. (Gene) Welch	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Welch Records in Sumter District and Other Areas of SC Volume 2</b></u> by Brian E. (Gene) Welch	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Cemeteries in North Western Orangeburg County South Carolina Section I-A</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Cemeteries in South Western Orangeburg County South Carolina Section I-B</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Orangeburg County Cemeteries Section II-A</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Orangeburg County Cemeteries Section II-B</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Orangeburg County Cemeteries Section III</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Orangeburg County Cemeteries Section IV</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Memorial Park Cemetery, Orangeburg County South Carolina</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>Sunnyside Cemetery and Hebrew Cemetery Orangeburg South Carolina Section SSH</b></u> by Orangeburg County Historical Society	Larry & Marsha Ulmer
<u><b>A New Wind Is Blowing, Historical Winnsboro, SC Is Then New Wind</b></u> by Woodrow Brown, James McGraw, & the Esteemed Members of the Friends of Winnsboro, SC	Woodrow Brown
<u><b>My Journey in America From Eurocentric Thinking to Afrocentric Thinking to Earthling</b></u> by Woodrow Brown with Jerlean S. Noble	Woodrow Brown
<u><b>The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol. LII, No. 2, Spring 2024</b></u> by Brent Holcomb	FCGS Membership
<u><b>The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol. LII, No. 3, Summer 2024</b></u> by Brent Holcomb	FCGS Membership
<u><b>The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Vol. LIII, No. 1, Winter 2025</b></u> by Brent Holcomb	FCGS Membership
<u><b>Cousins, Connected through Slavery, a Black woman and a White woman discover their past– and each other</b></u> by Betty Kilby Baldwin & Phoebe Kilby (gifted by Sanita Cousar to Eddie Killian, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cousins)	Eddie Killian
<u><b>1970 AERI Richard Winn Academy Volume IV</b></u> by the AERI Staff of Richard Winn Academy	Pelham Lyles
<u><b>1971 AERI Richard Winn Academy Volume V</b></u> by the AERI Staff of Richard Winn Academy	Pelham Lyles
<u><b>South Carolina Legislative Manual 2024 House of Representatives</b></u> by Reid, Charles F. Clerk	James W. Green III
<u><b>Echoes From Gettysburg, South Carolina's Memories and Images</b></u> by J. Keith Jones	Eddie Killian

Thank you, for the continued giving of old, discarded library books, old Bibles, research materials and new publications that help enhance the research library collection and expedite research request resolution. These items are coming in from estates, libraries, member's collections, and other sources. We have received several private collections. It is our goal and aim to assist researchers no matter where they are from; in connecting their families to their family tree.

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If you do not see your name or if the surnames for you need to be revised, please contact us so we can update our records. Also, please let us know if you would like to correspond with one of our members.

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY (11<sup>th</sup> year) NEW LIFE-TIME MEMBERS

Aiken III	Warwick		Aiken, Gayle, Kerr, Martin, Reid
Kennedy	Burley "Burl"		Kennedy
McGraw	James		McGraw
Wilson	Gene		Kennedy

**This list may not be all inclusive.** If your name is **NOT** on the following list of **2025 members**, then you need to **renew** your membership. Please do so by checking with us. Remember the membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>. We mark any membership payments on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> to be for the following year of membership. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Members Only password will be changed. If you do not receive an email with the new password, please let us know.

## 2025 BENEFACTOR MEMBERS

Reed	Gordon	B.	Cabeen
Swearingen	John		Wilkes, Douglas, Chapell, Rabb, Yongue, McKeown, Lewis, Dove
Wilds	Scott		Wilds

## 2025 PATRON MEMBERS

Brice	Robert		McMorries
Bright	Wanda and	Randy	Broght, Wyatt, Thach, Irwin

## 2025 FAMILY (or Mailed Newsletter) MEMBERS

Dodson	Deborah		Ringer, Cromer, Durrett, Hogg, Horsey, Goree, Alewine
Ellison	Samuel	Dubose	Ellison
Epps	Denise		Ratteree, Deal, Graybill, Ferguson, Love, Pope, Mncey, Burckhalter, Humphries. Moore, Edge
Flisher	Olivia		John Sloan Robinson, Sarah Harden
Hill	Theresa		Aiken, Tidwell, Young
Hobby	Gwen		Sexton
Igel	Susan		Gladney, Kennedy. Propst (SC, NC,PA), Hunnicutt (SC, VA), Cooper (TN, NY,MA), Bright (TN,PA), Timms, and related families; husbands are Igel, Rutten
Justice	Charlie		McElveen, Morris, Player, Justice
Nixon	Jane	R.	Nixon, Waiters
Patrick	Jessie		Scott, Cross, Ferrell, Rabb, Yarbourough, Proctor
Taylor	Jennifer		Ashford, Taylor, McKinley, Rabb, Hanna, Turnipseed, Stuart, Kennedy, Thompson, Hoffman



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Turner	Jesse "Mac"		Beam, Blakley, Boyd, Carter, Halsell, Hartin, Jagers, Mobley, Posey, Rieves, Sealy
Zeno Jr.	Michael &	Mary Lynne	

## 2025 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Brinkley	Kay		Ashford, Peach, Leitner
Cole	Curtis		Gradick, Mason, Wirick, Wyrick
Cornish	Susan		Cornish
Curry	Larry		Morris, Cole, Anderson, Byrd, Goins
Davis	Jonathan "Jon"	E.	Boyd, Brown, King, McDill, McGraw, Powell, Roberts, Starnes
Dickerson	Dennis		D
Duke	Julius		Dunlap, Richardson, Simpson
Evans	Arthur		Evans, Shiloh Church & School
Frazier	Linda	S.	Sellers, Meeks, Frazier, Hayes, Entreki
Freeman	Cheryl		Freeman, Mobley, Turner, Bell, Fletcher, Junkin, Cox, Massey, Tow, Case
Gillespie	Lydia		Cloud
Green III	James	Walker	Broom, Powell, Banks, Marjoriganks, Robinson, Coleman, Roe, Mathis, Cameron, Ragsdal (all from Fairfield), Killian, Cherry, Hyatt, Culp, Horn, Cline (all from Chester County)
Hollis	Charles		
Hoy	Nancy	S.	Hoy, McAllilley, Scott
Jeffcoat	Otis	Allen	Crosby, Smith, Davis, Revels, Benton, Mobley, Jeffcoat
Kinard	Glenna	B.	Cobb, Fetner, Gill, Harrison, Higgins, Martin, McCants, Porter, Rawlinson, Scott
Kinsler	Brenda		Kinsler, Adams, Stevenson
Laird	Donnie	Blackmon	Blackmon, Gleaton, Laird
Laird	Pam	Reese	Kennedy, Reese
Leitner	David		Leitner, Lewis, Lever, McKeown, Weit, Dove, Ruff
Luffman	Betty Carol		Luffman
Maechtle	Greydon		Maechtle
Mears	Geroqe		Mears
Milligan	Stephen	L.	Holland
Moreland	Claudette		Wilson, Crankfield, Perry, Hagan, Lauham, Mobley, Moberly, Feaster
Olgardt	Elena	Robinson	
Oliver	Mary Ann		Burley, Bolick, Clowney, Crawford, Allen, Cooper, Martin, Oliver, Wages, Brice, Hendricks
Peyton	Leola		Rabb, Ferrell, Scott, Cross, Glazier, Proctor, Steele
Randall	Meridith		Winn
Reid	Richard		Davis, Means, Gill, Pagan, Milling, Fayssoux, Kelsey, Kelso, Mills
Roberts	William		Roberts
Rosser	David		Brown, McMaster, Ruff
Ward	Jon		Hogan
Williams	Dean		Williams
Woods	Eddie	J.	Woods, Kennedy, Brevard, Robertson
Yarbrough	Diane		Cameron, Price, Yongue, Llevining, Knox, Hannah, Harris, Harrison



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## 2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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### \*\*\*\*\* NEW MEMBERSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \*\*\*\*\*

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Public Charity Status: 170(b) (1) (A) (vi)

Contribution Deductible: Yes



For our records, please attach to the application your pedigree chart and share any information you have updated on your family lines. The information will be filed and made available in our family files. These will aide future requests for research and assist walk-in researchers. Our membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, current year, until December 31<sup>st</sup>, current year, i.e., calendar year. New members (after November 15<sup>th</sup>, of current year) will have membership until December 31<sup>st</sup>, the following year. If dues have not been paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>, current year, you will no longer receive membership benefits. We are a 501-C3 non-profit organization. All donations will be acknowledged and will be tax deductible. If you would like to give your support monetarily in helping us meet our mission, There, are several ways: Send a check to FCGS, PO Box 93, Winnsboro, SC 29180-0093; or donate online by way of our [Square Online Store](#). Some other areas of support are contributions to the Resource & Research Library Collection: Any Family Information, Family Books or Scrapbooks.

### **We appreciate your support!**

We would like to welcome you and share with you some of the benefits of being a member.  
They include the following with no extra charges:

- Society Quarterly newsletters.
- Correspondence about upcoming events of interest.
- Priority assistance with your email queries in finding your ancestors.
- Free research of your queries during membership year (non-members \$15 / request).
- Priority assistance with in-library access to Fairfield County research materials.
- Free copies (non-members \$.30 / copy).
- Monthly workshops held throughout the year.
- Queries published in the newsletters.
- 10% discount on books and published materials.
- In-library access to Ancestry, Black Ancestry, Family Tree, Fold 3, Genealogy Bank, and other organizations.
- Contact with people who share our interests in genealogy and history.
- Members Only Website information.
- Support for your society activities and projects.
- Members, their children (including guardians of) & grandchildren are eligible for FCGS Scholarship Award.
- Many others not listed.





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## **2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NEW ( ) / RENEWAL ( )**

**NEW MEMBER:** Please fill out membership information below / **RENEWAL:** Please make any updates below:

HIS/HER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME + SURNAME(S) Published in Newsletter)  
OK to Give for Inquiries      ↓

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

HIS/HER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DESIGNATIONS**

INDIVIDUAL ( ) \$20.00 Color Newsletter Emailed only

INDIVIDUAL+USPS ( ) \$25.00 Color Newsletter Emailed ( ) B/W Newsletter mailed USPS ( ) Both ( )

FAMILY ( ) \$25.00 Color Newsletter Emailed ( ) B/W Newsletter mailed USPS ( ) Both ( )

PATRON ( ) \$50.00 Color Newsletter Emailed ( ) B/W Newsletter mailed USPS ( ) Both ( )

BENEFACTOR ( ) \$100.00 Color Newsletter Emailed ( ) B/W Newsletter mailed USPS ( ) Both ( )

LIFE-TIME ( ) \$300.00 Color Newsletter Emailed ( ) B/W Newsletter mailed USPS ( ) Both ( )

SUBSCRIPTION ( ) \$15.00 Organizations or Libraries (Color Newsletter Emailed only)

SCHOLARSHIP ( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Toward Annual FCGS College/Tech School Scholarship Award

DONATION ( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Society is a 501-3© and all donations qualify as charitable gifts.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$\_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your membership and support for your society!

**PATRON / BENEFACTOR / LIFETIME** (MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM/PROJECT/SCHOLARSHIP ANCESTOR DESIGNATION)

( ) MEMORIAL ( ) HONORARIUM ( ) PROJECT ( ) SCHOLARSHIP:

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## **SURNAMES OR SURNAMES YOU ARE PLANNING TO RESEARCH AND/OR QUERY**

Type of Research Interested: African American ( ) Native American ( ) European American ( ) Other ( )

SURNAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

QUERY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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